

**History of the Howell Zouaves,
California Militia/National Guard of
California
1865-1868 and 1870-1872**

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HOWELL ZOUAVES (Continued)

Activities: (Continued)

Howell Zouaves, Unattached, Fourth Brigade

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 3, File 4. -General. After

Location: Grass Valley, Nevada County days of this gathering,

Mustered in July 27, 1865: June 3, 1870 of the Grass

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Lieutenant. On September 4, 1865, a requisition for arms and

supplies was forwarded to the Adjutant General's Office and a

factory bond was furnished to the Adjutant General's Office and a

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
James H. Stebbins, Captain	July 27, 1865	Aug. 7, 1865
Joseph Hollywood, First Lieut. (Resigned Feb. 15, 1866)	July 27, 1865	Aug. 7, 1865

The company was re-organized under the Act of 1866, by the State

James H. Stebbins, Captain _____

(Re-elected Aug. 18, 1866) _____

(Resigned Oct. 2, 1867) _____

Robert Flanders, First Lieut. Aug. 18, 1866 Aug. 18, 1866

Calvin R. Clark, Captain Oct. 22, 1867 Nov. 21, 1867

William P. Fouse,*Captain Aug. 15, 1868 Sept. 1, 1868

George W. Conaway, Captain Nov. 7, 1868 Nov. 25, 1868

(Resigned Jan. 27, 1870)

Charles S. Wells, First Lieut. Aug. 15, 1868 Sept. 1, 1868

Charles S. Wells, Captain May 5, 1870 May 9, 1870

Numar O. Rose, First Lieut. May 5, 1870 May 9, 1870

(Resigned Nov. 19, 1870)

James Peters, First Lieut. Dec. 8, 1870 March 8, 1871

Activities:

The Howell Zouaves was organized in accordance with and under the provisions of the Act of April 24, 1862, passed by the State Legislature. On July 27, 1865, a meeting of this organization was called at which Reuben Leach was chairman. A suitable name for the company was discussed and the members decided upon the name of Howell Zouaves in honor of Brigadier General Howell was a man who had risen from the rank of Captain of the Sacramento City Guard to commander of the First Brigade, Fourth Division, May 9, 1857. On January 12, 1863, when the Second Infantry, Fourth Brigade, was instituted he was promoted to the rank of Major, and again on July 25, 1864, was advanced

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*William P. Fouse failed to qualify and on October 6, 1868, George W. Conaway was elected.

HOWELL ZOUAVES (Continued)

Activities: (Continued)

to the more distinguished office of Brigadier-General. After notice in the local publications for ten days of this gathering, the election of officers was held in the armory of the Grass Valley Union Guard with William H. Miller as clerk, James H. Stebbins was elected Captain and Joseph Hollywood as First Lieutenant. On September 4, 1865, a requisition for arms and supplies was forwarded to the Adjutant-General's Office and a satisfactory Bond was furnished. Records indicate the Howell Zouaves received their arms and other needed supplies on November 1, 1866.

The company was re-organized under the Act of 1866, by the State Legislature and mustered into the service of the State National Guard, Fifth Battalion, on August fourth of the same year. The company's activities consisted chiefly of their regular drills, target practice, and occasionally public parades. While this company was well equipped for military service the records do not mention of their services being required or utilized. On January 27, 1870, Captain Conaway tendered his resignation which was approved by the Brigade commander and on the same date First Lieutenant Charles S. Wells, also tendered his resignation which was approved and the company was mustered out of service by Special Order in June 1868.

On April 11, 1870, the citizens of Grass Valley feeling keenly the loss of their military company by disbandment petitioned the Governor to have the Howell Zouaves reinstated as a military unit. The petition was approved by Josiah Howell, Brigadier-General commanding Fourth Brigade, and on June third, the Howell Zouaves were reinstated and mustered into Service of the National Guard of California with Charles S. Wells as Captain and N. O. Rose as First Lieutenant. On May fourteenth a requisition for arms and other necessary stores was forwarded to the Adjutant General's Office which was approved by Brigadier-General Josiah Howell. Records on file show that on June thirteenth the company received their full quota of arms and supplies and were thoroughly equipped for actual military duty. Although there was a Chinese riot on October eleventh of that year in Grass Valley, the company services were not asked for by the local authorities. Even though this company was located in a fast developing mining district where there were many disturbances including strikes, riots, claim jumping and Indian troubles, actual interference was not essentially necessary. As there seemed to be no further need for military protection, and after forwarding their entire equipment to Headquarters at Sacramento, the Howell Zouaves were honorably mustered out of service of the State, on June 1, 1872, by and in accordance with the requirement of General Order No. 7, of May 21, 1872.