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Mr. John C. Swabb,
1529 Peach Street,
Erie, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

This is in response to your letter of December 30, 1926, in which you make a further request concerning the firearms captured from the Sitting Bull outfit, you stating that you have reference to the time of Sitting Bull's surrender.

in a report Brigadier General Alfred Terry, commanding the Department of the Dakota, dated at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, October 9, 1881, stated as follows concerning Sitting Bull:

"July 19, 1881. Sitting Bull and immediate followers surrendered to the commanding officer, Fort Buford, numbering 187 men, women and children." The surrender was made to Major D. H. Brotherton, 7th Infantry. That band was forwarded to Fort Yates by steamer July 29, arriving there August 1.^{*}

That is understood to have been the last remnant of Sitting Bull's personal following of Unkpapa Sioux to surrender. According to General Terry's report, there were several ^{other} other small bands of Sioux Indians, some of them Unkpapas, in that region surrendered in the previous spring, some under Chief Gall, some under Chief Crow King and some under Chief Low Dog, one band of 325, with 150 ponies and 40 guns and pistols, about February 1, at Camp Poplar River; one band of 161 about February 12, near Camp Poplar River; one band under Chief Low Dog that had come in from Sitting Bull's camp and arrived at Fort Buford April 11, and one band of 156, Unkpapa Sioux, with 57 ponies, 16 guns and 3 pistols, April 18, 1881, at Fort Keogh.

Nothing further has been found in my office bearing on the question of the number and character of the firearms surrendered by Sitting Bull, I have referred the question to the Chief of Ordnance, and upon receipt of his reply will write you further on the subject.

Very truly yours,

Major General,
The Adjutant General.

By

Washington DC
July 29/29

* Later sent to Fort Randall
where I found Sitting Bull in camp outside
the port of Fort Randall, Dak. Terr. in Sept. 1882.
G. P. Lehman