

Head Quarters Pacific Division

San Francisco August 18<sup>th</sup> 1852

Sir

Lieut Hamilton, Comdy Monterey Redoubt having referred to these Head Quarters a correspondence with you in relation to your independence of the authority of the commanding officer of the Post where you may be stationed, the General Commanding desires me to say to you, that your position at Monterey is different from that at a separate Arsenal or Ordnance Depot, and that in all matters relating to the discipline of the Post, you are subject to the authority of the Commander thereof

I am Sir Very Respectfully

Yr. Ob. Sevnt

E.D. Townsend

Asst Adjt. Genl

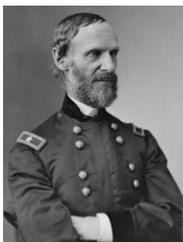
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B. G. Baldwin

Ordnance Dept.

Thru Comdg Officer Monterey

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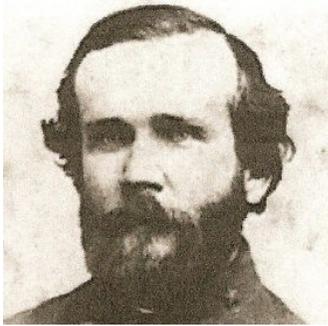


Edward Davis Townsend (August 22, 1817 – May 10, 1893) was Adjutant General of the United States Army from 1869 to 1880.

The son of David S. & Eliza (Gerry) Townsend and grandson of Vice President Elbridge Gerry, Townsend was educated at Boston's Latin School before graduating from the United States Military Academy in 1837. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Second U. S. Artillery and served as that regiment's adjutant and participating in the Second Seminole War and the relocation of the Cherokee Nation. In 1846 he was transferred to the Adjutant General's Corps and assigned to duty in Washington,

D.C. He served on the Pacific coast from 1851 to 1856, after which he returned to Washington for the remainder of his career. In February 1869 he was promoted to brigadier general and became adjutant general. Townsend retired in 1880. He died in Washington in 1893 after an accidental shock from a cable car and is buried at Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

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Briscoe Gerard Baldwin Jr.

08/12/1828 (VA.) – 09/28/1898 (Brazos Cty, TX)

Served as Chief of Ordnance of Army of the Potomac under Gen. Robert E. Lee. Paroled as Lt. Col at Appomattox Court House 04/9/1865.

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