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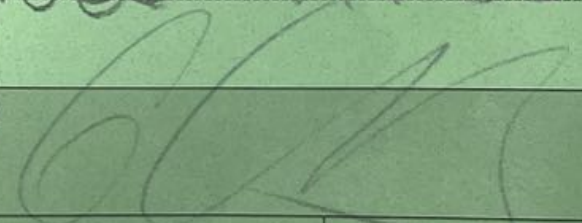
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By Telegram from Fort Tetterman
No. 155.
Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
September 12th 1867.

Commanding Officer
Fort Laramie D.T.

Your request dated Aug 10th to send up & invite the 'Crows' & hostile Indians to meet Commissioners at Fort Laramie was not rec^d until the 27th ult, when a special messenger was sent up to C.F. Smith the same day he has just returned with the information that 'Crazy Bear,' 'White Mouth,' 'Thin Belly,' 'Blackfoot,' 'Bears Tooth' & other Chiefs of the 'Crows' were to leave yesterday the 11th inst.

A large party of 'Sioux' Cheyennes and 'Gross Ventres' were at the Crow Camp & said they had received presents of Tobacco from Laramie & thought they would go down.

All quiet since August 1st

Messenger will remain twenty four hours at Tetterman for any communication you may desire to send.

J. & Smith
Br. Major Genl U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

By Courier to Fort Tetterman.

No. 156.
By telegram from Ft. Tetterman
Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
September 15th 1867.

Commanding Officer
Fort Laramie D.T.

Courier from Fort C.F. Smith just arrived with information that the Crows do not want to go to Laramie owing to the lateness of the season & being poor in horses, The trip would cost what they have. The principle

Chiefs of the Sioux, will not go to Laramie but it is thought they would come to this Post & meet the Commissioners the next full moon in October.

J. & Smith
Br. Major Genl U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

By Courier to Fort Tetterman

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
September 18th 1867

No. 157
2nd Lieut. C.L. McCarthy
Comd'g Detachment
Wagon Party
Lieutenant

The Comd'g Officer directs me to call your attention to the straggling manner the Wagon party came into the Post, yesterday four of the men over a mile in advance of the Wagon, (evidently hunting). You will place a Non-Com-Officer, in charge of each party that leaves your Detachment, with explicit instructions to keep the men well together and under no circumstances to allow them to go over three hundred yards in advance or upon the flanks of the train, while moving into the Post.

If you deem the additional ten men sent out, absolutely necessary, please give your reasons or return them at once to the Post.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
A. W. ...
2nd Lieut & Regt Adjutant 27th Inf
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
September 19th 1867

No. 158
2nd Lt. L. McCarthy
Comd^g Detachment
Way party Lieutenant

You will move into the Post, tomorrow with your detachment preparatory to reporting for duty with your Company at the Sinery. Upon your arrival at the Post, you will proceed without unnecessary delay to the Sinery, with all the men of 'C' Co. now with you, and certain men on Extra and Daily Duty of that Company, reporting for duty to Br^g Major Powell. The Company will be rationed to include the last day of the month.

If practicable you will move in at once.

By direction of
Br^g Major Genl Jns. C. Smith

1st Lt. 2^d Regt. Adjt. 27th Infantry
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
September 23rd 1867

No. 159
Br^g Colonel A. D. Switzer
Comd^g Batt. 2nd U.S. Cavalry
Colonel

By direction of the Comd^g Officer, I have the honor to inform you that the freight train, at this Post, will be ready to move at an early hour tomorrow for Fort Reno D.T.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

1st Lt. 2^d Regt. Adjt. 27th Infantry
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
September 27th 1867

No. 160
Br^g Major Jas. Powell
Comd^g at the Sinery Major

The Commanding Officer directs that you furnish ample guards and escorts to parties engaged in cutting wood on Sundays.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.

1st Lt. 2^d Regt. Adjt. 27th Inf
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
October 1st 1867

No. 161
Br^g Major Tho. B. Burrows
Comd^g Co. F. 27th Infantry
Fort C. S. Smith. M. D.

Sir: In accordance with Par 170. R. G. R. 1863, I have the honor to report, that Private James Mc

Prince Co. F. 27th Inf was discharged at this Post to day by reason of Surgeons Certificate of Disability.

I am, Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt

1st Lt. 2^d Regt. Adjt. 27th Inf
Post Adjutant

Thos. Comd^g Officer
Fort C. S. Smith.
M. D.

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
October 1st 1867.

No. 162
Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha Neb.

Sir:-

I have the honor to report that Sergeant Major Christian Froehlich 27th Co. 2^d Infantry was discharged at this Post September 23rd 1867. under the provisions of G.O. No. 6. 16th Div. Military Division of the Missouri, 1867. his term of service expiring October 27th 1867.

The opportunity that presented itself being more favorable than would again occur he was discharged as above indicated

I am, Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
G. & Smith
Capt Major Genl U.S.A.
Comd'g.

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
October 1st 1867.

No. 163
Assistant Inspector General
Department of the Platte
Omaha Neb.

Sir

I have the honor to herewith enclose Monthly Inspection Reports of Fort Philip Kearney D.T. for the month of September 1867.

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
G. & Smith
Capt Major Genl U.S. Army
Comd'g. Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
October 1st 1867.

No. 164
Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha Neb.

Sir:-

I have the honor to report that about one o'clock P.M. on the 22nd of Sept, Indians made a sudden dash on the Hay party encamped about six miles east of the Post on Big Smey Creek, captured fourteen (14) mules and seven (7) mules, also killed one of the oxen, setting the grass upon fire several places as they drove away. The party consisted of the Hay Contractors employees, about fifteen in number, and Lieut Dillator with twenty men of B Co 27th as escort and guard.

The Stock stampeded was the property of Mrs. A. D. Fitchfield Hay Contractor and Mr. Fred Hedde.

A Board of Officers has been ordered to convene for the purpose of examining into into the details of the circumstances attending the capture, proceedings of which will be forwarded as soon as practicable.

Sept 24th while a train enroute to Fort Reno, was lying just east of the Post, a small party of Indians dashed in upon the herd, killing and scalping one man (herder) in sight of the Post; but captured none of stock, as the employees of the train turned out with alacrity and went to the assistance of the herder.

I am, Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
G. & Smith
Capt Major Genl U.S.A.
Comd'g. Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
October 2nd 1867.

No. 165
Assistant Inspector General
Department of the Platte
Omaha Neb.

Sir: I have the honor
to herewith enclose proceedings of a Board of
Survey convened August 29th 1867, S.O. No. 143 from
this Post. Proceedings of this Board
was forwarded to you Aug 30th, which were
incorrect. The Board were ordered to re-con-
vene and verify the discrepancies accurately.
Proceedings of which are enclosed for action of
the Department Commander

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
W. E. Smith
Br. Major Genl Wfa.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
October 5th 1867.

No. 166
Br. Major James Powell
Comd'g Co. 1st Regt. 24th Inf. at the Quarry
Major

The Commanding Officer
directs that you furnish these Head Quarters with a
Special Report of the number of guards, to working parties,
as to daily details from your Company, where located, duties
required of them and the instructions given

Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servant
W. E. Smith
1st Lieut & Regt. Adj. 24th Inf.
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
October 4th 1867.

No. 167
Br. Lieut Col. H. G. Litchfield
Asst Adjutant Genl Dept of the Platte
Omaha Nebraska
Sir

I have the honor to
herewith enclose Monthly Report of Extrard Daily duty
men employed at this post during the month of September
1867.

I am Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
W. E. Smith
Br. Major Genl Wfa.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
October 5th 1867.

No. 168
Commanding Officer
Co. L. 2nd U.S. Cavalry
Fort Laramie D.T.

Sir
I have the honor to inform you
that Private John Brown Co. L. 2nd Cav. was discharged
by reason of Surgeons Certificate of Disability Yesterday the
4th Inst

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
W. E. Smith
1st Lieut & Regt. Adj. 24th Inf.
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.C.
October 3rd 1867

No. 169.
Lieut. George P. Beldon
2nd U.S. Cavalry
Lieutenant

You are hereby directed to proceed on the road towards Fort Reno D.C. at once with a detachment of D Company 2nd Cav. Composed of three Non. Com. Officers and twenty privates (ten of the privates to be taken from the Way field and left there upon the return) and overtake a train supposed to be in the vicinity of Clear Creek or Connors Springs and arrest the following named deserters known to be escaping from the service in this train (One of them is a driver of Oxen) to wit: John M. Cuckern, Thomas French, & Albert Longley, all of H. Co. 27th Inf. when you come in sight of the train you will throw forward briskly a detail under a non Com. Officer to occupy prominent points covering either side of the train with instructions to pursue and arrest anyone who may attempt to escape. You will engage on the train covering both sides cause it to halt, communicate with Lieut. Bennet who will cooperate with you in making the arrest - After putting guards you will make most diligent search for these deserters & upon finding them will return promptly to the Post.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt
~~A. J. Munn~~
Lieut. Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.C.
October 7th 1867

No. 170
Brig. Major James Powell
Control at the Pinery

Sir: The Commanding Officer directs that you furnish in addition, a detail of twelve men to guard wood choppers under such instructions as will facilitate Contractor

You will instruct the several detachments (if you have not already done so) in case of attack by superior force to concentrate for mutual defence & protection of property, at such point as it may be done most effectually.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
~~A. J. Munn~~
1st Lieut. Adjutant
27th Inf.

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.C.
October 7th 1867

No. 171

Sir

On the 4th inst. a Board of Survey was ordered to convene to make an Inventory of ^{my} report upon public property for which Lt. David John. O. Jones 27th Infantry (deceased) was responsible; the following named officers were detailed:

- 1st Lt. Col. B. D. Smith Major 27th Infantry
- 2^d Lt. Brig. Gen. G. B. Dandy Capt. & A. J. M. M. M.
- 3^d Lt. Major A. B. Freeman Capt. 27th Inf.

