they concentrated their fire on the skirmish line but fortunately nobody was shot.
We arrived at Camp and I was then directed to send out the pickets of six men
each to cover the left of the Camp.

On the 23 inst. Camp was broken about 1:40 o'clock P.M and the
command retracted its steps to the Camp occupied on the 21 inst. and there went
into Camp and 4 o'clock P.M. Rations and ammunition were here furnished the
Command from Fort Dodge, I that night furnished two pickets of six men each.

On the 24 inst. about 7 o'clock A.M. Camp was broken and the Command
marched near the scene of the affair on the 22 inst. and proceeded in the direction
of the Arkansas River to a point on Crooked Creek about 2 miles north of Meade
City and went into Camp about 5 o'clock P.M. I that night furnished a picket of
eight men.

On the 25 inst. Camp was broken at sunrise and the Command proceeded
to the Arkansas River crossing at a point about 4 miles west of Cimmaron at 1:30
P.M. After crossing the river a halt was ordered, examination of the transportation
was made and it was found that the "hounds" of 2 of the wagons were broken. A
telegram was sent to Fort Dodge to apprise the Commanding Officer of that and other
facts and the troops prepaired dinner. About 4 o'clock P.M. the approach of Lt.
Col. Lewis, 19th Inf. was observed; at his arrival he directed that of the five
wagons that were with my Company one be turned over to Capt. Kendelbrook for his
Company, he not having any pack mules and his wagon being broken; that one be
turned over to Capt. Hemphill for the use of his Company and that one be furnished
the Infantry Company that had just arrived, freshly equipped and that the ambulance
also should accompany him. This left my Company 2 wagons both utterly unfit for
use in their then condition. Col. Lewis then informed me that it was impossible for
him to take my Company any further on the expedition and directed that I return
with my Company to Fort Dodge next morning.

On the 26 inst. I built a crib at the point on the railraod where