

History of the Eureka Guard (San Francisco), California Militia/National Guard of California 1865-1869

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EUREKA GUARD

Eureka Guard, Company I, First Artillery Regiment, Second Brigade

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 7, File 3

Location: San Francisco, San Francisco County

Mustered in January 24, 1865

Mustered out July 19, 1869

<u>Commanding Officers</u>			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>		<u>Commission</u>
Columbus Sims, Captain (Resigned 1865)	Jan. 24, 1865		Mar. 11, 1865
Robert G. Gilmore, Captain	April 25, 1865		May 2, 1865
James T. Wallace, First Lieut.	Jan. 24, 1865		May 2, 1865
Andrew J. Schrader, Captain (Resigned Oct. 12, 1866)	Jan. 9, 1866		Jan. 20, 1866
F. B. Harrington, Captain (Resigned Mar. 5, 1868)	Oct. 16, 1866		Oct. 23, 1866
Robert A. Marden, First Lieut.	Jan. 9, 1866		Jan. 20, 1866
John McKinnon, First Lieut. (Resigned Jan. 7, 1868)	Jan. 8, 1867		Jan. 23, 1867
George W. Birdsell, Captain	May 5, 1868		June 9, 1868
Frank Grady, First Lieut.	Jan. 7, 1868		Mar. 27, 1868

Activities:

The Eureka Guard was organized as an artillery company with a membership of fifty-nine men, at a meeting held in the St. James Hall, San Francisco, January 24, 1865. Their commanding officers were elected at the same meeting, namely Columbus Sims, Captain, and Wallace F. James, First Lieutenant. On October 16, 1866, a Bond for \$4000.00 was filed with the Adjutant General's Office, and on October nineteenth, of that year, the company received eighty stand of rifles, eighty uniforms, and the necessary accoutrements. The uniforms that were sent to the company proved to be too small as a few days subsequent to their arrival Colonel J. W. McKenzie communicated October twenty-third by letter, and informed the General that the members of this company ranged from five feet eight inches to six feet five inches and would require uniforms in larger sizes.

Under the Military Law of 1866, the Eureka Guard was reorganized as Company G, Second Infantry Regiment, Second Brigade. Aside from drills and parades on annual and special occasions, there were no further activities recorded regarding this unit.

The efficiency of this company fell below the standard required by the Military Law of 1866, and upon the recommendation made by Brigadier-General John Hewston Jr., commanding the Second Brigade, the Eureka Guard was disbanded and mustered out of the service of the State July 19, 1867.