

MACE

What we gonna do Sarge?

GOLDSBY

Well, I'm from Selma, Alabama...only way you can buck these kinda jokers is to face um down. Man to man. I'm sick and tired of lettin' white folks shoot n' kill us up like we a bunch a wild turkeys. We keep on taking this, ain't gone be none of us left, am I RIGHT!

(The SOLDIERS stand there silent, agreeing.)

GOLDSBY

We have got to command some parts of respect!

SOLDIERS

You right sarge, you right!

GOLDSBY

They needs to be taught a lesson...

(GOLDSBY goes to the weapons case and tosses a rifle to each man.)

GOLDSBY

If you is men...COME ON!

(Black out GOLDSBY and SOLDIERS.)

WARD

They went to that saloon and shot it full of holes! Ya hear different thangs but most say they killed one Texan and wounded two others while Private John L. Brown was killed and one other was wounded. Some accounts say it was a massacre and as many as thirty-five died in that saloon. Tell ya what I do know. What I do know. Them Texas Rangers came to arrest the troopers. They wanted Sergeant Goldsby for allowing the troops to get their carbines. Col. Grierson challenged their authority on a federal post.

(Lights up, GOLDSBY, MACE and BROWN.)