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Little Building

BISMARCK, N. D.

Sitting Bull

February 16, 1932

Mr. W. S. Campbell
University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

I enclose voluntary contribution of
The Forum, appearing in its issue of Sunday 14th.

They re-published my letter (first published in their issue of January 29) and back it up with copious drafts from Soldiers of the Plains. All this on their own motion. I sent them the photographs in connection with my letter when first submitted, that is prior to January 29.

Your story about quick lime being used on the remains of Sitting Bull is (I believe) new to me. In that connection the following will interest you. A man now residing at Fort Yates - in business there - wrote to me, under date of July 6, 1927 as follows:

"Once, out of curiosity, I dug up Bull's grave - by the light of the moon, and found real substantial bones. I kept a thigh bone as a souvenir, and most anyone will admit that that was some souvenir. After taking good care of it for several years I got the idea that, perhaps, Sit might not like it and would be 'laying' for me with his tomahawk or whatever he is now using in the Happy Hunting Grounds, and as I kind of wanted to have carte blanche to that place, I took his bone and but it back - on a dark night that time."

I still have the letter, and the villain in that episode is still alive and kicking.

Yours very truly,


P. E. Byrne