

Grant Guard (Tuolumne County), California Militia 1863-1866

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GRANT GUARD

Jackson Guard, Fourth Brigade

Grant Guard, Company G, Third Brigade.

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 5, File 6.

Location: Shaw's Flat, Tuolumne County.

Mustered in October 26, 1863

Mustered out July 10, 1866.

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
M. A. Thompson, Captain	Oct. 26, 1863	Nov. 7, 1863
George Collingwood, First Lieut.	Oct. 26, 1863	Nov. 7, 1863
F. R. Miller, Captain	Oct. 31, 1864	Dec. 17, 1864
A. B. Sisson, First Lieut.	Oct. 31, 1864	Dec. 17, 1864
Nathaniel Milner, Captain	Oct. 26, 1865	Jan. 3, 1866
Alexander Marge, First Lieut.	Oct. 26, 1865	Jan. 3, 1866

Activities:

A group of citizens, residents of Shaw's Flat, Tuolumne County, made their application to County Judge Martin, requesting him to appoint some suitable person to supervise the meeting to form a volunteer military company. Judge Martin recommended F. K. Miller as inspector. On October 26, 1863, the volunteer military unit was organized and became known as the Grant Guard, Company G, under the command of Captain Thompson.

During the War of the Rebellion, Tuolumne County was the center of a strong Secessionist Group. It is assumed that the Grant Guard was formed for the protection of loyal Union citizens in Shaw's Flat against any attacks made by non-Union sympathizers. The presence of the well drilled Grant Guard must have prevented rioting, for although many public mass meetings and torchlight parades were held, no serious trouble ever occurred in Tuolumne County. With the close of the Civil War in 1865 it was decided to keep in service only the Tuolumne County companies located in Sonora, Columbia and Montezuma. Upon the recommendation of Adjutant General George S. Evans, the Grant Guard was mustered out of the service of the State of California, July 10, 1866.