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Excerpt from the December 18, 1877, letter detailing the expedition to search for a band of Mescalero Apaches that had a skirmish with Lt. Bullis and some Seminole Negro Indian Scouts in October. 1877.

*On the 19th the wagons were started back to Clark for supplies, and I moved toward the Rio Grande with a command, made up as follows: Company A, 8th Calvary, Capt. Wells, commanding, Lieut. Phelps and forty-seven enlisted men; fifty-two horses and twelve pack mules. Company K., 8th Calvary, Lieut. Geddes, 25th Infantry, commanding, Lieut. Guest and thirty-seven enlisted men; forty-six horses and thirteen pack mules. Company C, 10th Calvary, Lieut. Beck commanding, forty-eight enlisted men; forty-nine horses and eleven pack mules; **and Lieut. Bullis with thirty-seven Seminole negro scouts, and one Lipan squaw, and one Mexican (guides),** and thirty-three horses and eleven pack mules – in all, eight officers, including assistant Surgeon Comegys, United States Army, one (34.jpg) hundred and sixty two enlisted men and (2) two guides with (15) fifteen days rations ,to find, if possible, the Indians that had attacked Bullis on the 1st of the month.*

Below is a list of 53 Scouts who were enlisted during this expedition, in November – December 1877. It is not possible to narrow the list to the 37 Scouts mentioned without the specific dates of each enlistment; however, it is interesting to note who was in service at that time.

| | Scout Name | Service Dates | Enlistments |
|----|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1) | Bowlegs, David | May 1873 - May 1882 | 12 |
| 2) | Brady, Jewel | Mar. 1877 - Aug. 1881 | 2 Broken |
| 3) | Bruner, James | Nov. 1871 - July 1881 | 8 |
| 4) | Bruner, Peter | Aug.1872 - Aug.1881 | 9 |
| 5) | Bruner, Zack | Nov. 1871 - July 1880 | 8 |
| 6) | Cook, Joe | Aug. 1872 - Dec. 1886 | Died in Service |



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| 7) | Coon, Joe | Aug. 1872 – Apr. 1879 | 6 Broken |
| 8) | Daniel, Charles | Oct. 1871 – Oct. 1909 | Retired |
| 9) | Daniel, Elijah | Oct. 1871- May 1876 | 9 |
| 10) | Daniel, Jerry | Aug. 1871 – May 1880 | 9 |
| 11) | Dixie, Joe | Feb. 1871 – June 1880 | 6 |
| 12) | Factor, Dindie | Aug. 1870 – June 1881 | 11 |
| 13) | Factor, Hardie | Aug. 1870 – May 1889 | 7 Broken |
| 14) | Factor, Pompey | Aug. 1870 – Nov. 1880 | 11 |
| 15) | Fay, Adam | Aug. 1870 – Aug. 1884 | 21 |
| 16) | Fay, Sandy | Sept. 1872 - Apr. 1905 | Retired |
| 17) | Gordon, Isaac | Dec. 1873 – Jan. 1887 | 13 |
| 18) | Grayson, Renty | Oct. 1871 – July 1893 | 11 |
| 19) | Griner, Dallas | Sept. 1872 – May 1888 | Died in service |
| 20) | Hall, Morell | Sept. 1875 – Sept. 1884 | 3 |
| 21) | Jewell, Brady | Mar. 1877- Aug. 1882 | 2 |
| 22) | July, Carolina | Jan. 1874 – Apr. 1884 | Died in service |
| 23) | July, Charles | June 1875 – Nov. 1879 | Died |
| 24) | July, John | Mar. 1875 – Mar. 1900 | Died in service |
| 25) | July, Sampson | Mar. 1875 – Apr. 1885 | 11 |
| 26) | Kibbits, Robert | Aug. 1870 – Apr. 1905 | Died in service |
| 27) | Kibbet, John | Sept. 1870 – Mar. 1878 | 11 |
| 28) | Mariscal, Natividad | Sept. 1876 – May 1885 | 8 |
| 29) | Miller, William | May 1875 – May 1878 | 6 |
| 30) | Morton, Willis | Nov. 1876 – May 1878 | 2 |
| 31) | Payne, Aaron | Oct. 1871 – Jan. 1879 | Died in service |
| 32) | Payne, Caesar | Oct. 1871 – Apr. 1879 | 8 |



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| 33) | Payne, David | Feb. 1876 – Apr. 1879 | 3 |
| 34) | Payne, Isaac | Oct. 1871 – Apr. 1901 | 22 |
| 35) | Payn, Robert | Nov. 1873 – Mar. 1894 | Died in service |
| 36) | Perryman, James | May 1873 – Dec. 1885 | 11 |
| 37) | Perryman, Isaac | June 1873 – Jul. 1908 | Retired |
| 38) | Phillips, John | Oct. 1871 – June 1880 | Died in service |
| 39) | Price, Charles | Aug. 1872 – Apr. 1879 | 5 |
| 40) | Remo, John F. | Oct. 1875 – May 1880 | 5 |
| 41) | Ross, Asa | Nov. 1873 – Mar. 1880 | 7 |
| 42) | Thompson, Joe | Aug. 1872 – Oct. 1894 | 14 |
| 43) | Thompson, John | May 1873 – Sept 1883 | Died in service |
| 44) | Thompson, Prymus | Jan. 1877 – June 1902 | Discharged |
| 45) | Ward, John | Aug. 1870 - Oct. 1894 | 31 |
| 46) | Warrior, William | Nov. 1871 – June 1882 | 14 |
| 47) | Washington, Andrew | Aug. 1872 – July 1880 | 9 |
| 48) | White, Lewis | Feb. 1874 – June 1884 | 11 |
| 49) | Wilson, Ben Sr. | Aug. 1871 – Jan. 1888 | 16 |
| 50) | Wilson, Ben (2 nd) | Oct. 1871 – Feb. 1894 | Discharged |
| 51) | Wilson, Bristow | Oct. 1877 – Aug. 1884 | 3 |
| 52) | Wilson, Tony | Oct. 1881 – Dec. 1882 | 8 |
| 53) | Wilson, William sr. | Sept. 1872 – Jan. 1887 | 16 |

