

**History of the National Guard
(Sacramento), California
Militia/National Guard of California
1862-1867**

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NATIONAL GUARD COMPANY D

National Guard Company D, Fourth Brigade
Reference: (No material on file Adjutant General's Office)
Location: Sacramento, Sacramento County
Mustered in October 7, 1862
Mustered out January 12, 1867

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
L. L. Baker, Captain	Oct. 7, 1862	Oct. 16, 1862
D. W. Welty, First Lieut. (Resigned Dec. 17, 1863)	Oct. 7, 1862	June 26, 1863
J. D. Young, First Lieut.	Dec. 23, 1863	Jan. 5, 1864
J. D. Young, Captain (Resigned Sept. 5, 1864)	Feb. 20, 1864	Mar. 16, 1864
C. H. Pomeroy, Captain	Sept. 21, 1864	Sept. 26, 1864
Sylvester Tryon, First Lieut.	Feb. 20, 1864	Mar. 16, 1864
C. H. Pomeroy, Captain (Re-elected Aug. 2, 1865)	_____	_____
Fred Dasonville, First Lieut.	Aug. 2, 1865	Aug. 4, 1865
Fred Dasonville, Captain	Feb. 7, 1866	Feb. 10, 1866
W. E. Deering, First Lieut.	Feb. 7, 1866	Feb. 10, 1866
Fred Dasonville, Captain (Re-elected June 27, 1866)	_____	_____
Charles Auer, First Lieut.	June 27, 1866	Aug. 20, 1866

Activities:

National Guard Company D, numbering ninety-one men was organized in Sacramento and mustered in as a unit of the State Militia on October 7, 1862. At that time the condition of the State of California was considered alarming in view of its geographical isolation and the probability that the State would be called into active service during the Civil War. This company was not assigned to active duty, and the members became restless. Many of them sought a discharge on the expiration of their term of enlistment in order to enter the service of the United States as volunteers. Company D suffered greatly because of this condition, and its membership dwindled to sixty-six in June 1863, and thirty-six in September 1864.

On April 2, 1866, the State Legislature passed an act that completely reorganized the State Militia. The Military force was not to exceed eighty companies in all. A Board of Location and Organization was formed, consisting of the Commander-in-Chief,

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Activities: (Continued)

Major General, Adjutant General, and the Brigadier-General of each Brigade, with the power to reorganize and disband companies. The organized uniformed troops of the State were to be designated and known as the National Guard of California.*

By a recommendation of the Board, Company D, and the Baker Guard, another Sacramento Company were consolidated into one unit under the new law, but retained their designation of National Guard Company D. Company D did not operate long under the new system. Special Order No. 7 was issued which mustered the company out of the service of the State, January 12, 1867.

Name	Rank	Commission
George Rodden	Captain	Nov. 18, 1864
Alfred	Nov. 18, 1864

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C. D. O'SULLIVAN
Brigadier General
The Adjutant General

The Tuolumne Guard, Company E, was formed in Montezuma, Tuolumne County, October 11, 1862, under the command of Captain Rodden. This company like so many others was formed in Tuolumne County during the Civil War to aid the authorities to protect the peace and welfare of the county from attacks by the secessionist element which was so strong in that part of the State.

There was little information on file concerning this company's activities, but one record shows that on June 20, 1864, the company destroyed the town of Montezuma and the surrounding area. The Tuolumne Guard was then disbanded, together with their arms and accoutrements.

It was at that time Adjutant General George S. Evans, was re-adjusting the California Military System, and thinking it undesirable to incur the additional expense of rearming the company, he recommended that it be mustered out of the service of the State, which was done on July 10, 1866.

*California Statutes 1865-1866, Chapter DXLI, page 722.