

From Camp on Yellowstone  
 about mouth of Ryehorn

July 3<sup>d</sup> 1877.

To the

Actg Asst Adjutant General

Yellowstone Command.

Sir,

owing to a fall of five feet in the River I have been able to cross the Camp by using the large Raft which crossed General Bull and the Cavalry Company of the 7<sup>th</sup>. - The last of the Indians are crossing this afternoon. The Bearers of this will notify any head-men of this fact. My supplies did not come by the John Fletcher and about 45 ledges on that account - refused to cross and have returned to their Agency. I have requested the Agent to give them nothing to eat - and think he will use all possible means to get them to return. The Ryehorn is very low. The weather having been good for several days until yesterday. The John Fletcher was three days running about 20 miles and I learn had to be lightened by General Bull's train. I was at the Ryehorn Post 4 days ago - Colonel Sheridan's Cavalry was crossing General Bull selected the bluff between the Rye and little horn as the location. It is a magnificent site for a Post - the finest I have seen on the plains.

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

The natural and best route to the Post from yours is up the Yellowstone to this Point - on the North side. Cross here - (a flat is being built 50 feet long) thence by

an excellent - natural road 30 miles to the new Pass - From Fort Ellis follow the present road to Pease 3 miles below Baker's Battle ground, cross - and follow foot of bluff to Fly Creek) go up five miles to low divide and direct to new Pass. Dist from Pease Store, 40 miles - The road South by Crow Agency and the old C. F. Smith road is a wretched one compared with the above. - I will make a report at length shortly on this subject.

The Roadbed country and that opposite the mouth of the Big Horn (that is east) is impracticable except by Busters Trail at the foot of the Wolf mountains, and that is very bad for wagons - - -

I assumed that my stores are on a boat now on the way. If they have not been sent - please have it done by wagons lightly loaded to be at the mouth of the Piepoudre in seven days - a failure to meet the stores would result in a desertion by all the bands. They are utterly out of patience at the long delays, without any amount of explanation will make them understand. Please do not let this fail, as a failure will utterly defeat my movement. Please have Dr. Paulding put me up a box of medicines or rather two - for aids packs - for the Indians. He will understand the kinds needed - If the stores are on the boats I will send packs after the medical supplies.

There are a few Buffalo crossing down Spallins Creek and through by the Wolf mountains. These came through the passes opened by the melting snows, from no word, etc. as I predicted in a previous letter. They scattered out in the Righorn valley east of the River and cross below this point. My Indians will be after them. The Righorn mountains are reported full of prospecting parties and men are coming in from all directions.

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to cut hay, wood, &c in the vicinity of the new Post.

If I can do so, I wish to get the rear of the River  
Grow Camp on the Musselshell. Should Sitting Bull  
come down, I will hear of it soon.

Very respectfully  
Your obedient servant.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. 2<sup>d</sup> Cavalry.

Comd'g Grow Scouts.

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Adj. Gen. Yellowstone Command,  
Camp on Cedar Creek, M. T.,  
July 4<sup>th</sup> 1844.

Lieut. Baldwin) or  
Lieut. Doan & )

Lieutenant:

As the command has found nothing in this direction so far, the Commanding Officer thinks it advisable that the Crows 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 Crows have crossed the Yellowstone, and

they are now in very good position for rescuting  
and guarding the approaches to the Yellowstone,  
while the remainder of the command is getting  
in position.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedt. Servant,

W. D. Baird

1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. & Adj. 5 Infy.

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Hon. Gen. G. S. Stone Com'd  
Camp on Cedar Creek

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1877

Letter of Instruction -

From Candy Office to Lt. Deane

thinks it advisable for the

troop to camp on head of

Sunday Creek or Parcupine

Head Quarters Yellowstone Command  
Camp on Cedar Creek M.T.  
July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1877.

