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PVT CHIQUITO & MEDAL OF HONOR, 1875

A Research Note

Concise information on Private Chiquito's award appears in the below-cited register, identifying him as an Indian Scout, with birth and place of entry into service unknown. His Medal of Honor was issued on 12 Apr 1875 for "gallant conduct during campaigns and engagements with Apaches" during winter 1872-73. 23 others received the medal during the same winter campaign, including 9 other Indian Scouts. See:

U.S. Dept of Army. The Medal of Honor of the United States Army. Wash, DC: GPO, 1948.
pp. 218-19. E181.U64.

The medals were presented to the Indian Scouts at Ft. Bowie, Arizona Territory, according to:

Schott, Joseph L. Above and Beyond: The Story of the Congressional Medal of Honor. NY: Putnam's, 1963. p. 49. UB433.S3.

Chiquito, a headman of the Coyotero band of Sierra Blanco Apaches, was among those scouts recruited by C.E. Cooley, Nov 1872, at Camp Apache. Gen George Crook's winter campaign, 1872-73, against Apache bands in the Salt River area and Tonto basin is described in the following sources:

Bourke, John G. On the Border with Crook. Lincoln, NE: U NE, 1971 reprint of 1891 edition. 491 p.
E83.866.B782.

Mason, Joyce E. "The Use of Indian Scouts in the Apaches Wars, 1870-1896." PhD dss, IN U, 1970.
Chap 11, especially pp. 43-59. E83.866.M368.

Thrapp, Dan L. Al Sieber: Chief of Scouts. Norman, OK: U OK, 1964. pp. 106-16. F811.S5.T5.

Wharfield, H.B. Alchesay: Scout with General Crook.... Pamphlet, 1969. 53 p. E90.A38.W45.

_____. Cooley: Army Scout.... Pamphlet, 1966. pp. 16 & 39-44. F811.C77.W5.

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The Crook-Kennon Papers (Arch) including General Order 14, Dept of Arizona, dated 9 Apr 1873 (Scrapbook of Mrs. George Crook, 1871-78). The four-page document contains names of individuals cited for extraordinary performance. In one list, 42 soldiers, guides, scouts and others are praised "for good conduct during the difficult campaigns and engagements." Chiquito's name is included.