

July 26, 1933.

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My dear Captain Campbell:

Replying to your communication of July 18th, inquiring as to information given in our Department reports concerning the Absentee Utes of 1906, and Captain Carter P. Johnson's connection with the incident, the following is quoted from the Annual Report of Brigadier General Edward S. Dodge, Commanding the Department Missouri, dated August 12, 1907:

"Absentee Ute Indians."

In October, 1906, newspaper reports gave information of the fears of settlers in the State of Wyoming regarding roving Ute Indians near the town of Gillette. About the 17th of the month the statement was made that the Governor of Wyoming had called on the President for troops. Taking action on this information, the Department Commander sent preliminary telegrams to the commanding officers at Forts Robinson and Meade ordering the preparation of one squadron of cavalry at each post for field duty and instituting such preliminary action as would enable these troops to take the field in the shortest possible time if orders should issue. The post commanders were further informed that one or more competent officers familiar with Indian affairs would be sent to suitable points to interview the Indians, quiet apprehensions of citizens and have conferences with Indian parties. On October 19th at 7 p. m. telegraphic instructions were received from Headquarters Northern Division communicating the orders of the President to cause a suitable force of cavalry to proceed to the scene of disturbance to secure the peaceful and lawful return of the Indians to