1906 San Francisco Earthquake: 5th Infantry Regiment National Guard of California

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DURING THE EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE OF 1906

Colonel J. F. Hayes, Commanding

Company A, Fifth Infantry Regiment, Oakland, Calif.

Fred W. Peterson

Captain

Called for active duty April 18, 1906

Relieved from active duty May 17. 1906

Stations and Locations

The members of Company A of Oakland reported for duty without orders April 18, 1906. Company A was stationed at:

City Hall Park. Oakland.*

The duties performed by Company A during the period from April eighteenth to May seventeenth were guarding relief camps, patrolling streets, guarding various public buildings, banks, and storehouses and assisting the local police authorities in preserving order.

The company did not change station during the time it was on active duty.

Relieved from active duty May 17, 1906.**

*Return Company A, Fifth Infantry Regiment, April 1906. Adjutant General's Files.

**Adjutant General Report 1906, page 61. Field Order # 11, par. 1.

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ompany B, ifth Infantry egiment, an Jose, Calif.

G. L. Holtum

Captain

Called for active duty April 18, 1906

Relieved from active duty May 19, 1906

Stations and Locations

Company B of San Jose went on duty without orders shortly after 6:00 A. M. April 18, 1906.* Orders were not obtainable as telegraph lines were out of commission for the time being. Captain Holtum called his men out soon after the Earthquake Occurred. Camp was established At:

St. James Square. San Jose,
near the heart of the city. The Guardsman immediately began the work of rescusing people from the ruins of fallen
buildings. Guards were stationed at
street intersections. Lines were
stretched to keep crowds of people out
of the forbidden district. The Guardsmen, in conjunction with the local police patrols were established throughout
the greater part of the town.

*Return Company B, Fifth Infantry Regiment, *pril 1906. Adjutant General Files.

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Stations and Locations (continued)

No one was allowed to enter the wrecked portion of the city without a passport signed by the Mayor and the Chief of Seturn Company C. Fifth Police. Sentries were ordered to shoot if a person challenged did not stop at the first command. Company B was joined by Company H of the Second Infantry on the twenty-first of April. Strcit adherence to the established rules was enforced. The National Guardsmen on duty in San Jose during during the period, rendered excellent service and were highly commanded by the civil authorities of the city. Relieved from duty May 19, 1906*

*Adjutant General Report 1906, page 62. Field Order # 13, par. 1.

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DURING THE EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE OF 1906

Company C, Fifth Infantry Regiment, Petaluma, Calif.

J. B. Dickson

Captain

Called for active duty April 18, 1908

Relieved from active duty May 13, 1906

Stations and Locations

Emergency call to report at Santa Rosa received at 1:20 P. M. April 18, 1906.* Company C boarded train at Petaluma at 2:20 P. M. and reported to Major Charles E. Haven at Santa Rosa, at 2:50 P. M. same day. Entire command immediately placed on duty fighting fire twenty-four hours without rest Performed guard patrol and outpost duty until 3:15 P. M. April twenty-first when compny was ordered to Petaluma to quell an expected riot at depot. Boarded train at Santa Rosa at 4:15 P. M. Arrived in Petaluma at 4:40 P. M. same day. Captain Dickson was informed that the company was not needed in Petaluma. Reported back to Lieutenant Colonel L. W. Juilliard at Santa Rosa at 6:10 P. M. Detailed again on guard duty. Performed guard duty at Santa Rosa until dismissed from active duty.+ May 18, 1906+

*Return Company C, Fifth Infantry Regiment, April 1906. Adjutant General Files.

*Adjutant General Report 1906, page 60. Field Order # 8, par. 1.

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DURING THE EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE OF 1906

Company D, Fifth Infantry Regiment, San Rafael, Calif.

Newell Vanderbilt

Captain

Called for active duty April 20, 1906

Relieved from active duty May 21, 1906

Stations and Locations

Reported for duty April 20, 1906 at:

Performed guard duty, patrol duty, assisted in relief work and guarding supply trains and supplies. Relieved from active duty May 21, 1908**

*Return Company D, Fifth Infantry Regiment, April 1906. Adjutant General Files.

**Adjutant General Report 1906, page 63. Field Order # 14, par. 1.

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DURING THE EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE OF 1906

Company E, Fifth Infantry Regiment, Santa Rosa, Calif.

