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A hasty examination showed a party of Indians, apparently forty or fifty, at a high point on our right front, some 900 yards distant, but whether a party of police and friends or Bull's people could not be determined. While trying to make out the position and identity of the two parties there were a few shots fired by the party on the hill, and replied to from Sitting Bull's house. There was also firing from the woods beyond Bull's house, but on whom directed it was impossible to tell. I caused a white flag to be erected on the crest where I was located (a prearranged signal between the soldiers and the police), and directed a few shots to be fired from the Hotchkiss into the woods mentioned. In answer a white flag was displayed from Bull's house, and Indians were seen leaving the woods going in the * direction of the hills to the south, across Grand river. The Hotchkiss gun was then turned upon the party on our right front; this, with some fire from a dismounted line of F troop, caused them to retreat rapidly from their position up the valley of Grand river to the northwest. Lieutenant Slocum, with his troop dismounted, was ordered to advance immediately upon the house. Lieut. Crowder, with G Troop material, moved rapidly to the right along the highlands, covering the right flank of the dismounted line. As the dismounted line approached the house the police came out and joined the command. The line was advanced through the timber, dislodging a few hostiles, who disappeared rapidly up the river through the willows. This line, after advancing through the willows some six hundred yards, fell back to the immediate vicinity of Sitting Bull's house, leaving pickets at the farthest points gained by the advance.

Lieutenant Crowder, in the meantime, observing the Indians gathering at houses up the river about two miles from Sitting Bull's camp, moving in pursuit of them. The Indians fell back from every point upon the approach of the troops, not showing any desire to engage in hostile actions against the soldiers. All the houses for a distance of about two miles were examined, and all were found deserted, but showed signs of recent occupation. Failing to come up with the Indians in this direction, G Troop fell back and joined the main command at Sitting Bull's lodge.

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Upon arriving at this place I found evidence of a most desperate encounter between the agency police and Sitting Bull's followers. In the vicinity of the house, within a radius of fifty yards, there were found the dead bodies of eight hostiles, including Sitting Bull. Two horses were also killed. Within the house were found four dead and three wounded policemen. It was learned through the interpreter that the hostile Indians had carried away with them one of their dead and five or six wounded, making an approximate total of fifteen casualties in Sitting Bull's band. A list of casualties, by name, on both sides are hereto attached.

McK? → From the best evidence obtainable I am led to believe that the police, under the command of Bull Head and Shave Head, about forty strong, entered Sitting Bull's camp about 5:50 a.m. on the 15th instant, for the purpose of making the arrest of Sitting Bull. Sitting Bull was taken from his house, and while the police were parleying with him, endeavoring to induce him to submit peacefully, Bull Head was shot by Catch the Bear in the leg. Bull Head immediately shot and killed Sitting Bull, when the melee became general, with the results heretofore given. The fight lasted but a few moments, when the police secured the house and stable adjoining, driving Sitting Bull's men from the village to cover in the adjoining woods and hills. From these positions the fight was kept up until about 7:30 a.m. when the troops came up. I learn that soon after