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Fort Dodge, Kas  
27th September 1878

To the

Post Adjutant

Fort Dodge, Kas.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that in obedience to S.O.#114 as. Hdqrs. Fort Dodge, Kas. I assumed command at about 1:30 A.M. the 19 instant of an organization consisting of Co. "A" 16 Infantry, Co. "I" 4th Cavalry and a party of citizens comprised of about 35 men for the purpose of pursuing Cheyenne Indians who had left their reservation at Fort Reno.

Company "I" 4th Cavalry left Fort Dodge under command of Capt. W. C. Hemphill, 4th Cavalry at about 2 o'clock P.M. and there embarked upon a train of cars and awaited the arrival of the Infantry.

Company "A" 16 Infantry under my command left Fort Dodge at about 4:30 P.M. and proceeded with five wagons and one ambulance (the Infantry riding in the Wagons) to Dodge City, the wagons were taken apart and with the ambulance, mules and supplies, were loaded upon the same train of cars upon which the cavalry had already been loaded and proceeded with the body of citizens above referred to towards the west upon the line of the A.T. and S.F. Railroad to carry out the orders of Lt. Col. Lewis, 19 Infantry commanding this Post "to proceed as far west as Pierceville or further should it be necessary if I discovered traces of Indians." The Command Left Dodge City about 9 P.M. the 19 instant.

Upon arriving at Cimmaron I proceeded to the telegraph office in order to ascertain if any new instructions had been sent me. Upon alighting from the cars I **found** a body of Citizens, armed, who displayed a good deal of excitement consequent upon a rumor that a body of Indians had that evening been seen in Cimmaron. I investigated the matter and conversed with the person who had seen