COMPANY D.

This company was raised by Captain William C. Martin, and mustered into the United States service at Fort Gaston, Humboldt County, March 16, 1864. The company was stationed at that post during its whole term of service. It was mustered out at Fort Humboldt, Cal., May 20, 1865. There are no remarks on the muster rolls or monthly returns showing the service performed by this company.

COMPANY E.

This company was raised by Captain John P. Simpson in Mendocino County, and was mustered into the United States service at Fort Humboldt, August 31, 1863. It was stationed at Fort Humboldt until October, 1863; then at Camp Grant during the balance of its term of service, except the time spent in the field against the hostile Indians. It was mustered out at Fort Humboldt, June 14, 1865.

The following remarks are found on the muster rolls of the company: Remarks on Muster Roll of September and October, 1863.—On the fifteenth of October Lieutenant Skinner, with Lieutenant Frazier and a detachment of twenty men, left Camp Grant to scout for Indians along Eel River, in the vicinity of Big Bend. Returned on the thirtieth, bringing five prisoners—four squaws and one child.

Remarks on Muster Roll of January and February, 1864.—By report of Second Lieutenant William W. Frazier, in command of a detachment of Company E, First Battalion of Mountaineers, California Volunteers, he has had several engagements with the hostile Indians on the upper Mattole, during the month of February, 1864, killing thirteen of their number and capturing twenty-one prisoners.

Remarks on Muster Roll of May and June, 1864.—Second Lieutenant Frazier, of Company E, commanding a detachment of his company at Mattole, Cal., reports having an engagement with hostile Indians in that vicinity on the twenty-sixth of May, 1864, killing two and routing the hostile band. Sergeant Hawes, commanding a detachment of his company, returned to this camp (Grant) on May thirtieth, after scouting for fifty days, during which time he followed a band of hostile Indians for forty-two days, and succeeded in finding them encamped on Grouse Creek the morning of the twenty-third, and gave them battle, killing nine, and capturing two women and two children, besides three guns, one horse and saddle, and all their camp equipage.

Remarks on Muster Roll of July and August, 1864.—Captain John P. Simpson, with a detachment of twenty-one men, has been scouting on the headwaters of Eel River since July 19, 1864. The Indians are very numerous, and there appears to be several hundred in this vicinity. No Indians have been killed by this command, the object being to induce them to come in voluntarily, which they express a desire to do, if they can be convinced that they will not be killed or badly treated. The country inhabited by them being very rough, and in many places almost inaccessible, the expense of hunting them would be very great and would also take several years. At the present date there are sixty-eight in camp, and appear well satisfied to go to the reservation if their lives will be spared. There is also a fair prospect of many more surrendering themselves as soon as they can be convinced of being kindly treated.