

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL TO GENERAL SULLY.

STATE OF IOWA, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
 DAVENPORT, December 3d, 1863. }

General Alf. Sully, Sioux City, Iowa:

SIR:—Yours of the 26th ult. has been received, notifying me that you will immediately relieve our State troops. Orders were issued to State troops some days since to hold themselves in readiness to be mustered out as soon as relieved, and I shall write them that you will immediately do so with U. S. troops. I respectfully urge and shall confidently rely upon the immediate relief.

Your obedient servant,

N. B. BAKER, Adjutant-General of Iowa.

GENERAL SULLY'S REPLY TO THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT DAKOTA, }
 SIOUX CITY, Iowa, Dec. 22, 1863. }

To Gen. N. B. Baker, Adjutant General of Iowa:

SIR:—I have this day started part of the command to relieve your State troops on the northwest frontier. To-morrow I start more, and the third day the remainder. So your State troops can be discharged when you are ready.

With much regard, your obedient servant,

ALF. SULLY,

Brigadier-General Commanding District.

While the order for disbanding the company had been issued on September 21, 1863, it appears from the correspondence heretofore given that Gen. Sully was unable to furnish the men needed to occupy the posts down the line until the latter part of December. After this had been done and the detachments had been mustered out and the posts receipted for to Lt. Lewis H. Smith, I received a letter from Gen. Sully at Sioux City, stating that a squad of cavalry from his command would report at Estherville on the morning of Dec. 30 to relieve the state troops and take possession of the post. The members of the company were soon called together and notified to be fully prepared for the coming event. At about ten o'clock the next morning the troops made their appearance and lined up outside of the gates. Quite soon after the state troops with all their effects passed out and left the works to be taken in charge by U. S. troops. And so ended the services of the last members of the Northern Border Brigade.

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