

# **California and the War with Spain: 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, California U.S. Volunteers, 1898**

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SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

Reference: Muster Rolls of Field, Staff, and Companies of the Sixth Regiment of California Volunteer Infantry, May 11, 1898 to December 15, 1898.

Regimental Headquarters:

Presidio, San Francisco	May 11, 1898 to June 14, 1898
Benicia Barracks, California	June 14, 1898 to Sept. 10, 1898
Fort Point, Presidio, San Francisco	Sept. 10, 1898 to Dec. 15, 1898

Mustered in May 11, 1898  
Mustered out Dec. 15, 1898

Commanding Officers

William R. Johnson, Lieutenant-Colonel  
Gustavus G. Grant, Major  
Richard K. Whitmore, Major  
Tullio A. Rollauzi, Captain and Assistant-Surgeon  
Charles A. Rogers, Captain and Assistant-Surgeon  
William G. Dozier Jr., First Lieutenant and Adjutant  
Thomas W. Johns, First Lieutenant and Adjutant

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**Company A, Sixth Regiment, California Volunteer Infantry:**

Headquarters: Presidio, San Francisco  
May 11, 1898 to June 9, 1898  
Alcatraz Island  
June 9, 1898 to Sept. 10, 1898  
Fort Point, Presidio, San Francisco  
Sept. 10, 1898 to Dec. 15, 1898

Mustered in May 11, 1898  
Mustered out Dec. 15, 1898

Commanding Officers

Charles H. Dasher, Captain  
(Mustered in May 11, 1898)  
George L. Doll, First Lieutenant  
(Mustered in May 11, 1898)

**Company B, Sixth Regiment, California Volunteer Infantry:**

Headquarters: Presidio, San Francisco  
May 11, 1898 to June 14, 1898  
Fort Point, Presidio, San Francisco  
June 14, 1898 to Dec. 15, 1898

Mustered in May 11, 1898  
Mustered out Dec. 15, 1898

Commanding Officers:

William Bruce, Captain  
(Mustered in May 11, 1898)  
Louis A. Eaton, First Lieutenant  
(Mustered in May 11, 1898)

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**Company C, Sixth Regiment, California Volunteer Infantry:**

**Headquarters:** Presidio, San Francisco  
May 11, 1898 to June 14, 1898  
Benicia Barracks, California  
June 14, 1898 to Sept. 10, 1898  
Fort Point, Presidio, San Francisco  
Sept. 10, 1898 to Dec. 15, 1898

Mustered in May 11, 1898  
Mustered out Dec. 15, 1898

Commanding Officers

George O. Duncan, Captain  
(Mustered in May 11, 1898)  
Jefferson D. Jones, First Lieutenant  
(Mustered in May 11, 1898)

**Company D, Sixth Regiment, California Volunteer Infantry:**

**Headquarters:** Presidio, San Francisco  
May 11, 1898 to June 14, 1898  
Fort Point, Presidio, San Francisco  
June 14, 1898 to Dec. 15, 1898

Mustered in May 11, 1898  
Mustered out Dec. 15, 1898

Commanding Officers

David W. Morris, Captain  
(Mustered in May 11, 1898)  
George H. Freitas, First Lieutenant  
(Mustered in May 11, 1898)

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**Company E, Sixth Regiment, California Volunteer Infantry:**

**Headquarters:** Presidio, San Francisco  
May 11, 1898 to June 14, 1898  
Fort Point, Presidio, San Francisco  
June 14, 1898 to Dec. 15, 1898  
Mustered in May 11, 1898  
Mustered out Dec. 15, 1898

Commanding Officers

Gilbert L. Adams, Captain  
(Mustered in May 11, 1898)  
Charles A. Spier, First Lieutenant  
(Mustered in May 11, 1898)

**Company F, Sixth Regiment, California Volunteer Infantry:**

**Headquarters:** Presidio, San Francisco  
May 11, 1898 to June 10, 1898  
Camp Merriam, Santa Cruz, California  
June 11, 1898 to Sept. 10, 1898  
Fort Point, Presidio, San Francisco  
Sept. 11, 1898 to Dec. 15, 1898

