

# **History of the Santa Cruz Volunteers, California Militia 1861**

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Sigel Rifles, (Sigel Guard) Sixth Infantry Regiment, Second Brigade  
Reference: Dead Office File, Row 7, File 2  
Location: San Francisco, San Francisco County  
Mustered in September 25, 1861  
Mustered out July SANTA CRUZ VOLUNTEERS

Santa Cruz Volunteers, First Cavalry Regiment, Second Brigade  
Reference: Dead Office File, Row 5, File 8  
Location: Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County  
Mustered in \_\_\_\_\_  
Mustered out \_\_\_\_\_

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Albert Brown, Captain	Sept. 20, 1861	Sept. 23, 1861
Alfred H. Haus, First Lieut.	Sept. 20, 1861	Sept. 23, 1861

Activities:

This company of cavalry was organized by Albert Brown, later elected Captain, on the call of Governor Downey for volunteers for United States service. Shortly before completing the work of recruiting, Mr. Brown wrote the Governor several letters and reported his progress. He was enthusiastic over the results and wrote under date of September 9, 1861, "that he would soon have a full number of men who were as good as any that could be found in California." On September 20, 1861, the members met and proceeded to elect their officers by ballot. The command was elected as follows: Albert Brown, Captain; Alfred H. Haus, the First Lieutenant and John Quinn, Second Lieutenant. The company balloted for the officers next in line, and then it was resolved that the election of a Saddler, a Farrier and a Trumpeter be dispensed with until the company arrived in San Francisco.

Immediately after the organization was completed the unit offered its services to the Governor. The corps was accepted and mustered into the service of the United States and designated as Company L, Second Regiment of Cavalry, California Volunteers. Brigade held at Camp Allen, Alameda County in October 1863, where they soon won high applause, and were rated one of the best disciplined companies in attendance on that occasion.

On the twelfth of February, 1864 the company was transferred from the First to the Second Infantry Regiment under Special Order No. 48 of that year,\* and in August was again transferred to

\*Historical Record of the Second Brigade 1860-1864, page 18, on file Adjutant General's Office.