Sicut- Baldwin or  
Sicut- Doane  
Lieutenant:

As the command has found nothing in this direction so far, the Commanding Officer thinks it advisable that the Crows 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 heads of the Big Dry, and in the vicinity of the lower Musselshell, on East and West side,

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 Crows have crossed the Yellowstone and the are now in very good position for scouting and guarding the approaches to the Yellowstone while the remainder of the Command is getting in position.

Very Respectfully  
Your obedt. servant  
(Signed) G. W. Baird  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. & Adj't 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Assinniboine, 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, 1357, 1358 and 1359 Revised Army Regulations, and Section 18 of the Act of Congress approved March 16, 1802, 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:

*L. V. Ingles*  
Assistant Adjutant General.

*Enclosure*

Headqrs. Yellowstone Command  
Glencive. July 12<sup>th</sup> 1844

11 Lieut. G. W. Baird.

A. A. A. Genl.

Yellowstone Com'd.

Sir,

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

The 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, and 2 companies of the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry are ordered to camp near the Headquarters of Sunday Creek, near the last camp made by the Command the past winter on that creek or one of its branches, on its march to Fort Peck.

You will notify the brows of the presence of 25 Cheyennes with Gen: Sturgis' command; they have permission to procure some buffalo meat before returning.

I am, Sir

Very respectfully

Your obedt. servant

(signed) Oscar F. Long.

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2<sup>d</sup> Lieut 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
Capt. A. D. G.

Hdqrs. Yellowstone Com'd.  
Camp: Tongue River M. D.

July 13<sup>th</sup> 1874

Official copy respectfully furnished Lt. G. C. Boone  
2<sup>d</sup> Cavalry, who will communicate its purport  
to the brow scouts under his command.

By command of  
Colonel N. A. Miles

W. J. Rainey  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut & Capt 5<sup>th</sup> Infy  
A. A. Capt. G. G.

Also Yellowstone Com'd  
Blanchie July 10<sup>th</sup> 74

Letter of Introduction -  
Com'd's Office notes  
Lt. Boone that there are  
25<sup>th</sup> Chippewas with him:  
Langis and his wife  
the horses of the post -

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Hdqrs Yellowstone Command  
Glendive July 12<sup>th</sup> 1877  
Lieut. G. W. Baird

A. A. A. Gen'l  
Yellowstone Com'd

Sir

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

The 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, and 2 Companies of the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry are ordered to camp near the Head quarters of Sunday 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. Peck.

You will notify the Crows of the presence of 25 Cheyennes with Gen: Sturgis' command, they have permission to procure some buffalo meat before returning

I am, sir

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

(Signed) Oscar F Long  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut - 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
Adj. A. D. C.

Hdqrs Yellowstone Com'd  
Capt: Tongue River M.S.

July 15<sup>th</sup> 1877

Official copy respectfully furnished Lt. S. C. Doane 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry who will communicate its purport to the Crow scouts under his command.

By Command of Colonel A. A. Miles

Signed G. W. Baird  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut & Adj. 5<sup>th</sup> Infy A. A. A. S.

Crow Camp

Yellowstone at Porcupine Gt

July 12: 1877.

To the

Acty Asst. Adjutant-General

Yellowstone Command.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> ultimo from Cedar Creek, I have the honor to report that I shall start up the Porcupine tomorrow with the Crow Camp. There are left now in camp about 9,000 head of stock 253 lodges 438 able warriors and about 60 warriors besides who will do for camp purposes. To day I finished issuing stores, and will Monday day march up the Big Porcupine, then across to Little Porcupine and thence up to head of dry fork on Sunday Creek as circumstances may dictate. Crow War parties will start out tonight and tomorrow and I shall soon be able to send you definite information as to the state of the country north as far as the Missouri.

The Buffalo herd is my natural base of supply, and the proposed line of travel, is the best possible for the village as well as the warriors. The hail storm of the 6<sup>th</sup>, made terrible havoc among the stock and delayed me 3 days. The Indians were inclined to believe the storm caused by "white man's medicine" and for a time I had reason to apprehend serious trouble about 600 of our stock were killed and many more are lost in consequence of the stampede. I shall have the honor to make report in full on the subject, to be forwarded.

