

History of the 7th Infantry Regiment, Company H, National Guard of California 1889-1917

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COMPANY H

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Company H, Seventh Infantry Regiment, First Brigade (formerly Company D,
Seventh Infantry Regiment)

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: Ventura, Ventura County

Organized December 30, 1889

Reconstituted December 9, 1895*

Mustered into Federal Service May 9, 1898**

Mustered out of Federal Service December 2, 1898***

Mustered out July 5, 1899****

Reorganized, mustered in and stationed Talbert December 8, 1900+

Mustered out August 4, 1904++

Reorganized, mustered in and stationed Long Beach December 21, 1904+++

Mustered into Federal Service June 29, 1916****

Mustered out of Federal Service November 11, 1916#

Resumption of Service in the National Guard 1916##

Mustered into Federal Service April 4, 1917###

Redesignated October 14, 1917####

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*Company H, formerly Company D, Seventh Infantry redesignated Company H, Second Battalion, December 7, 1895. Two days later, December 9, Company H, Second Battalion designated Company H, Seventh Infantry Regiment.

Adjutant General Report 1895-1896, General Order No. 17, 18, pages 86, 88.

**Company H as part of the Seventh Infantry Regiment was mustered into Federal Service for duty during the Spanish-American War, May 9, 1898.

Adjutant General Report 1899-1900, page 6.

***Adjutant General Report 1899-1900, page 6.

****Adjutant General Report 1899-1900, page 64.

+A new company organized in Talbert and designated Company H, Seventh Infantry Regiment, December 8, 1900. Adjutant General Report 1901-1902, page 4.

++General and Special Orders and Circulars 1904, General Order No. 9, page 1, part. 1.

+++A new company organized in Long Beach and designated Company H, Seventh Infantry Regiment, December 21, 1904. General and Special Orders and Circulars 1904, Special Order No. 8.

++ Company H as part of the Seventh Infantry Regiment, mustered into Federal Service for duty on the Mexican Border, June 29, 1916.

Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 19.

Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 19.

##General and Special Orders and Bulletins 1916, General Order No. 34, page 150.

###Company H, as part of the Seventh Infantry Regiment mustered into Federal Service April 4, 1917. Return Company H, Seventh Infantry Regiment April, 1917. Adjutant General's Files.

####Company H, Seventh Infantry Regiment consolidated with Company F, Seventh Infantry Regiment and designated Company D, 160th Infantry Regiment, 40th Division October 14, 1917. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926 - page 27.

COMPANY H (Continued)

Commanding Officers		
Name	Rank	Commission
Albert W. Browne, Captain (reelected Aug. 3, 1896)	July 10, 1894	July 28, 1894*
John W. Hammonds, First Lieut. (reelected Aug. 3, 1896)	July 10, 1894	July 28, 1894*
George Magill, Captain	Dec. 8, 1900	Feb. 7, 1901
Justin Stewart, First Lieut. (resigned Feb. 28, 1902)	Dec. 8, 1900	Jan. 18, 1901
R. I. Turner, First Lieut. (resigned July 9, 1903)	May 2, 1902	July 8, 1902
George Magill, Captain (reelected Dec. 15, 1902)		
H. B. Richard, First Lieut.	Oct. 3, 1903	Oct. 30, 1903
A. B. Austin, Captain (resigned Mar. 24, 1906)	Dec. 21, 1904	Jan. 13, 1905
L. A. Paine, Captain (resigned Oct. 29, 1908)	May 1, 1906	May 11, 1908
J. T. Short, First Lieut. (resigned Nov. 13, 1908)	Dec. 21, 1904	Jan. 13, 1905
A. D. Borden, First Lieut.	Jan. 22, 1907	Feb. 25, 1907
A. D. Borden, Captain	Nov. 17, 1908	Dec. 17, 1908
Nathaniel Holmes, First Lieut.	Nov. 17, 1908	Dec. 17, 1908
A. D. Borden, Captain (reelected May 4, 1909)		
Nathaniel Holmes, First Lieut. (reelected May 4, 1909) (resigned Sept. 17, 1909)		
W. H. Partridge, First Lieut.	Oct. 12, 1909	Nov. 11, 1909
A. D. Borden, Captain (reelected Nov. 15, 1913)		
W. H. Partridge, First Lieut. (reelected Nov. 15, 1913) (resigned Feb. 17, 1914)		
H. W. Culver, First Lieut. (resigned Jan. 2, 1915)	Mar. 9, 1914	Apr. 15, 1914
Dean Seaver, First Lieut. (resigned Mar. 24, 1917)	Jan. 25, 1915	Mar. 3, 1915

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*Captain Browne and Lieutenant Hammonds retained their former commissions as of July 1894 when they commanded Company D, Seventh Infantry Regiment.

