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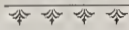


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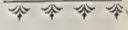
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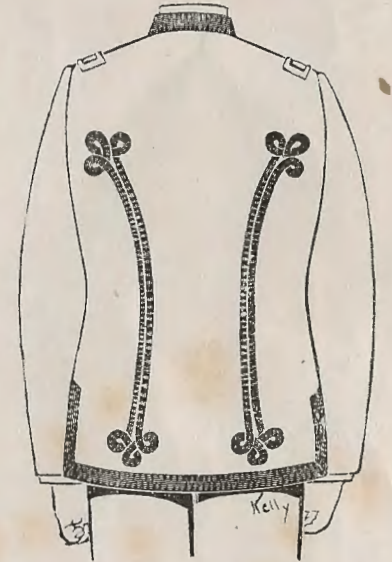
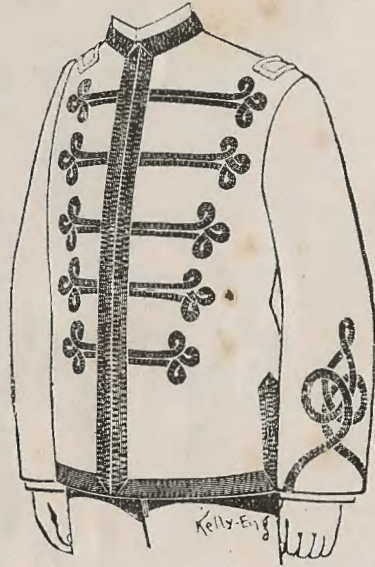
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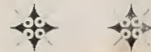
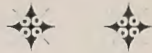
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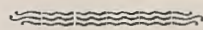


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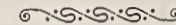


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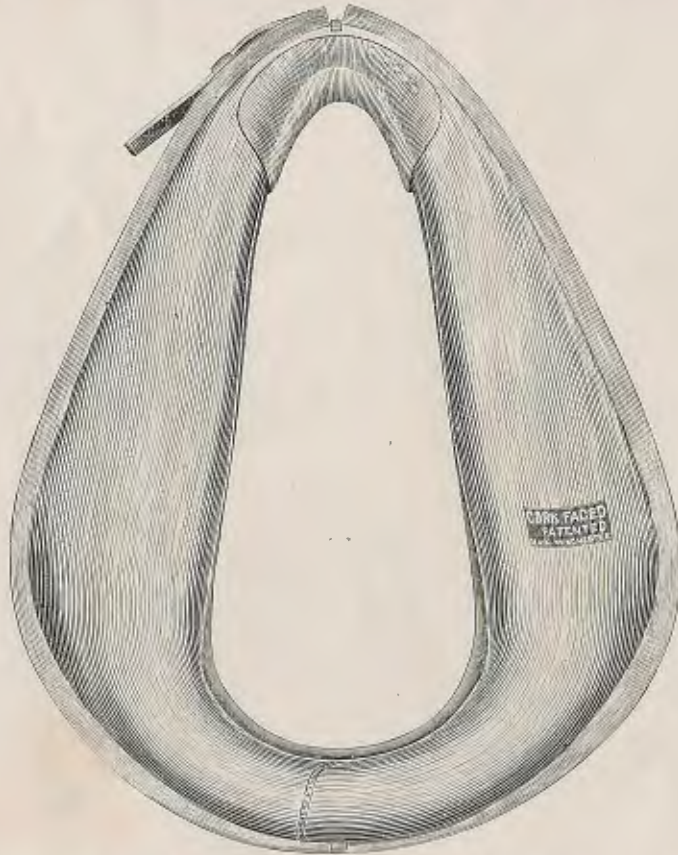
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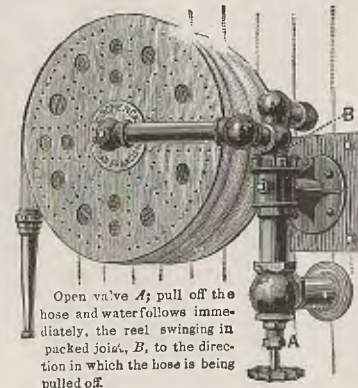
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## AN HISTORICAL SKETCH

TOURISTS and others visiting San Francisco are interested in our cable railroads, which are a California invention—the first road having been constructed and put into operation in this city in the year 1873. The merits and advantages of the cable system were so soon recognized that one road after another, whose lines had long been operated by animal power, were changed to cable roads, and have since contributed much to the comfort and convenience of our citizens in enabling them to reach the elevated and most desirable residence localities by a rapid and economical method.

