

of fire arm which was then in their possession was disposed of in Canada to obtain necessary food for their subsistence before the surrender in 1880 or 1881, so that it was impossible with the means they have had since to accumulate the number of arms reported to have been concealed."

I am, Sir,
Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servt

James McLaughlin,

U.S.Indian Agent. "

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These notes may not be of service to you, but as you know, they are taken directly from the copy-press book, maintained by the Agent. I am also sending you herewith, a letter belonging to Sitting Bull, and found in his effects after his death - which may be of interest, now that you are in France. Please return that item. That you might be in Meuse sometime and might pass through Ligny and find out what connection there is.

I spent two glorious weeks in Feb, 1918 at Nice. Stayed at the hotel on the corner by the park, on the beach road. My only vacation while two years in France and Germany. So sorry to hear of the passing of our friend Prof. Smith. Had a letter this fall from Old Bull at Bull Head, saying that you had interviewed him, asking if he had done right. Told him that if he told you the truth, it was. Many Wounds, an ex A.E.F., man was in yesterday. Just out of the pen. His father was notorious Black Fox, a Hunkpapa, and S.Bull adherant. With kind regards and hoping that the "atmosphere" there agrees,

I am, Sincerely,

A B Welch

Lt. Col. F.A.Res.

(Still postmaster)