

History of the 7th Infantry Regiment, Company G, National Guard of California 1888-1917

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COMPANY G

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Company G, Seventh Infantry Regiment, First Brigade (formerly Company G, Seventh Infantry Battalion)

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: Anaheim, Orange County

Organized February 20, 1888

Reconstituted May 5, 1888*

Mustered out December 7, 1895**

Reconstituted December 9, 1895***

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

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

Reorganized as Company G, Seventh Infantry Regiment April 30, 1899*

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 9, 1917*****

Redesignated October 14, 1917*****

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*Company G, formerly Company G, Seventh Infantry Battalion, designated Company G, Seventh Regiment May 5, 1888.
Adjutant General Report 1887-1888, page 3.

** Adjutant General Report 1895-1896, General Order No. 17, page 86.

***Company G, formerly Company G, Ninth Infantry, redesignated Company G, Third Battalion on December 7, 1895. Two days later, December ninth, Company G, Third Battalion redesignated Company G, Seventh Infantry Regiment.
Adjutant General Report 1895-1896, General Order No. 17, 18, pages 86, 88

****Company G as part of the Seventh Infantry Regiment mustered into Federal Service during the Spanish-American War, May 9, 1898.
Adjutant General Report 1899-1900, page 6.

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

*Company G as part of the Seventh Infantry Regiment re-entered the National Guard of California April 30, 1899.

**Company G 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 G as Part of the Seventh Infantry Regiment mustered into Federal Service April 10, 1917. Return Company G, Seventh Infantry Regiment April, 1917. Adjutant General's Files.

*****Company G Seventh Infantry Regiment Consolidated with Company E, Seventh Infantry Regiment and designated Company G, 160th Infantry Regiment, 40th Division October 1917.
Adjutant General Report 1920-1926 - p. 28.

<u>Commanding Officers</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Samuel Wood, Captain (resigned Dec. 19, 1888)	Feb. 20, 1888	Mar. 26, 1888*
Henry Gade, First Lieut. (resigned Nov. 11, 1889)	Feb. 20, 1888	Mar. 26, 1888*
A. L. Lewis, First Lieut.	Dec. 19, 1889	Jan. 20, 1889
Arthur L. Lewis, Captain (resigned Jan. 30, 1892)	Feb. 6, 1891	Feb. 10, 1891
William Kroeger, First Lieut.	Feb. 6, 1891	Feb. 10, 1891
Ernest Browning, Captain	Mar. 10, 1892	Apr. 9, 1892
Arthur F. Halpin, First Lieut.	Aug. 11, 1892	Sept. 19, 1892
Arthur F. Halpin, Captain	July 6, 1893	Aug. 10, 1893
Gilbert Landell, First Lieut.	July 6, 1893	Aug. 10, 1893
Gilbert Landell, Captain	June 22, 1895	July 29, 1895
John Abbey, First Lieut.	June 22, 1895	July 29, 1895
Edwin J. Underwood, Captain (resigned Nov. 6, 1897)	Jan. 24, 1896	Feb. 17, 1896
Albert R. Welton, First Lieut. (resigned Jan. 12, 1897)	Jan. 24, 1896	Feb. 17, 1896
George S. Biggin, First Lieut.	Feb. 10, 1897	Mar. 15, 1897
George Biggin, Captain	Nov. 17, 1897	Dec. 16, 1897
George Smallwood, First Lieut.	Nov. 17, 1897	Dec. 16, 1897
Harvey Higbey, Captain	Feb. 10, 1900	Apr. 16, 1900
George Smallwood, First Lieut. (re-elected Feb. 10, 1900) (term expired)		
E. J. Underwood, First Lieut.	Sept. 12, 1900	Dec. 22, 1900
E. A. Higbey, Captain (re-elected May 7, 1902) (retired Aug. 6, 1904)		
E. J. Underwood, First Lieut. (re-elected Mar. 11, 1903)		
E. J. Underwood, Captain	June 8, 1904	July 11, 1904
L. K. Brown, First Lieut.	June 8, 1904	July 11, 1904
E. J. Underwood, Captain (re-elected June 20, 1906)		
C. W. Lehr, First Lieut.	Sept. 19, 1906	Oct. 13, 1906

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*Captain Wood and Lieutenant Gade retained their former commissions when they commanded Company C, Seventh Infantry Battalion.

