History of the West

Chapter 14 “The Vision of Sitting Bull”

Events leading to the demise of Custer and the Seventh Calvary

March 17, 1876-Reynold’s Defeat

April 1876-Sitting Bull council at Chalk Buttes on the Tongue River

May ? 1876-General John Gibbon leaves Fort Ellis, Montana with 450 infantry.

May 17, 1876-Gen. Alfred H. Terry leaves Fort Abraham Lincoln with 600 men and horse, and 400 infantry.

May 29, 1876- General Crook leaves Fort Fetterman with over 1000 soldiers

June 1876 (second week) 11-17th?-Sioux-Cheyenne camp moved from the mouth of the Rosebud to the head of Ash Creek. Held yearly Sun Dance.

June 16, 1876-five Cheyenne warriors see soldiers in the Rosebud valley.

June 17, 1876-Battle of the Rosebud. Crook’s Defeat

June 21, 1876-Terry and Gibbon reach the mouth of the Rosebud and meet Major Marcus A. Reno.

June 24, 1876-Sitting Bull offers prayer for strength and victory.

June 25, 1876-Soldiers reach the Sioux camp. Custer divides the regiment into battalions at noon.

June 26, 1876-Indians go back to their village and begin to strike their lodges.

