

Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri,

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Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following report of my observations on my recent trip up the Missouri River, in obedience to Special Orders, No. 75, dated Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri, Chicago, Ill., July 31, 1876.

I left here Monday, August 1st, and got as far as Yankton by rail. At this point, Yankton, I hired a team and drove all night a distance of 75 miles

to Fort Randall where I hoped to overtake
the steamer, "Hattie Peck"; that was on her
way up the River. I arrived at Fort
Randall after eleven and a half ($11\frac{1}{2}$)
hours' drive, and found that the boat
had left about two (2) hours before I
got there, so I had to wait at the Fort
for the next boat, the "E. Durfee."

Pursuant to letter of instructions, I
obtained the following information:

At Brule Agency.

No. of lodges in the tribe	210
" " bands and chiefs	9
" " warriors	235
" " old people, women and children	669
Total no. of Indians	913
Chiefs absent	None

Warriors absent. hot known
Lodges absent - reported hunting 8
No. of Indians absent with these
lodges hot known

Nearly all the warriors are armed with
Winchester rifles. It is not known that
any of these Indians are on the war-
path, although it is believed that some
of them are.

At the Cheyenne Agency-

There are four tribes of the Sioux nation
fed and sustained:

Two-Kettle's band, numbering	2181
Sans Arcs	1743
Minneconjous	2732
Blackfeet	706
Total	7362

A part of the Blackfeet stay at the Standing-rock Agency.

The military in counting the Indians at this Agency makes the number very much less than the above count. They counted everything as a lodge, from the smallest hut of willow to the log cabin, and found only 509 lodges. Multiplying this by 6, gives 3054 as the number of Indians at the Agency. It is possible that Capt. Kilpatrick, who made the count, did not find every lodge, but I do not believe that there are over 4000 Indians at this Agency. They have been giving rations for from 5000 to 7000 Indians. The extra amount has been either wasted, or carried out to the hostile camp. The new Agent

at this point had just arrived, and judging from the way he talked, I think he will be a very good man. These Indians claim that none of their chiefs have left, and that only a few of their bad young men went away. The Agent, in the last issue, gave rations for 869 lodges, or 5224 Indians, and as the issue is made only to the head of each band, this would show that at least 2138 had left, with their head men and all. Besides this number, a great many young men have left different bands, and their chiefs draw rations as though they were still there. All the time I was at this Agency, I do not remember having seen a single young man, except those who had

come in from the hostile camp. I think there are at least 3000 Indians out from this Agency, of which at least 900 or 1000 are warriors.

The following is a list of the arms turned in by Indians who have returned from the hostile camp:

Whirling-white-head,

1 Colt's Improved Revolver No. 5846.

Bull-eagle,

1 Colt's Improved Revolver " 3046.

White-robe,

1 Spfd. Rifle (cut down) " 17030.

Cloud Bear,

1 Colt's Improved Revolver. 4878

Takes-revenge,

Rifle Made by Lyon, Sioux City.

Yellow-bear, Rattling-nibs son, wounded in
Custer's fight,

Ulf. Spgld. Musket (cut down) No. 17508
Fast-horse,

Spencers Repeating Carbine model
65, no. 758.

Ducks-son, Left-handed-bear,

Spgld. Musket of '73 (cut down) No. 21725.
Pretty-bear,

Flint-lock Musket.

Hair-pipe-earring,

Remington Rifle - no number.

His-battle,

Smith & Wesson Rife.

The-running-bear, or Round-son,

Spencer Carbine - no number.

Long-horn, Red-skirt's brother,

Old-fashioned Rife, muzzle-loader,
Lemon's make.

One-kettle,

Old-fashioned Rifle.

One-who-has-run-away-with-the-horse,

Sharp's Carbine, no. 52909.

One-that-makes-him-walk.

Sharp's Carbine, no. 34621.

Standing-bear's brother.

One S. & W. Carbine, no. 7020.

Young-wolf,

Leman muzzle-loading Rifle.

Ering,

Harper's Ferry Musket 1834.

The Scratcher,

Revolver J.R. Lawer no. 2507

Four others had promised to turn in their arms, but had not done so when I left.

The following is a list of the names
of the warriors who have come in, but
have not given up their arms.

The-one-that-goes-home

The-one-that-travels-among-the-lodges

His-Knife

Rain-in-the-face's brother

The-last-one

Knife-face's son (brought in articles
belonging to Gen. Custer.)

White-eagle, two nephews of

Old-Bride-woman

The-one-that-was-stuck-with-the-arrow,
alias Blue-dirt's son

One-that-is-shaking-lying-down

The-crow-that-shuts-his-eyes

The-nose, alias the-fools-son

Black-wolf, Lone-horn's brother
A brother of the-nose (can't find out his name
at present.)

Has-the-horns

The-yellow-owl

Charging-hawk, son of Rowan-nose

Feather-in-the-Ear, and his brother (don't
know his name)

Pumpkin-Butte

Left-handed-bear

The-first-one-in-the-charge-that-knocked
-him-over, and his brother, Dog's-sow

Prairie-chicken

Little-wounded No. 2, Dog's nephew

Put-it-in, Rattling-ribs band

Fish's-body (Is wounded in Custer's fight)

Son of White-elk (don't know his name.)

The-careless-runner

Put-the-rock-in-his-mouth. Rattling-nibs band
Yellow-plaited-hair, and two others Indians
unknown belonging to Red-plum's band
Son-in-law of Stripped-cloud

Black-tongue

With the Prairie-chicken, Ducks band
The-fasterer, White-swan's band
The-snake " " "
One-that-puts-his-moccasins-on-early-
in-the-morning

The-one-who-missed-fire-at-the-enemy.

This list is not complete, but contains
all I could get the names of. Those
that have not given up their arms I
think have only come in to get their
rations. I therefore asked the Com-
manding Officer and the Agent not to
feed them until they gave up their arms.

Standing-rock Agency.

This Agency is in a fearfully bad condition. The Bureau count is 1046 lodges, with 7 to a lodge; the military count is only 290 lodges, and there are not over 1500 Indians at this Agency, yet the Agent has been issuing rations for over 7000 Indians. On August 28th, 1876, the Agent killed 150 head of cattle (about 52000 lbs.) nearly 35 lbs. for every man, woman and child at the Agency. All this is believed to have been carried out to the hostile camp, after having been dried - which only takes about two days. All the Indians I saw at this Agency - and I saw a large proportion of them - were either old men, old women, or little children. The following is a list of the chiefs who

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are out, as near as can be ascertained owing to the opposition of the Agent. They have all their warriors with them and all the young men of the chiefs who were too old to go:

Love-dog	Uucpapa
Scarlet-horn	
Gall	Uucpapa
Kill-eagle	Blackfoot
Little-knife	
Loud-voice-bird	
Big-knee	Uucpapa
Little-wound	"
Red-horn	"

I took this occasion to inform myself about everything I could, relating to military affairs on this River, although not required to do so by your letter of instructions; so in the future if you desire to know anything about the posts or river between Yankton and Bismarck, I have maps and memoranda to give most any information desired.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant,

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L. Col. S.A.D.C.