The Market Street Cable Railway—the main line of which, from the Ferries to Valencia and Twenty-eighth Streets, was put in operation in 1883—is a model of this character of street railway, surpassing all others through its extensive system and the thoroughness of its construction and equipment.

The road has become historical from its having been the first street railroad constructed in this city. It was at first operated as a steam dummy road, under the name of the "San Francisco Market Street Railroad," from the junction of Market and California Streets, along Market and Valencia Streets to Seventeenth Street, near the Mission Dolores. The opening of the road took place on the 4th of July, 1860, and formed a most interesting feature of the celebration of that day. In 1862 a branch road was built from Market Street along Hayes Street to "Hayes Park," near Laguna Street, which, together with the "Willows," near Seventeenth Street, were then the principal places of public resort in our city. At that time Market Street, west of Third Street, was a succession of bleak sand hills, and the line of the street was indicated only by the railroad which ran through it. The Mission Dolores was an extensive tract of undulating country, and its Old Mission Church and a few remnants of adobe buildings constituted a feature of what was then the chief suburb of the city.

In 1867 the Valencia Street line was extended to Twenty-fifth Street, the steam dummy service withdrawn and horse cars substituted, which gave greater accommodation to the public by reason of more frequent trips. Shortly afterward the Hayes Valley line was extended to Devisadero and O'Farrell Streets.

With the growth of the city the old pleasure resorts gradually disappeared and the grounds became converted into sites for building. In 1870 the first steps were taken towards the formation of a public park, and resulted in the laying out of the city's present great pleasure ground—Golden Gate Park.

In 1879 the owners of the Market Street Railroad, who were men of enterprise and great experience in railroad building, realized the importance not only of an improved and reliable service over its lines then in operation, but also of greater accommodation for the people of this growing metropolis to reach the new park, and other portions of the city which were fast becoming desirable for residences. They decided to adopt the wire cable method of propelling cars, and to enlarge their general system by the construction of additional lines radiating from Market Street—one along Haight Street and another along McAllister Street—and to extend their Hayes Street Line west from Larkin Street, the three lines terminating at the easterly border of the Park. On account of the heavy grades on these streets, it became practicable to operate the new lines only by the cable system.

