

# **History of the Trinity Rifles, National Guard of California 1867-1868**

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GERMANIA RIFLES

Germania Rifles, Company D, Second Infantry Regiment, Second Brigade.

Reference: Dead Office File 1.

Location: San Francisco, Alameda County.

Mustered in May 24, 1868

TRINITY RIFLES

Trinity Rifles, Fifth Brigade

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 6, File 3

Location: Douglas City, Trinity County

Mustered in February 23, 1867

Mustered out May 12, 1868

Commission  
June 13, 1868  
June 13, 1868

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Edward Kelton, Captain	Feb. 23, 1867	March 12, 1867
Edward Swift, First Lieut.	Feb. 23, 1867	March 12, 1867
Albert Earle, Captain	Oct. 18, 1867	Feb. 1, 1868
Edward Swift, First Lieut. (Re-elected Oct. 18, 1867)		

Activities:

The Trinity Rifles was a volunteer military company organized in Douglas City, Trinity County, February 23, 1867, under the command of Captain Kelton. This company was composed of seventy-five members and was well equipped.

Unfortunately this unit was not long in existence. For on May 1, 1868, it was deemed advisable to reduce the military force for the following reasons: First, the interest of the State did not demand the maintenance of so large a force. Secondly, a number of companies were located far in the interior where it was unnecessary to keep up the organization. Thirdly, the last Legislature had reduced the military tax from five cents to one and one quarter cent on the one hundred dollars of the taxable property of the State.\*

The Board of Location and Organization created by the same Legislature ordered the Trinity Rifles mustered out of the State Service, May 12, 1868.\*\*

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\*Adjutant General Report, 1867-1869, page 8.

\*\*Adjutant General Report, 1867-1869, page 140.

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\*Letter on file Adjutant General's Office.

\*\*Adjutant General Report, 1867-1869, page 142.