

History of Company M, Infantry, California National Guard 1920-1921

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COMPANY M

Company M, Infantry, California National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Office

Location: Hollywood, Los Angeles County

Mustered in October 1, 1920*

Redesignated August 23, 1921**

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Russell B. Carter, Captain (resigned Mar. 22, 1921)	Oct. 1, 1920	Oct. 9, 1920
Allen M. Watt, Captain (resigned June 24, 1921)	Mar. 24, 1921	Mar. 31, 1921
Millard K. Wilson, Captain	June 24, 1921	June 24, 1921
Phillip S. Postell, First Lieut. (resigned Apr. 12, 1921)	Oct. 1, 1920	Oct. 9, 1920
Eugene E. Voltaire, First Lieut.	Aug. 8, 1921	Aug. 22, 1921

Activities:

Company M, Infantry, was organized and mustered in as a unit of the California National Guard at Hollywood, California, October 1, 1920. Nearly all the enlisted men of Company M were employed in the moving picture industry. When the unit was mustered into the State Service, the majority of the men were unable to leave their work to attend the muster, and consequently, the muster in roll for October 1, 1920 showed but twenty-two men present, while thirty were absent.

Company M gradually built up its membership and in April 1921, there were sixty-seven members. Many of these men were undesirable, according to Captain A. M. Watt, and it was his wish to have them discharged, but if that were done, there would be left only thirty-five men in the company. There is however, no further information available to show whether the Captain's plans were carried out. The returns for Company M in the months that followed however, show an increase in the membership, so it may be reasonably assumed that the undesirables remained in the Company.

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*Company M, Infantry, mustered in as a unit of the California National Guard, October 1, 1920.
General and Special Orders 1920, General Order No. 14, par. 4, page 28.

**Company M, Infantry, redesignated Company L, 160th Infantry, August 23, 1921.
General and Special Orders 1921, General Order No. 15, page 32.

COMPANY M (Continued)

Activities: (Continued)

Regular weekly drills constituted the greater part of the company's activities prior to its redesignation. The National Guard units of California held an encampment at Santa Cruz in July 1921, but Company M did not participate. A notation on the Muster Roll for that month stated that on account of a reorganization of the company, it could not attend the encampment as a unit. There were fourteen men who attended the camp, but they were attached to Company K, Fourth Battalion, Infantry. These men acquitted themselves admirably, and upon their return from the encampment, showed the results of the intensive training they had received.*

Three months later, on August 23, 1921, Company M was redesignated as Company L, 160th Infantry.**

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*Muster Roll of July 31, 1921.

**General and Special Orders 1921, General Orders No. 15, page 32.