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The Indians seem tolerably good natured, but I  
 am even thus suffering from lack of the few  
 things asked for 2 months ago viz 40 Ponies - Jack  
 Baromett as Scout - Narans as Interpreter. The return  
 of property lost by the Indians last winter: and  
 a statement of their accounts paid

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

Very Respectfully  
 Your Obedient Servant -

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Commander of the Scouts

Crow Camp on Yellowstone

Mouth of Big Porcupine

July 13. 1877.

To the

Acting Asst Adjutant-General

Yellowstone Command.

Sir,

I have the honor to report the sending out of four war parties, in all ninety men to reach the Missouri at all points between the Judith River and Forks Fork - and to scout through by the Dry Fork, Lower Musselshell-Squaw Creek - and other streams on this side and to cross and go beyond the Mo River if thought best. More will go, and two white men are out with those already sent. Several will start in a day or two with other 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 tell the truth on returning. Please do not expect too much from them, for they are the greatest of cowards, excepting only all other Indians. I have delayed moving camp to-day on account of the war parties starting out - but moved early tomorrow we march up the Porcupine, then over to the other Porcupine, 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 camp will be within easy reach, from the head of Sunday Creek in four days. Allow me respectfully to urge the advisability of allowing the whole camp to go wherever wagon trains are taken, unless it may

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require 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 Train Guard, than with their own warriors all present.

The proposed 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 Dry Fork by the command with a view to crossing North Pleasant hand 12,000 rations as before and 30,000 (25,000 50. cal 5000 45 cal) rounds of cartridges for me at the point of crossing. I have now a months supply if Kept near Buffalo. Scouts to me should come up the lower Porcupine or on divide between that and Sunday Creek Headwaters.

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedient-Servant.

188 Lt. 2<sup>d</sup> Cavalry.

George Brown Scouts.

Crow Camp and Yellowstone  
Mouth of Parcupind

July 13. 1877.

To the

Actg Asst Adjutant-General  
Yellowstone Command

Sir,

I have the honor this day to acknowledge receipt of the war suit of Emery Hunter one of the Scouts of last winter whose claims I have satisfied in full with a few cartridges in addition to the return of his clothes.

Please send the 40 Ponies or mares with colts. by Barrett if possible and let him have about five mounted men to assist in bringing them to my camp at or near head of Sunday Creek. Also please order the following stores to be invoiced to me and delivered to him across the River where his wagon can get them viz 720 Rations of Candles, Flour, Soap and Pepper) Also 780 full rations (no hard bread) 100 lbs Tobacco Plug 100 lbs Br Sugar.

66 & S.C. 1 Wall Tent. Fly. Poles and Piv. 3. Camp Kettles. 1 Bake oven and lid. large.

2 Mr. Stores 200 lbs 1/2 in rope 2 pack saddles complete or apparatus 1 Cavalry Guidon 12 2 Mr Saddle Blankets. 2 cans wagon grease 2 sets each Nos 1. 2. & 3. Horsed Shoes 2 sets each Nos 1. 2 & 3 mule shoes. 1 Box 25 lbs Horsed shoe nails. 1 Shoeing Knife 2 H.S. Rasps. 1 Shoeing Hammer Two S.C. 2 Cavalry Horses. To replace those killed for me by hailstorm and one horse Ellie pack mule - same reason. Also 2 Panniers of Medicine for the crew principally for venereal.

diseases, specially put up, by a medical officer with dose marked on bottles. Also please send a Blacksmith to shoe up my Sicks, I will have him returned in 10 days. I also ask that Baronett and Parano may be employed Baronett at 90<sup>00</sup> as Detective and Scout and Parano as Interpreter at 75<sup>00</sup> from May 16: and that Quirey and Laforgue may be discharged at once. I should like to have John Johnson as scout at 50<sup>00</sup> from July 15: if it can be done - he has acted as such and will suit me (Liner eating Johnson) I also renew the request for 25 mounted Infantry with a pack train to carry 60 days supplies (no forage) to join me as soon as convenient - for reasons previously stated and fully explained to Lieut. Baldwin

Please have the ponies sent at once, a good horse to-day is better than a "Lexington" tomorrow, with an Indian.

