

Lozen



Lozen, or Nde¹, was an Apache warrior born in 1840^{1,2} into the Chihenne Apache band near Ojo Caliente, New Mexico¹. She was the sister of Victorio, a famous Apache chief². She is best known and celebrated as a fierce warrior who defended Native territories and cultural survival from colonizers¹. Her brother considered her his “right hand” and called her “braver than most”^{1,2}. She was also renowned as a gifted medicine woman, seer, and shaman; it was said that she had the ability to use prayer to detect the direction of enemies and how far away they were². Victorio was ambushed by the Mexican army in Tres Castillos Mountains, and it is often speculated that would not have happened if Lozen had been present^{1,2}. Following Victorio’s death, she rode with Geronimo and was sent to arrange Geronimo’s surrender, where she then was taken prisoner and later died in captivity².

Citations

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