POST RETURN of Fort Zarah, Kansas commanded by Captain Theodore Conkey for the month of November, 1864.

This return will be made out in triplicate, at the end of every month—one copy to be retained, one for the Adjutant General, and one for the immediate Commander.

NOTE 1.—When a post or station is garrisoned by *different regiments*, or parts of different regiments, the troops will be reported on separate lines by regiments; but if of the same regiment, the troops will be reported by companies.

NOTE 2.—*All the absentees* are to be accounted for under the head of "*How*" and, again, under the head of "*Where*."

REGIMENTS.	Letters of Companies.	Number of Companies.	PRESENT. COMMISSIONED OFFICERS. For duty.	On extra, or special duty.	Sick.	On arrest, or suspension.	PRESENT. ENLISTED MEN. Total.	For duty.	On extra, or daily duty.	Sick.	In arrest, or confinement.	Total.	ABSENT. HOW. Commissioned Officers. On detached service.	With leave.	Without leave.	Sick.	Total.	Enlisted men. On detached service.	With leave.	Without leave.	Sick.	In arrest, or confinement.	Total.	WHERE. Within the Dept. (See note 2.) Commissioned Officers.	Enlisted men.	Without the Dept. (See note 2.) Commissioned Officers.	Enlisted men.	PRESENT AND ABSENT. COMMISSIONED OFFICERS. Quartermaster's Department.	Subsistence Department.	Medical Department.	Pay Department.	Ordnance.	Military Storekeepers.	Regimental Field Officers.	Regimental Staff Officers.	Captains.	Subalterns.	Total Commissioned.	ENLISTED MEN. Non-commissioned Staff of Regts.	Ordnance Sergeants.	Hospital Stewards.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Musicians.	Artificers, Farriers, & Blacksmiths.	Privates.	Total Enlisted.	AGGREGATE.	AGGREGATE, LAST MONTHLY RETURN.
Field & Staff		1					1																						1																	1	1
Co. A, 8th Regt. Mich. Vol. Cavalry		1					112	16	17			145						113	12			53	178	2	51	2																264	264	264	270										
Total Present and Absent		1					113	16	17			145						113	12			53	178	2	51	2		1														264	264	264	271										
Detached		2					2																												1	1								2	1	1							
Co. A, 8th Mich. Cav.		1					1																												1	1								1		1							
Total	Nov. of Comp.	2					2	112	16	17		145						113	12			53	178	2	51	2		1														264	264	264	271	1									

ALTERATIONS SINCE LAST MONTHLY RETURN. GAIN. Enlisted men.			LOSS. Commissioned Officers		Enlisted men.																				MEMORANDA. HORSES.			PIECES OF ARTILLERY.		
Joined from depots.	Rejoined their companies from the Hospital.	Joined from desertion.	Died:	Resigned, transferred, dismissed, &c.	Died:	Disch'd: From wounds received in action.	Disch'd: From disease, &c.	Disch'd: Expiration of service.	Disch'd: For disability.	Disch'd: From other causes.	Transferred.	Died: Inserted in preceding columns.	Died: From disease, &c.	Died: Missing in action.	Deserted.	AGGREGATE.	Wounded in action.	Recruits required.	Serviceable.	Unserviceable.	Killed, or lost in action.	Heavy.	Field.	Mountain.	No. of blank Pool returns on hand.

REMARKS.

NOTE.—*Whenever a post is evacuated*, or its command *relieved*, an exact return of the whole garrison, on the *day of its departure*, is to be left among the *records of the post*.

ENLISTED MEN, "casually at post," who are to be accounted for by NAME.

No.	NAMES. (To be arranged according to date when received at the post.)	RANK.	REGIMENT.	COMPANY.	DATE WHEN RECEIVED AT THE POST.
		Ordnance Sergeant			

NOTE 4.—The DATE and PLACE of *death, desertion, apprehension*, or *discharge*, of every soldier not mustered in any company of the garrison, will be reported by the *commanding officer of the post* to the commanding officer of the *company*, or detachment, to which the soldier belongs.—See Articles 17 and 18 of the Regulations. *A duplicate of the above report will, moreover, in every case, be forwarded* to the commanding officer of the *regiment*, to which the man belongs.

