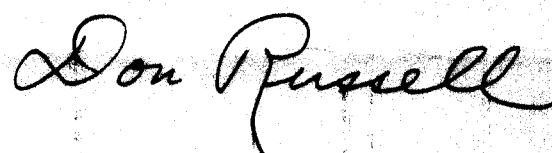


interested to note that the Cheyennes' stories were in entire agreement with the regimental history - that the troops came in from the north. Cody cut the trail ahead of the Cheyennes, making the surprise attack possible, which knocks out Luther's story of dividing the command to follow three trails - the trails would all have come from the south. Grinnell gets quite ingenious trying to make the versions coincide, but doesn't quite make it.

It is hard to realize that when he wrote official records just were not available to anyone. At that time all the post records were in packing boxes in the basement of the State, War, and Navy Building, and no one knew what was there or where. The National Archives is a great institution. Considering which Grinnell did a great job. I am inclined to think his story of Sand Creek about the best job ever done on it - do you agree? There of course he had the documents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don Russell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

I am doing a piece on The Scouts for the Westerners project Bob Howard has taken in hand. Hope you can find time to give us a hand on it.