

History of the Johnson Guard, California Militia 1865-1866

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Howell Zouaves, Unattached, Fourth Brigade
Reference: Dead Office File, Row 3, File 4.
Location: Grass Valley, Nevada County
Mustered in July 27, 1870
Mustered out June 1, 1872

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Johnson Guard, unattached, First Division, Second Brigade
Reference: Dead Office File, Row 7, File 5
Location: San Jose, Santa Clara County
Mustered in July 22, 1865
Mustered out August 10, 1866

Commission
Aug. 7, 1865
Aug. 7, 1865

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
John M. Murphy, Captain	July 22, 1865	Aug. 23, 1865
N. B. Edwards, First Lieut.	July 22, 1865	Aug. 25, 1865
John F. Faulkner, Captain	Aug. 10, 1866	Nov. 21, 1867
Timothy Twohig, First Lieut.	Aug. 10, 1866	Nov. 25, 1868

Activities:

The Johnson Guard was organized in San Jose, Santa Clara County, July 22, 1865. This company was well officered and numbered fifty-seven men. A Bond for three thousand dollars was filed with the County Judge, J. Isaac N. Senter, and the unit received sixty stand of arms and the necessary equipment September fourteenth.

Ac Military units at that time were organized for home defense to aid the State in suppressing any anti-Union demonstrations and to repel invasions of the enemy. Due to incompleteness of the files, little is mentioned concerning the Johnson Guard, aside from drills and parades of annual and special occasions.

Under a new Military Law of 1866, which was an economy measure enacted by the State Legislature to reduce the then existing military force, many units were mustered out of the State service. Under this law the Johnson Guard was mustered out August 10, 1866.*

*Historical Record of the National Guard, Second Brigade, 1861-1868, page 343.