H.Q. Yellowstone Command
Cantonment at Bouque River, Wyo.
June 4, 1874

1st Lt. C. C. Doane,
2nd Cavalry.

Lieutenant,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your report of May 22, and to inform you that Colonel A. M. Mills, Commanding, directs that I convey to you his appreciation of the success that has attended your efforts. He also directs that you should, on all practicable occasions, send a report of your location and progress and any information that you may gather relative to the hostile Indians, as the latter data will be of the greatest value to the Command in their operations. I enclose herewith the enclosure to your report.

Very Respectfully,

Yours most respectfully,

[Signature]

1st Lt. C. C. Doane
1st Cavalry

to the Post-office of Little Big Horn, and those required for the Indians will there be ordered issued. Lt. Col. Buell reports that the rations on his boat will only suffice for his own command. Should you come down the Rosebud you will be able to get rations from here.

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Signed, Nelson A. Miles

Colonel, 5th Infantry

Capt. Maj. Genl. U.S. Army

Commanding
H. G. Yellowstone Command

Cauterment at Tongue River, M. T.

June 9th, 1874

1st. Lieut. H. Coane,

2nd. Cavalry

Sir,

Please inform me as soon as possible where your force is, and if any indications of hostile camps have been found. If the country is clear South of the Yellowstone, I wish to transfer my force and operations to the North side, and wish to know at once if your force of allies can be moved North of the Yellowstone. If we were in that direction we will go in strong force, possibly as far as the British line. I should want the Cree to cross the Yellowstone somewhere West of this point, and cross the Missouri near mouth of Squaw Creek and Musselshell. They can leave their families near the New Post on Big Horn or North of the Yellowstone. There seems to be no doubt but that Crazy Horse, Little Big Man and their bands have gone to,
but there is a rumor that they intend to get provisions to go out again and see the Crows and make peace with them. I do not want the hostiles to make peace with the Crows, as they would only obtain ammunition to make war on us at some future time. Please give me all the information and send it by runner as speedily as possible, he will find a road between this point and some point on the Rosebud about thirty (30) miles from its mouth. Rations for this command are to be sent to the Post mouth of Little Big Horn, and those required for the Indians will then be ordered issued. Lt. Col. Buel reports that the rations on his boat will only suffice for his own command. Should you come down the Rosebud you will be able to get rations from here.

Respectfully,

Your obeis. Devout,

Nelson T. Miles
 Colon 5th Inf.
  3rd M.N. U.S. Army

Corr. commanding
June 9th 1877

Letter from Genl. Miles
ask for information as to where
Lt. Deane's force is, if there are
indication of hostile camps S.
of Yellowstone
Proceedings of a council of the Principal Chiefs of the Mountain and Maidu Brave Tribes, held in camp on the west side of the Sierra Nevada, in June 1877, in relation to a proposed adoption of the surrender Siuán Shigemus, and other Indians lately hostile, upon the Russian River Reservation.

Having heard reports to the effect that the people having deciding the battle, were afraid to return to their own village, and had expressed themselves as desirous of forming an alliance with the brake who are friendly to the whites. A council of the principal chiefs was called to consider the matter.

Presided over by the Chiefs representing each of the tribes. All of both tribes, excepting about ten of Maidu Braves, were present. Began after a few preliminary words, and private discussion among the chiefs.

Lieutenant Goodwin, whom you all know - Siuán and some of their chief and many of their brave, Shigemus, and Arrapahoe of the Russian River, and the bands of the Sierra Nevada. The latter surrendered last winter, about 40 of their men, women, and children. They say the band told them and their own people, who are fighting now, and are afraid, they will be killed if they return to their agency. Also that they cannot sleep at night, for fear the brake will come and kill them, and that they desire to make a peace with the brake. I have called you together to talk about this matter, if you want to adopt and make friends of those people. Lieutenant Goodwin, through General Miller, the report of this council, who will take such action as he wishes, I do not know what he will do, but if these people want to join the
from third and second grade. I think it can be done.

