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Captain Morris, of the Eighteenth Infantry, moved down the Milk River, was subjected to the same hardships as those which Major Ilge's troops encountered, and they endured them as cheerfully.

The detachment started from its post very promptly, and the march was conducted by Captain Morris with great vigor. It was through no fault of his or theirs that they did not succeed in intercepting the Indians. The order for the movement was given too late from these headquarters. They deserve great commendation for their efforts to be of service.

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---Report of the Secretary of War, 1881.