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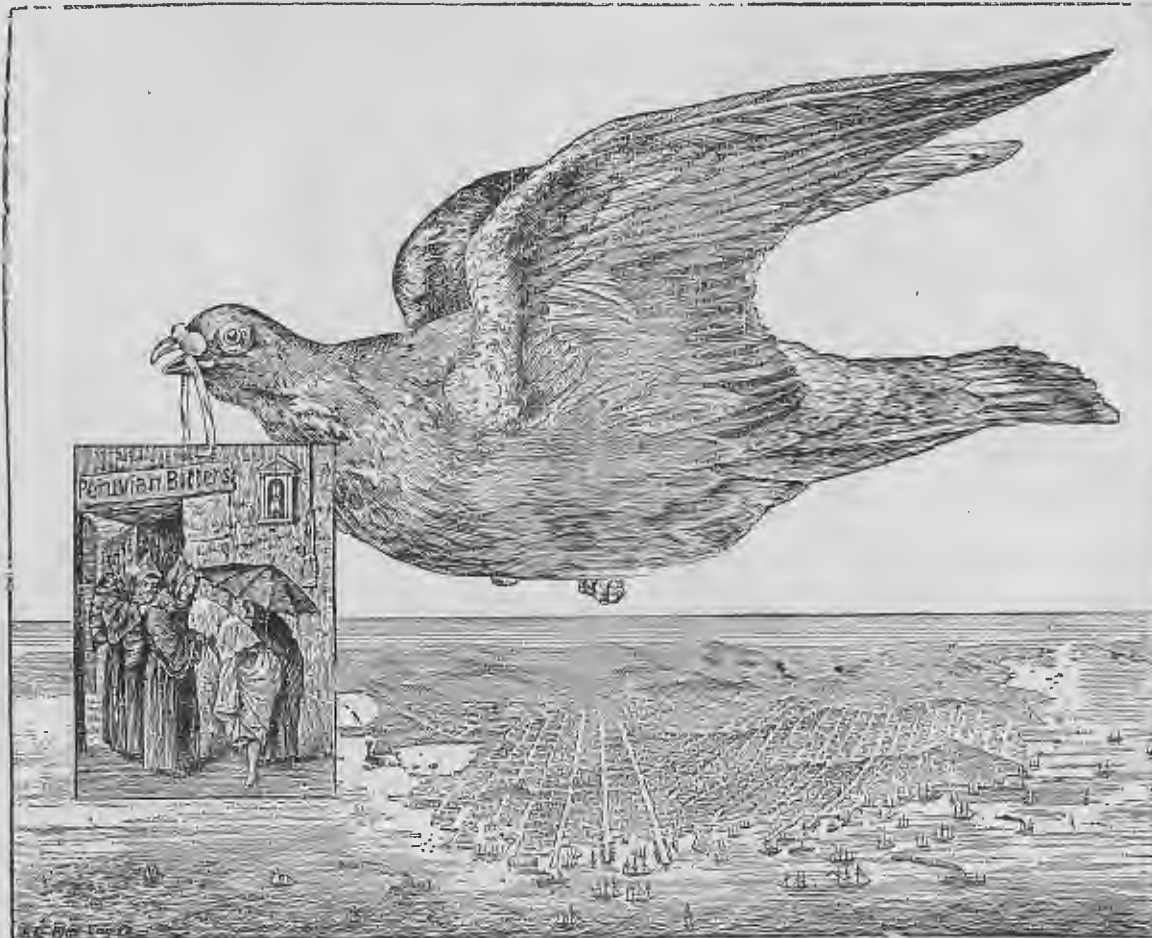


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## First Regiment Infantry



National Guard of California



THE First Regiment Infantry, National Guard of California, which is located in the City of San Francisco, California, is not only first in rank by reason of its birth, but has in shooting and drilling continuously remained at the head of the National Guard of the State.

On May 6, 1861, an unsigned agreement was circulated in the City of San Francisco, reading as follows: The undersigned Captains, on behalf of their commands, desire to join in the formation of a regiment, California Militia, to be called the First Regiment of Infantry, and request Brig.-Gen. H. A. Cobb to appoint Major A. J. Houston to hold an election of the field officers of such regiment at New Music Hall, at as early a day as possible. In short, such was duly signed by John S. Ellis, First California Guards; F. G. E. Tittell, California Fusiliers; John A. Clark, City Guards; George T. Knox, Light Guard; G. G. Bradt, Light Hussars; E. Vilaceque, French Guard; M. Lebatard, California Rifles; and J. B. Moore, National Guard. And, as a prime result, an order was issued for the formation of the FIRST REGIMENT OF INFANTRY, and an election of field officers held on the 18th day of May, 1861, at New Music Hall, Major A. J. Houston presiding, and Capt. J. P. Chamberlain acting as clerk.

The companies met on said date and organized by electing Capt. John S. Ellis as Colonel, J. W. McKenzie as Lieutenant-Colonel, and Robert Pollock as Major. On June 2d, 1861, Lieut. John Hill of the California Guard, Company "A," was appointed Adjutant.

Subsequently an order was issued lettering the companies as follows:

California Guard, organized July 27th, 1849 . . . . .	Company "A."
City Guard, organized March 31st, 1854 . . . . .	Company "B."
National Guard, organized August 31st, 1854 . . . . .	Company "C."
Black Hussars, organized 1859 . . . . .	Company "D."
California Fusiliers, organized September 9th, 1856 . . . . .	Company "E."
Light Guard, organized November 12th, 1858 . . . . .	Company "F."
French Guard, organized September 28th, 1859 . . . . .	Company "G."
California Rifles, organized 1860 . . . . .	Company "H."

