

Fort Yates, North Dakota,  
December 17, 1890.

To the  
Post Adjutant,  
Fort Yates, N. D.

Sir:

For the information of the Commanding Officer, I have the honor to report the operations of the Battalion of the 8th Cavalry under my command for the purpose indicated in Order No. 247, of this Post. (Copy attached marked "A")

The command consisted of Troop "F" 8th Cavalry, Lieut. Slocum and Steel and 48 enlisted men; Troop "G" 8th Cavalry, Captain Fetchet, Lieutenant E. H. Crowder and E. C. Brooks, and 51 enlisted men; Captain A. R. Chapin, Medical Officer and Acting Hospital Steward August Nickel; two Indian Scouts Smell the Bear and Iron Dog; Mr. Louis Primeau, Indian Department, Standing Rock Agency, Guide and Interpreter.

One Gatling gun was attached to "G" Troop and one breech loading steel Hotchkiss gun attached to Troop "F". There was furnished the command one four-horse spring wagon carrying one days' cooked rations and one days' grain for the whole command, and one Red Cross Ambulance.

Commanding Officers:

Captain E. C. Fetchet,	Commanding Battalion.
Lieut. E. H. Crowder,	Commanding "G" Troop.
Lieut. S. L. H. Slocum,	Commanding "F" Troop.
Lieut. E. C. Brooks,	Commanding Field Artillery.

The command moved out at midnight December 14th and by rapid marching was by daylight within three miles of Sitting Bull's camp, which is fully from 41 to 42 miles from Fort Yates. After daybreak I expected every minute to meet the Indian Police with Sitting Bull their prisoner, it having been arranged by Major McLaughlin, Indian Agent, that they should make a decent upon Sitting Bull's camp about daybreak, arresting Bull and