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I was a Captain of the 5th U.S. Cavalry
in 1876. This regiment formed part of
the column under General Crook. -
we had several minor engagements with
Indians of no particular note, we marched
long - hard. Had scanty clothing and
scanty rations & no protection in shape
of canvas against inclement weather, on
our final march to the Black Hills S.D.
even hard tack & Bacon would have been
a royal feast. we were in the field
about six months, and it could hardly
be called a pleasant summer outing. -

Please excuse my imperfect writing
my sight is much impaired and I find
it difficult to write legibly.

With kindest regards

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