From camp on Yellowstone  
Second month of July  

July 22, 1877  

To Adjutant General  

Yellowstone Command  

Sir:  

Having to a field of grand past in this line I have been able to cross the Camp by going the long route which escorted General Bull and the cavalry company of the 7th. The lack of the Indians and crossing the afternoon  

The scarcity of this will modify any last note of this past. My supplies did not come by the John Hickey and about 75 to 100 more must accounts required to come  

and hand returned to this Agency. I have requested the  

Army to send them water to carry and think he will use all possible means to get them to return.  

The Yellowstone is very low. The weather having been cool for several days until yesterday. The John Hickey was three days running about 10 miles and I heard  

to be lighted by General Bull's track. I was at the  

Yellowstone Park  

4 days ago. Colonel Stevens cavalry and  

crossing General Bull's select the bluff between the Yellowstone and little band as the location. It is a magnificent  

site for a post. The finest I have seen on the plains.  

The route will come from the little band to any point required on the little bands by expending a small amount of labor, work is being pushed with great rapidity and all are in high spirits.  

The condition and best route to the Park from your  

site up the Yellowstone to the Point on the North side  

Creek bed (a flat is being built to get long) showed by
excellent- culated road 30 miles to the new post - From Fort Blis follow the present road to Pease 3 miles below. Before battle grounds cross, and follow past of thirg to Hig best. go up from miles to low land and direct to new post. Direct from Pease Thunder, 40 miles - The road direct by the agency head and the 67 Z Smith road is 3 unburdened and compared with the above. I will make a reply of length shortly and this subject.

The landmarks county and that opposite the mouth of the Nez Perce (that is east) it impractical except by Indian trails to the foot of these mountains, and they are very bad for wagons...

I assume that my stores are on the boat near on the away. If they have not been sent please send a train by wagons lightly loaded to lead 30 miles from the banks and send daily. A failure to meet the boat would result in a demoralization by all the bands. They are utterly out of food and the long delay, which is causing incapacitation will make them understand. Please do not let this fail, as a failure will utterly defeat my movement. These hand 200 bounding feet and 200 head of stock to feed and in any expedient to feed the Indians. We will understand this in advance. If the stores are on the boat I will send parties after the medical supplies.

There a few buffalo crossing down. I follow lead and through by the bolly mountains. Meadow and the pass opened by the melting snow, from being able to see the predicted in a previous letter. They scattered in the Nez Perce and Charlestown, the Indians will be after them. The higher mountains are reported full of prospecting parties and snow and coming in from all directions.
to cut hay, wood, &c. in the vicinity of the new fort.

If I can do so, I wish to get the rear of the Third
cross camp and the Musselwhite. Should Sitting Bull
come down, I will hear of it soon.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

2d Cavalry

Commanding. Snow Scouts.
At P.O. Yellowstone Command
Canyon or Cedar Creek, M. I.
July 4, 1844

Lieut. Baldwin or
Lieut. Ormsby

Lieutenant:

As the command has found nothing
in this direction so far, the Commanding Of-

cier thinks it advisable that the Crew make
a camp near head of Sunday Creek, or on the
Porcupine, or any good place near where this
despatch may reach you; sending out large
hunting and scouting parties along the
head of the Big Dry, and in the vicinity of the
lower Musselshell, on East and West sides.

Unless we should find a large camp on this
or the other side of the Missouri very soon, a
part, if not the whole, of this command, will
be up in that region in a very short time. The
Commanding Officer is pleased to learn that
the Crew have crossed the Yellowstone, and
they are now in very good position for assuring and guarding the approaches to the Yellowstone, while the remainder of the command is getting in position.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

G.W. Daniel

1st Lieut. & Adj. 53d U.S. Infantry

a. a. a. P. O.
Red River Expedition

Camp on Cedar Creek MS

July 26, 1877

Lieut.-Baldwin
Lieut.-Doane

Lieutenant:

As the command has
found nothing in this direction so far, the
Commanding Officer thinks it advisable
that the Crow make a camp near head of Maho
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Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant

(Signed) F. H. Baird
1st. Lieut. 2nd Artillery

C. M. Ewing
Col. 5th Inf.

A. A. General
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF DAKOTA.
St. Paul, Minn., July 7th, 1877.

Special Orders,
No. 89.

