

Company E, Second Infantry, California Volunteers, just arrived; garrison this post. Company A, of same regiment, I am mortified to say, arrived here in a state of entire disorganization, owing solely to the continued drunkenness and misconduct of its commander, Captain Charles W. Smith, who I have placed in arrest. Charges against him will go down by this steamer, but his character and habits are such as to render him unfit to remain one day longer in the service, and I recommend that he be immediately discharged from it.

I have sent his company to Yager Creek Crossing, under the command of First Lieutenant Flynn, of Company F, Second Infantry, California Volunteers, a very reliable young officer, who is as cool and resolute as he is active and zealous.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

FRANCIS J. LIPPITT,

Colonel Second Infantry, California Volunteers, Commanding Humboldt Military District.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE PACIFIC,
SAN FRANCISCO, June 5, 1862.

GENERAL: For the information of the War Department, I have the honor to transmit herewith a report received from Colonel Francis J. Lippitt, Second Infantry, California Volunteers, commanding the District of Humboldt.

The activity and zeal exhibited by Colonel Lippitt and the troops under his command are highly commendable, and promise a speedy termination of the Indian disturbances in that quarter.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

G. WRIGHT,

Brigadier-General, U. S. Army, Commanding.

Brig.-Gen. L. THOMAS, Adjutant-General U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

AT CAMP NO. 25, COAST RANGE,
MENDOCINO COUNTY, CAL., April 30, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the proceedings of the detachment of my company while on scout, from the sixteenth to the thirtieth instants, viz.: April sixteenth, occupied in making preparations for crossing Eel River in a northeasterly direction. April seventeenth, I proceeded with two Sergeants, one Corporal, one guide, and eleven privates to the mouth of White Rock Cañon that falls into Eel River, a distance of about twenty miles; found the river at that point impassable.

April eighteenth, sent out two parties, one up and the other down the river, in search of a ford, but without success, each party traveling about ten or twelve miles. April nineteenth, proceeded up the river with the whole detachment, about fifteen miles, and with great difficulty succeeded about two A. M. to cross. The men being very wet, I encamped for the night; found fresh Indian signs. April twentieth, having arrived in the neighborhood of Indians, kept my men and animals concealed in the bushes until dark, then traveled a distance of about twelve miles, keeping a good lookout for Indian camp fires, but discovered none; by the moonlight I could plainly see the traces of Indians through the tall grass.

April twenty-first, encamped at daylight, and at nightfall resumed the scout; traveled all night over a very rough country called the Rola Bola Mountains; plenty of Indian signs; traveled a distance of twenty miles. April twenty-second, remained in camp until night, then resumed the scout, and after traveling until nearly daylight discovered Indian camp fires situated on a high bluff of rock that seemed impossible to approach, and was so to strangers at night time; hence, I was compelled to defer the attack until daylight, but those wary savages discovered us and fled; they had a start of about two miles. I followed them as fast as possible, the ascent being extremely difficult, and pursued them that day until myself and men were almost exhausted; must have traveled a distance of fifty miles, including the scout of the previous night; discovered by the trail the Indians had separated into two bands. April twenty-third, divided my men into two parties; gave Sergeant Wheeler one and myself the other. I followed one trail, traveling alternately by day or night until my provisions began to give out. I arrived at this camp on the twenty-eighth; traveled a distance averaging twenty miles per day since the twenty-third.

April twenty-ninth, Sergeant Wheeler arrived at camp with eleven Indian women and one child, prisoners captured by him on the twenty-eighth; he reports eight Indian men killed, besides quite a number wounded, that threw themselves into the river, and thus escaped or were likely drowned; this occurred at a place called Big Bend, on Eel River; he also states that his party traveled not less than twenty miles each day.

I have detained three of the captives (women) as guides for a few days, believing that they will be of great use to me; the remainder I have forwarded to Camp Grant, to be escorted to Fort Humboldt, agreeably to district orders. I have had built on Eel River a large canoe, capable of carrying twenty men. I feel pleasure in stating that people are