

August 1, 1881, Second Lieut. W. E. P. French, Third Infantry, and five enlisted men, left Fort Ellis, Mont., to prevent intrusion and prevent all persons cutting hay, without proper permission, on the Indian reservation between Boulder and Benson's Landing, Mont.

August 1, 1881, Companies A and F, Fifth Infantry, Captain Shyder, Fifth Infantry, commanding, left Fort Keogh, Mont., to relieve Troop E, Second Cavalry, and Company I, Fifth Infantry, on Northern Pacific Railroad extension. The troops relieved returned to Fort Keogh, arriving August 1. Distance marched, about 35 miles.

August 8, 1881, Second Lieutenant Greene, Seventh Infantry, with a small detachment, left Fort Buford, Dak., to stake out a telegraph line between Fort Buford and Camp Poplar River, Mont.

August 12, 1881, Second Lieutenant Wheeler, Eleventh Infantry, and detachment Company C. Eleventh Infantry, First Lieutenant Mansfield, Eleventh Infantry, commanding, left Fort Custer for Fort Maginnis to assist in the construction of a telegraph line from that post to Camp Poplar River, Mont. Arrived at Fort Maginnis August 23, 1881./page 98.

August 16, 1881, the following changes in the mail routes to Fort Buford, Dak., went into effect;

Arrivals: From Bismarck, Dak., via Glendive, Mont., Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Departures: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

The mail from the west has been increased to three trips instead of one.

By these changes the time of transit from the east has been considerably reduced, so that letters from department headquarters reach Fort Buford in five days instead of eight. The route is now by Northern Pacific Railroad to Glendive, thence by stage 75 miles. Time occupied by stage, one day and a half.