In 1861 the California Rifles and the French Guard were consolidated as the French Carbineers, and the Ellsworth Rifles, Home Guards and Sigel Rifles were added to the regiment. In 1863 the French Carbineers were mustered out, and replaced by the Ellis Guard. In the same year the San Francisco or Black Hussars and the First California Guard were detached, and the Columbian Guard and State Guard were mustered in. In 1864 the Sigel Rifles, Ellis Guard and California Fusiliers were detached, and the State Guard mustered in.

On July 17th, 1866, the "National Guard of California" was organized.

In 1872 an order was issued reducing regiments to six companies each, and the reorganization of the First left it with City Guard, Company "B"; National

Guard, Company "C"; Franklin Light Infantry, Company "D" (organized July 15th, 1861, attached April 29th, 1870); Sumner Light (formerly Sumner Home Guard, Company "E," organized October 14th, 1861; Light Guard, Company "F"; Hewston Rifles, Company "H," organized August 24th, 1869.

On August 10th, 1881, the regiment was increased to seven companies by the mustering in of Company "A," Capt. McMenemy's company of the Third Regiment, and in April, 1882, Company "G" was formed out of Company "C," and was also mustered in. In 1884 Companies "E" and "F" consolidated and are now known as Company "F."

The First Regiment Infantry has been commanded by the following: 1861, Col. John S. Ellis; 1862, Col. Joseph Wood; 1866, Col. Robert Simson; 1868, Col. Thomas R. Ludlum; 1869, Col. W. H. L. Barnes; 1873, Col. George W. Granniss; 1877, Col. Oscar Woodhams; 1880, Col. John H. Dickinson; 1891, Col. W. P. Sullivan, Jr., who is still in command.

The First Regiment Infantry, National Guard of California, with its able and energetic leader, is ever ready, and always has been, to do its duty, regardless of trouble or expense. It has maintained during a long series of years a condition of uniform discipline, strength and general efficiency equal to any of the various National Guard organizations of the United States.

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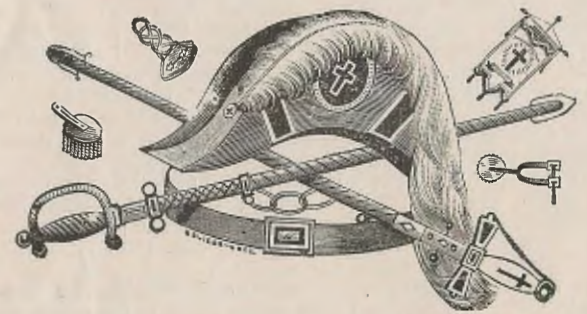
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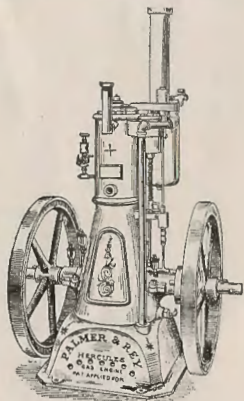
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Col. William P. Sullivan, Jr., is a popular officer, able in the discharge of his military duties, and an enthusiastic soldier. He enlisted in the N. G. C. as a private, in Company "H," Third Infantry (which was transferred to the First Infantry in 1881), December 2d, 1878; was appointed 1st Sergeant on July 29th, 1880, and promoted 1st Lieutenant August 29th, 1881, serving in that office till August 5th, 1885, when he was appointed Regimental Adjutant, with the rank of Captain. On January 7th, 1888, he was elected Major; November 20th, 1890, elected Lieutenant-Colonel; April 8th, 1892, elected Colonel.

Lieut.-Col. H. P. Bush was elected Captain of Company "H" of this Regiment April 12th, 1872, which position he held with signal ability until April 8th, 1891, a period of 19 years, being for a great portion of that time the ranking company commander of the N. G. C. On the latter date he was elected to his present position.

