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October 8, 1867. Major H. Douglas, 3rd Infantry, retains four of the scouts ordered discharged until further instructions because their services necessary in the Commission of Indian Affairs. Scout in the vicinity of cutting working parties. The difficulty occurred between men of Company F, 37th Infantry and the employees of the Overland Stage Mail Company. One soldier named Smith of Company I was killed and two employees of the Overland Company named Huggins and Wood were also killed. October 12, 1867.

October 19, 1867. Reply is sent Major Moore, C.O. of 18th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry. Detachment of that Cavalry arrived at the Post, Fort Dodge. Wants details about these four scouts they are going to fire. Major Moore, Commanding 18th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry failed to furnish reports of scouting.

"There is a detachment of my command at ~~Sinmar~~ Cimmaron Crossing without forage and as far as I can ascertain without orders." One sergeant and eleven men under Payne's command to proceed to Cimmaron mail station to protect the hay-cutting party. The Southern Overland Stage Mail Company. Captain Payne. ~~Men~~ were so improvident that he would issue rations to them for only a few days at a time. Men belong in B Company. Detachments of A and B were on the 16th ordered to report to Major Moore, Commanding Battalion, thereby transferring the responsibility for rations to this detail to Major Moore. 1

I have the honor to submit a report relative to the killing and scalping of John Felch, Kiowa Jim (alias), James Young (in obedience to <sup>endorsement</sup> ~~inducement~~ from headquarters on report of Mr. H. H. Kidder conduct SOMS Co. Felch and Young were in the employ of wood contractors working with a wood cutting party who were encamped about 16 miles from the Post on Pawnee Creek. On or about the evening of the 10th inst. they started against the remonstrances of their party to go to <sup>another</sup> ~~the~~ camp of wood-cutters about five miles distant. On their way thither about a mile from whence they started they were suddenly attacked by about 50 Indians, who fired upon them, they returned the fire and attempted to