

SAN DIEGO CITY GUARD *

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San Diego City Guard, unattached, First Brigade
 Reference: Dead Office File, Row 7, File 6
 Location: San Diego, San Diego County
 Mustered in October 12, 1881
 Redesignated July 22, 1885*

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Douglas Gunn, Captain	Oct. 12, 1881	Jan. 23, 1882
Martin Lacy, First Lieut. (Resigned March 29, 1882)	Oct. 12, 1881	Jan. 23, 1882
George Dannals, First Lieut.	June 8, 1882	Dec. 18, 1882
Douglas Gunn, Captain (Re-elected Oct. 19, 1883)	_____	_____
George Dannals, First Lieut. (Re-elected May 1, 1885)	_____	_____

Activities:

The application to form a military company by the citizens and residents of San Diego, San Diego County, having been approved by the Adjutant General, Brigadier-General Boyer commander of the First Brigade issued all orders necessary and appointed a resident of the county to organize the company according to the provisions of the militia code.** On October 12, 1881, the company designated and known as the San Diego City Guard was organized and mustered in as an unattached company of the First Brigade.

The unit consisted of eighty-seven members who unanimously elected Douglas Gunn, Captain, and Martin Lacy, First Lieutenant. These officers' qualifications were favorably passed upon by the Brigade Examining Board after an exhaustive examination, the Captain alone being before the Board for three hours during which he was worked well through squad, company, and battalion movements. These officers received their commissions and the members of the San Diego City Guard were congratulated for their wise selection. Captain Gunn was an old National Guardsman, having served over seven consecutive years as an active member

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*San Diego City Guard redesignated Company B, Seventh Infantry Battalion, July 22, 1885.
 Adjutant General Report 1885-1886, General Order No. 18, page 70.

**Adjutant General Report 1881-1882, Special Order No. 70, page 118.

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Activities: (Continued)

of Company B, First Infantry, during three years of which he was First Sergeant. Lieutenant Lacy was one of the best drill-masters in the Second Brigade when he was a member of the old McMahan Guard.*

Lieutenant Lacy, not satisfied with his labors in drilling the San Diego City Guard, organized a company of young ladies, called the Lady Guard of San Diego. Lieutenant Lacy conceived the idea of drilling the company of young ladies for the purpose of exhibition at the Fair, and for mutual amusement and improvement. The company consisted of eighteen young ladies, under Miss Blanche Downes, as Captain, and she was highly complimented for her presence of mind, and knowledge of military tactics.**

On July 22, 1885, the San Diego City Guard and the Eagle Corps, of the Los Angeles were formed into a Battalion known as the Seventh Infantry Battalion. The San Diego City Guard was designated as Company B.*** For further information concerning this company refer to History of Company B, Seventh Infantry Battalion, First Brigade.

Julien L. Lacy, Captain Apr. 2, 1885 - June 25, 1885
A. J. McMahan, First Lieut. June 5, 1885 - June 25, 1885

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The First Troop Cavalry was created by the decision of the San Francisco Hussars to change their designation to First Troop Cavalry, unattached. This redesignation was accomplished when General Order No. 18 was issued September 3, 1891.

The First Troop Cavalry attended the Encampment of the Second Brigade held at Santa Cruz on July 5 to 13, 1891. One of the main features of the encampment was a sham battle held, which was successful and resulted in greatly improving the military

³*San Francisco Call, February 19, 1882, page 3, column 5.

**San Francisco Call, January 1, 1882, page 3, column 8.

***Adjutant General Report 1885-1886, General Order No. 18, page 70.

First Troop Cavalry was out of service on June 25, 1885.
Adjutant General Report 1885-1886, Part 5, page 75.