

After being in camp a few hours it came to my ears that Gen. Miles wanted to send some officer to Camp Supply with dispatches and during a conversation with him about certain scouts making the journey I expressed my willingness to go. He said the dispatches were of great importance as they referred to necessity of furnishing better facilities for furnishing supplies to this command and that he would order me to Ft. Leavenworth to report the facts direct to the General commanding Dept. With my orders both written and verbal, I left camp on Battle Creek at 8 PM. Traveled all night, passing Salt Fork at midnight.

Baldwin's Scout.

Sept. 6 - Left camp on Battle Cr. near Main Red River at 8 PM Sept. 6. Passed Salt Fork at midnight. As were going thru valley heard barking dogs on south bank. Had an extra horse and pack, 2 sacks of mail and other articles.

Sept. 7. Arr. on White Fish or Elm Fork at 4 AM crossing same near where command crossed when moving south. Went up about a mile intending to remain all day. Cooked breakfast and ready for rest when Schwalsh on looking at about 7:30 called out they were coming. We did not ask who were coming as all knew too well who were coming.

Sept. 8. At 4 AM saddled up and started and soon after daylight crossed north of Fork of Red River very much swollen. At Sweetwater built small fire roasted some of meat of buffalo killed on north fork of Red River and had a hearty meal. Crossed Gageby at 12:30 noon. Just before leaving Washita discovered our Ind. was a white man who could not talk any English but from signs he told us he had been captured by Comanches when 10 yrs old and he had lived with them ever since. He was dressed like an Ind. and his face was painted. Arr. at Lyman's camp midnight of night of Sept. 8.

My object in turning the captive over to Lyman was that he would be a valuable man for Gen. Miles and I cautioned Lyman not to let him escape.

Wed. Sept. 9. Maj. Lyman drew out this morning across the Canadian.

Thurs. Sept. 10. Arr. where road leaves Wolf Cr. at daybreak and proceeding with Wing and Wilson to Supply, arriving at 11 AM.

(His various written narratives give the arrival at Supply as daylight, 10 AM and 11 AM)

The above seems to me to be his most carefully and accurate written record of the dates of the principal points reached or passed.