At the subsequent session of the Board, Br. Major A. B. Freeman, stated that he was indirectly interested and therefore objected to serving as a member; Br. Brig. Gen. G. B. Dandy Capt. & A. J. M. submitted a communication (a copy of which is hereby transmitted) claiming the Presidency of the Board by virtue of his Brass Rank. The Board there upon adjourned and submitted its proceedings, which after relieving Br. Major A. B. Freeman by substituting Capt. G. B. Thompson 27th Inf., were returned with the following endorsement:

See Endorsement Book No. 337 of 1867.

No case similar to the above occur frequently

I respectfully submit the foregoing for your decision

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
No. 1 Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comdr. Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.D.
October 8th 1867.

Adjutant Genl. U.S.A.
Three Regts. A.C.

No. 172.
Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha Neb.

Sir: I have the honor to herewith enclose Monthly Return of Fort Philip Kearny D.D. for the month of September 1867.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
No. 1 Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comdr. Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.D.
October 8th 1867.

No. 173.
Asst. Adjutant General
Military Division of the Missouri
Saint Louis Mo.

Sir: I have the honor to herewith enclose Monthly Return

of Fort Philip Kearny D.D. for the month of September 1867.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
No. 1 Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comdr. Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.D.
October 16th 1867.

No. 174
Adjutant General U.S. Army
Washington D.C.

Sir: I have the honor to herewith enclose Monthly Return of Fort Philip Kearny D.D. for the month of September 1867.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
No. 1 Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comdr. Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.D.
October 12th 1867.

No. 175.
Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha Neb.

Sir: I have the honor to report for the information of the Department Commander that about 11 o'clock yesterday a small party of Indians numbering about 125 men made a dash to capture a herd of 17 mules grazing at the Penury about 4 1/2 miles from the Post and a few hundred yards distant from the Camp of a

detachment of troops from this Garrison. As soon as the Indians were seen by the guards, they immediately started in pursuit, and frustrated the attempts of the rangers in capturing the stock. Two Indians were believed to be seriously wounded and some of their war implement captured.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servant
Geo. A. Smith
Br. Major Genl USA
Comd. Co. 1st Regt

Head Quarters 3
Fort Philip Kearny D.C.
October 17th 1867.

No. 176
Ditchfield Br. Lieut Col N. G.
Asst. Adjt. Genl. Dep. of the State
Omaha Neb

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for the information of the Dept. Commander the enclosed reports, one from Lt. Lieut C. Dillotom 27th Sep. & a statement of Mr. Deemy civilian in charge of Hay Wagons, also proceedings of a Board of Officers relating to the capture of stock in the vicinity of this Post on the 22nd of Sep.

I deeply regret the occurrence that gives cause for reflection upon the conduct of any officer, but more particularly, one belonging to this Command; up to this time it is the only occasion I have had to reprimand an officer for an evident neglect of duty in not defending the property committed to his charge, against an enemy at least not superior to the force under his command.

The fact that citizens to whom the property belonged had not taken the necessary precautions

to secure the safety of their animals, does not palliate the conduct of the Officer.

The Board convened to investigate the circumstance find that nature of the defense was injudicious owing to the inexperience of Lieut Dillotom. This Officer however candidly admits in his report of the affair, as well as in his statement to the Board, that upon the appearance of the Indians he ordered his men into the works, (which should have been resorted to only in case of an attack by a superior force that would have endangered the loss of his detachment without being able to save the property) and allowed one Indian to run off the animals. Lieut C. Dillotom has but recently joined his Regiment & could have but little knowledge of the habits of the Indians except such extravagant ideas as all inexperienced persons get, until dispelled by actual observation, and as he acknowledges his error and I believe will make a good officer; I respectfully ask an indulgent view of his conduct by the Commanding General.

As I have been asked for a recommendation that the owners be indemnified for the loss of their animals, I presume a claim will be made, which in my opinion should not be allowed.

Nearly every instance that has come under my observation where Indians have succeed in running off stock it has been the result of carelessness on the part of those having them in charge.

I am, Sir

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servant
Geo. A. Smith
Br. Major Genl USA
Comd. Co. 1st Regt

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.C.
October 2nd 1867.

N^o 177
Assistant Adjutant General.
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir: I have the honor
to herewith transmit Report of Col. Brig Genl. S.
B. Dandy A. Q. M. USA. Post Quarter Master in
compliance with G.O. N^o 41. N^o 2nd Dept of the Platte,
for the information of the Dept Commander, as to
the service performed the necessity of the employment
of civilians and their compensation in the L. M. Dept
at this Post; and to respectfully state that as soon
as retrenchments can be made, without injury to
the public Service, the force now employed will be
reduced.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant
Geo. E. Smith
Col. Major Genl. USA
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.C.
October 1st 1867

N^o 178
Asst. Inspector General.
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir: I have the honor
to herewith transmit proceedings of a Board of Survey
convened Sept 6th 1867. per G.O. N^o 48 from the
L. M. Dept. Proceedings of this Board were forwarded
to you Sept 29th but were subsequently found to

be incorrect. The Board were ordered to
reconvene and verify the discrepancies in accordance
with the evidence subsequently obtained.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo. E. Smith
Col. Major Genl. USA
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.C.
October 1st 1867.

N^o 179
Asst. Adjutant General.
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir: I have the honor to report, for the information
of the Department Commander, that about 5 o'clock
this evening a citizen employe of Contractor
was killed by an Indian at the Agency about
four and a half miles from the Post. The man
had gone outside of the guard for the purpose of
procuring water when he was shot.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant
Geo. E. Smith
Col. Major Genl. USA
Comd'g Post

No. 150.
Board Survey
in town of 27th 1867.
Copies forwarded to
responsible officers

Approved
B. C. L.

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. C.
October 29th 1867.

Assistant Inspector General
Department of the Interior
Omaha Neb.

Sir: I have the honor
to herewith enclose,
proceedings of a Board of
Survey for action of the
Department Commander.
I am, Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
M. G. Smith
Br. Major Fort M. J. A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. C.
October 29th 1867.

No. 151.
Lieut. G. L. McArthur, 2^d Inf
Comd'g Co. C. 2^d Inf
Lieutenant

That portion of your
order directing that in the event of your meeting a train from
Fort C. F. Smith to exchange escorts will only take effect
after you have consulted with the Officer in charge of
the escort from above, and ascertained from him what
arrangements have been made to secure the payment
of his Command. If you find that they have been paid
or that they have left their rolls at Fort C. F. Smith
signed, that their pay may be drawn in their absence,
then will exchange escorts, but should the Fort Smith
escort have their pay rolls with them, ^{you} not have drawn
pay, but expecting to meet the Paymaster here
and receive paymaster, you will continue to Fort Smith

110 D.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
~~M. G. Smith~~
1st Lieut. 2^d Inf
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. C.
November 5th 1867.

152.
Adjutant General U. S. Army
Washington D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to
herewith transmit Muster Rolls of Company D. 2^d Cav.
Co. A. B. C. & D. 2^d Inf. and Post Hospital for the
months of September and October 1867.

I am, Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
M. G. Smith
Br. Major Fort M. J. A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. C.
November 2^d 1867.

153.
Asst. Adjutant General
Dep't of the Platte
Omaha Neb.

Sir: I have the honor to
herewith enclose, List of men employed on Extra
and Daily Duty for the month of October 1867.
I am, Sir. Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
M. G. Smith
Br. Major Fort U. S. Army

No 184

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.C.
November 6th 1867.

Asst Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha Neb.

Sir: I have the honor to report for the information of the General Commanding, that on the night of the 4th inst I was informed by courier that a Train en route to Fort C. H. Smith M.S. escorted by Lieut E. L. J. Shurley 27th Inf. & 40 enlisted men, had been attacked by Indians at Ford Creek a point about twenty miles west of this Post.

Two Companies of Cav. at the time under the command of Col. Lewis Col John Green 8th Cav. at the time encamped near this Post and Company D 8th Cav. Dr. Major D. S. Gordon Commanding, were immediately sent to the scene, but on their arrival at the scene of action found that the Indians had withdrawn after capturing the mail and the contents of a few wagons.

Our Casualties were as follows.

Private Harold Fartingheimer Co. I 27th Inf. Killed and
Lieut E. L. J. Shurley 27th Inf. Corp. Peter Donley Co. H
Corp. Gordon 8th Cav. Co. I. Priv. James McKeever
Co. E 27th Inf. Capt. William Freiland wounded

Col Green returned with his command and the wounded to this Post yesterday - Major Gordon's Command proceeded with the Train en route to Fort C. H. Smith
Corp. Peter Donley Co. H died this morning

I am, Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

M. G. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.C.
November 5th 1867.

No 185

Asst Adjutant Genl
Military Division of the Mo
St Louis Mo

Sir

I have the honor to herewith enclose Monthly Return of Fort Philip Kearney D.C. for the Month of October 1867.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
M. G. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

No 186

Adjutant General W. Army
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to herewith enclose Monthly Return of Fort Philip Kearney D.C. for the Month of October 1867.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
M. G. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters, Fort
Dork Philip Kearney D. C.
November 2^d 1867

No. 187
Assistant Inspector General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir: I have the honor to herewith
enclose, Monthly Inspection report of Troops for the month
of October 1867

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo. E. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Fort

Head Quarters Fort
Dork Philip Kearney D. C.
November 3^d 1867

No. 188
Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir I have the honor to herewith
enclose Monthly Return of Fort Philip Kearney D. C. for the
month of October 1867

I am Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo. E. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Fort

Head Quarters Fort
Dork Philip Kearney D. C.
November 11th 1867

No. 189
Quarter Master General U.S. Army
Washington D. C.

Sir I have the honor to herewith
enclose Monthly Return of Quarter Master Stores for the month of
October 1867.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. M. Munn
1st Lieut. & Adj. 27th Inf.
Fort Adjutant

Head Quarters Fort
Dork Philip Kearney D. C.
November 12th 1867

No. 191
Br. Brig. Genl. L. S. Bradley
Commanding Fort D. F. Smith M. D.

