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January

Tuesday 5 Battleford

Weather cold and stormy. Usual routine Stables, fatigues ordered board on beef(?) ___ by ___ Sgt Warder(?) and on claims of men who left their kits here when ordered to Carlton at the outbreak of the rebellion.

Ordered that a Class of Non Commissioned officers be started for instruction on duties on guard.

Also shoeing (?)boards to be up in stable. Shoeing smiths to keep a record of the time horses are shod.

Wednesday 6 Battleford

Weather cold and stormy. Usual routine.

Thursday 7 Battleford

Weather cold and stormy Men employed on wood fatigue and a few at officer ___ ___ ordered bound

Friday 8 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather still and very cold 54 deg below zero last night. 42 °- this morning at 9.30, and the same at 2.30 pm.

Rode out with Captain McDonnell, purchased one day chairs from McDonald &Co for all for officers mess room.

Gave orders to Adjt to have ___ing bales put up in the stables of K troop, and (crossed out) that horses must be shod all round and that blankets be used in watering order. for watering.

Saturday 9 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather very cold. 45 deg below zero.- Usual routine Visited stables at noon, found not as clean as they ought to be, ordered an immediate change

Sent Wilson(__ Batt) a sleigh (bobs)? as he cannot get any.

Gardner __ last night, he is a great talker, kept us going for five hours without intermission

Sunday 17 Battleford

Weather cold but fine. Up at 900 did not go to bed until three am last night. Stayed at my qrs from luncheon – McDonnell with me got cipher telegram - from Fortescue saying that I am at once to employ in freighting lumber and __ all the halfbreed who rebelled during the past summer or any who are destitute __ of any __

Deciphered it all night

Latimer arrived at noon from Swift Current.

Monday 18 Battleford N.W.T

Weather intensely cold strong wind blowing from west. Mail not in yet Cowan arrived today.

Tuesday 19 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather very cold, 50 deg below zero here and 57° at Edmonton. Drove out in the afternoon and visited the Artillery Came back af stayed up until 12 midnight __ Cowan was with me, also Capt Macdonald

Received a telegram from Greisbach re the claim on the river(?)

Wednesday 20 Battleford

Weather very cold. Mail arrived two days late Cowan left at 200 for S. Current Wrote to I(?)C Steele, Brian(?)Steele, Margaret Steele, Major Hatton, Leyard(?) and sent to Major Halton the discharge of Scouts with instruction to alter the dates went around stables and barracks and found all correct Kerr sick today do not feel well myself must get some medicine for throat. Gave Cowans men hay for their horses.

Thursday 21 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine but very cold 48° below zero – mailed my letter and report ___ yesterday. Sent telegram to Greisbach and Commissioner the first re the Tabor(?) claim the second re the subscription list for Police Monument

Major Nelson and ___staff sgt Harper called upon me to-day

Macdonnell and went over to see the former and played several rubbers of whist.came home at 11 30 had supper and after Mac left found a telegram from Vankoughnet ___ cipher directing me to arrest Mr. Wright Indian Agent for here – I deciphered it by 500AM and had a Sergt and two Constables after him by 5.30

Friday 22 Battleford

Weather intensely cold the men brought Mr. Wright in at 1230 he was at once confined in guardroom and a telegram sent to Ass Supt Genl. Vankoughnet telling him that it was done and that Carney Asst Agent was now in charge and that Mr_____ the clergyman in charge of the Industrial school was requested to report to him as agent

Saturday 23 Battleford

Weather fine. Had Mr. Wright___ and remanded his for eight days. Sent a cipher telegram to A___ re C___ visited all the stables etc. .

Sunday 24 Battleford

Weather stormy went to church in the morning. McDonnell & I dined at Morris' in the evening had a pleasant time.

Monday 25 Battleford

Cold. nothing of importance Usual routine.

Tuesday 26 Battleford

Nothing of importance. Usual routine, weather very cold indeed

Wednesday 27 Battleford

Weather cold. Mail went out today sent Insp Wood out visit Poundmakers reserve and all the other on the same trail and report state of the Indians

Inquired into report of Insp Morris against Insp Wilson for using bad language and not having horse properly groomed when he returned. It turned out that Wilson ___ had used the horse for several days and that it was a little collusion between the NCO and Constable on account of the k___ officer who used the horse and his servant who groomed him.

Thursday 28 Battleford

Weather fine but cold usual routine going on as each(?) day Dion(?) arrived. Sent telegram to Crozier re the freight and sent letter to Forget to put in his claim for forage if he has one.

Friday 29 Battleford

Weather sharp but fine. Usual routine visited all the stables and found them all right.

Saturday 30 Battleford

Weather fine visited all the stables etc and found all correct. visited the artillery at 230 PM ordered change in mode of marching off troop to the stables.

Signed all of Troop pay cheques at 800 pm everything most satisfactory.

