

Warrior  
Societies

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Mr. Alfred Powell  
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Dear Mr. Powell:

Thanks for your kind letter of the 28th. I am happy to know that you like my books on the Sioux. In one of my books, New Sources of Indian History published by the University of Oklahoma Press here you will find a description of Sitting Bull's shield as given by his nephew, One Bull. I am sure you were pleased to see the specimens in the museum. I have never seen those.

You will find information on the Warriors' Society in the Handbook of American Indians North of Mexico published by the Bureau of Ethnology, Washington D.C. Also there are various books on this subject put out by the American Museum of Natural History (Anthropological papers). The Dog Soldier Society or Dog Men of Cheyenne were similar to some in other tribes. They were organized and disbanded so that it is difficult to say just what once existed at any one time. The Dog Soldiers were famous because all the men of one society joined in together, therefore, being always together, had great influence and power. The other societies getting their men from different scattered bands were seldom together.

I am always pleased to hear from you.

Cordially yours,

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(Stanley Vestal)

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