Major George R. Burdick enlisted in Company "B," First Infantry, April 18th, 1877; was appointed Sergeant September 8th, '77; re-enlisted April 19th, '80; appointed 1st Sergeant November 13th, '80; re-enlisted April 19th, '83; honorably discharged June 7th, '84; elected Captain Company "B," First Infantry, October 22d, '85; re-elected Captain November 10th, '87; re-elected Captain October 28th, '89; elected Major First Infantry November 12th, '90.

## COMPANY "A"

R. A. MARSHALL . . . . . CAPTAIN.  
E. V. SULLIVAN . . . . . 1ST LIEUTENANT.  
F. C. FETTER . . . . . 2D LIEUTENANT.

Company "A" was organized December 27th, 1859, as an independent company, adopting the name "MacMahon Grenadier Guard" from a like organization existing in France. There were enrolled 140 stalwart men six feet and over in height, and were never known to muster less than 100 men on parade, consequently gaining the enviable reputation of being the best organized, drilled and disciplined company in the State.

The MacMahon Guard was mustered into the Third Regiment, N. G. C., as Company "H," and on August 10th, 1881, was transferred to the First Infantry as Company "A." Captain John H. McMenemy was then in command, and continued until March 14th, 1887. First Lieutenant R. A. Marshall was then promoted to the Captaincy, to which position he has been three times re-elected.

Since the admission of the company into the First it has shown remarkable progress in drill, discipline and shooting, and all of its affairs are in a healthy and prosperous condition.

Among those who have served in the ranks and became commissioned officers of other organizations of the National Guard may be mentioned General Cazneau, Col. W. P. Sullivan, Jr., Major T. H. Griffin, Capt. J. A. Margo, Capt. J. T. Donovan, and Capt. T. J. Cunningham.

Company "A's" roster of officers is not a large one, as promotion is slow. During its existence of 34 years it has been commanded by but five Captains, as follows: Cazneau, G. T. Knox, Matthew Canavan, John H. McMenemy, and R. A. Marshall.

## COMPANY "C"

H. H. WOODRUFF . . . . . CAPTAIN.  
A. J. RUDDOCK . . . . . 1ST LIEUTENANT.  
J. W. DUMBRELL . . . . . 2D LIEUTENANT.

## COMPANY "G"

C. L. TILDEN . . . . . CAPTAIN.  
C. E. THOMPSON . . . . . 1ST LIEUTENANT.  
E. C. SUTLIFFE . . . . . 2D LIEUTENANT.

Companies "C" and "G" are indissolubly one, and can be called two in a military sense only, as component parts of the regiment. They are popularly known as the "Nationals," Company "C" having adopted the title "National Guard" years before that name was used to designate all the citizen-soldiery of the United States.

Company "C" was organized August 12th, 1855, by members of Pennsylvania Engine Company, No. 12. It is the third oldest military organization in the State, and has borne the letter "C" since the formation of the regiment. In the Amador War of 1871 Company "C" immediately assembled 70 members, who cheerfully left their business at the imperative summons to duty. In 1876, on the occasion of the State Prison fire, 60 men responded for duty within an hour. During the riots of 1879 in this city, Company "C" for months was on duty, rendering important and valuable service; and, in the Vigilance Committee times of 1856, "C" took sides with the sovereign people and reorganized as the "Independent National Guard."

When the President called for troops to suppress the rebellion, the members of Company "C" became in fact, Guards of the Nation, furnishing large numbers of men; and the "Nationals" now proudly show a long roll of commissioned officers in that war, many of whom attained prominence, and all of whom obtained their military education in Company "C."

Captain H. H. Woodruff, its present efficient commander, is now serving his second term in that position, having been first elected in January, 1891, after a faithful apprenticeship in the ranks and as 2d and, later, as 1st Lieutenant.

In the records of the "Nationals" is alone to be found the history of Company "G." It was called into existence after the muster-out of the Third Infantry in 1882, Lieut. Charles P. Le Breton, of Company "C," being detailed to take command. Twenty men were transferred from Company "C" to the new Company "G," which, with the fostering aid of "C," from that time has grown slowly but surely to be one of the most active companies in the State, with a present membership of 90 energetic young men.

