

History of the Turner Rifles, California Militia 1863-1864

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TURNER RIFLES

Ellis Guard, Company C, Sixth Infantry Regiment, (German Battalion)

Turner Rifles, Company E, Second Infantry Regiment, Fourth Brigade

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 4, File 4

Location: Sacramento, Sacramento County

Mustered in June 22, 1863

Mustered out March 7, 1864

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
C. Wolleb, Captain (Resigned November 14, 1863)	June 22, 1863	July 9, 1863
J. A. Greisel, First Lieut.	June 22, 1863	July 9, 1863
Frederick Michaelis, Captain	Mar. 9, 1864	April 9, 1864
Activities: Hulze, First Lieut.	Mar. 9, 1864	April 9, 1864

On June 6, 1863, a petition to form a volunteer company was presented to Honorable A. C. Clark, Judge of Sacramento County, signed by forty-six men. His Honor thereupon appointed Major J. Homell to supervise the election of officers which was duly held in Turn Verien Hall, June 22, 1863. They were mustered in the same day with a force of forty-eight men.

This company was in existence only a short while and from correspondence it may be assumed that Captain Wolleb was the prime factor in promoting the company. He tendered his resignation on November 14, 1863, after less than five months of service, giving as his reason in a letter to Governor Leland Stanford, that he was moving to Tolumne County. After his resignation the company was transferred to Fourth Regiment of Infantry, Company E, Fourth Brigade. With the termination of Captain Wolleb's service there seemed no guiding force to hold the company together. No member was elected Captain to replace him and no effort was seemingly made to get the necessary arms and uniforms for this company.

It is not surprising, therefore, that on March 7, 1864, after less than nine months of service the Turner Rifles were officially disbanded.