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But all the way through the pre-Civil War, all the army generals of the North said, "We will under no circumstances have any Indian fighting for the North." Fremont, the whole group said, "No Indians fighting for us."

All the way through, the Confederacy said, "Yes, we want the Indians to fight for us." This was another strong factor in bringing the Cherokees in to fight for the South. When they got up there, they were not open--openly--welcomed at Fort Scott; and they froze to death, and they died, and they starved to death, and they suffered very, a very horrible death--so many of them. Well, all right, just Stand Watie group came back and they celebrated. It was very jubilate. Ross had a priminition that things didn't look too well because Stand Watie was a great hero. He'd wiped out U-Pa-Tha-Yahola's group. He was a bringing up the remnants and he was one of the great heroes. So, the Cherokees stayed in winter camp up there, and there was a great deal of suffering. All right, then, we had a few minor scrimmages back and forth; and the--look over the map over here. Then, we had our first Federal invasion. It came down in Fort Scott. It came in through here and fought a battle here at Cabin Creek. At this particular battle, this is one of the first big major battles that the North won in the Cherokee country. They were out at the Confederates. They fled in. And so, the Northern generals came over here to Park Hill, and they seized Ross and asked him if he's wanted to go North.

Ross said, "No, he signed agreements with the South."

So they went back, and they fled back to north again.

Stand Watie fled down here. He came up and he captured John Ross. Now, let's see what he's going to do--what he's--just captured John Ross. "My dear Saddle," (his writing in--1863).

Insertion of Stand Watie's letter to his wife.

"I've not heard from you since your letter brought in by Anderson. When Met Lock went away, I was out on scout. The amount of moneys that made me collectful and that--that this--let's see if I've missed a page here somewheres. I went to Tahlequah and Park Hill because the Union had fled. I took Danny Hicks, and I captured John Ross. Would not allow them killed because you said, "Old William Ross must not be killed on account of Mrs.