

Yeah. My mother lived to be 101 years old. She was baptized at Pleasant Hill over here north of Checotah. There was a group of Indians lived there when that Civil War broke out. She was living there and she was baptized when she was nine years old.

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She had ponies. She had about three or four ponies. She leads them, she walk them around and soldiers come there and told her, "You better move out. Union soldiers coming, you better move out quick." She hook up a wagon right quick, two wagons, load her stuff. My mother had some hogs too and chickens. She left them and she lead the horses behind the wagon and she said she got a good ways and look back and soldiers already coming and she seen a big black smoke where they was burning the house.

(Which was was you in?)

World War I.

(Oh.)

Germany.

(I think you are about the first one that I've talked to that has been in World War I.)

Um-huh.

(And you was in Germany?)

Yeah. We was in Germany and we move up in Germany Army of Occupation.

(Some lady in background asked a question that was not clear which he answers in Creek.) Interpretation: He said them white people in war use to think he could see in dark, cause he was an Indian. He said they use to give him automatic gun and put him at the end of the line in war and that Seargent suppose to be with them but he would leave when it got dark.

(Did a lot of Indians go to the war when you was in it?)

I was the only Indian in the whole Division. I was with Marion New Jersey Brigade. Eastern guys had never seen Indian before. They shore did ask me lot