

like a legion. We say titidi e and manatidi e and g a tidi e - all these -

(What does g a.tidi'e mean?)

g a.tidi'e means "arms" Use your arms. g a.tidi'e -- g a. manatidi'e and xitidi'e. and g a.tidi'e. and xatidi'e. --

(What does that mean?)

Soldier. xax is "tomahawk." "Tomahawk Legion."

(Was there an organization called the xatidi'e?)

Yes, that's soldiers. Nowadays they refer to them as these army, now. They're the same thing. The word xax is a weapon--a tomahawk. xatidi'e. -- that's "soldier," G.I.

(What does g a.tidi'e. mean?)

I think it's "arm." They use their arms. I guess it could mean you use..throw spears, you throw tomahawk..anything you throw, you use your arms.

(What does g a. by itself mean?)

That's "arm." Either one--your right or your left. Arm. "Arm Legion," you know-- "Arm Organization."

(Are there any other words that you know that have that tidi'e. in it?)

Yes. (Repeats all of the above terms.) xitidi'e. means "horse" cavalry, like.

Seize horses.

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(Well, you were saying that this manatidi'e. and xitidi'e. are sort of religious-- how is that?)

Well, manatidi'e. -- it's like the army. If you're a member of that, you're supposed to be brave, like a hero. You go forward so you don't go backwards towards the enemy, and in whatever you undertake to do you don't back off. That's one reason that the Apaches abandoned that society. But....