H.Q. Yellowstone Command
Cantonment at Tongue River. Mt.
August 2, 1874.

Special Order
1896

1st Lieut. O. O. DeRudio, 1st
Cavalry, will report for duty with his Co.

By command of
Col. A. W. Milne

1st Lieut. x adjt. 5. Lieut.

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Special Orders

1st Lt. E. F. DeRudio 7th Cavalry will report for duty, with his Co.(e) to 1st Lt. S. C. Deane 2nd Cav.

2nd Cav.

By Command of

Colonel N. A. Miles.

(Signed) Geo. W. Baird
1st Lt. Capt. 5th Inf.
A. A. A. Sen.

True Copy

Cross-stitch 1st Lt. J. Deane
No. 31.

Hptd. H. T. Ridgeway

Cantiment Fort Meigs

Aug. 2d, 1877

Special Orders, No. 96.

Ordering Lt. Col. D. B. De Ridio

7th Cav with his command (on) to report to A. Doane for

Duty.
Hayes' Yellowstone Command.

Genl: Tongue River M. D.

August 2nd 1870.

1st Lieut. J. B. Coane
2nd Cavalry.

Lieutenant,

I have the honor to convey to you the following by direction of the Commanding Officer:

With your command, consisting of 60 2d of the cavalry, and the three scouts and aides, you will proceed to the vicinity of the mouth of the Musselshell River, and employ your force in scouting thoroughly the country west of the Missouri River from the Judith Basin to the Big Dry, keeping yourself informed of any movements of hostile Indians that may be made north of the Missouri. All information of importance you will at once send to these headquarters.

Your attention is invited to copy of endorsement of July 25th from Headqrs. Dept. of Dakota, which has been furnished you, also to copy of G.O. 1st S. I. Dakota.

Dept. of Dakota, already transmitted. These are furnished as defining more explicitly the duties committed to you.
You will please inform their Headsps. what stores you will require sent to you, and at what place and time. 

Referring to instructions regarding brow scouts before sent to you, I have the honor to transcribe hereewith a transcript of muster roll, giving the necessary data for the proper muster and discharge of the scouts formerly serving at this place. You will please have that matter attended to on the first opportunity. 

The brevetted officer authorizes twenty one (21) enlisted brow scouts under your command; should you deem it expedient to enlist them. Please report from time to time the number enlisted by you. The period of enlistment is three (3) months.

Attention is invited to enclosed copy of circular of July 15th from these Headquarters.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

1st Lieut. Capt. 5th Infantry
A. A. Brevet. Genl.
Hedges' Yellowstone Command

Lt. Tongue River

August 2nd, 1877

Letter of Instructions from
Company Officer to Lt. Doane, ordering
him with his com'd to vicinity of mouth
of Musselshell River and to scout from
Judith's to the Big Dry and authorizes
him to enlist 21 Scouts
H.Q. Yellowstone Command
Cantonment at Fort Bridger, W.T.
August 6, 1844

Special Order
No. 99

At the request of Lieut. W.T. Scott, 4th Cavalry, approved by the Regimental Commander, Lieut. Scott will report for temporary duty with Company "E", 4th Cavalry.

Lieutenant E.P. Brewer will report for duty to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment.

By command of

Col. A. Atlee

1st Lieut. A. Atlee

1st Lieut. Adjutant, 52nd Inf.

A.A.A. Fair
Ud. Gen. Yellowstone Command
Cantonment at Tongue River
August 2nd, 1877

Official orders
No. 96

1st Lt. B.P. De Rudio, 7th Cav.
will report for duty with his Company, 8th to 10th.
1st Lt. E.B. Doane, 2nd Cavalry

By command of
Colonel W. A. Miles
(Signed) Geo. W. Baird
1st Lt. 7th Vol. Inf.
A.G.A., U.S.

True Copy
(Signed) Geo. R. Wright
1st Lt. 7th Infantry
Head Qua...w Command

Campment at Tongue River

August 2nd 1877

1st Lieut. F.C. Drane
2nd Cavalry

Lieutenant.

I have the honor to convey to you following by direction of the Commanding Officer:

With your command, consisting of 60 8th.

7th Cavalry and detachment of the 2nd, and the Crow Scouts and allies, you will proceed to the vicinity of the mouth of the Musselshell River and employ your force in scouting through the country south of the Missouri from the Judith Basin to the Big Dry, keeping yourself informed of any movements of hostile Indians that may be made north of the Missouri. All information of importance you will at once send to these headquarters.

Your attention is invited to copy of endorsement of July 26th from Major Dept. of Dakota, which has furnished you, also copy of S.O. No. 8 e.t. Dakota Dept. Dakota already transmitted. These are furnished as defining more explicitly the duties committed to you.

You will please inform these Head you what stores you will require sent to you, and at what place and time. Referring to instructions regarding Crow Scouts before sent to you, I have the honor to transmit herewith a transcript of Muster Roll, giving the necessary data for the proper muster and discharge of the scouts formerly serving at this post.

You will please have that matter attended to on the first opportunity.
The Enemy Officer authorizes twenty one (21) enlisted Crow Scouts under your Command, should you deem it expedient to enlist them.

Please report from time to time the number enlisted by you; the period of enlistment is three (3) months.

Attention is invited to enclosed copy of Circular of July 13th from these Head Quarters.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant.

Signed: F.W. Baird
1st Leit. 3rd Infantry
A.O.A. Genl.
Headqrs. Yellowstone Cnvlty.
Genl. Toussaint River Htl
August 22, 1847

Rt. Hl. Docum
2d Cavallry.
Rt. Hl. Docum.

You will use every effort to intercept, capture, or destroy the Nez Percé's band of hostile Indians that have recently been engaging the U.S. Troops in Idaho, who will doubtless, if defeated, endeavor to retreat and take refuge in the Judith Basin, or vicinity.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Nelson R. Miles
Colonel 5th Inf. 
Post. Maj. Gen. 5th Inf. (Capturing)
Hodges, Yellowstone Com'd
Capt. Tongue River
August 3rd 1877

Letter of Instruction
From Lieut. Miles to
Adm. Deane ordering him to intercept and destroy the Mz. Paria
Aug. 22, 1874.

