

# **History of the Lincoln Guard, California Militia 1864-1866**

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LINCOLN GUARD

Lincoln Guard, Company A, Second Infantry Battalion, Second Brigade

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 7, File 4

Location: San Francisco, San Francisco County

Mustered in December 3, 1864

Mustered out August 1, 1866

<u>Commanding Officers</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Charles H. Weintraut, Captain	Dec. 3, 1864	Dec. 24, 1864
J. P. Raines, First Lieut.	Dec. 3, 1864	Dec. 24, 1864
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Charles H. Weintraut, Captain (Re-elected Dec. 4, 1865) (Resigned Aug. 20, 1866)		
C. D. Wallace, First Lieut.	Dec. 4, 1865	Jan. 3, 1865

Activities:

The Lincoln Guard was organized at a meeting held in San Francisco in Minerva Hall on December 3, 1864. The meeting was presided over by Major Peter Lesser, Sixth Infantry Regiment, and resulted in the selection of Charles H. Weintraut as Captain and J. P. Raines as First Lieutenant. While the organization papers do not say so, it is assumed the company was named in honor of President Lincoln, who at that time was directing the affairs of the nation through a very dark and dangerous period of our history.

On January 19, 1865, the necessary Bond and requisition for arms was filed with the Adjutant General's Office, and on February second of that year the company received their equipment consisting of fifty stand of arms and accoutrements. The Muster Roll showed that there were sixty-three members in good standing in September 1865.

On March 7, 1866, Captain Weintraut tendered his resignation to the Commander-in-Chief, Governor Low, stating that "he was moving to Oregon." The resignation was not officially accepted, however, until August twentieth. Perhaps, Captain Weintraut's departure for Oregon was the reason for the failure of this company to continue, because the officer appointed to inspect the unit reported that it was so demoralized that he could not obtain a Muster Roll. Therefore, on August first the company was mustered out of the service of the State.