

# **History of the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Company I, National Guard of California 1895-1917**

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COMPANY I

Company I, Seventh Infantry Regiment, First Brigade (formerly Company B,  
Seventh Infantry Regiment, First Brigade)

References: Adjutant General's Files

Location: Pasadena, Los Angeles County

Organized December 23, 1889

Reconstituted December 9, 1895\*

Mustered into Federal Service May 9, 1898\*\*

Mustered out of Federal Service December 2, 1899\*\*\*

Reorganized as Company I, Seventh Infantry Regiment May 1, 1899\*\*\*\*

Mustered into Federal Service June 28 1916\*

Mustered out of Federal Service November 11, 1916\*\*

Resumption of Service in the National Guard 1916\*\*\*

Mustered into Federal Service April 8, 1917\*\*\*\*

Redesignated October 14, 1917\*\*\*\*\*

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\*Company I, formerly Company B, Seventh Infantry, redesignated Company I, Second Battalion, December 7, 1895. Two days later, December ninth, Company I, Second Battalion designated Company I, Seventh Infantry Regiment.  
Adjutant General Report 1895-1896, page 28. (General Order No. 17, series of 1895, is erroneous.)

\*\*Company I 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.

\*\*\*\*Company I as part of the Seventh Infantry Regiment, reentered the National Guard of California, May 1, 1899.  
Adjutant General Report 1899-1900, page 59.

\*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 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 I as part of the Seventh Infantry Regiment mustered into Federal Service April 8, 1917. Return Company I, Seventh Infantry Regiment April 1917.  
Adjutant General's Files.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Newton S. Bangham, Captain	Feb. 18, 1895	Mar. 1, 1895*
Robert Collingswood, First Lieut.	Feb. 18, 1895	Mar. 1, 1895*
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Newton S. Bangham, Captain (reelected Mar. 1, 1897)		
William L. Lippincott, First Lieut. (promoted to Captain September 1, 1897)	Mar. 1, 1897	Mar. 23, 1897
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William L. Lippincott, Captain (resigned Aug. 3, 1897)	July 22, 1897	Sept. 1, 1897
Charles Cole, First Lieut.	July 22, 1897	Oct. 16, 1897
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Phillip A. Collins, Captain	Oct. 25, 1899	Dec. 15, 1899
Jefferson D. Jones, First Lieut.	Sept. 18, 1899	Dec. 15, 1899
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Phillip Collins, Captain (reelected Jan. 20, 1902)		
Lawrence D. Collins, First Lieut. (reelected Nov. 2, 1903)	Sept. 23, 1901	Oct. 19, 1901
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Lawrence Collins, Captain	Nov. 30, 1903	Apr. 2, 1904
A. P. Barthelemy, First Lieut.	Nov. 30, 1903	Apr. 2, 1904
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C. F. Hutchins, Captain	June 18, 1906	July 20, 1906
C. F. Hutchins, First Lieut. (promoted to Captain June 18, 1906)	Mar. 12, 1906	Apr. 18, 1906
Albert P. Harrison, First Lieut. (resigned Jan. 20, 1909)	Mar. 18, 1907	Apr. 18, 1907
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C. F. Hutchins, Captain (reelected May 4, 1909) (promoted to Major, Seventh Infantry Regiment)		
Clarence H. Hunt, First Lieut.	Feb. 8, 1909	Mar. 5, 1909
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Clarence H. Hunt, Captain	Apr. 15, 1912	May 4, 1912
Bert M. Muzzey, First Lieut. (resigned Jan. 18, 1913)	Apr. 15, 1912	May 5, 1912
Bert M. Muzzey, First Lieut. (promoted to Captain, Company I, Seventh Inf. Reg., Mar. 20, 1916)	Apr. 15, 1912	Apr. 10, 1913
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Bert M. Muzzey, Captain	Mar. 20, 1916	Apr. 20, 1916
Wm. Ray Jackson, First Lieut.	May 22, 1916	June 14, 1916

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\*Captain Newton Bangham and Lieutenant Robert Collingswood, retained their former commissions as of February 18, 1895, when they commanded Company B, Seventh Infantry Regiment, First Brigade.

