

**History of the Company A (Emmet  
Guard), 3<sup>rd</sup> (Irish) Infantry Regiment,  
National Guard of California  
1883-1895**

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COMPANY A

Company A, Third Infantry Regiment, Second Brigade (formerly  
Emmet Guard)

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: San Francisco, San Francisco County

Organized November 18, 1862

Reorganized April 18, 1883\*

Consolidated and redesignated December 9, 1895\*\*

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Robert Cleary, Captain	April 18, 1883	May 19, 1883
Michael Leahy, First Lieut. (Resigned Dec. 8, 1884)	April 18, 1883	June 16, 1883
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Robert Cleary, Captain (Re-elected April 23, 1885)		
Daniel Foley, First Lieut.	Feb. 5, 1885	Feb. 25, 1885
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Robert Cleary, Captain (Re-elected May 5, 1887)		
Daniel Foley, First Lieut. (Re-elected May 5, 1887)		
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Daniel Foley, Captain	Mar. 22, 1890	April 28, 1890
Miles J. Bolger, First Lieut.	Mar. 22, 1890	April 28, 1890
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James W. Duffy, Captain	July 21, 1892	Aug. 6, 1892
John F. Connolly, First Lieut.	July 21, 1892	Aug. 27, 1892
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John F. Connolly, Captain	Aug. 20, 1894	Sept. 22, 1894
George T. Balinger, First Lieut.	Jan. 31, 1895	June 26, 1895

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\*Company A, formerly Emmet Guard organized November 18, 1862, was mustered in and designated Company A, Third Infantry Regiment, Second Brigade, April 18, 1883.  
Adjutant General Report 1883-1884, General Order No. 16, page 66, and 42.

\*\*Companies A and E, Third Infantry Regiment, Second Brigade consolidated and redesignated as Company A, Fifth Battalion, December 7, 1895. Two days later, December 9, Company A, Fifth Battalion became Company A, First Infantry Regiment.  
Adjutant General Report 1895-1896, General Order Nos. 17, 18, pages 86, 88.

## Activities:

Company A was formerly the Emmet Guard organized November 18, 1862. However, on April 18, 1883, the unit was reorganized and mustered in as Company A of the Third Infantry Regiment with a membership of seventy men.\* This unit under its new commander reached a degree of discipline and excellence that placed it among the most reliable and efficient of the companies in the National Guard.\*\* The inspection of D. E. Miles, Major and Signal Officer of the Second Brigade indicates this fact as the percentage of attendance in 1883, was 75 per cent and the unit increased until 1892, the percentage was 98 per cent.

On August 28, 1884, the unit encamped for three days at Monterey under the command of Colonel Robert Tobin. The corps paid all their own expenses at this encampment, except for the tents which were loaned to them by the State. The company also attended the encampment of the entire National Guard at Santa Cruz from August 15 to 23, 1885. While in camp the unit took part in the regular drills, parades and other camp duties. The Third Infantry to which Company A was attached was commanded by Colonel Robert Tobin. The Infantry consisted of seven companies and had twenty-seven officers and 284 men, which made a total of 311 present.

On numerous occasions Company A acted as escort at the funeral rites for outstanding personages. On August 5, 1889, the unit attended the funeral ceremony for their regimental commander the late Colonel Robert Tobin, also King Kalakaua's funeral on January 22, 1891, and for Senator Hearst, March eighteenth of the same year.

In 1894, Company A was called for active duty. The unit was sent to Sacramento to aid in the controlling of a nationwide railroad strike which had developed among the employees of the Southern Pacific Company. The men were on patrol and guard duty from July fourth to twenty-seven when they were dismissed from active service.\*\*\*

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\*The San Francisco Examiner, April 19, 1883, page 3, column 1.

\*\*Adjutant General Report 1885-1886, page 124.

\*\*\*For further details refer to the National Guard and the Railroad Strike, Adjutant General's Office.

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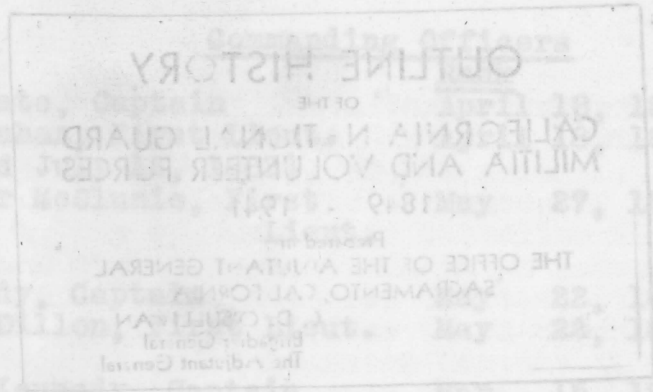
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COMPANY A (Continued)

Activities: (Continued)

The following year Companies A and E, Third Infantry consolidated and were designated as Company A, Fifth Battalion on December 7, 1895. Two days later Company A was redesignated as Company A, First Infantry Regiment, Second Brigade.\*

Name	Rank	Commission
Edward H. Kennedy	Captain	April 11, 1888
James G. Burns	First Lieut.	Oct. 16, 1888
Edward H. Kennedy	Captain	_____
James G. Burns	First Lieut.	_____



\*Company B, formerly designated as Company E, Third Infantry Regiment, was mustered in and designated as Company B, Fifth Battalion, Third Infantry Regiment, Second Brigade, April 18, 1895. Adjutant General Report 1893-1894, page 86, and 42.

\*Adjutant General Report 1895-1896, General Order Nos. 17, 18, 63, pages 86, 88.

\*\*Adjutant General Report 1893-1894, page 33.

\*\*\*Company B and Company F, Third Infantry, consolidated and redesignated Company B, First Infantry Regiment, December 9, 1895. Adjutant General Report 1895-1896, General Order Nos. 17, 18, pages 86, 88.