To the
Acting Adjutant General
Dept. Columbia.

Sirs,

The enclosed letter received by me last evening will need no explanation. I am here with one Co. Halverson about 30 Citizens, and 42 Chico Scouts. Camped at a burning ranch on the 19th, I have a Cheyenne. Yesterday will await Col. DeBerry here. But to-day am sending you this to anticipate mine. Please to

From a courier with the bearer of this (who may be able to find you tonight) I will look for an answer tomorrow night. Have sent forward many letters to find the Cheyenne Camp. One of opinion that it is in the Valley of the East Fork of the Yellowstone. Hope to know tomorrow. General Sturgis on the 28th was at Crow Agency. His command of 450 men, and Crow Scouts besides,
Camp on Yellowstone
Mount of Gardner Riv.
Sept. 1 1877

Letter from Lt. C.
Doane to A.A.G., Dept.
Columbia, is of the opinion
that the Ne-Pieces have
left Camp, that the main
Camp is in the Valley of the
East Fork of the Yellowstone
should be on Clark's fork about Heart Mt. but I fear they are not there. I believe that
the Big River Camp is divided, and that a part,
including the wounded are on the head of the
Middle fork of Gardener's River. Would not
be surprised if they made it warm for me
 tonight but have no apprehension as to an arrest.
I rescued about 20 people last evenings from
the Hot Springs and from Bear Gulch. The Indians
killed an Indian at the Springs. The bear
will give you particulars. I have hopes that
this will find you at the Mud Volcano springs
on the Yellowstone. Also the lake in which case
the Indians are surrounded if General Sturgis
is at Heart Mountain. The county here is full
of stock and means of living abundant.

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

G. A. Doane

Capt. Crowder

Emery Force at Gardners

Have ordered the country between the Yellowstone
and Gardners River to be fired. Mr. Washburn
will be your best lookout station.
Camp Sept 24th

Colonel C. Reuben

Colonel

The brain started with
this to Gen Howard. Yesterday
I was driven back. I will give you particulars.

If Gen. can mount him,
he will take the dispatch.

I think Gen Howard
must come with the
hostiles on the divide
up the Trail to East Fork
of the Washago River
and lower division from
7 Hills.

Yesterday 5 scouts
from Sen Shurman came this
morning - 1 wounded - 1
killed. Hostiles are not
in East Fork Valley
but are feeding on it

and burned yesterday.
Camp on Yellowstone
Nez Perce Route of Sandness River
12th, Sept 12th, 1877

To the Acting Adjutant General
Dept. Columbia

Sir,

The enclosed letter received by me last evening will need no explanation. Send herewith one 62 7th Cavalry about 50 Citizens and 42 Crow Scouts. Camped at a burning stand, fired by the Nez Perce yesterday will await Col. Gilbert here but I am sending you this to anticipate him. Please return a copy with the bearer of this (who may be able to find you) for an answer to morrow night. Have sent forward to day to find the Nez Perce main camp, am of opinion that it is in the Valley of the Salt fork of the Yellowstone, hope to know to morrow.

General Schurz on Aug. 29th was at the Crow Agency, his command of 450 men and Crow Scouts besides should be on Blackfoot about Heart Mt. but I fear he is not there. I believe that the Nez Perce Camp is divided, and that a portion, including the wounded are on the head of the Middle fork of Sandness River.

Would not be surprised if they made it swear for me to-night, but have no apprehension as to the result.

Rescued about 20 saddle horses, from the Hot-Springs, and from
Dear Sully. The Indians killed one man at the Springs. The Beaver will give you particulars. I have hopes that this will find you at the Mud Volcano and Sessers on the Yellowstone below the lake, in which case the Indians are surrendered if General Sturgis is at Heart Mountain. The country here is full of stock and means of living abundant.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant

(Signed, F. B. Dano)

1st. Lieut. 2nd Cav.
Comdg. Force at Gardner River.

Please order the country between the Yellowstone and Gardner's River to be fired. Mr. Washburn will be your best lookout station.
Head Quarters of the Army

Camp on Clark's Fork, W.T.
September 7th 1847

Special Orders
No. 115

2d Troop "E" 9th Cavalry
is hereby relieved from duty with
the detachment under 1st Inst. G. E. Dean
2d Cavalry, and will proceed to join,
by the shortest practicable route and
with as little delay as possible, the
Regiment on Clark's Fork or wherever
it may be.

