To the Mormon Battalion Marker
Military Plaza Park, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona

TRAIL SEGMENT
2. Main Command

TRAIL DATE
16 Dec 1846

DEDICATION DATE
13 Jun 1937

GPS COORDINATES
32° 13.171’ N
110° 58.101’ W
WGS84

by Bill Kirchner, 6 February 2010
Description
This rectangular concrete marker commemorates the first raising of the American flag on 16 December 1846 in the Tucson Presidio, just 0.4 miles northwest of here. This marker was dedicated on 13 June 1937. Fifty-nine years later – on 16 December 1996, the exact location of the flag raising was marked by the Exchange at the Presidio monument in the El Presidio Plaza.

Driving Directions
Take Congress Street Exit from I-10 in downtown Tucson, Arizona. Go east 0.2 miles and turn slant right at North Granada Avenue onto West Broadway Boulevard. Go east 0.4 miles and turn right on South 6th Avenue. Then go one block south to East 12th Street. The monument is 150 feet ahead on your left in northwest corner of the Military Plaza Park.

Inscriptions
Plaque 1 of 1.

TO THE
MORMON BATTALION

Which, under command of
Col. Cooke, in the course of
their 2,000 mile infantry
march to the Pacific coast,
arrived and raised the first
American flag in Tucson.

DECEMBER 16, 1846
Erection supervised by
M-MEN AND GLEANER GIRLS
of the
Central Arizona District
of the
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
JUNE 13, 1937

History
Erected 13 June 1937 by M-Men and Gleaner Girls of the Central Arizona District of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Credits
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