

other officers at that time gave Gatewood the credit for holding them together.

When General Miles met us at Skeleton Canon, all the principal Indians came to talk with him with the exception of Natchez, who was missing. Gatewood went back to look for him and found him on a ridge some distance from camp, looking toward Mexico. He asked him why he was not with the other Indians, and he replied: "I am looking for one of my relatives who I sent back to Mexico after some cached horses which we left there, and as he has not returned, I fear something wrong has happened to him." Gatewood said to him: "Natchez, you promised me that when we got to the line you would talk to General Miles about surrendering." Natchez thought a moment and said: "That's so," and he immediately joined the others.

After the Indians surrendered unconditionally, Geronimo and his head men were placed in an ambulance, and I was ordered to ride behind it, with instructions to kill any one who attempted to escape. It was a hard old ride of seventy miles in eleven hours on a rough-gaited mule. Before we got to Fort Bowie, Arizona, Lieut. Wilder rode ahead of the command and came back with a bottle of whiskey. General Miles asked him where he was going. He replied; "Clay must be very tired of riding behind the ambulance, and I thought I would get him a drink." General Miles said: "No, wait till Clay gets the Indians in the guard house and he can take all he wants to drink." I got them safely in the guard house and had my drink afterwards.

Afterwards, I, with Lawton, Wood and others of the command, took the prisoners to San Antonio, Texas, where we turned them over to the commanding officer there to hold them preparatory to their being sent to Florida.

Lieut. C. B. Gatewood at one time was in charge of the Reservation where Geronimo and his men were located, and by the interest he had taken in them and their affairs, he had inspired them with great respect for him and confidence in his judgment.

When the hostiles started north from south of Moctezuma, Sonora, where Lawton had followed them, Gatewood, with two Apache Scouts, was ordered to go down into Mexico and try to get in communication with Geronimo and get him,

if possible, to have a talk with Lawton about surrendering. Gatewood found them and went into their camp at a time no other white man living could have gone in and come out alive. He persuaded them to have a talk with Lawton. If it had not been for their confidence in Gatewood, and the advice he gave them, I do not believe they would have surrendered when they did.