

Head Qrs Fort Dodge Kas
September 3rd 1868

Bvt Major H. Asbury
Commanding Post
Fort Larned Kas.

Major,

An escort of one Non. com. Officer and 3 Pvts. left this Post on the 1st instant, with a load of wood for the Relay Station at Big Corn Creek; returning on the 2nd inst. they were attacked at about 5.0'clock P.M. by a party of Indians at Little Corn Creek, who continued firing at them until after dark, wounding three of them.

When the Mail Carriers from the Post reached there, they were still engaged, when one of the Carriers, Corpl. Boyle, thinking they could not hold out a great while longer, with such odds against them, made a dash for the Post, and having a good horse succeeded in reaching it in safety when a detachment was sent to their relief.

This necessitates the sending of an escort with the mail, and it is the wishes of Gen. Sully, that they be not detained there, but sent back to this Post immediately.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. Douglas
Major 3rd Infantry
Commanding Post

P.S. I have required them to escort the Beef Cattle for this Post

W. D.

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Head Qrs Fort Dodge Kansas
September 2 1868

Bvt Lieut Col. M. W. Keogh
A. A. A. Gen. Dist Upper Ark.

Colonel,

Relative to the movements of Indians since last Report, I have the honor to submit the following.