To the
Res. Asst. Adjutant General

Yellowstone Command

Sir,

In view of the fact that hostile Indians other
than Arapahos are liable to he met with in the Judith
Basin, and the upper Mussulah, as far south as the
Yellowstone in the vicinity of the Great Bicycle
Respectfully request that Ten thousand (10,000) rounds of
Twenty-five, thousand (25,000) rounds of .50 and
(Twenty) Ten thousand rounds of .45 Cartridges—Also 30
days ration in field for 70 Cavalry may be sent to
Carroll and the No. 949 via Fort Peck, by Shand—
As arrives in twenty days from this date I think
it highly probable that the issue of 2 large portions
of their stores may be dispersed with or avoided, by
either the 6th or 14th Miles-Upper Missouri—Or other battle
Indians as encountered, as necessary—For these supplies
would be certain its arrival. Owing to the uncertainty
of all Indian movements I am unable to exactly
state what further movements can be carried
into effect but shall endeavor to keep the present
Camp of 258 lodges together and to induce about 100 lodges
more, now supposed to be on the Mussulah, and the
Missouri to join—Scouting along the Missouri and across
the trail of the Oregon Indians line of approaching the
Kajulls bands and keeping due guard—As a result I hope to
be of assistance without interfering
with the main object as expressed in instruction
received. Such action as I may may meet.
We sent back and the lead from Garret and I
will know by the time the stores arrive, whether all
or any portion will be needed for the Indians.
The supply for the cavalry is of course a necessity.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

14th Luit. 2d Cavalry

Commanding Scout.
August 4, 1877.


Commanding Officer
Fort Pierre, S.D.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that of the supplies for this command shipped at Fort Pierre 17,000 rations and 14,000 pounds of grain recent to Canoe on the Missouri River per steamer, and that suitable guard for the stores be furnished from Fort Pierre. The stores should be received by 1st Lieut. C. Dwayne, 3rd Cavalry, should reach Canoe not later than the 21st inst and will be called for by 1st Lieut. C. Dwayne, 3rd Cavalry or the Commanding Officer, 3rd Cavalry.

I have also to request that you please send to the same point, at the same time, 25,000 Carbine Cartridges cal. 50 and 30,000 Carbine Cartridges, cal. 45, or such less number as you may be able to spare. If Carbine Cartridges can not be furnished, please rear Rifle
Headqrs. Yellowstone Command.
Cantonment at Tongue River, Wyo.
Aug 2nd 1874

Commanding Officer,
Fort Buford, N.D.
Sir,

I have the honor to request that of the supplies for
this Command, 12,000 rations and
14,000 lbs. of grain, be sent to Carroll on the Missouri River,
for storage, and that a suitable guard for the stores
be furnished from Fort Pierre. The stores should be
invoiced to Lieut. G. C. Doane 2nd Cavalry, should reach
Carroll not later than the 22nd inst. And will be
called for by Lieut. G. C. Doane 2nd Cavalry of the
Commanding Officer Co "C" 7th Cavalry.

I have also to request that you please send to the
same point at the same time 25,000 carbine cartridges Cal. 50,
and 5,000 carbine cartridges Cal. 45, or such less number as you
may be able to spare. If carbine cartridges cannot be furnished
please send rifle cartridges invoice all to Lieut. G. C.
Doane 2nd Cavalry.
Very respectfully,
Your Obedt Servant,

(Signed)

K. A. Miles

Colonel 5th Infantry

Brigadier General US Army

Commanding

Official Copy respectfully forwarded

Trenton, June 5th. Camp. for his information.

By command of

Colonel

M. D. Smith

H. Q. U. S. Army

Canrobi, D.C. R.

Aug. 5th 74
Telegram

Headquarers Yellowstone Command
Lancefort at Tongue River
August 5th, 1877

Governor P. L. Boies.
Helena, M. T.

Please dispatch your manifest wishes regarding the disposition of Indians in middle or eastern Montana, especially the Mountain and River Crow. For nearly three (3) months they have been west of Captain Doane, 2 Cavalry. Their main camp is in the Musselshell River. Head Chiefs have just left this post and one hundred (100) of their warriors, coming with command on Little Missouri. They manifest a desire to stay and maintain their loyalty; they have maintained it for many years. Captain Doane will proceed to Musselshell, Garfield and Judith Basin with small command of Cavalry, and large force of Crow Indians. Should the Nez Percé's escape from Idaho and more in that direction, he will be in position to intercept them and any authentic reports of their movements can be sent him or to this place. Sincerely yours following
took refuge in the British possessions in February and their fate is a question between the Mo Government.

No quitters have been killed in this part of Montana for several months. The delay in communicating shows the imperativeness of telegraphic communication thru this section.

Sign Or Riel C W Miles
Colonel of Infantry

Dev May 1877

Commanding

Hans Wonastone Commandant

Leone de Tongue River

Aug 5 1877

Official copy of telegram due to the above officials respectfully furnished. Sent He Down 2 box for his information.

By Command of

Col W D Brox

1st Lieut 4 Aug 1877

U A & D
Governor P.H. Potts,
Helena, Mt.

Press dispatches manifest measures regarding the disposition of Indians in Middle or Eastern Montana, especially the Mountain and River Crow. For nearly three (3) months they have been with Genl. Doane, 7th Cavalry; their main camp is on the Musselshell River. Chief Chippewa has just left this post and one hundred (100) of their warriors, escorting with command on Little Missouri. They manifest the same loyalty they have maintained for many years. Genl. Doane will proceed to Musselshell, Carroll and Judith Basin with small command of Cavalry, and large force of Crow Indians. Should the Key River escape from Idaho and move in that direction, he will be in position to intercept them, and any authentic reports of their movements can be sent here or to this place. Siding Bull's following took refuge in the British Possessions in
February, and their future is a question between the two (31) governments.

No settlers have been located in this part of Montana for several months. The delay in communicating shows the necessity of telegraphic communication through this section.

(signed) Nelson A. Miles,
Colonel 3rd Infantry,
Br. Maj. Sec. 1st Army
Commanding,

Official copy of telegrams sent to the above official, respectfully furnished Henry O. Dean, Jr.
Camp, for his information.

[Signature]
W. H. Gull, Adjutant
Capt. 1st A. M. I.
Aug. 5, 1874.
Telegram

Head Quarters Yellowstone Command

Canti at Tongue River M.T.

August 5. 1877

Governor D. L. Folsom

Helena M. T.

Press dispatches manifest uneasiness regarding the disposition of Indians in Middle or Eastern Montana especially the Mountain and River Crows. For nearly three (3) months they have been with Gen. Doane, 2d Cavalry, their main camp is on the Musselshell River. Head-quarters have just left this post and one hundred (100) of their pension, scouting with command on Little Misseuri. They manifest the same loyalty they have maintained for many years. Gen. Doane will proceed to Musselshell, Barol and Judith Basin with small command of Cavalry, and large of Crow Indians. Should the Crow's escape from Idaho and move in that direction, he will be in position to intercept them and any authentic reports of their movements can be sent him or to this place. Setting Bull following foot refuge in the British Possessions in February, and their future is a question between the two (2) Governments.

No citizens have been killed in this part of Montana for several months. The delay in communicating shows the imperative necessity of telegraphic communication through this section.

(Signed) Nelson A. Miles

Colonel 5th Infantry
To you Potter, Helena,

Had a hard fight with Nez Perces killing a number of us losing a number of officers and men. We need a doctor & everything send us such relief as you can. We had a hard fight and took the village but was finally driven back with heavy loss.

