

List of Arms, and other property
and to whom it is issued

List of Arms Issued

Boat Yellow	Dec 22 1855	No 22955
Bill White	" "	" "
Boyd	" "	" "
Bill	" "	No 26730
Old Crow	" "	" 77098
Beath	" "	" 19012
Sait	" "	" 35309
Shoner	" "	" 81048
H. Scott	" "	" 97107
Brown	" "	" 35348
Bouston	" "	" 61077
Jeffner	" "	" 62736
Durley	" "	" 78701
S. Long	" "	" 5493
Woods	" "	" 5651

None were issued up the Yellowstone

List of arms turned over to Lt. Fletcher.
 Classon One carbine No 77295
 S.S. Lilly " " " 18825

List of arms issued at Agency.

Long's carbine issued to Lieut. Noble No 15543
 Lt. Vance " " " Long " 25603
 Serris " " " " " 16095
 Serris Revolver " Smoky (C. Wilson)
 One Sharp carbine issued to Perrydale No 74787
 " " " " " Bear Wolf " 46543
 " " " " " Grant " 74774
 " " " " " Old Crow " 18597
 " " " " " Garnett " 75259
 " " " traded for Sitting Bull Gun.

List of Property in Camp.
 Grant One Indian Saddle (Horn mixed)
 " " " Back " with ropes blank
 Big Eagle " " " " " "
 One Yellow Mule Iron River-Crow
 Camp

Fort Ellis W. T.

Oct 4th/77

Lieut E. C. Doane.

Sir.

I ^{have} the honor to report that I left Fort Ellis on Sep 19th with dispatches for General Howard and proceeded via Crown Agency for the Musselshell. On Tuesday Sept 25th I found a bay horse belonging to the 7th Cavalry with all accoutrements belonging to a soldier and the horse was shot through the head, there was also several empty cartridge shells lying behind the horse, while examining the horse two citizens came along who said they were from Tongue River with dispatches for Gen Howard, we proceeded on to the Musselshell and found a trail which we supposed was Gen Howard's, we traveled as long as we could see and then camped expecting to meet Gen Howard the next morning. At daylight on the morning of the 26th there was four Indians appeared about fifty yards away from us and opened fire on us, we returned and drove them off, just as we were ready to start fifty or sixty Indians came in sight and started after us at a full charge, we retreated and they chased us about ten miles when we took in to very heavy timber and they stopped chasing and circled off to our left and commenced gathering up all the loose stock in the country and drove it off towards the Judith Basin via Flat Willow. During the time that they were following us they kept a continual fire upon us. On Sept 28th we came back to Yellowstone intending to go up via Big Timber and around by the forks of the Musselshell, but when I arrived at the Yellowstone I heard that Gen Howard was on his way to Fort Ellis and would be there in a day or two, so I returned to the

Post with the dispatches, and the other couriers proceeded to Tongue
River. I remain your Obedient

Servant

F. C. Server.

Srvt 2nd " Cav.

P.S.

One of the men that were with me had a very narrow escape a
ball just raised the skin on the left side of his head.

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Crow Agency, M. T.

October 6: 1877.

Gen. Geo. D. Ruggles,

Adjutant-General

Department Dakota.

Sir,

In looking over the interests of the Indians of this Agency, I have the honor to state that I find that a considerable sum is due them for services during last year. The papers were left in my hands by my predecessor to be forwarded to Lieut. Hargrove at Tongue River to correct some informality in them, and although I forwarded them some two months since and have written twice, I have received no answer to my communication.

If the government wishes the services of these Indians, it is of the utmost importance that they be paid promptly. The sum due is small only about \$900.00 I believe, but the Indians are as much dissatisfied as though that amount was due to each one. It may be that this whole matter is

entirely in the hands of the military authorities to settle, but as Agent for the Indians, and for the reason above stated, I deem it my duty to call attention to the condition of affairs as it will be very difficult to enlist these men, should they be needed, until arrearages are paid, and it is only just that they should have their money.

The Grosu have evinced a disposition to act promptly when called upon, and a perfect willingness to fight all the enemies of the whites. I wish also to call attention to the services of the Grosu during the last Summer. Some of them have been from Standing Rock to the National Park as Scouts and Soldiers. If not in name they have been so in fact, and in my opinion are justly entitled to pay for their services.

