

Yeah. They were Delawareans or Osages, I heard, that was scoutin' for the United States, army, for Custer then, you know. But anyhow they didn't--I guess they thought we didn't trust 'em--wasn't scared about--anyhow would be certain of early attack. But evidently these scouts found out where Black Kettle's camp was, the very first thing they attack--Custer and his immediate staff, you know, start and came up Black Kettle and shot him and his wife. And in that connection after they fled, the Cheyenne and Arapahoes, Kiowas fled and went on down to Fort Sill and on down toward Texas. A few Cheyennes and Arapaho scouts had come back from Colorado where they been out scouting against the Utes. They came to a Mexican home some where in the Panhandle, and the Mexican told them, says, "There was big fight here the other day. Cheyenne and Arapahoes and Custer, fightin'--lots of 'em killed." So, the young men turned back the tide. But they couldn't find a camp. But came on through and found a place where the attack was made and they found where the attack was made and they found Black Kettle and his wife laying there. Well, when the boys--of course the scouts in traveling on foot always carried little axes and knives and simple utensils they used to cook with--so, went out and cut a whole bunch of these china berry trees--tall and slender--and they made a wickiup and buried Black Kettle and his wife in a nice bed and combed her hair and face. She was all fixed up and anyway--buried 'em and put canvas over them and tacked down around face--they left it. A few months after when they came back in April-- Sheridan had called tribal chiefs that had returned to Fort Sill, camped around Mt. Scott there, and Medicine Bluff. Troops were stationed at Ft. Cobb-- Sheridan's troops--and they invited chiefs to come there and have council with them. Well, when the chiefs came to this camp, Sheridan's camp, well, the rest of 'em stayed camped there at Ft. Sill, somewhere around there Ft. Sill is now. And they knew then that the army wasn't going to give them any danger. But they had to go to center of the big army camp there right northeast of Ft. Cobb where the lake is now. That's where they had their last meeting with