

History of Battery B, Field Artillery, California National Guard 1920-1921

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Battery B, Field Artillery California National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: Oakland, Alameda County

Organized May 31, 1911*

Redesignated December 20, 1912**

Mustered into Federal Service June 28, 1916***

Mustered out of Federal Service December 21, 1916****

Resumption of Service in the National Guard 1916*****

Mustered into Federal Service July 12, 1917†

Redesignated September 24, 1917††

Demobilized January 28, 1919†††

Reorganized November 29, 1920††††

Redesignated November 1, 1921†††††

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*Battery B, Field Artillery, organized in Oakland, May 31, 1911.

Adjutant General Report 1910-1914, page 9.

**Battery B, Field Artillery, redesignated Battery B, 1st Battalion, Field Artillery, December 20, 1912.

General and Special Orders and Circulars 1912, General Order No. 26.

***Battery B, mustered into Federal Service for duty on the Mexican Border, June 28, 1916.

Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 14.****Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 14.*****General and Special Orders and Bulletins 1916, General Order No. 34, page 150.

Battery B, mustered into Federal Service for duty during the World War, July 12, 1917.

History of the California National Guard during the World War.

Monthly Return Battery B, First Field Artillery, June 1917, Adjutant General's Files.

††Battery B, redesignated Battery B, 143rd Field Artillery, September 24, 1917.

Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 32.

†††Adjutant General Report 1914-1920 page 22.

††††Battery B, Field Artillery, reorganized at Oakland, November 29, 1920.

General and Special Orders 1920, Special Order No. 65, par. 3,

†††††Battery B, redesignated Battery B, 1st Separate Battalion, Field Artillery, November 1, 1921.

General and Special Orders 1921, General Order No. 19.

| Name | Commanding Officers | | Commission |
|--|---------------------|----------|---------------|
| | Rank | | |
| John H. Fahy, Captain | Dec. | 24, 1920 | Dec. 31, 1920 |
| John A. Cook, First Lieut. (promoted to Captain and transferred to Bat. E, Mar. 30, 1921) | Dec. | 24, 1920 | Dec. 31, 1920 |
| Harmon S. Kelsey, First Lieut. | Dec. | 24, 1920 | Jan. 11, 1921 |
| Helge Thenberg, First Lieut. | Mar. | 21, 1921 | Mar. 30, 1921 |
| Walter Blumert, Second Lieut. | Feb. | 4, 1921 | Feb. 8, 1921 |

Activities:

On November 29, 1920, Battery B, Field Artillery was mustered into State service at Oakland, California, under the command of Captain John H. Fahy. The organization of this Battery was a continuation in service of the old Battery B, which had been organized in Oakland, May 31, 1911.*

Battery B, engaged in routine weekly drill exercises until September 4, 1921, when under authority of Paragraph 29, Special Order No. 191, Headquarters, 9th Corps Area, United States Army, Batteries B and E Field Artillery, engaged in a fifteen day field training encampment, in conjunction with United States Army troops at Camp Lewis, Washington, September 4-19, 1921.

On October 25, 1921, General Order No. 19, was issued, which stated that on and after November 1, 1921, Battery B would be known and designated as Battery B, First Separate Battalion, Field Artillery.

For information concerning the activities of this Unit subsequent to November 1, 1921, refer to the History of Battery B, First Separate Battalion, Field Artillery and 143rd Regiment Field Artillery, California National Guard.

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*History of California Field Artillery 1911 to 1917, Adjutant General's Office.