

Albert Billy, Choctaw Code Talker WWI

According to the late Mozelle Dawson from Coalinga, California, her father, Private First Class Albert Billy, talked to his commanding officer about the Choctaw language being used to confuse the enemy. She said Billy and other Indians were used on the phone lines speaking in their native dialect. This would confuse enemies tapping into the phone lines. As it turned out, the Germans were more than just a little confused, and after the Choctaw Code Talkers were put on telephones, the Germans immediately began losing.

Ms. Dawson said her father told her that during the night, some Germans were captured, and a officer of the German army said he would like to ask just one question: "What nationality was on the phones that night?" The only reply this German officer received was that it was "only Americans" that had been on the phones.

Albert Billy was born in 1885 in Howe, formerly San Bois County, IT). He was a member of the 36th Division, 142nd Infantry of the U.S. Army, Company E and was from Poteau in LeFlore County. When Albert Billy enlisted in the Army eh filled out his papers that his occupation was "farmer" and that he was a "natural born citizen". According to the paperwork, Billy was tall and was of medium build.