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## FLORIDA'S PART IN THE WAR WITH MEXICO

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(The capture of a battalion of United States troops by Mexican forces on the Texas side of the Rio Grande, the disputed boundary, followed by an expedition into Mexico proper by General Zachary Taylor precipitated the Mexican war.

When reports of these events reached Washington, Congress on May 12, 1846, passed "An Act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the Republic of Mexico".

The following day, the act was approved by the President, who issued his proclamation that war existed between the two republics. The Mexican Congress declared war against the United States May 23, 1846, before our declaration was known in Mexico.

A treaty of peace between the United States and Mexico was tentatively agreed to at Guadalupe Hidalgo, near Mexico City, February 2, 1848, when hostilities practically ceased. After some modification of the terms, the treaty was ratified by the United States on March 10 and by Mexico on May 30, 1848. Peace was officially proclaimed by President Polk on July 4, 1848.)

When the Mexican trouble arose in 1846, Florida had just celebrated its first anniversary of admission to statehood. Political and social adjustments to meet the new situation had not been completed; and there still remained the after-effects of two major calamities—the bank-business panic of 1837-42 and the Seminole war, 1835-42. Though sunlight was beginning to break through rifts in the business depression, the memory of the Indian war, Florida's own war, which was almost without a parallel for its withering and deadly influences upon all elements of prosperity<sup>1</sup>, was still fresh in the minds of the people. Amidst these conditions, news of the declaration of war against Mexico was not received in Florida with unbridled enthusiasm—the majority of the people in street language were "fed up" on war.

Not long afterwards there was started in the North a political propaganda against this war which grew into a bitter national issue; it was called by

1. See Gov. Moseley's message to the legislature, Nov. 27, 1847.

the opponents "Polk's War". Customarily the early Florida newspapers took vigorous sides on nearly every political question, and this was no exception. Altogether, the circumstances in Florida were calculated to produce a lukewarmness here towards the Mexican war, which induced the editor of a prominent Florida newspaper to remark, "Whether the war is right or wrong, no patriot will thro mbarrassments in the way of a speedy and honorable termination". As to Florida's national patriotism, the record will show.

#### PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES

The dispute between the United States and Mexico over the Texas boundary reached a stage early in 1846 portending war. Recruiting to bring the navy of the southern district to full war strength was begun in the Gulf region in February, 1846. On May 4, the citizens of Pensacola held a public meeting for the purpose of enlisting volunteers for the army on the Texas frontier<sup>2</sup>, which was followed by a requisition upon Governor Moseley by the commandant of Pensacola navy yard for two companies to garrison the fortifications at that place, the marines there being deemed insufficient<sup>3</sup>. All of this was prior to the receipt in Florida of notice of a formal declaration of war, and no official action by the governor was taken.

The act of Congress approved May 13, 1846, practically declaring war on Mexico, provided for a volunteer army of 50,000 to reenforce the regulars, to be determined by apportionment, and for an enlistment of one year unless sooner discharged<sup>4</sup>. Florida's quota in the apportionment was half of

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2 Tallahassee *Floridian*, May 16, 1846.

3. Tallahassee *Floridian* Extra, May 18, 1846.

4. The enlistment period for volunteers was later changed to "for the duration of the war with Mexico".

a regiment comprising 390 foot soldiers <sup>5</sup>, to be prepared for service as needed <sup>6</sup>. Within ten days after the receipt of the President's proclamation of war, the governor of Florida received notice of a contemplated requisition for five companies of volunteer infantry, to be held in readiness for future orders, the battalion to have an aggregate strength of 385 men, or 77 men to a company <sup>7</sup>.

Commenting upon this requisition, the Tallahassee *Floridian* <sup>8</sup> published: "We understand no volunteers from this State will be called for to go out of it, but probably five or six hundred men may be asked to man the forts at Pensacola and St. Augustine, and to reenforce Key West, Tampa, St. Marks and Apalachicola. This, if adopted, is a wise measure. Floridians have as much public spirit and patriotism as the citizens of any other state-but the fact that we have just borne the brunt of the Seminole war . . . the sparseness and scattered character of our settlements, and our exposed condition would render the taking of troops from among us impolitic. . . . We repeat, we do not believe any of our volunteers will be required to go beyond the State."

The comment by the Tallahassee paper was generally considered semi-official, and the result was a prompt organization of companies in many communities, under the current militia law of the State. Some localities organized two companies, and Jefferson county had three. These commands, however, were organized in the spirit of home protection, on the principle of the modern "home guards", in the service of the State for duty within the State.

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5. *Niles' National Register* (Baltimore), May 30, 1846, p. 196.

6. *Tallahassee Floridian*, May 23, 1846.

7. *Ibid.*, May 30, 1846.

8. *Ibid.*, May 30, 1846.

CALLED TO THE COLORS

Five companies, forming the original quota assigned to Florida, were at length called into service. Three of them were sent to Mexico, where they suffered very great casualty from disease, the nature of which was never indicated in the returns but has been suggested as yellow fever, dysentery and malaria in the coastal regions and diseases of the lungs in the mountains<sup>9</sup>. One of the Florida companies at one time was reduced to an aggregate strength of only 23 men through death and sickness<sup>10</sup>. Their experiences were terrible.

For some reason Florida's record in the Mexican war has never been published and the names of most of her patriots in that war are now as unknown as that of the Unknown Soldier at rest in Arlington cemetery. Consequently it is a privilege to present herein, for the first time in print, the complete rosters of the five Florida companies in the Mexican war, made possible through the cooperation and courtesy of Dr. P. M. Hamer, chief, and his assistants of the Division of Reference, The National Archives, Washington.

The companies are here considered in the order of their enlistment in the service of the United States. Four retained their status as volunteers, and one was mustered as Co. K, 13th Regiment of Infantry in the regular army. The volunteer companies were popularly known by the names of their first captains, Johnson, Livingston, Kelly and Fisher. The first private soldier to enlist was James Cannaday, of Belville, Florida.<sup>11</sup>

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9. Letter from C. G. Toepper, Asst. Librarian, Army Medical Library, Washington, Apr. 24, 1941, who investigated this matter for the writer.

10. Letter of Granville Worthington to his family in Columbia county, dated Pueblo, Mexico, Dec. 6, 1847; copy in files of Fla. Hist. Rec. Survey, W.P.A.

11. Earliest date on muster roll.

The original records are in long-hand ; they are well preserved and in most cases fairly distinct, but occasionally it is difficult to determine "a" from "o", "i" from "e" and other similarities. Sometimes the same name is spelled differently in different rolls and returns, such as *Cochran* and *Cochrane*; these instances are identified herein as *Cochran/Cochrane*, for example. Where no authority is cited in the story of the companies it may be understood that the information is derived from the muster rolls and returns of the company. The rosters show name, age at time of enlistment, place of enlistment, and notations; where not otherwise indicated all served their term of enlistment and were mustered out with the company. The asterisk (\*) is supplied to distinguish those who died in service.

