

# Annotated Bibliography

## Primary Sources

AssociatedPress. "Navajo Code Talker Explains Role in WWII." *YouTube*, YouTube, 10 Nov. 2015, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ciFv\\_ONffdw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ciFv_ONffdw).

In this youtube video is an interview with Roy Hawthorne, 89, who served as a Navajo code talker with the U.S. Marine Corps from 1943 to 1945. He explained what his duties were and tricks they used in the code.

Author The Buzzard's Roost ... Ready for a Road Kill Roundup. "Honoring and Remembering the Navajo Code Talkers and Crazy Joe Romo – Airborne!" *Justice4All*, 16 Oct. 2019, [justice4all.blog/2019/08/16/honoring-and-remembering-the-navajo-code-talkers-and-crazy-joe-romo/](http://justice4all.blog/2019/08/16/honoring-and-remembering-the-navajo-code-talkers-and-crazy-joe-romo/).

The website gave us the quote "I was protected by the Marines," Begay said. "They were protecting us; we were protecting them. I was lucky. But some didn't get lucky – like those who got killed on the beach." It is important to know how a Code Talker felt a connection to other Marines.

"Chapter 7: Recognition: Native Words, Native Warriors." *Native Words, Native Warriors - National Museum of the American Indian*, [americanindian.si.edu/nk360/code-talkers/recognition/](http://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/code-talkers/recognition/).

We found out the appreciation Sam Tso had during the medal ceremony in 2001. We used his picture and voice recording on the Recognition page.

DaveW. "American Indian Code Talkers: The National WWII Museum: New Orleans." *The National WWII Museum | New Orleans, The National World War II Museum*, 13 Aug. 2017, [www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/american-indian-code-talkers](http://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/american-indian-code-talkers).

This webpage was from the National WWII Museum. It helped us to find more exact dates and artifacts.

Dawson, ~. (2018, July 05). *Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code Talkers Story* by Joseph Bruchac, pictures by Liz Amini-Holmes. Retrieved January 07, 2021, from

DeptVetAffairs. "An Unbreakable Code." *YouTube*, YouTube, 18 Feb. 2020, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmiqnAQTTCI&t=120s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmiqnAQTTCI&t=120s).

In this video Navajo Code Talker, Peter MacDonald Sr. explains the code and how it was used during the Battle of Iwo Jima. It is an example of what is relayed and how it was transcribed.

<https://kidsbookaday.com/2018/07/05/chester-nez-and-the-unbreakable-code-a-navajo-code-talkers-story-by-joseph-bruchac-pictu>

This quote showed how Chester Nez explained how “diverse cultures can make a country richer and stronger.” We thought this was a very interesting quote along with his opinion on the code. He mentioned, “the Navajo language taught how important our Navajo culture is to our country.”

Gohn, Sandi. “How Navajo Code Talker Marines Used Their Indigenous Language to Help Win World War II.” United Service Organizations, The USO, 10 Oct. 2019, [www.uso.org/stories/2511-how-navajo-code-talker-marines-used-their-indigenous-language-to-help-win-world-war-ii](http://www.uso.org/stories/2511-how-navajo-code-talker-marines-used-their-indigenous-language-to-help-win-world-war-ii).

On this website we learned more about Code Talker 1st Class Wilsie H. Bitsie. We used his picture and quote. His story of prejudice after the war was very insightful of what it was like when they came home.

Honoring Native American Code Talkers. (2017, November 07). Retrieved January 07, 2021, from <https://www.doi.gov/blog/honoring-native-american-code-talkers>

This website showed the recognition the Navajo men received and how important it was that they were honored.

“Meet a Navajo Code Talker.” Hometown Heroes Radio, 23 July 2018, [www.hometownheroesradio.com/meet-a-navajo-code-talker/](http://www.hometownheroesradio.com/meet-a-navajo-code-talker/).

We learned more about Navajo Code Talker Jimmie King. In this podcast Mr King talks about the discrimination he faced after the war.

“Memorandum Regarding the Enlistment of Navajo Indians.” National Archives and Records Administration, National Archives and Records Administration, <https://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/code-talkers>.

This evidence artifact was the museum and looked to be in good condition. It provided us with useful information on the recruitment.

