

off their reservation.

"Now I have an order from the Division Commander directing me to "secure the person of Sitting Bull." I received this order several days ago, but at Major McLaughlin's suggestion and request I have delayed acting on it in order to give him every chance to control his people if possible by his own means. And I am still going to let him do so. He will arrest Sitting Bull with his police force, and we won't take any hand in it unless it is absolutely necessary.

"As you all know, Major McLaughlin has twenty uniformed policemen; but in addition to these he has put on twenty others for this occasion. You will recognize these special police by a big white cloth which every one of them will wear round his neck. Well, these police are at this moment on their way to Sitting Bull's camp at Grand River. They have the agent's orders to arrest Sitting Bull just at daybreak.

"Now, Captain Fechet, I want you to take your two troops of cavalry and march them tonight so as to be near enough at hand to support the Indian police if they have any trouble in making the arrest. If they make the arrest without help, then will turn Sitting Bull over to you and you are to bring him up here and confine him in the post-guard house. In any case you are to bring back the person of Sitting Bull. Are there any remarks any of you desire to make or any questions you want to ask?"

There were none and we were dismissed.

The Cavalry at Fort Yates at that time consisted of two troops of the Eighth, "F" commanded by Lieutenant Stephen L'H. Slocum, and "G" commanded by Captain E. G. Fechet. Captain Fechet being the senior officer of cavalry at the post would, of course, have command of the two troops, the immediate command of his own troop "G" falling to Lieutenant E. H. Crowder. The writer was the second lieutenant of "F" troop,