

Dear Major,

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Have you heard anything in regard to an Indian wearing a ghost shirt who who came near the police and troops at Sitting Bull's house on the morning of Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and was fired at by the police - The Indian escaped without being hurt and I have heard a report to the effect that he afterwards tried to influence other Indians to join Big Foot's band by saying that he had proved the virtue of the ghost shirt and that all who wore it could not be hurt - The report goes on to say that he was the same Indian who started the Wounded Knee fight in the same belief that the shirts would protect them - This sounds like fiction but if it is true might account for the desperate attempt made by the Indians at Wounded Knee.