

C.R. COOPER, Anna Oakley, cont.

cont. page 239-232

This writer is one of the few white persons to whom Short Bull, blamed for the "Ghose Shirt War" ever told his story. That recital, given during a blizzard in a weaving tent on the South Dakota prairies, was one of Indian politics in which Short Bull averred that his report had been twisted into one demanding war against the whites, and in which the Ghost Shirts, instead of being merely part of a religious rite, after having been blessed by him, became bullet proof in the eye of the Sioux Warriors.

Was was looming when Buffalo Bill closed his show. Hurriedly he set sail for America, to take his position as Brigadier General of the state troops of Nebraska, operating under the guidance of General Miles, then in command of the department of the Missouri. Orders had gone forth to arrest Sitting Bull. Colonel Cody started from Chicago, in an effort to reach the old Indian chieftain before the police. But he failed. Sitting Bull, he who had given Annie Oakley her first real prestige, was killed in his tent by Indian police before Buffalo Bill could reach him and induce him to surrender.

Buffalo Bill served under General Miles throughout the campaign which ended with the Battle of Wounded Knee.....