

THE SURRENDER OF SITTING BULL

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Fort Buford, Dakota Territory

July 14, 1881

Gen. A. H. Terry, Commanding Department of Dakota,

Fort Snelling, Minn.:-

Just received a dispatch from Scout Legare, dated 12th inst.,: says he is en route with Sitting Bull, Four Horns and Red Thunder -- 6 chiefs, 40 family, about 200 in all, men, women and children. He says they came from Lac Qu'Appelle, starving. Will send out this morning to meet them with rations. Messenger says they are about 60 miles out.

D. H. Brotherton

Major Seventh Infantry, Commanding

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Fort Buford, Dakota Territory,

July 19, 1881

Gen. A. H. Terry, Commanding Department of Dakota,

Fort Snelling, Minn.:--

Sitting Bull and his followers surrendered to me at noon today.

D. H. Brotherton,

Major Seventh Invantry, Commanding.

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Here was a leader of men -- a man in whom was personified the kingliest virtues and loftiest type of a savage but noble race. Who can picture the thoughts of that ever undaunted heart, as he stood a captive on his own land, with his proud head brought low -- conquered at last and forced to surrender to his enemies, not by the valor of his foe but by the hunger