Lieut Doane has assumed to control or manage the whole camp and has taken men to act as Soldiers when it suited his purpose to do so, and by their statements has made many unfulfilled promises.

The Indians are very much dissatisfied with their treatment, of which I express no opinion, but simply state the fact that when Doane was marching to the National Park, he sent a request for me [to] furnish him 100 Grosu to come up

The Boulded trail. I could not find one that would follow him on any terms (he had (36) Thirty-Six I think with him) but hundreds were willing to follow General Sturgis, or to go out to protect their annuities. I shall use all my influence, if they are needed, to have them enlist as soldiers, or act as scouts. but I do not think it is beneficial either to them or to the government to have them led around as they have been during the summer, as a camp and I am sure that they will most positively object to it, at least while this very bitter feeling against Lieut Doane exists.

Hoping to hear from you soon

I am, yours respectfully

(signed) Geo W. Frost.

U.S. Indian Agent.

S. C. Gilman

A true copy.

H. A. G. Fort Ellis Oct 7. 77

Adj. adpt. General
Distr. of Montana
Sir:

I have the honor to state that ~~some~~
week ago 1st Lt. G. C. Doane reported back to this Post from
a scout with Lt. Col. Gilbert. He was then acting under
Orders from Genl. Gibbon, He states, he is still under orders
from Col. Miles comdg. Distr. Yellowstone. He has 4 Packers
1 Scout 11 horses and 17 Mules in his possession. As
the status of this Officer is anomalous, I request
that the District Commander will give orders
in his Case. I recommend that the Packers &
Scouts be discharged, the animals turned over
to the A. M. Dept. at Ellis, and that Lt. Doane
be ordered to report for Duty at this Post.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
J. S. Brislin
Maj & Cav. Comdg. Post.

Respectfully ~~referred~~ ^{furnished} to 1st Lt. G. C. Doane for
information

No. 59.

1 Endorsment.

40th Jth Distr. of Montana
Ft. Shaw. M. T. Oct 11/74

Respectfully returned to
~~the~~ Comdg. Officer Fort Ellis.
L^t. Doane will report
to Comdg. Officer Fort Ellis
for Duty. The Packers and
Scouts within referred to
will be discharged, and
the public animals turned
into the Post Q. Master.

By order of Col. John Gibbon

Signed

Lieut. J. Burnett

1st Lt. & Adj. of Inf.

a a c g.

Hdqrs Dept of the Cob

On board the steamer Benton

October 11. 1877

1st Lt. G. C. Soane

2^d Cavalry

Fort Ellis M. T.

Sir.

At the request of Colonel Sturgis I have the honor to inform you that the supplies referred to in the letter of 1st Lt. G. M. Baird 5th Inf. A. C. A. G. Hdqrs District of the Yellowstone dated Cantonment on Tongue River M. T. September 6th 1877 were sent to Cow Island. I am unable to learn whether these supplies were among those destroyed by the Indians at that point, or those which were brought from Cow Island to the Little Rocky by order of General Howard. All stores brought from Cow Island have been properly cared for and will be duly receipted for to the officer accountable for them.

Very Respy

Your obedient servant

Peter Leary Jr.
1st Lieut 4th Regt A.S.

Head Qrs Fort Ellis m. T.

October 16th/77

S. O. No^o 202.

Par III Srgt Sever Private Long and Applegate
Co Bnd 2nd Cav are hereby relieved from Det Service and will report
to Capt S. N. Whelan for duty at this Post.

(Signed)

By Order of Maj Brislin

George H. Wright

1st Lieut 7th Inf Post Adjutant.

Chas B Schiguel
Lieut 3rd Cav

Fort-Ellis M 5

Oct-16th 1877

Special Orders

No 202

Relieving Serg't Sever &
Priv-Song & applegate
Company "G" 2^d Cav. from
Detached Service

Head Qrs Fort Ellis M. T.

Oct 15. 77.

R. G. C. Doane.

2nd Cav.

Fort Ellis M. T.

