

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GUIDO ILGES,  
Major Fifth Infantry, Commanding Post.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL  
Department of Dakota, Saint Paul, Minn.

HEADQUARTERS CAMP POPLAR RIVER, MONT. February 12, 1881.

Sir: I have the honor to submit with the following report of the operations of this command, since the date of my last report of January 31, 1881, and up to this date, when my command (battalion of Fifth Infantry) leaves for Fort Keogh, Mont. its proper station.

The 64 Indian prisoners, under charge of Capt. T. B. Dewees, with Company A, Second Cavalry, left for Buford on the morning of the 1st instant, and arrived at the latter post on the 4th instant, delivering only 53 prisoners. The discrepancy in numbers forwarded and received will be accounted for in the latter part of my report; and I will only add that the two families which left the camp surrepititiously are now going to Buford under guard.

The 325 Indian prisoners, under Crow King, accompanied by Scout Allison, and under charge of Capt. O. B. Read, Eleventh Infantry, with detachment of Company F, Eleventh Infantry, left for Buford on the morning of the 1st instant, and arrived at the latter post on the 5th instant.

On the 7th instant I applied to Major Porter, United States Indian agent, for the arrest of Little Assinniboine, then at Wolf Point. He, although a born Assinniboine, has all his life lived with Sitting Bull's camp, having been captured by him when a little child. He is Sitting Bull's chief adviser; never lived with Assinnboines, and was casually sojourning at Wolf Point for spying purposes upon my movements. The arrest was quietly effected on the following day, and this noted warrior and murderer is now in my guard-house, secured by shackles. I have also his three horses, his gun, and his family; and I trust he will not be turned