

December 9, 1929.

Mr. Albert Bloom,
Pöatteville, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

I recently read an article in the Fargo, North Dakota "Forum" about your experiences in the early days among the Indians. As it happens I am engaged in writing a life of Sitting bull and would like to know something of your experience as a guard over Sitting Bull's body after he had been killed by the Indian police. What were the names of some of the Indians who came to see the body? What did they say? How was Sitting Bull dressed and how did the body look after he was shot? I would appreciate anything you might tell me about Sitting Bull's death or any other stories you may remember about him.

I am the author of several books on the Old West, and though known since boyhood by the name of my stepfather, Campbell, prefer to write under the name of my own father, Vestal.

Sincerely yours,

W. S. CAMPBELL.