Captain Logan & others, Bradle are killed. Rev. Gibson & others Coolidge, English & Woodruff wounded. English seriously others slightly.

The Indians are entrenched & Indians leaving.

We are near mouth of Big Hole Pass with a large number of wounded in want of everything, food clothing medicines & medical assistance, send us assistance at once.

J.G. Former

When messenger left Pic Gibson said I want sufficient escort to protect the train coming in to relieve us & lead-convoy's light as possible. Indians cut me off & gone my supplies.
Colonel S.D. Furgis
Commanding 4th Cavalry

Colonel:

I have the honor to convey to you the following by direction of the Commanding Officer.

With the 8th Company of your regiment and the Artillery detachment under your command, you will proceed by rapid marches via the valley of the Yellowstone and Musselshell Rivers to the vicinity of Judith Gap, sending forward rapidly to Fort Ellis, Montana, to obtain all possible information regarding the movements of the hostile band of Nez Perces, who has recently crossed into Montana from the West. The intention of the Nez Perces is doubtless to enter the Judith Basin either by the head of Mussel Shell, and either Judith Gap or Coppersopolis or Arrow Creek, or by crossing the Missouri, and it is the object of your movement to intercept or pursue and capture or destroy them. 1st Artillery Capt. E. Loveless & Company with a detachment of 1st Cavalry, Company E, cavalry and a force of Crow Scouts and allies is now on the lower Musselshell or in Judith Basin. If you will please communicate with him and spare no pains or effort to be employ the entire force in that vicinity as to make thorough work with the hostile. The Crow & Nez Perces have hitherto had friendly relations but it is deemed probable that the former will act with your force against the Nez Perces as they are hostile to the Government. You will please use your discretion as to the extent to which
you can rely upon them, (the Sioux) for the object you have in view, being careful to avoid exciting hostility on the part of the Sioux, as they have had much experience in charge of the Sioux and will doubtless be able to give you valuable information as to this matter.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

1st Capt. 1st Chief of Scouts

[Handwritten note]

True Copy

M. B. Garlston

[Handwritten note]

Capt. & Camp

1st Capt. & Chief of Camp

Camps on Yellow. River

Sept. 14, 1877

[Handwritten note]
Head Quarters Yellowstone Command
Cantonment at Tongue River, Wis.
August 17th, 1872

Colonel C. E. Law
Commanding 7th Cavalry

Colonel:

I have the honor to convey to you the following by direction of the Commanding Officer:

With six (6) companies of your regiment and the Artillery detachment with your command you will proceed by rapid via the valleys of the Yellowstone and Musselshell rivers to the vicinity of Judith Lake, sending forward rapidly to Fort Ellis, W.T., to obtain all possible information regarding the movements of the hostile band of Nez Percé that has recently crossed into Montana from the West.

The intention of the Nez Percé is doubtless to the Judith Basin either by the head of Musselshell, and either Judith Gap or Copperopolis and Crow Creek, or by crossing the Mt. and it is the object of your movement to intercept or pursue and capture or destroy them. 1st Lieut. T. L. Doane, 2nd Bng.
a detachment of 2nd Cavalry, Company E
7th Cavalry, and a force of Crow scouts and allies is now on the lower Musselshell or in Judith Basin, and you will please communicate with him and spare no pains or effort to so employ the entire force in the
vicinity as to make thorough search with the hostiles. The Crows and 1st Bree's have hitherto had friendly relations but it is deemed probable that the former will act with your force against the 1st Bree's as they are hostile to the Government.

You will please use your discretion as to the extent to which you can rely upon them, (the Crows) for the object you have in view, being careful to avoid exciting hostility on the part of the Crows. Lieut. Dean has had much experience in charge of the Crows and will doubtless be able to give you valuable information as to the matter.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

(Signed) L. W. Baird
1st Lieut. 4th Adjt. 5th Infy
A. O. A. Dept.

[Signature]
(Signed) Emitt Darlington
1st Lieut. 4th Adjt
7th Cavalry

Hodges 7th Cavalry
Camp on Yellowstone River
August 14, 1871.
Headqrs. Yellowstone bund.  
Locat: Tongue River. M. T.  
August 11th 1877

1st Lieut. G. B. Doane.  
2nd Cavalry.  

Lieutenant,

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

General Sturgis, with a command, will be at-  
just West Gap in about ten (10) days. You will please commu-  
nicate with him, and use every effort to capture or destroy  
the hostile bands of Neg. Here's who have recently come from  
the West into Montana.  

Very respectfully,  
Your Obdte. servant.  

[Signature]

1st Lieut. 5th Infantry  
C. A. Croft.  

Duplicate, original by Genl. Sturgis.
Head Quarter Yellowstone Command  
Cantonment on Tongue River W.T.  
August 12th 1877  

General. S. D. Sturgis  
7th Cavalry  

General:  

After reading enclosed, please transmit it to Lieut. Goane. It is hoped that the Crow will render you some assistance, in which event the disposition of Indian prisoners, and Crows may be at therein indicated unless circumstances should render some other method more advisable in your judgment. I think it desirable that as much force as possible be brought against the Nez Perce, with a view to striking a decisive blow and bringing them into complete submission to the Government.
Very Respectfully,

Your Ob't Serv.

Wesley A. Wilcox

Col'n 6th Inf'y

20th May Gen'l U. S. Army

Head Quarters 7th U. S. Cav'y

Camp on Yellowstone River W. D.

August 14th. 1877

A True Copy

McCallum

1st Lt. 7th U. S. Cav'y
Hd. Qrs. Yellowstone Command,
Cantonment at Louque River, W.S.
August 12, 1874.

1st Lieut. J. A. Doane,
2nd Cavalry,
Commanding, Cown Scouts.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to convey to you the following by direction of the Commanding Officer:

Your objective is now the bank of Hog Perce, and you will please use every effort to assist Paul Sturgis in capturing or destroying them. If the Crow will take part in it, they can easily surround the Hog Perce and compel them to lay down their arms; the warriors, or at least all of the principal men, should be marched to this place and their arms destroyed. Provided the Crow assist in the work the ponies and ammunition may be given to them, and the remainder of the band left with the Crow tribe for the present. You can withhold any ammunition or rations until this is accomplished, and then the Crow Camp can return to their
Agency, where they will find an abundance.

Very Respectfully,

Your obed. Servant,

W. Taine,
1st. Lieut. Adjt. 10th pulse.

a.a.a. 10th
Hd. Qr. Yellowstone Command
Cantonnement at Tongue River, WY.
August 12, 1874.

1st Lt. O. O. Doane,
2d Cavalry,
Commanding Co. B, 2d Cavalry.

