

trespass on this Indian land and put up hay on this Indian land. And they sell it to the Ft. Sill post for cavalry horses. They contract for so many thousand bales and then if they haven't got the land and hay, they just go out to some Indian land--that hay --and those Indians can't do anything about it. They have to depend on the government to help them out. And that was our job to report these trespassers. Like those early Indians on the west side, I told you about cattlemen running cattle on their place. They just go in there and they shoot three or four head and eat meat. That's how come that Polant got killed. It was rough dirt. And sometimes those Indians would try to help themselves and run those cattle off their grass. And some of them cowboys came in a hurry. Three, four or five of them and find these lone Indians and drive the cattle off the grass. They just jump on him and beat him up. That's how rough it was. Our place is to find these fellows and arrest them and report them. And the government makes them pay a fine. If they don't, they have to go to jail. So, I was busy every day. I have to go somewhere every day until dark sometimes. Some of these Indians took advantage of other Indians and tell a man "Well, I'll give you \$5 if you let me run the cattle on so many head." "All right." And they collect \$5 or \$10 on that place and then the cattlemen run them on another place. He say, "Don't tell the other fellow and I'll give you \$5 more." That's the way it was. Even some of them farmed--plowed the ground.

(On Indian land?)

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Yeah. The Indian in them days, they wasn't too much interested