Very Respectfully  
 Genl. A. D. Serrano.

W. G. 2: Cavalry.  
 Comd'g. Grou. Scouts.

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Hqrs. Yellowstone Cummnd  
Cantonment on Tongue Riv. Wyo.

July 19<sup>th</sup> 1877

Kiut. @ Doane. 2 Cav.

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) Crow's to go with a command after a small band of Indians below Powder River. The Camp. Officer would like to see you at this place and to have you bring in a few of the fragments of Crow chiefs with you.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

C. W. Baird

Kiut. 2 adpt. 5 Cav -  
A. T. General



Headqrs. Yellowstone Com'd.  
Camp: at Tongue River W. T.  
July 20<sup>th</sup> 1844.

Commanding Officer  
of the U. S. Cavalry.

Sir,

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

Beavers - four Gros Tentres - wish to visit the brow camp  
and the Commanding Officer desires that you send  
them to the camp of Lieut. Koane, now supposed to be  
on the head of Sunday Creek or of the Big Dry. He  
wishes that you open communication with Lieut Koane,  
with a view to mutual understanding as to position  
of camps, scouting and hunting parties etc -

Lieut. Koane 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 obedt. servant.

(signed) G. W. Baird  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. & Capt. 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry.  
A. A. Capt. Genl.

Headqrs. Yellowstone Comd.  
Camp: Tongue River M. D.  
July 20<sup>th</sup> 1844.

Official copy respectfully furnished Lt. G. C. Doane  
2<sup>d</sup> Cavalry, Comdg. Crow Scouts for his information.

By Command of

Colonel N. C. Miles

G. W. Baird

1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. & Capt. 5<sup>th</sup> Inftry  
A. A. Capt. Genl.

Lt G. C. Doane

Crow Camp Sage Creek  
July 26<sup>th</sup> 77

Sir.

I have the honor to report Horse Guard returned from war last night, he went from our camp on Yellowstone across country to the Little Porcupine from there across to the Missouri River then up to Musselshell and up <sup>the Musselshell</sup> 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 Snous on any trails, they report seeing soldiers at Fort Peck same as the other parties did and their report all through was just the same as the other parties had. Old Snow is doing very well with his soldiers making the camp move

it is raining this afternoon and perhaps  
we will not move tomorrow. Enclosed  
you will find a couple of lists that I  
forgot to put in your copy. That is about  
all the news. I remain your  
Obedient

Servant  
H. E. Sever  
Srgt 2<sup>nd</sup> Co Cav

P. S.

Five Indian Scouts from Col Sturgis  
Command has just arrived in  
camp with the enclosed dispatches  
will keep them until their horses are  
used. The light lodge that you thought  
were behind us with some sick Indians, has  
moved around us and gone ahead on the  
Muskehell 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 <sup>on</sup> ~~at~~  
I have moved right <sup>on</sup> and expect to be on the  
Muskehell tomorrow evening. Yesterday Old Crow  
broke two of the Indians guns all to pieces for  
running Buffalo when he said not to other  
than that the camp has been and is 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 Crows separated but  
I have gave him orders to pick her up  
and take her through to you. I wish  
that you would get three (3) Axes and Six  
(6) Ale knives and about seventy (70) lbs  
of Bacon and some Matches.

Crow Camp on Sage Creek  
July 26<sup>th</sup> 1877

Lieut. J. C. Doane,  
Sir,

I have the honor to report Horse Guard returned from war last night; he went from our camp on Yellowstone across country 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, it is raining 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,

I remain

Your obedient servant-

(Signed) F. C. Sewer

Serg't 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry

P. S.

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