Lieutenant,

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

Your objective is now the band of Nez Percés, and you will please use every effort to assist Col. Sturgis in capturing or destroying them. If the Indians take part in it they can easily surround the Nez Percés and compel them to lay down their arms; the warrior, or at least all of the principal men, should be marched to this place and their arms destroyed. Provided the Crowds assist in the work, the ponies and ammunition may be given to them, and...
the remainder of the band left with the Crow tribe for the present. You can withhold any ammuni-
tion or rations until this is accomplished, and then the Crow Camp can return to their
Agency, where they will find an abundance.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

1st Lieut. & Adjt. 5th Drty.

a. a. a. General
Read to Officers Commanding
Bantam Battery at Tongue River M.R.,
August 12th 1877

1st Lieut. E.H. Deane
2nd Cavalry
Commanding Crow Scouts

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to convey to you the following by direction of the Commanding Officer:

Your objective is now the band of Southern Cheyennes, and you will please use every effort to assist Maj. Gregg in capturing or destroying them. If the Crows will take part in it, they can easily surround the Southern Cheyennes and compel them to lay down their arms; the prisoners, male and female, should be marched to this place and their arms destroyed. Provided the Crows assist in the work the ponies and ammunition may be given them, and the remainder of the band left with the Crow tribe for the present.

You can withhold any ammunition or rations until this is accomplished, and then the Crows can return to their Agency, where they will find an abundance.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) E.H. Deane
1st Lieut. 2nd Cavalry
Hand gap Yellowstone Command
Cantonment-- Tongue River
August 12th 1877

General H. B. Chivington
7th Cavalry

General:

After reading enclosed please transmit it to Lieut. Dean. It is hoped that the Sioux will render you some assistance in which event the disposition of Indian ponies and arms may be as therein indicated unless circumstances should render some other method more advisable in your judgement.

I think it desirable that as much force as possible be brought to bear against the 7th. Sioux with a view to striking a decisive blow and bringing them into complete subjection to the Government.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Nelson A. Miles
Colonel 3rd Infantry
Bvt. Maj. Gen'l U. S. Army
Head Quarters 4th Cavalry
Camp on Yellowstone River, Montana,
August 14, 1877

Lieut. J. B. Deane 2nd Cavalry
Commanding Crow Scouts.

Lieutenant,

I have the honor to forward herewith letter of instructions from H. R. A. General of the Yellowstone Command.

General Sturgis directs me to say that he will reach Judich Gap on the 21st inst. He desires you to move with Troops E. 4th Cavalry, and such Crow Scouts as will accompany you, so as to meet the command on that date. If you fail to meet the command then you will please endeavor to join it wherever it may be, as soon as practicable. He also wishes you to send by courier a report of the number of Indians with you and such other information as you may have.

If the Nez Perce have crossed Judich Gap, General Sturgis desires you to hold them in check.
Harassing them as much as possible and that you commence with him at once.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Mr. Harrington

10th Nov. 1744

Sir,

If the crown will not move, you will direct Dept. 1 forty to join this command at time & place above mentioned.
Head Quarters Yellowstone Command
Barracks - Tongue River M.T.
August 16, 1877

Commanding Officer
7th U.S. Cavalry

Sir,

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

Scouts, just arrived from Ft. Ellis, report that at a council between Maj. Walsh and Sitting Bull a difficulty arose, during which pistols were drawn and it resulted in Major Walsh's ordering Sitting Bull and his whole tribe out of the British Possessions. The report further states that he has crossed the line, was at camp on Milk River, at the mouth of the Beaver on the 12th inst., and would reach the Missouri some 200 miles below the mouth of the Musselshell River, where he crossed last winter. He is presumed to be moving toward the Big Horn. It is deemed doubtful whether Sitting Bull will move at once to the Yellowstone, and it is important that the hostile Nez Perces should be captured or neutralized to prevent their joining the bands of hostile Nez Perce, should you, from information received by you, judge it practicable to effect this within 20 (twenty) or thirty (30) days, you will please push vigorously the work you have now in hand, avoiding a movement further north, or west, than the absolute necessities of the case require, and returning to the mouth of Big Horn as speedily as possible, and in the mean time, the remainder
of the force will be used to watch his movements, and concentrated against him. Should you fail of the capture of the Big Boys, or unless you think it practicable to strike them in a decisive blow within thirty days, your objective will then be taking Bull's Island, and you will please move Eastward as far as the mouth of the Rosebud, proceeding to the North, and endeavoring to interest all of the Crow allies possible in a movement against the Sioux. Whatever your action, you will please send me at once the information hereon, also that of your intended movement to Fort. Boane, with such orders as you think it necessary for him to execute, also your information you have, and your action to these Head Ars. This force will endeavor taking Bull from crossing the Yellowstone, but in case he does, he will probably go beyond the Big Horn Mountains.

If you can find any Crow who are willing to go into the Blind River Country, especially in the vicinity of the Redwood and Blackwater Creeks, the Commanding Officer would like them sent out there to burn the grass to prevent any hostile Indians from wintering there and to keep them as close to the Command as possible.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

(Signed)  S. W. Baird
1st Lt. & Adjutant 5th Infantry

A. A. J. Meade, A. C. A. General

(Signed)  F. W. Salinger
1st Lt. & Adjutant 7th Cavalry
Ad: Os Yellowstown Command
Cantonment at Tongue River M.D.
August 16, 1877

Commanding Officer
17th N. F. Cavalry

Sir:

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

Scouts, just arrived from Ft. Barlow report
that at a Council between Maj. Walsh and Sitting Bull
a difficulty arose, during which pistols were drawn,
and it resulted in Maj. Walsh's ordering Sitting Bull
and his whole tribe out of the British Possessions.
The report further states that he has crossed the line,
to camp on Milk River, at the Mouth of the Peace,
on the 12th instant, & would reach the Missouri some 20
twenty miles below the mouth of the Musselshell River
where he crossed last winter. He is presumed to be
moving towards the Big Tree, & it is deemed doubtful
whether Sitting Bull will move or face, to the Yellow-
stone, and it is important that the hostile Nez Perce
should be captured or neutralized to prevent their
joining the bands of hostile Sioux. Should you

go from information received by you, judge it prac-
ticable to reach this within 60 twenty or thirty 30
days, you will please push vigorously the work
you have now in hand, avoiding a movement
further north or west than the absolute necessi-
ties of the case require, and returning to the
mouth of Big Horn as speedily as possible. &
in the meantime, the remainder of the force will
be used to watch his movements, & concentrated
for use against him. Should you hear of the
capture of the Nez Perces, or unless you hear
it practicable to strike them a decisive blow within 30
thirty days, your observation will then be Sitting Bull's
Band, and you will please move Eastward as far as
as the mouth of the Rosebud, according to the North.
Endeavoring to interest all of the Crow allies possible
in a movement against the Sioux. Whatever your action,
you will please send at once the information herein,
also that of your intended movements to Gen. Order,
with such orders as you think it necessary for
him to execute, also report any information you
have, and your action to these Head-Quarters. This
Gen. will endeavor to prevent Sitting Bull from
crossing the Yellowstone, but in case he does, he
will probably go beyond the Big Horn Mountains.
If you can find any Crow's who are willing to
go into the Wind River Country, especially in the
vicinity of No Food & No Water Creeks. The Com-
manding Officer would like to have their camp
over there, to burn the grass, to prevent any hostile
Indians from Wintering there, & to keep them up
as close to the Command as possible.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