(Extract.)

2. On the recommendation of their Commanding officer, the following named enlisted Indian scouts, U. S. Army, privates, under charge of desertion, are restored to duty without trial:

   Half Yellow Face, Bear Wolf, Show his Face, Home Heart,
   Bull Rabbit, Buffalo Calf, Lone Tree, Red Hail (1), Little Face,
   Sharp Bear, Spotted Crane, The Old Rock, Fog, Medicine Bear,
   Touch Enemy First, Fall Down Fellow, Swimming Turtle, Left
   Hand, Little Boy, The Brave, Now a Bear, White Wing, Enemy
   Chief, Sits down Good, Plenty all the Time, Ahead of the Bear,
   Coming Bear, Poor Assiniboine, Running around the Horses,
   Bull Chief, Black Bird, Tail, Wolf that looks up Above, High
   Fist, Red Hail (2), Bad Leggins, Come Down, Come to the Deer,
   Looking at the Enemy, Crazy Fellow, Bird in the Ground, Wolf
   goes to Water, Stand on a Cloud, White Ass, Spotted Hat, Got
   off First, High Bird, The Chief Shield, Belongs to Nobody, Big
   Dog, He took It, Bird that knows where to Go, The Top.

   Under the requirements of paragraphs 158, 1557, 1558 and 1559
   Revised Army Regulations, and Section 18 of the Act of Congress
   approved March 16, 1892, these soldiers forfeit all pay remaining
   due at the time of their desertion, with that which has accrued
   during the period of their absence as deserters, and will make good
   the time lost.

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   BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL TERRY.

   Assistant Adjutant General.

Enclosure
To Capt. Yellowstone Command

Lieut. G. W. Beiers
A. A. A. Gent.

Yellowstone comm.

Sir,

By direction of the Commanding Officer, I have the honor to convey to you the following information:

The 7th cavalry, and 2 companies of the 5th infantry are ordered to camp near the head quarters of Sunday creek, near the last camp made by the Comanche and the last winter on that creek or one of its branches, on its march to Fort Peck.

You will notify the crews of the presence of 75 Cheyennes with Lyn. Sturgis' command, they have permission to procure some buffalo meat before returning.

I am, sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(signed) Oscar M. Long.
To Lieut 5th Infantry
Aug. 10th

Helms. Yellowstone Bound.
Lclnt: Tongue River M. D.

July 15th 1844

Official copy respectfully furnished Lt. G. B. Dodge
2nd cavalry, who will communicate its purport
To the Crow Scouts under his command.

By command of
Colonel A. A. Biles

Lt. Lieut 5th Infantry
A. A. Biles

The above is correct.

Helm's Helena, Montana

A. A. Briles

General Officer

1st Western Mounted

This statement will be

A. A. Biles
No. 3 Yellowstone Command

Received July 12th, 1877

Lieut. F. W. Baird
A. A. Sen'l
Yellowstone Com'd

Sir,

By direction of the Commanding Officer, I have the honor to convey to you the following information:

The 7th Cavalry, and 5 Companies of the 5th Infantry are ordered to camp near the Head quarters of Cundy Creek near the last camp made by the Command the past winter on that creek or one of its branches on its march to Ft. Hock.

You will notify the Chiefs of the presence of 25 Bighorn's with Genl. Custer's command, they have permission to procure some buffalo meat before returning.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Oscar F. Long

2d Lieut. 5th Infantry

U. S. A.

Signed, F. W. Baird

1st Line. 6th Infantry A. A. A. S.
From Camp

Gallaudens at Parasipuid 20

July 12, 1877.

To the

Adj. Genl. Adjutant-Genl.

Gallaudens Command.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 7th instant from head of Black, I have the honor to report that I shall start up the Parasipuid tomorrow with the Black Camp. There are 120 now in camp about 900 head of Black 250 lodges 430 all warriors and about 60 warriors besides who wish to go Camp purposes.

Today I finished cleaning store, and will mend and lay hand up the Big Parasipuid then cross to Little Parasipuid and thence up to head of Big Fork on Sunday meets as circumstances may dictate. Crew head part of will start out tomorrow and tomorrow I shall soon be able to send good detailed information as to the state of the country north as far as the Missouri.