#### JOHNSON'S COMPANY

Late in the fall of 1846, the two companies of regulars stationed at Fort Brooke, Tampa, were ordered to proceed to Mexico, and at the same time the President (through the Secretary of War) made requisition on the governor of Florida for a company of volunteers to supply their place. Governor Moseley promptly authorized Captain Allen G. Johnson, of Hamilton county, to organize this company.<sup>12</sup> The organization began December 11, 1846, at Tallahassee, when Governor Moseley enrolled John G. Reardon (later 2d lieutenant), William Fisher (later 3d. lieutenant), and on the 13th Christopher C. Coffee, of Madison, (later 1st. lieutenant). The pay for privates was \$8.00 a month and rations, \$3.50 a month for clothing, and fifty cents for every twenty miles traveled to and from the general rendezvous at Tampa. About thirty volunteers enlisted at Tallahassee, and marched thence to

12. Tallahassee *Floridian*, Dec. 12, 1846.

Newnansville on or about December 19,<sup>13</sup> where recruiting was continued.

The company was mustered into the service of the United States at Fort Brooke by Captain John T. Sprague, of the 8th Infantry, on January 8, 1847, for a term of twelve months unless sooner discharged. Captain Johnson was not present at the muster, in fact he did not assume command until more than a month afterwards, for reasons not now known. The company, commanded by C. C. Coffee virtually the whole term, remained at Fort Brooke throughout the term of enlistment. Though not sent to Mexico, it performed the important service of restraining the Indians in South Florida from hostile activities.

Upon the expiration of its term of service, the company was mustered out at Fort Brooke by Captain Sprague on January 8, 1848, and was immediately reorganized by Lieutenant William Fisher, many of the old company reenlisting in the new.

### *Roster of Johnson's Company*

January 8, 1847 - January 8, 1848

Allen G. Johnson, Captain. Enrolled at Tallahassee December 10, 1846, by Governor Moseley ; mustered into service at Ft. Brooke February 15, 1847, and assumed command of the Company. Commissioned Major 13th U. S. Infantry March 3, and left Ft. Brooke April 7, 1847.

*Mustered in at Ft. Brooke, January 8, 1847:*

Christopher C. Coffee, 26, Madison, First Lieutenant. Commanded Company January 8 - February 14 and April 7 - June 18, 1847. Advanced to rank of Captain June 18, 1847.

John G. Reardon, 28, Tallahassee, Second Lieutenant. (F)

William Fisher, 22, Tallahassee, Second Lieutenant. Promoted to First Lieutenant vice Coffee promoted Captain.

Duncan, William J. J., 23, Belville, Fla., First Sergeant.

Cook, James, 25, St. Marks, Second Sergeant. Reduced to ranks August 17, 1847. (F)

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13. *Ibid.*, Saturday, Dec. 12, 1846: "They will march for Newnansville on Saturday next."

NOTE : (F) - Re-enlisted in Fisher's Company. (L)-Re-enlisted in Livingston's Company.

West, Ira, 40, Newnansville, Third Sergeant. Resigned January 19, 1847. (L)  
White, James, 27, Madison, Fourth Sergeant. (F)  
Moffitt, Park A., 26, Tallahassee. First Corporal. Reduced to ranks April 8, 1847. (F)  
Zipperer, Solomon, 24, Jasper, Second Corporal. Promoted to Sergeant April 8, 1847.  
Pyburn, Jacob, 43, Newnansville, Third Corporal. Resigned January 31, 1847. (F)  
Rutherford, Jordan, 21, Madison, Fourth Corporal. Promoted to Sergeant August 17, 1847.  
Edwards, Titus, 43, Jefferson, Fla., Drummer. Returned to ranks March 1, 1847.  
Munroe, John, 27, Madison, Fifer.

*Privates*

Anders, William, 23, Anutliga, Fla.  
Atkinson, Durden, 23, Tallahassee.  
Ayre, James, 29, Tallahassee. (F)  
Bleach, John G., 22, Newnansville.  
Bleach, William, 25, Newnansville.  
Boyet, Nathan, 23, Anutliga.  
Brewer, William L., 25, Madison. (F)  
Bridges, John M., 33, Newnansville.  
Brooker, William P., 44, Camp Izard, Fla.  
Brown, Lewis J. A., 23, Newnansville. (L)  
Brown, William, 36, St. Marks. Discharged for drunkenness.  
Cannaday, Edmund, 23, Belville, Fla. (F)  
Cannaday, James, 20, Belville.  
Carter, Hardy, 25, Newnansville. (F)  
Cochran/Cochrane, Edward, 24, Newnansville. (F)  
Coffman, Francis, 24, Newnansville.  
Crosby, James, 41, No. 2 Marion County.  
Deas, Henry, 19, Newnansville. (F)  
Dukes, William, 22, Tampa. (F)  
Duncan, Wiley W., 19, Belville.  
Durance, Francis, 32, Tampa.  
Duval, Alexander F., 23, Wakulla.  
Emmett, George, 29, Camp Izard, Fla.  
Eubanks, Richard S., 23, Jasper.  
\*Fields, Columbus, 19, Madison. Died September 6, 1847.  
Fritts, William, 30, Tampa. (F)  
Furgerson, Joseph, 27, Micanopy. Promoted to Corporal December 1, 1847.  
Garrard, Alfred, 21, Anutliga. (F)  
Garrard, Harrison, 26, Anutliga. (F)  
Hall, David, 20, Jasper.  
Hall, Joseph G., 28, Jasper.  
Hall, Stephen, 21, Jasper.  
Hand, George, 33, Ocala.  
Haymans, James, 19, Chucochatte, Fla.  
Jenkins, Henry, 20, Madison. (L)  
Johns, Isaac, 22, Newnansville. (F)  
Jones, Thomas B., 22, Columbus, Fla.  
Kyle, Robert E., 36, Tallahassee. (F)  
Kyle, William W. B., 28, Tallahassee. (F)  
Langford, Henry, 20, Jasper.



Liles, Charles, 24, Micanopy. (F)  
 McAtherine, John B., 24, Jasper. (F)  
 McLendon, Joseph, 24, Anutliga.  
 McLeod, James A., 24, Newnansville.  
 Mink, John C., 29, Newnansville. (L) (F)  
 Mobley, Martin H., 19, Benton, Fla.  
 Moore, James, 29, Newnansville.  
 Moore, James 2d., 24, Madison.  
 Munroe, Neill, 21, Anutliga.  
 Neal, Leodocius M., 35, Newnansville. Discharged for drunkenness.  
 Oliver, Robert, 24, Tallahassee. Promoted to Corporal August 17, 1847.  
 Plotts, Alexander, 25, Newnansville.  
 Prevatt, Joseph, 24, Newnansville. Promoted to Corporal January 19, 1847. (F)  
 Price, Henry, 39, Ocala. (F)  
 Prigon, John, 22, Madison.  
 Prigon, William, 20, Madison.  
 Raybon/Rayborn, John, 22, Madison. (F)  
 Register, Robinson, 21, Tallahassee.  
 Revels, Riley, 23, Columbus, Fla.  
 Richardson, William T., 26, Benton County.  
 Sapp, Anthony A., 27, Newnansville.  
 Seborl, Nicholas, 25, Santa Fe, Fla. (L)  
 Shrader, John, 23, Tallahassee.  
 Smith, Levi, 22, Newnansville. (F)  
 Snyder, A. J., 30, No. 2 Marion County. Dropped July 2, 1847, for previous desertion from Co. I, Third Artillery, U. S. A.  
 Staggers, William, 42, Newnansville.  
 Stanford, Cornelius, 23, Tallahassee. (F)  
 Stevenson, John, 34, Tallahassee.  
 Tormey, Michael, 24, Camp Izard, Fla. (F)  
 Townsend, Noah, 22, Madison.  
 Vaughn, Francis, 20, Madison.  
 Wall, Michael, 30, St. Marks.  
 Williamson, Mathew, 22, Madison.  
 Zipperer, Thomas, 22, Jasper.  
*Mustered in after January 8, 1847, with date:*  
 Callahan, Alexander B., 30, Ft. Brooke, January 30, 1847. (F)  
 Clarke, Elihu, 31, Ft. Brooke, January 13, 1847.  
 Farrish/Farish, Thomas B., 31, Ft. Brooke, January 30, 1847. (F)  
 Lewis, Richard, 18, Ft. Brooke, March 1, 1847. Appointed drummer same day. (F)  
 McKay William, 19, Ft. Brooke, January 26, 1847.  
 Putnam, Thomas, 25, Ft. Brooke, January 15, 1847. (F)