(Signed) G. W. Patrick

1st Lt. 5th Dragoons

A. U. A. General

[Handwritten note: “A true copy / Made by hand / Lt. & Adj’t.”]
Received Aug. 20, 1877

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Aug. 20 -1877

B. C. Dobie

2nd Capt. Commanding 4th U.S. Infantry

Dear Sir,

I enclose a copy of a communication just received from Head Qrs. Yellow Stone Command giving account of a report to the effect that Sitting Bull had been ordered to leave the British Protectors &c. General Miles, in a writtenires, the information sent to you without delay. This action of the British Authorities is, if the report be true, a very serious matter, especially with the Negr. Petra, with whom. But I have serious doubts of the truth of the report myself, for various reasons - first, the status of Sitting Bull having been once determined; I do not believe the English Authorities would be likely to hold further councils with him at all. Second, In case they did have a Council, I can hardly believe that any subject would be discussed of a character to lead to the drawing of pistols. And third, In case all these had really occurred, I should find faith between the Authorities of the two Governments would have caused Major Walsh to have given General Miles prompt information on the subject - and yet time enough appears to have elapsed for Sitting Bull to get over on Miles River, without anything having yet been heard from Major Walsh. Thus it strikes me that the report does not look reasonable, and yet it is true, or false. Of course, I can see nothing, however, for us to do in that direction without further information on
Instruction - really it be to carry out General idea of
burning the grass in the Wind River Country - and there might
be danger of the Grass falling in there with the Aug. Force
and becoming discontinued through the influence of Joseph - for
it is possible that Joseph may shape his course in that direction.
And, judging from what the Chief Reynolds told me of
the demands of the Creeks who accompanied him to my
camp at Comanche Shelter, which seemed to indicate
The existence among them of a strong sympathy with the
Aug. Forces - taking all these matters into consideration, to-
gether with the fact that Sitting Bull is a long way from the
Wind River Country yet, I think it as well to postpone
action in this matter, on your part, until the Case shall the
matter over which will be in two days at farthest - my
sentries were so completely drawn out with yesterday's March
of forty miles that I determined to lie over here to-day
feeling sure that I must receive notification from you
shortly the near approach of the Aug. Forces render our pres-
ence necessary - in which case I could leave the Wagons
and March rapidly with the troops alone. The arrange-
ment will allow our return to Fort Pierre also, which
we are doing in your stead. I hope you will give me early
information of any circumstances they may render haste on
our part necessary & I will cut loose and join you by
rapid marching with as little delay as possible - These are
no information from Wyoming, since my last letter to you,
but am in hourly expectation of hearing from S. Hills.

John T. Very Respectfully

[Signature]
To the
Commanding Officer
Camp Portola, Me. T.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your dispatch of the 17th to General Sturgis, will forward to him tonight. As soon as I heard of General Gibbon's fight, I anticipated the movement on the part of theivy forces which he had indicated, and have notified both tribes of the Crow to move to their agency at once. I am here with one Company of the 7th Cavalry in advance of General Sturgis, have also two War Parties of Crow — near that there are 8 lodges of Ivy Forces in Shiloh River Valley — move tomorrow on the Shiloh River road via Forts of Muscleshell, toward Fort Ellis. Shall advise General Sturgis (who is one day behind, and on the Muscleshell) to move straight toward Crazy Woman's Mountain, strike the road on that side and come into Ellis via Big Timber, Hunters and Bismark.

Do not understand why we go to Ellis.
This spring Ration and Forage were ordered to the Crow Agency, and there is the natural point to watch from. The key Percée may come down on the Boulder-Clark's Fork - Pryor's Fork - Big Horn - or use Rosewood Creek, fairly possible - down the Yellowstone - but not probably.

I have 60 White men and 100 Indians, with more coming. General Sturgis has 700 men. General Miles is coming up the river with 3 Companies of Cavalry and a Train.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) E. C. Dyer
1st Lt. 2nd Cavalry.
11th. Mr. T. Carr on the March - Aug. 21st 73
8.10 a.m.
1st. U.S. Doane 7 Car
2nd. Comdy. Foots at Inaudit 9th
Sir:

I am directed by the
U.S. Comdy. to inform you
that he has received de-
scriptions from St. Inaudit 7th car
which indicates that the
Neg. Perso. have gone
towards the Windi Reiv
Comerty, or down Sono
River - he has therefore
decided to move this
Commd to the Yellow
Uono, striking it at
mouth of the Stelwates. He also directs me to say, that, in accordance with Mr. White, in a private letter to him, it informs him that he will concentrate his forces at mouth the Roanback (below the Big Horn), he suggests that you move your force to the Stelwates, giving us this.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your obedient

[Signature]

[Date]
1st Lt. J. O. Doane
2d Cavalry
Commody from Fort

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to inform you that the Commanding Officer directs that you send Acting Querry to report to him as speedily as practicable.

Very Respectfully,
Your Ass. Adjutant,
1st Lt. A. 5th Dr. a. a. 5th
Carroll No. 5.
August 24th, 1877

To

H.C. Darrow, Capt. 1st Cavalry

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of your communication from Judges' Cafe. I shall remain here with the rations unless I receive orders to the contrary. I am notified to include the 10th of Sept., my present term, a day and three weeks from this date.

If it is possible for you to arrive here before the last boat goes down, it will greatly facilitate my return to my proper station.

You may leave here to return the 25th inst., I have taken rations and forage.

I will send the invoices and receipts for you at this point. I send together with these a communication from Judson.

Your respectfully,

Your ob. serv.

[Signature]

Capt. 1st Cavalry

P.S.

The men have been furnished with 10 days rations and 40 rounds of ammunition each, from your supply.
Read Br. of Cav.  
Camp on Yellow Stone  
Month of Big Rose-Bud (or Still Water)  
Aug. 25 1877  

Sir:  

S. C. Drake,  
Fort Ellis, Montana,  

Sir,  

I propose to move to-day to the New Enemy Agency, so as to be in position to watch the head-waters of Clark's Fork and also those of the Still-Water, and at the same time to meet the Indians near the bend of the Yellow Stone, where they come that way.  

I believe myself that they will not attempt the Yellow Stone route, but will attempt to reach the Judith Basin via Clark's Fork or the Still-Water.  

