

got back to Sitting Bull's camp the following month. That's the story I know. But that "Dull Knife"--that's not the right name. The early interpreters just misinterpret that. Didn't have vocabulary broad enough to give right interpretation of the word used. It sounds similar to something else--that's what fooled them. The word for "Dull Knife" means this side-knife--this hide-knife. But Morning Star was the real name of this chief. He and Little Wolf got away from there. The Arapahoes call the morning star the "morning cross." It sounds just like "dull knife."

Ralph: They got a paper up in Montana that has the name as Morning Star.

(Remainder of Side A is mostly discussion of how to say "dull knife" and "morning star" in Cheyenne and in Arapaho. Tape is not clear so it's difficult to transcribe these terms--jj)

SIDE B

(Some preliminary irrelevant conversation)

HOW RALPH HAD HIS EARS PIERCED AND WAS GIVEN AN INDIAN NAME, AND NAMING CUSTOMS

(You were going to talk about your name, Ralph--what was that story about your name?)

Ralph: My Indian name? It's (Cheyenne term). That means "Flying." Just like a bird flying. I'll tell you how I got that name. My father and mother, when I was born--I had to get a name--an Indian name. At that time we have to go in the Sun Dance Lodge. Jess knows that. They used to have a horse. That's for a giveaway. They carry me in that lodge when I was a small baby. I was to be given a name, and they call one fellow--he's a warrior. They call him. By tradition, when they call on this man, that man's going to give me a name. They always have a bone--a sharpened bone--you seen these awls, you know. Sometimes they're steel or something, but this was a bone. That man had to relate his--whatever it is--his coup. I was small. Maybe they carry me in there. Today he's going to get that name (Cheyenne word). When he give me that name, they pierced my ears. Pierce the skin through--