

troops stationed among to protect the Cherokees from the Osages over here at Claremore and Pawhuska--the Comanches. And that was the second treaty violation. They stopped the Cherokee money and it was their money and they cut out the troops that they had promised as protection. They was going to take the slaves away. Things began to look a little dark. One of the brilliant flamboyant man from Texas by the name of McCollugh--he passed through Texas--through the Cherokee Nation, and he says, "I'm taking my troops to a battle in Missouri." He says, "there we're going to come in contact with the Yankees, and we're gonna fight our major battle some place up there against the Northern troops."

Let me go in just a little bit. You remember back in the treaty? They had what they called the Cherokee Outlet. Like the Cherokee--the young Cherokee boys were going in the outlet here. As they went into the outlet here in 1830's and 1840's, they met Cheyennes and Arapahoes, Kiowas, and Apaches; and they fell in love with these Indians.

They said, "Hey, these guys are real Indians. They wear feathers. They scalped, and they hunt buffalos. And these wild Indians taught many skills to the Cherokees that they had not known or that they had forgotten. And so the young men in the '30's and '40's picked up the skills of the wild hunter fighter-type of Indians. When they came back, there was nothing for them to do. And so, in came this dashing handsome uniformed soldiers that says, "Uh, let's go fight." What did these Cherokee's boys want to do? They didn't care who it was. They didn't know the difference between the North and South. They just wanted to fight. All they remember about the Blue Coat Tail is they'd pluck tail and run. So, in came this dashing uniform, gray coated gentleman and he says, "Boys, let's go down and kill some Yankees up in Missouri." And, so, many young Cherokee boys enlisted. There was not too much talk about what these Cherokee boys did, but many did enter into the different groups among and fought with the Whites throughout the Civil War. And, of course, I'm not going to go into detail in any of the battles. It would take too long, but I do want to skim through some of