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November 6, 1878

Platte, Dept. of the Comdg. Genl.

Forwards copy of reports of Maj. Carlton and Captain Johnson, 3 Cavalry of scout and capture of 149 hostile Cheyenne Indians and 140 head of stock.

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Headqrs. Battalion 3 Cavy.  
Camp near Camp Robinson, Neb.  
October, 27th 1878

Assistant Adjutant General  
Department of the Platte  
Omaha Barracks, Neb.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that on the morning of the 25th October, Dull Knifes band Cheyenne Indians, were camped in a thicket under a guard from this command.

As they had been brought in, in a blinding snow-storm, their numbers were variously estimated; their ponies had been taken away from them and such few arms as could be found under the circumstances.

When I directed them to get ready to move to Camp Robinson, they had a talk of several hours, with the decision that they would die where they were, in preference to returning to Indian Territory, and seemed to think Camp Robinson a step in that direction.

As it was a matter of indifference which way we moved, I offered to take them to Camp Sheridan, but they declined, evidently did not believe me, and seemed to think they would be killed the moment they left the thicket, and were therefore desperate. As it was then too late to go either post, had they been willing, I