**Recapitulation**

Mustered in January 8, 1847, 87, subsequently, 7; aggregate, 94.  
 Died, 1; resigned, 3; dishonorably discharged, 3; total 7.  
 Mustered out January 8, 1848: Officers, 3; non-commissioned officers, 7; musicians, 2; privates, 75; aggregate, 87.

KELLY'S COMPANY

Early in 1847 a requisition was made by the War Department upon the governor of Florida for a

company of volunteers to garrison the forts at Pensacola, to supply the place of the regulars ordered to Mexico. The command of this company was offered to and accepted by W. W. J. Kelly, of Pensacola, at the time senator from Escambia county in the Florida legislature. About ten recruits were immediately accepted at Tallahassee and many more offered their services but were declined, as assurances had been received from West Florida that the company's full quota could be secured there. The Tallahassee recruits left for West Florida on February 17, 1847,<sup>14</sup> where recruiting was completed. The term was for one year unless sooner discharged. The company was mustered into service on April 9, 1847, by Lieutenant William H. C. Whiting<sup>15</sup> and stationed at Fort Pickens.

Kelly's company, officially known as Company A, Florida Volunteers, went into training at Fort Pickens, in Pensacola harbor. It was then ordered to Mexico, leaving Pensacola in the steamboat *Am Chase* on September 19, 1847, for Vera Cruz, where it arrived on October 2 and encamped on the plains about three miles from the city, at Camp Bergarra near Livingston's company, which had arrived two days previously. Other troops were encamped there also and a great deal of sickness was prevalent among them,<sup>17</sup> which quickly spread to the Florida companies. About a month later, when the company took up its march towards Puebla, one dead and a number in hospital were left behind. The march to Puebla was via Jalapa where others were sent to the hospital; several died there of disease contracted at Camp Bergarra. At Puebla sickness

14. Tallahassee *Floridian*, Feb. 20, 1847.

15. Lieut. Whiting in the Civil War was a distinguished major-general of the Confederate army.

16. Pensacola *Gazette*, Sept. 25, 1847.

17. Jacksonville *News*, Nov. 5, 1847, citing intelligence from Mexico dated Oct. 6, 1847.

and death continued to deplete the ranks of the company, partly from the slow development of the coastal diseases and partly from lung trouble due to the high altitude, it was said. The monthly return of the company for February 1848 indicated only 49 aggregate present for duty.

There seems to have been no actual fighting between the company and Mexicans. Its service in Mexico appears to have been as a unit of General Patterson's army assigned to the task of keeping the line of communication open between Vera Cruz and General Scott's forces in Mexico City. The company left Puebla sometime in March 1848 on its return to the United States, and was mustered out of service at New Orleans by Captain J. Monroe, 16th Infantry, on the 31st of that month with an aggregate of 47 present and five left in hospitals and one under arrest in Mexico—fifty-three remaining out of a total muster of eighty-five.

### *Roster of Kelly's Company*

April 9, 1847 - March 31, 1848

*Mustered in at Pensacola, April 9, 1847:*

- William W. J. Kelly, 34, Tallahassee, Captain.  
 \*Hopewell Dorsey, 35, Tallahassee, First Lieutenant. Died at Puebla, Mexico, March 8, 1848.  
 John Parkhill, 22, Tallahassee, Second Lieutenant.  
 A. H. Bright, 24, Pensacola, Second Lieutenant.  
 Ryan, Stephen, 25, Pensacola, First Sergeant.  
 Sandford, Franklin, 35, Milton, Second Sergeant. Promoted to First Sergeant December 24, 1847. Left sick at Perote, Mexico, March 1, 1848 (note on final muster roll).  
 McKain, William L., 41, Geneva, Fla., Third Sergeant.  
 Ryan, William, 45, Pensacola, Fourth Sergeant. Discharged at Vera Cruz December 24, 1847, on Surgeon's certif. of disability.  
 \*Williams, Robert W., 23, Tallahassee, First Corporal. Died at Camp Bergarra, Vera Cruz, October 13, 1847.  
 Lipscomb, Robert C., 23, Pensacola, Second Corporal.  
 Andrews, William, 25, Marianna, Third Corporal.  
 King, Julius F., 26, Geneva, Fla., Fourth Corporal. Discharged at Vera Cruz January 3, 1848, on Surgeon's certif. of disability.  
 \*Barr, John, 21, Marianna, Musician. Died at Jalapa, Mexico.  
 Thield (?), Frederick L., 29, Pensacola, Musician.

