

History of the Company C (Hewston Guard), 5th Infantry Battalion, National Guard of California 1882-1885

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Company C, Fifth Infantry Battalion, Second Brigade (formerly Hewston Guard)

Reference: Adjutant General's Files
 Location: Petaluma, Sonoma County reorganized and attached to the Organized June 29, 1869 March 22, 1882.*
 Reorganized March 22, 1882*
 Reconstituted August 1, 1885**

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
James Armstrong, Captain (reelected May 10, 1882) (resigned July 29, 1882)	June 29, 1869	July 6, 1871***
D. B. Fairbanks, Captain	Oct. 10, 1882	Nov. 28, 1882
Albert G. Twist, first Lieut. (reelected June 29, 1881) (resigned Aug. 10, 1882)	June 27, 1879	July 25, 1879***
George W. Zartman, First Lieut.	Oct. 10, 1882	Nov. 28, 1882
D. B. Fairbanks, Captain (reelected June 15, 1885)	_____	_____
George W. Zartman, First Lieut. (reelected June 15, 1885)	_____	_____

Due to the units being in existence for a short period of only five years, the activities in which the members engaged pertained mostly to drills, inspections and parades.**

In accordance with Regimental Order No. 7, Company C, Fifth Infantry

*Company C was formerly the Hewston Guard, organized June 29, 1869, reorganized as Company C and attached to the Fifth Infantry Battalion, March 22, 1882. Adjutant General Report 1881-1882, General Order No. 6, page 93.

**Company C, Fifth Infantry Battalion was redesignated Company C, Fifth Infantry Regiment, August 1, 1885. Headquarter Papers, Second Brigade, Special Order No. 44, 1885.

***Captain J. Armstrong and First Lieutenant A. G. Twist retained their former commissions as of July 6, 1871 and July 25, 1879, respectively, when they commanded Hewston Guard, unattached.

**Regimental Order No. 7, Headquarter Papers, Fifth Infantry Regiment, Second Brigade.

COMPANY C (Continued)

Activities:

Company C was formerly the Hewston Guard an unattached unit, organized June 29, 1869. The Company was reorganized and attached to the Fifth Infantry Regiment, March 22, 1882.*

Seven months later the unit was inspected by John F. Sheehan, Adjutant General. The percentage of attendance was very low, 43.18 per cent for the month of October. However, their efforts were not futile, as an inspection report by Adjutant General George B. Cosby quotes the merits for the next year of Company C as follows:

Average attendance	63.77% poor
Inspection	4.00% good
Inspection of Quarters	4.00% good

The target practice reports for the years 1883 and 1884 made respectively by Adjutant General Cosby and Fred Kulmle, Inspector of Rifle Practice, are as follows:

Year	Number present	Number absent	Percentage
1883	42	18	55 % fairly good
1884	30	33	63.3% good

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*Adjutant General Report 1881-1882, General Order No. 6, page 93.

**For additional information concerning Company C, refer to History of Company B, Fifth Infantry Regiment, Second Brigade.

***Regimental Order No. 7, Headquarter Papers, Fifth Infantry Regiment, Second Brigade.