COMPANY C (Continued)

Commanding Officers (cont.)		
Name	RANK	Commission
C. W. Lehr, Captain (resigned June 18, 1908)	June 5, 1907	June 14, 1907
E. J. Underwood, Captain (retired May 11, 1909)	Aug. 10, 1908	June 8, 1904*
F. S. Campbell, First Lieut.	June 5, 1907	June 14, 1907
C. W. Lehr, Captain (resigned Jan. 29, 1912)	June 21, 1909	July 15, 1909
F. S. Campbell, First Lieut. (re-elected May 4, 1909) (resigned Dec. 23, 1911)	_____	_____
A. G. Johnson, Captain	Feb. 19, 1912	Mar. 27, 1912
Will H. Carithers, First Lieut. (resigned Apr. 13, 1916)	Feb. 19, 1912	Mar. 27, 1912
A. G. Johnson, Captain (re-elected June 19, 1916) (resigned Mar. 12, 1917)	_____	_____
E. L. Danielson, First Lieut.	May 8, 1916	June 7, 1916

Activities:

Company C, Seventh Infantry Regiment was organized at Anaheim, Orange County, February 20, 1888, and attached to the Seventh Infantry Battalion, as a provisional company. On May 5, 1888, the Seventh Infantry Battalion was reorganized as a regiment and Company C was mustered in as a regular company.

The first outstanding military event in which Company C participated was the Independence Day celebration held in Los Angeles, July Fourth, 1888. The streets of Los Angeles were crowded with vehicles and the sidewalks lined with people, all anxious to view the maneuvers of the troops. Two months later on September eighteenth, Company C with the Seventh Infantry again paraded in Los Angeles as escort for the Odd Fellow's Lodge. The streets of Los Angeles, were lined with an almost impassable mass of humanity, more than 150,000 persons witnessing the parade. The next record of Company C parading was on April 22, 1896, when the Seventh Infantry marched in celebration of La Fiesta De Los Angeles, a street carnival held each year by the merchants of Los Angeles.**

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*Captain Underwood retained his former commission as of June 8, 1904, when he commanded Company C, Seventh Infantry Regiment, First Brigade.

**For further information concerning the above mentioned parades, refer to History of Company A, Seventh Infantry Regiment.

Activities: (continued)

During the twenty-nine years that Company G was in existence, they participated in many Brigade and Regimental encampments. During the year 1889, every organization in the State went into encampment. Company G attended the Brigade encampment of the First Brigade held at Pacific Beach from August 3 to 13, 1889. Company G again attended a Camp of Instruction when the First Brigade encamped at Santa Monica from August 15 to 24, 1891. Company G, also attended a Regimental encampment of the Seventh Infantry at Camp Anacapa, Ventura County, from August 17 to 25, 1892. Again in 1897, the unit attended an encampment of the First Brigade held in Santa Monica from August fourth to fourteenth. The Company with the First Brigade attended a Divisional encampment in 1901 when the entire National Guard assembled in Santa Cruz from June fourteenth to twenty-third. In 1907, there began a series of joint army and militia coast defense exercises and this unit was invited to attend the one held at the Presidio, San Francisco, from July fourth to twenty-first. The following year, Company G again attended a joint army and militia encampment held at Atascadero from October 4 to 15, 1908.*

On June 28, 1894, a nationwide Railroad Strike completely paralyzed the transportation facilities of the State. For some unknown reason Company G, and the other units of the Seventh Infantry were not called into active service. The United States Marshal for the southern district made a request upon General Thomas H. Ruger, commanding the Western Division of the Regular Army, for assistance at Los Angeles, and six companies of Regulars under command of Colonel W. R. Shafter, were dispatched to Los Angeles, July second. The Regular troops experienced little difficulty in the south, and without meeting any serious resistance took possession of all railroad property in Los Angeles.

