

The troops of the expedition have been disposed of in accordance with the instructions of the Lieutenant General; the Battalions of the 4th Artillery and 23rd Infantry leaving this point today for the Departments of California and the Missouri respectively.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully

your obedient servant

George Crook,

Brigadier General U. S. A.

Commanding

Headqrs. Mil. Div. of the Missouri.

Chicago, January 27, 1877.

The troops on the Powder River expedition staid out as long as could be expected at this season of the year. The complaint of want of transportation was unnecessary, and if any one is at fault it is the Department Commander, who did not make proper arrangements before he started. When he made his wants known to these Headqrs's, additional transportation was ordered to his Department. There was no limit made in money allowance for transportation in the Department of the Platte until after or about the time the Expedition came in.

P. H. Sheridan

Lieutenant Gen'l. Commanding.