

# **History of the Hibernia Greens, California Militia 1865-1866**

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HIBERNIA GREENS

Hibernia Greens,\* unattached, Second Brigade  
Reference: Dead Office File, Row 5, File 2  
Location: San Francisco, San Francisco County  
Mustered in May 17, 1865  
Mustered out July 25, 1866

<u>Commanding Officers</u>			<u>Commission</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>		
P. R. Hanna, Captain	May 17, 1865		June 15, 1865
James McGuirk, First Lieut.	May 17, 1865		June 15, 1865

Activities:

The Hibernia Greens was organized in San Francisco, May 17, 1865, at a regularly conducted meeting with a rank of forty-nine members. P. R. Hanna, Captain and James McGuirk, First Lieutenant were elected the commanding officers for the new company. The required Bond of \$2500.00 was filed and the arms, numbering fifty stand, consisting of muskets were received from aboard the steamer "Chyropolis" July sixteenth, of the same year.

During the War of the Rebellion, numerous military units were organized, especially in San Francisco, to keep the Insurrectionists under control and also maintain the militia up to the required numerical standard. Although the Hibernia Greens had an enlarged and active membership in the short term that it was in service, under the first section of the Militia Law of 1866 the unit was ordered disbanded July twenty-fifth, of that year. The section of the law under which the corps was mustered out was the one stating that the Board of Location and Organization had the power to disband companies deemed unnecessary for defense purposes due to location.

Although the company was mustered out in 1866, the claims submitted by the unit were not paid for. George S. Evans, Adjutant General, assured the commanding officers under date of April 10, 1868, that a sum of \$184.60 had been assigned to their company in remuneration of the claims. However, there is no evidence that this money was received by the corps, for again in 1870 and 1873 mention is made of the delinquent claim money.

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\*It is interesting to note that all the names of members appearing on the Muster Rolls were of Irish extraction which indicated the company took their title of Hibernia Greens seriously, Hibernia meaning Native son of Ireland.