Company "G" was first commanded by Capt. Charles P. Le Breton, one of the most thorough tacticians in the State, who enlisted in Company "C" in 1873, and who, like all the other officers in the "Nationals," rose from the ranks. Resigning, in 1883, he became and now is the Financier of the Veterans of the National Guard of California. The only other Captain has been Charles L. Tilden, who enlisted in Company "C" in March, 1880, became a Corporal in "C," 2d Lieutenant in "G," and finally Captain in September, 1883, and has held that position ever since, being now the senior ranking Captain of the regiment.

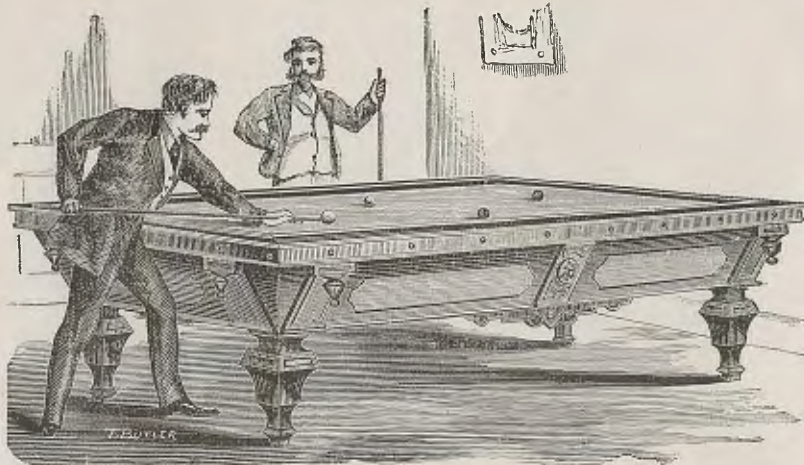
The "Nationals" roster of officers is not a large one. Promotion with them is slow, and gained only by long and faithful service. This is evidenced by the fact that it has, at the present time, on its rolls the Senior Captain, the Senior 1st Lieutenant, the Senior 2d Lieutenant, and the Senior 1st Sergeant of the regiment. Its roster of members, active and veteran, is, however, not so restricted. Besides at the present time having the two largest companies in the State, the "Nationals" have, since their organization, had over 1400 members—enough to form two ordinary regiments.

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triumphantly brought back the interstate trophy, "The Soldier of Marathon." It is also an admitted fact that Company "C" is to-day, and has been for years, the champion shooting Company in the State, while Company "G" is ready to dispute the honors of second place with all comers. Numerous prizes and trophies won at target shooting and drill contests adorn their quarters.

For nearly 30 years the "Nationals" have occupied their quaint little Armory at 324 Post street, which has been a landmark in San Francisco ever since its erection. They have now outgrown this edifice, and some months ago having reluctantly parted with their old home on most advantageous terms, are now engaged in the erection of a commodious new building on Ellis street, near Van Ness avenue. This is rapidly approaching completion, and in the near future "C" and "G" hope to take up their abode in those quarters, where the same success will undoubtedly attend their ambitious efforts.

## COMPANY "D"

CHAS. JANSEN . . . . . CAPTAIN.  
E. A. LINDBERG . . . . . 1ST LIEUTENANT.  
A. W. BAKER . . . . . 2D LIEUTENANT.

This company was organized in July, 1861, and was then known as Company "E," First Infantry Battalion California Militia, with Capt. John McComb commanding. In June, 1863, the company was named Company "E," First Regiment of Artillery, California Militia.

