

History of the Lone City Guard, California Militia 1863-1866

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Ione City Guard, Fourth Brigade

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 5, File 6

Location: Ione, Amador County

Mustered in October 19, 1863

Mustered out July 21, 1866

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Walter Dennis, Captain	Oct. 19, 1863	Nov. 12, 1863
Leroy Chamberlain, First Lieut.	Oct. 19, 1863	Nov. 12, 1863
A. B. Comtright, Captain	Mar. 23, 1864	June 7, 1864
Jno Robertson, First Lieut.	April 20, 1864	June 7, 1864
O. N. Morse, Captain	June 17, 1865	June 30, 1865
A. K. Dudley, First Lieut.	Dec. 22, 1864	Jan. 7, 1865
J. Taneswourth, First Lieut.	June 17, 1865	June 30, 1865

Activities:

On October 6, 1863, upon receiving a petition from the citizens of Ione and vicinity in Amador County that a volunteer military company be formed, Judge Marion W. Gordon appointed I. B. Gregory as the best qualified man to superintend the organization. A notice was inserted in the Ione Chronicle for ten days by I. B. Gregory, advising the residents of the community a book would be opened asking for volunteers. On October 19, 1863, at seven o'clock P. M. a meeting was held in the home of John Williams, Ione City, the necessary number of volunteers enrolled and the election of officers was immediately taken up, Walter Dennis was elected Captain and Leroy Chamberlain, First Lieutenant. It appears there was disappointment and much jealousy concerning the result of the election and the company did not function smoothly. Commissions were at first refused the officers of this company as there was an error in the number of recruits forwarded on the Muster Roll to Headquarters. However, when the corrected roll was sent in containing the required number of members, the commissions were issued. On November 25, 1863, a requisition for arms and equipment was sent to George S. Evans, the Adjutant-General and approved by Governor Leland Stanford. On October 19, 1864, a Bond for the sum of \$1,837.50 was furnished by three prominent citizens of Ione as security for equipment received by the Ione City Guard.

This organization did not operate with harmony as many of their number would not co-operate or attend drills, and endeavored to disrupt rather than support the best interests of the company. There is nothing in the records to indicate this company saw

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Activities: (Continued)

Grant Guard, Company G, Third Brigade.

active service at any time, therefore, in accordance with the law passed by the State Legislature for the purpose of reducing the State militia, units which had not measured up to the Military Law of the State and many of which were in interior locations were disbanded. The Ione City Guard on July 21, 1866, was mustered out of the service of the State.*

Name	Rank	Commission
H. A. Thompson, Captain	Oct. 26, 1863	Nov. 7, 1863
George Collinwood, First Lieut.	Oct. 26, 1863	Nov. 7, 1863
F. R. Miller, Corporal	Oct. 31, 1864	Dec. 17, 1864
A. B. Bissell, Corporal	Oct. 31, 1864	Dec. 17, 1864
Nathaniel Alexander, Sergeant	Jan. 3, 1865	Jan. 3, 1865
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Activities: A group of men in Tuolumne County, California, requesting him to organize a company. Judge Martin recommended P. K. Miller as an organizer. On October 26, 1863, the volunteer military unit was organized and became known as the Grant Guard, Company G, under the command of Captain Thompson.

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During the War of the Rebellion, Tuolumne County was the center of a strong Secessionist movement. The Grant Guard was formed for the protection of the county against the rebels in Sonora's Flat against the law. The presence of the well drilled and equipped militia prevented rioting, for although many public meetings and torchlight parades were held no serious trouble ever occurred in Tuolumne County. With the close of the Civil War in 1865 it was decided to keep in service only the Tuolumne County companies located in Sonora, Columbia and Montezuma. Upon the recommendation of Adjutant General George S. Evans, the Grant Guard was mustered out of the service of the State of California, July 10, 1866.

*Historical Record Fourth Brigade, Page 303, Adjutant General's Office.