

# **History of the Union Guard (Eureka City, Sierra County), California Militia 1864-1866**

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UNION GUARD

Union Guard, Fourth Brigade

Reference: Dead Office File, Row 4, File 8

Location: Eureka, Sierra County

Mustered in December 5, 1864

Mustered out August 8, 1866

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Francis Bliss, Captain	Dec. 5, 1864	Jan. 7, 1865
John Andrews, First Lieutenant	Dec. 5, 1864	Jan. 7, 1865

Activities:

There is but a "skeleton" file of the organization of the Union Guard of Eureka, Sierra County. The only paper on record is a Muster Roll with the notation that three names as listed were not in the original list, and one other name should be dropped from the original roll as the party had moved. This Muster Roll which was made out by Captain Bliss on February 4, 1865, gave the muster in date as December 5, 1864, and was received and filed in the Adjutant General's Office February 10, 1865. It is evident that the company was expected to be ready for service if called upon, as on February eighteenth the corps was issued forty stand of arms and accoutrements for their rank and file of thirty-four men.

On June eighth of the same year the Sierra Battalion was re-organized so as to increase the number of companies, and elected a Lieutenant-Colonel and Major to be in charge of the newly formed Battalion. This company was included in the list of companies to form the Battalion as the Union Guard of Eureka, but it was listed in the minutes of the meeting for the election as the Eureka Guard.

The Adjutant General's Report of 1867 lists this Union Guard of Eureka, Sierra County, as having been mustered out of the State Service as per Orders No. 2 and No. 3.