

that probably the last time that there were elk there was about that time. They killed two young elk.

(Is there any reason that they disappeared that you know of?)

Well, they weren't too much adapted to this part of the country. They live up in the mountains, you know. They graze--take Wyoming--they graze up in the mountains all summer long. Go to them springs. Get fat and when the first snow start to fly, then you see--I saw it myself--you see these paths of ants, you know? Just like a black snake--just like a snake? That's the way they look up there. Hundreds and hundreds of elk. Come down to the river to graze in the winter time where there's shelter. And oh, just hundreds and hundreds come down from the mountains to feed in the wintertime. That's when they get them.

(You know--on this one specimen I was noticing that there's a sort of depression or hollow place in here. Is there any reason why?)

Well, they take a hide strap and they wrap that around first. Then of course when it's all level, they put the steel on there. And they fit the wrappings on it and tighten it. So that that metal will be secure--tight--so it won't wiggle.

(So they made this hollow (groove) in here on purpose?)

Oh, yeah.

(I was thinking the blade part was in here, like that?)

Sometimes the blade is on there but--

(Sometimes it's out here?)

Yeah.

(What was the usual way the Arapahoes fixed it?)

It don't make no difference. Just whatever they thought would fit the blade better.

(Did they ever have handles for these, like you were talking about the straps