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My dear Sir:

Some time ago the San Diego Union quoted from an address made by Col. Dockwell, U.S.A., Ret'd., a statement that Sitting Bull's name was Charlie Jacobs, that he had attended a religious school in Canada under that name, and, further, that he was a great grand son of a Hessian soldier of the Revolutionary War! ! (Also that he had a grand-son now serving as an enlisted man in the Seventh Cavalry-) I served in the 7th Cavalry from July 1876 until the spring of 1895; I never heard then, or since, such a remarkable yarn; and, I am wondering if there exist in the records of your division any basis of such a statement as to the Hessian origin of Sitting Bull. I never saw Sitting Bull, but I have known many officers of the Army who did, and I never heard any suggestion that he was a half-breed - his pictures certainly do not bear out such an idea. If it is not too much trouble I wish you would have some of your young men examine the records referring to Sitting Bull, if there be one, and let me know if there be anything referring to this phase of Sitting Bull's career. I am inclined to believe that the report has as much basis of truth as an item in a newspaper some time ago that a veteran of the 7th Cavalry had died somewhere in New Jersey, who had saved his life on the fatal 25 June on the Little Big Horn by concealing himself within the dead body of a horse!---

Very truly yours,

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