

SEMMEYROGGE, WILLIAM

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SEMMEYROGGE, WILLIAM, born in Hanover, Germany, March 8, 1831; married Mrs. Charlotte (Middlegger) Potthoff Lagerhausen, widow of a Confederate soldier, at Galveston, Texas, February 4, 1869; children, Rudolph, Theodore, Henrietta (Mrs. Edward Lafayette) and Lydia C. (Mrs. Oren E. Evans).

Enrolled, age 30, August 12 and mustered in at San Francisco, August 16, 1861, to serve 3 years in Captain William McCleave's Company A, 1st California Cavalry; occupation when enlisted - Laborer; stationed at Camp Merchant (Oakland) and then went with the Company to Camp Carleton, near San Bernardino in October; on detached service guarding prisoners to Fort Yuma in December; the Company left Camp Carleton March 1, 1862 and 16 days later arrived at the Stanwix ranch and stage station, about 95 miles east of Yuma; the record of events on the Company muster roll for March contains a notation that "Private Semmelrogge, on patrol, wounded March 29, 1862, six miles above Stanwix Ranch on the Gila River, A.T."; the record also shows that he arrived at Fort Yuma on April 2 to be hospitalized.

The following is taken from a report sent from Fort Yuma on April 2, 1862, by Major Edwin A. Rigg, 1st California Infantry, to Colonel James H. Carleton, at Los Angeles:

I have just received information that the pickets at Gila Bend had been driven in by a party of Hunter's command and one of Captain McCleave's men shot in the shoulder, a flesh wound only. Captain Pishon made chase but could not come up with them. In all probability they (the Confederates) have destroyed all the hay (at the Stage Stations) between the Pima's and Grinnell's.

He recovered from the first wound received by a Federal soldier in Arizona during the Civil War and returned to duty with the Company at Tucson in June; the Company went on the Rio Grande in August and thereafter was

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actively engaged in campaigns against the Apache Indians in New Mexico; he was promoted to Corporal at Las Cruces, N.M. on October 31, 1863, and honorably discharged when the Company was mustered out at that place on August 31, 1864; died by drowning at Galveston, Texas, June 22, 1887, aged 56; buried, Old City Cemetery, Galveston.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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