Mustered in May 11, 1898  
Mustered out Dec. 15, 1898

Commanding Officers

John F. Lucey, Captain  
(Mustered in May 11, 1898)  
(Resigned Nov. 3, 1898)  
John L. Hughes, Captain  
(Appointed Nov. 3, 1898)  
John A. McMartin, First Lieutenant  
(Mustered in May 11, 1898)

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**Company G, Sixth Regiment, California Volunteer Infantry:**

**Headquarters:** Presidio, San Francisco,  
May 11, 1898 to June 14, 1898  
Benicia Barracks, Solano County  
June 14, 1898 to Sept. 10, 1898  
Fort Point, Presidio, San Francisco  
Sept. 10, 1898 to Dec. 15, 1898

Mustered in May 11, 1898  
Mustered out Dec. 15, 1898

Commanding Officers

William C. Cook, Captain  
(Mustered in May 11, 1898)  
Lucien Beer, First Lieutenant  
(Mustered in May 11, 1898)

**Company H, Sixth Regiment, California Volunteer Infantry:**

**Headquarters:** Presidio, San Francisco  
May 11, 1898 to June 14, 1898  
Fort Point, Presidio, San Francisco  
June 14, 1898 to Dec. 15, 1898

Mustered in May 11, 1898  
Mustered out Dec. 15, 1898

Commanding Officers

Arthur S. Guthrie, Captain  
(Mustered in May 11, 1898)  
Roy Vandenheuvel, First Lieutenant  
(Mustered in May 11, 1898)

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The Sixth Infantry Regiment consisting of eight companies was made up from seven companies of the Sixth Infantry and one company, Company F, from the Second Infantry, National Guard of California.\* These companies responded to the first call for volunteers and were mustered into the service of the United States at San Francisco May 11, 1898.

The fact that of all the troops of the National Guard of California responding to the first call for volunteers, only one company was chosen from the Second Infantry Regiment caused considerable dissatisfaction in military circles. It appeared that Colonel J. W. Guthrie, who commanded the Second Regiment, ignored his superior officer, the Commander-in-Chief of the State Forces, by the tender of his regiment to the President through United States Senator Perkins. The unusual request was at once transmitted to Governor James H. Budd at Sacramento. Colonel Guthrie explained to the Governor that the message was sent to Senator Perkins on the spur of the moment and that he had no intention of ignoring or overlooking the Commander-in-Chief. The Colonel also stated that if in his zeal to have his regiment recognized, he had made a mistake, he hoped the companies of the regiment would not suffer as a result. The Governor declared that he was not prejudiced against the Second Regiment and that he was acting altogether under instructions from the War Department in calling out the National Guard. Thus the incident was closed.\*\*

The Second Infantry Regiment as a whole was not called into service. The valley newspapers continued to criticize Governor Budd for playing politics at the expense of the National Guard. These charges were denied and resented by the Governor.

The Sixth Infantry Regiment remained in camp at the Presidio, San Francisco, until June 14, 1898, when Headquarters and Regimental Staff changed station to Benicia Barracks, California,

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\*Adjutant General Report 1896-1898, page 8.

\*\*The Sacramento Evening Bee, June 3, 1898, page 5, column 4.



where they were stationed until September tenth. From the latter date until the regiment was mustered out, Headquarters and Staff were stationed at Fort Point, San Francisco.

Company A was transferred from the Presidio to Alcatraz Island, June 9, 1898, where garrison duty and guard duty was performed and a system of instruction in infantry, rifle, big gun and signaling drills was carried on. On September tenth the company changed the station to Fort Point where it went into camp with the Regiment. The company remained at Fort Point until October eleventh when all the companies of the Sixth Infantry were furloughed for thirty days. After the expiration of the thirty day furlough, the companies reported at Fort Point and remained in camp there until mustered out of the service.

Companies B, D, E, and H were in camp with the Regiment at the Presidio until June fourteenth when they were transferred to Fort Point. At the latter station the four companies were given a course of instruction in heavy artillery and signal service until October eleventh. The companies were on furlough until November tenth when they reported at Fort Point where they were stationed until the regiment was mustered out.

