

History of the 8th Infantry Regiment, Company G, National Guard of California 1893-1895

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Company G, Eighth Infantry Regiment, Fifth Brigade

References: Adjutant General's Files

Location: Willows, Glenn County

Organized May 27, 1893*

Mustered out December 7, 1895**

Commanding Officers

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Rank</u> | <u>Commission</u> |
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| Marion W. Pirkey, Captain | May 27, 1893 | June 9, 1893 |
| Marion W. Pratt, First Lieut. | May 27, 1893 | June 9, 1893 |
| Marion W. Pirkey, Captain (reelected July 16, 1895) | _____ | _____ |
| Marion W. Pratt, First Lieut. (reelected July 16, 1895) | _____ | _____ |

Activities:

Company G, was organized and attached to the Eighth Infantry Regiment May 27, 1893. This company had the distinction of being the first recorded company organized in Willows or in fact the entire County of Glenn.

The members of Company G entered the service of the National Guard in true military spirit. They made arrangements at once for a 200 yard target range and during the time the company was attached to the Eighth Infantry, the men made some exceptionally good scores. A Springfield rifle shoot was held during 1894, in which Private Thomas Ajax of Company G was one of two men to win the First Class gold bar Sharpshooter's medal. At the target practice of 1895, Private Ajax again scored high. He was one of three men from Company G to win the First Class medal. The company was well represented as eighteen men were awarded Second and thirty-six men awarded Third Class medals.

The annual Inspection and Muster of Company G for 1894, was held at Willows on March twenty-ninth. The Company was represented by

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*Adjutant General Report 1893-1894, General Order No. 7, page 96.

**Adjutant General Report 1895-1896, General Order No. 17, page 87.

Activities: (continued)

seventy men and three officers. The men appeared well in ranks, and in physique this company of troops were rated as the best that Lieutenant G. W. McIver of the Seventh United States Infantry had ever inspected. Their drills were executed quite creditably considering the company had been in service less than a year.

The last major activity Company G participated in prior to being mustered out in 1895, was the Railroad Strike. The unit was called into active service on July 4, 1894, and remained in that capacity until July 30, 1894.*

During the Strike it was apparent in military circles, that a complete reorganization of the National Guard was necessary. The change went into effect December 7, 1895, when the regiments were organized into battalions. Company G, however, was one of the companies that was not redesignated by this reorganization as the unit was mustered out of service on December 7, 1895.**

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*For additional information concerning the Railroad Strike, refer to History of Eighth Infantry Regiment, Fifth Brigade.

**Adjutant General Report 1895-1896, General Order No. 17, page 87.