

north side of the River. We were joined by Theodore B. German, a scout who volunteered to go along with us: when marching in a direction nearly parallel to the A.B. and S.F.R.R. and about 5 miles from Dodge City we were met by a citizen from Wright and Anthony's hay camp about 18 miles from Fort Dodge who reported that the Camp had been attacked that morning by a large part of Indians. We then crossed the Rail Road and Arkansas River in a South Westerly direction and reached the hay Camp about 12 M. Where I learned that about 9:30 A.M. this camp had been attacked by 8 or 10 Indians. Who had come out of the Sand hills from the South and fired 92 Several shots at an isolated number of the party. Who was wounded. The direction taken by the Indians was pointed out to me by the wounded man and a halt was ordered for the purpose of grazing and resting the horses before going in pursuit into the Sand hills, they having made 18 miles in  $4\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Colonel Oakes here left the Detachment to return to Fort Dodge giving me verbal instructions to strike the trail and follow it and if possible to overtake and punish the Indians.

Soon after Colonel Oakes had left the party to return to Fort Dodge I saw a soldier riding down the north side of the river. I signaled him, and he crossed the river to me and showed me a Copy of a dispatch he had sent from Cimmaron Station, from 1st Lieut. A. D. King, 3rd Cav. to the Commanding Officer at Fort Dodge asking for Rations and more men if possible as he was on the trail of a large party of Indians. I sent word by this Courier to Colonel Oakes that I would take and follow the trail of the party who had attacked the hay camp and if there were a large party pursue, overtake and punish them if possible--if it should be a small party I would follow the trail until night, and then go to join my force to Lieut. King's at "Walker's Timer" on Crooked Creek and when the rations came up move with him in pursuit of the Indians.

At 2 o'clock P. M. moved out from the river and immediately thereafter struck the trail of a party of 8 or 10 (?) Indians. Who had travelled