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the road making a well marked trail and after crossing, allowed them to scatter again. The two Cheyennes seen near this post day before yesterday were recognized as belonging to the detachment of Cheyennes now at Sidney. Our trip was a severe and exhausting one upon both horse and men especially from the nature of the country and the night work which it involved.

But both officers and men seemed to feel that they would receive a great deal of credit if they succeeded in catching the Cheyennes, and therefore seemed willing and anxious to make every effort to accomplish that result. It is to be regretted that we did not have with us a small party of friendly and active Indians as scouts and guides. From Major Thornburgh's report that there were no lodge-poles with the Cheyennes and information from other sources, I judge the Cheyennes were all young and able bodied men and women. No old men or women with the party.

Very respectfully
C.H. Carlton
Major 3 Cavalry
Commanding

Official
M. Sheridan
Lt. Col.

November 2, 1878

Platte, Dept of A.A.G.

In accordance with telegram of 4th inst from Hdqrs Div. Mo. forwards map accompanying Maj. Carlton's report.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Assistant Adjutant General's Office
Omaha, Nebraska, November 2d, 1878

Colonel William D. Whipple
Assistant Adjutant General, U.S.A.
Headqrs. Mil. Div. of Missouri

Chicago, Illinois

Sir:

In accordance with your telegraphic dispatch of the 1st instant I herewith enclose Copy of Map accompanying Major Carlton's report of October 16th 1878.