

History of the 6th Infantry Battalion, Company E National Guard of California 1887-1888

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COMPANY E

Company E, Sixth Infantry Battalion, Third Brigade

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: Visalia, Tulare County

Organized December 9, 1887

Reconstituted February 21, 1888

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Lloyd V. Nanscowen, Captain	Dec. 9, 1887	Jan. 4, 1888
Mathew J. Byrnes, First Lieut.	Dec. 9, 1887	Jan. 4, 1888

Activities:

The Legislature in 1887 increased the number of companies in the National Guard by ten and the Third Brigade was allotted two of the new units. Company E was organized and mustered into the Service and attached to the Sixth Infantry Battalion December 9, 1887. The Honorable Tipton Lindsey had been appointed mustering officer. The occasion was a colorful one and among the officers present were: Lieutenant Colonel Lehe of Stockton, commander of the Sixth Infantry Battalion; Major B. Wordworth, and Captain George E. Colwell, E. T. Sellick of General Busd's staff; Major S. S. Wright of the Sixth and Captain Muller of the Forsyth Guard, Company C. Eighty-two persons had signed the roll and sixty-five of these were present at the meeting and took the necessary oath. After Mr. Lindsey had administered the oath to the new recruits, an election of officers was held. L. V. Nanscowen was elected Captain and M. J. Byrnes, First Lieutenant. Honorable Tipton Lindsey and Susman Mitchell were elected life members.

When the business was over, the remainder of the evening was spent in speech-making. Honorable Lindsey, visiting officers and a few members of the new company participating. The meeting adjourned at a late hour after which the visitors and officers of the new company repaired to a local restaurant and enjoyed an oyster supper. Before the visiting officers left on the midnight train, the officers of Company E were examined by Major Wright of the examining board; a necessary step before being entitled to receive commissions.*

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*Weekly Visalia Delta, December 15, 1887, page 1, column 4.

COMPANY E (Continued)

Activities: (Continued)

Company E, having organized with a good membership and under an efficient commander, was expected to attain a high point of efficiency and become one of the best companies in the Sixth Battalion in a very short time. However, the corps was barely organized before Company F of Fresno was attached to the Sixth Infantry Battalion, bringing the number of companies up to the minimum required for a regimental organization. Special Order No. 6 was issued February third to be effective February twenty-first, raising the Sixth Infantry Battalion to a Regiment. Company E was designated Company E, Sixth Infantry Regiment, Third Brigade.*

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*Adjutant General Report 1887-1888, page 3.