Sir:

I am directed by the Comdg. Officer to request you to furnish this Office with a copy of the Orders under which you are now acting.

I am, Sir, very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Geo. H. M. J. H.
1st Lt. Inf. Post adjutant.

N^o 61.

Fort Ellis M. T.

Oct. 17. 1899.

Respectfully returned to
Post H^q Quar. Fort Ellis M. T.
The within Order governs
my movements at present
I have received one sense
in regard to discharging
Scouts, but without changing
the intent and purpose of the
one inclosed.

G. B. Deane

1st: 2nd Cavalry
Comdg Crow Indians.

Hd. Qrs. Fort Ellis M. T.

October 17. 1877.

So # 203

In compliance with instructions
from Head Quarters Distr. of Montana
1st Lt. G. C. Doane will report for Duty without
Delay to the Comdg. Officer at Fort Ellis M. T.
Lt. G. C. Doane will also discharge his Packers
and scouts and turn over to the Post Quarter Master
the public animals and other property for which
he is responsible

By Order of Maj. Brislin

G. C. Doane
Capt. 1st Regt. Inf. Post Adjutant

1st Lt. Doane 2nd Cavalry.

Hodges Fort-Elles M T
Oct-17th 1877

No 63.

Special Orders No 203

1st-Daane will report to
Comdy Officer Ft-Elles and
will discharge Packers & Scouts
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Fort Ellis M.T.

October 17. 1877.

Special Order }
203. }

Par: IV. The four (4) Packers
at this Post belonging to Col. Nelson a
Miles' Command and now with 1st Lt. G. C.
Doane will report to 2nd Lt. J. R. Douglas
a. a. a. m. without Delay and be sent down
the River on the boats now at Nelsons
landing. Pending the decision of the
District Commander of Montana in the
case of these men their discharge is
suspended until they arrive at Tongue
River, where they will report to the Post
Quater Master

By Order of Maj. Brislin
Wm. A. Jordan
2nd Lt. Inf. act Post adjutant

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

H. A. J. Fort Ellis M. T.

October 17. 1877.

Special Order
203.

Par: V. Privates Applegate and Long
Co. G. 2nd Cavalry and Privates Claffy & Small
Co. H. 2nd Cavalry are hereby detailed on Det.
Service, and will report to the Post Quarter Master
to accompany the boats about to start
for Tongue River. They will be provided
with 14 days Rations and the A. M. Dept.
will furnish the necessary Transportation

By Order of Maj. Brislin
S. A. D. D. D.
2nd Lt. / Inf. Post Adjutant

L. B. C. D. D.
Commanding Officer Co. G. 2nd Cavalry.

Fort Ellis M.T.

October 20. 1877.

To the

Acty Asst. Adjutant-General

District of the Yellowstone

Sir,

Mr. C. J. Barrett, Scout - retained in obedience
to your letter of instructions dated Sept. 13. 1877. goes
down with the four packers discharged from serving
with me here by the Comdg officer Fort Ellis M.T.
I hope to be allowed to continue my work and finish
up the accounts with the Crow and will need Barrett
in this work. The Crow have a large amount of
Government stock which can be obtained from
them by proper measures, and returned to its
legitimate use.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant.

1st Lieut. 2^d Cavalry

Dated St Paul Minn¹⁰ 22 1877.

Received at Bemarck D.T. 6⁴⁵ P.M.

To Col Miles.

Comdg Dist Yellowstone
Tongue River.

Care Lt. Chubb.

The following dispatch just recd
is furnished for your information and for
compliance by you with the orders of Hon-
orable Secretary of war and Genl of the Army
Chicago Oct 17th 1877 (22)

To Comdg Genl

Dept of Dakota.

St Paul, Minn

The Secretary of war withdraws the authority
given to Col Miles on the 7th of last August
to issue rations to Crow Indians allin.

Signed P. W. Sheridan.

Lt General

By Command of Genl Terry
over

(Signed) Ruggles
a. a. genl.

Head Qrs Dist of the Yellowstone
Tongue River Barracks

Nov 5th 1877.

Official extract copy respectfully furnished
Lieut. G. C. Down, 2^d Cavalry for his information

By Command of

Col. W. A. Miles

L. W. Davis.

1st Lt & Capt & Inf

a. a. a. general.