By Command of Col. Hays

M. W. Harrington
1st Inst. or Adjutant of Cav.

1st Inst. C. J. J. Rawson
2d Cav. Comdg. Detachment
Head Quarters of 4th Cavalry
Clark's Fork, Crossing of Pezenard Trail
Sept 2, 1877

To Nivin, 2nd Cavalry
Commanding
Head Quarters 4th Cavalry

Nivin:

You will observe that I address you at the head Quarters of the Yellowstone, but I hope that this will meet you on your way to join this command. All indications point to the passes of the Hittite River or Clark's Fork as the route by which the Ag. Parry will make their exit from the Park, and marching for the Hittite River's Pass, by way of Clark's Fork, Canon new, expecting to move from the latter point with pack mules. Our chances, I think are very greatly increased of meeting those Parries, as I was in hope that you would have joined me by this time. By the latter last week from Fort Hill, operations for my command are directed the moment certain contingencies arise here which may require all the force I had made available and be authorized the immediate withdrawal of the 2nd Regt from its present duties, whether therefore you deem it expedient or not to join me at once with all your force, you will please direct Nivin 2nd Cavalry with his company to join me immediately either by way of the Creek Agency or by any other shorter practicable route which may
Sir, I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant,

A. D. Irwin
Colonel 7th Cavalry
Commanding
Camp, Sept 2d, 1877

Colonel C. C. Gilbert,

Commanding.

Colonel.

The bearer with this to Genl. Howard yesterday but was driven back. He will give you particulars. If you can mount him he will take a dispatch through by lower trail.

I think Genl. Howard must have met the Hostiles on the Divide on the trail to East Fork of the Strikeole River and lower basin, from Seven Hills yesterday. Scout from Genl. Chivingston came this morning, killed, 1 wounded. Hostiles are met with in East Fork Valley - Barronette Bridge burned yesterday morning. Indians everywhere in front - not many seen.

(Signed) G. C. Doane

1st Lieut. 2d Cavalry
SPECIAL ORDER

No. 116

2. From 3rd C. and L. Cavalry is hereby released from duty with the detachment under 1st Sgt. G. L. Doane 3rd Cavalry, and will proceed to join, by the shortest practicable route, and with as little delay as possible, the argument on Chouteau's Route or wherever it may be.

By Command: Col. Shafter

W. H. S. Bigelow

2nd Lt. Adjutant

Capt. G. L. Doane

Capt. Company D, 3rd Cavalry.
No. 51

Red River & Cavalry
Blackfoot Sept 24

Special Orders No. 116

Relieves 5th troop 7th cav. from duty with 1st Dragoons; the comp. will join the regt by shortest route.
To Lieut. 5th Dragoons, 2nd Cor.

Command, detachment,
Senior Captain of the Yellowstone,

Sir,

You will observe that I address you at the Senior Captain of the Yellowstone, but I hope that they will meet you on your way to join this Command. All indications point to the junction of the Yellowstone River or of Clark's Fork on the route by which the Army expects to make their way from the Park and I am marching for the Yellowstone River Pass by way of Clark's Fork. Captain Bonnefont is expecting to move from the latter point with Pauls. Mules.

Our chances, I think, are very greatly in favor of meeting these Indians, and I am, in hopes that you would have joined us by this time. By despatches just received, General operations for my command are directed, the

Head Qu., 2nd Div.

Clark's Fort, Crossing of Snake River, Idaho,

Sep. 2, 1875
ment certain Contingencies arise here, which may require all the force I can make available, and he authorizes the immediate withdrawal of Co. E of my Regt. from its present duties. Whether, therefore, you deem it approp-
diant or not to join me at once with all your force, you will please direct Maj. Anderson to join me as immediately, either by way of the Cairo Agency or by any other shorter practicable route which may be known to you.

I am etc.,

[Signature]

[Name]

Capt. J. Car. [Signature]
Special Orders
No. 116

III. Troop B, 7th Cavalry is hereby relieved from duty with the detachment under 1st Lieut. E. O. Doane, 2nd Cavalry, and will proceed to join, by the shortest practicable route and with as little delay as possible, the regiment at Clark's Fort or wherever it may be.

By Command of Col. Otis

(Signed) G. W. Farlington
1st Lieut. & Adjutant
7th Cavalry
Contractor for Yuma River.
W.T. Sept 3rd 1877.

Sir, E. O'Donnell

I have the honor to inform you that the Council of this District have informed the Agent of the Enemies of the Quitts and kinds of stores that have been furnished by the Enemies.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Mr. David.

W.T. Sept 3rd 1877.
Head Qu. 7th cavalry  
Month of August, 1877  
Sept 5, 1877  10 P.M.

To Lieut. Gen. C. A. Stone, 2nd Cavalry.  
Commanding, Detachment to

Month of Gardner's river, Montana.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 12th inst. (with enclosures) reached me this evening; and I regret to notice that you have misconstrued the spirit in which my letter of the 29th ult. was written.

