

Aug. 23. At 10 AM discovered Gen. Miles supply trains and sent 2 men to it and remained in camp until several of my scouts who had been left back at Dodge came with orders to move over and camp with wagon train.

Aug. 24. Discharged Snider, Jones, Plummer and Coburn today. Employed Ira G. Wing and I. J. Robinson, 2 men belonging to Adobe Walls party. Scouts Clark and Chapman reported today. They were employed at Camp Supply but were ordered to report to me.

Aug. 25. Camped on Washita with Gen. Miles main command.

Aug. 26. Left main command 3 miles south of Washita and scouted S.W. to Gageby Cr. and up it 7 miles. Sent 3 guides to Adobe Walls from here to meet Maj. Prices command who is expected there daily. Guides sent were Shultz, Nichols and Frederick. From here I marched S.E. over very rough country striking branch of Sweetwater at 6 PM, moved down this to main Sweetwater where we found there had been a very large Indian camp only few days ago. Arrived at Miles Camp at 10 PM. Marched 30 miles today. Twice today had to charge thru grass set on fire by Inds. They have burned much grass between here and Washita.

Aug. 27. Marched up Sweetwater on well defined trail, which turned off to south and scattered after crossing Fork Red River. Went up a ways and then up McClellan creek where we struck a very large trail going up this creek. Camped and sent scouts up 8 miles further and found Inds. splitting up into small parties and striking out south toward Red River. Roads heavy and sandy. Our scouts out in every direction. Chase getting exciting and expect to overtake the Inds. in a day or two.

Aug. 28. Moved up the McClellan 6 miles and halted in fine grove of timber to wait for train under Capt. H. B. Bristol which should have caught up last night and Gen. Miles very uneasy because it did not. I scouted up creek 15 miles and rejoined command after dark. My scouts displaying excellent qualities. Capt. Leach (civilian of the scouts) went several miles beyond where I went. Picked up 5 ponies and killed them because could not take care of them.

Aug. 29. I took all guides and trailers except Clark, supported by A. Co. Cavalry, and moved up McClellan Cr. 12 miles to where found main body Inds. had gone south abandoning much property. Kept on S.W. striking Elm or Whitefish Cr. about noon. In valley of this stream passed thru one of their camp sites and occupied day before and great quantity of cooking utensils had been dropped by retreating Inds. We estimate their no. at 3000 people. Crossing Whitefish trail went S. W. over flat sand country for 7 miles then thru rough and almost impassable breaks and into bed of Salt Fork and there down Salt Fork right in bed of stream down about 4 miles where command camped and I was ordered forward to reconnoiter and find where Inds. had left creek. I moved down 5 miles and returned to camp at 9. At 10 Dixon and Chapman ordered to go down Salt Fork 12 or 15 miles or to where Inds. would be found leaving the stream.

Aug. 30. Sunday - Dixon and Chapman returned before daylight and reported the trail left stream 6 miles below and struck off S.W. I moved out following trail, after leaving Salt Fork for 4 miles, the country very broken and difficult to get artillery and wagons through. Then emerged from breaks of Salt Fork, came to an open plain about 4 miles across. I was  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles in advance of command and just as we were entering hills on S. side Delawares were attacked by 75 to 100 wild Inds. who charged desperately. Delawares held them in check a few moments. The white scouts came up and supported them and in a short time their attack had been repulsed