

"Telegram"

Fort Leavenworth Kan.  
September 4, 1874

Commanding Officer  
Fort Dodge Kansas

Give orders to Officer in Command of detachment third Cavalry  
out on Scout to where Surveyors were killed to bring into Dodge such of the bodies  
of the four men as can be transported.

Jns Pope  
Bvt. Major Genl  
Commanding

Official Copy respectfully furnished Comdg. Officer Co. "I"  
3rd Cavalry for his information.

By order of Capt. J.W. Bradford  
A. Mac C. Guard  
2nd Lieut 19th Inf.  
Post Adjutant

In compliance with instructions contained in the above letter, I  
sent 10 men with the two couriers back to Fort Dodge on the morning of September  
5th this left me twenty five 25 men in the saddle.

From Fort Dodge I marched to Dodge City when I crossed the bridge  
over the Arkansas River and then Marched S.W. towards Crooked Creek Crossing the  
headbreaks of Mulberry Creek about halfway. I struck Crooked Creek at a point  
9 miles above its bend to the south. I then marched up the creek 6 miles and after  
that down it for 44 miles where a running stream, the Man Arroya empties into  
Crooked Creek from the West side leaving the transportation and part of the command  
in camp I went up this stream and found it to be a lively rivulet, of fresh clear  
water from to six feet wide and winding through a level valley from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles  
wide covered with a dense growth of good grass. At a distance of 4 miles from its  
mouth the stream forks, I marched up and along the northern fork and found it to be  
a running stream for about 2 miles. When it forms a small marsh at the foot of a  
wide dry sandy run, terminating in rough breaks, running for out into the prairie,  
From the head of the running water of the north fork I crossed over a narrow ridge  
to the south fork and marched along on down it and returned to Camp. The South  
fork has the same character as the north fork, from the mouth of Man Arroya, I marched  
down