

Camp on Chadron Creek, Neb.  
25th October, 1878

To the Adjutant  
Battalion 3d Cavalry

Sir:

I have the honor to report that in obedience to S.O. #59.c.s., Headquarters Battalion 3d Cavalry, I proceeded on scout after Cheyenne Indians in command of my company (B) and company "D" 3 Cavalry, 1 Lt. J.C. Thompson, commanding, Mr. Joe Larabee, interpreter, and two Sioux Indians, "Lone Bear" and "Eagle Pipe" as guides.

22 October, left this camp at 1 o'clock P.M. and marched six miles up the Chadron Creek and went into Camp.

23 October, left camp at 7 o'clock A.M. and proceeded two miles further up Chadron Creek, where the country became very rough, and we then struck a crop to the South-East towards the Niobrara. After marching about ten miles, Indians were discovered on a ridge in our front, brandishing arms and some wearing War-bonnets.

When preparing for attack, I saw hats and hands waved and signs made; and the Sioux scouts went to find what it meant. On returning they said the Indians were Cheyennes who did not want to fight, but wanted to talk. I went out to see the chiefs while Lieut. Thompson covered the packtrain, and completed the arrangements for attack. I met Dull-Knife, Old Crow and the Wild Hog, Cheyenne Chiefs, who said they wanted to go to Spotted Tails Agency and not fight the troops. I told them they must come with me to our Camp or fight, and gave them a chance to go back to their people and talk. They soon returned and said they would come with me. We then returned to this camp with them, arriving at dark in a very severe Snow Storm. I placed a strong guard over them that night, and the next morning at daylight surrounded them with the troops, took all the arms I could find, and all the ponies, and sent the latter under charge of Lieut. Chase, commanding company A 3 Cavalry, to Camp Robinson Neb. Distance marched 36 miles. no casualties.

Cheyenne prisoners captured,	Warriors	46	
	Women	61	
	Children	42	
	Total	149	
Stock captured:	Ponies	131	
	Mules	9	
	Total	140	

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*Adj. Gen.*