

Yes sir. Well, I found out when I was in the war. No man was so good that he didn't have some bad about him. No man was so bad he didn't have some good about him.

(Yeah.)

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We had an old line sergeant. Didn't have--He was the last of a line. When we went up front ther, he came to me. He said, Hawkins, said, you know I'm quite a gambler. I said, yeah, I know it. He said, I always have anywhere from five to six thousand dollars in my money belt. He said, if I'm shot down, he said, I want you to take that money belt. He told me what he wanted. Well, I was amazed. You didn't think he give a darn about anybody, but you know, he was worrying about those men all the time. He told me now some of these fellas will probably be wounded and hard circumstances. Probably no money to get home on. He said, I want you to see after 'em. And said all the original company, said go back, said I want you to take 'em and have a big dinner on me. And said what's left over you can have to do as you please with. He said you darn Indians can get by where we can't. He was an old army man, too.

(Was Vinita Chief Tom Buffington's home?)

Oh yes. Yeah.

(Well, I'd often wondered.)

Just one girl is left. That's Al Garner's wife. She lives in the old home.

(Now, there's a man I wished I had lived in that day and known.

I've heard so much about him.)

--Blackwell, I've known him quite a while. He was about the tallest man in the country, too, wasn't it? Oh, he had a brother that went to taller than him. Yeah, he had a brother.

(Oh, he did? How tall was Tom?)