They must come in as broad beams and be heated as

direct from the start, and not be killed and badly

brittle so long as they feel to fulfill their promises of
good faith. I think it would be good for you to have

the people. The more people you have the less likely

ey will occupy and the more you will get from

the great salt.

A leisurely talk followed in which all participated,

but without any set speeches. The matter had been

previously discussed through the camp with the

greatest interest and but one opinion prevailed.

They all wanted them but and taking and the objection

was to taking them as a gift. Their idea is, to let

each man pay out his relations of which they

day they have many third. Blood relationships

giving a prior claim to any other. The others they

offered to adopt into families with them and many

in the most equitable manner and by mutual

choice. At the end of the discussion, Blackfoot

suggested as follows. No hand land going to lead to gift

land paid and third, yard and going to give you some

That is good. I think they will come and join us and

and ask buffalo with us. We hand a pretty big bundle

I think they will gift with us, and want to fight

and another bundle with us.

When I find our enemy setting ahead I want to

send warriors to steal his horses. Send for third

(third capture) as soon as you can, I would like

to see their facts. I wish General Miles would send

them up by steamboat. We expect to fight down

and hand me kind to go after them.
A vote was taken, which resulted in 43 votes being cast for receiving the captives into the tribe & voted in the majority, saying they did not want any of them personally but did not object to the rest having them.

The council then closed.

Names of the Chiefs present at Council.

After the council - Iron Bull asked me to write that he wished Governor Miles would assure these people that the crowd would be glad to receive them and God attend not to be afraid to join the crowd, as they would be welcome as members of the tribe.

A true report.

Gertrude

M. Linic 2d cavalry.
June 15, 1877,

To Col.

Actg. Adjutant General
Yellowstone Command

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Genl. Miles, dated May 15, informing me of the engagement on the Roselands. This was received and returned to Col. Clark's fort May 20, also of your two notes of instructions dated May 23, which was received on May 21. Also yours by carriers two days ago of June 7th and Genl. Miles of June 9th. For several days after leaving the lime agency the weather was simply horrid. Every man's mind was on the summits of the hills and the streams were all flooded, and we did not delay in moving two days or three occasions and make short marches. The camp arrived on the banks of the mouth of Little Bighorn or buckle Third June 5th, driving a valley field of buffalo, and having a splendid hunt the same day. Hundreds of buffalo were killed. The next day was spent in courting the kind and had been hunting daily around the Bighorn to this point. I had expected to move with a small band of the little band and its delay has been a source of endless embarrassment. The Indians - always distrustful, were exceedingly hard to satisfy and nothing else would do but to live from hand to hand among the buffalo. Their rations were exhausted and they are more depending on the herd for a living; fortunately buffalo were plenty and
near the Camp is full of dust and fog. About 1,000 people
had been killed and the herd driven across the Yellow-
stone. The Indians are in a great hurned but only half
credit the story of the Clearwater having disturbed their
head and토노 and a consequent delay. My anxiety for
the arrival of a Train is beyond expression. I cannot
move until one comes.

Scouts were sent forward from Blakelys post with
a letter to Capt. Bud and one from Maj. Travis to
Gen. Miles, marked (personad). These arrived the day
before and had stomped and came back half nated having
dropped everything in the most lastingly manner
I had made their headquarters in camp, and said coming
had heard that they saw nothing at all but wood
plipled by a dream. Third coming was not disturb-
ed and find guns saddled so were found just as they
had left them 5 days ago. I learned that a scouting
party of about 50 were driven across the Yellowstone
river, camped half by and coming into the Big Horn Valley.
They were not seen by any of the Bums but their herd
was found great 11 Bury parties heard around the Big
Horn, most of whom had returned. The last coming,
arrived this morning. They were sent in different
directions and had some pretty thoroughly search
on the country west of the Headwater of Tongue River
and down to the Yellowstone.

