

broken parts together, they washed
the mud from their feet & legs - re-
dressed, mounted their ponies & so
rode off. Big Bow only remaining
with me. When I was ready he accom-
panied me to within less than a mile
of Fort Sill, as it was getting dark, &
he not liking to go nearer the fort
& being ~~alone~~ ^{being} I could go the rest of
the way alone, ^{he} left me & returned
to the place where he had directed
his people to make their camp
for the night. I arrived, soon
after at the Agency, the Kiowas
came on the next day.

The Comanches, being desirous of making it appear that the Kiowas have been raiding in Texas, and thereby to place them in an attitude in which they would be included with themselves in any act government might enter upon to suppress their raiding, have reported the Kiowas as participants in those raids; in proof of which they state that the sons of Lone Wolf and Red Otter were killed in Texas. It can easily be seen that, if they could make it appear that the Kiowas are equally guilty with themselves, and succeed in arraying government against the Kiowas, they would be driven to unite with them in their hostile intentions, to the strengthening of their own hands.

In order to ascertain the truth, and if they were not guilty, which they steadily affirm, while they admit going into Mexico, I have been the more watchful, and have endeavored to investigate the circumstances of the death of those young Kiowas. The Caddoes and Apaches, who get their information from both Comanches and Kiowas, have no hesitation in declaring that they were killed in Mexico. Finally, in conversation with a Comanche chief, he stated that he restrained his young men from raiding in Texas, but allowed them to go into Mexico. Lone Wolf's son, with a few other young Kiowas, went with them.

They went into Mexico, and the Comanches took a Mexican boy as captive. The Kiowas disapproved of taking captives, and remonstrated with them against it; and finally made their night camp at a little distance