

# Record for the Month of July, 1868.

During the month of July but little has transpired in the way of events worthy of record. From time to time bands of different tribes of Indians under different chiefs passing in one direction or another have stopped for a time at the Post generally for the purpose of obtaining rations. During the early part of the month but few came in.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> a band of Apache Indians under the chief "Dross Bless" passed through the Post. The band numbered 30, with it were 18 Kiowa Indians - stragglers. They came from Fort Larned and were going S. W. for the purpose of obtaining wild horses.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> "Patanta" Chief of the Kiowas and "Kistling Bird" a "big Chief" of the Kiowas came in with their bands from the upper Arkansas. They stated that they had been on the War path fighting the Utes - their hereditary enemies. On the 16<sup>th</sup> these Indians left for Fort Larned.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> "Yellow Bear" with a band of Arapahoes consisting of ten men and one woman, also "Little Rock" with three Cheyennes passed the Post, en route for their camps on the middle fork of the Parana. Yellow Bear reported that he was going northward then S. W. to Crooked Creek. Little Rock intend doing the same.

All Indians passing through declared their desire to keep at peace. All wanted rations and as much ammunition they could get. They were well armed, some having as many as three revolvers.

July 1<sup>st</sup> A new mail route was established. The route for Mail Stage Coaches which had been running between Hays City the then terminus of U. P. R. R., C. & D. and Santa Fe. Taking this Post en route - being changed to run from Sheridan the new terminus of the road. We had been receiving mail twice a week by these Coaches. It became necessary to establish a courier route between this Post and Fort Larned, relays being placed at Big Horn Cross 40 miles from here. The Couriers were soldiers detailed as such.

The mean strength of the command during the month - Officers 10: Enlisted men 253 - total 263.

With so small a number of men passing into consideration that the Post is in course of being built