On July 17th, 1866, the California Militia was organized as the National Guard of California, and about one month later Company "D" was mustered in as Company "C," Second Regiment Infantry, Second Brigade, N. G. C., with Capt. John McComb in command. In 1870, April 29th, the company was transferred to the First Regiment Infantry as Company "D," with Capt. Pierce in command. The original organization of the company took place on June 15th, 1861, and adopted the name of "Franklin Light Infantry." The name was taken from Benjamin Franklin, owing to the fact that the company was composed of printers. Shortly after its organization the rebellion broke out, and secession was openly declared in San Francisco. This company offered its services to the United States Government, which offer was accepted, nearly all of the old members volunteering, and were mustered into Company "B," First California Volunteer Infantry, U. S. A., with Valentine Drescher Captain, F. S. Mitchel 1st Lieutenant, and Geo. H. Pettis 2d Lieutenant. The remaining members reorganized, as stated, in July, 1861, with John McComb Captain, who afterward became Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel of the Second Regiment, N. G. C., and was also appointed Brigadier-General Second Brigade in 1867. Lieut. W. O. Breyfogle was elected Captain in 1869; Fred. W. Pierce Captain in 1875; Lieut. R. H. Orton succeeded Capt. Pierce. Capt. Orton proved an able and efficient officer; afterward became Major of the Cavalry Battalion; following that he was elected Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Infantry; subsequently appointed Adjutant-General of California. Lieut. S. F. Wentworth succeeded Capt. Orton; Lieut. Geo. Harvey succeeded Capt. Wentworth; Lieut. Vincent Kingwell succeeded Capt. Harvey, and in 1886 2d Lieut. Chas. Jansen, of Company "C," succeeded Capt. Kingwell. Capt. Jansen was elected additional Major May 9th, 1893.

In 1862 the Adjutant-General of California, in his annual report, said: "The Franklin Light Infantry has furnished 123 men for the service of the United States Army, the best war record of any company on the Pacific Coast."

## COMPANY "F"

JAMES A. MARGO . . . . . CAPTAIN.  
J. FRANK EGGERT . . . . . 1ST LIEUTENANT.  
W. M. H. F. JAMES . . . . . 2D LIEUTENANT.

This company was organized as an infantry company November 12th, 1858, under the name of the "Light Guard," and is the third oldest infantry company in the State.

Eli Cook was the first Captain, which position he held until succeeded by Geo. T. Knox in 1861, at which time the company was mustered into the regiment, taking the letter designation "F."

Rufus W. Smith was elected Captain in 1862, but after serving a year he resigned to accept a commission in the California Battalion, which went East and joined the Army of the Potomac. Several other members of the company enlisted in the battalion at this time.

During the Kearney riots in 1878 the company was under arms, and again during the street-car strikes in 1886.

Company "F" has always enjoyed a large membership roll, and on the occasion of Gen. Grant's funeral paraded 118 men, which is perhaps the largest number ever paraded by any company in the National Guard of California; and at the Division Encampment at Santa Cruz, in the same year, 95 men were present during the entire week.

The company quarters are located at the Regimental Armory, Market and Tenth streets, and are handsomely furnished. The walls are adorned by valuable paintings and engravings, one of which—a very handsome steel engraving—was presented by Company "D" of the Twelfth Regiment, National Guard of New York, and another—a valuable oil painting—was presented by D. D. Neal, the celebrated artist, who at one time was 1st Sergeant of the company. On the mantel are several trophies, won from time to time in shooting contests.

Among the former members of this company who have risen to high rank in this and other States may be mentioned Brig.-Gen. Mathew W. Müller, Col. Wm. P. Sullivan, Jr., Col. Z. P. Clark, Lieut.-Col. Geo. M. Gaylord, Major Geo. W. Reed, Major James E. Hughes, Capt. Edward Everett (until recently Captain in the First Regiment, National Guard of Oregon), Lieut.-Col. J. Harry Fisher, and Capt. Hugh Gunn, at present officers in the provisional troops at Honolulu.

The following named gentlemen have served as Captains from the date of organization until the present time:

Eli Cook, Geo. T. Knox, Rufus W. Smith, Chas. F. Robbins, Cyrus H. Simpson, Stephen Parker, Alexander Badlam, Jr., James E. Hughes, Martin Jones, Geo. M. Gaylord, C. F. Holyoke, Edward Everett, A. W. Collins, Z. P. Clark, Geo. Teller, Wm. P. Sullivan, Jr., Robt. J. Loughrey, F. W. Rosenthal, and James A. Margo, the present commander.

