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Very respectfully
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Capt., 6th Cav.
Comdg. Co. "G"

A true copy
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Post Adjutant

To the Post Adjutant
Fort Dodge, Kansas

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following report of a scout made by
Co. "F", 6th U. S. Cavalry.

In compliance with S. O. No. 106, dated Hdqrs., Fort Dodge, Kansas,
July 21, '73.

I left Camp on the morning of the 22nd inst. en route to the Cimarron
River via Crooked Creek, with all the available enlisted men of the Company, Sergeant
Harper, Bate of Engineers and interpreter, Raphael Romeo. Nothing of interest trans-
pired until the beginning of the 25th ult. when, at a point West of the head of Crooked
10 Creek, Private Oliver Vowels, having been sent by me five or six hundred yards in
advance of the column, so that a compass bearing could be taken by him, a herd of
Buffalo, at that time, was passing quite close to the head of the column, his horse
took fright, ran out on the prairie, his fore feet went into a gopher-hole, which
threw the rider. The horse went away with the Buffalo towards the Arkansas River, and
Vowels had to be carried in a wagon for ten days, from injuries received by his fall.
As soon as Vowels reported to me, I made every effort to capture the horse but did
not succeed. On my return to Fort Dodge, I learned that this horse had been turned
over to Major F. T. Dodge, 3rd Inft., Commanding Fort Dodge, Kansas.

I saw no indians on the Cimarron River. On the morning of the 31st
ult. I rode down to Beaver Creek, I.T., to ascertain if any of the Cheyennes or
Arrapahoes were around, but found none. The hunters are crossing the State Line and