Northern Arizona University Special Collections and Archives. Code Talkers, [library.nau.edu/speccoll/exhibits/daysofarchives/codetalkers.html](http://library.nau.edu/speccoll/exhibits/daysofarchives/codetalkers.html).

On this site we learned more background information on Phillip Johnston. We used his picture on the Recruitment page.

“Radio Found on Iwo Jima ‘Sent Final Japanese Army Message’ as American Forces Closed In.” The Telegraph, Telegraph Media Group, 20 Aug. 2012,

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/japan/9487288/Radio-found-on-Iwo-Jima-sent-final-Japanese-army-message-as-American-forces-closed-in.html>.

Another artifact that tells its own story. This source helped us more to realize that this occurred not so long ago during our grandparents time.

Rick Renzi Quote: ""We need only look to our Navajo Code Talkers during World War II to see the value that Native languages bring not only t..." (n.d.). Retrieved January 07, 2021, from

<https://quotefancy.com/quote/1381800/Rick-Renzi-We-need-only-look-to-our-Navajo-Code-Talkers-during-World-War-II-to-see-the>"

This website also displayed some quotes of the Navajo soldiers. The quote was about the reason we won WW2.

RISEMAN, NOAH JED. "REGARDLESS OF HISTORY?": RE-ASSESSING THE NAVAJO CODETALKERS OF WORLD WAR II." *Australasian Journal of American Studies*, vol. 26, no. 2, 2007, pp. 48–73. *JSTOR*, [www.jstor.org/stable/41054076](http://www.jstor.org/stable/41054076). Accessed 10 May 2021.

In this journal article we learned a lot of how the Navajo Nation supported the war. It is important because it explains how the soldiers felt it was their duty to enlist and fight for a country that showed them prejudice and inequality.

"Samuel Billison." EcuRed, [www.ecured.cu/Samuel\\_Billison](http://www.ecured.cu/Samuel_Billison).

On this website we found more information about Code Talker Samuel Billison. We used his picture and quote.

Silversmith, S. (2020, January 31). Navajo Code Talkers created an unbreakable code. It helped win World War II. Retrieved January 07, 2021, from <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona/2018/07/11/navajo-code-talker-facts-unbreakable-code/460262002/?scrybrkr=b>

The website showed when the Navajo men were recruited. Also it talked about how the training went and how it was difficult.

## Secondary sources

American Indian Code Talkers. 2021.

<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/american-indian-code-talkers>

Most code talkers were assigned in pairs to a military unit. During battle, one person would operate the portable radio while the second person would relay and receive messages in the Native language and translate them into English.

Code Talker Quotes. (n.d.). Retrieved January 07, 2021, from <https://www.litcharts.com/lit/code-talker/quotes>

The website here showed us the quotes of Ned Begay. It also talked about how he felt. This website mainly focused on Ned Begay.

Code Talkers: Native American Languages in the Military. (2017, April 25). Retrieved January 06, 2021, from <https://alphaomegatranslations.com/foreign-language/code-talkers-native-american-languages-in-the-military/>

This website showed how complex the language was compared to anything else the US army has ever had. It taught us that since it was such a complex language, the code would have likely never been broken.

Code talker. (2020, December 27). Retrieved January 07, 2021, from [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Code\\_talker?scrybrkr=132ced06](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Code_talker?scrybrkr=132ced06)

This website taught us how the Navajo men were trained physically and the preparation of the code to be easily transmitted in enemy combat.

Joseph Bruchac Quotes (Author of Code Talker). (n.d.). Retrieved January 07, 2021, from [https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/15337.Joseph\\_Bruchac](https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/15337.Joseph_Bruchac)

This website told us many quotes by some of the Navajo men. In the quotes they explained their opinion on the memory and legacy of the culture and language.

Legacy of the Navajo Code Talkers (U.S. National Park Service). (n.d.). Retrieved January 07, 2021, from <https://www.nps.gov/articles/navajo-code-talkers.htm?scrybrkr=1baf3abf>

This website showed us some of the recruitment process along with the people who thought of the language as a code.

Levenson, E. (2017, November 29). The incredible story of the Navajo Code Talkers that got lost in all the politics. Retrieved January 07, 2021, from <https://www.cnn.com/2017/11/28/us/navajo-code-talkers-trump-who/index.html>

The website here taught us who the code talkers were. Also which code talkers did what task. It talked about the top-secret program they joined as well.

