

## INDIAN WARRIORS IN THE BATTLE OF THE LITTLE BIGHORN & WILD WEST SHOWS

Between 1883 and 1930, Wild West Shows gave Indian warriors a chance to depict their abilities in warfare and beauty of culture through their many performances before audiences in the United States and Europe. Some of the warrior veterans who fought in the Battle of the Little Bighorn were among these performers. "Indians flocked to the Wild West show because they were innovative, courageous men and women searching for a means of economic and cultural survival, and the show offered better hope for that than just about any other paying job."<sup>1</sup>

The references listed indicate the source for the warrior in the Wild West Show(s). The references for the warriors at the Little Bighorn are listed in the Friends of the Little Bighorn Battlefield website. In some cases, a number of warriors performed in more than one Wild West Show. This list is not complete and we are always trying to make improvements and corrections.

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<b>American Horse</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West; and Cummins Wild West	Reddin, <u>Wild West Shows</u> , 62; Russell, <u>The Wild West, A History of the Wild West Shows</u> , 65
<b>Bad Bear</b> (Hunkpapa Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Delaney, <u>Buffalo Bill's Wild West Warriors</u> , 112-113
<b>Bad Heart Bull, Amos</b> (Oglala Lakota) [A Non-Combatant at LBH] Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Johansen, <u>Encyclopedia of North American Biography</u> , 20
<b>Bear Lies Down</b> (Oglala Lakota) LBH Warrior – <b>Bear Lying Down</b> Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Moses, <u>Wild West Shows and the Images of American Indians</u> , 122
<b>Big Elk</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Delaney, <u>Buffalo Bill's Wild West Warriors</u> , 74-75
<b>Big Turkey</b> (Brule Lakota) Pawnee Bill's Historic Wild West	Shirley, <u>Pawnee Bill: A Biography of Major Gordon W. Lillie</u> , 165
<b>Black Bear</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Green, <u>A Warrior I Have Been</u> , 43

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<sup>1</sup> Louis S. Warren, Buffalo Bill's America (New York NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 2005), 359.

<b>Black Bird</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West; and Cummins Wild West	Green, <u><a href="#">A Warrior I Have Been</a></u> , 41 & 43; "Cummins Indian Congress Includes Makers of History", <u><a href="#">The St. Louis Republic</a></u> , May 26, 1904
<b>Black Elk</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West; Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Real Wild West; and Mexican Joe's Wild West	Reddin, <u><a href="#">Wild West Shows</a></u> , 79; Warren, <u><a href="#">Buffalo Bill's America</a></u> , 359-360; Wallis, <u><a href="#">The Real Wild West: The 101 Ranch and the Creation of the American West</a></u> , 291
<b>Black Eye</b> (Brule Lakota) Pawnee Bill's Historic Wild West	Shirley, <u><a href="#">Pawnee Bill: A Biography of Major Gordon W. Lillie</a></u> , 165 & 172
<b>Black Horn</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Standing Bear, <u><a href="#">My People the Sioux</a></u> , 248-249 & 262
<b>Blue Horse</b> (Oglala Lakota) Cummins Wild West; and Buffalo Bill's Wild West	"Indians At The Garden", <u><a href="#">The New York Times</a></u> , Sept. 18, 1903; Moses, <u><a href="#">Wild West Shows and the Images of American Indians</a></u> , 314
<b>Blue Shield</b> (Brule Lakota) Robinson Circus; and Buffalo Bill's Wild West	"Blue Shield", <u><a href="#">Ithaca Daily News</a></u> , Ithaca NY, June 1, 1905; Russell, <u><a href="#">The Lives and Legends of Buffalo Bill</a></u> , 442
<b>Brave</b> (Sans Arc Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Moses, <u><a href="#">Wild West Shows and the Images of American Indians</a></u> , 122; McCracken Research Library, Buffalo Bill Historical Center
<b>Brave Bird</b> (Brule Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	McNenly, <u><a href="#">Native Performers in Wild West Shows</a></u> , 94 & 97
<b>Bull Bear</b> (Southern Cheyenne) Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Real Wild West	Collings & England, <u><a href="#">The 101 Ranch</a></u> , 163
<b>Charging Thunder</b> (Hunkpapa Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Johnson, <u><a href="#">Sioux Warriors of the Plains</a></u> , 142; Warren, <u><a href="#">Buffalo Bill's America</a></u> , 410

