Recollections of California, 1846-1861

By William Tecumseh Sherman

CreateSpace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English. Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. William Tecumseh Sherman is one of the most important and controversial generals in American history. Just about the only thing everyone would agree on is his effectiveness. While he’s lauded as a Union war hero during the Civil War and a forerunner of modern warfare, the South despised him for his heavy-handed tactics, particularly the burning of Columbia and his March to the Sea. The hard-hitting Sherman was just as tough in his memoirs, and he also wrote down recollections of when he was stationed in California in the wake of the Mexican-American War. Sherman’s work is invaluable not just because of who the author was but because he witnessed the California Gold Rush firsthand.

Reviews

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-- Abe Reichel DDS
A California interim government existed from mid-1846 until September, 1850. United States military occupation of territory comprising today's U.S. state of California came soon after the outbreak of the Mexican–American War in 1846 (the Baja California Peninsula was not occupied until 1847). Occupation replaced the previous system of government under Mexico with a “Law of war” system centralizing and combining military command and civil governance under a series of military commanders/governors.

EARLY RECOLLECTIONS of CALIFORNIA. 1846-1848. In the spring of 1846 I was a first lieutenant of Company C, Third Artillery, stationed at Fort Moultrie, South Carolina. The company was commanded by Captain Robert Anderson; Henry B. Judd was the senior first-lieutenant, and I was the junior first-lieutenant, and George B. Ayres the second-lieutenant. In that year (1846) I received the regular detail for recruiting service, with orders to report to the general superintendent at Governor's Island, New York; and accordingly left Fort Moultrie in the latter part of April, and reported to the superintendent, Colonel R. B. Mason, First Dragoons, at New York, on the 1st day of May.

California - History: When Spanish navigator Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo became the first European to sight the region that is present-day California in 1542, there were about 130,000 Native Americans inhabiting the area. The territory was neglected by Spain for more than two centuries (until 1769) because of reports of the region’s poverty and a general slowdown of Spanish exploration.

William Tecumseh Sherman (1820-1891) of Ohio won military fame as one of the greatest Union generals in the Civil War. His association with California began when he served as an aide to Generals Philip Kearny and Richard Barnes Mason during the Mexican War. He remained in California as an adjutant to General Persifor Smith. Sherman's military tour in California ended in January 1850, but he resigned his Army commission in 1853 and returned to California as manager of a new bank. Barring a brief trip east to bring his wife and daughter to th