The Rangafalo herd is my natural herd of supply, and the proposed herd of war is the best possible for the district as well as the warriors. The hailstorm of the 7th made terrible hand among the Black and delayed me 2 days. The Indians and switched its herd to west caused by "white man's order" and for a kind I had reason to apprehend various troubles about 200 of red councils were fitted and many more and last will consequece of the stampede I shall hand the honor to make report and field on the subject to be forwarded.
The Indians seem naturally good-natured, but I am aware they suffer from lack of the few things asked for 2 months ago viz to Ponies - Jack Barone or as Scout - Barone as Interpreter. The return of property lost by the Indians last winter and a statement of their accounts pay for.

I expect to reach a position in 5 days and hope to be able to find information of had shortly. Of course the Indians would not go out until they had drawn their rations and ammunition.

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

[Caption]

[Signature]
Grave Creek and Gilliam's Landing
March of 29th Seneca
July 15h, 1877.

To the

Acting Amt. Adjutant General
Gilliam's Landing Command.

Sir,

I have the honor to report the sending out of
four lead parties, in all ninety men, to reach the sources
of all springs between the Judith River and Fort Peck -
and to secure through by the Dry Fork. I sent Breckinridge,
Squaw creek, and other streams and this side and to cross
and go beyond the Miss. River if anything large there will
be, and true which men are out with those already sent
would start via a day ad two with att'd Indian
parties. I hope soon to be able to report the condition
of things north, with considerable exactness. The Indians
are well pleased, I made them all swear on receiving
ammunition this time, to obey orders, and to go when
sent, and to kill the brute or returning. Please to note
expose too much from them. For they are the greatest
of cowards, excepting only all att'd Indians. I have
delayed moving camps to day and arriving of the
lead parties starting out, but among early tomorrow
the men up the Seneca, and to the
other Seneca, then up to either the head of
Sunday creek or the head of water running into
the Dry Fork, as the Buffalo may dictate. The camps
will lie within easy reach, from the head of Sunday
creek, for good day. Allow me respectfully to exlp
the admirability of allowing the whole bring to go
overhead wagon trains and let us, unless it may
required to be sent away on account of lack of Buffalo.

The Indians are patriotic enough to be as careful of the lives of their women and children as of their own, and they know that the camp would be safer with a large guard than with their own warriors all fighting.

The desired route is in the track of the Buffalo, and suits them exactly.

Should the Missouri River be struck at any point west of the mouth of the Big Fork by the command with a view to crossing North Platte and 12,000 rations as before and 30,000 (25,000 50,000 5000 45,000) rounds of cartridges for one at the point of crossing. I have now a months supply of Kepi Head Ranges, Scents to

One should come up the South Porcupine 60 and decide between that and Sunday Creek Headwaters

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant,

1st Lt. 2nd Cavalry.

Commanding scout.
From camp on Yellowstone
Month of September
July 13, 1877

To the
Boly Chief Adjutant General
Yellowstone Command

Sir,

I have had the honor this day to acknowledge receipt of the out fit of supplies which you have sent me. I am satisfied with the 12 field with a few cartridges and ammunition to the return of this letter.

Please send the 10 foxes to the command with excellent
Baroness. I shall receive and try my hand at making a few
mounts. I have been busy in living through my tent
very short night of Sunday. I have placed the following
items on the floor of my tent:

1 Brand new Preacher's case, 3 caps,

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disease, especially put up, by a medical officer with dead marked in bottles. Also please send a Blacksmith to shoe up my flaps. I will have them returned in 10 days.

Also note that Baronett and Barson may be employed;
Baronett at 70 cents an hour, and Barson as an interpreter at 75 cents from May 16th. And that Quiny and Cagney may be discharged at once. I should like

to send John Johnson as soon as he is ready, and will

not send him eating Johnson. I also renew the request

for 25 mounted infantry with a pack Train to

Carry 60 days supplies (provisions) to join me as

soon as convenient for reasons previously stated;

and fully explained to Lt. Baldwin.

Please have the ponies sent as soon as possible, as

a 10-day's ride is better than a "Lexington" tomorrow, with

an Indian.

Very Respectfully,

Genl. Abbeville Stewart.

Capt. L. Seward.

