

Company "I" 3rd U. S. Cavalry  
 Fort Dodge, Kansas  
 October 28, 1874

Post Adjutant  
 Fort Dodge Kansas

Sir,

I have the honor to report that <sup>+</sup> left Fort Dodge, Kansas, on the 15th of October 1874, under the following order.

Headquarters Fort Dodge, Kas.  
 October 14, 1874

Special Orders  
 No. 186

Extract

III. Pursuant to instructions received from Col. James Oakes, 6th Cavalry, Commanding, Forts Hays, Dodge, etc. 1st Lieut. A. D. King, 3rd Cavalry will, with 2nd Lieut. Robert Hanna, 6th Cavalry, Post Guide Theodore German, the available strength of "I" Company, 3rd Cavalry, and 15 enlisted men of Company "B", 6th Cavalry, proceed tomorrow morning on a scout in a south westerly direction. Lieut. King will first cross Mulberry Creek then proceed by the Heads of Salt Creek to near the mouth of Crooked Creek thence follow up the Cimarron River, on either side as may seem best, until he reaches the neighborhood of the Junction of the Cimarron River and the Cimarron trail. Thence he will return in a north easterly direction to Fort Dodge.

The detachment will be fully armed and equipped for field service with out less than one hundred (100) rounds of ammunition per man and will be provided with provisions and forage to include October 27, 1874.

Acting Asst. Surgeon A. W. Ellis will accompany the detachment.

The usual report and Journal will be furnished to these Headquarters at the end of the scout.

The course laid down in this order is general and may be deviated from for sufficient cause, such as Indian signs, etc., the object of the scout being to thoroughly examine the country passed over and to break up and punish any bands of Indians found.