On December 7, 1895, the Seventh and Ninth Infantry Regiments of the First Brigade were consolidated into three battalions of four companies each. Company G was mustered out of service and Company G of the Ninth Infantry was designated Company G of the Seventh

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*For further information concerning the above mentioned encampments, refer to History of Company A, Seventh Infantry Regiment.

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Activities: (continued)

Infantry to fill the existing vacancy. On December ninth, the three battalions were designated the Seventh Infantry.* The mustering out of the original Company G caused much dissatisfaction among the residents of Anaheim, they felt that it was wrong to disband the leading company of the Seventh Infantry. Only a single company in the State excelled them in target practice, and in knowledge of tactics they were excelled by none. The citizens signed a petition asking Brigadier-General C. F. Last for his cooperation in the project to retain the Company as an independent military organization.** There is no record of whether this was accomplished or not.

On April 28, 1898, the United States declared war with Spain. Company G and the other units of the Seventh Infantry left Los Angeles for San Francisco, where they were mustered into Federal Service May ninth, under the command of Colonel John R. Berry. The Seventh Infantry did not engage in active service, doing only guard duty at the various military camps throughout the State until December 2, 1898, when they were mustered out of Federal Service. The State Legislature in 1899, passed a law giving to the companies and members of the National Guard, who volunteered for service during the Spanish American War, the privilege of returning to duty in the Guard and receiving credit for continuous service. The Legislature stipulated, however, that the men must report for duty within 150 days after being mustered out of Federal Service. Company G reentered the National Guard April 30, 1899.

On April 18, 1906, there occurred in San Francisco a severe Earthquake. Company G and every military unit in the First Brigade was rushed to Oakland, April twenty-first. The unit was stationed at Lincoln Park doing emergency duty until May twelfth, when they entrained for Los Angeles.

On June 29, 1916, Company G as part of the Seventh Infantry Regiment was mustered into Federal Service for duty on the Mexican Border. Company G was transferred to Nogales, Arizona, July sixth,

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

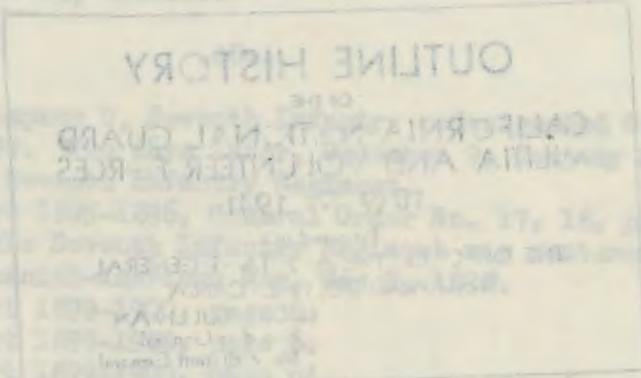
**Anaheim Weekly Gazette, December 12, 1895, page 2, column 1.

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Activities: (continued)

where they remained on duty patrolling the Border until October nineteenth, when they returned to Los Angeles and Company G was mustered out of Federal Service November 11, 1916.* Four months later, on April 9, 1917, Company G was again mustered into Federal Service for duty during the World War.** On October 14, 1917, Company G was redesignated Company C, 160th Infantry.*** For further information concerning the activities of the unit, refer to the History of Company C, 160th Infantry, 40th Division.



*For further detailed information concerning the Railroad Strike, the Spanish-American War, the Earthquake and Mexican Border Service, refer to History of Company A, Seventh Infantry Regiment.

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

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