

MAYNARD, JESSE THOMPSON, born at Keene, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, April 18, 1831; son of Asa and Rhode (Thompson) Maynard; married Maria Harvey at Jackson, Mississippi, February 4, 1865; children, E. Ernest, Jesse Lord, George William, Hattie Henning and Therese (Mrs. Alex. T. Gorham).

Enlisted at San Francisco, September 16, 1861, to serve 3 years as Private in Captain J. C. Greemy's Company B, 2d California Cavalry; stationed at Camp Alert in San Francisco until January, 1862; went with the Company to Camp Drum, Wilmington, California, and marched from there via Fort Yuma to Tucson, left Tucson on July 10th in a detachment commanded by Captain T. L. Roberts detailed to escort a wagon train which was attacked on July 15th by Indians at Apache Pass.

The following is from Captain Greemy's report written at Apache Pass on July 16, 1862:

"On the 15th instant, while en route from Dragoon Spring to this place with a force of about fifty-four men in charge of the Government train of twenty-one wagons, under the care of Mr. Jesse R. Allen, wagon-master, and about 7:30 o'clock in the evening, when fourteen miles distant from the station in Apache Pass, I was met by Sergeant Mitchell of Company B, Second Cavalry California Volunteers, who informed me that you had been attacked by the Apaches in Apache Pass about noon of that day and that after a sharp conflict you had routed the savages. . . . I regret to report the loss of 3 horses, 1 saddle, 1 bridle and saddle blanket, 1 nosebag, 1 currycomb and brush, 1 carbine sling, 1 haversack, and 1 pair of spurs, the horses being killed and the articles above specified being captured by the Apaches, who waylaid Sergeant Mitchell and his small party on their way back from the pass to the train. I am also pained to report that Private Jesse T. Maynard, of the same party, was severely wounded by a musket shot through the right forearm, near

the elbow, The following verbal report of the attack on Sergeant Mitchell's party has been made to me by him: He states that in obedience to your order he left Apache Pass on the afternoon of the 15th instant, after you had routed the savages, accompanied by Privates Maynard, King, Young, Keim, and Teal, of Company B, Second Cavalry California Volunteers, and then, when about four miles to the westward of the canyon, on his way to rejoin the train, his party was waylaid and attacked by about forty Apaches, who were in ambush among some mesquite trees and rocks between two swells of land. The horses of Privates Maynard and Keim were shot, and Maynard wounded by the fire."

Reported sick in hospital at Mesilla, N.M., August 31; promoted Commissary Sergeant October 24; honorably discharged for disability at Santa Fe, N.M., December 19, 1862.

Resided for a time at Fort Union, N.M., and then went to Mississippi; became Route Agent for the Southern Express Company at Clarksville, Tennessee, and was one of its most reliable and efficient employees at Humboldt and Memphis; died at Memphis, Tennessee, August 9, 1881, aged 50.

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