

## Report of a Scout of companies "I" 3 Cav and Co "B" 6th Cavalry

Oct 15th 74

From Fort Dodge to Dodge City followed road between river and Rail Rd across bridge and valley of Arkansas river into low bluffs on south side following supply road bluff sandy across rolling prairie following camp supply trail over level and slightly rolling prairie 1 mile then leaving leaving road to left marched down to break of Mulberry no water in creek where we struck it. down the creek crossing supply road and into camp about 1 mile east of it where water was found in ponds. below camp a steep sand bluff with a few green bushes grass poor no wood water fair night cool moonlight dewy.

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Over level prairie out by shallow ravines running towards Mulberry across level prairie crossed a shallow ravine leading East probably one of breaks of Buffalo creek after  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile came to large shallow lake more than 1 mile long 500 yds wide probably connected with head of buffalo creek appears to be permanent. Over level prairie intersected by ranges of low rolling hills thickly studded with lakes and ponds swarming with wild fowls some of these lakes appear to contain all the year while most of them are rain ponds. over level plain two low hills at head of salt creek visible to life. a long head break of creek and into camp on point between steep and deep breaks water in ravine in ponds plenty wood in ravines grass fair. The breaks of salt creek are very numerous and rough the country south of camp is very rough and much cut up the ravines are deep varying from 50 to 100 feet the banks are steep and formed in most places by a kind of lime rock. only in a few places slopes are found where a wagon could be crossed. These ravines are well wooded large cottonwood trees and hackberry trees and bushes grow thickly all through them water in these canons is found in ponds it is good and fresh the breaks extend above the same distance to the North. Where the head lie on a line about 8 miles in length.