Ordered team to be ready for church parade.

Sunday 31 Battleford

Attended divine service at 1100 drove there and gave several a drive to and from

Signed K Troop cheques in the afternoon.

Observed more men at church than usual I suppose on account of the hint in orders last ____

The weather is windy & cold but bright

February

Monday 1 Battleford NWTy

Weather very cold 56 deg. below zero last night 38 at ten his morning.

Muster parade of men and horses at 1015 /all correct horses in good condition (crossed out- at but) but many of them are unsound and not fit for hard work.

Tuesday 2

Weather very cold 57° below zero at 8 am Some men on pass tonight

Wednesday 3 Battleford

Weather cold. Old P___ complained of some of the men having kicked some of the halfbreeds at a dance last night I told him to tell them to come up tomorrow so that the case can be heard.

Thursday 4 Battleford

Heard case against the men. It was provoked by the halfbreed named Smith ___ ___ ___ but assault was proved against Constable Goff assaulting one Pambrun I fined Goff five dollars and costs and ordered Smith to appear tomorrow Insp Wood arrived from the reserves and made a most favorable report about the Indians

Friday 5 B.ford

Sent Inspector Wilson to Fort Pitt and Onion Lake to report upon the Indians.

Smith up before Capt McDonald and me on a charge of using ___ language and committing a breach of the peace. Fined five dollars or ten days in gaol

Mail came in at 130 Sent cipher telegram to Lt. Gosselin(?) for the Reverend(?) Mr. McKay –and ___ - ___ this for Major Crozier.

Wrote monthly report.

Monday 8 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Proceeded to Mosquito (Stoney Reserve) with Major Wilson A Battery & Macdonell. Dr. Duncan and Mr. Clarke started ahead of us. I took ten four horse team with five men. Arrived at the reserve in 4 hrs. No snow to speak which made it heavy pulling . Found Indians in a friendly state

Attended one of their dances and found them jolly as ___ boys.

Tuesday 9 Battleford

Returned here at 1230. Icy cold wind blowing all day. Answered by mail matters(?) to the south.

Wednesday 10 Battleford

Weather very fine remanded Duncan Johns(?) charge against Flammand until tomorrow at 200 pm

Ordered Josie(?) to go back to Prince Albert tomorrow morning, and had numerous letters written for this purpose.

Thursday 11 Battleford

Weather fine A strong Chinook wind blowing ponds of water everywhere and the snow rapidly disappearing. Went with Mac. to Stewarts whist party. had a good time came home at 230AM ___ Had lots of song and whist.

Friday 12 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Ice every where owing to the frost which placed a glare ice on each pool . Attended the (x'ed out dance this) evening given by the Police in (x'ed out honor of the) aid of the fund for the monument to the volunteers who fell during the blockade of Battleford 1885.

Police report to Major Crozier re the Indians who are now in a peaceful state. also a letter to Comm re land grants and medals for police – and pension for Mrs. Burke the widow of the late trumpeter Burke.

Saturday 13 Battleford

Nothing of importance. Weather fine.

Sunday 14 Battleford

Very cold and with a strong sharp NW wind blowing Attended church twice.

Monday 15 Battleford

Weather fine. calm towards night Dined at Dr. Rolphs and played whist until twelve. won 16 points.

Got an anonymous letter from a Constable who says he wrote on behalf of D and K Troops. requested the removal of Insp Allan and Wilson who they say will drive the said troops to desperation

I examined the handwriting of the men of K Troop but found only one whose hand resembled that of the letter.

Held preliminary examination of case of Reg vs Flammand

Tuesday 16 Battleford

Spent the evening at Dr. Rolphs played whist until 1230AM 17th
Nothing of importance going on during the day.

Wednesday 17 Battleford.

Nothing of importance today weather fine. at a party at Morris' (x'ed out today) tonight, played whist.

Thursday 18 Battleford

Weather fine. busy all day went to the Battery concert and minstrel show It was quite a success. The hall crowded to its utmost capacity.

Friday 19 Battleford

Wired the Lieut Gov stating that on behalf of Anderson Mackay I was authorized to say that the Indians of the Battleford agency were mostly heathen the remainder English Church and Catholic in equal numbers

with 1 Catholic and three English schools on the Reserves. Wired Mr White giving him my recommendation as to what land is required at this point for Police purposes

Recd telegram from Lieut Governor requesting me to consult with Mr. MacKay and submit to him names of two married men instead of Dumais(?) and Craig

Capt McD and I sat on a case Miss (?) Hupis(?) re Duncan Nolan bad language and dismissed same another case ____ that to Con ____ time had elapsed

Saturday 20

Weather fine a Chinook blowing snow going fast. Nothing of importance today.

Sunday 21 Battleford

Weather fine (Chinook) Attended church twice, ____ there.