Command from Scouts.
Hops. Yellowstone Command
Can comment on Tongariro Wash
Jul 12th 1871

Lieut. C. Doane 2nd Co.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to inform you that the Commanding Officer desires to know if you can send fifty (50) or seventy-five (75) Crows to go with a command after a small band of Indians below Powder River. The Commanding Officer would like to see you at this place and to have you bring in a few of the Crow chiefs with you.

Very respectfully,
Your Obliged Servant

C. Baird

Lieut. 2nd Co. 5th U. S. Cavalry
Head Quarters Yellowstone Command
Encampment at Tongue River
July 16th 1877

Circular.

Officers commanding detachments of this command, while serving attached from their head quarters, during every twelve days, if serving at their head quarters, daily, a report of their commands as per subjoined form.

By Command of
Col. W. S. Miles

Capt. D. A. Smith

A. A. A. General

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Heading: Yellowstone Post

June 20th, 1847

Sir,

I have the honor to communicate the following by direction of the Commanding Officer—

Ponca—four Gros Ventres—wish to visit the brass camp and the Commanding Officer desires that you send them to the camp of Lieut. Coane, now supposed to be on the head of Sunday creek or on the Big Dry. He wishes that you open communication with Lieut. Coane with a view to mutual understanding as to position of camps, scouting, and hunting parties etc.

Lieut. Coane has applied for the services of a blacksmith, and the Commanding Officer desires that such work as can be performed for him by the blacksmiths with your command be done, should he visit or send to your camp.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant.
(signed) W. W. Baird
1st Lieut. 5th Infantry

Helps Yellowstone Camp.
Camp: Tongue River M. D.
July 20th 1844.


By command of

Colonel W. A. Miles

(signed) W. W. Baird
1st Lieut. 5th Infantry
Crow Camp on Sage Creek.  July 26th 1877

Lt. G. C. Doane

Sir,

I have the honor to report Horse Guard returned from war last night; he went from our camp on Hellgate One across country to the Little Porcupine from their across to the Missouri River; then up to Muscleshell and turned back of me to Porcupine and then followed our trail up; they picked one horse up on the trip but saw no signs of Sioux on any trails; they report seeing Indians at Fort Boise came as the other parties did and their report all through was just the same as the other parties had. Old Dog is doing very well with his soldiers making the camp move.
River home and probably we will not move tomorrow. Enclosed you will find a couple of lists that I forgot to put in my last. That is about all the news. I remain your obedient.

Sincerely,

Evelen
Engt. 2nd Cav.

G. S.

Five Indian Scouts from Capt. Sturgis Command has just arrived in camp with the enclosed dispatches. I will keep them until their horses are received. The right lodged that you thought were behind me with some sick Indians, has moved around us and gone investigate on the Muskeg and have run all the

just as he says, we have not found any creek yet that would do to stop on and dry skins or to

I have moved right and expect to be on the Muskeg tomorrow evening. Yesterday Old Crow broke two of the Indians guns and all the pieces for running Buffalo when he came not together than that the camp has been and be very quiet. I do not apprehend that we will have any trouble to keep them together for they are very quiet and only talk of what they are going to do when you get back. Reynolds left the horse he had with him in the camp where the Crow separated but I have gave him orders to pick her up and take her through to you. I wish that you would get more 1) Axe and 2) Axes and 3) A blanket and about seventy (70) lbs of Bacon and some Mutton.
Dear Captain Ogde,  

July 26th, 1877

Sellar E.B. Drane,  

Ogde,

I have the honor to report what occurred from 10th last night, happened from our camp on Yellowstone across county to the little Porcupine, from there across to the Missouri River, then up to Musselshell and up the Musselshell around back of us to Porcupine and then followed our trail up; they picked one horse up on the trip but saw no signs of Sioux or any trails, they report seeing soldiers at Fort Peck, same as the other parties did, and their report all through was the same as the other parties had. Old Crow is doing very well with his soldiers making the camp move, this afternoon and perhaps we will not move to-morrow. Enclosed you will find a couple of lists that I forgot to put in your box. That is about all the news.

Remain

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) F.E. Drane  

First Lt. 2nd Cavalry

P.S.

Five Indian Scouts from Col. Sturgis' command have just arrived in camp with the enclosed dispatches that will keep them until their horses get rested. The eight lodes that you thought were blind us with some sick Indians has moved around us and gone ahead on the Musselshell and have seen all the buffalo out of the county.