

History of the Eureka Rangers, California Militia 1864-1866

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Tuolumne Guard, Unattached, Third Brigade
 Reference: Dead Office File, Row 6, File 2
 Location: Columbia, Tuolumne County
 Mustered in July 4, 1865
 Mustered out June 15, 1866

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Federal Guard, unattached, Second Brigade
 Reference: Dead Office File, Row 5, File 2
 Location: San Francisco, San Francisco County
 Mustered in August 19, 1865
 Mustered out _____ 1866

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Joseph Stewart, Captain	Aug. 19, 1865	Sept. 25, 1865
William Dutton, First Lieut.	Aug. 19, 1865	Sept. 25, 1865

Activities:

This unit was mustered into the service of the State Militia August 19, 1865, during the War of the Rebellion, with a membership of forty-eight, including officers. The company was organized to provide protection for the citizens against Secessionists, and to be prepared to resist an invasion should the necessity arise. Captain Joseph Stewart and First Lieutenant William Dutton were elected as commanding officers.

The company entertained little enthusiasm and it was difficult to get enough men to enroll to form the unit. Even then the members were so demoralized according to the report of the General in command, that he could not procure a muster out roll for the company.*

This unit took part in a few drills and parades, but never received any arms or equipment. The company was disbanded and mustered out of the State service in 1866, under the new Military Law, which was an economy measure enacted by the Legislature to decrease the then existing military force to eighty companies in all, including sixty-four Infantry, twelve Cavalry, and four Artillery companies.

*Historical Record, Second Brigade 1861-1868, page 345. Adjutant General's Office.