

History of the New Almaden Cavalry, California Militia/National Guard of California 1863-1868

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NEW ALMADEN CAVALRY

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New Almaden Cavalry, Company K, First Cavalry Regiment, Second Brigade

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 7, File 5
Location: New Almaden, Santa Clara County
Mustered in February 20, 1864
Mustered out June 2, 1868

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
George B. Tolman, Captain	Feb. 20, 1864	Mar. 11, 1864
Richard Webb, First Lieut.	Feb. 20, 1864	Mar. 11, 1864
L. F. Parker, Captain	Jan. 28, 1865	Mar. 7, 1865
S. P. Dudley, First Lieut.	Jan. 28, 1865	Mar. 7, 1865
L. F. Parker, Captain (Re-elected Jan. 27, 1866)	_____	_____
Prior L. Russell, First Lieut.	Jan. 27, 1866	Mar. 9, 1866
L. F. Parker, Captain (Re-elected Jan. 26, 1867) (Promoted Major, Nov. 20, 1867)	_____	_____
Arthur Foster, Captain	Nov. 30, 1867	Dec. 21, 1867
Luke McGuire, First Lieut.	Jan. 26, 1867	Mar. 7, 1867

Activities:

On February 9, 1864, a notice was posted that citizens of New Almaden, Santa Clara County, were intending to organize a volunteer military company to be known as the New Almaden Cavalry, Company K. This unit was organized and mustered into the service of the State of California, February 20, 1864, with Dr. George B. Tolman as Captain.

The town of New Almaden, was the location of the largest quick-silver mines in the world, a product indispensable to gold and silver mining.* It is assumed that it was to protect these mines from the Secessionists, during the Civil War, that the New Almaden Cavalry Company was organized. Incompleteness of the files prevents giving a complete and accurate history of this organization, but on September 29, 1866, the company was reorganized and the name changed to New Almaden Cavalry, Company G, the unit was then mustered back into service as part of the National Guard of California.

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*San Francisco Examiner, March 29, 1936, page 1, column 3, Automobile Section.

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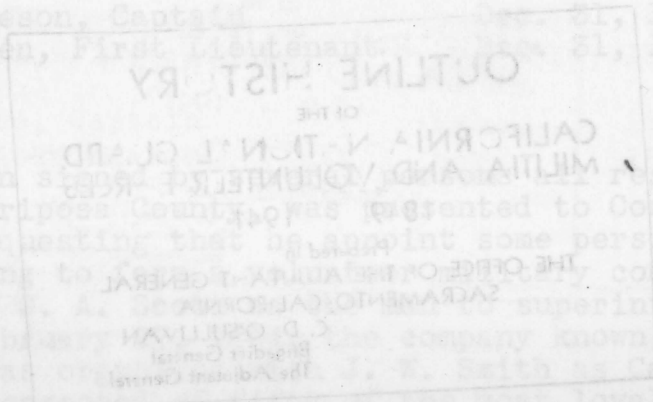
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Coulterville Rifles, Third Brigade

Activities: (Continued)

Two years later upon receipt of orders from Adjutant-General James M. Allen, Colonel J. W. McKenzie ordered the New Almaden Cavalry Company and several other units of the Second Brigade, to assemble on June 2, 1868, and be officially mustered out of service.*

Name	Rank	Date	Commission
J. E. Smith	Captain	Feb. 27, 1864	Mar. 16, 1864
J. E. Smith	First Lieutenant	Feb. 27, 1864	Mar. 16, 1864
Joseph Lesson	Captain	Jan. 16, 1865	Jan. 16, 1865
Daniel Reed	First Lieutenant	Jan. 16, 1865	Jan. 16, 1865



Activities:

A petition was presented to County Judge L. F. Jones, requesting that some person to preside over the meeting of the company known as the Coulterville Rifles. The Adjutant General J. W. McKenzie was appointed to preside over the meeting. The company was mustered out of service on June 2, 1868.

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*Adjutant General Report 1867-1869, Special Order No. 31, page 143.

with reference to military needs. The Board recommended that the Coulterville Rifles be mustered out of service which was done, July 16, 1866.

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