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Buffalo Hump" Spotted Wolf" and Slow Bull. Black Beaver one of the leaders was killed. They report their ponies as very tired on reaching the South Platte, also that they intended to communicate with the Cheyennes at Ft. Keogh and that they would surrender if they were promised they could stay there, if not they thought they would join the Sioux across the line. Dull Knife's wife was killed one night while camped by one of thie horses jumping on her while in bed. American Horse was one of the leaders in getting the party up but weakened and went back soon after starting. "Plenty of Bear" also went back but had some of his horses killed before he got away.

Yours Respectfully

Ben Clark

October 24, 1878
Platte Dept of the C.G.

Forwards copy of report and ~~map~~ map of scout made by companies A.B.D.F. & K. 3rd Cavalry under command of Major C. H. Carlton.

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Headqrs. Battalion 3d Cavy.
Camp near Camp Robinson, Neb.
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Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
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Sir:

I have the honor to forward report and map of scout made by five companies (Cos. A B.D.T.& K.) 3d Cavalry under my command, with map of route.

The map is not very accurate because the guides were relied upon to take us in an Easterly direction from Snake Creek Ranche, skirting the Saline Lakes, and striking the lower branch of Snake River, and down that stream.

With the exception of noticing the general direction marched, attention was therefore given entirely to looking for Indians and Indian signs, until it was found that the guides were lost and did not know where we were.

The necessary change of direction to the North-east fo find water was considered very unfortunate at the time, as it was supposed as much easting as possible should be made.