

# **History of the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Company F, National Guard of California 1887-1917**

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

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Locations: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

Organized December 20, 1887

Reconstituted May 5, 1888\*

Reconstituted December 9, 1895\*\*

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

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

Reorganized as Company F, Seventh Infantry Reg. April 30, 1899\*\*\*\*\*

Mustered out July 31, 1906\*\*\*\*\*

Reorganized, mustered in and stationed Los Angeles Sept, 24, 1906

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 11, 1917\*\*\*\*\*

Redesignated October 14, 1917\*\*\*\*\*

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\*Company F formerly Company F, Seventh Infantry Battalion, Designated Company F, Seventh Infantry Regiment, May 5, 1888.

Adjutant General Report 1887-1888, page 3.

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Company F, Seventh Infantry redesignated Company F, First Battalion, December 7, 1895. Two days later, December 9, Company F, First Battalion designated Company F, Seventh Infantry. Adjutant General Report 1895-1896, General Orders No. 17, 18, pages 86, 88.

\*\*\*Company F as part of the Seventh Infantry Regiment mustered into Federal Service during the Spanish-American War, May 9, 1896. Adjutant General Report 1899-1900, page 6.

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

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

Adjutant General Report 1899-1900, page 59.

\*\*\*\*\*Adjutant General Report 1907-1908, page 3.

---A new Company organized in Los Angeles and designated Company F, Seventh Infantry September 24, 1906.

Adjutant General Report 1907-1908, page 4.

---Company F 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 F, Seventh Infantry Regiment mustered into Federal Service for duty during the World War April 11, 1917. Return Company F, Seventh Infantry Regiment April 1917. Adjutant General Files.

---Company F, Seventh Infantry Regiment was redesignated. Company F, 160th Infantry Regiment, 40th Division October 14, 1917. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926- page 27.



<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
James Hughes, Captain	Dec. 20, 1887	April 30, 1888*
Humphrey Sullivan, First Lieut. (resigned June 28, 1889)	Dec. 20, 1887	April 30, 1888*
James Scarborough, Captain (resigned Apr. 16, 1890)	May 13, 1889	June 7, 1889
Oscar Ragland, First Lieut.	July 15, 1889	Oct. 8, 1889
Oscar Ragland, Captain (resigned May 5, 1891)	May 19, 1890	June 4, 1890
John Franklin, First Lieut.	May 19, 1890	June 4, 1890
Louis Chappellear, Captain	June 25, 1891	July 10, 1891
Matthew Shaw, First Lieut.	June 25, 1891	July 10, 1891
Matthew L. Shaw, Captain (resigned Mar. 1, 1894)	Sept. 11, 1893	Oct. 19, 1893
Frank Reynolds, First Lieut.	Sept. 11, 1893	Oct. 19, 1893
Frank Reynolds, Captain	Mar. 26, 1894	May 1, 1894
Dana Weller, First Lieut.	May 7, 1894	May 31, 1894
Frank Reynolds, Captain (reelected May 18, 1896)	_____	_____
John Musselman, First Lieut. (term expired)	Mar. 9, 1896	April 4, 1896
Louis Chappellear, First Lieut. (resigned July 19, 1899)	Apr. 11, 1898	April 30, 1898
Frank Reynolds, Captain (reelected June 12, 1899)	_____	_____
Warren Wing, First Lieut. (resigned May 29, 1901)	Oct. 9, 1899	Dec. 15, 1899
Fred Schmeiser, Captain	May 20, 1901	June 11, 1901
Irving McKenna, First Lieut.	June 10, 1901	Aug. 21, 1901
Irving McKenna, Captain	Oct. 13, 1902	Mar. 30, 1903
B. C. Robinson, First Lieut.	Oct. 13, 1902	Mar. 30, 1903
J. Irving McKenna, Captain (reelected Feb. 20, 1905) (resigned July 9, 1906)	_____	_____
Roy C. Prentiss, First Lieut.	Feb. 20, 1905	April 24, 1905

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\*Captain Hughes and Lieutenant Sullivan retained their former commissions as of April 30, 1888, when they commanded Company F, Seventh Infantry Battalion.



