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In addition to the foregoing, I desire to say that Messrs. Joseph S. Culbertson, of Saint Paul, and Charles S. Diehl, of Chicago, the two citizens volunteers, and all the Indian guides and scouts behaved gallantly, and were of help to me.

On the morning of the 3d instant I proceeded, with battalion of Fifth Infantry and Company F, Seventh Cavalry, also field guns and ambulance, towards the Yanktonnais camp, located on Red Water, and distant about 15 miles from here, for the purpose of compelling the surrender of those hostiles, who were reported as having fled to that camp for protection. When about 7 miles on my way the chiefs Medicine Bear and Skin of the Heart met me with a number of Yanktonnais warriors, and begged me to return and not enter their camp, as they feared trouble. They said they did not want any fight with the soldiers, as they were not prepared for it. I answered them that my intention towards them was friendly, but that the hostiles must be turned over to me.

Major Porter, the United States Indian agent, who was present with my column, interceded in behalf of the wishes of these Indians, who promised to surrender the hostiles to me on the following day, which promise they carried out to a greater extent than I had any reason to expect. I did not go to their camp, but returned to this post.

On the morning of the 8th instant Capt. S. Ovenshine, in command of Companies G and A, Fifth Infantry (the latter in charge of Lieutenant Avis), and accompanied by Scouts Culbertson and Caldwell, proceeded on a scouting expedition along the north side of and up the Missouri River, with instructions to search for the trail of hostiles reported to be fleeing in that direction. The column returned same evening, having traveled about 30 miles. No Indians were encountered and no trail of such escaping parties could be located with any certainty.

On the morning of the 9th instant First Lieutenant Woodruff, Fifth Infantry, with 20 enlisted men of his company (B), and accompanied by Acting Assistant Surgeon C. S. Black, proceeded on scouting expedition in easterly direction,