

Native American Code Talkers

World War I	World War II
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cherokee• Cheyenne• Choctaw (15)• Comanche• Osage• Yankton Sioux	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assiniboine• Cherokee• Chippewa/Oneida (17)• Choctaw• Comanche (17)• Hopi (11)• Kiowa• Menominee• Muscogee/Creek and Seminole• Navajo (about 420)• Pawnee• Sac and Fox/Meskwaki (19)• Sioux – Lakota and Dakota dialects

List of American Indian Code Talkers' languages and the numbers of tribal members who served, if known. There were at least two Code Talkers from each tribe.

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WWI

Choctaw - In World War I in France, the 142d Infantry Regiment had a company of Indians who spoke 26 different languages or dialects, only four or five of which had been reduced to writing. Two Indian officers were selected to supervise a communications system staffed by 18 Choctaw Indians.



Image: The Choctaw Code Talkers enlisted in the U.S. Army in World War I even though their lack of citizenship exempted them from the draft. (U.S. Army photo)

Cheyenne, Comanche, Cherokee, Osage and Yankton Sioux also were enlisted to communicate as code talkers. Previous to their arrival in France, the Germans had broken every American code used, resulting in the deaths of many Soldiers. However, the German Army—which captured about one out of four messengers—never broke the Indians’ “code.”



This map shows the names of the tribes and the communities (when known) of the World War I American Indian telephone squads.

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WWII

Although the **Navajo** tribe is the one most remembered for its contributions to the World War II communications code units, the US military also used **Basque, Comanche, Sioux, Hopi and a number of other American Indian languages as code languages**. Basque was rarely used because there were native Basque speakers in Europe which made the U.S. military wary of using it more widely.



Navajo Code
Talkers



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