Under these circumstances, you will please send as many of your scouts as you can place absolute reliance upon, in the direction of the Pass, so as to gain the earliest possible information of the direction taken by the Indians, and with the remainder of your force you will please occupy a position at or in the vicinity of the lower Canon, so as to hold the Enemy in check should he come that way, until I can have time to join you.  In case, however, the Indians take the direction of Clark's Fork, you will join the Canon—  
Mind as rapidly as possible.  In the mean time you will please forward without delay whatever information
You may be able to acquire...

I am his
In Respectfully

Mr. & Mrs.

C. S. Stuyvesant
Capt. 4th Can. Cav.
Hd. Qrs Yellowstone Command
Cantonment at Tongue River, W.T.
August 35th 1877

1st Lt. J.P. Doane,
2d Cavalry,

Command Over Scouts.

Lieutenant,

I have the honor to convey to you the following by direction of the Commanding Officer:

In view of the reports from the North, the Commanding Officer has some solicitude as to the safety of the stores sent to Carroll for you. If you have not taken them, and are not, on receipt hereof, marching to receive them, you will please send to the Officer in command of the guard over them to have them reloaded on first teamer and returned the place from which they were taken, and pending the arrival of such teamer to have them securely placed in a log-house or other strong position so that he can ensure the safety of them.
of his detachments against any body of dr.
if this important precaution has not been taken
please do as you have positive informa-
tion as to the action taken regarding the
store at Carroll's, you will please send o and
within 26th. Pr. reporting at same time and
other information of importance. Report also how
many - if any - tents have enlisted as such, or
intend to enlist.
No report found had not received since
that of 16. mutiny sent to you th th of Mr. Pr. 7th
Carrolb.

Very Respectfully,

Your most obedient,

M. Daniel

least Augy. 5th

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To the Colored Stone Command
Cantonment at Big Horn River MT.
August 25th, 1877

1st Lt. E.G. Doane
2nd Lt. Kelley

LIEUTENANT,

I have the honor to communicate by direction of the Commanding Officers, after doing what scouting the Commanding Officer has desired in the region of the Musselshell and Missouri Rivers and in the Judith Basin, I would prefer to have the troops go to Agency, get their Ammunition (of which I understand an abundance is there) and then move East as far as the Little Big Horn, or the Missouri if they get any information of Sitting Bull's coming this side of the Missouri. The Commanding Officer will move against him with the whole force and would like to have the troops go along for the Ponies.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant

(Signed) E.G. Doane
1st Lt. 6th Infantry

P.O. As soon as you can dispose with the services of Lt. Kelley's & the Commanding Officer desires that he report mouth of the

Big Horn

Respectfully,

(Signed) E.G. Doane
1st Lt. 6th Infantry
No. 6: Yellowstone Command

Lieutenant at Tongue River

August 25, 1871

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

Lieutenant:

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

After doing what scouting the Commanding Officer has directed in the region of the Musselshell and Missouri River and in the Judith Basin, he would prefer to have the Crow go to their Agency, get their annuities (of which he understands an abundance is there) and then move East as far as the Little Big Horn, or the Crow country, if they get any information sighting Bents coming this side of the Missouri. The Commanding Officer will move against him with the whole force and would like to have the Crows go along for the Pony's.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]
Your off fergat
WM. Davis
1st Lieut. Adj. & Infy
A. A. A. G. Aub

P.S. As soon as you can dispense with the services of Dr. Dr. Hink's Co. The Camp off, desires that it report a new as at hand of the Riff Home, which he is much

Respectfully
WM. Davis
1st. Lieut. A. A. A. G.
Crow Agency, Mont.
Aug. 25th 1877.

Gent. G. A. Boane
1st Cavalry
In Camp

Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of the 15th inst by hand of Scout Wyne and am very much obliged for the information as to the location of the Crow Camp. I think you are mistaken in regard to parties trying to prejudice the against your management of the Crows as I have heard very little except what comes through the Indians who have returned. Their version of matters differs very much and cannot be very reliable.

I cannot quite see how the Crows in the eye of the law can be in the "military
Service of the U.S. unless they are duly enlisted and properly paid, but while I do not understand (Agent-Carpenter not having done anything here about it) the details of their employment, on the right of the military to control their movements; it may be that issuing rations and ammunition when may hold them in their present positive and relative to the government, with their consent, in bonds strong enough for all practical purposes. The usual rations of beef and flour here if course been issued to the returning Indians and a few articles that in their destitute condition were imperatively demanded have been given them; but nearly all the supplies are remain to be divided equally among all of them when the Camp returns. I know nothing of any requests of yours.
But little ammunition has been traded because the Indians have nothing to trade. Major Carpenter left some papers with me for collection which I promised to do and pay the money to certain Indians. He did not mention your name in connection with the matter at all—perhaps from forgetfulness, and your communication is the first intimation that I have had that you were to pay the money to them. The papers for some information have been returned to the proper officer and will not be sent here for some weeks, if ever; probably until after the camp comes in, I am awaiting advice by mail of the shipment of Coffee and Sugar, and as soon as I am advised that they arrive, am shipped from Helena to Bozeman. I shall send out a courier to call in the Indians to receive their ammunition. With regard to the Bannocks
There is no information except that they may come in here to be cared for this winter but this is not efficient. The Key has an interest in the Winter Basin.

But now has been here and he is in Boswell jail for shooting at a negro and stealing horses, with a prospect of being in a few years in the penitentiary.

Second or judge of Shaw the Interpreter but am obliged to go to the Caution.

There are no good cottons a forage a community line. I would gladly send nails but there is not a pound at the agency.

My views and opinions with my present experience of only a month there none to coincide with yours or against them.

Hope you will meet the Key thereby and between Howard 11 miles are thrown up until they believe. Very Respectfully Yours,

G. W. Scott

W. S. Fields Agent
Ad.A.D. Yellowstone Command.  
Cantonment at Tongue River, W. T.  
August 26th 1874.

1st L.t. J. C. Doane,  
2d Cavalry,  
Commandq. Crow Scouts etc.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to inform you, by direction of the Commanding Officer, that he has directed Genl. Sturgis to send Crooks or white men acquainted with Nez Percé to communicate with the latter, and desires to have you (if you know of anybody who could execute that commission) send him to General Sturgis at once. Should the Crooks be willing to work with General Sturgis against the Nez Percé south of the Yellowstone, a movement for which he has ordered, the Commanding Officer would like to have them do so, if not, and if you judge it expedient, to scout to the North East, the Commanding Officer desires that you do that, or come to this place. As the Nez Percé seem not to have gone to the Judith Basin, the Commanding Officer wishes Lieut. Dr. Reid's Company to join Genl. Sturgis, unless there is urgent need for its services with you.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obd. Servant,

[Signature]

1st L.t. & Adj. 5 Ltry.  
A.A. A. Paul
H.Q. Yellowstone Command  
Cantonment at Rouge River, U. S.  
August 24, 1844.