REMARKS.

Record of Events during the past Month

Nov 12. One Sergt 1 Corpl 1 private of 8th Cavly sent to Fort Ellsworth as escort to stge. coming west.
" 15. do to Fulton " " " " Same " " "
" 19 Troops of this post inspected by Capt Conkey-Ordnance " inspected by Lt Hellewell.
" 20. Capt Booth & Lt Hellewell attacked & surrounded by Indians while en route to Fort Zarah four miles west from this post. Capt Conkey with 10 men assisted Co. 8th Cavly scouting 50 miles each north of this post, discovered 3 or 4 Indians men boys or other miles distant but were unable to capture them. Nov 23 Sending party attacked by Indians number unknown (200) Co. A, 8th Cavly assisted Co. 8th Cavly. Killed 6, 100 ponies Captured by Capt Conkey scouting 50 miles. The Indians escaped. Nov 24 Ordnance train of twenty wagons with 1000 lbs of Stores en route to Fort Larned under charge of Lt Hellewell was attacked by Indians. They killed one Indian driver and wounded another. The remainder of this train consisting of twenty wagons with 1000 lbs of Stores safely reached this post on the 25th inst.
Nov 26 Sergt Hundley private & scout sent stge. to Fort Larned
" " " Dean " " scout " to Ash Creek (west) 40 miles
" " " Sterken " " Escorted train to Cow Creek, East on Santa Fe road
Nov 27th Sent one Sergt Hundley private to Fort Ellsworth to escort stge. to this post.
" " Lt Crain Commanding forty privates 8th Cavly scouting west north forty (40) miles
" 28 One Sergt Vigard officer private scouting stge. to Fort Larned.
" 29 " " Nifcal " " " " "

[A. G. O. No. 36.]

STATION: Fort Zarah Kansas

DATE: November 30

RECORD OF EVENTS.

(See Pamphlet of Instructions for making out Rolls, Returns, &c., pages 42, 43, and 44, et seq.)

NOTE.—Whenever the Garrison is *re-enforced*, (by recruits, as well as soldiers,) *reduced*, or *relieved*, or a *Post is established, evacuated* or *re-occupied*, the commanding officer will immediately report the fact to the Adjutant General, and to General and Department Headquarters, and *note the same* on the *first subsequent Post Return*. Such report and record, *in the case of a new post, must indicate its position*, which should be *defined* with some known object—as 25 miles west from ——— *river*, or *town*—*post office* ———; and, in all cases, the *best means of communicating* with the new Post by *mail* must be stated.—*See* par. 467 of Regulations, edition of 1861.)

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH.

[See the Regulations (paragraph 442, edition of 1861,) as to the mode of obtaining *missing* orders.]

NATURE OF.	NO. OF ORDER.	DATE.	WHENCE ISSUED.	WHEN RECEIVED.	PURPORT.
G.O.	364	Oct 14	A.G.O.	Nov 3/64	Regulating the printing of Registers of letter paper &c. &c. Such accounts
G.O.	365	" 17	A.G.O.	Nov 7/64	Regulation in regard to the distribution & selection to Cadet & foreigners to the Army
"	369	" 18	"	" 10/64	Money & property taken from paroled prisoners Deserters & others
"	370	" "	"	"	Forming upon part of only the duties & functions of the Military Bureau of Justice
"	371	" "	"	" 18/64	Regarding the exchange of certain prisoners of war to Charleston harbor &c.
"	376	" 24	"	" 24	Ordering the return of all Officers & Soldiers now on Detached Service in the different
"	384	" 18	Dept. of Mo.	" 21	Continuing the Orders & Instructions issued against selling into the hands of the enemy
"	383	" 19	"	"	Containing a proclamation from Governor Carney calling out the Militia of the State
"	384	" 10	"	" 24/64	Proclaiming Martial law in the state of Kansas &c. &c.
"	384	" "	"	"	Publishing list from Regiment to different duty of Maj. & Lieut. Col. &c.

