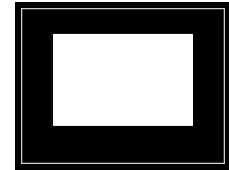




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## 104 - "CHEROKEE BRAVES"

**The Civil War battle for Missouri was fought not in that state but in Arkansas, at Pea Ridge, where American Indians fought side by side with their white brothers in arms.**

**Despite fanciful tales of arrow pierced Federals, first hand reports clearly indicate that the Cherokees of Albert Pike's command were armed the same as the other soldiers of the South, with common rifles and ordinary shot-guns.**

**The Cherokees joined the fight in their own fashion and fought like other frontiersmen. Dismounted, and taking advantage of cover they negotiated a complex flanking maneuver to capture the guns of the Missouri Flying Artillery. Their tactics and attire was quite similar to that of the soldiers from Arkansas and Texas. The one distinguishing feature of the Cherokees was in their cohesive & undisciplined exuberance in battle.**