<b>Charlie-Owns-the-Dog</b> Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Real Wild West; and Pawnee Bill's Historic Wild West	Collings & England, <u>The 101 Ranch</u> , 168; Shirley, <u>Pawnee Bill: A Biography of Major Gordon W. Lillie</u> , 165
<b>Curley</b> (Crow) Buffalo Bill's Wild West, only at the Chicago World's Fair	Wilson & Martin, <u>Buffalo Bill's Wild West: An American Legend</u> , 162; Sell & Weybright, <u>Buffalo Bill and the Wild West</u> , 244
<b>Dog Ear</b> (Oglala Lakota) Pawnee Bill's Historic Wild West	Furnum, <u>Pawnee Bill's Wild West</u> , 113
<b>Eagle Elk</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Moses, <u>Wild West Shows and the Images of American Indians</u> , 57
<b>Fast Thunder</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Warren, <u>Buffalo Bill's America</u> , 409
<b>Flat Iron (Flatiron)</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West; Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Real Wild West; Pawnee Bill's Historic Wild West; and Cummins Wild West	Collings & England, <u>The 101 Ranch</u> , 168; Fenn, <u>Beat of the Drum and the Whoop of the Dance</u> , 134-135; "Indians At The Garden", <u>New York Times</u> , Sept 18, 1903; Shirley, <u>Pawnee Bill: A Biography of Major Gordon W. Lillie</u> , 165
<b>Flying By</b> (Minnikojou Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Michno, <u>Lakota Noon</u> , 304; Utley, <u>Lance and Shield</u> , 263
<b>Flying Hawk</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West; Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Real Wild West; and Sells-Floto Circus	Johansen, <u>Encyclopedia of North American Biography</u> , 132; McCreight, <u>Firewater and Forked Tongues</u> , xvi
<b>Fools Crow</b> (Oglala Lakota) [Child Non-Combatant at LBH] Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Real Wild West	McNenly, <u>Native Performers in Wild West Shows</u> , 59
<b>Gall</b> (Hunkpapa Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Warren, <u>Buffalo Bill's America</u> , 274 & 358

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<p><b>Ghost Dog</b> (Minnikojou Lakota) LBH Warrior - <b>Did Not Go Home</b> AKA – <b>John Ghost Dog</b> Buffalo Bill's Wild West</p>	<p>Moses, <u>Wild West Shows and the Images of the American Indians</u>, 128; Gallop, <u>Buffalo Bill's British Wild West</u>, 200</p>
<p><b>Good Boy</b> (Oglala Lakota) Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Real Wild West</p>	<p>Wallis, <u>The Real Wild West: The 101 Ranch and the Creation of the American West</u>, 341</p>
<p><b>Gray Eagle</b> (Hunkpapa Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West</p>	<p>Michno, <u>Lakota Noon</u>, 304; Utley, <u>Lance and Shield</u>, 263</p>
<p><b>Hard To Hit</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West</p>	<p>Russell, <u>The Lives and Legends of Buffalo Bill</u>, picture/caption between 407 &amp; 408</p>
<p><b>High Eagle</b> (Oglala Lakota) Ringling Bros. and Barnum &amp; Bailey Circus; and Buffalo Bill's Wild West</p>	<p>McCoy, <u>Tim McCoy Remembers the West</u>, picture/caption 46; Russell, <u>The Lives and Legends of Buffalo Bill</u>, picture/caption between 406 &amp; 407</p>
<p><b>Hollow Horn Bear</b> (Brule Lakota) Cummins Wild West</p>	<p>"Cummins Indian Congress Includes Makers of History", <u>The St. Louis Republic</u>, May 26, 1904</p>
<p><b>Hunts The Enemy</b> (Oglala Lakota) AKA – <b>Sword</b> or <b>George Sword</b> Buffalo Bill's Wild West</p>	<p>Sprague, <u>Pine Ridge Reservation</u>, 48; Dixon (editor), <u>John M. Burke; Buffalo Bill From Prairie to Palace</u>, 323</p>
<p><b>Iron Shell</b> (Brule Lakota) Pawnee Bill's Historic Wild West</p>	<p>Furnum, <u>Pawnee Bill's Wild West</u>, 114</p>
<p><b>Iron Tail</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West; and Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Real Wild West</p>	<p>Johansen, <u>Native American Bibliography</u>, 179; Delaney, <u>Buffalo Bill's Wild West Warriors</u>, 13 &amp; 32; Green, <u>A Warrior I Have Been</u>, 41 &amp; 47-51</p>
<p><b>Iron White Man</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West</p>	<p>Delaney, <u>Buffalo Bill's Wild West Warriors</u>, 32 &amp; 116-117</p>

