

Arrapahoes, fully armed and equipped and evidently on the war-path, down the river to mouth of Crooked Creek, returning in a N. E.ly direction to Fort Dodge, Arriving May 16,. Whole distance marched 297 miles.

Pursuant to S.O. Nos. 78, c.s., Hdqrs. Fort Dodge, Ks. on the 4th of June with 35 enlisted men of company and Interpreter Thomas, I left the Post, marching S.E.ly arrived at Cimarron River via Bluff Creek. Crossing head of the salt plains, many small creeks, the Nescutonga, Sand and Elm Creeks, struck Lawrenceburg on Medicine Lodge Creek on the 11th. Thence returning in a N. Wly direction I arrived at Fort Dodge via Mulberry Creek on the 18th inst. Distance marched 246 miles.

On June 25th 2nd Lieut. Hensly with 30 enlisted men and Interpreter Romeo in compliance with S.O. No. 89. c.s. Hdqrs. Fort Dodge, Ks. left Fort Dodge on scouting duty. This party marched up the Arkansas River till the Santa Fe' Trail was struck, then followed this trail to the Western boundary of the State. The Cimarron was reached on the 29th and was left on the 30 of July for the purpose of proceeding along the southern boundary of Kansas until again reached. This route had to be abandoned on account of the great scarcity of water and the river was again reached by marching in a Northern direction. Again leaving the river, it was again struck at a point about 45 miles from the mouth of Crooked Creek, thence marched to the latter point, thence via Salt Creek to Ft. Dodge, arriving July 14. Distance marched 360 miles.

July 22 with 24 enlisted men and Interpreter Romeo, I left Fort Dodge, Ks. on scouting duty in compliance with S.O. No. 106 c.s. Hdqrs. Ft. Dodge, Ks. Marched to Cimarron River via Mulberry and Crooked Creek and crossed the Cimarron to Beaver Creek I.T. Returning via same