Sir: By direction of the Genl.
Commanding, I have the honor to inform you that Private Harold
Furtenhimer Co. F. 27th Inf. was killed in action with Indians near
Goose Creek D. C. November 4th 1867. Corporal Peter Donley Co.
H. 27th Inf. & Priv. James McKeever Co. E. 27th Inf. died (of wounds
received) on the 5th & 7th inst. respectively.
Lieut. G. R. J. Shubley 27th Inf. and Corp'l Gordon
Fitzgerald Co. F. 27th Inf. slightly wounded, and under medical
treatment at this Fort.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. M. Munn
1st Lieut. & Adj. 27th Inf.
Fort Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
November 20th 1867

No 190
Commanding Officer
Co. H 2nd Infantry
Sir

I have the honor to inform you
that I have this day issued to John J. Datin, a Private
of your Company, undergoing sentence in Guard House at
this Post, the following articles of Clothing - viz

2. Shirts	@ 2.33	\$ 4.64
2. Drawers	1.60	3.20
1. pair Boots		2.25
2. Stockings	48¢	96
1. Gait Coat		6.25
1. Woolen Blanket		7.11
Total Value		\$ 24. ³⁰

I am Sir

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
M. H. H. H.
1st Lieut & Regt Adjutant 24th Inf.
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
November 25th 1867.

No 191
1st Lieut Thomas L. Bruce
A. Q. M. 18th Inf.
Lieutenant

I have the honor to
acknowledge receipt of your communication, dated Sept 29th 1867
and in reply I would respectfully state, that your communica-
tion requesting copy of Orders etc. which you refer to in communication
of this date, was complied with as far as was in my power, all
the original Ration Returns, of Extra Issues, were forwarded to
you by mail on the 12th of October 1867. I am enclosed

proceedings of the Board of Survey, with Department
Commander's action endorsed

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
M. H. H. H.
1st Lieut & Regt Adjutant 24th Inf.
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
November 22nd 1867

No 193
Asst. Adj. Genl: Dept of the Platte
Omaha, Nebraska

Sir

I have the honor to report
for the information of the Dept. Commander, that the
following Quarter Masters property, has been forwarded
to Fort Taramie D.T. to be turned in in compliance
with G.O. No 88, 6th Qrs of the Army, and G.O. No 47, 6th Quarter
Dept of the Platte 1867, to wit: Four Horses, Four
Ambulances and Sixteen sets of Single Harness

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo G Smith
1st Major Genl U.S. Army
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
November 19th 1867

No 194
Asst Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb: -

Sir: -

I have the honor to report
for the information of the Dept. Commander that to day about

at 10 o'clock, a body of Indians, numbering about twenty, made a bold dash to capture the Beef Herd, then grazing about a mile south west of the Post. They were frustrated in their attempt & driven off by the fire of the Herders, and the prompt movement of a Company from the Garrison.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

J. & Smith

Br. Major Tent. U.S.A.

Comd'g Post.

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.S.
November 24th 1867.

No. 195²
Br. Brig. Genl. Wm. Hayes
Chief D.M. Dept. of the Platte
Omaha. Neb.

General:

I have the honor to enclose to you Direct, Requisitions for two Post Warrington Report Books, and two Post Guard Report Books;

I had hoped that these books would have been received by the Quartermaster here, but as none have come to hand, I have to request that you forward them as soon as practicable.

I am, Genl.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

J. & Smith

Br. Major Tent. U.S.A.

Comd'g Post.

No. 196

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.S.
December 1st 1867.
Quarter Master Tent. U.S. Army.
Washington D.C.

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.S.
December 1st 1867.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Monthly Return of Quarter Masters Stores for which I am responsible for the month of November 1867.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

~~W. H. H. H.~~
1st Lieut. Col. 9th Infantry
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.S.
December 3rd 1867.

No. 197
1st Lieut. C. H. Harris
T. A. S. M. U.S. Army.

Sir:

The Commanding Officer directs, that owing to the requirements of the Public Service, that you retain here one wagon and mule team with harness, and account to the D.M. at Fort David. H. Russell for the same.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

~~W. H. H. H.~~
1st Lieut. Col. 9th Infy
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post,
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
December 5th 1867.

^{12/198}
Assistant Inspector General
Department of the Platte,
Omaha, Neb.

Sir: I have the honor to
herewith enclose, Monthly Inspection Reports of
Fort Philip Kearney D. T. for the month of
November 1867.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo. G. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comdr. Post.

Head Quarters Post,
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
December 5th 1867.

^{12/199}
Asst. Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir: I have the honor to
herewith enclose, Monthly Lists of Extra and
Daily Duty Employed during the month of November
1867.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo. G. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comdr. Post.

Head Quarters Post,
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
December 5th 1867.

^{12/201}
Asst. Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir: I have the honor to herewith
enclose Monthly Return of Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
for November 1867.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo. G. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comdr. Post.

Head Quarters Post,
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
December 5th 1867.

^{12/201}
Asst. Adjutant General
Military Division of the Missouri
Saint Louis, Missouri

Sir: I have the
honor to herewith enclose, Monthly Return of
Fort Philip Kearney D. T. for November 1867.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo. G. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comdr. Post.

Head Quarters, Fort
Fort Philip Kearny D. C.
November 5th 1867.

Adjutant General U.S. Army.
Washington D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to
herewith enclose Monthly Return of Fort Philip
Kearny D. C. for the month of November 1867.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
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Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
January 1st 1868

No. 1
Assistant Inspector General
Department of the Platte
Omaha Nebr.

Sir

I have the honor to herewith
enclose Monthly Inspection Report of Fort Philip
Kearney D. T. for the Month of December 1867.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. G. Smith
Br. Major General U. S. A.
Comd'g Post

No. 2
Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
January 5th 1868

Quarter Master General U. S. Army
Washington D. C.

Sir

I have the honor
to herewith enclose Monthly Return of Quarter Master
Stores for which I am responsible for the month of
December 1867.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. G. Smith
1st Lieut. Adj't 5th Infantry
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
January 5th 1868

No. 3
Adjutant General U. S. Army
Washington D. C.

Sir

I have the honor to herewith enclose
Monthly Return of Fort Philip Kearney D. T. for the month of
December 1867.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. G. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U. S. A.
Comd'g Post

No. 4
Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
January 5th 1868

Assistant Adjutant General
Military Division of the Missouri
Saint Louis Mo.

Sir

I have the honor to herewith
enclose Monthly Return of Fort Philip Kearney D. T. for the
month of December 1867.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. G. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U. S. A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
January 5th 1868

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha Neb

Sir: I have the honor to
herewith enclose Monthly Return of Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
for the month of December 1867.

I am, Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Br: Major Genl. USA.
Comdr: Post

Head Quarters Fort
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
January 10th 1868

Adjutant General U.S. Army
Washington D.C.

Sir: I have the honor to
herewith transmit Muster Rolls of Co. B 22^d Cavalry
Co. A B. Co. F & K 2^d Inf and Post Hospital, for the months
of November & December 1867.

I am, Sir.
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Br: Major Genl. USA.
Comdr: Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
January 5th 1868

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha Neb

Sir: I have the honor to
herewith enclose List of Certs & Daily Duties employed at
Fort Philip Kearny D.T. for the month of December 1867.

I am, Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Br: Major General U.S. Army
Comdr: Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
January 10th 1868

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha Neb

Sir: I have the honor to
herewith transmit Statement Campaigns Expeditions
Scale &c. for the Quarter ending December 31st 1867.

I am, Sir.
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Br: Major Genl. U.S. Army
Comdr: Post

Head Quarters Post
Post Philip Kearney D. S.
January 20th 1868

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Br. Lieut Col W. S. Sitchfield
Asst Adjt. Genl. Dep. of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:

In obedience to letter dated
Head Quarters Dep. of the Platte Omaha, Neb. Dec. 13th 1867. I have
the honor to herewith transmit corrected monthly Returns of
Post Philip Kearney D. S. for the month of October 1867.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. G. Smith
Br. Major Genl. a/c
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Post Philip Kearney D. S.
January 21st 1868.

¹⁰
Assistant Adjt. General.
Dep. of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:

In compliance with G. O.
No. 53. H. Q. Dep. of the Platte series of 1867. I have the
honor to herewith transmit Special Report (of Lieut G. A. Warren
27th Inf. A. S. M.) with authority to hire certain Civilians,
whose services are indispensable.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. G. Smith
Br. Major Genl. a/c
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Post Philip Kearney D. S.
January 26th 1868

¹¹¹
Mr. O. Cameron

Sir

The Post Major General Commanding
has been informed that you are engaged cutting timber on the
Government Reservation. He directs that if this is the case
that you discontinue cutting.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. G. Smith
Br. Major Genl. a/c
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Post Philip Kearney D. S.
February 7th 1868.

¹¹²
Assistant Inspector General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:

I have the honor to herewith
transmit, Monthly Inspection Report of Post Philip Kearney D. S.
for the month of January 1868.

I would respectfully request that
be furnished six (6) months supply of Blanks if they have not been
forwaded.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. G. Smith
Br. Major Genl. a/c
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.C.
February 7th 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Nebraska.

I have the honor to herewith transmit
List of men employed on Extra and Daily Duty at this Post during
the month of January 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Bvt. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Commanding Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.C.
February 7th 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

I have the honor to herewith trans-
mit Monthly Return of Fort Philip Kearny D.C. for the month
of January 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Bvt. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Commanding Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.C.
February 7th 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Military Division of the Missouri
St. Louis, Mo.

I have the honor to
herewith transmit Monthly Return of Fort Philip Kearny D.C.
for the month of January 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Bvt. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Commanding Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.C.
February 7th 1868.

Assistant General U.S. Army
Washington D.C.

I have the honor to herewith trans-
mit Monthly Return of Fort Philip Kearny D.C.
for the month of January 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Bvt. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Commanding Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
February 18th 1868.