NOTE 6.—Communications will be acknowledged in the following order: 1st, *Letters*, 2d, "*General Orders*," and 3d, "*Special Orders*," *from the* A. G. OFFICE; 4th, *Letters*, 5th, "*General Orders*," and 6th, "*Special Orders*," *from* HD. QUS. OF THE ARMY; 7th, "*Letters*," 8th, "*Orders*," and 9th, "*Special Orders*," *from* DEPT. HD. QRS. All orders will be arranged according to their numbers, and without reference to the date when they are received at the post.

Theo Conkey
Capt 8th Cavalry
Commanding the Post.

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, present and absent, accounted for by NAME.—(The brevet rank, as well as that by ordinary commission, to be given.)

NOTE 7.—All commissioned officers borne on the face of the return (in figures) must be accounted for by name on this order; and they will be classed and reported in the following order, viz: "Present," "Absent with leave," "Absent without leave," "Sick," "On Detached Service," "On Extra Duty," "Under Arrest," &c. "ALTERATIONS SINCE LAST MONTHLY RETURN," embracing "Assigned," "Transferred," &c., "Died," &c. See Pamphlet of Instructions for making out Rolls, Returns, &c., pages 42, 43, and 56, et seq.

NOTE 8.—The day on which an officer joined, or leaves the post, or station, or is relieved from, any command, or special duty, will, with the nature of the latter, be stated opposite his name.

NOTE 9.—The "Chaplain and Schoolmaster" and "Citizen Physician" employed, will be reported at the foot of the list of officers present, but are not to be counted in the strength of the command.

No.	NAMES. 1st Commanding officer, 2d, General Staff, 3d, Field and Staff of Regiments, 4th, Company officers.	RANK.	REGIMENT OR CORPS.	Letters of Companies.	REMARKS.
1	Theodore Conkey	Captain	5th Wis Cav	B	Comdg Post. By Special Order No 2 Dist of Smoky Genl. Blunt dated Fort Harker Kan. Sept 26th 1864
1	Jno. L. Robertson	"	2d Wisconsin Cav		Assigned by S.O. No 27. dated Sept 26. Dist of Upper Arkansas Fort Riley Kans Sept 26/64
1	Saml. L. Crane	1st Lt	2d Wis Cav	B	Post Adjt. Assigned by Special Order No 1 dated Head Qrs Dist of Upper Ark. Fort Riley Kans Oct 26th/64
1	W. H. Denison	2nd Lt	2d Wis Cav	M	En route to Fort Lyon by Lt. Col. Colby's comd since Nov 21st by accident to Ambulance.
1	John Williamson	A.A. Surgeon			Contract Surgeon. Assigned by S.O. No 182 Head Qrs Dept of Kansas, Fort Leavenworth July 11th 1864

Alterations since last Return

	Theodore Conkey	Captain	5th Wis Cav	B	Changed in Tri-Monthly return of the 20th from "Regular Garrison" to "Hospital"
	Henry Booth	"	1st Kan Cav	L	Attack of neuralgia by Indians on the 20th inst. returned to this post on that day for Physical treatment.
	Albert Hillhouse	2nd Lt	9th Wis Batty		Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.
	W. H. Denison	2nd Lt	2d Wis Cav	M	En Route to Fort Lyon Col Colby's detachment since Nov 21st by accident to Ambulance
	Theodore Conkey	Capt	5th Wis Cav	B	Changed in Tri-Monthly return of the 20th from "Regular Garrison" to "Hospital"
	Henry Booth	Do	1st Kan Cav	L	Left this post for Fort Riley Kans Nov 21st/64
	Albert Hillhouse	2nd Lt	9th Wis Batty		Do Do Do Do Do Do Do
D	Geo. L. Gardner	Private	5th Wis Cav		Unofficial Recruit. Killed in Action with Indians Nov 22nd by wounds 1864

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No.	NAMES.	RANK.	REGIMENT OR CORPS.	Letters of Companies.	REMARKS.
					Citizen Employed at this Post.
1	Forage Master	Citizen			@ $75.00 per Month $75.00
2	Farmers				@ $40.00 " " 80.00
					Aggregate Monthly Compensation $155.00

NOTE 10.—The nature and commencement of an officer's absence, with its, Date, &c. of order, and the period assigned for same, are, so long as he is reported absent, to be repeated on every return.

