

management by the latter of the delicate details of the removal of the Uncompahgre Utes, is fully deserved, whilst the praise also awarded a number of young officers of the Ninth Cavalry, for their energetic pursuit and gallant action during the Indian raids in New Mexico, was doubtless well earned.

Military field operations in Texas during the year have been confined to the pursuit of small raiding parties from Mexico. The one which did most damage was severely chastised by First Lieutenant John L. Bullis, Twenty-fourth Infantry.

I coincide with the department commander, General Augur, as to the ⁸⁵ desirability of establishing the six small posts in the sections of country named by him in his accompanying report, and as soon as the exact locations are decided upon, the work of building can go on, as the money for construction has already been appropriated by Congress and is now available.

The extensive construction of railways in Texas has greatly contributed to the economical administration of this department and to the effectiveness of military operations. The good feeling which exists between our Mexican neighbors and ourselves along the Rio Grande frontier has almost entirely relieved the embarrassments which for a long time existed in that direction, and I most cheerfully pay tribute to the lamented General Canales, of the Mexican army, for his kindly feelings and cordial co-operation in the attainment of this most desirable result.

The department has been ably and economically administered, and the thanks of the division commander are tendered to Lieutenant Bullis for his successful pursuit and merited chastisement of the Indians who murdered Mrs. Lawrence and robbed her home.