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Adj. Genl. C. S. Littlefield,
Adj. Genl. Adjt. Genl. Dept. of the Platt.
Omaha, Neb.

Colonel: I have the honor to
acknowledge receipt of your communication dated Jan 3rd 1868,
referring to the complaint of Levi Carter (Civilian) that I disputed
his right to dispose of buildings at this Post previously occupied
by him or several others as Builders. Mr. Carter is either
mistaken or did not state the case so that the General
Commanding understood it. As I took no official action
in the matter but expressed the opinion to Mr. Carter, when
he came up and afterwards to Mr. Kimball upon his arrival,
that he could have no title to the building, it being not only
on the reserve but within the Stockade. This opinion is
based upon the Circular from the War Department dated
Washington D.C. August 22nd 1867, explanatory of G.O. No. 68.
Head Dept. July 9th 1867. Colonel Merritt when here
in November last, concurred with me and expressed his
opinion in a very decided manner.

Mr. Carter will remember that I told him if
Mr. Kimball chose to buy the Building I had no objections,
but it seems he declined purchasing, unless I would recognize
Mr. Carter's title. Officially this I of course refused, and
is I presume the obstacle complained of.

If the General Commanding desires me to do so,
please send me instructions to that effect.

This Building occupies a prominent space on the
parade ground, if the Post is to be retained it will, the space
be required for military purposes; with this view an official
recognition of title will subject the Government to claims for
damages; There are other considerations in my opinion,
why such titles should not be recognized; but your
instructions render it unnecessary to allude to them.

I am, Colonel,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
W. L. Smith
Brig. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comdr. Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
February 17th 1868

Major James Van Cough 18th Infy
Commanding Post Reno D. T. S. I.

By direction of the Colonel
and Brig Major General Comdr. the Post, I have the honor to state that
he respectfully requests information as to what system you have adopted
to carry out the provisions of a communication from the Dept. Head
Quarters, under date of Dec 17th 1867, in reference to carrying the mails
to and from the Posts. It is desirable to know at what time the mails
can be reasonably expected to arrive at your Post from below, and
the dates you send Mails East and what provisions you have made for
the transmission of Mails to this Post under the instructions above
referred to.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
W. L. Smith
Brig. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comdr. Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.C.
February 28th 1868

Major James Van Voorck 18th Inf.
Commanding Fort Reno D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your post bearing date 21st inst and to respectfully state that there appears to be some difference in the interpretation of the meaning of the communication from Dept Head Quarters on the subject of mails, under the provisions of Par 4 of the above instructions, it is clearly made the duty of the commanding Officer of Fort Reno to forward the mails for this Post and vicinity while they arrive at his Post and it is very reasonable to suppose that the above regulations intended that your mail party carrying the mail up for this Post and Fort Smith should return with the Eastern Mail and therefore there should be no delay in transmitting mail eastward by reason of the unreliability of the mail parties from this upper country.

Hereafter an Eastern Mail will leave here on the 5th and 20th of each month, whether mail parties should be here or not from your Post

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

Br Major Genl U.S. Army

Command^g Post
Ft & Smith

Head Quarters Post

Fort Philip Kearny D.C.

February 29th 1868

1619
Quarter Master General U.S. Army
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to herewith transmit Monthly Returns of Clothing, Camp & Garrison Equipage

appertaining to Post Head Quarters, for the Month of February
1868

I am Sir Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servant

A. Stramm
1st Lieut^g Adj^g 27th Infantry
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.C.
March 1st 1868

1620
Quarter Master General U.S. Army
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to herewith transmit Monthly Returns of Quarter Master Stores, appertaining to Post Head Quarters for the Month of February 1868

I am Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

A. Stramm
1st Lieut^g Adj^g 27th Infantry
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.C.
March 1st 1868

1621
Assistant Inspector General
Department of the State
Omaha Neb.

Sir

I have the honor to respectfully make the following explanations in reference to the proceedings of certain Boards of Survey, and my action thereon, returned with the action of Dept Commander. A Board of Survey was convened at this Post in pursuance to Par 2^d P.C. 20211 6th Oct Post Fort Phil Kearny D.C. Dec 17th 1867 to examine into and report upon the amount of Whiskey transferred by Dr S.M. Norton Br Major U.S. Post Surgeon, to Co Frantz Br Lieut Col. Asst Surgeon at Fort C.F. Smith M.T. The

proceedings of this Board are returned from Dep^t Co^l Dr^s dis-
approved; and in the Endorsement, it is stated that, "there is no
apparent necessity for a Board of Survey at Fort Philip Kearney
at all." The necessity of the Board at the time was believed to be
apparent in view of the fact, that the proceedings of a Board of
Survey convened at Fort C. F. Smith, on the above Medical
Stores found a deficiency of twenty five Gallons of Whiskey, and
held Dr. Horton Bos Major U.S.A. accountable for the same; but
through a mistake the proceedings of the Fort C. F. Smith board,
were not transmitted with them and made part of the proceedings
of the Board held here.

The proceedings of the Board of Survey,
convened in pursuance of D.O. No. 202, Head Quarters Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
Nov 30th 1867, are returned approved, under date of Jan 26th 1868,
except the Paragraph of the order which directs, that, "The Board
will state explicitly the amount on which any wastage or shrinkage
may be allowed, and what percent of wastage is allowed."

The following Endorsement on a previous Board of Survey
is respectfully submitted as the authority on which the above
Par. was inserted in the order in question

Head Quarters Dept of the Platte

Omaha, Neb, September 24th 1867

Respectfully returned Approved; but hereafter boards
will be required to state explicitly the amount on which
the wastage is allowed, and what percent is allowed as
wastage."

In the cases of the several proceedings of boards of
Survey, returned, with the remark "That there is no apparent
necessity for the immediate action of the Comd^r Officer, I
would respectfully state, that in view of the recent and hurried
transfer of public property, made by Bos Brig Genl G. B.
Gandy A.S.M. U.S.A. to S^g Genl C. K. Marras A.S.M. to correct
errors and to facilitate public business, that at the time this
action on the proceedings was deemed necessary.

I am Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant,

M. E. Smith

Bos Major Genl U.S.A. Comd^r Fort

Head Quarters Fort
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
March 2nd 1868

No. 201.

Assistant Inspector General
Department of the Platte

Omaha, Neb

Sir

I have the honor to herewith transmit
Monthly Inspection Report of Fort Philip Kearney D.T. for the
Month of February 1867

I am Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

M. E. Smith

Bos Major Genl U.S.A.

Comd^r Fort

Head Quarters Fort
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
March 2nd 1868

No. 202.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte

Omaha, Neb

Sir

I have the honor to herewith transmit
List of Extra and Daily Duty men employed at Fort Philip Kearney
D.T. during the Month of February 1868.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

M. E. Smith

Bos Major Genl U.S.A.

Comd^r Fort

Head Quarters Fort
Fort Philip Kearny D.C.
March 2^d 1868.

Adjutant General
Dept of the Platte

Sir I have the honor to respectfully
invite the attention of the Dept. Commander to the fact, that the
troops serving at this Fort ^{and} Fort C. Smith have not received
payments for six months, and if deemed practicable it is earnestly
requested that a Paymaster be sent to make payments as early as
possible.

The road is open now, as it has been all winter and there
is no serious obstacle to impede travel.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Geo. & Smith
Bot Major Genl U.S.A.
Comd'g Fort

Head Quarters Fort
Fort Philip Kearny D.C.
March 2^d 1868.

Adjutant General U.S. Army
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith
Monthly Return of Fort Philip Kearny D.C. for the month of February
1868.

I am Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant
Geo. & Smith
Bot Major Genl U.S.A.
Comd'g Fort

Similar letter to Act Adj Gen Dept of the Platte Omaha Neb
Mil Div of the 210 St Louis Mo

Head Quarters Fort
Fort Philip Kearny D.C.
March 11th 1868

Adjutant General U.S. Army
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith
Musters Rolls of Co. D. 2^d Cavalry, Co. A. D. Co. F. 2^d Cavalry
Infantry and Post Hospital Fort Philip Kearny D.C. for
the Months of January and February 1868.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Geo. & Smith
Bot Major Genl U.S. Army
Comd'g Fort

Head Quarters Fort
Fort Philip Kearny D.C.
March 11th 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha Neb.

Sir:

For the information of the General
Commanding the Department, I have the honor to state that
the different tribes of Indians, Crow, Cheyenne, Arapahoe ^{and} Sioux
are collecting in the vicinity of the Posts of C. F. Smith, Philip
Kearny and Reno; numbering about 6,000 souls; As Spring
approaches, they manifest considerable impatience for the arrival of
the Commissioners, and are very importunate in their demands for
provisions. In the absence of instructions and in order to maintain
the good feeling that they profess, I have made issue to them of
Commissary Supplies but not to the extent of their wishes, or to satisfy
their expectations; which would drain us entirely. If possible,
I would respectfully suggest, that the time and place for meeting
the Commissioners should be fixed and they so informed. I am.

unable to satisfy their inquiries upon this point, and
is making uneasy and restless. I would also respectfully
suggest that some competent persons should be sent up at
once, to take charge of them until the council is held.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo. E. Smith
Brig. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.C.
March 16. 1868.

No. 28.
Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha. Neb.

Sir:

I have the honor to report
for the information of the Department Commander, that a
party of Cheyennes have just come into the Post, and report
that the Sioux are on the "New Path" again, against
the government and whites generally; headed by Red Cloud
and of their principal chiefs. A party of the friendly
Crow reports that three soldiers, deserters from the
Savannah, had been killed by Indians.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo. E. Smith
Brig. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

No. 29. "Telegram" Head Quarters Post
by mail to Fort Fetterman
Fort Philip Kearny D.C.
March 22. 1868
Asst. Adjt. Genl.
Dept. of the Platte
Omaha. Neb.

Estimate of weights, of public
Stores for which transportation is required to evacuate
this Post.