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Commanding Officers (cont.)

Name	Rank	Commission
F. B. Braden, Captain	Sept. 24, 1906	Nov. 7, 1906
F. J. Conley, First Lieut. (resignation accepted Nov. 11, 1907)	Sept. 24, 1906	Nov. 15, 1906
H. B. Light, First Lieut. (promoted to First Lieut. 7th Inf. Staff June 17, 1908)	Dec. 27, 1906	Dec. 26, 1907
E. A. Coons, First Lieut.	July 20, 1908	Aug. 10, 1908
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F. B. Braden, Captain (reelected May 4, 1909) (resigned Nov. 24, 1909)		
M. R. Costerisan, Captain (retired July 8, 1910)	Dec. 13, 1909	Dec. 20, 1909
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E. A. Coons, First Lieut. (reelected May 4, 1909) (resigned Nov. 18, 1909)		
F. R. McReynolds, First Lieut.	Dec. 13, 1909	Dec. 20, 1909
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F. R. McReynolds, Captain	Aug. 1, 1910	Aug. 11, 1910
James K. Crum, First Lieut.	Aug. 1, 1910	Aug. 11, 1910
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F. R. McReynolds, Captain (reelected Nov. 15, 1913) (resigned July 7, 1915)		
H. T. Bathey, Captain	Nov. 8, 1915	Dec. 7, 1915
James K. Crum, First Lieut. (reelected Nov. 15, 1913)		

Activities:

Company F, formerly Company F, Seventh Infantry Battalion, was organized in Los Angeles December 20, 1887, and on May 5, 1888, the unit was redesignated as Company F, Seventh Infantry Regiment.

Company F participated in the Independence Day celebration held in Los Angeles July Fourth, 1888, which was the outstanding military event of the year. Long before the hour announced for the companies of the Seventh Infantry to arrive, the street was crowded with vehicles, and the sidewalks lined with people, all anxious to view the maneuvers of the troops. Companies F, A and C of Los Angeles, Company G of Anaheim, and Company B of San Diego, all of the Seventh Infantry, passed in review before General H. H. Boyce, commander of the First Brigade, and his staff.\*

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\*For additional information concerning the Independence Day parade of 1888, refer to History of Company A, Seventh Infantry Regiment.



COMPANY F (Continued)

## Activities: (continued)

Two months later on September 18, 1888, Company F was host to the various companies of the Seventh Infantry when the Regiment paraded in Los Angeles as escort for the members of 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.\*

During the years that Company F was in existence they attended many Divisional, Brigade and Regimental encampments. During the year 1889, every organization in the State went into encampment. Company F and the other units of the First Brigade encamped at Pacific Beach, for eleven days from August 3 to August 13, 1889. Company F again attended a Brigade encampment in 1891 when the Companies of the Seventh and Ninth Infantry Regiments encamped at Santa Monica from August fifteenth to twenty-fourth. The next record of Company F attending an encampment was in 1897, when the First Brigade encamped at Santa Monica from August fourth to fourteenth. In 1901, Company F participated in their first Divisional encampment when the entire National Guard assembled at Santa Cruz from June fourteenth to twenty-third, for a Camp of Instruction. In 1907, there began a series of joint army and militia coast defense exercises. Company F was invited to attend one held at the Presidio in San Francisco from July fourth to twenty-first. The following year, Company F attended another joint army and militia Camp of Instruction at Atascadero from October 4 to 15, 1908.\*\*

The activities, and emergency duties of Company F were many and of a diversified nature. On June 28, 1894, a nationwide Railroad Strike completely paralyzed the transportation facilities of the State. For some unknown reason Company F, and the other units of the Seventh Infantry were not called into active service. The United States Marshal for the southern district requested General T. H. Ruger for assistance at Los Angeles, and six companies of United States troops (320 men) under the 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

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\*For additional information concerning the parade, refer to History of Company A, Seventh Infantry Regiment.

