

History of the 11th Separate Company, Infantry, California National Guard 1918

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ELEVENTH SEPARATE COMPANY

(ALAMEDA)

Eleventh Separate Company, Infantry, California National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Office

Location: Alameda, Alameda County

Mustered in March 9, 1918*

Mustered out September 24, 1918**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Joseph H. Wilbur, Captain (resigned July 20, 1918)	Mar. 9, 1918	Mar. 23, 1918
Newton W. Armstrong, First Lieut. (resigned July 20, 1918)	Mar. 9, 1918	Mar. 23, 1918

Activities:

The Eleventh Separate Company was organized in Alameda and mustered in as a unit of the California National Guard on March 9, 1918. Joseph H. Wilbur was chosen Captain and Newton W. Armstrong, First Lieutenant. The new unit was destined to remain in the State Service only about six months before it was mustered out. All three of the commissioned officers of the company had previous military experience and within a few months after the forming of the Eleventh Separate Company, Captain Joseph H. Wilbur and First Lieutenant Newton W. Armstrong were called into the Federal Service. Both officers resigned their commissions in the National Guard on July 20, 1918. Two months later, on September 24, 1918, Second Lieutenant Arthur E. White tendered his resignation for the reason that he had enlisted in the United States Merchant Marine Service. Consequently the unit was left without commissioned officers to command it.

Nearly all the members of the company as well as the officers had entered the Federal Service and thus weakened the unit until it was necessary for the Adjutant General's Office to order the company mustered out. This was done on September 26, 1918, the same day that the resignation of Lieutenant White was accepted.

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*Eleventh Separate Company mustered into State Service, March 9, 1918.
Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 116.

**Eleventh Separate Company mustered out, September 24, 1918.
Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 119.