

History of the Sacramento Sharpshooters, California Militia 1863-1866

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SACRAMENTO SHARPSHOOTERS

Sacramento Sharpshooters, Company F, Second Infantry Battalion,
Fourth Brigade.

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 4, File 4.

Location: Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Mustered in June 7, 1863.

Mustered out June 23, 1866.

<u>Commanding Officers</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
E. R. Hamilton, Captain* (Elected June 6, 1863)	June 6, 1863	June 18, 1863
Thomas V. Cummings, First Lieut. (Elected June 6, 1863)	June 6, 1863	June 18, 1863
Joseph A. Conboie, Captain (Elected June 7, 1864)	June 7, 1864	June 22, 1864
H. M. Cutter, First Lieut. (Elected June 7, 1864) (Resigned Oct. 8, 1864)	_____	June 22, 1864
John N. Andrews, First Lieut. (Elected Oct. 25, 1864)	Oct. 25, 1864	_____
J. M. Ripley, Captain (Elected June 6, 1865)	June 6, 1865	July 6, 1865
J. F. Richardson, First Lieut. (Elected June 6, 1865)	June 6, 1865	July 6, 1865

Activities:

A petition signed by forty-seven citizens of Sacramento, asking permission to organize a company of Sharpshooters under the State Militia Law, was presented to the Honorable Robert C. Clark, Judge of the County Court of Sacramento County, on May 28, 1863. In accordance with the request, Judge Clark appointed Captain Benjamin F. Peart of Sacramento to superintend and preside over the organization of said company of Sharpshooters. The organization was perfected June 6, 1863. The title Sacramento Sharpshooters was adopted, and on the following day the company was mustered into the service of the State as Company F, Second Infantry Battalion, Fourth Brigade.

According to correspondence on file, the title "Sharpshooters" was most appropriate, as the members of the company had previously been members of the Sacramento Rifle Club. All were "crack" shots, noted for their ability with the rifle and proud of their records. The Sharpshooters purchased their own uniforms consisting of regulation caps, blue coats and dark trousers, trimmed with white

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*Captain Hamilton was promoted to the Rank of Colonel, Fourth Regiment, Fourth Brigade, as per notation on Muster Roll of September 26, 1864.

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Sacramento Hussars, Cavalry, unattached, Fourth Brigade
 Reference: Adjutant
 Location: Sacramento, California
 Organized August 1859
 Mustered in June 11, 1863

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Activities: (continued)

cord. At the Encampment held at Camp Kibbe in September 1863, forty members of the company under the command of Captain E. R. Hamilton participated, and attracted much attention and favorable comment by their distinguished and soldierly appearance.

There was no record of the activities of this company, except that of a routine nature. On the Muster Roll of June 23, 1866, a notation appears to the effect that the company was mustered out of the service of the State of California on that date, by Major Charles H. Pomeroy.

Rank and Name	Date	Date
George Boehme, Captain	June 11, 1863	July 9, 1863
Frank Ebner, Captain	June 9, 1868	Aug. 26, 1868
A. Heilbron, First Lieut.	Aug. 2, 1867	Aug. 12, 1867
Frank Ebner, Captain (Reelected Aug. 14, 1869)		
A. Heilbron, First Lieut. (Reelected Aug. 14, 1869)		
Frank Ebner, Captain (Reelected Aug. 4, 1871)		
A. Heilbron, First Lieut. (Reelected Aug. 4, 1871)		
Frank Ebner, Captain (Reelected Aug. 1, 1873)		
A. Heilbron, First Lieut. (Reelected Aug. 1, 1871)		

Activities:

The Sacramento Hussars were organized 1859 as an independent cavalry company, composed entirely of German residents from the city of Sacramento. The company uniforms were procured in New York, at the cost of \$25.00 each, and were designed after the Hussar Regiments of Prussian soldiers. Their uniforms included fur cap's adorned with a feather, a doublet, breeches to which the stockings were fastened, and red and yellow boots. Their arms consisted of a saber, a carbine and pistol.