*Privates*

- Armstrong, Daniel, 19, Pensacola.  
Bache, Jacob, 21, Pensacola.  
\*Beatty, D., 21, Pensacola. Died at Vera Cruz, December 16, 1847.  
Barton, Robert, 27, Milton. Deserted at Ft. Pickens, September 18, 1847.  
Bell, James A., 19, Pensacola.  
Bell, William A., 25, Pensacola.  
Bowen, William A., 20, Pensacola.  
Brown, A., 22, Milton. Promoted to Corporal.  
Buckelieu, George D., 25, Milton.  
Campbell, Hugh, 42, Pensacola. Dropped, (date and cause not entered)  
Carpenter, Morgan E., 21, Milton.  
Childers, Obadiah, 21, Milton.  
Cummings, H. T., 24, Pensacola. Deserted at New Orleans, September, 1847.  
Deans, A. J., 31, Milton.  
\*Esom/Easom, W. W., 22, Milton. Died in hospital at Puebla, January 17, 1848.  
Fleming, A. A., 23, Pensacola.  
Fleming, William 25, Pensacola.  
Fletcher, R. M., 19, Pensacola.  
Fowler, Stephen, 19, Yellow River. Discharged at Vera Cruz, January 3, 1848, on Surgeon's certif. of disability.  
French, E. A., 25, Pensacola. Dropped, (date and cause not entered).  
Fribrand/Friaband, Cornelius, 36, Pensacola.  
Hall, Henry, 30, Milton.  
Hare, John W., 21, Milton.  
Hart, William, 37, Milton.  
Hedden, J., 43, Pensacola. (Dropped ; date and cause unknown).  
\*Higginbotham, J. B., 20, Pensacola. Died in hospital at Puebla, December, 1847.  
Hutto, Joseph, 23, Pensacola.  
Jarden, John, 30, Pensacola.  
Josselin, Charles, 35, Pensacola. Left Company at Puebla without leave March 11, 1848.  
Lavelette, Francis, 30, Pensacola. Discharged May 24, 1847, at Ft. Pickens, on Surgeon's certif. of disability.  
Lawrence, Lemuel, 23, Pensacola. Left at Ft. Loretto, Puebla, under arrest (note on final muster roll March 31, 1848).  
Ledger, George, 40, Pensacola.  
\*Leonard, Lewis, 26, Pensacola. Died in hospital at Vera Cruz in October, 1847.  
Love, Redrick, 19, Pensacola. Discharged at Vera Cruz, January 2, 1848 on Surgeon's certif. of disability.  
\*McCaskill, G. W., 32, Milton. Died in hospital at Jalapa, (no date).  
Magaha/McGaha, Isaac, 32, Milton.  
McIver, J. R., 28, Pensacola. Promoted to Corporal October 15, 1847; promoted to Sergeant January 21, 1848.  
Mayo, M. L., 19, Pensacola. Discharged at Vera Cruz December 14, 1847, on Surgeon's certif. of disability.  
Mimms, George W., 19, Milton. Discharged at Vera Cruz January 3, 1848, on Surgeon's certif. of disability.

- Mitchell, George, 28, Pensacola.  
Nelson, Rambling, 18, Big Pond. Discharged at Vera Cruz January 3, 1848, on Surgeon's certif. of disability.  
Oglesby, E., 31, Cotton Mills.  
\*Pensche, Peter, 31, Pensacola. Died in hospital at Vera Cruz, December 19, 1847.  
Pittman, J. R., 37, Pensacola.  
\*Rankins, James, 19, Pensacola. Died in hospital at Jalapa (no date).  
Redd, Duncan, 18, Tallahassee.  
Redd, Zachariah, 20, Tallahassee.  
Regan, Daniel, 19, Eucheeanna. Discharged at Vera Cruz January 3, 1848, on Surgeon's certif. of disability.  
Rollins, James, 19, Pensacola.  
St. John, John, 37, Pensacola. Left sick at New Orleans. (No further record).  
Santino, James, 31, Milton.  
Silcox, Jesse, 18, Milton.  
Silcox, John, 20, Pensacola.  
Silcox, W. W., 37, Pensacola. Discharged at Vera Cruz December 1, 1847, on Surgeon's certif. of disability.  
Smith, Jacob, 40, Milton. Left sick in hospital at Jalapa November 24, 1847. (No further entry).  
\*Smith, J. H., 32, Geneva. Died in hospital at Vera Cruz November 26, 1847.  
Smith, Samuel, 29, Pensacola. Left sick at Vera Cruz in October, 1847. (No further entry).  
Smith, William, 26, Pensacola.  
Steigner, Peter, 22, Pensacola.  
Stewart, H. D., 22, Tallahassee. Left sick in hospital at Jalapa, November 24, 1847. (No further entry).  
Townsend, W. N., 18, Tallahassee.  
Trask, Hartley, 25, Pensacola.  
Williams, W., 38, Geneva. (Dropped : date and cause unknown).  
Wood, William, 19, Pensacola.  
***Mustered in after April 9, 1847, with date:***  
Aaron, Isaac, 23, Ft. Pickens, April 28, 1847. Discharged at Vera Cruz January 3, 1848, on Surgeon's certif. of disability.  
Barnes, W. B., 27, Ft. Pickens, July 30, 1847.  
\*Ellis, Reuben, 22, New Orleans, September 25, 1847. Died in hospital at Puebla in January 1848.  
Seymour, John, (age and place not indicated) May 4, 1847. Recruited from "General Depot". (Name does not appear on final muster roll).  
Smith, John, 35, Ft. Pickens, April 28, 1847. Discharged at Vera Cruz, January 3, 1848, on Surgeon's certif. of disability.  
Sprang, Frank, 24, Ft. Pickens, May 4, 1847.  
Sweat, W. E., 20, Ft. Pickens, September 18, 1847.

***Recapitulation***

- Mustered in April 9, 1847, 78; subsequently, 7; aggregate, 85.  
Deaths, 12; discharged for disability due to sickness, 12; dropped for other causes, 5; desertions, 3; total, 32.  
Mustered out March 31, 1848: Officers, 3; non-commissioned officers (including one left sick in Mexico), 7; Privates (including four sick in hospitals and one in arrest in Mexico), 43; aggregate, 53.

### LIVINGSTON'S COMPANY

Livingston's company, officially known as Company C, Florida Volunteer Battalion and occasionally called Florida Independent Rifle Company, was recruited in compliance with a requisition of the War Department of April 17, 1847, for service in Mexico. It was organized by Captain R. G. Livingston, of Alachua County, and rendezvoused at Alligator (now Lake City) in the month of June, 1847, and marched thence to Tallahassee arriving on the 9th of July.<sup>18</sup> The company was mustered into the service of the United States at Tallahassee August 13, 1847, by Lieut. William H. C. Whiting, U. S. Engineers, for the duration of the war with Mexico, and the following day was given a flag by Governor Moseley, the presentation being made by ex-Governor Duval with an oration. The company then took up the march for St. Marks, where it embarked in the schooner Tallahassee for New Orleans.<sup>19</sup> From New Orleans it was ordered to Carrollton, Louisiana, for training.

The training period at Carrollton lasted less than a month. Leaving New Orleans in the steamboat *Ann Chase*, the company arrived at Pensacola September 18,<sup>20</sup> transferred to the faster U. S. steamer *Fashion* and proceeded to Vera Cruz, where it arrived September 30, 1847,<sup>21</sup> - the first Florida company in Mexico. It encamped at Camp Bergarra about three miles from the city. Here a great deal of sickness already prevailed among the troops in the vicinity, which rapidly spread to the Florida companies (Livingston's and Kelly's) and proved to be their curse during the whole of the campaign.

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18. Tallahassee *Floridian*, June 26 and July 10, 1847.

19. Tallahassee *Floridian*, Aug. 14 and Sept. 11, 1847.

20. Pensacola *Gazette*, Sept. 25, 1847.

21. Jacksonville *News*, Nov. 5, 1847.

Henceforth we have few specific official dates concerning the movements of Livingston's company in Mexico; but from unofficial, though considered reliable, intelligence communicated to the Florida newspapers, it would appear that the company broke camp at Bergarra about November 1, marched to Jalapa and was stationed there some three weeks, then marched to Puebla, which the advanced contingent reached around December 1, and was quartered in a church on a high hill overlooking the city and environs.

