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## U.S. LIGHT HORSE ARTILLERY: THE "FLYING BATTERIES"

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In 1821 Congress authorized a reorganization of the Army's artillery, to include a company of light horse artillery. However, the actual organization of one company (four batteries) of light artillery per artillery regiment was delayed for seventeen years. Not until 1838 did the first company become fully mounted for rapid movement. Company C, 3<sup>rd</sup> US Artillery, under command of Captain Samuel Ringgold, was equipped, organized, and initially trained at the new School of Cavalry Practice, Carlisle Barracks, PA. The designation, and organization of three additional such companies soon followed, namely:

Co K, 2<sup>nd</sup> Artillery - CPT Francis Taylor  
Co A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Artillery - LT James Duncan  
Co B, 4<sup>th</sup> Artillery - CPT John Washington

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