

## COMANCHE

The Comanche are one of the Southern tribes of the Plains Indians, members of the Shoshonean group. Their hunting grounds ranged from the Rio Grande River to the North Platt. The Comanche were nomad buffalo hunters, and were long noted as the finest horsemen of the Plains, having been one of the first tribes to obtain horses from the early Spanish explorers. They were assigned a reservation in Oklahoma in 1867, but were not finally settled upon it until 1875. While they respected their treaty with the United States Government they maintained that they owned all of the land in the State of Texas, and had made no treaty with the inhabitants of that state. Today, a Comanche signal corps is rendering great service to our country.



BLACK BEAVER (Last Delaware Chief)



QUANAH PARKER (Comanche Chief)

## DELAWARE

The original tribe made the famous treaty with William Penn, in what is now the state of Pennsylvania. Many of the Delawares were allies of the United States Government during the American Revolution, however, they had lost great numbers at the hands of other tribes during the Colonial Wars, and were just a shadow of their greatness. Steadily forced westward by stronger tribes they found their way to Texas. They then moved to Kansas, later coming to Oklahoma under the terms of the Medicine Lodge Treaty of 1867. One of the bands is incorporated with the Cherokee nation, another band being affiliated with the Caddo, in the Anadarko area. Black Beaver, their last chief, was especially prominent in the Delaware annals of Oklahoma. He led Colonel Dodge and his party in 1834 to the Comanche-Wichita camps. In 1845, he led a group of United States soldiers as Captain of Scouts to the Mexican War. In 1852, he led Colonel Marcy on an exploration of the Red River. Later he brought Federal troops to Fort Cobb, Fort Wishita, and to Fort Arbuckle, opening up that part of the country which was afterwards to be known as the Chisholm Trail. He died in 1880, and his burial place near Anadarko has been marked with honor by the Boy Scouts of this community.