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Indian and Army Tactics at the 1876 Little Bighorn Battle and the Application of Firearm Identification in Revealing the Story by

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Over 30 years of archaeological investigation of the iconic Battle of the Little Bighorn has recorded large numbers of artifacts related to firearms, primarily bullets and cartridge cases. These seemingly mundane artifacts are of great importance in reconstruction of Indian and Army fighting methods and tactics. Application of forensic firearm identification methods and GIS-based military terrain analysis reveal that Custer's troop deployment was in accord with then-current military tactics while the Lakota and Cheyenne warriors employed a culturally based fluid war group concept that made best use of available terrain as cover. Simply stated the archaeological record demonstrates the Native Americans out numbered, out gunned, and out fought the US Seventh Cavalry on June 25, 1876.

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