One party found traces of 3 lodges going down
the Headwater but about 10 miles could not
find them. Another found another herd of about
120 ponies and some people going and toward the
Chief Seattle saw the herd and fired each. The
and all the traces of hostile kindred, none of any
particur went beyond Tangut Hills. I have delayed sending despatches thus long an account of being anxious to hand accurate information which can only be obtained by company the chins of several scenes and saluting of the correctness of the alone. The arrows found traces of rape-balls command and its returning trait to dead the hunter also brought in a pigeon last at the foot of the High ground by the breeze about 8 months ago. Also one blood perch found on the little bank. There are no buffalo on the bare side of the high bank here I have not crossed. The beasts now run sand as few stray bulls throughout the whole country as far as the exit of Tangut - Mim from the Into and other game they separate ever scared and hard tiend me enough for one month of added to 1200 racks and along the half of the ammunition sated with big 1000 rounds.

The Dinjalls on the high side are all and the Gelantlers except a small herd east of the Smith and these are running down Dryer, and will soon cross, as there are as few behind near of Smith. A part on the High and a few miles below, and dipped camps of Dryer. The herd will have no easy on the Smith side. It is safe to assume that until the melting snow lets the Buffalos from the woods and wind rises, and the divided, herd will be no bears in the Smith Gelantler Valley.

The weather has been cold for the second continually 2 or 3 days but bad the first second day. The wind and the upper rivers have been from east almost entirely. The floods from melting snow and land
The Highland has been blank about 3 weeks ago has fallen about 4 feet but is rising slowly, for the first time I have heard a camp as its bents. It looks now as high as when the first was up last year and I think it is navigable for loaded boats.

It is a deep stream than the Yellowstone, at any given stage but much narrower and not so rapid. When we came into the Highland valley it was a quiet stream held back by thousands of buffalo. It is the quiet muddy and placid but broad is ordinarily good. This is a splendid country. must better than it has been written up. I shall hand the horse to a farmer at nearby ranch and ride into the subject of roads, road and linked road.

As the next movement, had and 2 cent which seemed feasible and to cross the camp at the mouth of the Highland and the Yellowstone. Needed to reach the bend of the Mississippi and follow down said stream leaving the Camp whenever necessary and the buffalo herd. The attempt to cross at the mouth of the little bend had been made up high island and follow buffalo trail to mouth of Yellowstone, following the whole Highland again, and the cross by plane. Sailing an arm of Yellowstone follow up one of the Barabara to divide, cross to Mussel shell, and follow down leaving the Camp as before. The Camps run about 12 miles a day averaged I would forbid the latter route of the commanding general would approach the bend. Please don't set in the direction I do not know where the horses but would cross the little horn when a trail comes unless otherwise directed. Should the horses fail to get up, shall cross the Yellowstone.
The Lie in hind.

Safeguard is with me, supposed to be my grand halls. I
shall amain ir necessary to employ another interpreter
Bernard Travis - of the same rope - please have him
put up the rope from May 16. I have also brought along
Mr. Jack Barrett a man well known in the West
who has been Marshall for the Yellowstone Park and
has rendered good service there of late and many accidents
in the Party of the Secretary of War in 1875. I know
the man to be kind and devoted and honest and
a thorough man in my - I would respectfully say
and urge that he be put on grand halls as a first
class sent and be attached to my party from
May 16. I have promised this if it could
be had. To know both the people and the country
well. I have felt and still feel the greater anxiety
how I should do it, but if it seem that everything can
be arranged in a better way, it can be done.
I must ask one favor and the arrival of a horse.
The stupid Indians will believe nothing they do not
see, and have been tampered with aboard by a thousand
lies stories based on the stampede of the bands last
winter. I could make them mend but do not think
it is advisable, as they would take it as an indication
that I did not think a better course could. It was to
their interest and was promised to deal with these people.

Very respectfully

Gardner Alcott Rome.

At Aricka 2 Cond

Countyapor Rute.
Arm's Camp and Nez Perce Mind
June 13th, 1877.

