

the lands allotted to them at the Uintah reservation in Utah. A full report of the operations ensuing upon these instructions and culminating in the conduct of the Indians to the Fort Meade Military Commanding General, Northern Division, who was at the same time the Department Commander. A brief summary is all that seems to be necessary at this time.

Captains Carter P. Johnson and Robert G. Paxton, 10th Cavalry, were sent from Fort Robinson to Gillette to learn the exact situation and to report the location of the Indians, their numbers, supplies, means of transport, and any information which might be of value in dealing with the situation. Two troops of the 10th Cavalry under command of Major Charles H. Grierson were ordered to go by rail to the same place as soon as transportation could be assembled.

These orders were given late in the evening, October 19th. Owing to the severe blizzard and disarranging of the railway trains, Captains Johnson and Paxton did not reach Gillette until the night of October 21st. Despite the heavy snow and bad weather, they started northward on the morning of October 22nd and a forty mile ride that day brought them to the Indian camp. At the conference on the following morning, all the Chiefs were present with 116 armed Utes. The remainder of the Indians were packed ready to march. At this council they refused to return to the Uintah Reservation, so send any Chiefs to Gillette for further conference, or to remain in camp for another talk. They were going to Cherry Creek on the Sioux Reservation or to the Big Horn Mountains. Captain Johnson reported this conference, and the probable movements of the Indians, to these head quarters.

Major Grierson's command consisted of Troops A and D., 10th Cavalry, total 113 men, with five wagons and a pack train. The remainder of his squadron was ordered to join him, leaving Fort Robinson October 25th.