Monday 22 Battleford

Warm. slight Chinook. snow and ice disappearing fast Mail in at 700

Battery under orders to leave by end of mth spent the evening with them. successful at the whist table.

Visited everything in Barracks and saw to the repair of the guns and buckboards

Tuesday 23 Battleford

Wrote Norman(?) asking him to pay Geary amount of the order on the department which I gave him last fall. Sent Geary \$20.00 which with ____ I sent him last mail will finish my indebtedness provided Norman settles the order.

Very sharp cold east wind this morning mail closed at 400

Whist party last night the Revd Mr. Pritchard & Allan Wood & the Doctor had a pleasant evening.

Wednesday 24 Battleford N.W.Ty.

Weather fine but somewhat sharp. Sent off a great deal of mail matter. Sent two men with Mr. Gopsill to see about the burning of his stables supposed to be done by Indians

Sent Sergt and three men to see about the freighter who are supposed to be drinking permit- liquor belonging to people here . with directions to bring them if drunk and bring them along as fast as possible .

Joe Price lunched with me. Sent off to Lieut Governor Dewdney in cipher his name and Gopsills for farm instructor at Red Pheasants Res. and Little Pines Reserves.

Major Wilson dined with me and Allan I went over to Art. barracks with him. played whist until one am and came home

Thursday 25 Battleford

Storming

Friday 26 B.ford

Storming

Saturday 27 Battleford

Stormy, Medical insp in the morning.

Sunday 28 Battleford

Stormy and cold sent to church twice Revd.Archdeacon McKay preached a good sermon each time.

March

Monday 1 Bford

Muster parade at 1015

Gave the command a talking to, re the letter anonymous which had been sent to me by some of their number

Muster of horses in the afternoon.

Saturday 13 Battleford

Weather fine ___ into barracks at 1000 AM

Sunday 14 Battleford

Weather fine. usual Sunday ch parade. Nothing else. I did not go to church until the evening, Quite a large congregation

Monday 15 Battleford

Weather fine. Dr. moved into my old quarters today. Mail in at 200. no news for us

Tuesday 16 Battleford

Weather clear & cold with a sharp east wind Mail left at 1130 wrote several letters. Sent a telegram to the Department about the price of bricks also one to Const. Asbury(?) for instructions re a voucher for one Lyne for horse sold by him to NWM Police

Drove around town and brought the parson down to see us

Gave orders to stop the hauling of logs by the Taylors for ___ K troop stables. also gave my permission for the use of part of the stockade

Wednesday 17 Battleford

Weather fine but very cold. Insp Wilson re'ed news of the death of his father, poor chap I am sorry for him, he was so fond of the old man.

Felt very ill all day I am afraid my lungs are affected at last.

Thursday 18 Battleford

Weather fine. Went around a great deal and visited everything in barracks except the rooms.

Went up town in the (X'ed out-morning) afternoon and (x'ed out)__about.

Spent the evening at Dr. Rolphs.

Friday 19 Battleford

Weather fine but cloudy visited everything but the rooms. did not drive or walk out any.

Saturday 20 Battleford

Weather very fine rode our all over the place with McDonnell. enjoyed it very much indeed.

Sunday 21 Battleford

Weather fine Church as usual twice rode out in the afternoon with McDonnell and enjoyed it very much. The men of the command were permitted to ride as much as they liked upon applying to the officer Comdg their troop

Monday 22 Battleford

Weather fine. Mail came in at 1200. rode in the afternoon with McDonnell. remanded the case Reg vs James Stevenson Larceny until

tomorrow so as to enable the prosecutor to obtain further evidence in the case.

Tuesday 23 Battleford

Mail went out today at 1130 answered all letters but(?) last one. Sat upon the investigation Reg vs Stevenson and succeeded in finishing it. Committed the prisoner for trial at next Court of Competent jurisdiction held in Battleford. Rode out in the afternoon Spent evening at Olivers at whist party some good whiskey there but did not touch it as I have decided not to while here. I have been at several parties and liquor has been at all but none have been able to persuade me to drink any.

Wednesday 24 Battleford N.W.Ty

Cold and windy nothing of importance going on today

Thursday 25 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine nothing of importance visited__ institutions as usual ordered Inspr Morris and party to Onion Lake to see how Indians are.

Capt McDonnell volunteered to go to the other reserves around Poundmakers camp for same purpose

Sergt Hyne(?) and party ordered to visit Mosquito (X'ed out reserves) and Red Pheasants reserves for same purpose

Heard unofficially that Supt Gagnon and party of 75 are en route to here.

Friday 26 Battleford NWTy

Weather fine, but somewhat sharp. Capt Macdonnell and Inspr Morris started at 930 AM breakfasted as usual at 830

Tried Swift Current (____) to see if any Police are on the way no arrived at 6 PM

Telegraph operator writes me saying that the rumor of a troop coming was a mistake which arose out of the fact that K(?) Troop had been ordered here but were not sent

Saturday 27 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine but sharp breakfast as usual at 830 AM Visited all the barracks at 930. drove out in the afternoon as usual and visited Ott__ house Gd. and the stables there.

