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going down to Beaver Creek, I. T., to hunt.

I am sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
J. Kerin
Capt. 6th U. S. Cavalry
Comdg. Co "F"

A true Copy
Thomas B. Nichols
2nd Lieut. 6th Cavalry
Post Adjutant

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Fort Dodge, Kansas
August 18th, 1873

Post Adjutant
Fort Dodge, Kansas

Sir,

I have the honor to report that in compliance with Special Orders No. 112, C.S., dated Hd. Qrs., Fort Dodge, Kansas, July 31, 1873, I proceeded with twenty-five (25) enlisted men of Co. "H", 6th Cavalry, fully armed and equipped, one (1) interpreter (citizen), one (1) Engineer from D Co. Battl. of U. S. Engineers, three (3) mule teams and one (1) 4 mule ambulance team, the whole supplied with fifteen (15) days rations and one ($\frac{1}{2}$) forage for the public animals, on the morning of the 2nd inst. in charge of sixty eight (68) cavalry horses to be turned over to the commanding officer at Camp Supply, I. T., that on the 5th inst. or the 4th day after leaving Fort Dodge, I arrived at Camp Supply turning over the public horses to the commanding officer of that post in compliance with the above cited order, after which, in order to carry out my instructions, I proceeded in a course as near 40° East of North as the nature of the country passed over would admit until the 10th inst. when finding that the time allotted me for making the trip would not be sufficient, I changed, or attempted to change my course from that of 40° E. of N. to that of 20° E. of N. but the nature of the country passed over being so rough, I found after having arrived on Medicine Lodge Creek near Kiowa City, Kans., about four (4) miles above where that stream crosses the state line of Kansas, into the Indian Territory and after having