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<b>Kicking Bear</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Johansen, <u>Native American Bibliography</u> , 198-199; Maddra, <u>Hostiles? The Lakota Ghost Dance and Buffalo Bill's Wild West</u> , 123 & 126
<b>Knife</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	McCracken Research Library, Buffalo Bill Historical Center
<b>Left Hand</b> (Arapahoe) Movie, "The Covered Wagon"	Michno, <u>Lakota Noon</u> , 307
<b>Little Bull</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Moses, <u>Wild West Shows and the Images of American Indians</u> , 57; Havighurst, <u>Buffalo Bill's Great Wild West Show</u> , 114
<b>Little Elk</b> (Lakota) [A youth Non-Combatant at LBH] Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Kohler, "Telling the Greasy Grass Story" <u>CBHMA Greasy Grass</u> , May 2013, 23 & 30
<b>Little Wolf</b> (Hunkpapa Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Moses, <u>Wild West Shows and the Images of the West</u> , 128 & 200
<b>Living Bear</b> (Oglala Lakota) Cummins Wild West	"Cummins Indian Congress Includes Makers of History", <u>The St. Louis Republic</u> , May 26, 1904
<b>Lone Bear</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West; and Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Real Wild West	Delaney, <u>Buffalo Bill's Wild West Warriors</u> , 66-67; Kasson, <u>Buffalo Bill's Wild West</u> , 203; Wallis, <u>The Real Wild West: The 101 Ranch and the Creation of the American West</u> , 373
<b>Lone (One) Bull</b> (Minnikojou Lakota) AKA: <b>Henry Oscar One Bull</b> Buffalo Bill's Wild West; and Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Real Wild West	<a href="http://www.ebay.com/itm">www.ebay.com/itm</a> picture/caption; Gallop, <u>Buffalo Bill's British Wild West</u> , 162; Wallis, <u>The Real Wild West: The 101 Ranch and the Creation of the American West</u> , 373
<b>Lone Elk</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	McCracken Research Library, Buffalo Bill Historical Center

<b>Long Bull</b> (Hunkpapa Lakota) Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Real Wild West	Collings & England, <u>The 101 Ranch</u> , 168
<b>Long Dog</b> (Hunkpapa Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Utley, <u>Lance and Shield</u> , 263
<b>Long Wolf</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Maddra, <u>Hostiles? The Lakota Ghost Dance and Buffalo Bill's Wild West</u> , 160-161 & 256-257; le Vay, <u>Eccentric London</u> , 169
<b>No Neck</b> (Hunkpapa Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Sprague, <u>Pine Ridge Reservation</u> , 49; Maddra, <u>Hostiles? The Ghost Dance and Buffalo Bill's Wild West</u> , 68-71
<b>One Elk</b> (Hunkpapa Lakota) Hagenbeck Circus	Dyck, <u>Brule': The Sioux People of the Rosebud</u> , ix
<b>One Feather</b> (Oglala Lakota) Miller Bros.101 Ranch Real Wild West	Wallis, <u>The Real Wild West: The 101 Ranch and the Creation of the American West</u> , 341
<b>Painted Horse</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West; and Cummins Wild West	Green, <u>A Warrior I Have Been</u> , 58; Kasson, <u>Buffalo Bill's Wild West</u> , 113; Sprague, <u>Pine Ridge Reservation</u> , 51; "Indians At The Gardens", <u>New York Times</u> , Sept.18, 1903
<b>Plenty Horses</b> (Brule Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West; and Miller Bros.101 Ranch Real Wild West	Kasson, <u>Buffalo Bill's Wild West</u> , 113; McCracken Research Library, Buffalo Bill Historical Center; Wallis, <u>The Real Wild West: The 101 Ranch and the Creation of the American West</u> , 347
<b>Poor Dog</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Havighurst, <u>Buffalo Bill's Great Wild West Show</u> , 114