Fort Ellis M.T.

October 25th 1877.

To the Asst. Adj. General

Department of Dakota

(Through Official Channels)

Sir,

While at Hendersons Ranch M.T. on the 2^d of September I had the honor to receive the order marked (No. 1) appended. I was then in command of a Detachment composed of Co. B. 7th Cavalry about 40 citizen volunteers and 46 Crow Scouts, acting under orders from the District Command of Montana, was also receiving orders from General Sturgis and from General Miles direct, having been temporarily attached to Genl Sturgis Command in the movement against the Nez-Perces and having come to Fort Ellis previously enroute to Hendersons Ranch under orders from General Gibbon.

Complied with the order No. 1 brought me back to Fort Ellis with about Twenty Officers and men left of two Companies of Cavalry (Co. 7th and Co. 2^d) on the 21st September. The rest of the Battalion had been dropped, en-route, at different points with broken down stock and had arrived at Ft. Ellis before my return to the Post. I had also a pack train - scattered in the same way - was relieved from duty with Colonel Gilbert by the order (No. 2) appended. It will be observed that this order does not in any way direct me to report to the Command Officer at Ft. Ellis. Co. B. 7th Cavalry was ordered away Sept. 26th 1877, by the order No. 3 appended. This left me a broken down Pack train, 4 packers, and some citizens and after stock also one Sergt and two Privates of an original Detachment. All from Co. B. 2^d Cavalry, I had property

Scattered from Tongue River to the National Park which I proceeded to get together as far as the means present would allow. I had also several people hired, Couriers, & to discharge, and get rid of - which occupied my mind quite fully, until the receipt of the order No. 4 annexed the execution of this, took 5 days time and broke down my pack train, so that it required a couple of days rest, after which I sent it up the Yellowstone to bring in some wagons left there, and some guns loaned to citizens - also some ammunition. Meanwhile I was making up accounts and preparing to return to Tongue River Cantonment - under the letters of instructions, Nos 5 and 6 annexed. The general tenor of these letters will show the discretion, kindly given me by General Miles.

On the 14th ult. my men returned from up the Yellowstone - bringing in wagons - arms - and other property left above. On the 15th I received the letter (No 7) annexed endorsed back referring to Letter No. 6 annexed. This communication was the first I had received from Post Head Qrs asking for my orders, On the 16th the order No. 8 was issued from Post-Headqrs relieving my detachment from duty with me (annexed) On the 17th the order No. 9 annexed, was received by me, and the property transferred, as my packers and scout are on the rolls of the Post & Co. at Tongue River the order No. 10 was subsequently issued and carried into effect. These two latter orders were the result of letter No. 11 annexed with endorsement thereon of the District Commanded. I have the honor to state that I have been in command of the Crow Scouts all Summer - have become responsible for, and issued large amounts of stores for which I have been unable

to make returns, One has no time to make out papers in
 an Indian Camp and I had no clerks to do my work. I
 have been entrusted with this responsibility by the Comd. of
 Official District of the Yellowstone and desired to complete
 the work, Besides the responsibility for issues (many of which
 were special and require approval of the Abstracts by the
 Commanding Officer of the Yellowstone District) there are
 rolls to be made up - of Scouts, to a limited number, Special
 payments to be made - guns to collect, and some vouchers
 to be given to white men. There are also some Indian
 matters unsettled from last year. The Pack train turned
 in here, was issued to me with the express understanding
 that it was to be returned to Tongue River Cantonment,
 as it belonged to General Crooks Train, and was liable
 to be returned to his Dept. It will thus be seen that
 my situation is one of peculiar embarrassment and
 liable to misconstruction by those to whom I have
 made promises which I am rendered unable to
 fulfil. Consequently I have the honor most urgently
 to request that the Pack Train may be invoiced back
 to me. My detachment be again detailed and that I may
 be allowed to proceed with the work on which I was
 engaged when the order No. 9 was issued viz getting
 together property, settling accounts, and returning to Tongue River
 Cantonment to make Returns - Rolls and Reports of operations, and
 further I respectfully request and urge that the Comd. Officer
 of Ft. Ellis M.T. may issue the necessary orders to initiate this
 work, Subject to the approval of the higher authorities -

Very Respectfully
 Your obedient servant -

1st Lieut. 2^d Cavalry.