Commissary Stores	563.000
Clothing camp and Garrison Equipage	1.026.000
Ordnance Stores	41.000
Medical Stores	25.000
Thirty five (35) Wagons for Troops and Artillery	
Eighteen (18) animals for Artillery	

Further details will be forwarded by mail.

By telegraph from Fort
Fetterman D.C.

Geo. E. Smith
Brig. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.C.
March 22. 1868.

No. 30.
Brig. Genl. H. P. Russell
Lieut. Col. J. S. Inf. Comd'g Post Fetterman D.C.

General:

I have the
honor to herewith enclosed telegram to Dept. A. D. C., which
I have to request, that you cause to be transmitted without delay.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo. E. Smith
Brig. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
For's Philip Kearny D.S.
March 22^d 1865.

Major Jas. Vanhook 18th Inf.
Comd'g For's Reno D.S.

Major:-
I have the honor to forward telegram to Dept.
Head Quarters, addressed to Genl. Willard's Comd'g Officer
For's Fetterman D.S. which I have to request, that you
cause it to be forwarded as soon as possible.

I am, Major
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,
Wm. G. Smith
Capt. Major Sub. Wfa.
Comd'g For's

Head Quarters Post
For's Philip Kearny D.S.
March 21st 1865.

Assistant Inspector General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:-
I have the honor to herewith
transmit, Monthly Inspection Report of For's Philip Kearny D.S.
for the month of March 1865.

I am, Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Captain 2nd Infantry
Inspecting Officer.

Head Quarters Post
For's Philip Kearny D.S.
April 1st 1865.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:-
I have the honor to herewith
enclose, List of men employed on Extra^{duty} Daily Duty during
the month of March 1865.

I am, Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Capt. Major Sub. Wfa.
Comd'g For's
Head Quarters Post
For's Philip Kearny D.S.
April 1st 1865.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:-
I have the honor to herewith
transmit, Tabular Statement of Deaths, Expeditious &c. for the
quarter ending March 31st 1865.

I am, Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Capt. Major Sub. Wfa.
Comd'g For's

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D. C.
April 4th 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir: I have the honor to
herewith transmit, Return of Fort Philip Kearny
D. C. for the month of March 1868.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Brig. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D. C.
April 4th 1868.

Asst. Adjutant General
Military Division of the Missouri
Saint Louis, Mo.

Sir: I have the honor to herewith enclose, Return of
Fort Philip Kearny D. C. for the month of March 1868.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Brig. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D. C.
April 4th 1868.

Adjutant General U. S. Army
Washington D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to herewith
transmit, Return of Fort Philip Kearny D. C. for the
month of March 1868.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Brig. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D. C.
April 11th 1868.

Quartermaster General U. S. Army
Washington, D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to herewith
transmit, Returns (duplicate) of Clothing Camp^{ns} Garrison Equipage
pertaining to Post Adjutant's Office for the month of March 1868.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,
Wm. G. Smith
Brig. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Post Philip Kearney D. T.
April 1st 1868.

Quartermaster Gen. W. S. Army.
Washington D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to
herewith transmit duplicate Returns of Quartermasters
Property pertaining to ^{Post} N. D. for the month of March 1868.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant
Adjutant
To the Post (and Adjt. of Post)
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Post Philip Kearney D. T.
April 14th 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the State
Omaha Neb.

Sir: I have the honor to report
for the information of the General Commanding the Department,
that on the 7th inst. a war party of Sioux, numbering twenty
three Warriors appeared in the vicinity of this Post. By
considerable effort, promising them they should not be
molested, I succeeded in getting them near enough to parley
with them when I informed them, that the peace Commission
was at Fort Saramie and wished to meet them in Council
and that we would leave the country, soon as our Wagons
came up to take the Stores.

The party were under "Red Cloud's"
Son. They replied that they had just come from Saramie where
they had been, to induce the Sioux in the vicinity of that
Post to join them, upon their refusal to do, they had killed one

of them ^{and} left, coming by way of Kossuths Ranch; which
they had destroyed, losing three of their Warriors; that they had
got some stock near Pittman ^{and} had now come here to see if
the Post were abandoned ^{and} get some stock; ^{and} said we must
leave at once: that they were made ^{and} would not shake
hands with the whites. They however demanded provisions,
which I refused, they then retired a respectful distance ^{and}
sent one of their number to repeat their demand for provisions
which was promptly refused, when they left.

Their bearing evinced determined hostility.
On the 8th inst.
a party numbering about 100 men ^{and} five or six
squares, came to the Post, consisting of Minneapoa, unquapoa
bad faces & bulis, under Single Horn's son, ^{and} poor Elk, ^{and}
a brother of "Red Cloud".

Their object was also to ascertain
when the Post were to be abandoned. I informed them
that we should leave as soon as we could get Wagons
enough to take our things away; that it would take two
Months before we could do so. They thought this a long
time ^{and} said we must get away in one Month: then I told
them could not be done. I told them that the Peace
Commission were at Saramie ^{and} desired to see them in Council,
in reply they said "Single Horn" was about to go to the
Missouri River, that the Cheyennes were on Tongue River
near the Rose Bend; that they were going there also, to
make meat ^{and} would then go to Saramie.

I told them there was no necessity for this as
they would find plenty of provisions at Saramie. It is
suspectious that they as well as the Cheyennes should go to
Tongue River at this time; ^{and} I think a usual to avoid
the Commission; my impression is that they will not go to
Saramie. The Arapahoes are the only Indians I
believe to be acting in good faith. (This remark does not
apply to the Crows).

During the winter the Post has been
visited by parties of Crows, Cheyennes ^{and} Arapahoes, generally

for the purpose obtaining something to eat; they have
been treated kindly, ^{and} if was deemed necessary, in order
to cooperate with the efforts of the government to secure
a permanent peace with all the tribes, to yield to their
request for provisions, ^{and} sometimes clothing ^{and} Tobacco,
which has been issued to them as sparingly as
possible, without special authority, for doing so;

I have the honor to request an order from
the General Commanding to cover such issues as
I might deem necessary, to carry out the above object.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo. L. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Commanding Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.S.
April 18th 1865.

Br. Brig. Genl. Wm. H. Miller
Chief U.S. Dep. of the White

Sir:-

In answer to your Communication
of the 9th inst. transmitting Proceedings of a Board of Survey
convened at this Post on the 21st of September last ^{and} requesting
to have the Board reconvened, or a new one ordered to fix the
responsibility of the reported deficiency of 47 pairs of Boots, I
have the honor to inform you, that in compliance with your
request a new Board was ordered to convene on the 6th inst.
(only one member of the Board referred to above being present at the
time) ^{and} transmit herewith copy of their proceedings.

The original proceedings, together with your letter, Invoice
&c. have this day been forwarded to the Asst. Inspector
General of the Department.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo. L. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.S.
April 29th 1865.

1st Lieut. C. L. McCaullay
Comd'g Co. 'C' 2nd Infantry

Sir:-

The Br. Major Genl. Commanding
directs, that as the Arms ^{and} Equipments charged against Privates
Garrett, Sturus, Smith, Weston ^{and} Fendenbaugh Co. 'C' 2nd Infantry
have been returned by them, that, an explanatory remark will be
made on the next Muster Roll of same Company, removing the
stoppage.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

W. H. Miller
1st Lieut. ^{and} Adjt. 2nd Infantry
Post Adjutant.

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.S.
May 1st 1865.

Quartermaster General W. S. Army
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to herewith transmit
duplicate Returns of Quartermaster Stores pertaining to Head
Quarters Post, for the month of April 1865:

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant
W. H. Miller
1st Lieut. ^{and} Adjt. 2nd Infy
Post Adjutant.

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
May 1st 1868.

Quartermaster General U.S. Army.
Washington, D.C.

Sir: I have the honor to herewith transmit, duplicate
Returns of Camp^{no} Garrison Equipage pertaining to Post
Head Quarters, for the month of April 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

M. J. Smith
1st Lieut^{Col} Adjt. G. of Post
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
May 1st 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:

I have the honor to herewith
transmit, List of Men employed on Extra^{no} Daily Duty
at this Post, during the month of April 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

M. J. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
May 1st 1868.

Assistant Inspector General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:

I have the honor to herewith
transmit, Inspection Report of Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
for the month of April 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

M. J. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
May 2nd 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:

I have the honor to
herewith transmit, Post Return of Fort Philip Kearny
D.T. for the month of April 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

M. J. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Corps Philip Kearney D.S.
May 2^d 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Military Division of the Missouri.
Saint Louis. Mo.

Sir: I have the honor to herewith transmit, Post Return of Corps Philip Kearney D.S. for the month of April 1868.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Brig. Major Comd. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post.

Head Quarters Post
Corps Philip Kearney D.S.
May 2^d 1868.

Adjutant General U.S. Army
Washington D.C.

Sir: I have the honor to herewith transmit, Post Return of Corps Philip Kearney D.S. for the month of April 1868.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Brig. Major Comd. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post.

Head Quarters Post
Corps Philip Kearney D.S.
May 4th 1868.

Adjutant General U.S. Army
Washington. D.C.

Sir: I have the honor to herewith transmit, Muster Roll of Company D 2^d Cavalry, Companies A. B. C. D. and E. of the 1st Post Hospital, Corps Philip Kearney D.S. for the months of March & April 1868.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Brig. Major Comd. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post.

Head Quarters Post
Corps Philip Kearney D.S.
May 5th 1868.

Brig. Major S. B. Russell a/c Comd.
Acting Chief Ordnance Officer
Department of the Platte,
Omaha, Neb.

Sir: In answer to communication of January 2^d 1868, calling for a report showing the amount of Princy Carbine Ammunition manufactured by Wm. G. Goldmark on hand at this Post, I have the honor to state that all the ammunition of that manufacture (1,000 rounds in possession of 2^d Co. 2^d Cavalry) were turned over to me on the 23rd ultimo, as the cartridges were distributed among the men of the Company, and as the original Packing Box cannot be found, I am unable to give its particular marks & numbers: The Cartridge itself is marked near the flange with the letters "J. G."

