

History of the Sutter Creek Guard, California Militia 1864-1866

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SUTTER CREEK GUARD

Sutter Creek Guard, Fourth Brigade

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 4, File 1

Location: Sutter Creek, Amador County

Mustered in November 30, 1864

Mustered out July 16, 1866

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Francis Tibbets, Captain	Nov. 30, 1864	Jan. 7, 1865
Charles Nickerson, First Lieut.	Nov. 30, 1864	Jan. 7, 1865
Francis Tibbets, Captain	_____	_____
(Re-elected December 28, 1865)		
Charles Nickerson, First Lieut.	_____	_____
(Re-elected December 28, 1865)		

Activities:

A sufficient number of persons, all residents of Amador County, who were by law subject to military duty, filed with the County Judge their petition to form a volunteer militia company. Judge Turner appointed I. N. Randolph, a resident of Sutter Creek, Amador County, to open a book for the registration of such men that wished to organize the volunteer company. Judge Turner also set November 24, 1865, as the date for the meeting to organize, and named Sutter Hall, in the town of Sutter Creek, as the place to assemble. As there was not a full attendance on that day the meeting was postponed until November thirtieth at which time the Sutter Creek Guard was duly organized with Francis Tibbets as Captain. On December 8, 1864, the officers of the Sutter Creek Guard appeared before Judge Turner and posted a \$3,000 Penal Bond. A copy of the Bond was sent to the Adjutant General's Office and in return the Sutter Creek Guard received their arms and accoutrements.

There is little or no information on record concerning this company's activities for the next two years. In 1866, the military system of the State was changed and the force was reduced to eighty companies in all. The State Legislature created a Board of Location and Organization having the power to reorganize or disband companies with the reference to military needs.* The Sutter Creek Guard was one of the many companies disbanded on July 16, 1866, the unit was honorably mustered out of the service of the State.**

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*California Statutes 1865-1866, Chapter DXLI, page 722.

**Historical Record Book, 4th Brigade 1864-1867, page 309.