

start coming down here (to the University of Oklahoma).

DULL KNIFE'S REAL NAME

Jess: One thing I want to mention right now and that I been trying to state now is about this Dull Knife. That wasn't his right name. You know, what we call "dull knife" is a side-knife. It's got a wooden blade and a wooden handle and it's a side-knife. It's always nicked. That kind of a knife is used to tan the insides of the hides. And it sounds like "dull knife" or "white knife". In Arapaho it's *nókw.hàe'*. But this Dull Knife's real name was Morning Star. That's the right name of that Cheyenne Chief.

Ralph: Yeah, Morning Star. He was from Montana.

Jess: "Dull Knife" is just a misinterpretation by the early interpreters. The time they got away from Fort Reno, September 8, 1887, and some of the northern Cheyennes rode down here. They intermarried with the southern Cheyennes and some of the southern Cheyennes married northern Cheyennes. Girls--they went back with them. They stop at south of Watonga where those Arapahoes were having a Sun Dance, and they go over to some of those chiefs to ask them to give them some good horses. Then they start out. And there's three scouts--one Cheyenne, and...

(Unclear passage)...White Elk--and then John Pedro, he hired his father--his name was Stalk (or Chalk). He's Comanche. He went along with this army to trail these fellows, see. They got up through there so far and then they came back. ...At Fort Robinson, Nebraska, that's where the Cheyennes had a fight with those soldiers. And they were in prison there a few days. One old chief--I forgot his name--he told his wife, "You took me some oven bread. But sharpen the knife real sharp and put it inside that dough. It'll be cooked right in that bread, and you bring me the bread and I'll pull the knife out and stick it in my pocken." So that woman done that. Brought bread about that big around. Long enough for a knife to go in there. So when the sentinels were dismissed from their duty--a detail's just usually one sentinel--this Cheyenne stabbed him, and they opened the door and started out. And that's what happened. They