<b>Rain-In-The-Face</b> (Hunkpapa Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West, only at the Chicago World's Fair	Wilson & Martin, <u>Buffalo Bill's Wild West: An American Legend</u> , 162; Russell, <u>The Lives and Legends of Buffalo Bill</u> , 383
<b>Red Cloud, Jack</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West; and Cummins Wild West	Russell, <u>The Wild West: A History of the Wild West: A History of the Wild West Shows</u> , 65; "Cummins Indian Congress Includes Makers of History", <u>The St. Louis Republic</u> , May 26, 1904
<b>Red Dog</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Havighurst, <u>Buffalo Bill's Great Wild West Show</u> , 135
<b>Red Fox, William</b> (Oglala Lakota) [Child Non-Combatant at LBH] Buffalo Bill's Wild West; and Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Real Wild West	Yost, <u>Buffalo Bill: His Family, Friends, Fame, Failures, and Fortunes</u> , 443-444; Russell, <u>The Lives and Legends of Buffalo Bill: A History of the Wild West Shows</u> , 70
<b>Red Horn Bull</b> (Oglala Lakota) LBH Warrior - <b>Red Horn Buffalo</b> Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Delaney, <u>Buffalo Bill's Wild West Warriors</u> , 82-83
<b>Red Shirt</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West; and Cummins Wild West	Green, <u>A Warrior I Have Been</u> , 41 & 46; Russell, <u>The Wild West, A History of the Wild Shows</u> , 65; Rosa & May, <u>Buffalo Bill and His Wild West</u> , 163
<b>Rocky Bear</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West; and Cummins Wild West	Reddin, <u>Wild West Shows</u> , 62, 107 & 114; Delaney, <u>Buffalo Bill's Wild West Warriors</u> , 28- 29 & 32; "Cummins Indian Congress Includes Makers of History", <u>The St. Louis Republic</u> , May 26, 1904
<b>Short Bull</b> (Oglala Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Maddra, <u>Hostiles? The Lakota Ghost Dance and Buffalo Bill's Wild West</u> , 123 & 126; Moses, <u>Wild West Shows and the Images of American Indians</u> , 122
<b>Shot In The Eye</b> (Oglala Lakota) Cummins Wild West	"Indians At The Garden", <u>The New York Times</u> , Sept. 18, 1903

<b>Shout At</b> (Lakota) [Woman Non-Combatant at LBH] Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Real Wild West	Wallis, <u>The Real Wild West: The 101 Ranch and the Creation of the American West</u> , 341
<b>Sitting Bull</b> (Hunkpapa Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Delaney, <u>Buffalo Bill's Wild West Warriors</u> , 17 & 31
<b>Sitting Bull, John</b> (Hunkpapa Lakota) Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus; and movie star, traveled with Wild West Shows	McCoy, <u>Tim McCoy Remembers the West</u> , picture/caption 47; Sprague, <u>Standing Rock Sioux</u> , 29
<b>Spider, Mark</b> (Oglala Lakota) Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Real Wild West	Green, <u>A Warrior I Have Been</u> , 56; Moses, <u>Wild West Shows and the Images of American Indians</u> , 262-263
<b>Spotted Horn Bull</b> (Hunkpapa Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Michno, <u>Lakota Noon</u> , 304; Utley, <u>Lance and Shield</u> , 263
<b>Standing Bear</b> (Brule Lakota) Doc Carver's Wild America; and Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Moses, <u>Wild West Shows and the Images of American Indians</u> , 125; Russell, <u>The Lives and Legends of Buffalo Bill</u> , picture/caption between 406 & 407
<b>Standing Bear</b> (Minnikojou Lakota) Buffalo Bill's Wild West	Warren, <u>Buffalo Bill's America</u> , 390
<b>Standing Cloud</b> (Lakota) Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Real Wild West; and Pawnee Bill's Historic Wild West	Collings & England, <u>The 101 Ranch</u> , 168; Shirley, <u>Pawnee Bill: A Biography of Major Gordon W. Lillie</u> , 165
<b>Standing Elk</b> (Lakota) Died in Iowa traveling with a Circus in 1884	Abrams, <u>Newspaper Chronicle of the Indian Wars Vol.12</u> , 224



**Steals Horses** (Oglala Lakota)  
[A Non-Combatant at LBH]  
Buffalo Bill's Wild West

Miller, Indians Who Fought Custer, pages not numbered

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**Two Lance** (Lakota)  
Buffalo Bill's Wild West; and  
Movie actor, Inceville Film Studio

Russell, The Lives and Legends of Buffalo Bill, 473; Deloria, Indians in Unexpected Places, 79

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**Two Strikes** (Brule Lakota)  
Buffalo Bill's Wild West

Abrams, Newspaper Chronicle of the Indian Wars Vol. 15, 131

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**Yellow Horse** (Oglala Lakota)  
Buffalo Bill's Wild West

Maddra, Hostiles? The Ghost Dance and Buffalo Bill's Wild West, 66

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**Young Eagle** (Hunkpapa Lakota)  
Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show

Green, A Warrior I Have Been, 45

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