Copy respectfully transmitted to Hdqrs. Dist. of the Yellowstone

1st Lieut. 2^d Cavalry.

"No 1"

Henderson's Ranch
on the Yellowstone River

Sept 2^d 1877

Pursuant to instructions from the
District Commander, the undersigned as-
sumes ^{command} of the forces encamped at this place
under 1st Lt G. C. Doane 2^d Cavalry

(Signed) G. C. Gilbert

Lt Col 7th Infy

A true copy.

(sgd) Chas B Schofield

2^d Lt 2^d Cavalry

"No 2"

Fort Ellis M.T.

Sept. 21st 1877

1st Lieut - G. C. Doane, 2^d. Cavalry is hereby
received from the operation of the order of Sept 2^d.
1877 issued at Henderson's Ranch on the
Yellowstone River

(Signed)

O B Gilbert -

Lieut. Col. 7th Infantry

A true copy

(sgd) Chas B Schofield

2^d Lieut 2^d Cavalry.

"No 3"

Fort Elli Sept 26: 1877.

S.O. No 183.

Am obedient to telegraphic instructions from District
Commander Lt. Col. G. B. DeLudis that you will proceed without
delay to Fort Shaw M.T. reporting upon his arrival to Col
John Gibbon for orders.

By order of Capt. Bennett

(signed) Geo. H. Wright

Lt. Col. G. B. DeLudis

Acty Post Adjutant

A True copy

(sgd) Chas. B. Schofield

Lt. Col. DeLudis

"No. 4"

Fort de Hart - Ellis et al.

September 29. 1877.

Special orders. }

No. 189 }

Extract.

It is complained with the request of the Commanding General Dept. of Columbia Lt. Col. G. S. Doane will proceed with his pack train taking rations for six (6) days for 250 men to supply command of Maj. G. B. Sanford Lt. Cavalry now moving from Beard Creek by Musselshell towards this Post.

By order Major Perislin.

(Signed) Geo. Wright

Lt. Col. G. S. Doane

Act. Post-Adjutant

A True Copy

(sgd) Chas B. Schofield

Lt. Col. G. S. Doane

Adj. Gen. Yellowstone Command

Cantonment at Tongue River M.T.

August 26th 1877.

1st Lt. G. B. Doane

2^d Cavalry.

Comdy Crow Scouts, etc

Recipient

I have the honor to inform you by the direction of the Comdy Officer, that, he has directed Gen Sturgis to send brow or white men acquainted with the Nez-Perces to communicate with the latter, and desires to have you (if you know of anybody who could execute that commission) send him to Gen Sturgis at once - Should the brow be willing to move with General Sturgis against the Nez-Perces South of the Yellowstone, a movement for which he has orders, the Comdy Officer would like to have them do so, if not, and if you judge it expedient, to send to the North East, the commanding officer desires that you do that, or come to this place as the Nez-Perces seem not to have gone to the Judith Basin the Comdy Officer wishes Lieut. De Rudis's Company to join Gen Sturgis, unless there is urgent need for its services with you.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant.

(signed) G. W. Baird

1st Lt. & Adj. 5th Inf.

A. A. A. General.

A true copy.

(sgd) Chas B Schofield

Lieut 2^d Cavalry.

No 6.

Head Quarters Yellowstone Command
Cantonment at Tongue River M.T.

August 27th 1877.

1st Lieut J. C. Doane

2^d Lieut

Company Crow Scouts.

Lieutenant,

I do not see that much more can be done with the Crow until they get their annuities and until the Inf. Percees are disposed of - which I hope will be soon. As soon as that is accomplished, I would like to see the Crow that will go back East for one good Campaign against Sitting Bull. If they are not disposed to look for the Sioux any longer, then it would be better for you to return to the Command

Respectfully etc

(Signed) Nelson A Miles

Col 5th Inf

Bt Maj Gen U.S.A.

Comdg

True copy.