When I spoke of "your theory," or "your own theory," as to the movements of the hostile Indians, I meant the defensive in an offensive sense. Indeed I thought your theory was correct, and that held substantially the same theory myself from the beginning of my connection with the Big- hardcoded Campaign—having always indicated that the hostile forces endeavored to reach the North by the general direction of Clark's fork or Stinking River; and it was because of this conviction that I took up a central position at the Crow Agency — so that I might operate in any
Red Ass. 7th cavalry
Mounts of Blackfoot
Sept. 5th, 1874

Letter of Instruction.
From Col. Sturge's 7th Cav. to Col. G.O. Doane

Inform Gen. Sturgis that he has occupied a position
central to Blackfoot & Stony River--that he has sent "Rock" an
Indian scout to the metters to notify the miners of their peril.
direction of Emergencies might arise, but keeping a careful watch
of these Rivers all the time. But it did occur to me that March-
ing up the Yellowstone, to the vicinity of the Falls, would bring you
necessarily, in rear of the Indians. Whilst by remaining at
the lower Colioin you would not only guard the Yellowstone, but
be in a position to join me in heading them off when their
intentions should have been fully developed. This was all. The
far from prancing that I thought you were committing a mistake, but
my letter was intended to be simple and plain—written in a pliant
spirit and without any attempt at Insinuation.

Had been led to believe that there existed a practical train
by which I might reach God-Bute Pass and thus close the
battles in between our several forces and had my pack-horse
loaded and was on the verge of starting to-day, when the news
that I had sent out from the Agency in charge of Reid (or
Rogue) returned. From Reid I learned that there was no
track by which I could reach the pass going up the river. It
then transpired that my guide, Williamson, whom you pro-
bably know at the trader at the Agency, had never been to The
Smelting Works. On making more minute inquiries of my 
common Indians, I find that they never heard of any one having 
reached the smelter by this route. Fearing, however, that the 
Miners in that region might be in danger without knowing of 
the engaged vessel (and hope to get one or two others) to 
make the attempt to reach the smelter, and notify the Miners 
of the situation - I in the mean time intend holding my 
command in the vicinity of Heart Mountain or on the standing 
water (or both) and I feel pretty certain that if the 
hostile are now pushed from the rest, there will be no escape 
for him except through the 7 Canal.

I am liv

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]


A. O. Austin

Col. I. Con.
Red Cloud's 7th Cavalry
Mount of Clark's Fork
September 5th, 1877

L. S. Lieut. S. A. Downe
2nd Cavalry
Commanding Detachment.
Mount of Sardine River, Montana

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 12 inst. (with enclosures) reached me this evening; and I regret to notice that you have misconstrued the spirit in which my letter of the 29th was written.

When I spoke of "they" or "your own theory," as to the movements of the hostile Indians, I used the expression in no offensive sense. In deed, I thought your theory was correct, and I have held substantially the same theory myself from the beginning of my connection with the Big Horn campaign—having always insisted that the hostiles would endeavor to reach the North by the general direction of Clark's Fork or Clashing River; and it was because of this conviction that I took up a central position at the Crow Agency, so that I might operate in any direction as emergencies might arise but keeping a careful watch of these Rivers all the time. But it did occur to me that marching up the Yellowstone, to the vicinity of the lakes, would throw you necessarily in near of the Indians whilst remaining at the lower Barren you would not only guard the Yellowstone, but be in position to join me in
leading them off when their intention should have been fully developed. This was all. Tell you frankly that I thought you were committing a mistake, but my letter was intended to be simple and plain written in a kindly spirit and without any attempt at Innuendo.

I had been led to believe that there existed a practicable trail by which I might reach Toda-Rute Pass and thus close the hostiles in between our several forces—and had my pack mules loaded and was on the verge of starting to-day, when the scouts whom I had sent out from the Agency in charge of Hook (or Rogue) returned.

From Hook I learned that there was a trail by which the Pass went up the River. It then out that my guide, Williamson whom you probably know as the Tyler at the Agency, had never been to the Smelting-works. In making more minute enquiring of my Kroe Indians I find that they never heard of anyone having reached the Smelters by the River. Learning, however, that the miners in that region might be in danger without knowing it I have engaged Hook (and I hope to get one or two others) to make the attempt to reach the smelters and notify the miners of the situation. In the mean time I intend holding my command in the vicinity of Heart Mountain or on the Shinking water (or both) and I feel pretty sanguine that if the hostiles are pushed from the West, there will be no escape for him except through the 7th Cavalry.
Dar sir,

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.

(Signed) O.D. Shugis
Colonel 9th Lns.
The Company reported to 2nd Lieut. G. C. Deane, 21st Cav, Sept 3rd, 1877.

September 4th: Marched from Henderson's Ranch to abandoned (1) Horse.

September 5th: Madison River

September 6th: Corp. Kelly's 5 Points left for P. Ellis with 7 Horses & 4 Mules.

September 7th: 17 Miles

September 8th: 18 Miles

September 9th: Burnett's Bridge

September 10th: Sold 1 Pinto for $25. Sam. Jones of White.sent eastman to with 15 horses to Ellis.

