

History of the Contra Costa Guard, California Militia 1863-1866

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Minnesota Guard, Company C, First Division, Fourth Brigade
 Reference: Dead Office File, Row 6, File 3
 Location: Minnesota City, Blaine County

CONTRA COSTA GUARD

Contra Costa Guard, Company G, First Cavalry Regiment, Second Brigade
 Reference: Dead Office File, Row 7, File 5
 Location: San Pablo, Contra Costa County
 Mustered in October 10, 1863
 Mustered out August 4, 1866

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
G. H. Nagle, Captain	Oct. 10, 1863	Nov. 12, 1863
Adam Hagy, First Lieut.	Oct. 10, 1863	Nov. 12, 1863
M. S. Grover, Captain	Aug. 20, 1864	Sept. 9, 1864
W. S. McLean, First Lieut.	Aug. 20, 1864	Sept. 9, 1864
Jacob W. Tewksbury, Captain	Jan. 17, 1865	Jan. 30, 1865
Lewis D. Reynolds, First Lieut.	Jan. 17, 1865	Jan. 30, 1865

Activities:

The Contra Costa Guard, Company G, San Pablo, Contra Costa County, was organized as a volunteer cavalry unit, October 10, 1863. The commanding officers elected were: G. H. Nagle, Captain and A. Hagy, First Lieutenant. Requisition of arms and a Bond for \$3,000 was approved and filed March 18, 1864, but it was not until September of that year the corps received the cavalry arms, pistols and accoutrements.

During the War of the Rebellion numerous companies were organized in San Francisco for home protection and, as many of the units had volunteered their services for the War, it was necessary to fill these existing vacancies in order to keep the militia up to the required strength. After the War, the State Legislature materially reduced the military force by the enactment of the Military Law of 1866. The Contra Costa Guard, although efficient and well officered, was considered unnecessary for defense purposes by the Board of Location and Organization and were, therefore, mustered out in accordance with the first section of the Law August 4, 1866.