

FATHER, AS A YOUNG MAN, GOES ON FIRST RAID AND GETS SHOT

( And this was several years after the Comanches had come to Fort Sill, and settled around there, that your father went on his first raid with some of the young Comanche warriors. Will you tell us what happened on this first raid and, - I believe you said that he was on two different raids. Will you tell us what happened during the first raid and the second raid, too?)

Well, he was in the raiding outfit when they went to Texas. And while they were trying to raid somebody's ranch, why the Texas Rangers got after them, chasing the. He was riding piggy-back behind his brother and one of them ranger's bullet got him right on the right on the right shoulder. And the bullet went in from the back and went clear out of his chest. And when they got to where they was gonna rest, why they got him off the horse and he couldn't stand up because he was struck. So they got him down and got a medicine man to doctor him. So this medicine man said, "Stand him against this tree." And said, "Just let me have my way." So he got a buffalo tail from his medicine outfit and he was trying to keep him 'wake so he could doctor him. He kept drowsing off because there was so much blood going out. He said it was a good feeling to bleed to death. And he said, "But he kept at me and he start to acting like a bull that wants to attack somebody." So he just going that way and I kinda opened my eyes and got interested." He says, "My what a crazy old man." And he was looking at him and after while he came and doctored him. He went to work on him and after while the blood stopped. And he made a man go after this cactus - prairie cactus - and cut out one nice round leaf off of it. So they burned the stickers off of it. When they burned it, while it was