

Ft. Dodge, Kansas
July 4, 1873

To

Lt. O. B. Nichols, 6th Cavalry
Post Adjutant

Sir:

In addition to my report forwarded from Hutchinson, Ks., on the 29th ultimo, relative to the killing of E. G. Chambers, by Osage Indians, and to comply with the provisions of G. O. No. 3, C.S., from Hdqrs, Dept. of Mo., dated ~~Feb~~ 18, '73, I have the honor to state that on the 13th ultimo I left Fort Dodge in command of Troop "H", 6th Cavalry, 54 strong, one ambulance and 9 six-mile teams, with 30 days rations and 2/3 forage for same period. Arriving at Medicine Lodge City, June 17, I found the people holding their first county election; no trouble with the Indians had been experienced there or heard of in the vicinity. June 20th I reached Caldwell. This town of about 200 inhabitants is not situated on the Chi-has-kia River as indicated on the maps, but is located between Bluff and Fall (?) Creeks about 1 mile from the confluence of these streams which is on the State line. June 21st with a detachment of 4 men, I proceeded South from Caldwell, via the Camp Supply Stage Route to Powell's Rancho, distant 25 miles, where I was informed that Lt. Ructner with a detachment of 15 men of C Co. had passed about two weeks before. June 22nd, marched North from Caldwell to State (?) Creek, camping near the town of Austin (written on the maps as Sumner). The next day moved to the No-ne-seah River and went into camp near "C" Co., 6th Cavalry, Captain D. Madden, Comdg. Arriving at the No-ne-seah, on Monday I was informed that the Arkansas River was too high to be forded, therefore, to prevent unnecessary delay and to comply with instructions, viz. "Not to take the Troop near the town of Wichita." I directed that the command march to a bridge about 50 miles further upstream and near Hutchinson, while I proceeded in person to Wichita completing the investigation, "report of which has been made".

I then went by rail to Hutchinson, joining the command early Saturday morning, marched West to Peace on the line of A. T. and Santa Fe. R. R.. Sunday morning and next afternoon, camped on Arkansas River near Ellenwood, where I mustered the command.