

them days. Fella had to jump on and go to the fort. Well, they reported to the Indian police that there was some action out there ten or twelve miles away from the Agency. He was the first one that got out there and seen to whatever the trouble was. Just by fast riding.

RED PAINT AND STORY ABOUT HOW ARAPAHOS FOUND IT

Bob: You know, I been to his house. He had a pouch of powder--red. I never seen anything like it. He gave me a pinch of it and I put it on my skin and it won't come off.

Jess: Well, I know about that. My dad and six other Arapaho young men--back in the Colorado Territory days--during their scouting, you know--people calls it "war path", but that's not the right term--they'd go out and scout other--see if other tribes were encroaching upon their territorial rights, you know, on account of their game. Well, these seven young men were out beyond the divide. And they got short on foodstuff--they got short of pemmican and whatever it was they usually carried to eat. So they came back over the divide and got to a high place and they couldn't go back. It was getting dark in the canyon but the moon was just coming up. So they got to a place where there was about a thirty foot drop--just rock--straight down. They had, of course--they were carrying what they had to have--axes, some rope, and some robes and all that stuff. So they agreed that they'd take two ropes and suspend a blanket with one fellow in there and if it don't work, well, all right, they'd pull that thing up and put another man down there till the last one-- And this last one--there's a boulder or rock there--he'd put this rope around that boulder and kinda--you know, for a brace--to pull himself. And he tied this other rope and he fix it so that rope would come loose if he pulled on it one way--you know, 10 or 15 feet south--north-- So when they all got down there--they had buffalo robes down there to light on. Course they went down easy. So this last one, he got down there, and when he got down there he was pulling himself with that rope. And then two or three of them got down there and pulled that rope to one side so it come off that rock. That's how they got down there.