The duties assigned to the company in Mexico seem to have been the same as those of Kelly's company, namely a unit of General Patterson's army distributed to keep open communications between Mexico City and Vera Cruz. A glance at the roster reveals the story of the company's experiences. At one time it had an aggregate strength of only 23 fit for duty. It was so reduced in effectives through sickness and death that Lieutenant Scott was detached and sent back to Florida on a recruiting mission; these recruits, 21 in number, arrived in a body at Puebla on May 7, 1848, after the war was virtually over.

Livingston's company was mustered out of service at Mobile on July 8, 1848, by Captain E. B. Alexander, U. S. A.

### *Roster of Livingston's Company*

August 13, 1847 - July 8, 1848

*Mustered in at Tallahassee, August 13, 1847:*

\*Robert G. Livingston, 27, Newnansville, Captain. Died at Puebla, Mexico, February 9, 1848, from accidental wound (received while hunting a wolf near the encampment);<sup>22</sup>

\*Daniel M. Stewart, 22, Alligator, First Lieutenant. Died at Vera Cruz, November 3, 1847.

William W. Scott, 22, Alligator, Second Lieutenant. (Went with Company to Mexico; later detached for recruiting service in Florida).

22. Tallahassee *Floridian*, March 18, 1848.

- George Holmes, 22, Jacksonville, Third Lieutenant. Elected Captain March 8, 1848, vice Captain Livingston, deceased.
- \*Bryan, William E., 19, Tallahassee. First Sergeant. Reduced to Private in October, 1847. Died (probably in Mexico).
- Brannen, Edward B., 25, Alligator, Second Sergeant. Discharged at Jalapa in March, 1848, for disability.
- Jones, Samuel W., 22, Newnansville, Third Sergeant. Promoted to First Sergeant April 1, 1848.
- \*Murry, Ivy B., 22, Newnansville, Fourth Sergeant. Reduced to Private November 27, 1847. Died (probably in Mexico).
- Sanchez, Gabriel, 23, Newnansville. First Corporal. Discharged at Puebla, March 8, 1848, on Surgeon's certif. of disability.
- \*Brannen, Thomas J., 23, Alligator, Second Corporal. Died at Jalapa December 7, 1847.
- Stewart, George W., 21, Alligator, Third Corporal. Discharged at Jalapa November 24, 1847, on Surgeon's certif. of disability.
- \*Ball, William T., 18, Newnansville, Fourth Corporal. Died at Vera Cruz October 26, 1847.
- Thomas, Jesse E., 24, Alligator, Musician. Discharged at Vera Cruz, January 16, 1848, on Surgeon's certif. of disability.

*Privates*

- Atkinson, William A., 18, New Port. Discharged at Jalapa, December 18, 1847, on account of accidental wound received on guard duty.
- Barnes, George N., 30, Alligator. Transferred to Q.M.O., August 30, 1847.
- Bolen, Edward, 45, Tallahassee. Discharged at Jalapa, December 18, 1847, (cause not noted, but probably disability).
- Branch, John W., 24, Madison. Promoted to Sergeant April 1, 1848.
- Brown, Loring P., 37, Columbus, Fla. Discharged at Vera Cruz December 14, 1847, for disability.
- \*Cannon, Henry, 28, St. Marks. Died at Jalapa December 14, 1847.
- Costello, John M., 31, Alligator.
- \*Dangerfield, Willis R., 37, Alligator. Died at Jalapa January 6, 1848.
- Davidson, John, 32, Alligator. Promoted to Corporal October 31, 1847.
- Doggett, A., 18, Jacksonville. Promoted to Sergeant March 1, 1848.
- \*Eccles, Robert, 27, Tallahassee. Died at Puebla, December 17, 1847.
- Ellis, Henry, 18, Monticello.
- Feeney, William H., 18, Tallahassee.
- \*Gilleland/Gilliland, William, 19, Tallahassee. Killed by Mexican Guerrillas between Perote and Puebla, December 10, 1847 (the only fighting casualty of the company in the war).
- Gillett, William, 25, Alligator. Promoted to Corporal March 1, 1848.
- Grant, John, 31, Tallahassee. Died at Jalapa November 28, 1847.
- \*Harris, Alexander E., 45, Tallahassee. Died at Vera Cruz November 17, 1847.
- Hayes, William, 33, Tallahassee. Deserted from Tallahassee August 14, 1847.



- Head, Green B., 26, Tallahassee. Promoted to Corporal March 1, 1848.
- Holt, John, 19, Tallahassee. Discharged at Vera Cruz December 1, 1847, on Surgeon's certificate.
- Humphries, George, 20, Tallahassee.
- Hunter, Elijah, 24, Alligator. Discharged at Jalapa, (probably for disability).
- Hutchins, Abner, 44, Tallahassee.
- Hyatt, George W., 19, Newnansville. Discharged at Vera Cruz, January 2, 1848, on Surgeon's certificate.
- Jenkins, John, 19, Madison. Promoted to Corporal March 1, 1848.
- Johnson, Alfred C., 26, Tallahassee.
- Johnson, William G., 27, Tallahassee.
- Keith/Keath, James J., 30, Tallahassee.
- Kent, John B., 21, Wakulla.
- Lane, Benjamin B., 21, Alligator. Promoted to Sergeant March 1, 1848.
- Lanier, H. J., 27, Tallahassee. Discharged at Vera Cruz, January 3, 1848, on Surgeon's certificate.
- \*Lavinus, John W., 45, Tallahassee. Died at Puebla, March 28, 1848.
- \*Lay, D. K., 22, Tallahassee. Died at New Orleans, September 30, 1847.
- \*Leach, John, 32, Alligator. Died at Vera Cruz, December 14, 1847.
- \*Lewis, Joseph, 18, Tallahassee. Died at Vera Cruz, December 6, 1847.
- Lynch, Andrew J., 25, Jacksonville.
- \*McClemmy/McClemmy, William, 45, Madison. Died at Vera Cruz, December 7, 1847.
- Martin, Robert R., 30, Alligator.
- \*Morgan, Crispin, 26, Alligator. Died at Jalapa February 8, 1848.
- Ramsey, William H., 18, Tallahassee.
- Ridgeway, David O., 35, Jacksonville.
- Rollerson, Jacob, 26, Alligator. Discharged at Puebla, March 8, 1848, on Surgeon's certificate.
- Rouse, Ira S., 19, Columbus, Fla.
- Sanchez, Roman B., 23, Newnansville. Promoted from Private to First Lieutenant March 8, 1848, vice Lieutenant Stewart, deceased.
- \*Scott, Charles A., 32, Madison. Died at Vera Cruz November 17, 1847.
- Scott, James, 26, Tallahassee. Discharged at Vera Cruz January 21, 1848, for disability.
- \*Scott, William, 23, Tallahassee. Died at Puebla February 1, 1848.
- \*Smith, Berry, 22, Newnansville. Died at Vera Cruz October 25, 1847.
- Spear, George, 20, Tallahassee. Deserted at New Orleans in October, 1847.
- \*Spear, Robert P., 18, Tallahassee. Died at Puebla February 19, 1848.
- Sprowl, Crawford, 34, Tallahassee. Discharged at Puebla March 14, 1848, on Surgeon's certificate.