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,
M. C. Smith,
Br. Major Genl. &c.
Commanding Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
May 16th 1865.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:- I have the honor to
transmit descriptive list of six deserters - from this Post,
who are believed to be lurking in the vicinity of Fort
D. A. Russell on Cheyenne D.T. and to respectfully request
that steps may be taken to cause their early arrest,
to wit: - John White Co's Co, 2^d Regt. Francis Mooney
Co's Co of 1st Regt. Charles O. Perry Co's Co, 2^d Regt. Wm
H. Pratt Edward Clarke, George H. Dark, Privates of Co
D, 2^d Regt. It is particularly desirable that these men
may be taken as the desertion is of an aggravated
character, all having stolen government property, and one of
them (Cratt) was a member of the guard and served as a
valuable auxiliary to the escape of the party.

Private Perry, Dark, and White deserted from
confinement, while under charges of desertion the former
named men were recently apprehended at Cheyenne, D.T.

The descriptive list of these men, has been forwarded
by Company Commanders to the Adjutant General

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,
M. C. Smith,
Br. Major Genl. &c.
Comd. Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
May 20th 1865.

Lieut. Saut Harwood
2^d Lt. Post Adjutant,
Fort C. F. Smith, M.T.

Sir:-

By direction of the Br. Major
Genl. Commanding, I have the honor to inform you for your
guidance, in sending your mails so as to make connections with
the regular mails leave this Post for the East, on or about
the 5th and 24th of each month: Mails from the East, may
be expected here, about one week after the departure of the
down mails.

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,
W. M. Munn,
Lieut. & 2^d Lt. Adjutant
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
May 24th 1865.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:-

In compliance with circular
from H. Q. Dept. Platte May 2nd 1865. (Circular letter of March
14th 1865, having never been received) I have the honor to
report that no trains have arrived or departed from this
Post during the week ending May 23rd 1865.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
M. C. Smith,
Br. Major Genl. &c.
Comd. Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
May 28th 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:

Due to the large number of prisoners now in confinement at this Post awaiting trial I have the honor to respectfully request that a General Court Martial be ordered to convene here at an early date.

In regard to the detail for the Court, I would respectfully suggest, that Asst. Surgeon S. W. Horton Bvt. Major USA be appointed Judge Advocate; having served in that capacity heretofore, he is familiar with all the duties pertaining to that office.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo. S. Smith
Bvt. Major USA
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
May 28th 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that no trains have arrived at or departed from this Post during the week ending May 20th 1868.

I am Sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant
Geo. S. Smith
Bvt. Major USA
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
June 1st 1868.

Upon his request, Post Chaplain David White is hereby authorized to solemnize the marriage of George. C. Breckinridge and Miss Elizabeth Wheatley.

By Order of
Bvt. Major Genl. Geo. Smith
Comd'g Post

W. W. Munroe
1st Lieut and Adj. G. Post
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
June 11th 1868.

Quartermaster General U.S. Army.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to herewith transmit, Duplicate Returns of Quartermasters Stores pertaining to Post Head Quarters for the month of May 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. W. Munroe
1st Lieut and Adj. G. Post
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
June 1st 1868.

Quartermaster General W. S. Army
Washington. D.C.

Sir:- I have the honor to
herewith transmit, Returns (duplicate) of Camp and Garrison
Equipage pertaining to Post Head Quarters for the
month of May 1868.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. Smith
1st Lieut. and Adj. of Inf.
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
June 1st 1868.

Assistant Inspector General
Department of the Platte
Omaha. Neb.

I have the honor to transmit
herewith, Report of an inspection of the Troops and several
Departments of this Post, made May 31st in compliance with G.O.
12.10. 14th Lt. Fort Philip Kearney D.T. May 20th 1868. copy herewith enclosed.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Major 2nd Infantry
1st Lieut. Cal. Army

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
June 2nd 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha. Neb.

Sir: I have the honor to herewith
transmit, Names of enlisted men employed on Extra and Daily
Duty at this Post during the month of May 1868.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. Smith
1st Lieut. and Adj. of Inf.
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
June 3rd 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha. Neb.

Sir: I have the honor to herewith
transmit, Return of Fort Philip Kearney D.T. for the
month of May 1868.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. Smith
1st Lieut. and Adj. of Inf.
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Post Philip Kearny D. T.
June 3^d 1868

Assistant Adjutant General
Military Division of the Missouri
Saint Louis, Mo.

Sir: I have the honor to
transmit herewith, Return of Post Philip Kearny D. T. for
the month of May 1868.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm & Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd^g Post

Head Quarters Post
Post Philip Kearny D. T.
June 3^d 1868.

Adjutant General U. S. Army
Washington, D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to
transmit herewith, Return of Post Philip Kearny D. T.
for the month of May 1868.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm & Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd^g Post

Head Quarters Post
Post Philip Kearny D. T.
June 7th 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte.
Omaha, Neb.

Sir: I have the honor to report, that
no trains have arrived at, or departed from this Post, for the
week ending June 6th 1868.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm & Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd^g Post

Head Quarters Post
Post Philip Kearny D. T.
June 7th 1868.

Br. Capt. Thos. Connelly
1st Lieut. of Reg. Comd^g Detach. B. Co.
Post Reno D. T.

Captain: - The Br. Major Genl. Commanding, directs
that you return to this Post at once, and delay no longer
for the Paymaster.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm & Smith
1st Lieut. of Reg. of Infantry
Post Adjutant

Telegram

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
June 7th 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

The Commanding Officer at Fort
C. D. Smith requests me to inform you that the ^{sale of} Gov't
Stores was discontinued at that Post on the 1st inst - owing
to the insufficient number of bidders; No bidders from the
valley had arrived - owing it was supposed to the hostile
demonstration of the Indians in that locality; Further
instruction from Dept. Head Quarters, is requested.

M. E. Smith
Br. Major Sub. Aja.
Comdr. Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
June 7th 1868.

Major Jas. Lamborn 18th Inf.
Comdr. Fort, Kearny D.T.

Major:

I have the honor to
transmit telegram to Dept. Head Quarters, addressed
to Br. Brig. Genl. H. H. Russell, Fort Fetterman. Please
forward the same as soon as practicable.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
M. E. Smith
Br. Major Sub. Aja.
Comdr. Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
June 7th 1868.

Br. Brig. Genl. H. H. Russell
Comdr. Fort Fetterman D.T.

General:

I have the honor
to enclose herewith, Telegram to Dept. Head Quarters,
Please transmit the same without delay.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
M. E. Smith
Br. Major Sub. Aja.
Comdr. Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
June 7th 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:

I have the honor to report
for the information of the Dept. Commander, that twenty six
mules and three horses belonging to this Post were stampeded,
and run off by Indians, from a train under the command
of Capt. W. F. Thompson 2nd Regt. with an escort of ninety
men from this garrison, at Trail Creek near Fort C. D. Smith
M.T. on the 6th inst.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
M. E. Smith
Br. Major Sub. Aja.
Comdr. Post

Head Quarters Post
Post Philip Kearney D.S.
June 9th 1865.

Co. Major A. S. Bent
Comd'g Post G. D. Smith. M.S.

Major:— I have the honor to enclose herewith letter of instruction from Dept. Head Quarters. You will observe that the object of the Dept. Commander is, to facilitate business as much as possible, looking to the speedy abandonment of this country, it is respectfully suggested, that upon receipt of this you commence the sale again as early as day as possible, and continue to sell as long as there are any bidders, and then remove the Post Smith garrison to this station.

The earlier the day you can bring in the Post Smith garrison the better, to comply with the wishes of the Dept. Commander.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Co. Major Bent. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Post Philip Kearney D.S.
June 11th 1865

Assistant Adjutant General
Dept of the Platte.
Omaha. Neb.

Sir:—

I have the honor to report the arrival of two trains on the 9th inst., one of forty wagons, which left for G. D. Smith, this day. The sale at that place expected to be made commencing on the 12th was postponed for the reason that there was no competition there being but one bidder present, up to the 5th inst. nothing had been heard from Post Ellis with reference to the Commissary supplies to be transferred to that

Post. Copies of orders sent me have been transmitted to Major Bent that he may understand the views of the General Commanding Department. Co. Capt. G. D. Smith will leave tomorrow with two Companies from this Post to relieve Major Van Coats Command of Reno.

I have been unable to comply with the telegraphic order to send Major Gordon with his Company to Post Saranac for want of Transportation. I intended to use a portion of the 30 wagons sent here, but in looking over the instructions given the wagon master in charge more carefully, I conclude it is the intention that this transportation is to be used for Major Van Coats Command.

I would respectfully suggest that the order to send Major Gordon ^{and his} ~~and his~~ below be suspended for the present, as the road duty from this Post will be necessarily heavy, and I think we shall have trouble with the Sioux Indians before we get out of the country.

I have ordered two Companies from Co. D. Smith to take Post here; three Companies will be sufficient at that Post until evacuated.

I am, Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. G. Smith
Co. Major Bent. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Post Philip Kearney D.S.
June 12th 1865.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha. Neb.