\*\*For detailed information concerning these encampments, refer to History of Company A, Seventh Infantry Regiment.



COMPANY F (Continued)

Activities: (continued)

property in Los Angeles.

On April 22, 1896, Company F and the other military units in the First Brigade marched in celebration of La Fiesta De Los Angeles, a street carnival held each year by the merchants of Los Angeles. The entire Seventh Infantry Regiment was there, 700 men swept along the street marching with measured tread.

Company F as part of the Seventh Infantry Regiment was mustered into Federal Service on May 8, 1898, for duty during the Spanish-American War. After doing guard duty at the various military camps throughout the State, the Regiment was mustered out December 2, 1898. The State Legislature in 1899, gave the companies and members of the National Guard who volunteered in the Spanish-American War, credit for continuous service. The Legislature stipulated, however, that they must report for duty in the National Guard, within 150 days after being mustered out of the United States Service. Company F returned to duty in the National Guard April 30, 1899.

On April 18, 1906, when a severe Earthquake occurred in San Francisco, Company F and the entire First Brigade was rushed to Oakland for emergency service. Company F remained at Adam's Point, Oakland doing guard duty until May 13, 1906, when the Company entrained for Los Angeles three months later on July nineteenth. General Order No. 8 was issued which stated that Company F, located at Los Angeles, having been brought to an inefficient and unsatisfactory condition by a prevailing spirit of insubordination, hereby ordered disbanded and mustered out of service to take effect July 31, 1906.\* Two months later, on September 24, 1906, a new unit was organized in Los Angeles and designated Company F, Seventh Infantry Regiment.\*\* The newly organized Company F carried on the tradition of its namesake. On September 3, 1912, they were called to Santa Monica, when that city was placed under martial law during the fire at Ocean Park.

There is no record of Company F participating in any unusual activities until June 29, 1916, when they were mustered into Federal Service for duty on the Mexican Border. Company F was transferred

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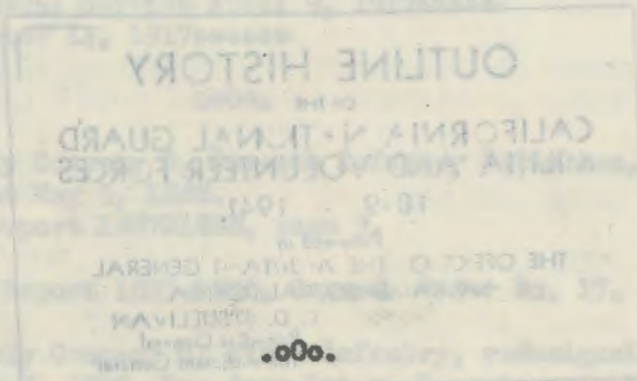
\*General and Special Orders and Circulars 1906, General Order No. 8.

\*\*Adjutant General Report 1907-1908, page 4.



Activities: (continued)

to Nogales, Arizona, remaining on duty there patrolling the border until October 19th, when they returned to Los Angeles. Company F was mustered out of Federal Service on November 11, 1916.\* Four months later, April 11, 1917, Company F was again mustered into Federal Service for duty during the World War.\*\* On October 14, 1917, Company F was redesignated Company D, 160th Infantry.\*\*\* For further information, concerning the activities of this unit refer to History of Company D, 160th Infantry, 40th Division.



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\*For additional information concerning Company F's participation in La Fiestas, the Railroad Strike, Spanish-American War, the Earthquake, and Mexican Border Service, refer to History of Company A, Seventh Infantry Regiment.  
\*\*Return, Company F, Seventh Inf. Reg., April, 1917, Adjutant Generals' Office.  
\*\*\*Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 27.