

George Emerson Albee

Born

27 January 1845, Lisbon, Grafton County, New Hampshire

Conflict and Branch

Indian Campaigns – 41st U.S. Army Infantry

Brazos River, Texas

Entered Service

Steele County, Owatonna, Minnesota

Years of service 1862, 1863-1878



Death

24 March 1918, Laurel, Prince George's County, Maryland

Early Years

George Emerson Albee was born the first child to Maria S. (Gould) and Otis A. Albee, the 27 January 1845 in Grafton County, Lisbon, New Hampshire. Eventually the family moved to Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin where the family settled on a farm. By 1860 the family had grown to an additional three children, Mary K., age 5, Francis, age 2 and Ellen G., age 2 monthsⁱ.

During Georges' military service he married Mary Elizabeth (Hawes) on 11 July 1872 and to them were born two daughters, Mab Corbin Albee, born 1873 at Fort Brown, Cameron, Texasⁱⁱ and Maria Hawes Albee, born 1883. Baraboo, Sauk County, Wisconsinⁱⁱⁱ.

War Years

George Albee. Age 17, enlisted in Company G (Wisconsin), Berdan's Sharpshooters in June 25, 1862. After two months in the field he was wounded at the Second Battle of Bull Run (August 29). He was with a group that crossed an open field under a heavy fire, and took position in a small ditch, where they went to work as sharpshooters. This encounter took the life of two and wounded seven^{iv}. Soon afterwards, Albee was discharged for disability while convalescing. In 1863 he enlisted again as an artilleryman in the 3rd Wisconsin Light Artillery but was discharged to accept a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the 36th Wisconsin Infantry; he was later promoted to 1st Lieutenant.

After the Civil War, Albee served as 2nd Lieutenant in the 36th U.S. Colored Infantry (1866), 2nd Lieutenant 41st U.S. Infantry (1866–1869), 1st Lieutenant 41th U.S. Infantry (1869-1878)^v



In Texas on October 28, 1869 while serving with the 41st United States Infantry Regiment, in which he led a wild charge with only two men against a war party of eleven and drove them off a vital hill territory^{vi}

Albee was awarded the Medal of Honor in January 18, 1894 for his actions in Brazos River.



Post War Years

He retired from the US Army in 1878, and later became Captain of the "National Blues" Company D 2nd Regiment Connecticut National Guard in 1891. Shortly thereafter, Albee was promoted to Major and Brigade Inspector of Rifle Practice of the Connecticut National Guard.

After the war, he attained a national reputation as an expert marksman among American rifleman as the winner of the rapid and accuracy contests. He said, "Any success I have had in the profession of arms is due to the fact that I was properly started in Company G, 1st United States Sharpshooters."^{vii}

With his lifelong interest and expertise, George pursued a career in firearms and their development. He was employed by Winchester Repeating Arms Co. of New Haven, CT. in developing the Hotchkiss rifle and became a company exhibition shooter. In an addition, Mr. Albee is known to have received at least two patents pertaining to a magazine for a pump action rifle and the other for a sight of which accompanies the Volcanic Arms no.2 Navy lever action pistol^{viii}.

By 1900, the family had moved to New Haven, CT, living on Harvard Avenue and the youngest daughter, Maria, remained at home. Daughter, Mab is married and living in Killingly, CT.^{ix}

On January 6, 1907, George's wife, Mary died. He then married Fredericka Strong June 20, 1910^x and they resided in Maryland.

George E. Albee died March 24, 1918 in Laurel, Prince George Co., Maryland and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Plot: Section 2, Site 850ES.



The Library of Virginia, Richmond, VA contains: the 1864 Diary, of George E. Albee (1845–1918), while serving with the 3rd Wisconsin Light Artillery and the 36th Wisconsin Infantry, Company F. Topics include camp life, troop movements, a list of soldiers in his company, the Battle of Cold Harbor, the Siege of Petersburg, the Battle of Ream's Station, his

imprisonment at Libby Prison in Richmond, and his exchange and return to Madison, Wisconsin, after visiting family members in New Hampshire. Also included is a pass dated 22 January 1864^{xi}.

Below is the photo of Albee's diary cover.



Photos George E. Albee: page 1- https://www.fold3.com/page/634115107_george_e_albee/about/
Photos of Indian War Medal and Medal of Honor: <http://jamesdjulia.com/item/lot-1220-rare-volcanic-arms-no2-navy-lever-action-pistol-with-history-to-indian-wars-medal-of-honor-winner-george-e-albee-46815/>"

Grave Marker: <http://arlingtoncemetery.net/gealbee.htm> " photo courtesy of M.R. Patterson
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References

ⁱ United State Census 1860

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ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.geni.com/people/Maria-Uhl/6000000024322717420>

^{iv} <http://www.secondwi.com/wisconsinregiments/Berdans%20Co.%20G.htm>

^v The Story of American Heroism: Thrilling Narratives of Personal Adventures by Lew Wallace, Pub. St.Louis, Riverside Pub., 1897, page 749-750

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^{xi} <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/Civil-War/Soldiers.htm> and photo of Albee's Diary cover