

History of the Jefferson Cavalry, California Militia 1864-1866

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JEFFERSON CAVALRY

Jefferson Cavalry, Company H, First Cavalry Regiment, Second Brigade

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 5, File 7

Location: Redwood City, San Mateo County

Mustered in: January 1, 1864

Mustered out: August 8, 1866

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
F. E. Bartlett, Captain	Dec. 26, 1863	Dec. 30, 1863
Theodore W. Lathrop, First Lieut.	Dec. 26, 1863	Dec. 30, 1863
S. H. Snyder, Captain	Aug. 6, 1864	Sept. 9, 1864
I. O. Shaw, First Lieut.	Aug. 6, 1864	Sept. 9, 1864
Thomas W. Lathrop, Captain	July 1, 1865	July 19, 1865
William H. Shren, First Lieut.	July 1, 1865	July 19, 1865

Activities:

The citizens of San Mateo County desirous of a military organization, petitioned County Judge Horace Templeton, asking him to appoint a suitable person to superintend the enrollment and organization of a company of volunteers. H. A. Scofield was selected by the Judge to direct the procedure.

A notice to the residents of the community that a meeting would be held on December 12, 1863, at two o'clock P.M., at the County Court House for the enrollment of volunteers and the election of officers of a company was inserted in the local publication for ten days. Due to the absence of H. A. Scofield, who was to conduct the organization meeting, it was postponed until seven-thirty o'clock that evening. After the enrollment of the volunteers, a name for the company was discussed and it was decided that the unit should be designated Jefferson Cavalry, Company H. The election of officers followed at which time F. E. Bartlett was elected Captain and T. W. Lathrop, First Lieutenant. A committee of three was appointed by the Chairman to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws for the parliamentary procedure of the company.

According to the records on file the Jefferson Cavalry did not participate in any active service, although a Bond for \$2000.00 was issued February 12, 1864, and their requisition for arms and accoutrements was approved by the Adjutant General's Office March first, and pistols and sabres were forwarded to the company from the State arsenal.

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JEFFERSON CAVALRY (Continued)

PLACER CADETS

Activities: (Continued)

Placer Cadets, Company F, First Infantry Battalion, Fourth Brigade

Although this company was organized during the War of the Rebellion and was well armed and stood ready for call, their services were not deemed necessary. Therefore, in accordance with the Military Law of 1866 enacted by the State Legislature as an economy measure, the company known as the Jefferson Cavalry was mustered out of service, August 8, 1866, and was ordered to forfeit the sum of \$111.83 for loss of equipment incurred during its transportation to Headquarters.

Kit Queen, First Lieutenant April 1, 1865 April 7, 1865

OUTLINE HISTORY

Activities:

The Placer Cadets were organized at Iowa Hill, Placer County, California, on March 18, 1865, in response to a group of patriots who organized a militia. This company was organized in the Adjutant General Report of 1864, although there was no conclusive evidence of the Placer Cadets' existence in 1865 according to the organization papers on file in the Adjutant General's Office. The meeting was held April 1, 1865, and the company duly sworn in and an election of officers was held. W. D. Lawrence was elected Captain and Kit Queen, First Lieutenant of the Placer Cadets.

The arms and accoutrements issued to this company on May 13, 1865 were formally used by Company B of the Union Corps, and transferred to the Cadets. The members showed great interest in their weekly drills and wished to have a company that would make a good impression at both social affairs and in active service, if they should be called upon.

These Cadets were disappointed when the Military Law of 1866, required all small units of militia to disband. Captain Lawrence wrote to the Adjutant-General asking if the company could purchase the arms and accoutrements through the government and form an independent company of volunteers. Unfortunately their wishes were not granted as the company was mustered out of service on July 28, 1866.

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