Asked John McDonald down to spend the evening and told Ginger that if he saw Stewart, I would like to have him come too.

Sunday 28 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine, church twice as usual nothing of importance going on .

Monday 29 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine. usual routine Stevenson the (x'ed out prisoner)____ gone away to Humboldt or some other to escape justice. large mail came in today

Tuesday 30 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine, usual routine

Wednesday 31 Battleford N.W.Ty

Muster parade as usual mail went out at 1130 AM. One day ____ allowed from this date inclusive

April

Thursday 1 Battleford

Weather fine. Signed all cheques and paid all the men today

Friday 2 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Nothing doing. Weather fine Usual routine. Recd telegram from Lt. Col. Lawrence Herchmer, which informed me that he was now Commissioner of the Force our ___ Lt Col Irvine resigned. This takes us all by surprise, as we very naturally thought that someone in the Force would get it or an Imperial officer would. At all events it is better than to give it to that fellow Deane who seems to be incapable of doing duty as a soldier and a gentleman should and who is almost universally detested thro the corps.

Saturday 3 Battleford NW.Ty

Weather fine. Usual routine

Sunday 4 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Church parade The band played as to church. This is quite a new thing here.

Walked out in the afternoon and went to church in the evening.

Monday 5 Battleford NWTy

Spring drill on foot commenced- 4 ½ hrs per day. Mail came in and was distributed at one pm. weather very fine indeed. Rded very few letters.

Tuesday 6 Battleford N.W.Ty

Foot duty 4 ½ hrs per day as usual. great improvement shown already. drove out a piece, and inspected the Battleford ice but not gone yet Wrote a number of letters and attended to all official business.

Wednesday 7 Battleford N.W.Ty

Drill on foot as usual nothing else going on Mail went out at usual time.
Sent numerous letters.

Thursday 8 Battleford N.W.Ty

Food drill as usual, men improving. nothing doing – but ___ stables only twice a day so as to allow of 4 ½ hrs at drill. I sent telegram to the Commr asking for authority to purchase hats for the prairies

Sent two men to P.A. to get prisoner one Stevenson

Spent the evening at the Drs.

Sent him sharp memo re the sick

Friday 9 Battleford N.W.Ty

Drill on foot as usual great improvement in the majority of the men.

Visited stables, cells and Otton(?) house guard.

Saturday 10 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Cleaning up day for men. Visited all the stables and the cells. also Otton(?) House guard.

Breakfast 830 AM

Sunday 11 Battleford

Church as usual both morning and evening

Spent part of of afternoon on the trail driving and after evening service went to Nash's

Monday 12 Battleford N.W.Ty

Up at 730 breakfast at 800AM No drill as barrack square has to be cleaned up.

Tuesday 13 Battleford

Mail came in today one day late. rcd the farewell order of the Commissioner and got same from the new one.

Breakfast 830 as usual Visited the stables and gave direction re the cleaning up. No drill as the men have to be employed.

Wednesday 14 Battleford N.W.Ty

Men Cleaning up the barrack yard and vicinity

Dr. Miller came in at noon stayed until four and then started for Ft. Macleod transport furnished him from Indian Res.(Mosquitos)

Spent evening at H___ and had a glass of ale did not indulge, I am temperate as usual and feel that indulgence on intoxicants is all rot? Walked home and retired to rest at 1230

Breakfast 830 as usual visited all the barracks. Stables etc

Orders for sale of some of the cast horses. Notice posted today. Attended church at the hall from 730 to 830 PM

Thursday 15 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine but cloudy No drill men cleaning up the square.

Four men to assist the lime burner.

Telegram asking the Comr. to authorize sale of some cast horses instead of some ordered by him

Up and had breakfast over by 830 as usual. Visited stables etc.

Constable L___ and Inspector Alexander arrived here with the pris.

James Stevenson at 400 pm

I stayed barracks and went to bed at 1100PM

Friday 16 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather cloudy and cool in the forenoon, but pleasant in the afternoon with bright sun.

Up early breakfast at 8;00 AM No drill men employed on fatigue cleaning up. Sent 4 (four) men to assist in burning lime for officer quarters They are to get \$1.50 per day for eight days.

Remanded Jas Stevenson (Larceny) for eight days or until Wednesday next to allow pros. to obtain further evidence heard Mr. Clarke (The Rev'd) and one other witness.

Saturday 17 Battleford

Fine weather. Fatigue and general cleaning up.

Sunday 18 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Church parade as usual. attended both morning and evening service.

