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- 8th 2nd day Rainy last night, Cloudy to day
Returned to the Agency arriving just
after Sundown
- 9th 3rd day Rainy. Made out my report to the
Agent concerning the trip to camp & did
some other writing, Several other of the Kiowas
came in to day notwithstanding the storm
- 10th 4th day Cloudy & wet. Remained in
the Office writing, Wrote home No 12
Kicking Bird, his wife & Sapent came in
to day
- 11th 5th day Cloudy in the forenoon, but cleared
of in the afternoon, went to the doctors
& got some medicine, & staid over night
- 12th 6th day Clear & cold, Rained thunders
& lightning last night, Annunities
were issued to the Kiowas who are in
to day, Made arrangements for
going out to camp tomorrow
Expect to go in the ambulance
- 13th 7th day Clear but not cold Got things ready
but did not get started for camp until
after noon, Camped for the night near
the gap in the mountains N E from Apache
Johns, through which flows a branch of
Bluff Creek, & through which we expect
to pass in the morning, Finished a
letter home before starting, No 13
- 14th 8th day Clear, but not cold. Slept
in my ambulance last night, Several
Cosnanches about camp to whom
Kicking Bird gave many of the blankets
belonging to his band, having given them
in all nearly one third of his annunities

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- though very rocky in places, Reached our
old camp on Rainy Mountain Creek
about 3 o'clock P. M. Filled the bed tie, which
Howard was so kind as to give me with
dried grass & slept very comfortably in
my ambulance
- 15th 9th day Clear & Pleasant Remained about
camp, Learned a number of Kiowa words
Evening Lone Wolf, who with his party are
going in toward the Agency camped near
this place, also the chief of the Kickapoo
poos came into camp
- 16th 10th day Clear & Pleasant, though the
days are warm & pleasant, the nights are
cool & frosty. It was the intention
to move today, but the young men
sent out for the horses did not arrive
until after noon & then some of
them were missing among which
were my mules, so we were not able
to move, A long council this fore-
noon between the Kiowa chiefs &
the Kickapoo chief, resulting in sever-
al blankets & two coats being given
to the Kickapoos by Kicking Bird
Hottling Wolf, & Stumbling Bear
- P. M. Kicking Bird went in search of
the missing ponies & mules, The wo-
men are very busy to day dressing
down robes to the required thickness
& the camp is resonant with the scrap-
ing of their instruments
- Evening Kicking Bird returned without
having found the ponies & mules, which