

We arrived at Fort Wallace at about 1 A.M. that night. I immediately notified his brother and received telegrams, copies of which I gave Col. Daws.

Before leaving Fort Dodge, Colonel Lewis seemed impressed with the idea that he would not return. He told me that he did not expect to come back here, saying at the same time that for about 2 weeks previous he had suffered from a kind of dysentery. This after he was wounded weakened him very much apparently. Colonel Lewis also told his servant Silva that he need never expect to see him again and, in case he died, to go and live with his (the Colonel's) mother as a servant.

The ball entered the Colonel's right leg about six inches below the groin on the left hand side of the leg and came out in the large muscle behind, nearly cutting in two the general artery.

I am Sir,

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
C. Gardner
2nd Lieutenant 19th Infantry