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Sitting Bull

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In 1862 the chief, Bear's Rib, was killed by some Dakotas near Fort Pierre. They say that Sitting Bull was about thirty years old then and that he was near the fort when Bear's Rib was killed. I would like to know what Sitting Bull thought of this business, Was he against Bear's Rib or was he for Bear's Rib? Did these two men belong to the same band at that time? They say that after Bear's Rib's death the ones who wanted to kill him ran into the fort and shut the gate and kept the friends of Bear's Rib's out. Afterwards the trader talked them into paying Bear's Rib's friends for his death. I would like to know what Sitting Bull did and said that day when Bear's Rib was killed.

It must have been earlier than 62. because General Harney had established an Agency or Fort from where Chief Bear's Rib and his band were receiving rations. Sitting Bull didn't want to make a treaty only on his own terms for he knew he would be robbed. S. B. came down to do some trading and found Bear's Rib peacefully receiving rations. Three steam boats were coming up the river bearing war stuff. S. B. and his men shot the boats full of holes so they sank. Then one of his men picked a quarrel with Bear's Rib, then they shot their horses set them a foot and left.

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