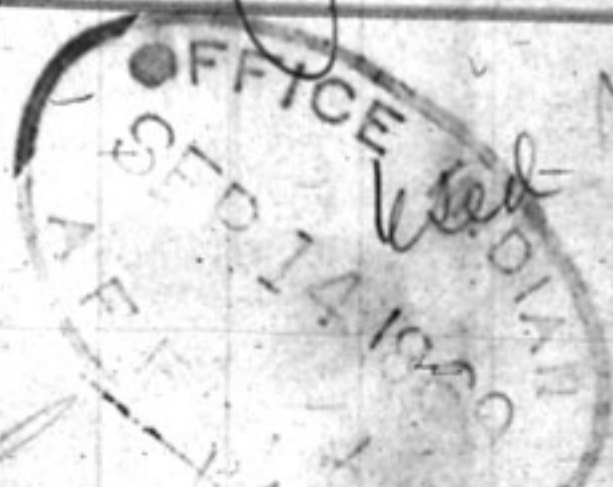


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General,

I have the honor to report the following as the Indian tribes & bands in this District, with approximate numbers of each, & nearest military Post or Agency to which the several bands resort, also their division into hostile & peaceable.

1<sup>st</sup> Gros Ventres, Mandans & Rees, 2000,

Fort Stevenson & Berthold - peaceable.

2<sup>d</sup> Upper Yanktonais, 3000, Fort Rice & Grand River range to Yellowstone, mostly peaceable.

3<sup>d</sup> Neapapas, 2000, Fort Rice & Grand River, 1500 hostile, 500 peaceable.

4<sup>th</sup> Blackfoot Sioux, Grand River, 900. 200 hostile, 700 peaceable.

5<sup>th</sup> Iron Kettles, Forts Sully & Thompson, 1500, 500 hostile, 1000 peaceable.

6<sup>th</sup> Saño Arc. Fort Sully. 7500. 1000  
hostile, 500 peaceable.

7<sup>th</sup> Minneconjus. Fort Sully & Grand  
River. 2000. 1600 hostile, 400 peaceable.

8<sup>th</sup> Upper Poulis. Fort Sully & White  
River. 1500. 800 hostile, 700 peaceable.

9<sup>th</sup> Lower Yanktonais. Fort Thompson.  
1000 peaceable.

10<sup>th</sup> Poulis of the Platte. Whetstone,  
1500; supposed peaceable.

11<sup>th</sup> Ogallallas. Whetstone, 2000, 1500  
hostile, 500 peaceable.

12<sup>th</sup> Yanktons. Fort Randall, 2500  
peaceable.

The Gros Ventres, Mandans & Lees are well be-  
haved <sup>and</sup> give no trouble; they are at war  
with the friendly Sioux, but have peace  
with the hostile Mucpapas & Minneconjus,  
and carry on a trade with them.

The Upper Yanktonais, ruled by the Chiefs  
'Two Beans' & 'Black Eyes' are, perhaps, the  
best behaved Indians on the river.

The Winnebagos are turbulent and mischievous, those who pretend to be friendly live at Grand River Reservation, but give so much trouble that it is doubtful whether the Agency can be kept on that side; their Chief is "Pear Rib"

The "Blackfoot Sioux" are quiet and well-behaved; their principal Chief is "The Grass". The "Iron Kettles", Sans Arc and Minneconjus draw rations at Cheyenne. The first two are quiet; the Minneconjus are turbulent and very insolent. The Chief of the "Iron Kettles" is the "Tall Mandan", of the Sans Arc, "Burnt Face", of the Minneconjus, the "Iron Horn" and the "Little White Swan".

The Horned Poles have a reservation and cultivate at White River, draw rations at Fort Thompson. They acknowledge no Chief, are perfect Ishmaelites, wandering in small bands thousands of miles over the prairies, are treacherous

beyond all other Sioux, and commit most of the rascalities which occur in this District. The Lower Sanktonnais are peaceable and are trying to form at Fort Thompson.

The Proules of the Platte generally stay from 20 to 100 miles out from Whetstone, coming into that place for their provisions; their disposition is very suspicious, and like their brethren, the Upper Proules, are not to be trusted.

The Ogallallas, at Whetstone, are well behaved.

At the Agencies established for the Sioux there is one class of Indians which has been friendly for four or five years, and are nearly permanent residents, only leaving from time to time to hunt or pick wild fruits. With this class, there is no trouble. There is another class passing half their <sup>time</sup> at these Agencies and half in the hostile camps, they abuse the Agents, threaten their lives, kill their cattle at night, and

do anything they can to oppose the civilizing movement, but eat all the provisions they can get get, <sup>and</sup> thus far have taken no lives.

If the Agencies were removed East of the Missouri, we could suppress these violent and troublesome fellows. The hostiles have representatives from every band; but the leading band in hostility is the Unkpapas. During the winter for the past two years, almost the entire hostile Sioux have camped together in one big camp, on Rosebud, near the Yellowstone. In the summer time they break up <sup>and</sup> spread over the prairies either to hunt, plunder or come in to the posts to beg.

I am, Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
Sig<sup>d</sup> D. B. Stanley.

Col. 22<sup>d</sup> Inf. B<sup>t</sup> Maj. Gen. U.S. Army.  
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