

battle but he never did go in anywhere where it's inside--go into any door. You know, in this First World War they had trenches. Inside these trenches they made what looked like dugouts. And whoever entered that dugout, see, had a right to enter this tipi first. Or, if they had come to a German house, the first Cheyenne boy that enters that German house, he's the one that's going to count coup. Well, my son entered a bank in the Philippine Islands. They bombed a bank and he was one of the first to enter this bank. He brought home a lot of money. That's when they were fighting those Japs. So he's got that right to count coup and take men in. So this boy that's been into anything like that, where there was a door and he went in, he's the only one that's got a right to count coup there. This old man will already have something--maybe his cane--or some kind of a stick, like a tent stick. He'll give it to him. Just so it's a stick. Well, he'll count coup with this. "When I was fighting in German, we followed a trench and we come to a dugout--may the German officers had an office in these dugouts and they keep something important in there--" Maybe this boy entered in there. And he'll count that coup. "When we were fighting over there, early in the morning we come along this trench and found this--something that had a door in it--and I entered it just like this!" He hit the tipi pole. He'll just hit that tipi pole one time. And that's all.

(Which pole would he hit?)

I'm not real sure. I think it's the one on the left side. Or either that--I don't think it makes any difference, just so it's next to the door.

(At the time he's doing this is the tipi cover already up?)