COMPANY I (Continued)

Activities:

Company I, Seventh Infantry Regiment was formerly Company B, of the same regiment. On December 9, 1895, the unit was redesignated as Company I, retaining that designation until mustered into Federal Service in 1917.

Company I was the smallest company in the regiment, having a membership of only fifty men and officers. The unit, however, was well equipped, being one of two companies in the Seventh Infantry to be equipped with complete Buzzacot field outfits of army regulation. The first annual inspection for Company I, was held during April 1896, and showed but one absentee. The average merit of efficiency for the Company was 4.5 per cent, which was a very good rating.

Soon after being organized, the members of Company I as part of the Seventh Infantry Regiment, were effected by an unusual and severe "emergency call" on November 14, 1896. This was a test put upon the National Guardsmen to prove the efficiency of the State Militia in replying to such a call. Some doubts had been expressed, by the citizens, regarding the ability of the Militia to assemble on short notice for active duty and this experiment was intended to refute the insinuations.

Orders were issued from Headquarters at eleven o'clock A. M., to the effect that all companies of National Guard were to report at their respective armories by three o'clock P. M. Messengers were immediately sent out by bicycle and horse to contact the members of each company. Due to the fact that the commanding officers did not receive the order until twelve o'clock, they were forced to do some active work in getting their commands in shape by three o'clock. The armory of Company I at Pasadena was a scene of men hurrying to and fro, changing from every day garb to regulation blue and assembling their rations. The order called for the troops to "assemble under heavy marching order with blankets, ball cartridges, and one day's rations." The militiamen busied themselves filling canteens and loading themselves up with haversack, blanket, belt, frying pan, tin cup, knife and fork and other etceteras that formed the equipment of a soldier on march. Their rations consisted mostly of canned corn beef and Boston baked beans.

Although knowing there was a long march ahead of them, few of the soldiers knew for certainty the objective point. However, with all this uncertainty there were few absentees. The entire Seventh Infantry Regiment were ready to march from their respective armories within a short time of the allotted period.

COMPANY I (Continued)

Activities: (continued)

Company I, along with five other companies of the Seventh Infantry, marched to a point about nine miles from Los Angeles where they bivouaced. It was left optional with each company what camp equipage should be taken and consequently a full number of tents was not taken. Therefore many of the members of Company I had to rough it in the open without even the usual camp protection. The following day was spent in rigorous war maneuvers and the troops were marched back to Los Angeles that evening. Company I complied with every requirement of this emergency call, although it was the first time the unit had ever participated in army maneuvers of this type.\*

The parade held during the "Tournament of Roses" at Pasadena on January 2, 1897, was of particular interest to the Seventh Infantry Regiment. Company I entered a float representing Uncle Sam protecting Venezuela and Cuba. Uncle Sam occupied a raised platform which was banked with peppers, and on either side stood a small lad dressed to represent Venezuela and Cuba. Both were wrapped in the folds of the United States flag. On each side of the float, five soldiers knelt in the attitude of "guard against a cavalry charge." Standing in front of Uncle Sam and behind him were six soldiers, three on each end of the float, with their guns at "parade rest." A floral cannon, trimmed in red, white and blue flowers with a huge bunch of red flowers in the muzzle, occupied the front of the float. The letters "Company I, Seventh" and "National Guard of California," were worked in pepper berries on a white background on the sides and rear of the float.\*\* The theme of the float was significant of the humanitarian movement the United States Government at this time was sponsoring in the interests and welfare of the native inhabitants of the Island of Cuba. The award of second prize was given the members of Company I, for their spectacular and modern float.\*\*\*

Camps of instruction were of great value in military training to the National Guardsmen and Company I took part in many such encampments. Their first was a Brigade Encampment which was held at Santa Monica from August 4 to 14, 1897. Another Brigade Encampment

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\*Los Angeles Herald, November 15, 1896, page 4, column 1.

