

### Mitchell Bobb, WWI Code Talker

Private Mitchell Bobb was one of the Choctaw Code Talkers in WWI. This group of extraordinary men devised code words, as well as exchanging Choctaw words for Army lingo so that messages sent over telephone lines could not be interpreted by the German Army. By substituting "big gun" or "Tanampo Chito" for field artillery, the Code Talkers began a long list of coded words and were able to talk Choctaw across telephone lines, fooling the enemy and helping win WWI.

Bobb was born January 7, 1890, in Rufe, Indian Territory. When Bobb enlisted, he was described as being tall and slender, and stated he was a "natural born citizen" of the United States. He left a wife and child behind when he went to France to serve his country. Bobb served as a member of the 142<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, Company E, 36<sup>th</sup> Division.