

# **History of the Indian Valley Rifles, National Guard of California 1863**

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INDIAN VALLEY RIFLES

Indian Valley Rifles, Fifth Brigade.

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 6, File 3

Location: Taylorville, Plumas County

Mustered in June 25, 1863

Mustered out \_\_\_\_\_

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
O. D. Peck, Captain	June 25, 1863	Aug. 15, 1863
G. W. Boyden, First Lieut.	June 25, 1863	Aug. 15, 1863

Activities:

Early in June 1863, a petition was signed by fifty-eight citizens of Taylorville, Plumas County, wherein was expressed a desire to form a volunteer company of militia. The petition was duly presented to the County Judge as provided by law, and Mr. Job T. Taylor, a pioneer of Plumas County was appointed by the court to call a meeting of the volunteers for the purpose of perfecting an organization. The meeting was duly called and held on June 25, 1863, and the organization was perfected. The company adopted the name of Indian Valley Rifles and was mustered in on the date of its organization as a unit of the Fifth Brigade, California State Militia.

The record of activities of this company does not show that any election was held subsequent to its organization, and no arms or equipment of any kind were issued for its use. It is evident from the scant supply of information available regarding this organization that it existed less than a year. No record of the formal mustering out of the Indian Valley Rifles was found, but in the Adjutant General's Report of 1864-1865 a notation was made to the effect the company had been disbanded.\*

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On October 17, 1866, the company was reorganized and mustered in as Company C of the National Guard of California, Fifth Infantry Battalion, Second Brigade. The company continued to display considerable interest in military affairs for more than a year after its reorganization. On June 6, 1868, pursuant to Special Order No. 31, the Alvico Rifles was mustered out of service by

\*Adjutant General Report, 1864-1865, page 655.