Monday 19 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine Sold 18 cast horses by Comrs order. The averaged over one hundred each. 5 % was given to auctioneer for sale of them. None of them were worth more than fifty dollars for work

Tuesday 20 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine. squad drill as usual. mail came in yesterday, with Mtd Infantry rule book and orders to adopt it

The actual work is good and rifle training also but the preliminary drill for men does not suit this Force. The drill of Mounted Infantry being intended for men already well trained.

Wednesday 21 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Drill as usual. This is the worst place for wind that I have seen in the Territories.

Thursday 22 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Drill as usual

Friday 23 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine. nothing doing but drill and usual routine

Saturday 24 Battleford NWTy

Weather fine cleaning up day. usual routine

Sunday 25

Weather fine but somewhat windy as usual Church twice and walked about for 2 ½ hrs. after noon.

Geo Cowan came in to see me in the evening

Monday 26 Battleford

Patrol sent out to visit the outlying settlements

Inspector Wilson in Comd. They are to move by short marches

Tuesday 27 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine drill at squad and __Mtd Infantry for __ hours.

Wednesday 28 Battleford NW.Ty

Weather fine. Insprs Howe and White-Fraser Mrs White- Fraser, (x'ed out and) arrived today with the men I sent to Swift Current and 46 horses (x'ed out ___ left) Three left on trail due(?) sore feet one ran off and one sick. Have not quarters ready for these officers owing to the delay in plastering the buildings. So put them up in our quarters

Thursday 29 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine (x'ed out Insp) but somewhat cool. Inspected horses from Ft. Macleod and (x'ed out Cal) Regina got in by Inspectors Howe and White-Fraser. They are not good. in fact some of them are bad, and were well known to be inferior horses years ago

I took all the team horses for D Troop and got K all the saddle horses but ten out of the 46 which equalized the two Division as near as poss.

I arranged in the selection of the saddle horses that K Division Comdg officer picked five and then D one horse and so on until the whole were gone through. This equalized as to quality

Friday 30 Battleford N.W.Ty

Cold and very windy Muster parade of men and horses, men at 10am and horses at 2 o'clock P.M. They (x'ed out me) (the horses) are much improved in appearance, but those from Macleod and Regina badly in need of shoeing. I have given direction, which are being caused not(?), that they are shod up as fast as possible. Since arriving here the whole of them have been branded very carefully and the nos on the hoofs freshened or re branded as required

May

Saturday 1 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather dull cold and cloudy heavy rain last night. Cleaning up of barracks by men. Inspected the horses to be cast made minute inquiry regarding them.. The horses that came in a few days ago from Ft. Macleod and Regina are looking much better but there are a few quite unfit for service.

Sunday 2

Very stormy, raining & blowing very hard. No church parade this morning and no services.

Monday 3 Battleford

Weather fine mail came in on time Drill both mounted and dismounted

Tuesday 4 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine (x'ed out weather) Drill as usual.

Wednesday 5 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine, drill as usual

Thursday 6 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Best day we have had since spring set in. I sent our patrolling parties as usual. Insp Howe in Comd. with 18 men.

One man deserted last night parties sent out after him.

Reported the desertion to the Commissioner at once by wire.

Friday 7 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine. nothing but drill going on. A concert and play at Customs(?) hall. everything went off very well.

Saturday 8 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather very fine. men cleaning up. Drove out towards Moosomin Res. in the afternoon Oliver(?) called at 500pm Arranged with him that the accounts re the bridge were to be sent down to the Governor on the completion of the work. all to be certified by him and me.

Dr. Rolph went out to the Indian Res with the agent the Rvd Archdeacon MacKay I lent them the light spring wagon brought up by Inspr White-Fraser.

Monday 24 Battleford

Weather fine. Annual sports today. good program sports good. horsemanship etc. Very hot but breezy All finished by 4.30

Had _____ hand out with Wilsons. the wagon full of ladies they enjoyed it very much.

I _____ in McDonells rig in the morning and on horseback during the afternoon.

Tuesday 25 Battleford

Riding and drill in the morning. much improvement shown by the men.

Wednesday 26 Battleford

Drill mounted as usual.

Thursday 27 Battleford.

Drill mounted as usual

Friday 28 Battleford

Drill mounted as usual. great improvement shown. White-Fraser started at 9.30 for Sounding Lake with 48 men – including 6 four horse teams

___ and off men 2 offrs servants, 28 Mounted men. Insp Wilson accompanied the event and Mre Fraser went with her husband.

Dr. Miller & Insp Morris arrived at 6.30

Saturday 29 Battleford

Cleaning up as usual nothing else doing

Sunday 30 Battleford N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Church as usual twice. Very hot in the afternoon.