- \*Stringfellow, William, 44, Newnansville. Died at Vera Cruz, October 10, 1847.
- \*Thomas, Nicholas, 23, Alligator. Died at Vera Cruz, December 7, 1847.
- \*Tidwell, Dempsey, 27, Tallahassee. Died at Puebla, March 15, 1848.
- Todd, John, 25, Newnansville. Transferred to Curtis' Co. of Texas Rangers (date not entered).
- Triste, George, 18, Tallahassee.
- \*Tully, Benjamin F., 18, Tallahassee. Died at Jalapa December 20, 1847.
- Vickas, A., 26, Tallahassee.
- \*Vickrey/Vickery, Cuyler, 22, Madison. Died at Jalapa, February 10, 1848.
- Walker, Edward, 19, St. Marks.
- Walker, Freeman S., 18, Tallahassee. Discharged at Jalapa February 6, 1848, on Surgeon's certificate.
- Woodruff, Joseph, 35, Tallahassee. Promoted to Sergeant December 1, 1847. Promoted to Second Lieutenant March 8, 1848.
- Worthington, Granville, 20, Alligator.
- Mustered in after August 13, 1847, with date:**<sup>23</sup>
- \*Altman, Thomas, 25, Alligator, February 14, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla, May 7, 1848. Died May 27, 1848.
- Andrews, William, 23, Oak Ridge, December 8, 1847. Never joined the Company. Deserted from Oak Ridge, Fla., March 2, 1848.
- Bensing, Michael, 26, Ft. Call, Fla., February 20, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla, May 7, 1848.
- Bergaman, Christian, 30, New Orleans, March 27, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla, May 7, 1848.
- Brown, L. J. A., 26, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848. Discharged at Newnansville March 7, 1848, for disability. (J)
- Brown, William, 20, Ft. Call, December 8, 1847. Never joined Company; deserted from Ft. Call February 25, 1848.
- Carroll, Thomas, 30, Newnansville, February 29, 1848. Never joined Company; deserted from Long Pond, Fla., March 4, 1848.
- Cawley, Thomas, 26, Micanopy, December 7, 1847. Joined Company at Puebla, May 7, 1848.
- Cherry, William H., 28, Withlacoochee, December 14, 1847. Joined Company at Puebla, May 7, 1848.
- Davis, Hagan, 27, Newnansville, March 1, 1848. Joined Company at Jalapa, June 10, 1848.
- \*Flintoff, David, 31, New Orleans, March 22, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla, May 7, 1848. Died at Puebla June 16, 1848.
- \*Gill, Joseph S., 27, New Orleans, March 20, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla, May 7, 1848. Died May 25, 1848.
- Huey, John, 28, Ft. Brooke, January 8, 1848. Never joined Company; discharged at New Orleans January 21, 1848, on Surgeon's certificate.
- \*Ingram, Michael, 30, New Orleans, September 1, 1847. Died at Guadalupe December 17, 1847.

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23. (J)-Previous service in Johnson's company.

- \*Jeffers, M. H., 29, Newnansville, February 29, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla May 7, 1848. Died at Guadalupe June 1, 1848.
- Jenkins, Henry, 24, Ft. Brooke, January 8, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla, May 7, 1848. (J)
- Knight, Mathew A., 21, Ft. Call, December 5, 1847. Joined Company June 10, 1848, after recovery in hospital at Jalapa.
- McMickle, Dougal, 27, Palatlahaha, January 15, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla, May 7, 1848.
- Maher, Michael T., 29, Monticello, August 14, 1847. Promoted to First Sergeant (no date.) Returned to ranks March 31, 1848.
- Miller, Herman, 31, Micanopy, December 10, 1847. Never joined Company; deserted from Micanopy February 12, 1848.
- Mink, John C., Ft. Brooke, January 8, 1848. Deserted from Ocala February 1, 1848, (and joined Fisher's Company). (J)
- Mizell, Morgan, 26; Ft. Brooke, January 7, 1848. Did not join Company; sent from hospital at New Orleans to hospital at Jefferson Barracks June 2, 1848.
- \*Monsil, Milton W., 32, Flemington, Fla., January 18, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla May 12, 1848 and died at Encero June 14, 1848.
- Moody, Isaac, 22, Micanopy, December 9, 1847. Never joined Company; discharged at New Orleans in June, 1848, for disability.
- Pickett, Joseph W., 21, Ft. Brooke, January 8, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla May 7, 1848.
- Pillens, Benjamin M., 22, Newnansville, February 29, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla May 7, 1848.
- Pool, Samuel S., 22, Newnansville, February 20, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla May 7, 1848.
- Porter, Christopher, 26, Ft. Brooke, January 10, 1848. Never joined Company; discharged at New Orleans for disability.
- \*Pryne, Richard, 40, Ft. Brooke, January 8, 1848. Died on return voyage Vera Cruz to New Orleans June 22, 1848.
- Register, Robinson, 20, Ft. Brooke, January 8, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla, May 7, 1848.
- Riley, Patrick, 27, New Orleans, March 20, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla, May 7, 1848.
- \*Seborl, Nicholas, 31, Ft. Brooke, January 8, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla May 7, 1848. Died on return voyage Vera Cruz to New Orleans, June 19, 1848. (J)
- Stephens, Allen A., 21, Ft. King, January 6, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla May 7, 1848.
- Swinney, Thomas, 22, Newnansville, February 10, 1848. Never joined Company; sent from hospital at New Orleans to hospital at Jefferson Barracks June 2, 1848.
- Taylor, William, 22, Ft. King, January 16, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla May 7, 1848.
- Waters, Isaac, 40, Ft. Foster, January 12, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla, May 7, 1848.
- Waterston, Robert, 23, Newnansville, March 1, 1848. Never joined Company; sent from New Orleans to hospital at Jefferson Barracks, June 2, 1848.
- West, Ira, 40, Ft. Foster, January 15, 1848. Joined Company at Puebla, May 7, 1848. (J)
- Wilson, John, 35, Carrollton, La., September 4, 1847.

\*Wood, Samuel, 19, Tallahassee, Musician, August 18, 1847. Died at Jalapa, February 28, 1848.

Wright, Augustus, 30, Newnansville, March 3, 1848. Joined Company at Jalapa, June 10, 1848.

*Recapitulation*

Mustered in August 13, 1847, 76; subsequently, 41; aggregate, 117.

Died, 36; discharged for disability, 19; deserted, 7; transferred, 2; total, 64.

Mustered out July 8, 1848: Officers, 4; non-commissioned officers, 8; privates, 41; aggregate, 53.

CLARK'S COMPANY

(Co. K, 13th Infantry, U. S. A.)

This was a composite company recruited both in Florida and elsewhere, but mostly in Florida, "for the duration of the war with Mexico unless sooner discharged," the first enlistment being at St. Augustine April 6, 1847. Recruiting continued through the summer in Florida, and at Philadelphia which was the principal outside station. The full quota was completed in July, and the Florida contingent, accompanied by Major A. G. Johnson of the 13th Infantry, and Captain Henry E. W. Clark and Lieutenant Edward J. Dummett, of Company K, left St. Augustine for Charleston via Savannah, August 2.<sup>24</sup> The company remained at Fort Moultrie (Charleston) until mustered into the U. S. Army by Colonel William Whistler of the 4th Infantry, October 15, 1847, and assigned to Company K, 13th Infantry. The Florida contingent only will be considered here; but it must not be forgotten that the outside recruits also joined the company and served with it.

