

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie R'y *Sitting Bull*

H. H. M. Smee, Agent.

Sent to my grandmother but I have no other correspondence.
G. H.

Cannon Ball, North Dakota, Dec. 10, 1900

Mrs. G. K. Harrington
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Madam:

Replying to yours of the instant. I wrote the article you mention and have every reason to believe it true. Paints Brown, who was at the Custer fight told the story to my wife. The actual pursuer of the soldier in question is a Teton Sioux who lives some miles from here. I will send for him and get full particulars for you as soon as possible. There is no absolute proof that this officer was Lieutenant Harrington except circumstantial evidence. The party was an officer, for the Indian told me very particularly he had the yellow bar on his shoulder. The only officer never found was Lieutenant Harrington. The firearms of the pursued officer were never found. Is it not an actual inference this officer was Lieutenant Harrington? Regarding jewelry; no money or jewelry ever found their way to this reservation. Both Cheyennes and Sioux were engaged in the Custer fight. The Sioux, after the battle, escaped to Wood Mountain in Manatoba and the Cheyennes went to Indian territory at a point where two bluffs come together near Hammons (Harrison), South of Miles City, Montana where is buried a large amount of jewelry and money brought from the Custer battlefield by Indians. An old woman, now dead, buried this plunder but although she minutely described this spot to some relatives of mine, they have never yet discovered the jewelry. Many old-timers living here were well acquainted with your son. He was very much liked and respected by soldiers and civilians alike. One soldier here has discharge papers signed by Lieutenant Harrington. I am in an Indian trading store, and live in the reservation, being married to a part Indian. I will get you the information you desire as soon as I can.

Yours very truly,