1st Lieut. G. C. Doane  

J. Carlin

Commanding  

Lieutenant,

I do not see that much more can be done with the Corps until they get their ammunitions, and until the N. P. Perce are disposed of which I hope will be soon. As soon as that is accomplished I would like all the Corps that will go back East for one good campaign against Sitting Bull. If they are not disposed to look for the Sioux any longer than it would be better for you to return to the command.

Respectfully,

N. B. Wilson.

Col. 5th Infantry.

Vedalia, Aug. 27

To Daum Sinta 2nd Col 1st Bt.

Your letter of today first sent me from Baker shows you know exactly what is required to be done. Proceed to do it using your force to obtain early information of the hostile movements. I do not fear the loyalty of the colored nation and individuals may prove treacherous hence in using them as scouts let them know the penalty for treason and do not hesitate to shoot on the spot any colored who
Let rays your movements to the Nez Perces, I believe these hostiles can yet be caught. Let us do our part towards it. These will supersede all other orders. You have orders given by some inferior on the spot. Get scouts on the trail leading to elk bars from as soon as possible.

Salam

Love, Company

12 B. Callihan
Head Qu. 7th Cav.

Corps Agency, Aug. 22, 1847

To Supt. L. L. Draper, 2d Cav.

Command, Attach: me: to

Fort Ellis or vicinity.

Supt.

I trust that you will return to the position indicated by me in my letter of the 25th and also in my letter of this morning (a duplicate of which is enclosed) with as little delay as possible. All my information points to probability that the hostile Indians will emerge from the mountains by way of Clark's Fort or vicinity, and it is of the last importance that they be met by as large a force as possible in order to strike them decisively. You will please, therefore, hasten to join the command as rapidly as possible. The moment you are satisfied that it is no longer necessary to guard the Golden Stone route. These men in the mountains, Six-Cross and Three White men number, and I am expecting
I am sure from them at any moments and I may possibly more for the Head Waters of Platts ford without waiting to hear from them, but you will have no trouble of course, in finding us wherever we may be.

Very Respectfully,

G. L. Sturges

Co. E. 7th. Tour.
Head Quarters 4th Cavalry,  
Crow Agency, Montana,  
Lieut. G. B. Doane  
2nd Cavalry  
Cos. D. Detachment at Fort Ellis, Montana  
Lieut.:  

Your communication of the 26 inst informing me of your intention to march within three days of the Yellowstone Park has just been received. By your letter I perceive that you are aware of the contents of General Howard's telegram to me of the 26 inst, by which he informs me of the probable direction the Indians have taken, and also of the fact that he is about marching against them. In view of both these circumstances, and also of your own theory of the movements of the hostile Indians, I fail to see what good can possibly be accomplished by your proposed "scouting around the Yellowstone Lake" with the 8th Cav marching up the East Fork of the Yellowstone." It strikes me that if you should ever come upon the trail of the hostile it would be at a point hopelessly in their rear. The probabilities now all appear to point to the Indians making their way north by way of Stinking River, Clark's Fork, &c. and our object (should be) to endeavor to intercept rather than to overtake them.
definitely settled that they have taken the route above indicated, it will be desirable of course to concentrate all available force against them, and in the meantime I desire that you remain with your Cavalry and such troops as may be required, for scouting at the lower Cañon of the Yellowstone, as directed in my letter of instructions of the 25th inst. Should the Indians come down the Yellowstone I can then on timely information from you, concentrate at that point that should they take the Clark's Fork route then you would be in position to join me and render your force of some avail, which I fear you would not do by your proposed march to Yellowstone Lake.

Yours, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Signed: J. D. Sturgis

Col. of Cavalry

Comdy

A true copy:

True at Washington

[Signature]

[Signature]
Dear Sir.

Camp Agency, Montana,

Aug 29, 1877.

Sirs,

G. C. Stone, 2nd Car.

Command, 6th Infantry, Fort Ellis, Montana.

Sirs,

Your Communication of the 26th inst., informing
me of your intention to march within three days, for the
Yellow Stone Park, has just been received. By your letter,
I perceive that you have been aware of the Contents of General
Armans's telegram to me, of the 25th inst. by which he informs
me of the probable direction the Indians have taken, and
also of the fact that he is about marching against them.

In view of both these circumstances, and also of the

Your own

Theory of the Movements of the hostile Indians, I fail to
see what good can possibly be accomplished by your
proposed "Marching around the Yellow Stone Camp" with
"Co. E" 7th Car. Marching up the East Fork of the Yellow
Stone." If advice, me that if you should ever come
upon the trail of the hostile, it would be at a point before
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point to the Indians making their way north by way of
C Licensing River, Clark's Ford, etc., and our object shoule
be to endeavor to intercept rather than to overtake them.
As soon as it is definitely settled that they have taken the route
alone indicated, it will be desirable to concentrate
all available force against them—and in the mean time.
I desire that you remain with your cavalry and send
Crows as may not be required for scouting, at the
lower Clinton of the Yellowstone, as directed in my
letter of instruction of the 25th inst. Should the Indians
come down the Yellowstone, I can then, on timely infor-
mation from you, concentrate at that point; but should
they take the Clark's Fort route, then you would be in position to join me and render your force of
some avail—which I have no need not do by your
proposed March to Yellowstone Falls.

Love to you etc. Respectfully,

Your most obedient,

[Signature]

Col. 4th Cav., Tour.
Fort Ellis, M. T.
August 31, 1877

Lieutenant G. C. Doane
2d Cavalry
Comdg. Detachment 4th Cav. and Indian Scouts
Prairieville Bridge, M. T.

SIR:

General Sherman and General Gibbon had a conference in my presence in Helena day before yesterday, the issue of which amounts to this, that I am to order you, assume the command of you and your party, and then communicate with General Howard. I have now General Sherman made needs in the Dept. of Columbia, and should Howard go at once, I am to take the command of his column; I expect to camp about ten miles out from this post this afternoon, and make Gardners River the afternoon of Sept. 2, that is to say the third day out.

Yours very respectfully,

[Signature] C. C. Gillet
2d Col. 7th U.S.

Head Qrs. near
Pompey's Pillar
Augt. 17, 1877

Comm. Trops on ill. with our

Dear Sir,
yours letter by Scout Reynolds reached me on the road To-day
about seven miles back with thanks
for the prompt movement. I
enclose copy of a printed sheet (Exha
from a Baggeman paper) which was
forwarded to me from Mr. McAdoo's
Place on Still-Waters by Capt. Fuller
whom I had sent rapidly toward
Ellis to gather information of the
movements of the Nez-Perces. The
fight with George Gibbons Arm-
The Indians are in stronger force than you are inclined to think; but still we know nothing of the number of Indian troops under Bennett, and he may have had a small force. And Sherman, however, wrote several letters that the troops were mustered and were fully armed as well mounted.