\*\*Los Angeles Daily Times, January 2, 1897, page 8, column 1, 5.

\*\*\*Taken from master roll of Company I for January 1897. On file in Adjutant General's Office.

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Activities: (continued)

was held during 1903, when Company I, with the remaining units of the First Brigade, encamped at Coronado Beach from August sixth to fifteenth. These maneuvers were held jointly with troops of the United States Army. The method proved most satisfactory and practically every Encampment of the future was held under the same plan.\*

On March 17, 1898, Company I as part of the Seventh Infantry Regiment attended the funeral of Major General W. S. Rosecrans, who in 1861 was Brigadier-General of the United States Army. He was also a commander in the Union Army during the Civil War and fought in some successful battles. The entire Seventh Infantry and a number of other militia organizations formed a part of the procession which also consisted of 800 Civil War Veterans and 100 Sons of Veterans.\*\*

When on April 23, 1898, the United States declared war with Spain, Company I and the remaining companies of the Seventh Infantry volunteered for duty. The unit was mustered into Federal Service at San Francisco, May 9, 1898, and was under command of Colonel John R. Berry. Although the members of this unit did not see active service in the Philippine Islands, the men remained on guard duty throughout California. The Company was mustered out of Federal Service December 2, 1898 at Camp Pratt, near Los Angeles. The Legislature of 1899 enacted a law which gave to the National Guardsmen, who volunteered in United States Service, credit for continued service in the National Guard. The law required that the Companies report back for duty within 150 days. After being mustered out of United States Service, Company I reported for duty May 1, 1898, thereby keeping in accord with the Legislative enactment.\*\*\*

Company I was again called for active duty following the Earthquake in San Francisco on April 21, 1906. The entire Seventh Infantry was ordered to Oakland for guard duty and arrived there April twenty-second. The unit was stationed at Lincoln Park until May twelfth, at which time the troops entrained for Los Angeles.\*\*\*\*

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\*For further details concerning the Encampments of Company I, refer to History of the Seventh Infantry Regiment.

\*\*For further details concerning the funeral of General Rosecrans, refer to History of the Seventh Infantry Regiment.

\*\*\*Adjutant General Report 1899-1900, page 59.

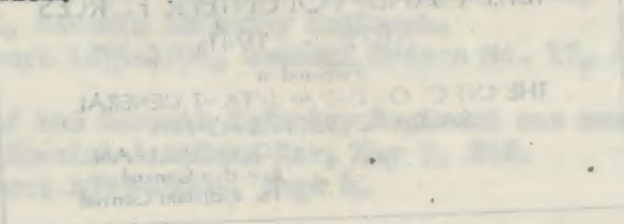
\*\*\*\*For further details concerning the San Francisco Earthquake, refer to History of Seventh Infantry Regiment.

COMPANY I (Continued)

Activities: (continued)

The last activity Company I participated in, prior to the unit's enlistment in the Federal Service during the World War, was the duty on the Mexican Border. A call was made on June 18, 1916, for troops and Company I, with the remainder of the Seventh Infantry, were mustered into Federal Service on June twenty-ninth. The Seventh and Fifth Infantry Regiments combined their camps at Nogales, Arizona, where the troops were on patrol duty until October 19, 1916. Company I was mustered out of Federal Service November 11, 1916.

Four months later, April 8, 1917, Company I was again mustered into Federal Service for duty during the World War.\* On October 14, 1917, Company I was redesignated Company I, 160th Infantry.\*\* For further information concerning the activities of this unit refer to the History of Company I, 160th Infantry, 40th Division.



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\*Return, Company I, Seventh Infantry Regiment, April, 1917., Adjutant Gen. Files.

\*\*Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 28.