

that they were gonna give rations. You know how the old people, they get out and talk and tell the people when they gonna get ration. And people didn't know what ration was. And our teller (I think she means camp crier), he told that they were gonna give some ration--something to eat. That's where they find out. And then, afterwards, they all gather up down at Anadarko. They gather up. They they all got together--the Kiowas, and Comanches, and Apaches--they all got together and they all got their ration there. So afterwards, when they all got their rations, well, after that--be about a week after--why the cattle been given out to the Indians. And they have to take one out from the corral to kill it and butcher. See, that was their ration. The first ration they had that I seen. Before that I don't know--that's just what I know. The first time I seen that ration went on. 'Cause I was big enough to know then, I guess, and I know just what it was. My mother always tell me to remember what went on, and later on you might know something after while. So today I'm telling you this story, what I know. But not too much. I can't remember everything way back, cause I never seen it and I don't know. But just what I know I'm telling you. Just like my brother say, "Tell the truth." Well, I'm telling what I know. I'm telling the truth.

(Can you tell me how they gave out the cattle? Did each family get a beef or what?)

Yeah, there always be two families get one beef, one cow. They chase it out from the corral and they kill it outside, out in the prairie somewheres. Well, this man take half and this other man take half. They butcher. That's way it went. They only two families on one beef. That's the way it was. That's all I know, that far.

(How'd they kill it?)

With a gun. Some of them had arrows to kill it with. And if the cow run away, can't catch it, well this man, somebody that got gun, go and shoot it down for them. That's way it was. And that's all there is to it, now, that ration.