NOTE 11.—The name and rank of every officer and enlisted man who may be killed or wounded in action, or die of wounds received therein, with the time and place of action, must be noted on the Monthly return, with the amount of compensation allowed, and the Staff Department in which employed.—See Pamphlet of Instructions for making out Rolls, Returns, &c., pages 42, 43, and 56, et seq.

NOTE 12.—The number (but not the names) of civilians employed at the post during the month; their occupation, and compensation, will be noted on the return, whenever it is possible to do so, by letter writing, clever ruling, or using blank spaces in other parts of the return.

NOTE 13.—The casting on of pieces of paper, is to be avoided, wherever it is possible to do so, by letter writing, clever ruling, or using blank spaces in other parts of the return.

NOTE 14.—Post Returns of all GENERAL Hospitals, (not Post or Regimental), Draft Rendezvous, Camps of Distribution, &c., will be made on this blank, and according to instructions from the Adjutant-General, which may be obtained on application. An alphabetical list of officers and enlisted men present, sick, absent, &c., on letter-paper, with a margin of one inch on the left for binding. These lists must often the return of General Hospitals, Draft Rendezvous, Camps of Distribution, &c., on letter-paper, with a margin of one inch on the left for binding. These lists must often the name, rank, regiment, company, time of arrival, departure, death, &c., &c., of each man. Record or forwarded to another regiment at these places, the company and regiment to which assigned should be given, as well as the above facts.

POST RETURN
of Fort Leavenworth
For the month of March, 1864
Received December 21, 1864

Fort Zarah, Kans
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POST RETURN of Fort Larah, Kansas commanded by Capt. Theo. Conkey for the month of December, 1864.

This return will be made out in triplicate, at the end of every month—one copy to be retained, one for the Adjutant General, and one for the immediate Commander.

NOTE 1.—When a post or station is garrisoned by different regiments, or parts of different regiments, the troops will be reported on separate lines by regiments; but if of the same regiment, the troops will be reported by companies.

NOTE 2.—All the absent are to be accounted for under the head of "Absent," and, again, under the head of "Where."

REGIMENTS.	Letters of Companies.	Number of Companies.	PRESENT. COMMISSIONED OFFICERS. For duty.	On extra, or special duty.	Sick.	In arrest, or confinement.	Total.	ENLISTED MEN. For duty.	On extra, or daily duty.	Sick.	In arrest, or confinement.	Total.	ABSENT. HOW. Commissioned Officers. On detached service.	With leave.	Without leave.	Sick.	Total.	Enlisted men. On detached service.	With leave.	Without leave.	Sick.	In arrest, or confinement.	Total.	WHERE. Within the Dept. (See note 3.) Commissioned Officers.	Enlisted men.	Without the Dept. (See note 3.) Commissioned Officers.	Enlisted men.
Field and Staff		1	1				1															1	1				
Unassigned Recruits 3d Wis Cavy					1	1	2	118	78	30		345					12	2	1	10		26	23	2				
Attached		2	2				2															1	1	2				
TOTAL Regular Garrison		1	1		1	1	2	118	78	30		345					12	2	1	10		26	23	2				

| PRESENT AND ABSENT. COMMISSIONED OFFICERS. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ENLISTED MEN. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, present and absent, accounted for by NAME.—(The brevet rank, as well as that by ordinary commission, to be given.)