To the Commanding General

Yakima Command

From Chief Chief of the Nez Perce Indians to say the following:

"General Ord's order to come to the Agency told us that he wanted to have the Nez Perce left at the agency 18 days. I told him that it was necessary to send my word, and I wanted him to ride away. I had changed my mind, and instead of going back with the Camp and the other side of the Nez Perce hand come through and this side to help you and going to help you. Your hand has made War parties out and they hand not done anything. Here are about 300 lodges here and many women, small children and cattle. I wish you would come and well. The Camp is in the middle, they are friendly, not like other licks around, we would like to be friendly well, I want done as you wished and I hand planted Tobacco on the Agency. I am moving as good wish me to send. I think the Indians will send and the Nez Perce mountain when the snow melts they hand always done so. I think we hand and them two after white, with so many people coming in together we must catch the peace. This letter is all of the Chief's hope today which came from the east of the Peace Commission. Lord, it is an old thing to all the Nez Perce of the warriors are not armed better, why they need is a hard hand of soldiers to fall back upon and enforced authority. Then they..."
Can be managed.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant.

1st Lt 2nd Cavalry
Headquarters Yellowstone Command

Lieutenant at Bozark River U. S.

June 17, 1877.

1st Lt. C.C. Deane,
2nd Cavalry,

Lieutenant;

I have the honor to convey to you the following by directions of General H.A. Miles, Commanding,

Youers of the 11th inst. enclosing certified copy of proceedings of Council of Crow Indians, came duly dispatched and by Quiver, arrived at Ft.

Rac. on the 16th inst.

The actions of Crow in council meets with the approval of General Miles, and as it must be approved by the higher authorities before the action is final, he took a copy with him to lay
before the Department Commander at Fort Buford, whether he has gone to confer
regarding the affairs of the Campaigns. Should it meet with approval there, it will
be laid before the Indians here, to obtain an
expression of their feeling in the matter.

The Commanding Officer is convinced
that the surrendered Indians here will join
with the Crows to fight the hostile Sioux.

As a force has already gone to the Big
Fork, the Commanding Officer would like to
have the Crow villages left in some suitable
place adjacent to the station of the troops
there, so that the families and stock would be
under their protection, or else camp on the
North side of the Yellowstone, as near to this
place as they might choose.

General Miles will return from Fort
Buford as soon as possible and desires to have
each of the warriors among the Crow & are willing to join him in making war against
the Sioux, and he wishes to have them all do
be sore to the North side of the Yellowstone
and to be positions at any point much agreeable
to yours between this place and the mouth of the
Big Horn; this should be done if practicable,
within two (10) days.
Efforts are making to secure for the Crows
who have hitherto been reported as deserters,
the pay due them. Suit, Nargus will send by
Reevey the property left by some of the Crows
who ran away.
Should a boat come soon the supplies asked
for in yours of May 12 will be sent by it if
practicable; if however such partitio of the Camp,
or of the men, as you deemed necessary could
come down on the north side of the Yellowstone,
day to the Roper's, the Stores could be sent
Thither by wagon. The stores called for were 

Twenty-five (25) boxes ammunition cal. 30-56 

Six (6) boxes, cal. 45; Four (4) boxes powder ammunition 

and twelve thousand (12,000) rations including 

Tobacco, soap, peper and candles. 

Should you take this course to obtain these 

please notify these headquarters at once, stating 

time when the stores should arrive, and where 

they would be required. Please do all you 

can to keep the buffalo on the north side of the 

Yellowstone. Your dispatches per Quinby arrived 

but a few minutes before General Miles left 

and some portions of them are necessary left 

for his action on returning. You will have 

learned of the occasion of the delay of the 

"Florence Mayen," nearly all of the steamboats 

are very much behind time.
Monday, June 18. A party of twenty (20) or thirty (30) Indians made an unsuccessful attempt to Tampede away on the left bank of the Yellowstone, opposite the Caution Point last evening; they were driven off by a small detachment of Infantry camped there. Reports of a small body between the Union and the Yellowstone had been before received at these Headquarters.