Companies C and G remained stationed at the Presidio until June fourteenth when they were transferred to Benicia Barracks with Headquarters and Regimental Staff. The two companies remained at Benicia where they performed garrison duty until September tenth when they proceeded to Fort Point where they remained in camp with the regiment until mustered out.

Company F was stationed in camp at the Presidio with the rest of the regiment until June 10. The company was then transferred to Camp Merriam at San Jose where it was stationed performing guard duty at the California Powder Works until September 10, 1898. On the last named date Company F proceeded to Fort Point, San Francisco, where it remained in camp until mustered out. The company, together with the other companies

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THE SIXTH REGIMENT OF CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY  
WAS MUSTERED OUT OF FEDERAL SERVICE ON OCTOBER ELEVENTH, 1898.  
AND RETURNED TO DUTY IN THE NATIONAL GUARD OF CALIFORNIA  
ON JUNE FIFTH, 1899.

Activities of the Sixth Regiment of Infantry, California Volunteers (Cont.)

of the Sixth Regiment of California Volunteer Infantry, was on furlough from October eleventh to November 10, 1898.\*

The eight companies of the Regiment, after having been mustered out of the Federal Service reported for duty in the National Guard of California under the act of the California Legislature approved March 21, 1899, and were returned to duty in their respective regiments. Companies B, C, D, E, F, G, and H were returned under General Order No. 6, dated June 5, 1899, and Company A was returned under General Order No. 7, dated July 5, 1899.\*\*

Regimental Headquarters

Presidio, San Francisco	May 5, 1898	to May 25, 1898
Camp Merritt, San Francisco	May 25, 1898	to Aug. 24, 1898
Camp Merritt, Presidio, San Francisco	Aug. 24, 1898	to Oct. 15, 1898
Seventh Infantry Arsenal, Los Angeles	Oct. 15, 1898	to Nov. 12, 1898
Camp Pratt, Los Angeles	Nov. 12, 1898	to Dec. 9, 1898

Mustered in May 5, 1898  
Mustered out Dec. 9, 1898

Company Officers

- John S. Berry, Colonel
- William G. McWhorter, Lieutenant-Colonel
- Frank C. Pease, Major
- Samuel G. Miller, Major
- William D. Miller, Major
- Robert D. Alfonso, Captain and Adjutant
- James F. George, Major and Adjutant
- William W. Schuler, Captain and Assistant-Adjutant
- Philip S. Russell, Captain and Assistant-Adjutant

\*Adjutant General Report 1899-1900, page 5, 6.

\*\*Adjutant General Report 1899-1900, General Orders No. 6 and No. 7, pages 59, 64.

- John B. Fredericks, First Lieutenant and Battalion-Adjutant
- Charles F. [Name], First Lieutenant and Battalion-Adjutant

STATIONS AND LOCATIONS OF THE SIXTH REGIMENT OF INFANTRY

CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERS

DURING THE PERIOD 1898 - 1901

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Presidio, San Francisco May 11, 1898 to June 14, 1898  
Benicia June 14, 1898 to Sept. 10, 1898  
Fort Point, Presidio, San Francisco Sept. 10, 1898 to Dec. 15, 1898

REGIMENTAL COMMANDER

William R. Johnson, Lieutenant Colonel

Company	Mustered into United States Service	Stations and Locations	Commanding Officers	Mustered out of United States Service
A	May 11, 1898	Enrolled at Stockton, California, April 29, 1898. Proceeded to San Francisco May 8, 1898. Went into camp at Presidio, San Francisco, May 11, 1898. Performed usual camp duties there until June 9, 1898. Stationed at Alcatraz Island June 9 to September 10 performing garrison and guard duties, also drill practice and receiving instruction. Stationed at Fort Point, Presidio, San Francisco with other companies of Regiment performing usual camp duties until October 11, 1898, when company was furloughed for 30 days.	Charles H. Dasher, Captain	Dec. 15, 1898
B	May 11, 1898	Company left Stockton, California, May 8, 1898, and arrived at San Francisco May 9, 1898. In camp at Presidio, San Francisco, May 11, 1898 to June 14, 1898. Removed to Fort Point, Presidio, San Francisco, June 14, and remained there in camp until mustered out of United States Service.	William Bruce, Captain	Dec. 15, 1898



