

Fort Dodge Kas
Oct. 19th 1878

2nd. Lieut C. Gardiner
Post Adjutant,

Sir:

In compliance with Special Orders No 128, Head Qrs. Fort Dodge Kas., dated Oct. 10th 1878, and Special Order No. 124 Headquarters Fort Dodge Kas. dated Oct. 17th 1878, I have the honor to submit the following report of my operations at 11 o'clock, A.M. on the 11th inst. with an escort of 1 Sergt and four Privates of the 19th Infantry. (1) one Buck Board, and one (1) four mule wagon, I left Fort Dodge Kas. marched West up the Arkansas River, on main road north of River, to a point four miles west of the town of Cimarron, where the Indian trail crosses the River, twenty nine (29) miles from Fort Dodge Kas. Camped at 6 o'clock P.M. Oct 12th 1878,. Left camp at 6 o'clock A.M. crossed River to South side and followed Indian trail South to Crooked Creek twenty Seven (27) miles, East two (2) miles, S.East three (3) miles to Mead City, thirty five (35) miles 5 west from Dodge City Kas, camped at 4 p'clock P.M. Oct 13th 1878, left Camp at 6 o'clock A.M. followed trail seven (7) miles S. East. East Five (5) miles South three (3) miles and S.East twelve (12) miles to Spring Creek, two (2) miles from junction with Sand Creek, camped at W.C. 2 Quinlans Cattle Camp in Spring Creek near Indian Fortifications, where Capt. Rendlebrook 4th Cavalry had engagement with the Indians on 28th ult., arrived in Camp at 4 o'clock P.M. having lost two (2) hours on Crooked Creek looking for trail. Oct 14th 1878, left camp at 7 o'clock A.M. marched down Sand Creek S. East seven (7) miles, North three (3) miles, and East twenty (20) miles, to Soldiers graves, on Bear Creek, arrived in Camp at 6 O'clock P.M. losing three (3) hours on Sand Creek looking for trail. I found it impossible to follow trail from Sand Creek, as no troops or wagons had been over this portion of trail and heavy rains had obliterated the Indian trail but I kept the general direction

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