

Absentee Utes

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The Chief,
Army War College,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

My historical research has given me some interesting first-hand information as to the Absentee Utes who in 1906 left their Reservation in Utah, July 1906, and set out across Wyoming for Dakota Territory. The Indian Office being unable to persuade them to return, sixteen troops of cavalry (Tenth & Sixth) were ordered out. My information is that Captain Carter P. Johnson (Tenth Cavalry) went with a Sioux chief, White Bull, and that the Utes were persuaded to come in to Fort Meade (the second week in November 1906). Later the Utes were placed for a time on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation in Dakota. I have the Indian's account of this affair, also that of the Indian Office. I would like to consult the reports of the War Department before I publish the chapter on this subject in my forthcoming book. Please let me know where I can find the data.

I wish also to ask you to inform me whether the Captain Carter P. Johnson now lives, and if so where I may reach him.

Yours faithfully,

W.S. CAMPBELL