

# **History of Company I, Infantry, California National Guard 1920-1921**

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COMPANY I

Company I, Infantry, California National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Office

Location: Burbank, Los Angeles County

Mustered in August 4, 1920\*

Redesignated August 23, 1921\*\*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Commanding Officers</u>		<u>Commission</u>
	<u>Rank</u>		
Raymond Wells, Captain	Aug.	14, 1920	Aug. 14, 1920
William A. Clarke, First Lieut. (resigned November 24, 1920)	Aug.	6, 1920	Aug. 14, 1920
Frank C. Miller, First Lieut. (resigned June 27, 1921)	Feb.	21, 1921	Mar. 4, 1921
Kenneth C. Current, First Lieut.	June	30, 1921	July 9, 1921

Activities:

Company I, Infantry, was organized in Burbank and mustered in as a unit of the California National Guard, August 4, 1920. Raymond Wells was the first Captain to command the company, and William A. Clarke was selected First Lieutenant. On February 1, 1921, Company I was made a unit in the newly organized Fourth Separate Battalion, retaining the letter designation of Company I.

The first parade in which Company I participated was held on November 11, 1920, in Los Angeles. On the morning of that day, two years had elapsed since firing ceased on the battlefields of France, and the people rejoiced in the fact that the world was again at peace.

Their next parade was on Memorial day, May 30, 1921. All city, county, state and federal offices were closed in observance of the day. More than one thousand members of the National Guard made up one division of the parade. Groups of World War Veterans from among the 'Ninety-first', 'Rainbow', 'Grizzlies' and other organizations which participated in the overseas conflict were also in line. Impressive services were held at Rosedale cemetery in the morning, when soldiers graves of all the wars were decorated with loving and patriotic hands.

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\*Company I, Infantry, mustered in as a unit of the California National Guard, August 4, 1920.

General and Special Orders 1920, General Order No. 42, par. 1, page 64.

\*\*Company I, Infantry, redesignated Company I, 160th Infantry, August 23, 1921.

General and Special Orders 1921, General Order No. 15, par. 1, page 31.

Activities: (Continued)

Company I attended one encampment before being assigned to a regiment. The camp was held at Yosemite National Park, from July tenth to July twenty-fourth, inclusive. The commanding officer of the encampment was Colonel Harold Coburn, United States Army, and he had all United States Army men for instructors at the camp. Warfare in all its various ways and forms was taught to the Guardsmen, whose efficiency was increased during the encampment.\*

One month later, the 160th Infantry Regiment was organized with headquarters in Los Angeles. Company I was one of the twelve companies to compose the regiment and was redesignated Company I, 160th Infantry Regiment, on August 23, 1921.

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\*Los Angeles Herald, July 9, 1921, page 3, column 1.