
COST OF MODOC WAR.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

Papers showing the cost to the Quartermaster's Department of the Modoc war.

MARCH 19, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *March 13, 1874.*

The Secretary of War has the honor to transmit to the House of Representatives, for the information of the Committee on Military Affairs, letter of the Quartermaster-General of the Army, dated the 9th instant, and copies of papers showing the cost to the Quartermaster's Department of the Modoc war.

WM. W. BELKNAP,
Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., March 9, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith copies of certain papers relating to cost to the Quartermaster's Department of the Modoc war, information relative to which was called for by Hon. J. W. Nesmith, member of Congress.

A telegram was received at this office February 7, 1874, from the chief quartermaster, Military Division of the Pacific, giving the information in brief, a copy of which was furnished Mr. Nesmith.

Subsequently, papers were received from the chief quartermaster, (of which the inclosed are copies,) showing the cost more in detail. It is respectfully suggested that these copies of the papers be forwarded to the Committee on Military Affairs, of the House of Representatives, for its information.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

M. C. MEIGS,
Quartermaster-General, Brevet Major-General, U. S. A.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF WAR.

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[Copies of telegrams.]

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA,
Portland, Oreg., February 4, 1874.

Total amount of paid and unpaid vouchers in this department on account of Modoc war is as follows: Regular supplies, \$77,385; incidental, \$12,166; transportation, \$183,700; cavalry horses, \$7,302.

All of this, with the exception of about \$40,000 regular supplies and cavalry horses, is due to the Modoc war.

R. N. BATCHELDER,
Major and Quartermaster, U. S. A.

Colonel R. ALLEN,
Chief Quartermaster Military Division Pacific, San Francisco, Cal.

PORTLAND, OREG., February 5, 1874.

There was no contract for transportation in the Modoc country. But for the war none of it would have been required. The cost of supplies was from six to thirteen cents per pound. The contract-price at Klamath and Warner was from 3½ to 4½ cents per pound.

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Quartermaster, U. S. A.

Statement of expenses incurred on account of Modoc war in the Department of the Columbia.

By whom paid.	Regular supplies.	Incidental expenses.	Transportation.	Cavalry and artillery horses.	Grand total.
Lieut-Col. R. Saxton, dep't Q. M. G. ....	.....	\$806 44	\$5,213 77	.....	.....
Capt. H. W. James, A. Q. M. ....	.....	.....	18,511 39	.....	.....
Capt. C. H. Hoyt, A. Q. M.	\$39,452 29	6,431 55	55,077 35	\$7,302 50	.....
Lieut. E. W. Stone, Twenty-first Infantry, A. A. Q. M.	13,200 31	1,680 61	6,800 15	.....	.....
Lieut. W. H. Boyle, Twenty-first Infantry, A. A. Q. M. ....	.....	704 34	2,787 34	.....	.....
Lieut. M. C. Grier, Fourth Artillery, A. A. Q. M. ....	.....	330 18	9,229 65	.....	.....
Total	52,652 60	9,853 12	97,619 65	7,302 50	.....
Unpaid vouchers forwarded to Washington for settlement.	24,732 73	2,213 74	86,092 96
Total	77,385 33	12,166 86	183,712 61	7,302 50	\$280,567 30

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Major and Quartermaster, United States Army, Chief Quartermaster.

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Quartermaster, United States Army.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,
San Francisco, Cal., February 5, 1874.

COLONEL: In compliance with your indorsement on telegram from the Quartermaster General, U. S. A., dated Washington, D. C., February 3, 1874, relative of the cost "to-

the Quartermaster's Department for transportation and other expenses caused by the Modoc war," I have the honor to submit the following statement, viz :

	Currency.	Coin.
For Army transportation.....	\$118,540 46	.....
For same; outstanding indebtedness; accounts sent to Treasury Department for settlement.....	518 06	\$2,547 80
For regular supplies.....	132 09	.....
Total.....	119,190 61	2,547 80

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. R. EDDY,
Deputy Quartermaster-General, U. S. A.

Colonel ROBERT ALLEN,
Chief Quartermaster Military Division Pacific, San Francisco, Cal.

True copy :

M. I. LUDINGTON,
Quartermaster, U. S. A.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,
San Francisco, Cal., February 5, 1874.

COLONEL : In reply to the communication of the 4th instant relative to the expenses of transportation, &c., incident to the Modoc war, your attention is invited to a further communication of this date, giving the total amount paid and still due for wagon transportation.

The cost of transportation from Redding, Cal., to the lava-beds, was about 100 per cent. more than it would have been had the outbreak occurred at any other season of the year.

Had the outbreak of the Modocs not occurred, none of these expenses would have been necessary.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. R. EDDY,
Deputy Quartermaster-General and Chief Quartermaster.

Colonel ROBERT ALLEN,
Chief Quartermaster Military Division of the Pacific, San Francisco, Cal.

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M. I. LUDINGTON,
Quartermaster, U. S. A.

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA,
Portland, Oreg., February 10, 1874.

SIR : I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 4th instant, and, in obedience to instructions contained therein, forward herewith copies of my telegrams of February 4 and 5, 1874; also statement showing the amount disbursed by each officer of the Quartermaster's Department in this department on account of the Modoc war.

This statement embraces all the details obtainable from the records of this office.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. N. BATCHELDER,
Major and Quartermaster U. S. A., Chief Quartermaster.

Colonel R. ALLEN, Assistant Quartermaster-General U. S. A.,
Chief Quartermaster Military Division of the Pacific, San Francisco, Cal.

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HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DIVISION OF THE PACIFIC,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,
San Francisco, Cal., February 16, 1874.

GENERAL: In obedience to telegram dated Quartermaster-General's Office, February 3, I have the honor to furnish copy of following telegram sent from this office on the 6th instant:

"The cost of the Modoc war to the Quartermaster's Department was \$355,000 more than it would have been if no outbreak had occurred."

I also inclose herewith correspondence giving details on the subject of cost of the Modoc war, &c., from the chief quartermasters, Departments of California and Columbia.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

RBT. ALLEN,

Assistant Quartermaster-General, U. S. A.

The QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL, U. S. A.,
Washington, D. C.

True copy :

M. I. LUDINGTON,
Quartermaster, U. S. A.