O. L. Houts

Captain

Called for active duty April 18, 1906

Relieved from active duty May 23. 1906

Stations and Locations

Upon the request of the Mayor of Santa Rosa, the Judge of the Superior Court of Sonoma County and upon the orders of Lieutenant Colonel L. W. Juilliard, and Major C. E. Haven, Fifth Infantry, N. G. C. Company E was assembled and immediately placed for duty at: * April 18, 1906*

Santa Rosa, California, to protect property in the ruins caused by the Earthquake which occurred early that morning, By 9:30 A. M. guards were posted at the County Treasury, Banks, and in the principal business streets of Santa Rosa. Entire command was on active duty for first twenty-four hours, patrolling, guard duty, and fighting fire. At a citizens meeting, the necessity for additional troop s was discussed and the urgency therefore being apparent, a request was made. Permission was received to recruit and increase the company to a maximum strength of one hundred and fifty officers and men. Recruiting and enlisting began immediately and the company reached its greatest aggregated strength of one hundred and fortyfour officers and men. The company continued to perform guard, patrol, and outpost duty at Santa Rosa until May twenty-fthird. **

*Return Company E,
Fifth Infantry Regiment, April 1906
Adjutant General Files.

**Adjutant General Report 1906. page 63. Field Order # 15.

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DURING THE EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE OF 1906

Company F, Fifth Infantry Regiment, Oakland California

G. H. Wethern

Captain

Relieved from active duty
May 17, 1906

Stations and Locations

Company F reported duty at 11:20 A. M. April eighteenth. * Stationed At:

City Hall Park. Oakland.
With Companeis A and G of the fifth Infantry
Regiment. Guarding various pbulic buildings,
banks and storehouses, guarding relief camps,
patrolling streets and assisting local police
authorities in preserving order. Comapny F
remained on active duty at the same station
until relieved May seventeenth.**

*Return Company F, Fifth Infantry Regiment, April 1906. Adjutant General's Files.

Called for active duty

**Adjutant General Report 1906, page 61. Field Order # 11, par. 1.

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Company G, Fifth Infantry Regiment, Alameda, California

J. W. Gillogly

Captain

Called for active duty
April 18, 1906
Relieved from Active duty
May 16, 1906

Stations and Locations

Under orders from Major Edwin G. Hunt, Company G reported for duty in Oakland * April 18, 1906 and was stationed at:

City Hall Park, Oakland,
with Companies A and F of the
Fifth Infantry Regiment, performed
patrol duty, guarded public
buildings, banks and storehouses,
furnished details for guarding
relief camps and assisted local
police authorities in preserving
order in the city of Oakland.
Company G remained at this station
until relieved May seventeenth.**

*Return Company G, Fifth Infantry Regiment, April 1906. Adjutant General Files.

**Adjutant General Report 1906, page 61. Field Order # 11, par. 1.

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Company H, Fifth Infantry Regiment, Mapa, Calif.

G. C. Gardner

Captain

Called for active duty
April 18, 1906
Relieved from active duty
May 21, 1906

Stations and Locations

Company H was called out by the company commander on the eighteenth of April, 1906. Performed police duty in:

Napa. California,*
orders were received from the Adjutant
General to report for duty in San Francisco.

Jefferson Squars. San Francisco,
Company H arrived in San Francisco May
nineteenth. Reported at Jefferson Square
Details for guard duty, patrol duty,
assisting in relief work, guarding supplies and supply trains. Also details
sent out to guard financial district of
San Francisco. Remained at Jefferson
Square until relieved from active duty
May twenty-first.**

*Return Company H, Fifth Infantry Regiment, April 1906. AdjutantGeneral Files.

**Adjutant General Report 1906, page 63. Field Order # 14, par. 1.

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DURING THE EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE OF 1906

Company I, Fifth Infantry Regiment, Livermore, California

E. J. Inman

Captain

Called for active dity
April 19, 1906
Relieved from active duty
May 19, 1906

Stations and Locations

Company I of Livermore was ordered out by Governor Pardee to report to General Koster At:

Jefferson Square, San' Francisco.

Reported at Jefferson Square at 1:00 A. M. April twentieth.* Immediately placed on guard duty in the vicinity of Jefferson Square. The company performed guard duty, patrol duty, and various other duties in that locality until relieved from active duty May nineteenth.**

*Return Company I, Seventh Infantry Regiment April 1906. Adjutant General Files.

**Adjutant General Report 1906, page 63. Field Order # 14, par. 1.