

# **History of Company H, Infantry, California National Guard 1921-1922**

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COMPANY H

Company H, Infantry, California National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Office

Location: Berkeley, Alameda County

Mustered in July 22, 1920\*

Redesignated November 1, 1920\*\*

Redesignated October 1, 1921\*\*\*

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
John C. Newton, Captain (resigned September 26, 1920)	Aug. 10, 1920	Aug. 11, 1920
Allan I. Schmulian, First Lieut. (resigned September 30, 1921)	July 21, 1920	July 21, 1920
Adolphus J. Eddy, Captain	April 7, 1921	April 26, 1921

Activities:

Company H, Infantry, was organized in Berkeley and mustered in as a unit of the California National Guard on July 22, 1920. John C. Newton was elected Captain of the new unit and Allan I. Schmulian, First Lieutenant.

The unit had been in existence nearly two months when it attended the first encampment held after the World War. The camp was held near Santa Cruz, at Laveaga Park, September 12 to September 26, 1920, under the supervision of Colonel Harold D. Coburn, United States Army, who was assisted by officers of the Regular Army who served as instructors. The National Guard was fully instructed in the very latest devices, both for offensive and defensive warfare. Toward the end of the encampment, on September 25, 1920, Colonel Robert Noble, United States Army, chief militia officer, visited the camp, and a review and inspection of the troops was held in his honor.\*\*\*\*

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\*Company H, Infantry, mustered in as a unit of the California National Guard, July 22, 1920. General and Special Orders 1920, General Order No. 8, par. 2, page 12.

\*\*Company H, Infantry, redesignated Company H, First Separate Battalion Infantry, November 1, 1920. General and Special Orders 1920, General Order No. 14, page 28.

\*\*\*Company H, First Separate Battalion, redesignated Company B, 159th Infantry Regiment, October 1, 1921. General and Special Orders 1921, General Order No. 17, page 34.

\*\*\*\*San Francisco Chronicle, September 25, 1920, page 17, column 5.

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Activities: (Continued)

The following year, July 10 to July 24, 1921, Company H attended the annual encampment at Yosemite National Park and Colonel Coburn was again in charge of the camp. The different phases of warfare were again demonstrated to the Guardsmen. Company H returned home on July 26, 1921.

About two months later, on October 1, 1921, the 159th Infantry Regiment was organized. The First Separate Battalion, of which Company H was a unit, was redesignated First Battalion, 159th Infantry Regiment and at the same time Company H was redesignated Company B, 159th Infantry Regiment. All changes became effective on October 1, 1921.

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Company I, 159th Infantry, organized in Portland and assigned to the 1st Battalion, 159th Infantry, August 2, 1921. Sergeant John J. Clark was selected First Lieutenant. On February 1, 1922, Company I was redesignated Company B, 159th Infantry, and the new letter designation of Company I.

The first parade in which Company I participated was held on December 11, 1920, in Los Angeles. On the occasion of that day, the parade had played since firing needed on the streets of Los Angeles and the people rejoiced in the fact that the guard was again at parade.

Their next parade was on Memorial Day, May 30, 1921. All city, county, state and Federal offices were closed in observance of the day. More than one thousand members of the National Guard took up the Division of the parade. Groups of Parli War Veterans from several law "Associations", "Bain" and "Orion" and other organizations which participated in the previous conflict were also in line. Memorial services were held at Fort's cemetery in the morning, when address were given by all the regiments and decorated with laurel and patriotic songs.

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Company I, Infantry, assigned in as a unit of the California National Guard, August 2, 1920.

General and Special Orders 1921, General Order No. 11, page 11.

Company I, Infantry, redesignated Company B, 159th Infantry, August 2, 1921.

General and Special Orders 1921, General Order No. 11, page 11.