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Kiowa Veteran Day Celebration

(This is Kiowa Veteran Day in Anadarko, Oklahoma. This is November 8, 1970. They are playing War Mother Songs and Memorial Song at this time for the Veterans.)

(About three minutes of continuous singing.)

Mr. B. D. Timmons: Before I forget it, I want to send him a letter and invite him to this or to the - not him, but to the Wewoka Agency, asking about coming to this meeting for Saturday. I'll write before I - if you want me to. And let you sign it.

(About five minutes of continuous singing.)

Scott Tonemah: For the visitors' information, these songs are about the Battle of the Bulge, Iwo Jima, all the famous battles of World War II, Korea, and recently Viet Nam.

(About three minutes of continuous singing.)

Scott Tonemah: Mr. Timmons, you have been honored. Will you go into the center of the arena to Mr. Toyabo and - Mr. Timmons, please accept from the people who are directly involved. (The singers stop singing.) Mrs. Jackson, who is a Gold Star Mother, has respectfully requested that we overlook any direct action that she may respond to ordinarily on this occasion for her son's safety. So we want to respect her wishes in this. We do want to mention /not clear/ long distance. These are traditionally Kiowa songs. While we men were away to service, serving overseas, sometime very bitter hardships, all the time carrying these knapsacks, or these kits, we have to carry on our shoulder, with M-1 rifle, some handle machine gun, all types of weapon and so forth, someone had to keep up with spirits at home. And with inspiration and careful deliberation and thought, several service groups were organized, among those was a warm up. Back in the old days, the man go off on fierce campaign, life and death campaign. The old folks at home would compose to sing about his hardship, about his campaign