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Garza joined the 6th Texas infantry as 2nd lieutenant of Company K on March 31, 1862, at San Antonio, Texas. Garza, along with the remnants of at least seven Texas units that escaped capture at Arkansas Post, were organized into the 17th Consolidated Texas Cavalry (dismounted). 1st lieutenant Garza was mortally wounded above the knee on April 8, 1864, at the Battle of Mansfield, Louisiana.