

## ALENSON BENTLEY

The records show that one Alonzo J. Bentley, aged 32 years, born in Kentucky, enlisted 24 August 1857 in San Francisco, California and deserted 23 January 1858 as a private of Company H, 1st Dragoons and deserted 23 January 1858 as a private of Company H, 1st Dragoons He was tried by a general court-martial 23 May 1859, found guilty of repeated desertion and highly unsoldierlike conduct, and was sentenced to "receive fifty lashes on his bare back well laid on with a raw hide, to be branded with the letter "D", two inches long, one and one half inches broad; to be confined until January 1st, 1862 at hard labor strongly ironed; and then have his head shaved and be drummed out of service, forfeiting all pay and allowances that are now due or may become due except \$51.75 due Mrs. Brevort, late sutler and \$2.00 due Mrs. Alworm, Laundress. " The sentence was approved by Colonel B. L. E. Bonneville. It was directed that he be sent to Fort Defiance. He was turned over to the Commanding Officer of Fort Fillmore and deserted from that post 10 August 1859. No later record found. The name is also shown as Alanson Bentley.