

History of the Walnut Grove Union Guard, California Militia 1863-1866

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 SAN FRANCISCO CADETS
WALNUT GROVE UNION GUARD

San Francisco Cadets, Company A, First Artillery Regiment, Second Brigade

Walnut Grove Union Guard, Unattached, Fourth Brigade

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 7, File 4

Location: Walnut Grove, Sacramento County

Mustered in August 1, 1863

Mustered out _____

OUTLINE HISTORY
Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
W. C. Tyler, Captain	Aug. 1, 1863	Aug. 29, 1863
Josiah Pool, First Lieut.	Aug. 1, 1863	Aug. 29, 1863
W. C. Tyler, Captain	Oct. 8, 1864	Oct. 20, 1864
Josiah Pool, First Lieut. (Re-elected Oct. 8, 1864)	_____	_____
John R. Bates, Captain	Jan. 6, 1866	Feb. 3, 1866
John Crofton, First Lieut.	Jan. 6, 1866	Feb. 3, 1866

Activities:

The Walnut Grove Union Guard, a company of Infantry, consisting of sixty-three men, was organized at Walnut Grove, Sacramento County, August 1, 1863, in response to a petition signed by forty-eight citizens subject to military duty and residents of Sacramento County.

The legal formalities were complied to without delay and the company was mustered in as a unit of the State Militia on the date of its organization. Owing to the difficulties encountered in procuring arms and ammunition for the militia during the Civil War, the Walnut Grove company did not receive its equipment until October 1864. During that interval seven members of the company had joined the Union forces in the War of the Rebellion and several other members had dropped their affiliation with the company for various reasons, leaving only about forty active members in the early part of 1865. The company was not recruited up to the standard required by the new military regulations of 1866 and on July sixth of that year was mustered out of the State Service in compliance with Special Orders No. 2 and No. 3.* The company did not reorganize under the new law, and as a consequence ceased to exist the day it was mustered out of service.

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*Adjutant General Report, 1865-1867, page 93.