

vicinity of wood-camp a party of Indians (Northern Cheyennes) attacked and killed him but did not scalp him. His body was brought to this Post and interred in the graveyard.

I am very respectfully your obt. servt.
2nd Lt. 3rd U.S. Inf., Post Adjutant

Hq. Ft. Dodge, January 15, 1868.

To. Revt? Capt. M. Haw, A. A. General District, Up. Arkansas.

Capt:

Circulars _____ January 9, 1868 is received with reference to the resources of this Post for procuring hay and fuel. I have the honor to report as follows--.

The discharge of laborers and teamsters at this Post renders the labor of soldiers both as laborers and teamsters necessary for building purposes; were it otherwise I believe it would be practicable to procure hay by the labor of soldiers always providing that the Indians remain peaceable, and ~~there~~ there is no escort and guard duty to be performed and no scouting necessary. Under existing circumstances I do not believe the necessary supply can be obtained by the labor of the troops without detriment to the fulfillment of other duties expected of them.

The wood on the south branch of the Pawnee Fork is all cut off, there is but little wood on the middle ~~branch~~ ^{haul} branch and we would be obliged to ~~haul~~ for next year's use from north branch--about 45 miles--this fact in connection with the reduction of teams lately made, renders the furnishing of wood to this Post by contract imperatively necessary. We need all ~~the~~ our ~~teams~~ teams for the hauling of stone for building.

I am very respectfully your obt. servt.

H. Douglas, Major....