

leaving it to his discretion as to whether he would follow the trail further or not. Captain Mauck then concluded that as Major Thomburgh was so far ahead of us, and our horses were in such poor, worn out condition, that he would abandon the trail and go to Sidney Barracks, from which Post we were then distant about 70 miles. Upon our arrival at Sidney (October 10th) we were ordered to escort the Cheyenne Indians then at that Post to Fort Reno, I.T.

Very respectfully,
 Your obt. Servant.
 W. W. Hemphill
 Captain 4th Cavalry
 Commanding Co. "I"

Questions asked Captain Hemphill, and his answers.

Question When you left Camp Supply was it known positively that the Cheyennes had left their Agency?

Answer Yes. A courier from Capt. Rendlebroke had brought word that they were going in the direction of the head of Bear Creek.

Question What transportation was furnished you?

Answer Six pack mules, and an ambulance drawn by four mules.

Question At what time on the 12th did you leave Camp Supply?

Answer About 11 or 12 o'clock.

Question What is the distance from Camp Supply to Bear Creek Ranche?

Answer About 54 miles.

Question Give distance from there to Fort Dodge.

Answer About the same, say 50 miles.

Question Why did you not send a courier for rations and forage to be sent to you instead of tiring your horses going to Fort Dodge for them?

Answer None.

Question Why did you go into Dodge the second time?

Answer None.

Question Give direction and distance of Collar's Ranche from Bluff Creek Ranche.