

About 2 o'clock A.M. of the 1st inst a Mexican arrived at this Post and stated that he came from a wagon train corraled on the South bank of the Arkansas River, near Cimmaron Crossing that the train he belonged to had been fighting the Indians for 4 days, and were unable to proceed any further without Military Assistance. He also reported having passed a train a few miles above, the wagons etc of which were burned and the men, women and children butchered or burned to death. I immediately ordered Lieut. D. W. Wallingford of the 7th Cav. with 24 enlisted men and Troop "B", 7th Cav. to proceed to Cimmaron Crossing, with a view to bringing to this Post, the train corralled there, and also to examine the premises on and about where the other train had been consumed and to ascertain if possible whether any of those belonging to it, had escaped; or if all had met their death at the hands of the Indians. 189

Lieut Wallingford and his detachment returned to this Post on the 2 inst. bringin with them the train, and made a written report an Official copy of which is herewith enclosed.

On the 2 inst. about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 10 o'clock P.M. Capt. Patk. Boyle Troop "B", 7th Cav, one of the Mail Carriers between Fort Dodge and Larned, came into this Post, and reported that the wagon sent from here with an escort of one non. com. Officer and 3 men, the night previous, with a load of wood for the Relay Station at Big Co<sup>o</sup>rn Creek, had been attacked by a large body of Indians on their return near Little Co<sup>o</sup>rn Creek, and three of the men badly wounded, knowing they could not hold out long, fighting against such numbers, he made up his mind to run the risk of coming to the Post for assistance which he did followed by four Indians, who chased him to within one mile of the Post. I immediately ordered 1st Lieut. G. S. Wallace, 3rd Inf. to proceed with a detachment of Troop "B" 7th Cavalry to their relief.

Lieut Wallace returned to this Post at about 30 minutes past 4 o'clock A.M. of the 3 inst. with the detachment of Troop "B", 7th Cav. and the wounded men, and made a written report on the case, an Official Copy of which