

Basic Detail Report



The Exploits of Sun Boy

Date

c. 1880-1900

Primary Maker

Silver Horn

Medium

Graphite, colored pencil, and ink on muslin

Description

Interpretive Notes: Some of the events in the painting were later written on the muslin in pencil. It suggests that the sequence is as follows: 1. 1833. SunBoy as a young man fights in a battle against Osage warriors who attacked a Kiowa camp at Cutthroat Gap. 2. 1843. SunBoy

goes on a raiding party to Tamaxipas Mexico and is attacked by Mexicans while re-crossing the Rio Grande. 3. 1844. SunBoy is once again involved in battles in Mexico. 4. 1876. SunBoy's horse is stolen in a skirmish with Mexicans. 5. 1849. SunBoy fights against the Pawnee in Nebraska. 6. 1857. SunBoy, with Dohasan's party, attacks and kills Pawnee warriors who have taken offerings attached to a cottonwood pole of a recently abandoned SunDance lodge. 7. 1854. SunBoy with a party of Kiowa, Kiowa-Apache, Apache-Cheyenne, Arapaho and Dakota fights the Pawnee. 8. 1854. SunBoy fights in a battle in which the Kiowa killed 113 Pawnee. 9. In this section, SunBoy is not the victor. In a skirmish near Smoky Hill River in Kansas, a war party of 1500 warriors of 7 tribes are defeated by 100 Sak and Fox warriors, and a small number of Potawatomi armed with American repeating rifles. 10. 1864 and 1869. SunBoy fights with Kiowa warriors against the US Cavalry. 1864 against Kit Carson's troops at Adobe Walls and in 1869 against the 6th Cavalry at Ft. Richardson under Curwin McClellan at Seymour, TX. 11. 1871 SunBoy and the rest of Dohasan's Kiowa allow General Sherman's ambulance and accompanying 15 calvrymen to pass their ambush unharmed, following Dohalson's prophecy. They then attack a second body of travellers, a wagontrain hauling corn, taking 41 mules. 12. 1874-1878-1879. SunBoy fights against the Texas Rangers while hunting buffalo. Under a reservation escort of black troopers led by Captain Nicholas Nolan. SunBoy's brother Atto-T'ain is killed. 1879 SunBoy leads a raid into Texas and kills a white man named Earle to avenge his brother.

Dimensions

Image: 86 × 75" (218.4 × 190.5 cm)