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The quartermaster's Department will furnish the necessary transportation.

By order of Captain J. H. Bradford

A. Mc.C. Guard  
2nd Lieut 19th Infantry  
Post Adjutant

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My command was composed as follows:

1st Lieut. A. D. King, 3rd U. S. Cavalry  
2nd Lieut. Robert Hanna, 6th U.S. Cavalry  
Adg. Asst. Surgeon A.W.Ellis USA  
25 men Company "I" 3rd U.S. Cavalry  
15 men Company "B" 6th U.S. Cavalry

My transportation consisted of these six mule wagons, driven by citizen teamsters. Post Guide Theodore German accompanied the Command as guide.

From Fort Dodge I marched to Dodge City, where I crossed the Bridge over the Arkansas River and then went South east to Mulberry Creek, following the Camp Supply trail. From Mulberry Creek I went South to the head-breaks of Salt Creek, then west along the heads of these breaks which are very numerous and extent over about 10 miles. After rounding these I went South toward Crooked Creek. Which I struck 14 miles above its Junction with the Cimmaron river. I marched down Crooked Creek to its mouth and then west and northwest to the mouth of Sand Creek. From here I went in a North easterly direction across the country to the head of Crooked Creek, along it to near its bend to the South and from there back to Fort Dodge, where I arrived October 27, 1874 after a march of 242 miles.

The country scuntry scouted over is level or slightly rolling prairie, which is cut by ravines or breaks running towards the various rivers and creeks, which intersect the country. This prairie generally covered with a dense growth of low grass, The so called Buffalo grass, has been burned early in the fall and the recent rains has caused the grass to grow again. Ponds and small lakes are found at short intervals on the prairie. Some of which have the appearance of holding water at all seasons, while in most of them evidently water can only be found after heavy rains.