Lieut. Col. Bell has with him some Sioux Scouts, enlisted as I understand, to prevent possible misunderstanding between them and the Crows. I thought it best to notify you of the fact.

I remain, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. [Signature]

Lieut. and Adjut. Gen.
Spécial Orders

No. 68

II. Scout Quinter and Private Applegate, Company "G", 2d Cavalry, will proceed this date, provided with four (4) days rations to rejoin the command of Lieut. L. E. Doane, 2d Cavalry in the field.

By command of

Col. W. A. Miles

Lieut. L. E. Doane

2d Cavalry, Comdy. Crow Scouts

A. A. A. General.
Camp and Yellowstone, 2 Mi. above Highwood

June 22, 1877

To Adj. Gen., Adjutant General

Yellowstone Command

Sir,

I have the honor to report: 

This, having been on the scene of the actual fact and related as the surrendered people and also is related as the deserter and their property left at Tongue River.

The Indians from the Highwood River have all crossed the Yellowstone and will not attempt to return before August. It is hoped that they may be returned at the point. One off alone and other bands have also not been heard. We have received numbers, as they are last year, have not returned. My camp will get a food supply from the Indians. Please send the rations and ammunition by wagon train to me and of the commander, as stated in my letter of the 22d to purchase goods. Send all the letters of the 22d. If in the possession of the army official, I would like to see the possession. Accomplishing...
late the village up the Penquipid, to the head of the
Brookshill, and land as high among the Raffles
fords, with permission to move to the Judith Basin os
will, but to keep together. Then to strike with the
head party by way of mouth of Sioux Creek or where
required, then the movement northward is completed
by the middle of August. The Raffles will down
mainstream and the village can go back with the head
to the Bighorn Valley, and remain by the new
Post, as long as required. This will save labor, and
be convenient and many obvious respects. If possible
I would be glad to have a detachment of four Ten
to twenty find mounted Infantry and Indian ponies
with a pack train of 12 miles, with supplies to
form as part of reserve for offensive and a police
for camp purposes. A few soldiers would almost
double the efficiency of my force. The trains are
continually asking for them. My cavalry detachment
is a good one, but when I am gone I require a
few men to keep the camp together and of course
want as few with me. On arrival at the Penquipid
I will send Despatches again, and particularly if
anything of interest should occur. Since writing
last, several had parties hand joined me in the
Bighorn Valley as rapid, surprising nothing but
a few cattle and part of had moved. And of whom
I suppose to be late Sheridan's command. After
the treck from Bighorn field, hand went to easy
side and will reinforce you. Please give attention
as to the matter of the ponies asked for, and the
returns of everything left by the bands. There
nothing through linear and matters of good importan...
As you know, they have been disappointed in regard to the steamboats and in regard to having a summer hunt in the Yellowstone Valley, and for that same concession is due them and that account as well as and the other grounds mentioned.

I expect to pick up the 40, odd lodge of Nicks above mine on the Missouri if the Northernward mine is made.

Well send out head parties Northward to Missouri, will hunt Judith Basin and dry fork as soon as other the, there.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient Servant.

P.S. - In command of your forces.
Headquarres Yellowstone Command
Cantonment at Tongue River, MT.

June 22d, 1877

1st Lieut. E.L. Randall, 5th Infy.
A. A. Q. M. and A. C. S.

Lieutenant,

I have the honor to inform you that the Commanding Officer directs that you have in readiness for shipment and send by first boat going to the valley of the Big Horn to Lieutenant G.C. Doane, 2nd Cavalry, the following named Subsistence Stores to be supplied to the Crow Allies under command of Lieut. Doane, viz. Twelve thousand (12,000) rations consisting of Bacon, soup, pepper and candles.

