

recruited for Co. E, at Springfield, Mass., April and May, 1855. In command of 250 recruits he was sent to Fort Leavenworth, July, 1855. He was attached to the Sioux expedition, under Gen. Harney, his company being mounted on ponies, 1855 and 1856. He had command of a company in the battle of Ash Hollow, with Sioux, Sept. 5th, 1855, and commanded troops in the fight with Cheyenne Indians at Platte Bridge, Neb., Apr. 19, 1856; was with a company exploring the country from Fort Laramie to Fort Snelling, Minn., in the fall of 1856. He commanded a company on the expedition against In-ka-pa-du-ku's band of Sioux, January, 1857. Then he was employed in protecting the settlers against Indians during the balance of the winter. On the expedition to Utah from 1857 to spring of 1861, he was under Gen. Johnson. Next he was in command of troops on abandoning Salt Lake Valley in 1861, and marched with a column to Fort Leavenworth, thence by rail to Washington, arriving in October, 1861. After that he was assigned to duty in Washington in command of a regiment, Feb. 5th, 1862, and was on duty as Inspector of Volunteers, being colonel of 30th Massachusetts. In the month of February he accompanied Gen. Butler to Fortress Monroe, Va., and, embarking on the steamship "Mississippi," was assigned to the command of all the troops on board — some 1600 men. He joined a volunteer regiment,—the 30th Massachusetts—at Ship Island early in March, and had command of transports with troops on the

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Regiment, by the President, I found this notice of him in a Boston newspaper and saved it for future reference:

MAJ. NATLAN A. M. DUDLEY.—It is with no ordinary degree of pleasure that we notice among the appointments of the President that of Col. Dudley of Roxbury to the first lieutenancy of the Light Infantry Regiment. Col. Dudley will do honor to the station; a more gallant soldier never rallied beneath the stars and stripes, a more honest citizen never trod the soil of Columbia, a worthier man could not have been found; he combines the bravery, gallantry and manliness of the soldier with all the generous liberality of the man; he is a model in peace, a patriot in war. We remember when the Massachusetts regiment of volunteers were in rags and he clothed them, trusting to fortune for his remuneration. We looked upon him with pride when we saw that band in tidy array, when we saw in him the author of their comfort, and when we heard of his appointment our heart responded a hearty and sincere Amen to his commission.

Beloved by all who knew him Col. Dudley was a private in the Boston Light Dragoons at the commencement of that corps; he is such now, and, being thus honored in person he reflects honor upon this admirable corps from which he is singled for marked distinction. While this compliments the Boston Light Dragoons in a peculiar manner, it robs them of one who holds in their esteem a place not easily attained and from which no evil can remove him. The worthy colonel is appreciated by all who enjoy the pleasure of his acquaintance; he is now in a position of commanding eminence, and if every heart, beating under the uniform of Uncle Sam, be as honest, as brave and as true as his, we have no fear for our success, for if "the God of battles" protects not such worth we mistake his justice.