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Christopher G. Dodson served in Texas from 1865 and is described as captain in colonel Phil Herbert's Arizona Regiment, Taylor's Division. The records of that regiment, however, do not bear his name as they are very incomplete.

In May, 1864 he was reported present as captain of Guides and Gourriers on a Return of Expeditionary Forces, C.S.A. stationed at Ringgold Barracks, Texas.

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