

The Patrol

A Scout to Quell the Indian Uprisings to the West of Fort Tejon

February 1st - 2nd, 2008

Friday & Saturday

A special patrol is being made from Fort Tejon into the rugged surrounding countryside of the Fort. This march will be made on foot and will cover approximately 5-8 miles of mountain and valley terrain.

Soldiers will depart from Fort Tejon in a reenactment of many of the marches made from Fort Tejon during the days that Fort Tejon was an Army post. Soldiers will be issued rations on the parade ground of Fort Tejon prior to the patrol. The patrol begins at 4:00 PM on Friday afternoon from the Barracks Bldg and returns Saturday morning to the Barracks at approx 10:00 AM.

This is a challenging patrol. It is not for the physically or mentally weak. You must be in good, strong physical shape and possess a good, sturdy pair of shoes for this patrol.

More information is listed on the reverse.

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Below are two reports that have been received relating to the Indian troubles.

CUDDY VALLEY, CAL.,
January 24th, 1864

Capt. John G. Schmidt, 2ND INF. C.V.

Commanding Fort Tejon, Cal.:

SIR: I have the honor to report to you that a great excitement exists presently here. Great many reports have been received today from the vicinity that the Indians are committing depredations and threatening to make war upon these settlements. An Indian boy came into the ranch and stated that the Indians from South Fork of the Kern River are coming down here to kill off all the whites and eat up all the cattle. The Indians are breaking out from the Sebastian reservation. They are fleeing to the area around here and the old pinery, west of Fort Tejon. The whites there are giving them whisky and they charge around and make their threats publicly. We are unarmed and completely undefended. I want a troop of soldiers here immediately to put down this uprising.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN FLETCHER CUDDY

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SPECIAL ORDERS,
No. 97

FORT TEJON, January 30th, 1864 – 9.30 p. m.

Lieutenant JOHN E. HILL, CO. G, 2ND INF., C.V.:

Dispatch two Sergeants, two Corporals and a platoon, with rations and forage for three days, forty rounds for Musket-rifles, with all haste to scout the land to the west as far as the old pinery. Restore order there. Ascertain the validity of reports of Indian trouble there. Make a report to me as soon as practical as to the supposed troubles.

Capt. John G. Schmidt,
2ND INFANTRY C.V., *Commanding*

I think the Indians have been put up to this. No troops will ever be stationed there except on campaign to whale them. You can bet on it.

J.G.S.

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Starting at Fort Tejon State Historic Park at 4:00 PM, Friday, February 1st and returning to Fort Tejon at approx. 10:00 AM on Saturday evening the February 2nd, 2008.

This patrol is just one part of the 2nd Cal Vol. Event. Not everyone is expected to participate. This marching event will be over approx. 5-8 miles of backcountry to the west of Fort Tejon SHP.

The patrol will depart at 4:00 PM sharp from Fort Tejon SHP. The March will start from Fort Tejon and return to Fort Tejon.

This patrol is only for those in good physical condition. If you have bad feet, ankles, knees etc., you should not consider trying this march. It will be hard work and physically challenging.

A mandatory 100% inspection will be conducted of each soldier before departure from the Parade Ground at Fort Tejon at 3:45 PM sharp. The purpose of the inspection is to ensure that only correct and period items or brought on the patrol

Rations will be issued to those that pass the inspection. Modern communications and first aide will be available during the march in an emergency only.

Vehicles will be parked in the Fort Tejon campground during the patrol.

The march will be led by the Officers & the Non-commissioned Officers of G Company, 2nd Infantry, California Volunteers.

This is a 100% authentic, first person journey to the nineteenth century and will test the physical and mental strength of every soldier. It is not for everyone!

What you will be *issued* for the Patrol:

- Army Rations for two meals.

What you will need to *bring* for the Patrol: (Also see Event Uniform Guidelines)

- Standard Federal Infantry Uniform, accoutrements and equipments:
 - Undress Uniform for Infantry, circa 1861 – 1864
 - Plenty of Socks and underclothes for one day
 - Good pair of Army Shoes
 - Sling and Belt w/boxes
 - 40 rounds of blank ammunition
 - Knapsack/Bedroll. Bring an Overcoat or extra blanket, it will be cold
 - Canteen(s). Two canteens per soldier are highly encouraged
 - Shelter half is up to you, it may rain or snow
 - Rubber Blanket
 - Personal items
- Acceptable Weapons:
 - U.S. Rifle-Muskets, Model of 1855, 1861
 - Although not correct for California troops, Enfield Muskets are acceptable
- A Good Attitude
- First Person Impression
- No Twenty-first century anachronisms