

History of Company B, Engineers, National Guard of California 1916-1917

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COMPANY B. ENGINEERS

Company B, Engineers, California National Guard
Reference: Adjutant General's Files
Location: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
Organized: October 12, 1916
Mustered into Federal Service July 19, 1917*
Demobilized May 17, 1919**

<u>Commanding Officers</u>			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>		<u>Commission</u>
James Irvine, Captain	Oct. 12, 1916		Nov. 6, 1916
T. T. Kirk, First Lieut. (Transferred to Co. G. Eng.,)	Oct. 12, 1916		Nov. 6, 1916
John E. Rockhold, First Lieut.	July 26, 1917		July 27, 1917

Activities:

On September 29, 1916, Lieutenant Colonel H. R. Fay, Coast Artillery Corps, was detailed to muster into the military service of the State, in the City of Los Angeles, an organization to be known and designated as Company B, Corps of Engineers. This duty was fulfilled and on October 12, 1916, Company B, under command of Captain James Irvine, was mustered into State service.

During the few months immediately following, the members of Company B, were given rigid instruction in the duties required of an engineering company. The drills were principally on surveying and map work with a small amount of infantry close order work.

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*Company B, Engineers, mustered into Federal service for duty during the World War. July 19, 1917.
Papers on file Adjutant General Office

**Company B, demobilized May 17, 1919.
Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 28.

COMPANY B, ENGINEERS (Continued)

Activities: (Continued)

On January 28, 1917, Company B, reported at Richardson Station, nine miles North of Los Angeles, where instruction was given to the Company, in six parties or sub-divisions, on the rudiments of military surveying and sketching. The Company covered ten and one-half miles in all and a surprising number of really serviceable maps were turned in after the day's work was completed.

On July 10, 1917, Company B, was called into the United States service for duty during the World War and on Jul, 19th, the Company was officially mustered into Federal service.

For further information concerning the activities of this Company refer to the History of Company B, 117th Engineer Regiment, 42nd Division.

The National Guard of California was organized by the State of California in 1850. It was reorganized in 1863. On March 29, 1917, the National Guard of California was mustered into the United States Federal service, California and only was designated as Engineers. In order to complete the transition, Major F. S. Hollenbeck, was detailed to work on the military service as a consultant in the city of Los Angeles, to be known and designated as Company B, California Engineers.

On May 26, 1917, Company B, was mustered into the United States service and placed under the command of Captain Edward S. Boyton.

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Company B, mustered into Federal service for duty during the World War, August 22, 1917.
Report on file, District General Office

Company B, deactivated May 27, 1919.
Approved General Report 1918-1920, page 22.

Ensignment first received via post and activation dated of 1919, when he served as First Lieutenant of Company B, Engineers.