August

Monday 30

Birds 8 miles

Camp (x'ed out____)7 miles

“	3	35 miles		
“	4	55 “		
“	5	18 “		
“	6	38 “		
“	7	36 “		
“	8	33 “		
“	9	16 “	292*	18310
“	10	22 “		344
“	11	24 “		384
“	12	34 “		399

“ 13 40 “

“ 14 3 1/2 “

Tuesday 31 Battleford

Handed over to Supt AR Macdonnell the Command of the Battleford post & paid my Division. went around and paid up all my accounts ____
____ in honor of D Troop was held at the Industrial school. Had a very pleasant time.

September

Wednesday 1 Battleford 8 miles

Weather fine Troop marched at 800 am and went as far as Birds. I stayed until evening and looked up everything went around said good bye to the men. Mac. came out with me as far as camp and stayed all night. Harry Nash came over also and brought some of the joyful with him 8 miles today

Thursday 2 Lake 15 miles from Bford

Sounding Lake trail. Marched at 6 am took on wood water at 8.30 ____
Saskatchewan crossing(?) ____ no ____ water for 40 miles decided not to ____ horses so far. Camped for the night

Friday 3 Sounding Lake Trail

Marched at 5.30 Walked at ten(?), 20 miles. ____ Cons ____ with the horses fresh to water (x'ed out had) had water barrel full for men. horses do not suffer(?) so much owing to cool weather.

Moved on at 1.30 and halted for the night at 5.00 fearful storm of hail and rain which lasted for five hours

Saturday 4 Sounding Lake Trail

Weather cold and windy lost five horses last night So started half an hour later left men behind to look for them 1 found by Const Dubuc made good march of 25 miles and halted for noon at 1130. pitched a tent as shelter from the wind

Marched at 230 and after having looked in vain for water for the last 15 miles halted at 7.30 30 miles this afternoon. good water supposed ten miles from Sounding Lake 58 m today Left some men behind looking for the lost horses.

Sunday 5 Sounding Lake

Not up until 6 All on account of long march yesterday. 19 horses lost ___ much improved men sent out and horses found at 830 marched at 9 for here Longmore the guide saying it was only 12 miles ___ made good time 4 ½ m per hour and halted at 1 o'clock distance 18 miles

Decided to halt for the night as the feed is good and it is a long distance to water. besides we have to take wood for three days.

1st day 7 miles

2 “ 8

3rd “ 35

4th “ 55

5th “ 18

Sound Lake 123.

Monday 6 Large Lake west of “The Nose” noon

Up at 4.30 marched at 6.20 AM delay owing the sodden condition of everything. had some trouble in crossing little creek near the “ Nose” passed over the Nose Hill and after 18 miles halted for dinner at 11.10 AM Lavore(?) who has the water cart like a ___ left the last camp with it We would have been in a fine fix if we had not struck water 18 miles the forenoon

Lake 18 miles west of the Nose. Marched at 130 and after two hours were informed that we maybe get no more water I halted at first lake and had water cart filled

Distance today 38 miles

Tuesday 7 Camp-Lake 8 m w of Sand Hills

Marched at 600 AM and at 9 12 miles reached fine lake with hard sandy bottom halted and watered the horses all of which drank freely. Moved on in ten minutes and after a march of ten miles halted for noon no water nearer than four miles I will not force horses so far they had drank water two hours and can do little without water for all horses than without feed for six . 22 m.

Marched at 2 pm and at 3 watered on Sand Hill Creek. the Lake is dry the creek has water pools, and very bad at that Marched and halted at 15 past 14 miles. 36 miles today. Water here but not clear. grass short but good

Wednesday 8 Sullivan Creek

Marched at 6 AM and drove ahead of column for a number of miles. 12 halted for its usual which was at 845 one waggon upset on hill coming down to the Creek “Berry Creek” made approaches to Creek good, and watered horses. marched at 915. halted at 1115 20 miles no water but

horses do suffer on account of having feed and water two hours back
Guide says ten hours will bring us to the river.

Marched again at 1 PM and after 10 miles halted to water horses at the
creek Moved on three miles and decided to halt for the night as there
was no water until Red Deer and it is four hours march off halt 4:15 pm
distance 33 miles

Thursday 9 Red Deer River

Marched at 5:45 and after six or seven miles was informed by the guide
that he had gone too far south. I sent him back to the column to change
their course which he did. I went on with the Dr. and Constable Hain(?)
and (x'ed out they) made for this place which we reached at 10:00 AM
and __ C Troop Supt Herchmer in the valley encamped with the bulk
__ of C Troop Shortly afterwards my Troop appeared on the ridge at
the same time as C Troop on the south side We halted first and after a
short time were fully encamped on the ground met Cotton __ Boyle
and Dr. Baldwin Supped with them and arranged __ 16 miles

Friday 10 Jerry Potts Spring in Old Mans Coulee

Marched at 6:00 and took four K Troop horses with us (x'ed out as) as
our transport is not sufficient. Climbed (?) the steep hill and marched
from there in an hour. (x'ed out a unknown word) moved on and
reached these springs 8 mile

Marched at 12:30 pushed on for fourteen miles and told Potts to return
and tell Wood to halt there for night if he thought fit to do so. While the
Dr. and __ing men Shaw and Howe pushed on to Blackfoot crossing.
We met Wheatly expoliceman a farm instructor and he put us up nicely
for the night. 46 miles today.

