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To the Editors of the Times.

I picked up by chance the other day, an enterprising sheet, yeleft "Dodge City Times," and upon glancing over the columns was agreeably surprised to find that a considerable portion thereof was devoted to army news. I consider this an excellent idea, and think if the fact was more generally known, that the correspondence and circulation of the TIMES would be materially increased. While looking over the paper as aforesaid, I said to Fidget (I forgot to tell you Messrs. Editors that I am a woman, and as editors are proverbially gallant I shall expect to be treated more leniently than the male bipeds, whose sciatillations of wit and humor flash as brilliantly through the columns of your paper. But "Reyenous a moutons" Fidget says I don't know what that means, but I do, it means "to come back to our sheep".) I said to Fidget my husband, a good creature, but whose soul doesn't soar above buffstick and hellisall, a great orderly character is Fidget. I says Fidget I am going to write a letter to the TIMES: said Fidget, you old fool, (complimentary, wasn't it and I not forty yet.) they'll never publish it, and if they do I'll never have a moments peace. You'll imagine yourself an Elizabeth Gady Stanton or Joan of Arc. Fidget's literary ideas are rather vague sometimes, but I was resolved, and if this doesn't hit the waste basket the Times' readers shall have the army news from this locality once in awhile.

Fort Reno is a very neat and pretty post, situated on the south side of the north fork of the Canadian, 75 miles from Ft. Sill, 125 from Camp Supply and 180 miles from Wichita, Kansas, the nearest railroad point. It is garrisoned by Cos. E and 1 16th inf. and H and G 4th Cavalry. The commanding officer is Col. J. K. Mesner, Major 4th Cav. The other officers are Capts, Gunther and Rendlebrock, Lieuts. Sweeney and Wilder of the 4th Cav. and Capts. Fletcher and Woodbury of