

Head Qrs. Fort Dodge, Kansas
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Chaplain

I have the honor to report the following concerning the movements of Indians.

No Kiowas have visited the Post since Sabanta left here about four (4) weeks since, they are said to be near Fort Cobb in the Wichita Mountains obtaining issues of provisions from their agent.

The war parties of Arrapahoes and Cheyennes against the Kaws and Osages are still out. Little Ravens Band of Arrapahoes consisting principally of men, squaws and children, are encamped about 7 miles, west of this post in the south bank of the Arkansas, number about 150. "Big Months" band of Arrapahoes about 200 in number arrived yesterday, to receive supplies of flour, sugar, coffee and tobacco from their agent, to day about 150 Cheyennes came in for the same purpose--both bands had their women and children.

The Indian Agent, Major Myrcoop is now at this Post distributing provisions to the Appapahoes and Cheyennes.

Trouble was reported by some train men belonging to wood contractors train--it was said to have occurred with an Arrapahoe war party. On investigation, however it appeared that the Indians asked for something to eat and threatened to enforce the demand, they did no damage however. Four mules were missed at night and were found in possession of the Indians the next morning, the Indians said they were stray animals that they had picked up on the prairie, and they first attempted to sell them back for a pair of revolvers, but finally agreed to take them to Fort Larned and give them up, which they did.

I am very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servant

W. Douglas

Major U. S. Infantry
Commanding Post

(Signed)