

History of the 6th Infantry Battalion, Company D (Cadet Company), National Guard of California 1887-1888

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COMPANY D

Company D, Sixth Infantry Battalion, Third Brigade (formerly Cadet Company)

Reference: Adjutant General's Files
Location: Modesto, Stanislaus County
Organized October 29, 1887*
Reconstituted February 21, 1888

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
T. W. Drullard, Captain	Oct. 29, 1887	Nov. 12, 1887
R. K. Whitmore, First Lieut.	Oct. 29, 1887	Nov. 12, 1887

○ Activities:

Company D prior to being mustered into the National Guard, was attached to the Sixth Infantry Battalion on April 17, 1886, as a provisional Cadet Corps. As the population of California grew, it was found necessary to make an increase in the number of companies in the Guard. Therefore, through an order given by the Board of Location and Organization, the Cadet Company attached to the Sixth Infantry Battalion was ordered to be mustered into the service as a regular company of the National Guard.** The meeting for the organization and mustering in of Company D was held on October 29, 1887, at which time an election of officers was also held. The enrollment papers gives the names of sixty-six men who qualified for membership in the company. T. W. Drullard was elected as Captain of this newly organized company and R. K. Whitmore was elected First Lieutenant.

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*Adjutant General Report 1887-1888, Special Order No. 71, page 266.

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COMPANY D (Continued)

Activities: (Continued)

The members of Company D were never issued any arms, therefore, their activities were limited to routine meetings which were held weekly. Company D was in existence but a short time when the Legislature of 1887 granted an additional appropriation which entitled the Sixth Infantry Battalion to two more companies, thereby bringing its strength up to six companies. In making this addition, the Sixth Infantry Battalion on February 21, 1888, was elevated to a regimental organization. Company D was then known as Company D, Sixth Infantry Regiment, Third Brigade.*

*Adjutant General Report 1887-1888, page 3.