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Why Sitting Bull wears a red feather as  
head ornament.

By One Bull

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When the Teton Sioux were camping round the  
Mussellshell River Country, they were still at war with  
all other Tribes except the Cheyennes, Utes, Arapahoes  
were their Allies, hence they were prepared to  
meet them at any time.

One day, the standing scouts reported that a war-party  
of some unknown Tribe had been seen sneaking round  
behind the high places near the camp. Several young  
warriors volunteered to look up this party. Sitting Bull  
was then fifteen years of age <sup>1845</sup> - just a year after he was  
decorated as a hero in a battle with the Crows. He did not  
ask any one to join these volunteers, simply saddled up  
his pony, took what he really needed and started off with-  
out any fuss of any kind.

When the war-party, consisting of about fifteen  
warriors, was out some distance, they were suddenly attacked  
from a deep ravine. They were Flathead Indians - about  
twenty of them. The leader of the Sioux, Strikes the Kettle,  
immediately commanded their defense. They met the enemy.  
A bitter fight was on. The Flatheads, dismounted and  
behind their horses were shooting away at the Sioux.  
Young Sitting Bull told the leader he was going to  
make a dash on horse back along the enemy's line.