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and having been supplied with six days rations and grain.

The Command ~~marched~~ Pierceville, Kansas on the Afternoon of the 24 Ult by Rail, the object of the detachment leaving Fort Dodge. being to intercept and if necessary force back a part of Arrapahoe Indians reported to have left their Agency on the 14 Ult. I was to be governed in my movement by instructions contained in a telegram received from the General Commanding Department of the Missouri dated Headquarters Dept. of the Missouri, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. August 22, 1875.

On the 25 Ult. I scouted the Country West from Pierceville, Ks. looking for any sign or trail of Indians but without result, distance ~~marched~~ 22 miles.

On the 26th the Command moved East to within a few miles of Cimarron scouting both sides of the river, but with no result distance marched 21 miles.

On the 27th scouted the railroad past Cimarron but found no Indian signs or trail distance marched 23 miles.

On the 28 scouted East and West from Cimarron distance marched 19 miles.

On the 29th scouted South and West and both sides of the river and then back to Cimarron. I had by this time become convinced as had also Mr. T.P.Germain the guide, from the information that we had and by the ground we travelled that the Indians, if they crossed at all, would cross somewhere in the vicinity of Cimarron. The few Indians seen at the bone pickers Camp, as telegraphed by you to me, had evidently come from that direction, and the natural inference was that the main body would cross at some place near where their comrades had crossed, On the afternoon of the 29th I secured orders from the Commanding Officer of Fort Dodge, Kansas to move my Command West for two or three days.

On the 30th left Cimarron scouting West, past Pierceville but with no result distance marched 28 miles.

On the 31 scouted West on both sides of the River nearly to Sherlock but found no signs or trail distance marched 20 miles.

September 1st. scouted West from Sherlock towards Lakin with