

History of the Tittel Zouaves, California Militia 1864-1866

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TITTEL ZOUAVES

Activities: (continued)

Tittel Zouaves, Company I, Second Brigade mustered out of service.
 Reference: Dead Office File, Row 7, File 2
 Location: San Francisco, San Francisco County
 Mustered in August 15, 1864
 Mustered out July 24, 1866

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
John Sneider, Captain	July 23, 1864	Aug. 15, 1864
W. A. Janke, First Lieut.	July 23, 1864	Aug. 15, 1864

Activities:

Colonel F. G. E. Tittel, Colonel of the Sixth Infantry (German) Regiment presided over the meeting and election of officers at the organization of the Tittel Zouaves, July 23, 1864. The new company had a membership of sixty members and was named after the Colonel who evidently was held in high esteem. The members also requested to be designated as Company I, an attached unit. The Bond was approved August 15, 1864, and the arms and accoutrements were received soon after.

There was scant information on file relative to the activities of the Tittel Zouaves during the two years they were in the service. However, at the time of organization which was during the War of the Rebellion, many volunteer companies were mustered into the Militia to provide protection for the citizens against the Secessionists and be prepared to repel an invasion should the necessity arise. With the conclusion of the War it was not necessary to maintain such a large military force, and in consequence the Military Law of 1866 was passed as an economy measure to reduce the State Militia. By this law a Board of Location and Organization was appointed to determine the companies to be retained in service or disbanded in accordance with their importance to defense purposes. The Tittel Zouaves were among the number of companies recommended for disbandment and were mustered out of service July 24, 1866.

There was general dissatisfaction among the officers commanding the Sixth Regiment, Second Brigade, regarding the treatment their troops received after being mustered out. The officers contended the Second (Irish) Infantry Regiment received payment in full for all claims submitted while the German Regiment claims were refused. The commanding officers felt their disbandment had been ordered because their political views were not in sympathy with former Governor Low's administration during

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Activities: (continued)

whose term of office the unit was mustered out of service. However, the corps was willing to forego the political issue, but were of the opinion that Governor Haight should review the facts and make a reconsideration in favor of the German corps which is assumed he did, for nothing further appeared about the controversy.*

Name	Rank	Commission
James Oliphant, First Lieut.	Aug. 30, 1864	Sept. 9, 1864
William Pike, First Lieut.	Aug. 30, 1864	Sept. 9, 1864
William Pike, Captain* (Elected 1866) (Resigned Dec. 16, 1866)		
James Kendall, First Lieut.*		
James Kendall, Captain	Dec. 16, 1866	Dec. 26, 1866
Thomas W. Chaloner, First Lieut. (Resigned June 14, 1867)	Dec. 16, 1866	Dec. 26, 1866
George A. Carion, First Lieut.	June 30, 1867	July 23, 1867

Activities:

The Union Guard was organized August 30, 1864, at Copperopolis, Colusa County. The location of the town in the mining vicinity was such that the citizens felt that military protection was necessary. A foreign element composed of Mexicans and Chileans moved from place to place, following the opening of mining claims. They were of a treacherous nature and carried on a campaign of general lawlessness, terrorizing the settlers. Also Indian hostilities frequently occurred during those years.

*Letter from Commanding Officers Sixth Regiment Battalion, Second Brigade to Governor H. H. Haight, on file State Archives, State Capitol.

there own army, was constructed of brick and was fire proof, at a cost of \$10,000. This was a heavy burden financially for the newly organized corps and Capt. Oliphant was anxious for the State to bear the expense of the above mentioned uniforms. He also requested copies of the Military Law. This unit gave every indication of becoming an

*Officers are listed in records but no rank or commission dates appear. Historical Record, Third Brigade, 1864-1866, page 114.