

# In Memory of the Mormon Battalion Marker

Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, Point Loma, San Diego County, California

## TRAIL SEGMENT

2. Main Command

## TRAIL DATE

26 Apr 1847

11 May 1847

## DEDICATION DATE

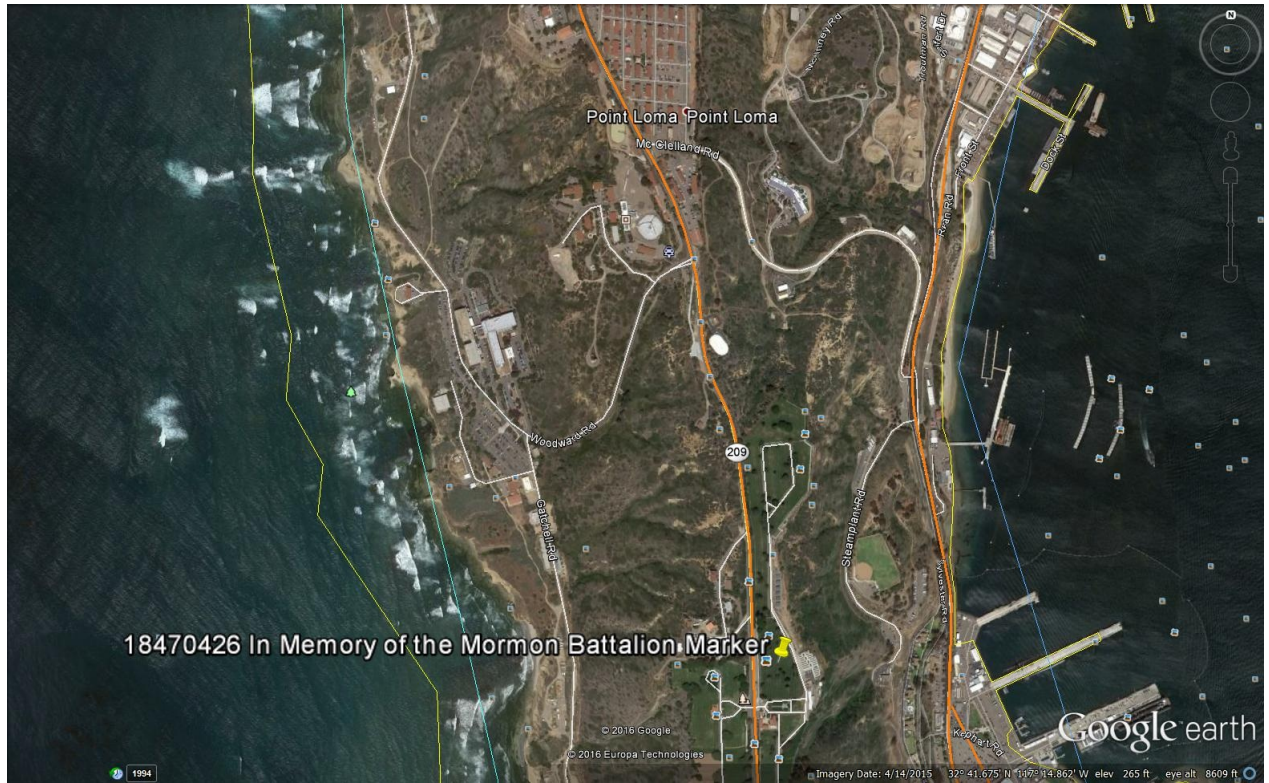
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## GPS COORDINATES

33° 41.375' N

117° 14.665' W

WGS84



Google Earth™ image, 14 April 2015



by Bill Kirchner, 30 March 2015



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## Description

Upright granite rounded grave marker with flat granite grave marker. The front of the upright rounded stone marker bears a Mormon Battalion Association "Mexican War - U.S. Mormon Battalion" medallion and images of Private Albert Dunham and Lydia Hunter. The rear of the upright rounded stone marker bears a Mormon Battalion Association "Women of the Mormon Battalion" medallion and inscription honoring Lydia Hunter. The flat grave marker in front bears an inscription honoring the Mormon Battalion and each of them.



# Driving Directions

From high speed interchange of I-5 and I-8 in San Diego, take California Route 209 (Cabrillo Memorial Drive) about seven miles southwest through San Diego to the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery on Point Loma. Go south about 135 feet from the 60 foot tall granite obelisk commemorating the dead of the USS Bennington. A rounded stone marker commemorating the Heros of the Battle of San Pasqual is just to the south of the markers.

## Inscriptions

### Plaque 1 of 3. Front of Upright Marker.



by Bill Kirchner, 30 March 2015



by Allen C. Browne, 30 May 2015

[Bronze Medallion:  
MEXICAN WAR  
U.S. MORMON BATTALION  
around  
Mormon Battalion Association Logo]



by Allen C. Browne, 30 May 2015

[Images of PVT Albert Dunham and  
Lydia Hunter]

### Plaque 2 of 3. Flat Grave Marker.



IN MEMORY OF THE MORMON BATTALION WHOSE  
MEMBERS MADE THE LONGEST MILITARY MARCH IN  
U.S. HISTORY OF OVER 2000 MILES FROM IOWA TO SAN  
DIEGO IN 1846 - 1847 DURING THE WAR WITH MEXICO.

ALBERT WARREN DUNHAM  
PRIVATE - COMPANY B

WIFE OF CAPTAIN JESSE HUNTER  
COMPANY B

23 MAY 1828 - 11 MAY 1847

22 JANUARY 1823 - 26 APRIL 1847

LYDIA ANN EDMONDS HUNTER

LYDIA HUNTER AND PRIVATE ALBERT DUNHAM WERE  
BURIED IN A CEMETERY IN THE LA PLAYA AREA OF  
POINT LOMA AND WERE MOVED TO FORT ROSECRANS NATIONAL  
CEMETERY WITH OTHER MILITARY PERSONNEL IN 1887.

### Plaque 3 of 3. Back of Upright Marker.



by Allen C. Browne, 30 May 2015



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[Bronze Medallion:  
WOMEN OF THE  
MORMON BATTALION  
around  
Mormon Battalion Association  
Woman's Auxiliary Logo]

LYDIA HUNTER DIED  
FROM COMPLICATIONS  
RESULTING FROM THE  
BIRTH OF HER ONLY  
CHILD, A SON NAMED  
DIEGO HUNTER, THE  
FIRST AMERICAN BORN  
IN CALIFORNIA. DIEGO  
WAS BORN ON 29 APRIL  
1847. LYDIA DIED 6  
DAYS LATER

MAY WE HONOR HER  
AND EACH OF THOSE  
WOMEN WHO SERVED  
WITH THE MORMON  
BATTALION. WE ALSO  
PAY TRIBUTE TO THE  
MANY OTHERS THAT  
SENT THEIR SONS,  
HUSBANDS, AND  
BROTHERS INTO THE  
SERVICE OF THEIR  
COUNTRY DURING THE  
WAR WITH MEXICO IN  
1846-1847.

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