

LEDYARD, EBENEZER C.

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LEDYARD, EBENEZER C., born in New London, Connecticut, about 1827; son of Ebenezer C. and Maria (Jons) Lideparr Ledyard; married Juana Amaya at Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico, on June 28, 1870; children, Ignacio and Virginia (Mrs. Aguirre).

Enlisted, age 19, at New Orleans, Louisiana, December 26, 1846, to serve during the war with Mexico as Private, Captain Theodore Lewis's Company K, Colonel De Russey's 1st Louisiana Infantry; went with the Regiment to occupy Tampico, Mexico, and participated in the combat at Calabasa River, July 12, 1847; elected 2nd. Lieutenant, Company B, same Regiment, December 24, 1847, honorably discharged when the Company was mustered out at New Orleans, July 6, 1848.

Conditionally mustered in, February 8, as 2nd Lieutenant for the purpose of recruiting; occupation when mustered. Farmer; commissioned as Captain, Company A. 1st California Cavalry, at San Francisco, March 9, 1865; went with the Company to Drum Barracks in Southern California in April, remained there until July, and then marched to Fort Whipple, A. T., arriving August 13; engaged in scouting against hostile Apaches on the Verde River and elsewhere in Northern Arizona; was at Sacaton in Southern Arizona with his Company on July 19, 1865; by direction of Brigadier General Mason he went with 30 men on a reconnaissance tour from Prescott eastward toward the White Mountains but the results were disappointing as stated by George W. Leihy in a letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs dated January 16, 1866:

Captain Ledyard left on the 1st of November, 1865, taking 35 days rations expecting to return by the 1st of December. No tidings were received from him till the 20th of December when he was reported with his command at Fort McDowell, having suffered greatly from want of provisions, subsisting for 11 days on horse and mule flesh. Being unsuccessful in meeting any Indians the Captain and his men returned on the 30th of December to Prescott.

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In March, 1866, the Company was ordered back to California to be mustered out and he was honorably discharged with his men at San Francisco on May 22, of that year; afterwards he went to Mexico where he was stricken with tuberculosis and came to Tucson "to obtain medical attendance and could not have lived but a short time, being a mere skeleton"; the following entry in the diary of George O. Hand for July 11, 1878, records his death:

Ledyard shot and killed himself this morning. He has been having bum luck for a long time and tired of living.

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In order to make a complete record please copy the reminiscences of "G.C." to which Albert F. Banta took exception in the Enterprise of May 19, 1892, 2:4 in a communication headed "To Correct History".

The "G.C." communication was probably printed in April, 1892.