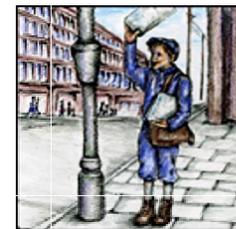


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## ARMY INTELLIGENCE.

### U. S. Troops on the Pacific—Statements of Posts and General Observations—Highly Interesting from Walker's Pass.

For the annexed statement of troops comprising the Pacific Division, with the interesting observations on affairs at the Posts, and the truly valuable information from Walker's Pass, we have to thank Major W. T. Sherman, U. S. Quartermaster of this post.

PACIFIC DIVISION, under command of Brigadier Gen. E. A. Hitchcock, Head Quarters, San Francisco.

#### CALIFORNIA.

*Fort Humboldt.*—Bucksport, Humboldt Bay.  
Companies B. and F. 4th Infantry, 92 officers and men, commanded by Bvt. Lieut. Col. R. C. Buchannan.

A recent report from this post of an expedition among the Indians in the vicinity, represents them as friendly.

*Fort Jones.*—Near Yreka, Scott's Valley.  
Companies A. and E. 1st Dragoons and E. 4th Infantry, 155 officers and men, commanded by Captain B. R. Alden.

The two companies of Dragoons are now absent from this post, on the immigrant trail, for the protection of such parties as may be on their way, except a detachment of 30 men employed as an escort to Lieut. Williamson, Topographical Engineers, on the survey of a route for a railroad through Walker's Pass.

*Fort Reading.*—On Cow Creek, Upper Sacramento.  
Companies C. 1st Dragoons, E. 3d Infantry, and D. 4th Infantry, 120 officers and men, commanded by Bvt. Col. G. Wright, who also commands the Northern District of California.

*Benecia Barracks.*—Benecia. Principal Depot of the Division.

Head Quarters 2d Infantry, and companies B. F. and K. of that regiment, 110 officers and men, commanded by

K. of that regiment, 110 officers and men, commanded by Major H. Day.

*Benicia Arsenal, Benicia*—Detachment of 28 officers and men of the Ordnance, commanded by Br't Capt. C. P Stone.

*Presidio of San Francisco*—Company M 31 Artillery, 34 officers and men, commanded by Br't Major G. P. Andrews.

*Fort Miller, on the Upper San Joaquin*—Companies C and G 2d Infantry, 67 officers and men, commanded by Br't Major H. W. Wessells.

Lieut. McLean has just returned from an expedition from Fort Miller to the much talked of but heretofore little known Walker's Pass. The very existence of such a pass has been doubted by many. Lieut. McLean, with a small detachment of troops, left Fort Miller (130 miles south of Stockton,) on the 15th of June, and travelling to the south and east, he crossed successively King's river, the Four Creeks, Tule river and Kearn river, and reached the Pass on the 26th of June, a distance of 140 miles from Fort Miller, though by the route more to the east, as travelled by Lt. McLean to avoid the high waters, the distance was 190 miles.

Walker's Pass is about six miles in length, and from three hundred yards to a mile and a half in breadth, the narrowest place being at the eastern extremity of the Pass.

The Pass is free from obstructions of all kinds; a buggy can be driven through it without difficulty. The mountains rise on either hand from the Pass to the height of about 7,000 feet, but are neither precipitous nor very rough. They are without timber immediately at the Pass, but at a short distance from the Pass they are covered with heavy timber, the prevailing growth being oak and pine.

At the opening of the Pass to the east, the sandy desert commences, the mountains east of the Mohave, about a hundred miles, being distinctly visible.

Lieut. McLean is of opinion that there is no serious natural obstacle to a railroad from the Pass to the valley of the San Joaquin, and he describes the country as very beautiful and interesting, well watered and timbered.

Lieut. M. found the Indians throughout his expedition friendly and well disposed.

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Lieut. McLean left the Pass on his return the 1st instant, up to which time Mr. Beale, the superintendent of Indian Affairs, had not reached the Pass.

*Jurupa*, near San Bernardino Pass.—Company A, 2d Infantry—46 officers and men, commanded by Capt. C. S. Lovell.

*Mission of San Diego*.—Companies I 1st Artillery and F 3d Artillery—103 officers and men, commanded by Capt. H. S. Burton.

*Fort Yuma*, junction of the Gila and Colorado.—Companies D. H. and I. 2d Infantry, 165 officers and men, commanded by Brev. Major S. P. Heintzelman.

The only hostilities existing in this quarter are between the Yumas and Cocopas, which the commanding officer is endeavoring to accommodate.

#### OREGON AND WASHINGTON TERRITORIES.

*Steilacoom*, Puget's Sound, W. T.—Companies A and C. 4th Infantry, 135 officers and men, commanded by Bvt. Major C. H. Larnard.

*Columbia Barracks*, Vancouver, W. T.—Headquarters 4th Infantry, and Companies G. and H. same regiment, 135 officers and men, commanded by Lt. Col. B. L. E. Bonneville.

*Fort Dalles*, Dalles of the Columbia, Oregon.—Companies I and K, 4th Infantry, 110 officers and men, commanded by Major G. J. Rains.

*Fort Orford*, Port Orford, Oregon.—Detachment of Company C, 1st Dragoons, 1 officer and 10 men.

Captain A. J. Smith reports, June 14th, that in an expedition among the Indians at the mouth of Sixes, Coquille and Kowes rivers, he found them friendly and ready to assist the whites in crossing the river. Other Indians to the South, who were visited by the troops in April last, have since evinced the same disposition. Captain Smith says, "I am informed, since my return, that a party of citizens went out from Crescent City and killed eight Indians on Smith's river, on a mere rumor that some white men had been murdered, which report was afterwards found incorrect."