

August 30, 1862 - Results of a foraging expedition in Hardeman Springs and environs

. . . A large foraging expedition composed of the 16th In which has been gone four or five days returned last evening and brought back with them 400 "contrabands" 30 mules, 12 wagons and a large amount of other captures[.] This morning the camp was alive with colored men and women and children hunting situations in the Brigade as cooks or any kind of servants for "de Union boys [.] Our company took three big strong darkies to cook[.] But one of them ran away before noon and the other two look as if they would run any time[.] They were too much overjoyed at the idea of being free and well they may be. . .

Boyd Diary