Very respectfully,
Your ob. serv't.
SIGNED  
George A. Baird  

1st Lt. 2nd Amt. 5th Infantry  
A.A.A. General  

Adopt Yellowstone Command  
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Official Copy respectfully furnished Lt. G.C. [in]  
4th Cavalry for his information  

By Command of  
Colonel P.A. [in]  

[Signature]  
1st Lt. 2nd Adjutant 5th Infantry  
A.A.A. [in]
Headquarters Illinoinis Command
Campground at Forney Raid Ills.
June 23 1877

2d Lt. J. M. Soper 5th Infantry
As Ordinance Officer

Lieutenant,

I have the honor to inform you that the Commanding Officer directs that you send to 2d Lt. S. B. Beane 2d Cavalry the following named Ordinance and Ordinance Store viz.,
25 boxes percussion cartridge, 50 cts.
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g do  do  do do 45

The further directs that the same named be turned over to 2d Lt. S. J. Hardoll, 2d A. G. M. for shipment.

Very Respectfully

Gen'l Brian's Division

Asst. J. M. Beane

2d Lt. and Adjt. 5th Infantry

A. A. A. Q. M.

Official copy respectfully furnished lieu. S. B. Beane for his information.

By command of

Col. A. A. Miles
(Adjutant) J. M. Beane
2d Lt. and Adjt. 5th Infantry

A. A. A. Q. M. General

A true copy.

The Adjutant

Capt. T. L. S.
Cowan camp and Yellowstone

June 22, 1877.

To Adjutant General

Yellowstone Command

Sir:

I am happy to report that I am able to -

It is with this pleasing report that I am happy to report that the Indians will now attempt to cross the Yellowstone until the arrival of a steamboat.

I am happy to report that they will cross as they responded readily to my orders and all other respects as they do now. I had engaged the large steamer named by General

Buell, which had previously been delayed for his need at my request to cross the Lewis and Clark, and the steamer is full of cattle and being made, which the Indians will not resist, in the present extremely swallow condition of the river.

While it is a matter of serious delay and disappointing to me, when removed apart from my desire to get on,

The steamer named by General Buell had a serious accident creasing and had been detained although he had the end of the keel broken in the steam pump in making and his head, and one of the Indians was badly hurt. It would take a month to cross the river and bring the steamer out of the body, and in two trips empty. This steamer is kept by the Yellowstone and would float a first-class body.

The steamer is better ashore. Buffalo Reports that below the island there was some danger as any delay of water.

Pleased to continue the order for the trains and send any supplies up on the first suitable body. My force is not deemed of sufficient importance for a
General Bank heard some squaws that the first thing that
went up to any camp (about 3 miles above the Pig Iron
Junction) after discharging the lead at the Pig Iron Post,
General Bank had considerable appeared decision of finding
a location on the left bank of the Pig Iron. Said every
possible argument to influence land to the buying at
the beautiful location - and the land - camping place and
also on the right side of the valley at the head of the valley
and Pig Iron mountains. The General will be in consequence
at the Little Bird junction, which his camps will be on the
right side of the Indian up a bit from the main Post.
This may be of importance to the Indian captains.
Tell them they had to buy land is slower than they
of the Yellowstone. It is a more muddy stream, with a
snag, marshes, but changes and at some depth of water
almost. It is now as high that it current 30 feet
across at the junction and the waters of the Yellowstone.
Let this may change any day; back a flood will come
take off the snow covered - and the Pig Iron will fall
as if the wind with great suddenness.

The scene this morning had a large council and in
mention of their sincerity and good faith, piled up 50
Bengalee roles which they gave to me. I accepted them
and behalf of the Great Father and explained to them
that I could not accept them to convey to my mind and
safety, but would still stand when aURunday
came, and apply the proceeds to the purchase of land
and cattle - which I would then send to the Grand
Old Lodge so that the poor misfits be benefited equally
with the rest. The Indians were quite pleased, and said
their agents did not act so - but concluded
themselves with the reflection that they would
get the wages and I suppose they might best themselves if I was a greater fool than they had taken me for. If, presuming gains were my object, I could hand make as thousand dollars a month, which I have been out, and without apparently injuring the cause, the opportunity has been unsung. I have a wherry trade in camp awaiting judgment band not decided yet what to do; but he has not traded any.