Saturday 11 Blackfoot Crossing

Weather fine Went up to the siding with Wheatly saw Sergt Ward got a letter from him ___ Comr ___ Herchmer and Hatton. To the former to the effect that I had recd a letter asking for a report on Warden and Hearges(?) at Bford and that I could not report until I had seen him. To Hatton saying that ___ could wait his arrival at Gleichen until 5 pm. Troop arrived at 4 pm. They camped on south side. I waited return of my men from Gleichen and crossed at 730 pm.

Saturday 12 Lake 18 miles S of Bfoot Xing

Marched at 545 Sent two men to Cluny to see if Col Herchmer would come on train he did not. Dr. and I waited until their return and started camped here at 1030 18 miles

Much enjoyed the potatoes I received from the farm instructor great treat much more so then any time since we left Battleford. Marched at 100 ___ drove on rapidly with Potts to the springs where C Troop had dug a well. water good we shot a jack rabbit on the way in. Potts the killer. The train arrived a 400 16 miles this afternoon 18 miles today

Monday 13 Willow Creek

Weather fine. Up at 400 AM Marched at 5.30 and after 17 miles reached Little Bow river and halted for dinner marched again at 1220 and reached here at 630 distance 24 miles Camped on the bottom feed fair water good

Total distance 40 mile

Tuesday 14 Ft. Macleod

Marched at 10.00 AM and reached Macleod at 1130 The horses came in on ___ ___ and the Troop looked well, very well in fact. Met Neale who

was courteous as usual. lunched and dined with him all day. Men put in Bks which had no ___ or furniture, but are lofty and comfortable Dr. Kennedy here met him Old matter explained well.

Wednesday 15 Macleod

Weather fine nothing of importance to do Went around hospital and horses and found fault where needed. Fire at old Fort today. Dined with Kennedy. Sergt Maj. Lake in orders as Post SM Inspr Wood adjutant. Herchmer arrived today. saw him about Wardens statement

Friday 17 Lethbridge

Left Macleod at 630 and reached this place at 1130 Came by St Marys above Whoop Up. horses handled trip well Scott was at home at his hotel and treated us well.

Saturday 18 Lethbridge

Was a Member of the board on cashier horses Riddell examined them.

Sunday 19 Ft. Macleod

Arrived with Riddell at 12.30 lunched saw Supt Herchmer who started back at once for Lethbridge

Monday 20 Fort Macleod

Did not feel well today.

Tuesday 21 Ft Macleod

Working hard to get the hosp straightened up two men working in the office. Four men on fatigue at Saddles harness and other things

Arranged to start for Lethbridge tomorrow

Wednesday (22x'ed out)23 Lethbridge

(x'ed out following: Weather fine. Inspected the post found the x'ed out word things in bad shape after a careful inspection did all I could to shew the officer in Command what to do

Almost all right now.

Thursday (x'ed out 23) 24 Lethbridge

Started for Whoop Up at 830 accompanied by Inspector Likely he did not know the road I went with south side (right back of the Belly and got there in one hour and a half. trail good. Saw Ames and he pointed out the ___ of our mens camp. Drove up there two miles and found it Stayed (x'ed out all night) for luncheon. Came home by right bank of Belly in one hour. Eight miles

Friday (x'ed out 24) 25 Macleod

Started from Lethbridge at 800 AM Arrived here at 12.30 Davis was along and so was Riddell they drove ahead of us and Haultain behind found my quarters topsy turvy one of the partitions knocked down and everything covered with dust and the other officers moved into Kennedys house in ___ over ___ found it rather de___ for the present.

Saturday 25 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather very windy and disagreeable in stead of (x'ed out Started for Lethbridge at 800 with Duncan)

Went to work all day framing(?) up my back correspondence and returns, the clerks working very hard at it all day. Troop in a bad state owing to the number of men ___ ___ some of them for ___ others (?) and no traces ___ with them

Sunday 26 Macleod

Weather showery (x'ed out word) threats of snow. Had a visit from Colonel Lane Military Secy at Halifax. he stayed to lunch and gave us a pleasant hours chat afterwards. Arranged with Neale to have ___ of horseshoes (x'ed out th) sent down to Lethbridge tomorrow I shall have to start with him for that place at 5.30 tomorrow morning

October

Friday 15 Ft Macleod

The Commissioner here he inspected the Troop. had Kit inspected, inspected harness and Saddlery All was clean and reasonable, mens kits short but cannot be helped as we have come here to complete

I am informed that the Commissioner inspected the post at Lethbridge and was satisfied with the state of the equipment etc.

