

Fort Dodge, Kansas
April 21st, 1874

Post Adjutant
Fort Dodge, Ks.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that in obedience to S. O. No. 47, dated Hd Qrs. Ft. Dodge, Ks., April 5th, 1874, I left this Post on scout on the 6th inst. with 1st Lieut L. A. Abbott, 6th Cavalry, A. A. Surgn. O'Brien, U. S. A. and 40 enlisted men of my Co. "G", 6th Cavalry, proceeded to the Headwaters of Med. Lodge Creek, thence in a southeasterly direction to Mule Creek, down Mule Creek to its mouth across the Muscatunga or Salt Creek to the divide between said Creek and the Cimarron River--across the Cimarron two or three miles above the mouth of Bluff Creek in a general easterly direction to the Cimarron Redoubt on the Camp Supply Road, where I recrossed the Cimarron and proceeded up Salt Creek about 23 miles thence in a North westerly direction to Crooked Creek, across it and North, so crossing it about midway between the Headwaters at a point where it makes its first great bend to the South, returning direct to this Post the 20th inst.

Whole distance travelled about 320 miles, distance travelled by teams about 240 miles.

The only unusual incident worthy of mention was a pursuit made by myself, A. A. Surgn. O'Brien, five Citizens and twenty five enlisted men of my Co. after a thieving band of Indians.

On the 10th inst. we observed a fresh trail evidently made by Indians driving stock down the east side of Mule Creek. We learned from a settler near the mouth of the Creek where we encamped that a white Man called "Frenchy" or Jim and five Cheyennes had passed up toward the Arkansas River a day or two before.

About dark same evening two Citizens rode into Camp and stated that 18 or 20 horses, 2 Mules and about 50 Head of Cattle had been driven away by Indians from the neighborhood of Sun City, a settlement at the Mouth of Turkey