

# **History of the Company D (Vallejo Rifles), 5th Infantry Battalion, National Guard of California 1882-1885**

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COMPANY D

1972

Company D, Fifth Infantry Battalion, Second Brigade (formerly Vallejo Rifles)

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: Vallejo, Solano County

Organized September 8, 1861

Reorganized March 22, 1882\*

Disbanded April 7, 1885\*\*

Reorganized mustered in and stationed San Rafael Apr. 29, 1885\*\*\*

Reconstituted August 1, 1885\*\*\*\*

Commanding Officers		
Name	Rank	Commission
Frank O'Grady, Captain	May 5, 1874	May 9, 1874*****
Thomas P. McDonald, first Lieut.	Apr. 11, 1877	May 15, 1877*****
Frank O'Grady, Captain (reelected May 10, 1882)	_____	_____
Thomas P. McDonald, first Lieut. (reelected Apr. 13, 1881) (resigned May 17, 1883)	_____	_____
Frank O'Grady, Captain (reelected May 12, 1882) (resigned June 14, 1884)	_____	_____
Richard Coleman, first Lieut.	June 27, 1883	Aug. 9, 1883
Joseph B. Lauck, Captain	May 14, 1885	June 9, 1885
J. D. Lawton, first Lieut.	May 14, 1885	July 30, 1885

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\*Company D, formerly the Vallejo Rifles, unattached, organized September 8, 1861, designated Company D, Fifth Infantry Battalion, March 22, 1882. Adjutant General Report 1881-1882, General Order No. 6, page 93.

\*\*Adjutant General Report 1885-1886, General Order No. 9, Par. 3, page 63.

\*\*\*A new company organized in San Rafael and designated Company D, Fifth Infantry Regiment, April 29, 1885. Adjutant General Report 1885-1886, Special Order No. 24, page 112, and 113.

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

\*\*\*\*\*Captain F. O'Grady and first Lieutenant Thomas P. McDonald retained their former commissions as of May 9, 1874, and May 15, 1877, respectively, when they commanded the Vallejo Rifles.

Activities:

Company D was formerly the Vallejo Rifles, organized September 8, 1861, and was reorganized and attached to the Fifth Infantry Battalion as Company D, March 22, 1882.\*

Due to the unit being in existence but a short period of three years, the activities on record pertain mostly to drills and inspections. On September 1, 1883, a year following the organization of Company D, the Adjutant General reported an attendance percentage at drills of 65.07%. The next year in September the percentage had dropped to 59%.

On April 7, 1885, in accordance with General Order No. 9, Company D, Fifth Infantry Battalion, was disbanded and ceased to be a part of the National Guard of California.\*\* On April twenty-ninth of the same year, a new company was organized in San Rafael and attached to the Fifth Infantry Battalion and designated as Company D.\*\*\*

However, this unit was only in service as a part of the Fifth Infantry Battalion for a period of four months. During that time the company was inspected by Major T. J. Parsons, Inspector Rifle Practice, Fifth Infantry Battalion. The report was as follows:

Military appearance, discipline and instruction good

Financial condition fair

Records not complete.

The following month in accordance with Regimental Order No. 7, Company D, Fifth Infantry Battalion, was redesignated Company D, Fifth Infantry Regiment, Second Brigade, August 1, 1885.\*\*\*\*

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- \*Adjutant General Report 1881-1882, General Order No. 6, page 93.
- \*\*Adjutant General Report 1885-1886, General Order No. 9, page 63.
- \*\*\*Adjutant General Report 1885-1886, page 6.
- \*\*\*\*Regimental Order No. 7, Headquarter Papers, Fifth Infantry Regiment, Second Brigade.