Navajo code talkers. (2020, February 23). Retrieved February 22, 2021, from <https://mapsairmuseum.org/navajo-code-talkers/>

This website talked about the two types of codes and how they were different. It also broke down how they were made and how many words were in the code.

Navajo Code Talkers: World War II Fact Sheet. (n.d.). Retrieved January 07, 2021, from <https://www.history.navy.mil/research/library/online-reading-room/title-list-alphabetically/n/code-talkers.html>

This website tells us how the Japanese were skilled code breakers and remain baffled by the fact that they could not easily break this code let alone break it at all.

Navajo Code Talkers. (2020, February 23). Retrieved January 07, 2021, from <https://mapsairmuseum.org/navajo-code-talkers/>

This website taught us about many of the main Navajo men who fought in combat. Like Chester Nez, Peter MacDonald, and Thomas H. Begay.

Navajo Code Talkers Bronze . Philadelphia , 2018.

<https://catalog.usmint.gov/navajo-code-talkers-bronze-medal-3-inch-993.html>

This photograph showed us what metals the Navajo were presented. As well as what the metals looked like.

Navajo Code Talkers on Bougainville, USMC official photo. [Photograph]. (2008). Navajo Code Talkers: World War II History & Facts.

[https://www.californiaindianeducation.org/native\\_american\\_veterans/navajo\\_code\\_talkers.html](https://www.californiaindianeducation.org/native_american_veterans/navajo_code_talkers.html)

This image showed us the Navajo and where they were at. As well as what weapons they used.

Native American Code Talkers of World War I. 2021.

<https://www.gettyimages.com/detail/news-photo/photo-of-the-members-of-the-world-war-i-choctaw-telephone-news-photo/112931873>

Choctaw telephone squad pic

This photo showed us what the Telegraph looked like along with some of its features. It also showed the Navajo Code Talkers working the machine.

(n.d.). Retrieved January 07, 2021, from

<https://www.loc.gov/search/?in=&q=Navajo%2Bcode%2Btalkers&new=true&mp;st=>

This website mainly focused on the battle at Iwo Jima. They talked about how they transmitted 800 error-free messages.

Office of the Arizona Governor. (2020, August 14). Governor Ducey Recognizes Navajo Code Talkers Day. Retrieved January 07, 2021, from <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/08/governor-ducey-recognizes-navajo-code-talkers-day>

This website talked generally about the war at Iwo Jima. It also informed us about the surviving Navajos today.

Office of the Director of National Intelligence, & Admin. (n.d.). We are. Retrieved December 21, 2020, from <https://www.intel.gov/>

This website taught us how the code was made. It also taught us how fast the code talkers translated the code. We also thought it was interesting that the code still remained unbroken after the war.

"Semper Fidelis, Code Talkers". (n.d.). Retrieved January 07, 2021, from [https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2001/winter/navajo-code-talkers.html?\\_ga=2.145587255.28365700.1604085324-1801](https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2001/winter/navajo-code-talkers.html?_ga=2.145587255.28365700.1604085324-1801)

The website here taught us who created the code and how they were honored. This website also talked about recruitment and how the code talker program grew.

The Code That Couldn't Be Broken. 2021.

<https://junior.scholastic.com/issues/2017-18/012918/the-code-that-couldn-t-be-broken.html>

This image showed what the men were doing during combat. It also told us that Code talkers worked in teams of two—one to handle the radio and the other to do the coding.

The last of the Navajo Code Talkers. (n.d.). Retrieved January 07, 2021, from <https://www.knau.org/post/last-navajo-code-talkers>

This website taught us how important the recognition was and why it was needed. Also it talked about how Chester Nez was recruited years later to create another code.

Young Navajo Code Talkers on One of the Japanese-Held Islands. Santa Fe New Mexican .

[https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local\\_news/trail-dust-recognition-came-slowly-to-navajo-code-talkers/article\\_0f4528e1-99f0-5dbe-9190-8070aad37f16.html](https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local_news/trail-dust-recognition-came-slowly-to-navajo-code-talkers/article_0f4528e1-99f0-5dbe-9190-8070aad37f16.html)

This picture showed us which of the Navajo code talkers participated in the war. It also showed us what they looked like.