The company embarked at Charleston between October 15 and 18, 1847, and arrived at Vera Cruz after Mexico City had been captured. It was attached to the army of General Twiggs and took post at Vera Cruz for a time, then was sent to

<sup>24</sup> St. Augustine *Florida Herald*, Aug. 3, 1847; Jacksonville *News*, Aug. 6, 1847.

Orizaba. It was beset by the same conditions of death and discharge on account of sickness as those of all the other companies there. There were eight deaths in the company, seven of which were in the Florida contingent.

The company remained in Mexico until after the close of the war, and was mustered out as Co. K, 13th Infantry, at Mobile on July 15, 1848, by Robert C. Buchanan, Acting Ins. Gen.

### Roster of Clark's Company

(Co. K., 13th Infantry, U. S. A.)

October 15, 1847-July 15, 1848

#### *Officers*

Henry E. W. Clark, Captain.

Robert S. Haywood, First Lieutenant. Service with company irregular.

Edward J. Dummett, Second Lieutenant. Absent on leave from December 2, 1847, to April 13, 1848.

Isaac Hulse, Jr., Second Lieutenant. Service with company irregular.

#### *Florida contingent mustered into service at Fort Moultrie, October 15, 1847.*

Bigelow, Joseph L., 29, St. Augustine. Promoted to Corporal April 26, 1848.

Black, Edward W., 35, Black Creek. Left sick at Vera Cruz.

Blake, Joshua, 26, Tallahassee.

Boyd, William P., 28, Alligator. Discharged at Vera Cruz, December 31, 1847, on certif. of disability.

Brassard, Francis, 30, St. Augustine. Sergeant.

\*Butler, James, 21, Tallahassee. Died at Vera Cruz, January 7, 1848.

\*Cater, Abraham C., 34, Newnansville. Died at Vera Cruz December 31, 1847.

Cochran/Cochrane, Barney P., 24, Newnansville.

Crismond/Chrismond, Austin B., Tallahassee. Left sick at Vera Cruz.

Davis, Andrew, 21, Tallahassee. Discharged at Vera Cruz, February 12, 1848, on certif. of disability.

Douglas/Douglass, James, 35, Tallahassee. Escaped when under sentence of death by military court January 20, 1848. Carried as a deserter.

Eaton, William H., 23, Alligator. Appointed Corporal February 3, 1848.

\*Filley, Harlow, 35, Newnansville. Died at Orizaba, March 23, 1848.

Grantham, John, 24, Tallahassee. Discharged at Orizaba, April 26, 1848, on certif. of disability.

- \*Griffin, Asa, 35, Newnansville. Died at Orizaba. March 18, 1848.  
Hallman/Hollman, William H., 25, St. Augustine. Discharged at Vera Cruz, December 31, 1847, on certif. of disability.  
Harrison, James M., 20, Tallahassee. Discharged at Orizaba, April 26, 1848, on certif. of disability.  
\*Howell, William E., 33, St. Augustine. Died at Orizaba, March 18, 1848.  
Hust, John, 18, Tallahassee.  
Jones, John, 34, Alligator. [Unaccounted for in final muster.]  
Kilborn/Kilborne/Kilburn, Theodore, 29, Newnansville.  
King, James J., 25, Newnansville.  
Lane, Martin L., 23, St. Augustine, Corporal.  
Lemack/Lamacks, Charles A., 18, Newnansville, musician. Discharged at New Orleans, May 18, 1848, on certif. of disability.  
Low/Lowe, George, 31, Newnansville. Discharged at Orizaba, April 26, 1848, on certif. of disability.  
McCall, Thomas W. M., 23, Columbus.  
McGuire, William M., 27, Columbus.  
McKay, George, 35, Alligator.  
Mansfield, Joshua, 35, St. Marys River.  
Martin, James A., 26, Newnansville. Appointed Corporal, April 26, 1848.  
Miller, James, 35, Micanopy.  
Mingell, Henry, 35, Tallahassee, Corporal. Reduced to ranks, April 18, 1848.  
\*Moody, Thomas J., 30, Newnansville. Died at Orizaba, April 6, 1848.  
Moore/More, Thomas C., 26, Alligator. Sick at Fort Moultrie during absence of company in Mexico.  
Petty, James, 28, Newnansville. Discharged at Orizaba, April 26, 1848, on certif. of disability.  
Scannell, James, 17, St. Augustine, musician.  
Sedgewick, John W., 31, Black Creek.  
Smith Henrick, 23, St. Augustine. Discharged at Vera Cruz, December 31, 1847, on certif. of disability.  
Spear, Benjamin F., 27, Tallahassee, Corporal. Promoted to Q. M. Sergeant and transferred April 3, 1848.  
Spellman, John, 27, St. Augustine.  
Taylor, Thomas A., 26, Tallahassee. Discharged at Orizaba, April 26, 1848, on certif. of disability.  
Tryon, Walter A., 27, Columbus, Sergeant.  
Tuttle, Jason, 31, Micanopy, Sergeant. [Unaccounted for in final roll.]  
Watson, Hugh T., 29, Tallahassee. Sick at Fort Moultrie during absence of company in Mexico.  
Whitcher, John, 27, Newnansville, Corporal. Promoted to Sergeant February 3, 1848.  
Whitehurst, Lorenzo D., 22, Micanopy. Discharged at Vera Cruz, March 7, 1848, on certif. of disability.  
Whitehurst William L., 24, Micanopy. Discharged at Orizaba, April 26, 1848, on certif. of disability.  
Wickham, Horace, 31, Newnansville, Sergeant. Discharged at Orizaba, April 26, 1848 on certif. of disability.  
Wiggins, Joseph R. B., 25, Tallahassee. Discharged at National Bridge, Mexico, January 25, 1848, on certif. of disability.

Wimberly, Evans C., 24, Newnansville. Discharged at Orizaba, April 26, 1848, on certif. of disability.  
\*Wivel, Lewis, 33, Newnansville. Died at Orizaba, April 12, 1848.  
Wright, William W., 35, Newnansville.

***Mustered in after October 15, 1847:***

Keating, Philip, Pensacola. Transferred to 8th Inf., June 21, 1848.  
Loftin, Samuel, Pensacola.  
McClellan, Charles A., Pensacola.  
McMinn, George W., Pensacola.

***Recapitulation, Florida Contingent***

Mustered in October 15, 1847: Non. com. officers and privates, 52; subsequently, 4; total 56.  
Died, 7; discharged for disability, 15; deserted, 1; transferred, 2; unaccounted for, 2; total 27.  
Mustered out July 15, 1848: Non. com. officers, 7; musicians, 1; privates, 17; absent sick, 4; total 29.

**FISHER'S COMPANY**

Fisher's company was largely a reorganization of Johnson's company, the term of which had expired. The new company, under the command of Captain William Fisher, was mustered into service at Fort Brooke (Tampa) by Captain John T. Sprague, 8th Infantry, January 9, 1848, "for the duration of the war with Mexico unless sooner discharged". It remained at Fort Brooke on the same service as its predecessor, and was mustered out there June 30, 1848, by Brevet Major R. D. A. Wade, U. S. A.

