

# **History of the San Francisco Tiralleurs, California Militia 1864-1866**

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SAN FRANCISCO TIRALLEURS

San Francisco Tiralleurs,\* Company F, Sixth Infantry (German)

Location: Sacramento, Sacramento Battalion, Second Brigade

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 5, File 2

Location: San Francisco, San Francisco County

Mustered in March 10, 1864

Mustered out July 24, 1866

<u>Commanding Officers</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Bernard Schroeder, Captain	Mar. 10, 1864	April 9, 1864
Henry Riebesehl, First Lieut.	Mar. 10, 1864	April 9, 1864
Gerhard D. Von Senden, First Lieut.	June 27, 1864	June 27, 1864
Gerhard D. Von Senden, Captain	Mar. 10, 1865	Mar. 18, 1865
Charles Legehorn, First Lieut.	Mar. 10, 1865	Mar. 18, 1865

**Activities:**

In March 1864 a group of forty-six men organized a volunteer military company, for the purpose of aiding the civil authorities in maintaining law and order during the Civil War period. This corps was designated as the San Francisco Tiralleurs, and their commanding officers were Captain Bernard Schroeder and Lieutenant Henry Riebesehl. A Bond for three thousand dollars was filed with the County Judge, Honorable Samuel Cowles of San Francisco, and was approved. In due course Captain Schroeder received forty stand of arms and the necessary equipment.

This company took an active part in drills of annual and special occasions, but aside from this little is known of the history of the unit, as no further activities were recorded concerning the San Francisco Tiralleurs. When it was deemed advisable to reduce the existing militia force of the State a new Military Law was passed in 1866, and by its jurisdiction the Tiralleurs was mustered out of the State service July 24, 1866.\*\*

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\*Derived from French word meaning "sharpshooter".

\*\*Historical Record of the National Guard, Second Brigade, 1861-1868, page 143.