

12

HORSE THIEVES SLAIN

Oct 27/77

758 William Outlaws

Four Brave Knights of the Saddle Have Gone to Rest;

Today we received a correct report of the horse thief killing below Fort Elliott. It will be remembered that some time ago we published an item stating that Capt. Davis had captured five horse thieves south of Fort Elliott. This was correct, and among the five were Chummy Jones and Charley Morrow. Capt. Davis took the prisoners to Fort Sill, but the commanding officer at that post refused, for some reason, to receive Chummy Jones and Charley Morrow. Accordingly Capt. Davis and his men started to take them to Fort Elliott. After they had been gone for some time they returned to Fort Sill and told the authorities there that the two prisoners had escaped from them, but added that they didn't believe they would ever steal any more horses." Capt. Davis then started for Fort Elliott again. After he had started a scouting party was sent out and soon returned with the information that they had found Chummy Jones and Charley Morrow hanging to a tree, and that they were both as dead as mackrels. Hoping that the Lord will have mercy on their souls, we leave them and follow Capt. Davis. He has now arrived within about thirty miles of Fort Elliott. The ambulance with a driver and a Sergeant riding within, was some distance ahead of the Captain and the balance of his men when the tragedy we are about to relate occurred. The ambulance had passed a buffalo hunter's tent, and the Captain was about opposite it when a man stepped to the door with a gun and said, "Get away from here, you sons of bitches," and commenced firing. His first ball grazed the Captain's body, and the next one shot his horse from under him. The soldiers then commenced firing at the man in his tent, and he was soon riddled with bullets. As soon as the ambulance driver heard the firing he wheeled his vehicle around, and as soon as he did so he received his death wound from another man who was hidden in the brush near the tent. The hidden shooter shot again and killed both the mules hitched to the ambulance. The Sergeant who was in the ambulance made a n