***Roster of Fisher's Company***

January 9, 1848-June 30, 1848

***Mustered in at Ft. Brooke on date indicated:***

William Fisher, 23, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848, Captain. (J)  
John G. Reardon, 29, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848, First Lieutenant. (J)  
Virginius A. Pegram, 23, Tallahassee, January 24, 1848, Second Lieutenant. Enrolled by Governor Moseley.  
Stimpson, Lindsey, 31, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848, First Sergeant. Elected Second Lieutenant, March 1, 1848.  
White, James, 28, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848, Second Sergeant. Promoted to First Sergeant, March 1, 1848. (J)  
Prevatt, Joseph, 25, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848, Third Sergeant. Promoted to Second Sergeant. (J)

NOTE: (J)-Previous service in Johnson's Company. (L)-Enrolled in Livingston's Company.

- Putnam, Thomas, 26, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848, Fourth Sergeant. (J)
- McAtherine, J. B., 25, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848, First Corporal. Reduced to ranks February 23, 1848. (J)
- Kyle, W. W. B., 30, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848 Second Corporal. Promoted to Sergeant, March 1, 1848. Reduced to ranks, June 20, 1848. (J)
- Brewer, William L., 26, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848, Third Corporal. Promoted to Sergeant, June 21, 1848. (J)
- Lewis, Richard, 20, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848, Drummer. (J)
- Privates*
- Anders, Jackson L., 20, Benton County, January 9, 1848.
- Ault, Richard, 28, No. 2 Marion County, January 9, 1848.
- Ayre, James, 30, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848. (J)
- Belote, Lewis, 35, Ft. Walker, February 4, 1848.
- Brown, Benjamin, 20, Newnansville, February 1, 1848.
- Brownlow, Joseph P., 27, Benton County, February 4, 1848.
- Bullard, Henry, 20, Benton County, January 9, 1848.
- Callahan, A. B., 31, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848. Discharged for drunkenness. (J)
- Cannaday, Edmund, 23, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848. (J)
- Cappart, George, 19, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848.
- Carter, Hardy, 26, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848. (J)
- Carter, William E., 27, Newnansville, February 1, 1848.
- Cochrane, Edward, 25, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848. (J)
- Cook, James, 26, Ft. Brooke, February 4, 1848. Promoted to Corporal, March 1, 1848. (J)
- Deas, Henry, 20, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848. (J)
- Dukes, William, 23, Ocala, February 1, 1848. (J)
- Dupree, Jesse C., 21, Marion County, January 9, 1848. Promoted to Corporal June 21, 1848.
- Duval, Alexander F., Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848. (J)
- Farish, Thomas B., 32, Ft. Brooke, March 8, 1848. (J)
- Farless, John, 27, Benton County, February 4, 1848.
- Felts, William W., 21, Newnansville, February 1, 1848.
- Fletcher, Seymour P., 29, Newnansville, February 1, 1848. Discharged for drunkenness.
- Fritts, William, 30, Ft. Brooke, January 20, 1848. (J)
- Garrard, Alfred, 21, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848. (J)
- Garrard, Harrison, 27, Ft. Brooke, March 20, 1848. (J)
- Glisson, Bryant, 27, Ft. Harlee, February 1, 1848.
- Guste, Arcène, 26, Ft. Brooke, March 6, 1848.
- Howard, Richard, 30, Ft. Harlee, February 1, 1848.
- Hoy, William, 33, Black Creek, March 20, 1848.
- Ivey, Francis A., 19, Newnansville, February 22, 1848.
- Jerkins, John T., 24, Marion County, January 9, 1848.
- Johns, Isaac, 23, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848. Promoted to Corporal, March 1, 1848; reduced to ranks, May 24, 1848. (J)
- Johns, William M., 26, Flemington, Fla., February 1, 1848.
- Jones, Thomas, 25, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848.
- Kirkland, Mitchell, 19, Ft. Harlee, February 1, 1848.
- Kyle, Robert E., 37, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848. (J)
- Langley, William A., 28, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848.
- Lankford, Wiley, 26, Madison C. H., March 8, 1848.
- Leggett, Oran, 21, Benton County, January 9, 1848.
- Lewis, Daniel, 28, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848.



Lewis, George, 18, Ft. Brooke, March 8, 1848.  
Liles, Charles, 25, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848. Promoted to Corporal March 1, 1848. (J)  
Livingston, John, 19, Madison C. H., February 23, 1848.  
Martin, Abraham G., 20, Marion County, January 9, 1848.  
Miller, Jacob, 36, Ft. King, March 17, 1848.  
Mink, John C., 30, Ocala, February 4, 1848 (L) (J)  
Moffitt, Park A., 27, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848. Promoted to Corporal; reduced to ranks; restored to rank of Corporal May 25, 1848. (J)  
Moody, John F., 22, Marion County, January 9, 1848.  
Moore, James, 21, Newnansville March 28, 1848.  
Prevatt, John T., 18, Newnansville, February 1, 1848.  
Price, Henry, 44, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848. (J)  
Pyburn, Jacob, 44, Ft. Brooke, February 7, 1848. (J)  
Rawls, Seaborn W., 19, Wakahoota, February 1, 1848.  
Rayborn, John, 21, Madison, February 22, 1848. (J)  
Redaught, David J. [or I] 22, Newnansville, February 1, 1848.  
Sheppard, William H., 43, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848.  
Slade, Elisha W., 32, Newnansville, February 1, 1848.  
Smith, Levi, 21[?], Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848. (J)  
Stanford, Cornelius, 23, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848. (J)  
Stewart, John, 23, Jasper, January 9, 1848.  
Strobel, David L., 21, Newnansville, February 1, 1848.  
Thrower, John T., 31, Newnansville, February 10, 1848.  
Tormey, Michael, 25, Ft. Brooke, January 9, 1848. (J)  
Williams, Isaac N., 40, Columbus, Fla., February 24, 1848.  
Williams, John, 30, Columbia County, February 28, 1848.

#### **Recapitulation**

Mustered in January 9, 1848, 40; subsequently, 36; aggregate, 76. Discharged, 2.  
Mustered out June 30, 1848: Officers, 4; non-commissioned officers, 8; privates, 62; aggregate, 74.

#### **FLORIDA RESPONDS**

So runs the record of Florida's military participation in the Mexican war. The words of Governor Moseley to the legislature in November 1847 rang true: "Notwithstanding a combination of influences, all having a direct tendency to dampen the ardor, diminish the resources, and paralyze the energies of our fellow citizens for many consecutive years, they [the volunteers] have gallantly rallied to their country's call in numbers proportionate to our military strength, that will bear an enviable comparison with any of the Sovereignities of our great Republic."

Florida contributed also Lieutenant Colonel W. W. Loring, who achieved great distinction in the war; his record can be found in most of the encyclopedias of American biography. Other residents of the State probably enlisted in the regular army or navy individually, or for reasons of personal sentiment in volunteer companies of other states-such circumstances place them outside the scope of this account; but they likewise were patriots serving their country in time of need.