

History of the Company H (San Francisco Cadets), 2nd Infantry Regiment, National Guard of California 1880-1881

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COMPANY H

Company H, Second Infantry Regiment, Second Brigade (formerly San Francisco Cadets)

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: San Francisco, San Francisco County

Organized August 7, 1863

Reorganized March 26, 1880*

Reconstituted June 1, 1881**

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
George Bigley, Captain	Dec. 30, 1874	Jan. 7, 1875
William D. Waters, First Lieut.	June 27, 1879	July 25, 1879

Activities:

Company H, Second Infantry Regiment was formerly the San Francisco Cadets organized in San Francisco, August 1863. On March 26, 1880, an order was issued by Adjutant General Samuel W. Backus, which required that from that date on, all companies attached to regiments or battalions would be known by their letter designation only. Accordingly the name San Francisco Cadets was discarded and the unit became Company H.

At the annual inspection of Company H on May 21, 1880, the unit was the second largest in membership, having a total of 115 men and officers. Major Fred W. Smith, Inspector, Second Brigade reported the Second Regiment was greatly improved since his last inspection, were armed with United States regulation Springfield rifles, most of which was in excellent condition.

The year of 1880, was one of many parades for Company H. Besides the regular holiday parades, there was one for the purpose of inspection by Major General W. H. L. Barnes, National Guard of California, one for the review of His Excellency Governor George C. Perkins, Commander-in-Chief, which was held on May thirty-first. They paraded when General Ulysses S. Grant, United States Army, returned to this country after a tour abroad. On September ninth, President Rutherford B. Hayes visited San Francisco and Company H participated in the reception tendered the Chief Executive.***

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*Adjutant General Report 1880, General Order No. 12, par. 2, page 63.

**Adjutant General Report 1881-1882, General Order No. 11, page 81.

***Adjutant General Report 1880, page 82.

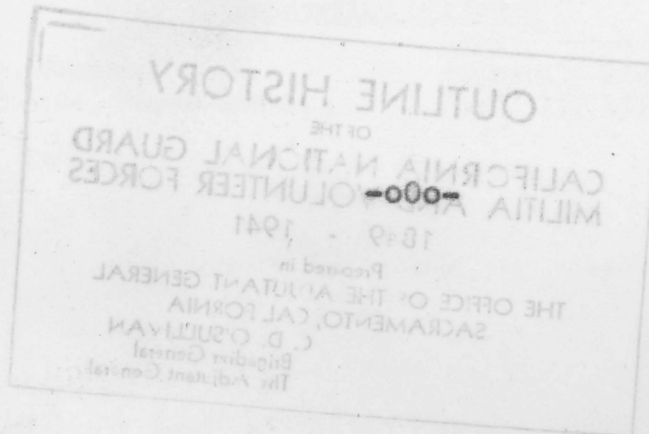
COMPANY H (Continued)

Activities: (Continued)

Company H did not participate in an encampment during the period from 1880 to June 1, 1881, when the Second Infantry Regiment was redesignated Second Artillery Regiment, Second Brigade.* Company H, Second Infantry Regiment was redesignated Company H, Second Artillery Regiment, Second Brigade.

SECOND ARTILLERY REGIMENT, SECOND BRIGADE

BATTERY A. (UNATTACHED)



*Adjutant General Report 1881-1882, General Order No. 11, page 81.