COMPANY H (Continued)

Activities:

Company H was formerly Company D, Seventh Infantry Regiment, organized in Ventura, Ventura County, December 30, 1889. On December 7, 1895, the Seventh and Ninth Infantry Regiments consolidated into three battalions of four companies each. Company D, Seventh Infantry was redesignated Company H of the Second Battalion. On December ninth the three battalions were designated as the Seventh Infantry.*

Company H in an attempt to improve their knowledge of military tactics, and become an efficient unit of the National Guard, attended many encampments. Their first was the Brigade encampment held at Santa Monica from August 4 to 14, 1897. Company H, with the units of the First Brigade attended the Camp of Instruction held in Santa Cruz from June 14, to 23, 1901, when the entire National Guard assembled. In 1907, a new standard of military efficiency was introduced with the beginning of the joint army and militia coast defense exercises. Company H with the Seventh Infantry attended the first encampment held at the Presidio in San Francisco from July 4, to July 21, 1907. The unit also attended the army and militia Camp of Instruction held at Atascadero, from October 4 to 15, 1908.**

The activities of Company H were many and varied including the social as well as the military. On April 22, 1896, Company H and the other military units in the First Brigade marched in celebration of La Fiesta De Los Angeles, a street carnival held each year by the merchants of Los Angeles.

On April 23, 1898, the United States declared war with Spain. Company H and the other companies of the Seventh Infantry entrained for San Francisco where they were mustered into Federal Service May 9, 1898, under the command of Colonel John R. Berry. Company H did not engage in active service, doing only guard duty at the various military camps throughout the State. Company H was mustered out of Federal Service December 2, 1898. The State Legislature in 1899, enacted a law giving the companies and members of the National Guard, who volunteered in the United States Service during the Spanish-American War the privilege of

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*Adjutant General Report 1895-1896, General Order Nos. 17, 18, page 86, 88.

**For further details concerning these Encampments refer to History Company A, Seventh Infantry Regiment, First Brigade.

Activities: (Continued)

reporting back to duty in the Guard and receiving credit for continuous service. The Legislature stipulated, however, that they must report back to duty in the Guard within 150 days after being mustered out of United States Service. Company H was to return to duty in the Guard April 30, 1899, this they failed to do and the company was disbanded and mustered out of the service of the State July 5, 1899.*

A new company was organized in Talbert, Orange County, December 8, 1900, and was designated Company H, Seventh Infantry.** The newly organized unit did not remain long in service. On August 4, 1904, General Order No. 9 was issued, which stated that Company H having fallen below the standard of efficiency was disbanded and mustered out of the service of the State.*** A new company was organized in Long Beach, December 31, 1904, and designated Company H, Seventh Infantry.†

On the morning of April 18, 1906, there occurred a severe earthquake in San Francisco. Company H and the entire First Brigade entrained for Oakland, April 21, 1906. The troops arrived in Oakland, April twenty-second and the unit was stationed at Lincoln Park, doing emergency duty until May twelfth when they entrained for Los Angeles.

There is no record of Company H participating in any unusual activities until the call by the President of the United States for California troops for Mexican Border Service was received by Governor Hiram Johnson, June 18, 1916. Company H as part of the Seventh Infantry was mustered into Federal Service June twenty-ninth and transferred to Nogales, Arizona where they remained on duty patrolling the border until October nineteenth when they returned to Los Angeles. Company H was mustered out of Federal Service November 11, 1916.††

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*Adjutant General Report 1899-1900, page 64.

**Adjutant General Report 1901-1902, page 4.

***General and Special Orders and Circulars 1904, General Order No. 9, page 1, part 1.

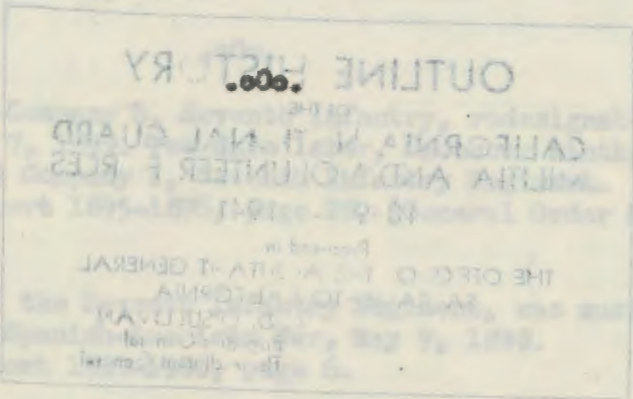
†General and Special Orders and Circulars 1904, Special Order No. 8, page 4, part 26.

††For further details concerning La Fiesta, Spanish-American War, the earthquake, and Mexican Border Service refer to History of Company H, Seventh Infantry Regiment, First Brigade.

COMPANY H (Continued)

Activities: (Continued)

Four months later, April 4, 1917, Company H was again mustered into Federal Service for duty during the World War.* On October 14, 1917, Company H was redesignated Company D, 160th Infantry.** For further information concerning the activities of this unit, refer to the History of Company D, 160th Infantry, 40th Division.



Mustered out of Federal Service November 11, 1918
Resumption of Service in the National Guard 1918
Mustered into Federal Service April 4, 1917
Redesignated October 14, 1917

Company I, Seventh Infantry Regiment, California National Guard
Adjutant General Report 1911-1920, page 23

Company I as part of the Seventh Infantry Regiment, was mustered into Federal Service for duty on the Mexican Border, June 29, 1916.
Adjutant General Report 1911-1920, page 23.

Adjutant General Report 1911-1920, page 19.

*Return, Company H, Seventh Inf. Reg., April, 1917, Adjutant Generals' Files.

**Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 28. (Unit mustered into Federal Service April 4, 1917. Source Company I, Seventh Infantry Regiment April 1917. Adjutant General's Files.)

Company I, Seventh Infantry Regiment redesignated Company D, 160th Infantry Regiment October 14, 1917.
Adjutant General Report 1920-1926 page 28.