Sir:—

I have the honor to herewith transmit, Special Report of Co. D. Smith which left this Post

at 8 A.M. today under command of Col. B. F. Smith Major of Inf. to take post at Fort Reno, D. T. pursuant to S. O. No. 50, 11th Div. Dept. Platte, May 19th 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. E. Smith
Col. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D. T.
June 12th 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Military Division of the Missouri
Saint Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have the honor to herewith transmit, Special Report of Col's B. F. Smith which left this at 8 A.M. today under command of Col. B. F. Smith Major of Inf. to take post at Fort Reno, D. T. pursuant to S. O. No. 50, 11th Div. Dept. Platte, May 19th 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. E. Smith
Col. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D. T.
June 12th 1868

Adjutant General U. S. Army
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to herewith transmit, Special Report of Col's B. F. Smith

which left this Post at 8 A.M. today under command of Col. B. F. Smith Major of Inf. to take post at Fort Reno, D. T. pursuant to S. O. No. 50, 11th Div. Dept. Platte May 19th 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. E. Smith
Col. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D. T.
June 12th 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:

I have the honor to report the arrival of three trains during the week ending June 13th 1868. To wit:—
1st Train from Fort D. A. Russell, 19 men, 15 Wagons, 93 mules, 12 Carabines and 672 rounds of ammunition. Left Post June 11th 1868. en route to Fort W. E. Smith, M. T.
2nd Train from Fort D. A. Russell, 29 men, 25 Wagons, 152 mules, 29 Carabines and 588 rounds of ammunition. Left Post June 11th 1868. en route to Fort W. E. Smith, M. T.
3rd Train from Fort D. A. Russell 39 men, 30 Wagons, 3 ambulances, 181 mules, 5 Horses, 24 Carabines, 7 Springfield Muskets and 1300 rounds of ammunition. Left Post June 12th 1868. en route to Fort Reno, D. T.
These trains arrived on the 9th instant.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. E. Smith
Col. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post,
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
June 21st 1865.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte.
Omaha. Neb

Sir: I have the honor to report
that the following Trains have arrived at this Post, during the
week ending June 20th 1865.

1st Transportation Train from Cheyenne; 14 Wagons, 18 men, 149
Head of Cattle, 7 Carbines & Rifles & 275 rounds of Ammunition.

2nd Transportation Train from Cheyenne; 26 Wagons, 28 men, 288
Head of Cattle & 81 Rifles, Ammunition used up en route to
this Post.

3rd Transportation Train from Cheyenne; 16 Wagons, 19 men, 171
Head of Cattle, 20 muskets & 150 rounds of Ammunition

4th Transportation Train from Cheyenne; 11 Wagons, 12 men.

95. Head of Cattle, 7 Carbines, 7 Rifles & 200 rounds of Ammunition

5th Transportation Train from Cheyenne; 14 Wagons, 14 men

156. Head of Cattle, 15 Rifles, & 15 rounds of Ammunition.

Three trains arrived here June 17th 1865. & are now loading
with Stores. I have issued 30 rounds of Ammunition
per man to each train

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
W. E. Smith
Bro. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post,
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
June 23rd 1865.

1st Lieut. Jacob Paulus 2nd Inf
Comd'g Post Reno, D.T.

Sir

By direction of the General Comd'g
I have the honor to inform you, that this day, five (5) days
Rations have been issued to Capt. J. A. Nixon & Co's 2nd Inf. and his
detachment, they arriving here without anything to eat.

As their Rations have already been drawn at Post Reno,
D.T. by their respective Companies, you will cause these Rations
to be deducted from those that will become due them next
month.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,

W. E. Smith
Bro. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post,
Fort Philip Kearny D.T.
June 23rd 1865.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte.
Omaha. Neb

Sir: I have the honor to
report for the information of the Department Commander, the
following, looking to the abandonment of this Country.

Today eighty three (83) wagons, loaded, leave this Post for
Post Utah. One hundred and fifty mule & ox wagons have
arrived to day or will arrive within three days.

The public sale of Post G. E. Smith was recommenced
on the 15th inst. & continued until all the property was sold,
excepting the Commissary supplies to be transferred to Post G. E.

No trains have, as yet, arrived at Post Smith

and it is heard that some misunderstanding may exist
as to the Commanding Officer at Fort Ellis sending for
three stores and thereby delay the Regiment until late in
the season in its movement down the road.

A Citizen from Ellis arrived at Fort Smith recently
and reports no transportation en route to Fort Smith.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Thos. Obedient Servant
M. E. Smith
Bvt. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D. T.
June 23rd 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:

I have the honor to
herewith transmit, Field Return of Companies D and F
2nd Regt who joined the permanent garrison of this Post,
yesterday, pursuant to S. O. No. 63. Head Quarters Post
Philip Kearny D. T. June 9th 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Thos. Obedient Servant
M. E. Smith
Bvt. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D. T.
June 23rd 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Military Division of the Missouri
Saint Louis, Mo.

Sir: I have the honor

to herewith transmit, Field Return of Companies D and F
2nd Regt who joined the permanent garrison of this Post
yesterday, pursuant to S. O. No. 63. Head Quarters Post
Philip Kearny D. T. June 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Thos. Obedient Servant
M. E. Smith
Bvt. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D. T.
June 23rd 1868.

Adjutant General U. S. Army
Washington D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to
herewith transmit, Field Return of Companies D and F
2nd Regt who joined the permanent garrison of this Post
yesterday, pursuant to S. O. No. 63. Fort Philip
Kearny D. T. June 23rd 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Thos. Obedient Servant
M. E. Smith
Bvt. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearny D. T.
June 25th 68.

Br. Major A. S. Burt,
Commanding Fort C. F. Smith. M. T.

Major:

By direction of
the Br. Major General Commanding, I have the
honor to request that you furnish the following information
immediately by courier, Harwood.

Have trains arrived from Fort Ellis for the
Commissary Stores at your Post? if not, have you received
any information or reports in reference to the probable arrival
of trains?

What amount in weight is there at your Post of Commissary
Stores, Medical Supplies, ^{and} Ordnance, ^{and} Ordnance Stores that is
worth transportation?

Please make your estimates as accurately
as possible ^{and} transmit the information with the least possible
delay.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
~~W. M. M. M. M.~~
1st Lieut. & Adj. 27th Inf.
Post Adjutant

"*[initials]*"
Telegram

Head Quarters Fort
Fort Philip Kearney D.S.
June 25. 1868

Adjutant General
Department of the Interior
Omaha Neb.

Smith, died at Fort Reno D.S. on the 22nd inst.
Please send Lt. Raymond to join his Company at Reno
and to assume Command.

Col. Lieut. Colonel J. F.
J. W. & Smith
Colonel 27th Infantry
Lieut. Col. Major Genl. U.S.A.

Head Quarters Fort
Fort Philip Kearney D.S.
June 25. 1868.

Lieutenant Jacob Paulus, 27th Infy.
Commanding Fort Reno D.S.

Lieutenant
The Lt. Major General Commanding directs
that you forward this Dispatch to the Commanding Officer
at Fort Totten D.S. without delay.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. servt.

[Signature]
Act. Lieutenant Adjutant 27th Infy.
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
June 25th 1868

Lieutenant Chas. P. Thomas, 27th Regt. Infy.
A. A. L. M.

The Post Major General, Commanding

direct that you furnish one (1) wagon to Colonel Brown
Comdg. Detachment, escort to Mule train, as transportation to be
ready to move with the train.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
A. A. L. M.
1st Lieutenant 27th Regt. Infy.
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
June 28th 1868.

Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:-

I have the honor to
report the arrival of the following trains, during the week
ending June 27th 1868.

No.	Sta. of miles	Sta. of Days	Sta. of Hours	No. mules	No. of cattle	Arms & Equip.		Ammunition Lands of	Remarks
						Articles	Value		
1	20	20	3		103		13		Arrived June 23 rd Left 6 day
2	18	15			152	4	7	210	" " " "
3	13	12			124		10	250	" " " "
4	5	3			36		5	200	" " " "
5	33	75		455		83		3000	June 24 th Left June 27 th 68.
6	23	20	4	1	204	4	13	170	" June 27 th Loading
Total	167	145	7	456	614	91	43	3830	

The five trains loading at this Post as last report, left
enroute East June 24th 1868.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Yours Obedient Servant
W. G. Smith
Post Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comdg. Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
July 1st 1868.

Asst. Adjt. Genl.
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Quartermaster's Property at Fort
C. P. Smith all sold. Streams between that Post and
Fort Ellis, very high; nothing heard of trains from Ellis.

for the Commissary supplies, ^{and from present indications}
the Troops will be detained by Smith an
indefinite time.

M. E. Smith
Brig. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
July 1. 1868.

Adjutant General U.S. Army
Washington D.C.

Sir,
I have the honor to herewith transmit

Field Return of Company D 2^d U.S. Cavalry, which left this Post, en route
to Fort Laramie D.T. this A.M.

^{Enclosed letter transmitting}
Field Return of Co. D 2^d Cavalry has been
written to be sent by Capt. Paul 21st of Mo.
to be sent by Capt. Paul 21st of Mo.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Yours obedt. Servant
M. E. Smith
Maj. Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post.

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
July 1st 1868.

Quartermaster General U.S. Army
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to herewith transmit, duplicate
Returns of Quartermasters Stores pertaining to H. Q. Post for the
month of June 1868.

Similar letters to Forts
transmitting return of 6.6.66
have written.

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

M. E. Smith
1st Lieut. Col. Adj. G. of the Inf.
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.T.
July 2nd 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha Neb.

Sir:-
I have the honor to herewith transmit, Report of
enlisted men employed on Extra ^{and} Daily Duty at this Post
during the month of June 1868.

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

M. E. Smith
Brig. Major Genl. U.S.A. Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.S.
July 2^d 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:-
I have the honor to herewith transmit Tabular
statement of Campaigns & Scouts made in the vicinity of
this Post during the Quarter ending June 30th 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Wm. C. Smith

Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.

Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.S.
July 3^d 1868.

Inspector: General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:-
I have the honor to herewith transmit, Inspection
Report of Fort Philip Kearney D.S. for the month of
June 1868.

Very Respectfully
Wm. C. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A. Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.S.
July 4th 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:-
I have the honor to report the departure on the 31st
Ultimo of Or-train which arrived on the 27th the date of my
last report, and that no train has arrived during the week.

I am, Sir. Very Respectfully

Wm. C. Smith

Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D.S.
July 5th 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:-
I have the honor to herewith transmit, Monthly Return
of Fort Philip Kearney D.S. for the month of June 1868.

I am, Sir.

Very Respectfully
Wm. C. Smith
Br. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
July 5th 1868.

Bvt. Major A. S. Burt,
Commanding Fort C. F. Smith, Mo.

