

KIT CARSON'S EXPEDITION AGAINST THE INDIANS

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As you may find some interest in ascertaining how the "Navajo Expedition," under command of Col. Kit Carson, First Cavalry, N.M. Volunteers is progressing, I have concluded to send you the following items for information.

On the sixth of the present month the command left Fort Canby for the renowned Gibraltar of Navajo-dom, Cañon de Chelly. One division of Companies B, C, D and K, under the lead of the colonel, to penetrate the Cañon by the east opening; the other, under the command of Capt. A. H. Pteiter, with companies E and H, who will enter by the west opening. The Cañon is some fifty or sixty miles in length, perhaps longer. The command took with them two mounted howitzers – the field pieces being under the charge of Lieut. Franklin Cook, Fifth Infantry, U.S.A., Capt. A. B. Casey, Thirteenth Infantry, U.S.A., Chief Quartermaster, also accompanied the expedition. There are about eighteen officers and 500 enlisted men with the Colonel. Col. Carson is somewhat sanguine in the belief that he will be able to capture a good many Indians in this hiding place of the Navajos, at all events he will thoroughly explore its hidden recesses, so that it will no longer be a mystery to the outside world, and the 'rest of mankind." The command is rationed for 30 days and will probably return to this post about the 1st or 5th of February, 1864. As soon as the Colonel gets 100 Indians, (captives,) men, women and children, he will leave here enroute for Santa Fe and the Bosque Redondo.

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