No.	NAMES. 1st: Commanding officer, 2d: General Staff. 3d, Field and Staff of Regiments. 4th, Company officers.	RANK.	REGIMENT OR CORPS.	Letters of Companies	REMARKS.
1	Sheldon Conkey	Captain	5th U.S. Cav.	C.	Ordered Post. by Special Field Order No 2 / Hdqrs Dist Right. Fort Larned Kansas Sept 26th 1864
1	Jno L. Eddy Serrough	Captain	A.D.C.		Reported to Special Order No 27 Hdqrs 2d Dist Upper Arks Fort Riley Kans. Sept 26th 1864
1	Saml. F. Crane	1st Lieut	1st Kans Cav	S.	Post Adjutant. by Special Order No 31 Hdqrs 2d Dist of Upper Arks Fort Riley Kan Oct 26th 1864
1	W. H. Jennison	2nd Lieut	1st Colo Cav		Ordered to Fort Lyon Oct. 15th per last Return as "Casually at post" left this post Fort Lyon on the 9th inst.
1	John Williamson	Act Surgn	U.S.A.		Contract Surgeon. Relieved from duty at this post by Special Order No 27 dated Hdqrs 2d Dist of Kans Medical Director Office Fort Leavenworth Kans Oct 15th 1864.

Alterations since last Return

1	Chandler Penny	Private	5th Cav	Reported from Fort Scott Kansas to Capt Shel Conkey December 2nd 1864

Citizens Employed at the D. M. Dept of this post

1	Jno. Wagon Master	@ $75 per Month	$75 00
2	Blacksmith	@ $45 " each	$90 00
	Aggregate monthly compensation		$165 00

NOTE 7.—*All* commissioned officers borne on the face of the return (in full) must be accounted for by name on this side; and they will be classed and reported in the following order: 1st, "PRESENT;" 2d, "ABSENT;" in the order here given, viz: "*On Detached Service*," "*With Leave*," "*Without Leave*," "*Sick*," "*In Arrest*;" 3d, "ALTERATIONS SINCE LAST MONTHLY RETURN," embracing "Resigned," "Transferred," &c., "Died," &c.—See Pamphlet of Instructions for making out Rolls, Returns, &c., pages 42, 43, and 44, et seq.

NOTE 8.—The day on which an officer joins, or leaves the post, *accompanies*, or is relieved from, any *command*, or *special duty*, will, with the *nature* of the latter, be stated opposite his name.

NOTE 9.—The "Chaplain and Schoolmaster" and "Citizen Physician" employed, will be reported *at the foot of the list of officers present*, but are not to be embraced in the strength of the command.

No.	NAMES.	RANK.	REGIMENT OR CORPS.	Letters of Companies	REMARKS.

NOTE 10.—The nature and commencement of an officer's absence, with *No., Date, &c., of order*, and t[illegible] reported.

NOTE 11.—The name and rank of every *officer and enlisted man* who may be *killed* or wounded in a[illegible] reported.

NOTE 12.—The number (but not the name) of civilians employed at the post during the month, by [illegible] Staff Department in which employed.—See Pamphlet of Instructions for making out Rolls, R[illegible]

NOTE 13.—The pasting on of pieces of paper, is to be avoided, wherever it is possible to do so, by [illegible] lines of Distribution, &c., will be made on this blank, and according to instructions [illegible] actions and casualties during the month, among the enlisted men, must accompany [illegible] paper, with a margin of one inch on the left for binding. These lists must give the [illegible] signed or forwarded to another regiment at their places, the company and regiment

NOTE 14.—Post Returns of all GENERAL Hospitals, (not Post or Regimental,) Draft Rendezvous, [illegible] from the Adjutant General, which may be obtained on application. An alphabetical list of a[illegible] the return of General Hospitals, Draft Rendezvous, Camps of Distribution, &c., on letter-sh[illegible] paper, with a margin of one inch on the left for binding. These lists must give the name, rank, regiment, company, time of arrival, departure, death, &c., &c., of each man. If [illegible] to which assigned should be given, as well as the above facts.

REMARKS.

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POST RETURN

Of [illegible] Kans.

For the month of [illegible] 1864

Received [illegible] 186

[illegible] Kans 5th Cav. for Upper Arks [illegible] 65

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