(as?) Geo H Wright

1st Lt 7th Inf

No 7

Hd Qrs Fort Ellis M.T.

Oct 15th 1877.

Capt J. S. Deane

2^d Regt

Fort Ellis M.T.

Sir,

I am directed by the Comd^g Office to request
you to furnish this office with a copy of the orders
under which you are now acting

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant-

(Signed) Geo H Wright

1st Lieut. & Surg.

Post Adjutant-

Fort-Ellice, M. T.

Oct-17. 77.

Respectfully returned to Post
Adj^{ts} Fort-Ellice M. T.

The within orders govern
my movements at present
I have received and since
in regard to discharging
Scouts but without changing
the intent and purpose
of the one enclosed

(Signed) J. C. Doane

1st R. 2 Cavalry.
Comd^g Crow Indians

"No. 8."

Head Qrs Ft. Ellis M. T.

October 16th 1877

Special Orders

No. 202

PAR III. Sergeant-Server, Privates Lang
and Applegate Company "G" 2^d Cavalry
are hereby relieved from Det. Service
and will report to Captain J. S. Wheeler
for duty ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ this Post.

By order of Major Brisson

(Signed) Geo. H. Wright

1st Lieut - 7th Infantry
Post-Adjt.

True copy.

(sgd) Geo. H. Wright

1st Lieut - 7th Infantry.

No 9

Head Qrs. Fort Ellis M.T.

October 17th 1877

Special Orders

No 203

In compliance with instructions from Hd. Qrs. Dist. of Montana, 1st Lieut. E. C. Doane will report ^{for duty} without delay to the Commanding Officer at Ft. Ellis M.T. Lt. E. C. Doane will also discharge his Packers and Scouts and turn over to the Post Quartermaster the Public animals and other property for which he is responsible

By order of Major Brisbin
(Signed) Geo. H. Wright
1st Lieut. 7th ^{Regt.} Post Adj't.

True copy.

(Signed) Geo. H. Wright

1st Lieut. 7th Regt.

Old Fort Ellis M.T.

October 17. 1877.

Special Order }
No. 203 }

Par IV The four (4) packers at this Post belonging to
 1st Nelson a. Miles Command and now with 1st Lt. J. C. Doan
 will report to 2d Lt. S. R. Douglas a. a. g. m. without delay
 and be sent down the River on the boats now at
 Bensons landing. Pending the decision of the Dist.
 Commander of Montana in the case of these men -
 their discharge is suspended until they arrive at Tongue
 River, where they will report to the Post Quartermaster

By Order of Major Berlin

(Signed) Chas D Warden

2 Lt. 7 Inf

Act Post Adjutant

True copy.

(Signed) Geo H. Wright

1st Lt. 7. Inf

Hd Qrs Fort, Ellis

Oct 7. 1877.

Asst Adjutant-General

Dist of Montana

Sir,

I have the honor to state that some weeks ago 1st Lt. G. B. Doane reported back to this Post from a Scout with Lt. Geo. Gilbert. He was then acting under orders from Gen. Gibbon, he states he is still under orders from Geo. Miles Comdy Dist Yellowstone. He has 4 Packers, 1 Scout, 11 horses and 17 mules in his possession. As the status of this Officer is anomalous I request that the Dist Commanded will give orders in his case. I recommend that the packers and Scouts be discharged, the animals turned over to the Qm Dept at Ellis, and that Lieut. Doane be ordered to report for duty at this Post,

Very respectfully

Genl Obedient Servant.

(signed) Jas S. Brislin

Maj 2: Cav Comdy Post.

Respectfully furnished 1st Lieut. G. B. Doane for information.

True copy.

(signed) Chas H. Wright

1st Lieut 7 Inf.

No 66.

18th Endorsement

Adj^{ts} Dir^y of Montana
Ft Shaw Oct-11-77

Respectfully returned to
Comdr's office Fort Ellis -
Lt Doan will report to
Comdr's office Ft Ellis for
duty. The Packers and Scouts
within referred to will be
discharged and the Public
animals turned into the
Post & Master.

By order of Col J. Gibbon
(Signed) John L. Burnett

1st Lt & Adj^t 7 Inf.

A. A. G.