

later were about to kill him when a friend of Captain Keogh, also an officer, recognized the horse and ordered him cared for. Comanche was taken to the Steamboat fifteen miles away, thence to Fort Abraham Lincoln at Bismarck where General Hugh L. Scott, then a youngster just out of West Point, helped nurse him back to health. After the 7th arrived at Fort Riley Comanche was made the subject of a general army order providing that he should never be ridden again and that he should always be led at the head of the regiment when on parade. He died about 1891, was stuffed by Professor Dyche of Lawrence and was removed there where he has been since except for trips to the Fair in Chicago forty years ago and to St. Louis for exhibition at the Fair there. He likely will be at Chicago again this year. He is the most famous military mount in history, not excepting Traveler, and I was amazed at the interest in the horse which I met throughout the West. I have collected a great lot of material about him including some old and hitherto unpublished photographs, letters of officers who knew him including General Hugh L. Scott, et cetera....I am personally acquainted with the son of Sgt. John Martin who cared for Comanche before the battle and who, as you know, was the last man to carry dispatches from Custer to Reno.

A lot has been written about Comanche in newspapers and magazines, but most of the accounts are full of errata. It has occurred to me that a small distinguished volume giving his history would be worth while. There are several prolific avenues for distribution in addition to usual trade channels. The volume should be ready and for sale near the Chicago Indian exhibit, and if someone else does not write it I am going to write and illustrate it myself. I thought the project might interest you....Your biography of Sitting Bull should have a considerable sale at Chicago, too, if properly handled.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

  
Barron Brown

P.S. Should you revise your biography of Sitting Bull I can, I think, put you in touch with a source of information which will throw a good deal of light on his younger manhood and domestic life.