Captain Ernest Pommerelle

Born on the 1st April 1832 in SEDAN (Ardennes) - Died 10th January 1871.

Son of Jean François et d'Élisabeth MOREAUX

Buried in Bretoncelles cemetery

Entered service 18th July 1849 as a soldier of the 3rd Regiment in the Infantry of the Line.

Sub-lieutenant of the Infanterie de la Marine the 24th February 1860.

Lieutenant on 27th December 1862.

1st January 1863 joins 3rd RIMA, 9th company.

1st January 1864 joins 4th RIMA, 2nd company.

Captain 9th March 1867.

1st January 1869 joins 2nd RIMA, 32nd company in BREST.

Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur on 29th November 1870.

He died as a result of injuries received in the Ambulance of BRETONCELLES.

“Mention should be made of Captain Pommerelle, marines officer who excelled in all the colonial wars of the time. In 1870 he commanded a company of the 3rd regiment of the marines at Bazeilles when, wounded in the legs, he escaped capture passing through Belgium and reaching Cherbourg where he received treatment. Barely recovered he obtained the command of the 10th battalion of the marines. He arrived by rail at Condé sur Huisne and fought at Bretoncelles. After many hours of combat Pommerelle was once again wounded in the legs. He had to be amputated and died as a result of his injuries on 10th January 1871”.

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