Maj. Merchant, who, for some time past, has been in command of the troops in this section of the country, has received orders to repair to the Presidio in San Francisco and left on the Ohio yesterday.

His son, Stephen, a sprightly lad of about 15—the only member of his interesting family, now in this country, accompanies him.

Lt. H. W. Stanton (son of Gen'l Stanton of Q. Master's Department) arrived at this place per steamer Panama, on his way to join his company, which is stationed at Sonoma.