

History of the San Andreas Light Infantry, California Militia 1863-1866

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SAN ANDREAS LIGHT INFANTRY (Continued)

San Andreas Light Infantry, Second Infantry Battalion, Third Brigade.

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Location San Andreas, Calaveras County Although the San Andreas

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Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
James Gorman, Captain	Nov. 2, 1862	Nov. 29, 1862
P. A. Bardwell, First Lieut.	Nov. 2, 1862	Nov. 29, 1862
James Barclay, Captain (Resigned April 7, 1863)	May 9, 1863	May 28, 1863
P. A. Bardwell, First Lieut. (Re-elected 1863)	_____	_____
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Activities:

The San Andreas Light Infantry, San Andreas, Calaveras County, was organized November 2, 1862. The elected officers were James Gorman, Captain and P. A. Bardwell, First Lieutenant. A Bond was filed and the company received their arms soon after organization. The arms received were reported by Captain Barclay to General Kibbe as being "clumsy, unwieldy weapons." In August 1863 an exchange of equipment was made, and the company received the more modern type of arms and the Minnie Muskets in the unit's possession were returned to the State.

Calaveras like its neighboring counties, had frequent Indian uprisings. Being a mining community it also had a transient population who were of a lawless nature, murdering and plundering as they roamed about. It is assumed the quelling of the Indian hostilities and the restoration of law throughout the district

SAN ANDREAS LIGHT INFANTRY (Continued)

Emmet Life Guard, Company H, Second (Irish) Infantry Regiment, Second Brigade
 Activities: (Continued)

made Military aid no longer necessary. Although the San Andreas Light Infantry was an important factor in the maintenance of law and order during those frontier days, they were disbanded and mustered out of service August 4, 1866, shortly after the Military Law of that period went into effect.

Name	Rank	Commission
Michael Coonan, Captain (Reelected Nov. 4, 1864)	Nov. 18, 1862	Nov. 20, 1862
Thomas O'Neil, First Lieut.	Nov. 18, 1862	Nov. 20, 1862
Thomas O'Neil, Captain (Reelected Nov. 1866)		
Robert Cleary, First Lieut. (Reelected Nov. 1866)		
Robert Cleary, Captain (Reelected 1870)		
John F. Murphy, First Lieut.	May 15, 1868	May 20, 1870
Robert Cleary, Captain (Reelected 1870)		
Jeremiah J. Collins, First Lieut.	May 16, 1870	May 20, 1870
Robert Cleary, Captain (Reelected May 16, 1872)		
James G. Hayden, First Lieut.	May 16, 1872	June 13, 1872
Robert Cleary, Captain (Reelected May 7, 1874)		
Cornelius Sullivan, First Lieut. (Resigned April 15, 1875)	May 7, 1874	May 15, 1874
Francis P. O'Keefe, First Lieut.	April 28, 1875	May 6, 1875
Robert Cleary, Captain (Reelected May 18, 1876)		
Matthew Conlin, First Lieut.	April 28, 1877	May 15, 1877