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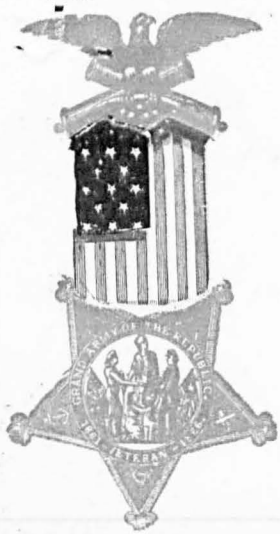
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Miss GR Hebard
Laramie Wyo.

My Dear Miss Hebard
In reply to yours favor of 14th I
beg to say I was stationed at
Sweetwater Bridge, as the old station
was known at that time. From
early in November 1864 until the
latter part of August 1865. During
that time I repaired telegraph line
from Platte Bridge (now Casper) to St.
Marys or Rock Ridge, a distance of
about 175 miles. Sweetwater Bridge
Station was one mile down the
Sweetwater river below Independence
Rock, east I would call it, the station
was burned on January 1st 1867
The operators name was Callicotte, J.
do not remember his initials but
think I can get them for you
He formerly belonged to Co E. 11th Ohio



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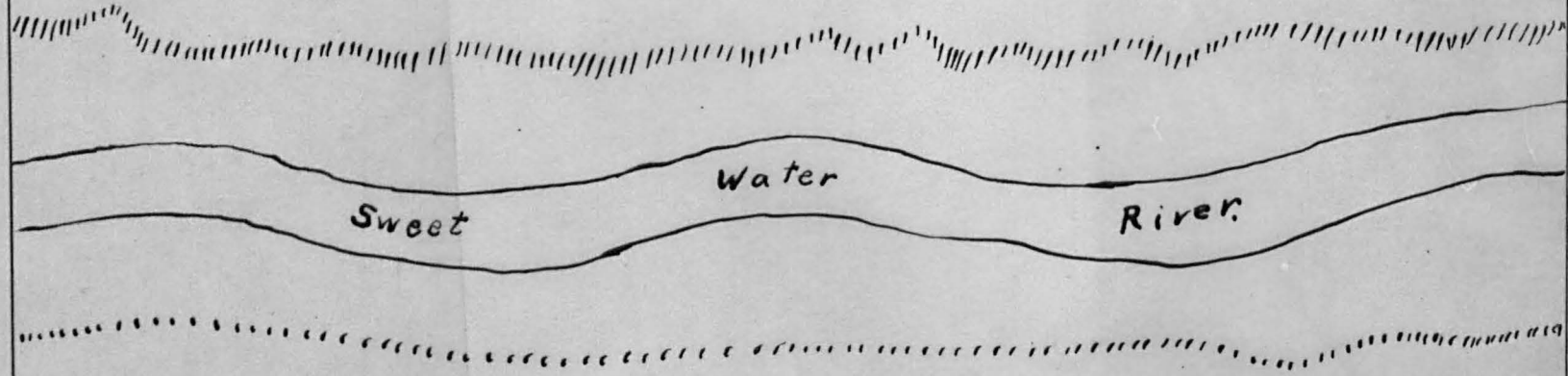
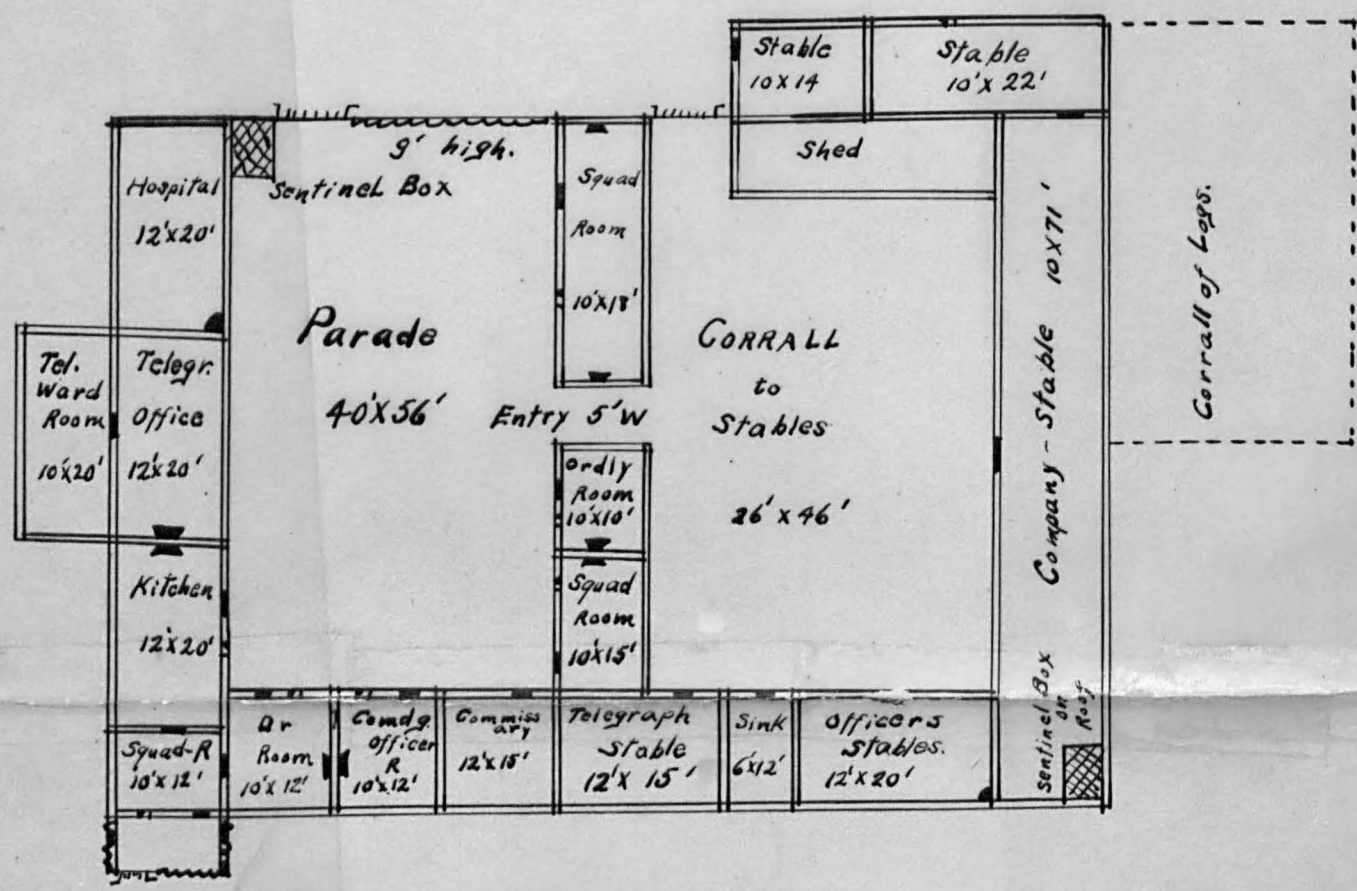
Cavalry. The Indians doing the deed was Little Shields band of Currappahoes. The station was always known as Sweetwater Bridge. At one time when the Overland Stages run on that route, it was a repeating station and some have dozen operators were employed there at that time. I have crayon drawings of many of the old stations on that route which was called the old California or Oregon trail.

Maggie wishes to be remembered her and her boy are doing fine

Very Truly Yours
Jno. C. Friend

(ST13-ST-5b)

Telegraph & Emigration Overland Route



Sweet Water Station

Explanation

- Doors
- Windows
- Fireplaces
- Gates
- Stockade

Scale: 20' to the inch

