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or ponies near the Camp of the hunters; the heavy rain of the 17th had obliterated any sign that might have existed, so there was nothing that indicated the Race of the thieves, unless we consider that it was not done by Indians usually do that kind of business. The order I received refers to Indians Killing settlers and running off stock. There are no settlers on Crooked Creek, and the only stock is that possessed by the wood choppers (a party of four men who are on the creek temporarily) and any party of Buffalo Hunters who may camp on the creek en route to Dodge from the Cimarron River. I arrived at the Post this morning having been absent less than 48 hours.

45 Marched about 70 miles, and saw no Indians or Indian signs.

Very Respectfully
A. Hensly
2nd Lieut. 6th Cavalry

To the
Post Adjutant
Fort Dodge, Ks.

Sun City Kansas
June 15th, 1874

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Last evening about five o'clock while in camp at "Koon's Ranche" on Mule Creek a party of 9 Indians made a dash upon "Koon's Ranch" and run off Collins' Mail Team (2 mules) and one of Koon's horses, the only one he had. They were then across the creek going south, the alarm was given immediately. I ordered the men to saddle immediately. I took the first seven men that got in the Saddle and took after them on the "dead Jump" (leaving Corporal Cooley with the rest of the Detachment in Charge of the Camp). I overtook the Indians two miles from my Camp. I got within 300 yards of them before they were aware that any Soldiers were on the Creek. As soon as I saw them I give a yell and after them. Then a running fight commenced, the Indians let go the Mules, Horse and Lead Poney and made their