

History of the Stockton Light Artillery, California Militia/National Guard of California 1864-1868

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STOCKTON LIGHT ARTILLERY

Stockton Light Artillery, Third Brigade.

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 5, File 5

Location: Stockton, San Joaquin County

Mustered in September 10, 1864

Mustered out June 16, 1868

<u>Commanding Officers</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
M. G. Cobb, Captain	Sept. 10, 1864	Sept. 30, 1864
S. W. Sperry, First Lieut.	Sept. 12, 1864	Sept. 30, 1864
M. G. Cobb, Captain (Re-elected Oct. 23, 1865)		
H. S. Sargeant, First Lieut.	Oct. 23, 1865	Jan. 3, 1866
H. S. Sargeant, Captain	Oct. 1, 1866	Oct. 24, 1866
Charles O. Burton, First Lieut.	Oct. 1, 1866	Oct. 24, 1866

Activities:

In Stockton, San Joaquin County, on September 10, 1864, there was organized and mustered into the State Service a volunteer military unit known as the Stockton Light Artillery company. This unit was under the command of Captain M. G. Cobb, a former officer of the Massachusetts National Guard, and considered to be one of the leading authorities on Artillery in the United States.

The Stockton Light Artillery was composed of the most loyal Union men to be found in Stockton, and during the Civil War enjoyed the confidence of both the citizens of San Joaquin County and the Adjutant General's office. They also acted as a constant check to any display by the Secessionists in that vicinity.

On July 21, 1866, the Stockton Light Artillery, was among the several companies that were reorganized and mustered into the service of the National Guard of California. Lack of records prevent the giving of the entire history of this company, but on June 16, 1868, Adjutant-General James M. Allen ordered the Stockton Light Artillery company to stand inspection and be mustered out of the service of the State.*

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*Adjutant General Report, 1867-1869, page 147, Special Order No. 36.