When you read the enclosed account of the fight, you will be in possession of all that I know in regard to these Indians in their probable intentions, and knowing them and their habits as well as you do, you will be able to guess at their movements better than I can. And miles seemed to them.

They would...
struck for the Judith Basin and calculated that I might be in time to intercept them by reaching the gap by the 21st. That is, in ten days from Targhee River.

I expect more definite information as to their movements from Sibley, Fuller on the March, and if it is important I will forward it to you. In the mean time, if you should encounter any Company from Sibley, Fuller with all supplies for me, you will please open them and learn their contents. Of course, I will march tomorrow for the Musselshell, but what is marked on the map as Stanley's Trail, which you probably consider Cassino's Trail.
I expect to be two (2) days in arriving at the Mussell-Shell, and will then probably follow your trail as it is more than probable that you will reach the gap by the best route. With the scanty information in your possession, I hope you will exercise your own judgment in selecting, and if it be practicable for the Leg-Peas, to enter the Basin West of the Gap. I hope you will keep your points out well in that direction.

I directed Reynolds to come with me to camp & be left to set his affairs who had gone over to the Yellow-Stone to Cook.
Some things and he has not yet reported although it is now 5:30 a.m. as we have been in camp over forty hours. I am at a loss to know whether he is to return or not. I will wait a while if he does not turn up, will send the Stone other way. Enclosed in this letter note is a Scrap from Mr. McAdams in which he says, "Kent Thomas is coming down to Oregon with 950 men. The Indians will go into Salmon River Mountains or go up Snake River and come down Wind River. That is the only route for them. Unless they cut their way through the settlements." Mr. McAdams is probably known to you and if so, you will remember what might be opinion is entitled to.

[Signature]

1st April, 1868

[Signature]
Reynold's and his party arrived just as I closed. And I have determined to send them on 
right, but their animals be well 
and fought so that they may re-

Turn back in the morning. After 
I will not be able to find return for 
them as I do not believe there is one in 
the Camp except brief & Reynolds' ox. 
They have plenty of Buffalos, Still I will 
try to start up a little coffee if it is possible 
so they cannot appreciate that as many 
holdings are without coffee. The Chief in our 
reservations this evening, as our boat got 
aground and did not move until my train 
at Big Horn to follow with Ration to the 
descent in morning of Secede at the 
post on the Little Big Horn. At least the 
train will be one whole day behind us all 
the way to the lake.
Endorsement on communication of W. A. Miles, Colonel 5th Infantry, dated Cantonment at Fort Kenner, M. T., July 17th, 1877, stating that he had now upward of 1100 allied Crees, doing excellent scouting service, and requesting authority to increase the number of Indian Scouts with his command.

Recommend that he be allowed to issue three months 40,000 rounds and 100 rounds ammunition (cal. 50) per man to Scouts and allied Indians thus employed in the Government service.

Forwarded July 23rd, 1877, by Commanding General, Department of Dakota, from Big Horn River, to Major James Military Division of the Missouri, approved, and returned endorsed as follows:

(Zae Endorsement.) Maj. Military Div. Missouri,

Chicago, August 1st, 1877.

Respectfully, return to the Commanding General, Department of Dakota, who is requested to make some statement showing the necessity for the issue requested by Colonel Miles.

Now that we are expected to make every effort to economize public expenditures, the Lieutenant General cannot afford to approve applications of this nature, without a full explanation as to their necessity.


Respectfully returned to Head quarters Military Division of the Missouri.

I cannot say that I think that the issues which Colonel Miles asks, are necessary in the full sense of the word. I do think that it is very desirable that they be made. At a time when it seemed probable that we should have to encounter a very large number of hostile Indians in the Yellowstone Country, Colonel Miles sent an officer to the Crow Agency to engage the warriors of that tribe as allies. The Crows immediately responded and put in the field some five or six hundred men.

These men have been employed in keeping the western part of the country, between the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers clear of hostile Indians.

They are valuable auxiliaries, absolutely trustworthy, for they are animated by an hereditary and unchangeable cunning to the Sioux. Colonel Miles had, I understand, already taken the responsibility of issuing some subsistence to these people, and some ammunition also, (caliber 50) and I recommend that what he has hitherto done be approved.
It is not yet certain that we shall not have a conflict this summer and autumn with the Sioux and who have sought refuge in the British possessions. I understand that the British Indians are effectually coerced to the permanent occupation of their country by their reduction, and very uneasy at their presence. It may well be that these latter will be compelled to recross the boundary.

I understand that the Government has received from the Dominion Government a communication upon the subject of these Indians, and a request that measures be taken to induce them to return to our own territory. I understand that this communication was referred to the General of the Army; and that he recommended that thedesired action be taken. Supposing that the recommendation of the General of the Army may be adopted by the Government, I suggest that it would be well to keep this body of Crows together until something like a definite result is arrived at; until we know whether we shall have to fight Sitting Bull and his people. If we are to have active hostilities, the Crows in such a large body would be very valuable, and the more important, because the six companies of the 22nd Infantry have been withdrawn from the Department, and the battalion of the 2nd Cavalry, thereto with Colonel Miles, has been ordered to Western Montana.

To keep the Crows in the field will require but
a small amount of subsistence and ammunition. They can obtain the larger part of their food by hunting, and for this purpose a limited number of cartridges of the desired caliber, &c., will suffice. I recommend that the authority asked by Colonel Miles be granted.

(Signed) A. H. Terry
Brigadier General, Commanding.

Copy letter.

Headquarters of the Army,
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, August 15th, 1877.

To the
Commanding General,
Military Division of the Mississippi,
Chicago.

Sir:

Referring to your inclosure of the 8th instant, forwarding with remarks of Brigadier General Terry, endorsed thereon, communication from Colonel H. M. Miles, 5th Infantry, requesting authority to increase the number of Indian Scouts with his command, by the enlistment of a number of the allied Crows, and recommending the issue to those Indians of subsistence and ammunition; I have the honor to inform you that the Secretary of War prefers not to authorize the enlistment of more Indian Scouts at present. But he approves the
issue of rations and ammunition already made to
the Crow allies, and authorized the issue recommen-
ded by General Terry while they are necessarily
employed as militiamen by Colonel Miles.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Seque)  
E.L. Townsend

Assistant General

Official copy respectfully furnished for the in-
formation of the Commanding General, Department
of Dakota.

By Command of Genl. S. B. Sheridan:

(Seque)  
R. C. Dunn

Asst.-A. G. General.

Headquarters Department of Dakota,
Saint Paul, Minn., August 30th, 1877.

Official copy respectfully furnished Colonel Nelson
Stiles, 5th Infantry, Commanding Column, in the
field, for his information and guidance.

By Command of Brig. General Terry:

(Seque)  
Geo. L. Ruggles,

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