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Creeks, arrived at Ft. Dodge, Aug. 4th. Distance marched 226 miles.

September 8th, in compliance with S. O. No. 133, c. s. Hdqrs. Ft. Dodge, Ks., with 2nd Lt. Hensly, 59 enlisted men of Co. and Interpreter Romeo, I left Post and marched to the Cimarron River, striking it near the "Springs" (Wet Cimarron). There met two bands of Cheyennes, "White Head's" and "One-Eyed Bull's", thence to Kiowa Medicine Lodge Creek and then by Nolan's Trail to Kiowa Creek, crossed Coyote, Red Bluff and Skunk Creeks and reached a point on Beaver Creek, I. T. 4 miles below Palo Qera Creek. Marched down Beaver Creek to Cimarron River, striking the latter at lower "Springs", thence via Crooked Creek and Bascom Trail to Fort Dodge, arriving Sept. 26th. Distance marched 330 miles.

The whole distance marched on these different scouts is 1459 miles without taking into account the numerous mounted reconnaissances made by detachments of my command, during the time--this, with the distance to and from Fort Dodge, at the beginning and end of the season (180 miles) would give an aggregate of 1639 miles marched.

The enlisted men of the Company have been armed, this summer with the Sharp's Altered Carbine, an excellent arm, and Smith and Wesson's revolver, many of the latter being worthless and all unfit for field service. The new Cavalry equipments were first worn by men of the Company, on scouting duty, on the scout of June 25th to July 14. Lieut. Hensly, in charge of this scouting party in his report on the same, dated July 14th, says: "The men of detachment dislike very much the new belts and carbine slings furnished them recently. They complain that they are cumbersome, are composed of so much leather as to make them feel exceedingly warm, and chafed the shoulders to such an extent in many instances, that they can't be worn at all. I was compelled to allow some of the men to convert their surcingles into sling belts." From a more extended experience with these equipments, I find these objections to be well sustained--both, as regards their use in garrison and on