

CHAPTER XXVI

LOCAL MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS

In 1835, when it was apparent that there would be trouble with the Seminole Indians, a regiment of militia was organized in northeast Florida, composed of men from Duval, Nassau and probably St. Johns Counties. It was known as the Fourth Regiment of Florida Militia and was commanded by Col. John Warren, and the First Battalion by Lt. Col. Wm. J. Mills, both of the Jacksonville neighborhood. It is indicated that Company D, First Battalion, commanded by Capt. D. S. Gardner, was composed of local men, but its roster is not available. The Fourth Regiment was among the first to be ordered out, nearly three weeks before the actual outbreak of hostilities. It marched from Jacksonville for the frontier, December 9, 1835.<sup>h</sup>

The Legislative Council of 1844 authorized the organization of the Jacksonville Guards; for what purpose is unknown, as no further record or reference to the company has been found anywhere.

Duval County Mounted Volunteer Guard

The organization of the Duval County Mounted Volunteer Guard was authorized by the Legislature in 1849, for service on the Indian River frontier in connection with Indian troubles. This company was mustered into the service of the State August 7, 1849; the muster roll was as follows:<sup>o</sup>

Officers

Captain: Thomas Ledwith. Lieutenants: John Roberts, Jr., Ephraim L. Harrison. Sergeants: Aristides Doggett, A. J. Simmons, James Higginbotham, Redden Turner. Corporals: James W. Higginbotham, Benjamin Falana, Edward Mitchell, Nathaniel Wingate. Company Clerk: Isidore W. Garnie.

Enlisted Men

Aldrich, Whipple	Crocker, Henry	Hardin, James H.
Andrews, Joseph	Dooliff, Abner	Harrell, Maberry
Andrews, Thaddeus C.	Falana, Huster	Hodges, Samuel
Bass, Wm. H.	Geiger, Aaron	Hogans, Reuben
Codding, Geo. F.	Grisham, Jesse	Hogans, Washington