

A. J. Millard; First Lieutenant, A. J. Sawyer; Second Lieutenant, T. R. Copelain. The complement of men had been secured about the middle of September, but for some reason they were not mustered into service until the 10th of November, and there was also considerable delay in providing uniforms and equipment and arms. The company provided their own mounts, for which they were paid \$16 per month. The uniforms and equipment finally arrived some time in January. They were also provided with a muzzle-loading musket, which was finally replaced the next spring with an elegant breech-loading carbine. The members of the company whose residences were in Sioux City remained at their homes during the winter, reporting only for roll call and assignment for police duty. Those whose homes were at Cherokee, Spirit Lake and Esther ville were sent to those respective places, where they remained inactive during the winter. In the spring of '62 activity was revived and the members of this company were relieved and from time to time until about the middle of the summer of '62. In the early spring of '62 four mounted scouts were sent from Des Moines. One was stationed at Melbourne, one at Cherokee, one at Patterson, and one at Spirit Lake. Their duty was to scout in the vicinity of their respective stations and if any indication of the appearance of Indians was discovered to advise the settlers in the community in time for them to escape. These scouts, although not controlled by the militia, cooperated with them.

It was expected, and was the custom, for the community in which the troops were stationed to furnish barracks for the men and shelter for the horses, gratis. During the summer of that