September 11th: 22 Miles

September 12th: 23 Miles

September 13th: 24 Miles

September 14th: One (1) Horse abandoned.

September 15th: One (1) Horse abandoned.

September 16th: 25 Miles

September 17th: 19 Miles

September 18th: 25 Miles

September 19th: 27 Miles

September 20th: 20 Miles

September 21st: 17 Miles
1st Lt. A. C. Drane,
2nd Cavalry

Commanding Troop Albrecht

Lieutenant:

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

I am much as your command is at present so far from the field of operations of the troops of this command, the Commanding Officer directs that all but one (1) of your deserts should be discharged, and this surplus will accordingly be dropped from the rolls of the regiment of this command to date Sept. 30, 1847. Should the continuance in service of the deserts after this date be considered desirable, they will have to be deployed by the
Ft. Ellis, M. T.
Sept 21st 1877

1st Lt. S. C. Drake, 2nd Cavalry, is hereby
advised from the opinion of the colors
of April 2nd, issued at Headquarters, Rich
on the Yellowstone River.

A. Gilbert
St. Col. 7th Cav.
Fort Ellis Mo. T.
Sept 21st, 1877

Receiving 1st A. Doane from the operation of an order issued Sept 2nd 1877
Fort Cullin, M.T.
Sept 28th 1874

To the
Actg. Adjutant-General
Yellowstone Command.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I returned to this post a month ago with 200 men of 2d & 3d regiments and 2 companies of infantry following General Sherman into South Dakota. The day after my arrival, I received a telegraphic order from General Meade, commanding D.C. Army, to shrewd a request for General Terry (This Company had been sent back with others bearing sound - from Harriett Bridge) since then no order had been received from that headquarters. I am, respecting order, to obey but do not know what to expect as it is understood that they General Terry left Shaw with an infantry escort in wagon. I should be to ordered back. I will be in condition to continue the work contemplated in 1854 previous orders. All of the troops are at the Agency except about 40 besides of Third ewan. They were just getting an 6th hand to prevent - the - company meeting them and the musketteers. The result of which might hand been doubted, As it is however they hand done quite well having behind several scalp and shot up good many Custer. Their Loyalty is assured. I hand had the parts trained and true men. The Indians hand not yet received their annuities but will in a few days - 1st 22

Bravery is true, but under orders of the District.
Commanded. I do not know what to do exactly, as I
hand had taken very bad to the reach when I had
 gotten pretty well to the front at Henderson's Ranch,
which has been a great disappointment. I sent word
 to General Sturgis about the ration of cartridge and
 enclosed your letter to me and the subject received
10 days ago.

Please accept this abased End Statement of facts
as explanation of what will require a full report
 to make clear in detail. My property is very much
scattered and I am busy getting it together and preparing
for another movement; as soon as a direction may
lead indication.

Very Respectfully,

       Grand Dصدر Servante-

1st Lt. D. Hammond.

       Commanding Troop Scouts.
Lieut. G. C. Doane

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I am returning from Gen. Howard and have mail. I have heard that you were on your way to the mission, and if I should not see you will you please send word to me what I shall do. The country between here and the Musselshell is full of small parties of Nez Percés. The rest of the River Forces are on their way to the Agency. I remain your

Obdient Servant,

G. C. Doane

Capt. 2nd Cav.
I certify that Eighty-six (86 lbs.) Bacon Two hundred and fifty pounds eight ounces (250 lbs. 8 oz.) Flour Fifty Three pounds, Nine & Six tenths ounces (53 lbs. 9.6 oz.) Green Coffee Seventy-three pounds forty & four tenths ounces (73 lbs. 44 oz.) Sugar and Two pounds Three & Six tenths (2 lbs. 3.6 oz.) Peppercorns the property of the United States was stolen while en-route from Henderson Hand to Lazy Bill M.T. between the 1st and 10th days of September 1877 (The Board of Survey to be forwarded when received back from Department HeadQuarters.)

G. Adair

1st Penn. 2d Cavalry.

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Special Orders
No 189
September 29, 1877

To comply with the request of the Commanding General Dept. of Columbia.
1st Capt. G. C. Doane will proceed with his pack train taking Rations for 61st 67 days for 250 men to supply Command of Maj. G. E. Sanford 1st Carliq now moving from Beaver Creek by Hulse Creek towards this Post.

By order of Maj. Bristin
Capt. Knight
1st Lt 7th Infantry
Acting Post Adjutant

Lt. G. C. Doane
Academia Ranch
in the Yellowstone River
Sept. 2, 1877.

Desirous to instructing from the
District-Commander, the undersigned
assumes command of the forces
encamped at this place under
1st Lt. J. L. Doane, 2nd Cavalry.

E. A. Gilbert
W.C.T. July