From this camp I will send hunting and was partly to the Musselshell and found below called scattered and will try to establish communication with the fever lewis camp.

For this purpose I hand claimed the West 20 at 6.25 per day for delay and $5.00 per day when used. Of a kind Indians used to his dream, it would be laid to my account and would cause trouble. I have the honor to ask approval of this action.

My scouting parties out are due concluded. I started for Coaldale Lewis, along the base of the rocky butte. The other event by the Plains road I hand as yet no report from the little band, but expect Barret will be a couple of days. Suggestion of the battle was gained and the best side of the Big Horn just below Fort Smith and a few more battle is below the little band junction. My start is after them.

I send this in special to act hoping that it may reach you before action may be taken and my dispatch of yesterday. Please let it be known that Lewis will be send and the north side of the Black Butte mountain and the mountain sent as guided with General Lewis.

Very respectfully,

Your obdte servant

1st Lieut. J. Sainly.
Comdg. 6th Cavalry.
Headquarters Yellowstone Command
Campground at Bougue River U.S.

June 24, 1877

1st Lt. F. C. Drane,
2nd Cavalry,

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the 23rd of yours of the 20th instant, and to convey to you the following, by direction of the Commanding Officer:

The stores for the Crows will be started tomorrow, escorted by a detachment of the 7th U.S. Cavalry. The Adjutant reports that he has not on hand the taking powder, neither can it be purchased here, as the Command of Maj. Sagree, that recently left here for a wood Mohammad, found the stock for sale at the Badger.
for this reason the bread rations will be
chiefly hard trail.

Lieut. O. E. Marques, 5th Infantry, will send
up some property of the Crans, left with
him or recovered by hims after their departure.

Quirey told me that he had instructed some
person to leave with me certain articles of
property belonging to the Crans, if it is left
before the train starts it will be sent to you;
as I do not know what the property is, who has
it nor where he lives, I am unable to obtain
it.

General Miles has with him a communication
of Lieut. Marques, late Commanding From Scouts,
strongly recommending that the alleged de-
fectors among them be restored to duty, and
receive pay etc., in consideration of the
circumstances attending their flight, and
of their valuable services rendered your command.
This spring,
The matter of returning or sending
pouls must await General Miles' return
when it will be brought to his immediate
notice.

You will please inform each civilian
employee as you may have with you, that
for services rendered after July 1st, they will
receive no pay until an appropriation has
been made after Oct. 15, 1877.

I requested Capt. Schwace, 11th Infantry,
on steamer "Jno. G. Mitchell," to supply you with
a small quantity of bread, coffee and sugar
to be returned by you; if he did so, and
claims to have it returned, the stores saw
to left at camp of a detachment of Lieut.
Colonel Bull's command, mouth of Big
Porecupine.

The "Oceola" with supplies for
poet on Big Horn was wrecked by a squall from Powder River on the 22nd. Sorely grieved.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

E.D. Davis

Capt. 1st Infantry
A.A.A. General
June 22d 1877

2d Lieut. J. W. Pope, 5th Drift
Acting Ordinance Officer

Lieutenant,

I have the honor to inform you that the Commanding Officer directs that you send to 1st Lieut. G. E. Dorre, 2nd Cavalry, the following named Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, viz: -

Forty-five (45) boxes carbine cartridges Cal. 511. (6)
Forty (40) Pistols

He further directs that the stores named be turned over to 1st Lieut. E. L. Randell 5th Drift A.O. Q. M. for shipment.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant

(Signed) George W. Baird
1st Lieut. 5th Drift
A. A. A. General.
Headqrs Yellow Stone Command

June 22d, 1877

Official copies respectfully forwarded 1st Lieutenant
G. B. Doane 2d Cavalry for his information.

