

# **History of 1st Separate Battalion, Field Artillery, Battery B California National Guard 1921-1923**

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FIELD ARTILLERY

Battery B, 1st Separate Battalion, Field Artillery, California National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: Oakland, Alameda County

Organized May 31, 1911\*

Redesignated December 20, 1912\*\*

Mustered into Federal Service June 28, 1916\*\*\*

Mustered out of Federal Service December 21, 1916\*\*\*\*

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

Mustered into Federal Service July 12, 1917+

Redesignated September 24, 1917++

Demobilized January 28, 1919+++

Reorganized November 29, 1920++++

Redesignated November 1, 1921+++++

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\*Battery B, Field Artillery, organized in Oakland, May 31, 1911.  
General and Special Orders and Circulars 1911, General Order No. 9.

\*\*Battery B, redesignated Battery B, 1st Battalion, Field Artillery, December 20, 1912.  
General and Special Orders and Circulars 1912, General Order No. 26.

\*\*\*Battery B, mustered into Federal Service for duty on the Mexican Border, June 28, 1916.  
Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 14.

\*\*\*\*Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 14.

\*\*\*\*General and Special Orders and Bulletins 1916, General Order No. 34, page 150.

+Battery B, mustered into Federal Service for duty during the World War, July 12, 1917.  
Return Battery B, First Field Artillery July 1917. Adjutant General's Files.

++Battery B, redesignated Battery B, 143rd Field Artillery, September 24, 1917.  
Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 32.

+++Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 34.

++++Battery B, reorganized in Oakland, November 29, 1920.  
General and Special Orders 1920, Special Order No. 65.

+++++Battery B, redesignated Battery B, 1st Separate Battalion, Field Artillery, November 1, 1921.  
General and Special Orders 1921, General Order No. 19.

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Redesignated September 20, 1923+++++

<u>Name</u>	<u>Commanding Officers</u>		<u>Commission</u>
	<u>Rank</u>		
John H. Fahy, Captain (Detailed to Artillery School, Sept. 9, 1922)	Dec.	24, 1920	Dec. 31, 1920
Helge Thenberg, First Lieut. (In lieu of Capt. Sept. 9, 1922) (Reassigned 1st Lieut., Battery B, December 13, 1922)	Mar.	21, 1921	Mar. 30, 1921
John H. Fahy, Captain (Returned to duty, Dec. 13, 1922)	Dec.	24, 1920	Dec. 31, 1920
Harmon S. Kelsey, First Lieut. (Resigned Feb. 24, 1922)	Dec.	24, 1920	Jan. 11, 1921
Helge Thenberg, First Lieut. (Trans. to Bn. Headqtrs Staff March 16, 1923)	Mar.	21, 1921	Mar. 30, 1921
Walter Blumert, First Lieut.	Mar.	11, 1922	Mar. 20, 1922
Walter Blumert, Second Lieut. (Promoted First Lieut., Mar. 11, 1922)	Feb.	4, 1921	Feb. 8, 1921
A. B. Campbell, Second Lieut. (Resigned September 17, 1923)	Apr.	29, 1922	May 11, 1922

**Activities:**

On November 1, 1921 Battery B, Field Artillery, California National Guard, which had been reorganized in the City of Oakland, November 29, 1920, and placed under command of Captain John H. Fahy, was redesignated Battery B, First Separate Battalion, Field Artillery. This Battery was a continuation in State Service of the original Battery B, organized in Oakland, May 31, 1911, and which had been demobilized at the close of the World War

The Battery held weekly drill exercises and participated in various civic celebrations.

On July 4, 1922, Battery B journeyed to Livermore, California, to participate in the Independence Day Rodeo. The Battery fired a salute at noon and in the evening gave a military demonstration.

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+++++Battery B, redesignated Battery B, 143rd Field Artillery, September 20, 1923.  
General and Special Orders 1923, General Order No. 13.

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Activities: (Continued)

Under authority of Paragraph No. 4, Special Order No. 154, Headquarters Ninth Corps Area, United States Army, the members of Battery B, journeyed to Camp Lewis, Washington, to attend a fifteen day field training encampment, commencing July 15, 1922.

On August 3, 1923, Battery B, marched in the funeral cortege for President Warren G. Harding, who died in San Francisco.

On September 20, 1923, General Order No. 13, was issued from the Adjutant General's Office redesignating Battery B, as Battery B, 143rd Field Artillery, California National Guard.

For further information concerning the activities of this unit, refer to the History of Battery B, 143rd Field Artillery, California National Guard.

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