

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

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SAN FRANCISCO YAIGERS (Continued)

San Francisco Yaigers, Company K, Sixth Infantry Regiment (German)  
 Second Brigade.

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 7, File 2.

Location: San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Mustered in: September 26, 1864

Mustered out: July 24, 1866

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Luis Schulze, Captain	Sept. 15, 1864	Sept. 26, 1864
J. B. Reinhardt, First Lieutenant	Sept. 15, 1864	Sept. 26, 1864
L. Hartmeyer, Captain	Sept. 18, 1865	Sept. 25, 1865
A. Melchert, First Lieutenant	Sept. 18, 1865	Sept. 25, 1865
J. B. Reinhardt, Captain	_____1866	_____1866
A. Melchert, First Lieutenant	_____	_____

Activities:

The San Francisco Yaigers was organized September 15, 1864, at a meeting presided over by Major P. Lesser. An election was conducted and Luis Schulze, Captain, and J. B. Reinhardt, First Lieutenant, were chosen as the commanding officers. The Bond was approved by the County Judge and the corps received their arms and accoutrements October 24, 1864.

Among the letters and records of this company, mention was made only of subjects of election of officers, and those relating to the requisition of arms and ordnance supplies. However, the corps was organized during the War of the Rebellion and there is every indication the company was comprised of loyal members filled with the spirit of patriotism and ready for service in any emergency.

After the War such a large military force in the State was unnecessary, and as an economy measure, the Military Law of 1866 was enacted reducing the Militia to a minimum. A Board of Organization and Location was established under this ruling to decide upon the companies to be retained or disbanded with reference to location deemed necessary for defense purposes. The Board also was to consider companies located in the interior mining towns where the population was transient, preventing the maintenance of the rigid membership requirements of the Law. The San Francisco Yaigers was one of the companies deemed unnecessary for defense purposes and was mustered out of service July 24, 1866.

The commanders of the Sixth (German) Regiment strongly disapproved the disbandment order of their regiment, contending it was inspired by politics. However, they were prepared to forego that issue

SAN FRANCISCO YAIGERS (Continued)

Location: Sacramento, Sacramento County

Activities: (Continued)

Reorganized and redesignated July 6, 1866\*

but their dissatisfaction and that of the German population of the city, was in regard to the partial treatment they were receiving by the refusal of Adjutant General Evans to settle the claims of their companies. The members claimed this was unjust as the Irish Regiment had similar claims audited and paid. It is assumed Governor H. H. Haight, upon receipt of the facts, made a satisfactory settlement for there is no evidence that the controversy continued.\*

Joseph Davis, Captain	Sept. 29, 1868	Oct. 8, 1868
Albert Leonard, First Lieut.	Sept. 29, 1868	Oct. 8, 1868
Joseph Davis, Captain (Re-elected Oct. 7, 1870)		
M. H. Davis, First Lieut.	Oct. 7, 1870	Oct. 15, 1870
Joseph Davis, Captain (Re-elected Oct. 7, 1872)		
John B. Sherburn, First Lieut.	Oct. 7, 1872	Nov. 12, 1872
John B. Sherburn, Captain	Oct. 6, 1874	Nov. 2, 1874
Joseph M. Robbins, First Lieut.	Oct. 6, 1874	Nov. 2, 1874
Joseph M. Robbins, Captain (Resigned June 3, 1878)	Feb. 11, 1878	April 18, 1878
A. C. York, First Lieut.	Feb. 11, 1878	April 19, 1878
Edward D. Hagan, Captain	Nov. 18, 1878	Aug. 25, 1878
George Herbert Frances, First Lieut.	Feb. 11, 1878	Feb. 18, 1878

\*Letter on file State Archives, State Capitol, from Commanders of the Sixth (German) Regiment to Governor H. H. Haight, August 1868.

\*Sacramento Light Artillery reorganized under act of State Legislature and redesignated Sacramento Light Artillery, Company A, First Battalion Artillery, Fourth Brigade, July 6, 1866.  
Historical Record Fourth Brigade, 1864-1867 page 130.

\*\*Sacramento Light Artillery, Company A, First Battalion Artillery redesignated Sacramento Light Artillery, unattached, Fourth Brigade, January 13, 1869.  
Adjutant General Report 1867-1869, Special Order No. 1, page 157.

\*\*\*Sacramento Light Artillery redesignated Company C, First Artillery Regiment, Fourth Brigade, March 12, 1869.  
Adjutant General Report 1869, Special Order No. 1, page 78.