Had letter from the Commissioner re Allan clergyman at Battleford also re written statement I wrote reply giving full particulars of it, and of Wardens statement referred the Comr to Rolph and _____ Statements and said that others could be of _____

Saturday 16 Macleod

Commissioner went away today at 9.30 Saw him and got his promise for leave at 16 November for four months

Telegram from Neale in the evening saying that _____ was dead. body arrived here at 8.30 pm in charge of Sergt _____

Arranged funeral according to rites of catholic church.

Sunday 17 Macleod

Church parade as usual Church cold, no fire in it

Funeral of Sergt C___ at 2 pm full dress parade marched to the Catholic Church where mass was said and marched thence to the Police cemetery which has been lately chosen to the southward of the barracks

Obseques went off all right but, the gun team was no use so had to be taken out and the pall bearers had to carry the remains.

Sorry for poor C___ he was a good and honorable non Commissioned officer

Monday 18 Macleod

Weather dull and cloudy Inspected troops quarters saddlery etc at 900 A.M . Sent off several letter at least had these written re boots which men have paid for and desire compensation. also names of N.C.O. and men under fire at different points during the rebellion. It is damned hard on the men of the Force who were simply scouting during the rebellion and ran the risk of their lives that they cannot claim a right to the medal, while others who happened to be under fire and did not do half as much good are to receive all the honors.

MEMORANDA Battleford N.W.Ty

3 letters to

Warren Thomson 119 East Madison Street Chicage Ill - \$10

1 ___ Steele

1 Evelyn Steele

1 Col. O'Brien C. M.G.

1 Col Warren C.M.G.

1 Geo. Hope Johnston

1 Jno Johnston
 1 Supt Herchmer
 1 Do Do
 1 Elmes Steele
 1 Mr Borden \$20.00
 1 Mouseau with \$10 each
 1 Petrie Ed, 14th
 1 Elmes Steele Do
 1 Geo Hope Johnston Do
 1 Hatton Do
 1 Mrs Edith Allan Do

30th May

1 A. Mouseau
 1 AH Griesbach
 1 Capt Clarke

CASH ACCOUNT JANUARY

John Darlington _____

CASH ACCOUNT FEBRUARY

	Received	Paid
25? per mail G Gary?	10.50	10.00

25?	do	do	5.00	20.00
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15 th	do	T____		7.50
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CASH ACCOUNT MARCH

up	Received	Paid
3 Warren Thomson	114(x'ED)	
119 E Madison		
Street Chicago		10.00
Const Ken		6.00
Cigars		19.25
Const Goff ____		12.20
Messing Inspt		
Messing Pres		14.80
Tunic etc		
Winnipeg		20.00
Marsh		10.00
Sundries		5.00
Whist		
Pay	114.66	
Cigars		5.00
Groom		5.00
AR. McConnell		200.00

CASH ACCOUNT SEPTEMBER

Pd

John Darlington Weber(?)	20.00
Const in chrg Canteen Bford re ARMcD	13.00
_____ B. ford.	5.00

BILLS PAYABLE JULY

Amount

Cigars	20.00
Servant	12.00
Washing	(x'ed 20.00)
Tailor	20.00
Miss Bowen	20.00
Missing	23.90
Superannuation	15.66
Sundries	

Clippings, notes, etc. removed from diary

1. Photograph of young woman. On back "A souvenir of the trip of the Press Association to the N.W.T. Initials J.I.C.?"

2. CERTIFICATE OF POST OFFICE REGISTRATION

No. 3053

Registered this day a letter address to

W.C. Van Horne

Montreal

Post Office Stamp and Date

John D. Higinbotham

Lethbridge Alta JA 21 87

3. Edmonton June 16 86

Received from Superintendent "Steele" one Medal, for having served in his troop in the suppression of the late Rebellion in the North-West

John. A. Beldere.

4. Edmonton 15 June /86

Received from Major Steele one (1) Medal for Acting services as Scouts

W.N. West

5. Edmonton N.W.T.

June 14th 86

Recd from Major Steele Medal for services as scout during the Rebellion

R. Fielding

6. Edmonton 15th June 1886

Received from Major Steele one (1) Medal for services as Scout during the Late Rebellion

W.G. Ibbotson

7. Card – Introducing Major Steele

J.G. Burrows Esq

Metropolitan Club Montreal

Reverse- Calgary, 10/11/86

Dear John

This introduces Major Steele N.W.M. P. take care of him “ nuf sed”

Yours Geo. M. Hatton

8. Card - Introducing Major Steele

J. E. Robertson Esq

Barrister

Equity Chambers, Adelaide St.

Toronto

Reverse – Calgary 10/11/86

Dear Jim

This introduces Major Steele N.W.M. P. my best friend in the country
see that he sees Maggie

Yours Geo W. Hatton.

Comments

Pages not noted were not written .

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Binding loose in cash accounts