By Command of

Colonel C. A. Bills

1st Lt. A. H. 5th Inf. A. A. A. General

[Signature]

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Head Quarters Yellowstone Command
Bannockment at Tongue River A.T.
June 24th 1877

1st Lieut. C.S. Doane
2nd Cavalry

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 23rd of yours of the 20th post and to convey to you the following, by direction of the Commanding Officer:

The stores for the Crows will be started to-morrow, escorted by a detachment of the 7th Cavalry. The Adjutant reports that he has not on hand the baking powder, neither can it be purchased here, as the command of Maj. Teague, that recently left here for a movement up Powder River, bought the stock for sale at the Trader's, for this reason the bread ration will be chiefly hard bread.

C.S. Averoux 6th Infantry will send up some property of the Crows, left with him or recovered by him after their departure. Quirens told me that he had instructed some person to leave it with me certain articles of property belonging to the Crows if it is left before the train starts it will be to you, as I do not know what the property is, who has it nor where he lives, I am unable to obtain it.

General Miles has with him a commu

ication of Lieut. Kearny's late Commanding Crows scouts, strongly recommending
that the alleged deserters among them be restored to duty, and receive pay etc. — in consideration of the circumstances attending their flight, and of their valuable services under your command this spring.

The matter of returning or sending for males must await Gen'l. Miles' return when it will be brought to his immediate notice.

Requested Capt. Schwan 11th Infantry on steamer "Pro S. Fletcher," to supply you with a small quantity of bread, coffee and sugar to be returned by you if he did so, and desires to have it returned. If so, the stores can be left at camp of a detachment of Lieut. Colonel Bullo's command, mouth of Big Porcupine.

The "Cecilia" with supplies for Post on Big Horn was wrecked by a squall below Powder River, on the 22d inst. Stores saved.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) S. W. Baird
1st Lieut. & Adjutant 5th Infantry
O. A. A., General
In Camp Big Horn at mouth Little Horn R.

8 A.M., June 24, 1877.

Gent. Doane, 2nd Cavalry,
On Yellowstone R. near mouth Big Horn.

Sir:

I am ordered by Genl. Sheridan to retain the ferry I had on the Yellowstone until Capt. Nowland, 7th Cavalry arrives there with his command, when he will be crossed to this side without delay. Will you please attend to it and aid him all you can.

Very Respectfully your obd. serv.

[Signature]

Quint. Col. 11th Infantry
Company B at the 11th Infantry
Headquarters Yellowstone Command
Encampment at Tongue River W.T.

June 28th, 1874

1st Lieut. C. D. Dow and 2nd Cavalry,

Chirky Crow Scouts, in the Field.

Lieutenant:

Your dispatch of the 22nd inst. stating your inability to cross the Yellowstone with your command was received before the departure of the train with the supplies requested; the order was countermanded, and the supplies will be sent you by steamer "Raucio" which is expected to leave this encampment tomorrow.

The dispatch to have been forwarded you by train escort is herewith enclosed and contains instructions relating to matters mentioned in your dispatch.
General Miles is expected to return tomorrow the 29th instant.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

1st Lieut. 8th Artillery

A.A.A.G. General,
Headquarters Yellowstone Command
Cantonment at Tongue River

June 29, 1877

Sgt. C. Druce, 2nd Cavalry

Lieutenant;

I have the honor to convey to you
the following by direction of Colonel Miles,
Commanding;

From latest information received
it seems probable that Sitting Bull with a
large following has recrossed the line and
will cross the Missouri coming as far as to the
Yellowstone.

The Commanding Officer would like
to have the camp of the Crows left with, say
one hundred (100) for their protection and to
secure buffalo meat on the south side of the
Yellowstone, where they could, if necessary, face
the troops at the mouth of Little Big Horn for security, and to have as many
warriors as soon some five hundred (500) if possible, cross the Yellowstone and move down to the head of Sunday Creek and join the Command. For this purpose a steamboat may be employed, which, if used, please detain as short time as possible.

The rations and ammunition for the troops are loaded on the steamer "James & Harriet".

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

W. Baird
1st Lieut. Adjutant 5th Infantry

A.A.A. General.