Company	Mustered into United States Service	Stations and Locations	Command- ing Officers	Mustered out of United States Service
C	May 11, 1898	Company C enrolled at Fresno, April 28, 1898. Mustered in at San Francisco. In camp at Presidio, San Francisco, May 11 to June 14. Moved to Benicia Barracks June 14 and remained there until Sept. 10, 1898, then moved to Fort Point at Presidio, San Francisco, remained at Fort Point until mustered out of the service.	George O. Duncan, Captain	Dec. 15, 1898
D	May 11, 1898	Company D enrolled at Modesto, California, April 28, 1898. Left Modesto May 8 and proceeded to San Francisco where it was mustered into the United States Service. In camp at Presidio, San Francisco, performing usual camp duties until June 14, 1898, when camp was removed to Fort Point, Presidio, San Francisco, where the company was engaged in guard duty, infantry, and heavy artillery drill. On October 11, 1898, the company was furloughed for 30 days preliminary to muster out.	David W. Morris, Captain	Dec. 15, 1898
E	May 11, 1898	The company was organized at Visalia, California, April 29, 1898. Proceeded to San Francisco May 8. Went into camp at Presidio, San Francisco May 11. Performed usual camp duties. June 14 changed station to the camp at Fort Point Presidio, San Francisco, where the company performed the usual routine camp duties and received instruction in signaling and heavy artillery service. October 11, 1898, company went on furlough for 30 days preliminary to muster out of United States Service.	Gilbert L. Adams, Captain	Dec. 15, 1898

Mustered into Company United States Service	Stations and Locations	Command- Mustered out ing of United States Officers Service
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F May 11, 1898	Enrolled at Sacramento, California, April 29, 1898. Proceeded to San Francisco May 11 to June 10, 1898, performing usual camp duties. On June 10 Company proceeded to Santa Cruz, California and established camp Merriam there. Guarded California Powder Works near Santa Cruz and performed routine camp duties until September 10, 1898, when the company rejoined the Regiment at Fort Point, Presidio, San Francisco. The company (except a detail for guard duty), was on furlough from October 11 to November 10, 1898.	John L. Hughes, Captain Dec. 15, 1898
G May 11, 1898	This company, located at Bakersfield, California. Enrolled in the United States Service April 29, 1898. Proceeded to San Francisco May 8 and after being mustered into the Volunteer Service of the United States, went into camp at the Presidio, San Francisco on May 11, 1898. On June 14 the company was transferred to Benecia, California, remaining on garrison duty there until September 10, 1898. On September 10 the company was transferred to Fort Point, Presidio, San Francisco and remained in camp there until mustered out of the Federal Service. On October 11, 1898, all enlisted men of the company except twelve were furloughed for 30 days.	William H. Cook, Captain Dec. 15, 1898

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CALIFORNIA INFANTRY

Mustered into Company United States Service	Stations and Locations	Command- Mustered out ing of United States Officers Service
<p>H May 11, 1898</p>	<p>This company was organized at Merced California, April 28, 1898, and proceeded on May 8 to San Francisco where it went into camp. Performed the usual camp duties, and received instruction in signalling and in the Heavy Artillery Service until October 11, 1898. The company then went on furlough for 30 days, preliminary to mustering out.</p>	<p>Arthur S. Guthrie, Captain Dec. 15, 1898</p>
<p>Mustered into Company United States Service</p>	<p>... at Los Angeles, July 4, 1898. ... at San Francisco, July 4, 1898. ... at Camp Harrison, ... San Francisco, August 21, 1898. Took part in Division service at ... San Francisco, ... October 11, 1898, and proceeded to Los Angeles. Arrived at Los Angeles October 11. Furloughed for 30 days. Assembled at Camp Pratt, Los Angeles, November 12, 1898 for muster out.</p>	<p>Robert ... Captain</p>