

History of the 10th Infantry Battalion, Company B, National Guard of California 1890-1895

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COMPANY B

Company B, Tenth Infantry Battalion, Sixth Brigade

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: Arcata, Humboldt County

Organized May 13, 1890

Mustered out June 29, 1895*

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Eugene J. Mullin, Captain	Dec. 21, 1889	Feb. 20, 1890
Harry Jackson, First Lieut.	Dec. 21, 1889	Feb. 20, 1890
Eugene J. Mullin, Captain (Re-elected Dec. 10, 1891)		
Luther D. Graeter, First Lieut.	Jan. 22, 1891	April 18, 1891
Cordon L. Pardee, Captain	Mar. 14, 1893	Mar. 24, 1893
William J. McGonagly, First Lieut.	Jan. 21, 1893	Feb. 28, 1893
Jeremiah Duffy, First Lieut.	Jan. 26, 1895	Jan. 27, 1895

Activities:

On May 13, 1890, a new battalion was organized in the Sixth Brigade, known as the Tenth Infantry Battalion. An independent company that had been organized in Arcata, Humboldt County, December 21, 1889, was attached to the new battalion, and designated Company B.

On June 29, 1890, Company B held their first target practice, a custom that was required by law. The membership of Company B was eighty-two men, but only forty-six officers and men were actually present in the prescribed uniform to take part in the shooting. The total number of possible points to be scored, counting all the members, whether present or absent, was 8,100. The number of points scored by those present was 1,057, giving the company a percentage of 25.78 per cent, which was below average.

Company B with the Tenth Infantry Battalion, attended a Camp of Instruction, held at Santa Cruz from July 5 to 11, 1891.

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*Adjutant General Report 1895-1896, page 75.

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Activities: (Continued)

The morning roll-calls were attended by brigade and staff officers, a practice of great value to all concerned, and one that should be generally adopted. Battalion drills were promptly and efficiently entered upon and continued during the time allotted. No pains or efforts were spared by the field officers in command to explain and carry out the tactical movements. Guard duty and guard mounting were efficiently performed, and sentries well posted in their duties. As comparatively few posts were established, it is doubtful if a large proportion of enlisted men present performed a tour of guard duty. The general conduct and discipline of both officers and men were satisfactory and their appearance soldierly, indicating a high degree of respect for their superior officers, their uniforms, and themselves.* Company B with the Tenth Infantry Battalion attended an encampment, in conjunction with the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Brigades, held in Santa Cruz, from August 6 to 14, 1892. This encampment was similar to the one held the previous year.**

On January 26, 1892, Company B with the Tenth Infantry Battalion, marched in the funeral procession of John Vance, Humboldt County's most prominent citizen, and at the time of his death the Mayor of Eureka.***

There is no further record of the activities of Company B until 1895, when the State Legislature enacted a law on March twenty-sixth, that reduced the number of National Guard companies to a maximum of sixty-nine. In order to conform with the law the Board of Location and Organization recommended that Company B, Tenth Infantry Battalion, be mustered out of service. In pursuance to General Order No. 10, Company B was mustered out June 29, 1895.****

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*Adjutant General Report 1891-1892, page 156.

**Adjutant General Report 1893-1894, page 144.

***For additional information concerning the funeral tendered John Vance, refer to History of Company A, Tenth Infantry Battalion, Sixth Brigade.

****Adjutant General Report 1895-1896, page 75.