

HOW THE COMACHES AND SHOSHONES SPLIT

(You were telling me before about the Comanche and Shoshones?)

There was lots of groups of them, by the thousands...here and there just like that. This whole army of Indians...mens and womens and childrens. Somehow they caught a big sickness. This was this polimongitis(sic)..do you all ever hear of anything like that?

(Polio?)

Something like that. It just twist their arms this way and that way...twist their legs, twist their necks up like that. They were doing that for about few minutes, and they die. And ever time when they camp they used to just...if they get out of the tent...if they walking..just fall over and die. That bottom of that...where they were camping was just full of dead peoples. So this chief said, he got on his horse and said....I want to tell you he was riding around the camps you know...talking loud. He said, "I want you group and this group...you all go south as far as you could go. You all right now," he said. "If you all don't you all going to die." And then they got all their horses, and their wives and their childrens and just left their tipi and whatever they live in. They just took off without carrying nothing except their knives and their axes and they didn't have nothing to carry water in. Just took off and they... and you know in them days they didn't have no saddles or nothing