

BALDWIN, EPHRIAM CHAMBERLAIN

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BALDWIN, EPHRIAM CHAMBERLAIN, born in New York, November 11, 1835; married, Mrs. Mary W. Coffelt at Hailey, Blaine County, Idaho, September 29, 1895, from whom he was divorced at that place on July 7, 1898.

The Sacramento Union of September 9, 1861, reported that "Captain William Singer and 2d. Lieutenant E. C. Baldwin passed through Sacramento with the Yuba Cavalry Company enroute to San Francisco to be mustered into service. They arrived on board the steamer Cleopatra and left on the Antelope. The Company numbered about 100;" mustered in, age 25, at San Francisco, September 16, 1861, to serve 3 years as 2d. Lieutenant, Company D, 1st. California Cavalry.

Went with the Company to southern California and arrived at Fort Yuma in March, 1862; left there with a detachment from the Company in the advance guard of the California Column under the command of Captain William P. Calloway; at Picacho Pass on April 15, Lieutenant James Barrett, who had under him a detachment from Company A, of the same Regiment, encountered a Confederate outpost and was killed; two of Lieutenant Baldwin's men from Company D, were with Lieutenant Barrett at the time; Private Peter Glann was severely wounded in the elbow and Private William S. Leonard died the next morning from a neck wound; Tucson was first occupied by the California Volunteers on May 21, and the next day he received the following order from Lieutenant Colonel J. R. West:

With ten men of Company B, First Cavalry California Volunteers, and the Scout (Pauline) Weaver, 4 days' rations for your men, a pack-mule, and such forage as you can carry, take

the road for Fort Barrett via the Canãda del Oro. Then endeavor on the following day to open a wagon road out-off to Cottonwood Springs.

If you do not succeed in this go around by Fort Breckinridge, spin out your rations, and go through to Fort Barrett. Be on the alert for Apaches; keep your men together and close by their horses at night. If you succeed in opening this road you will render a very essential service. Report to the commanding officer at Fort Barrett.

They evidently failed to find a satisfactory way to shorten the route between Canãda del Oro and the Pima Villages since troop movements thereafter from the Gila River to Tucson were via Picacho Pass; he and his detachment left Tucson on June 21, 1862, in the advance guard of 140 men under Lieutenant Colonel E. E. Eyre, which occupied Fort Thorn on the Rio Grande on July 5; on July 9 he went with Captain Howland, 3d. U.S. Cavalry, and 40 men to the relief of Captain William McCleave who was under attack by Indians while enroute to Fort Craig with two wagons and an escort for supplies; stationed on the Rio Grande, principally at Fort Craig during 1862-63.

He and Captain N. J. Pishon left Fort Wingate, N.M. on November 7, 1863, with 30 enlisted men of the Company as a part of the force under Lieutenant Colonel E. B. Willis which went across northern Arizona to establish Fort Whipple on December 23; listed there in April, 1864, when the Territorial Census was taken, age 28, occupation - Soldier, resident in Arizona 2 years; on April 30 he was at Navajo Springs, enroute to New Mexico but returned to Arizona as stated in a report by Major Willis, dated at Fort Whipple, May 27, 1864;

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Lieutenant Baldwin with the first detachment of the train of subsistence stores, arrived today. The others will arrive, respectively, tomorrow and next day; also a large citizen train and a number of Colorado emigrants. I hear also of several parties from La Paz, or rather California. Emigrants are arriving now about as fast as they can be subsisted, although provisions are becoming somewhat more plenty of late. The population in the mining districts must be over 1,500 now, exclusive of the troops.

He had been promoted to 1st. Lieutenant on May 4, 1864, and went back to New Mexico in July where he was mustered in at Santa Fe on August 29 and transferred to Company B, because of a re-organization of the Regiment; Company B left Fort Stanton on November 8 as a part of an expedition consisting of 334 soldiers and 75 Ute Indians under Colonel Christopher Carson which, on November 25, attacked a Kiowa Indian Village at Adobe Walls on the Canadian River in Texas; the fight lasted all day and about 60 Indians were killed or wounded; in November and December, 1865, the Company traveled over 1,000 miles on scouts after the Mescalero Apaches in the White and Sacramento Mountains.

All of the Companies of the 1st. California Cavalry were ordered to assemble at Bairds Ranch, near Albuquerque, in September, 1866, to be mustered out of military service; the enlisted men who deserved to be mustered out in California were consolidated into a Company to which he was attached that left the Rio Grande on October 15, arrived at Drum Barracks, California, on December 24, and thence by the steamer Orizaba to San Francisco where he was honorably discharged on December 31, 1866, ending a military service of over 5 years.

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Some time later he went to Hailey, Blaine County, Idaho, where he established an undertaking business; he was living there when elected a Companion, California Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, on February 26, 1890; because of paralysis from the waist down, his pension was increased in 1898 from \$15 to \$35 per month by a special Act of Congress.

Died at Stockton, San Joaquin, County, California, December 28, 1900, aged 65; buried, Rural Cemetery, near Stockton; an obituary in the Stockton Evening Mail stated that:

The deceased was a member of a Dakota Post, G.A.R. In compliance with his last request, he was buried without clergy, only the Grand Army Service being read over his grave, he having stated that, that was all he wanted.

Mrs. Logan of San Francisco, a sister of the deceased, was present at the funeral, and she thanked the eleven members of the local post for their kindness in attending to her brother's obsequies.

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