

Baker fight. Sitting Bull had rebuked one of the medicine men for encouraging the young warriors to risk their lives needlessly. The medicine man complained that Sitting Bull was getting "mouthy" and implied that he was afraid. Sitting Bull walked out calmly and sat down on the prairie in plain view of 400 troops then firing at the Indians, lighted his pipe and smoked it out, without taking any notice of the bullets striking all around him.

When Custer was leading his troops to attack the Sioux in '76, Sitting Bull danced the Sun Dance and had a vision of the soldiers falling <sup>from the sky</sup> head down into his camp. This was regarded as an omen of victory, and after helping to defeat General Crook on the Rosebud, Sitting Bull was one of the leaders in the fight in which Custer and his men were destroyed. He led his people into Canada to escape the troops and remained there until the buffalo played out.

But after some time as prisoner<sup>s</sup> of war at Fort Randall and some years of hard times at the Standing Rock Agency, his people became interested in the Ghost Dance, which caused alarm among the white men. The agent wished to arrest Sitting Bull and sent Indian policemen after him, followed by troops. Sitting Bull's followers would not permit his arrest, and he and a number of others were shot down in a fierce fight between the Indians and the Indian police.

Sitting Bull is the most famous of all Western Indians.

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