Sir:—

I have the honor to inform you that the Bvt. Major General Commanding directs that you withdraw the garrison of your Post to this place with what transportation you have, as soon as you are relieved of the care of the Commissary stores by the arrival of the Train from Fort Elliot.

I am also directed to state for your information that a band of hostile Sioux Indians, numbering about forty, have made repeated hostile demonstrations in this locality, recently and it is feared that your herd of mules is in danger of being run off by them, unless great precautions are taken to frustrate any attempt of that kind.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant
Wm. S. Smith
1st Supt. and Adj. of Post
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
July 10th 68

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb

Sir:—

I have the honor to report that no trains have arrived at or departed from this Post during the week ending July 11th 1868

Yours, Sir,

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
Wm. S. Smith
Bvt. Major General, U.S.A.
Commanding Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
July 5th 1868.

Adjutant General U. S. Army
Washington, D. C.

Sir

I have the honor to herewith transmit, Muster Rolls of Co. D. 2^d Cal. Companies at Ft. Kearney to 2^d Adj. Post Hospital for the months of May & June 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
Wm. S. Smith
Col. & Adj. Bvt. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd'g Post

Telegram

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
July 14th 1868.

Asst. Adjt. Genl.
Dept. of the Platte
Omaha. Neb.

Nothing heard from Fort Ellis, up to the 11th inst., Troops will suffer as at Fort Smith if kept there beyond 1st of August. Supplies except Bacon and Flour nearly exhausted. I am informed much of the Bacon and Flour is not worth transportation.

J. G. Smith
Br. Major Genl. rfa.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
July 14th 1868.

Asst. Adjutant General
Dept. of the Platte
Omaha. Neb.

Sir:- I have the honor to report for the information of the Dept. Commander that, up to the 7th inst., our last date from Fort S. Smith, nothing had been heard from Fort Ellis in reference to the train expected to arrive at Smith for the Commissary Stores; The bulk of the Commissary Supplies at Fort Smith, I am informed, consist of Bacon, and Flour, and a

percentage of both of these articles are scarcely worth transportation, having become damaged. Other portions of the ration are limited, while of some the supply is exhausted. It is believed that if the troops ^{are kept} at Fort Smith beyond the 1st of August, they will suffer in this connection.

I have to respectfully state that at Fort Smith, as well as at this Post, the supply of Fresh meat has been exhausted sometime, and owing to the hostile attitude of a portion of the Sioux Tribe, it has been found impracticable to get anything like an adequate supply of wild meat, by means of hunting parties.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. G. Smith
Br. Major Genl. rfa.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
July 19th 1868.

Asst. Adjutant General
Dept. of the Platte
Omaha. Neb.

Sir:- I have the honor to report that no trains have arrived at or departed from this Post during the week ending July 18th 1868.
I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Jno. F. Smith
Brig. Major Comd. U.S.A.
Comd. J. Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. C.
July 22nd 68.

Brig. Major A. S. Burt
Comd. J. Post L. F. Smith. W. S.

Major.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th inst., making certain suggestions as to the disposition of Commissary Stores ^{and} Ordnance;— as it was not known that the Crow Indians would be at your post soon, if at all, the disposal of the surplus supplies as you recommend did occur to the General Comd. J.: when an urgent request was made to Dept. Head Quarters, three weeks ago ^{and} repeated two weeks since, both by telegram, for authority to bring the stores worth transportation to this Post, if it could be done consistently with orders previously given, for transferring them to Fort Ellis: unofficial information has been received, that there is a train en route destined for Fort Smith, with instructions as to the disposition of all public property remaining at your Post, this train left Fort Saramis about the 14th ^{and} should arrive here by Sunday next.

As it is believed that instructions will be received by this train, it is not deemed advisable to forward your letter at present.

If it should prove true that nine wagons have been sent from Fort Ellis ^{and} they arrive before you receive other instructions, they can probably take all the Commissary Stores, you have, worth transportation, reserving enough for your command to reach this Post; such stores as may be unfit for issue, or not worth transportation, — Inventories will be made of them, inspected ^{and} either abandoned or given to the Indians; (arms ^{and} Ordnance Stores excepted)

In the event of the train arriving after you have disposed of the damaged property, as indicated, it is believed that you have ample transportation to move to this Post, which you will do without further orders. It will be necessary to bring all the forage you have (Com) at your Post, or that you may have transportation for as the supply is entirely out at this place.

It is understood that the transportation you have will give each Company seven wagons, for Medical ^{and} Ordnance Stores eight wagons, ^{and} for other purposes eight wagons. There are but two ambulances ^{and} four wagons at this Post.

Mr. Harwood has been detained here in consequence of there being nothing of special interest to communicate to you.

By direction of Brig. Major General Jno. F. Smith.
J. F. Smith
1st Lieut. ^{and} Adj. ^{of} the Post
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Fort
Fort Philip Kearny D. T.
July 22^d 68

Br. Major A. S. Burt
Comdr. Fort C. F. Smith. M. T.

Major:-

The Br. Major General
Comdr. directs that in the event of the train arriving at Fort
Smith from Fort Ellis for the Commissary Supplies, before
the train from here reaches your Fort, that you send a courier
to this Fort, with the information to that effect, giving whatever
other reports you have of interest, bearing on the subject of
the abandonment of the Country.

It is also directed that you
give orders to this courier, to be delivered to the Officer in
charge of escort to any train that may be en route between
here and Smith, to turn back and report to this Fort, since
by the arrival of the Fort Ellis train, the necessity of the
train continuing its journey would no longer exist.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

W. W. W.
1st Lieut. and Adjt. of Inf.
Fort Adjutant

Head Quarters Fort
Fort Philip Kearny D. T.
July 21st 68.
Asst. Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha. Neb.

Sir:-

I have the honor to state, that
charges and specifications were preferred against Sgt. J. Weaver
(now Private Weaver) C. F. S. D. T. transmitted to Dept.
Head Quarters from this Fort, April 1st 1868.

I have to
respectfully request, that in consideration of the Uniform
good conduct of this soldier heretofore and in view of the
punishment he has already undergone in consequence of his
misconduct, and that he has manifested a spirit of penitence
and promises to behave himself in the future, that the charges
against him be withdrawn and that he be restored to duty
as Private without trial.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. W. W.
Br. Major General U. S. A.
Comdr. Fort

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
July 26th 1868.

Asst. Adjutant General
Dept of the Platte.
Omaha. Neb

Sir:-
I have the honor to report that no trains have arrived at, or departed from this Post during the week ending July 25th 1868.

Yours, Sir.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Geo. E. Smith
Br. Major General
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
July 27th 1868.

Br. Major A. D. Bush
Comd'g Fort C. F. Smith M. T.

Major:-
I have the honor to inform you, that a train of twenty five wagons arrived here yesterday, under orders to proceed to your Post. As no instructions is received by it, as to the further disposition of the property remaining at Fort Smith, it is supposed that instructions have been forwarded direct to you, You will

be governed by whatever orders you may receive without reference to former communications from these H^{qs} D. T.

By direction of Br. Major General Geo. E. Smith.

~~W. W. W.~~
W. F. Smith
Asst. Adj. Gen.
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post
Fort Philip Kearney D. T.
July 28th 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha. Neb

Sir:-
I have the honor to report for the information of the Department Commander, that on the 16th inst the advance guard of Company G. I. of 2^d Regt, when near this Post, returning from escort duty, was fired upon by Indians laying in ambush; the fire was returned, and the Indians retreated, no one hurt.

16th inst at Fort Reno D. T. a train in Corral near the Post was fired into, at about one o'clock P. M. by Indians - no one hurt.

19th inst at Fort Reno D. T. seven men of the garrison under Sergt. Day Co. B. 2^d Regt, were sent a short distance to drive in some beef cattle to the Post; they were attacked by a considerable force of Indians, variously estimated from one hundred to three hundred in number; the soldiers gradually fell back, delivering

an effective fire:—while they were retreating, the escort of Colonel Clarke Paymaster U.S.A. then at the Post, under Lieut. Shurley 2^d Inf., came upon the ground, and the Indians fell back, but being reinforced, attacked the Cavalry with vigor—the troops retired under cover of the Post. In this affair Private Beach Co. A. I. Cavalry was killed, and Private Miller Co. A. I. Cavalry wounded.

These Indians are believed to have been a portion of the band of the "Man afraid of his Horses"; they are known to be in Camp on Powder River, not far from Fort Com.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant
M. G. Smith
Capt. of Inf. Bro. Major Ind. Regt.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post

Fort Philip Kearney D. T.

July 29th 1868.

Lieut. Wm. Stephenson 2^d Inf.
Comd'g Co. A. Co. 2^d Infantry.

Lieutenant.

The Commanding Officer directs that you establish your company permanently in Camp preparatory to moving down the road.

You will therefore remove all company property from the garrison.

You are charged with the care and protection of the mules of the train with which you are camped.

The men of the Company will not be allowed to visit the garrison unless some good reason is given for being absent from Camp.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

M. G. Smith
1st Lieut. and Adj. 2^d Infantry
Post Adjutant

Head Quarters Post

Fort Philip Kearney D. T.

July 31st 68

Asst. Inspector General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:—

I have the honor to herewith transmit, Monthly Inspection Report of Fort Philip Kearney D. T. for the month of July 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant
M. G. Smith
Bro. Major Ind. Regt.
Comd'g Post

Head Quarters Post
Post Philip Kearney D. T.
July 31st 1868.

Assistant Adjutant General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:-
I have the honor to herewith
transmit Report of Enlisted men employed on Extra and Daily
Duty at this Post, during the month of July 1868.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully, Your Obedt Serv^t

P. G. Smith

Brig. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd^g. Post

Head Quarters Post
Post Philip Kearney D. T.
July 31st 1868.

Assistant Adjt General
Department of the Platte
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:-
I have the honor to herewith transmit, Return of
this Post, for the month of July 1868.

I am, Sir

Very Respectfully, Your Obedt Serv^t

P. G. Smith

Brig. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Comd^g. Post