

that it returned to this Station on the 30 October in order to muster the troops here. (Nothing occurring to necessitate their remaining out one day longer. (the full time to which they were rationed) as verbally instructed.

The detachment going up the Arkansas River after the first Camp. Marched through the Sand Hills and in some places beyond, thoroughly scouting the country upon the south side as far as Lakin. the wagons being crossed to the North Side at Sherlock on account of havorious and difficult travelling for any vehicle further West of that point through the Sand hills, at Lakin having recovered a telegram from Col. Oakes, in regard to a party of Indians being reported at Buffalo Station on the K.P.R.R. on the 21 October and directing me to keep a good look out for them etc. I scouted from that Point westward on the North Side of the river, as far as Aubrey, arriving there the afternoon of the fifth day out, or half the time I was expected to be absent. under ordinary Circumstances from this post. the wagons making usual days marches while the Column marched much further in order that the country might be thoroughly Scouted Several Miles from the river. At Aubrey I sent a party of non Commissioned Officers and privates on a hand car to Syracuse distance about Eleven Miles with instructions to look carefully for Signs of Indians and obtain at the Station all news of Indians if any existed there then.

From Aubrey the return March was made entirely upon the North Side of the river the Wagons Moving along the regular road and the Column Kept from Seven to ten miles out from them. No Signs of Indians were discovered nor any Information of their presence through the Section travelled was obtained.

About Seven Miles from the Post, the first day out Acting Q.M. Sergeant Edgar Ashley Co. "B" 6 Cavalry was by the Stumbling of his horse thrown violently in front of the fore wheel of one of the wagons, which being at time in motion passed over his left arm crushing the bone between the shoulder and elbow joints necessitating considerable delay and the Sending of a Courier back to the post for a Surgeon and an Ambulance. With this exception nothing of Moment occurred upon the trip distance Marched by Column 263 3/4 miles, by wagons 198 3/4 miles

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
W. F. Murchister, 1st. Lieut. 6 Cavalry.