

History of the Emmet Guard (Petaluma), National Guard of California 1871-1872

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SHERMAN GUARD

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Sherman Guard, unattached, For
Reference: Dead Office File, Row 5, File 3

Emmet Guard, Unattached, Second Brigade
Reference: Dead Office File, Row 5, File 7
Location: Petaluma, Sonoma County
Mustered in August 5, 1871
Mustered out June 6, 1872

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
James Hynes, Captain	Aug. 5, 1871	Aug. 17, 1871
Martin O'Reilly, First Lieut.	Aug. 5, 1871	Aug. 17, 1871

Activities:

The Emmet Guard, Petaluma, Sonoma County, was organized in pursuance of Special Order No. 30, which order approved the citizen's and resident's petition to organize such a company. Captain Armstrong was appointed by Brigadier-General John Hewston, Jr., commander of the Second Brigade, to inspect and muster the unit into the State Service and preside over the election of officers. The election took place August 5, 1871, with James Hynes as Captain and Martin O'Reilly as First Lieutenant.

A Bond for \$4,000 was posted November 15, 1871, and the requisition for arms approved. The arms were received January 1, 1872. The corps had difficulty in securing their uniforms and eventually in order to have the company properly outfitted for a parade and demonstration which was to be staged March seventeenth, Captain Hynes accepted coats the Government had on hand and the members furnished their own trousers and caps.

Although the Emmet Guard was an efficient company, well organized and ready for any service, it was due for an early mustering out, for in accordance with the decision of the Board for Location and Organization of the National Guard, and in order to carry into effect the requirements of the Law, Special Order No. 7 was issued May 21, 1872, in which the Emmet Guard was one of the companies ordered to disband. Consequently, on June 6, 1872, the corps was honorably mustered out of the State Service.*

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resignation, and from S. Eilerman's
report to the Major in command, dated
it was clear that the Sherman Guard was in-
capable to revive the company under
the Captain had no interest in the
and performed no routine

*Adjutant General Report 1872, page 89.