## COMPANY "H"

E. G. EISEN . . . . . CAPTAIN.  
T. A. EVANS . . . . . 1ST LIEUTENANT.  
O. HEINROTH . . . . . 2D LIEUTENANT.

Company "H" was mustered into the service of the State in August, 1869. Its first Captain, J. V. Spader, was succeeded by H. P. Bush in 1872, who



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served as Captain of the company until 1891, when he was elected Lieutenant-Colonel of the regiment.

Col. Bush was succeeded by W. H. Fraser, who had been a member of the company since its organization, and upon his retirement he was succeeded by E. G. Eisen, its present commander, who has been a member of the company for 15 years, and who has served in all the grades, from private to Captain. Thus the company has had only four Captains in 24 years.

A large detail of the company was sent to Amador County during what was termed the "Amador War," in 1871, and during 1878 and 1879 the company was repeatedly on duty in the city during the so-called "Kearney disturbances."

Its present officers have been for many years members of the company, and have risen to their present positions from the ranks.

The rooms of the company are located in the Regimental Armory, and are handsomely fitted up.

Its present prosperous condition is due to the efforts of Capt. Eisen.

## COMPANY "B"

IRVING B. COOK . . . . . CAPTAIN.  
 E. C. LUNDQUIST . . . . . 1ST LIEUTENANT.  
 GEO. FILMER . . . . . 2D LIEUTENANT.

March 31st, 1854, was a great day for this well-disciplined and popular organization, as it was then that "B" Company was first called into existence, taking what is now the time-honored name of "City Guard," with Capt. John A. Clark as its company commander. The month of May, 1856, saw a reorganization of the company as the "Independent City Guard," and on March 11th, 1859, it was again mustered in as a part of the active California Militia, being attached to the 1st Battalion of Infantry.

The "City Guard" was most active during 1861 in organizing the regiment of which it is a component part, and received, when this fact was accomplished, the designation of Company "B," First Regiment Infantry, N. G. C., a designation of which it is justly proud.

The names of the several company commanders, in their regular order from date of organization, are: Captains John A. Clark, Geo. F. Watson, Chas. H. Doane, William C. Little, George W. Granniss, Douglass Gunn, Chalmers Scott, Thomas J. Johnson, David Wilder, Henry A. Plate, John H. Dickinson, Edward F. Selleck, Samuel J. Taylor, George R. Burdick, and Irving B. Cook, the present incumbent.

The "City Guard's" experiences during its 39 years of honorable existence has been varied, and, during the early years particularly, it played no small part in preserving the integrity of the common laws of our glorious sunny State. In '56 this company was under arms guarding the Jail, in which Casey was confined, against mob violence; '65 saw it again under arms when the news came of the assassination of our martyred President, Abraham Lincoln; the Amador War of 1871 again called the company into active service for the period of one month; in 1878 and again in 1879, during the period of the Kearney riots, this organization lent its moral and practical persuasion to preserve life and property against the mob. The above are but a few of the active duties performed by this company, but they will tend to show the readiness with which this old command responds whenever the commander-in-chief, in his good judgment, may call upon the National Guard for assistance in preserving the dignity of our common laws. The call for volunteers, made in the days of our late rebellion, took many of the members of the "City Guard," some of whom never returned to homes made desolate by the casualties of war, to tell of the many trials and tribulations through which they had passed while fighting for *our* country. California kept many of the uniformed militia at home in order that the rebellious element might be held in proper check, as this element was known to be large and was liable to break out in open revolt at any time. The "City Guard," together with other regularly enlisted companies, was to a very large extent responsible for the maintenance of peace and tranquility here, and all were ready and willing, at a moment's notice, to take the field, to become veterans defending the good name of this Golden State. So were the days of '61 to '65.

The present company officers, whose portraits adorn another page of this souvenir, are: Captain, Irving B. Cook, who joined the company March 31st, 1880; 1st Lieutenant, Edward C. Lundquist, a member since October 22d, 1885; 2d Lieutenant, George Filmer, who first took the oath as a private on August 26th, 1886. These officers have the full and unbounded confidence of all the members of their company, and are fully up to the responsible duties imposed upon them by virtue of their commissions.

In these piping times of peace the company, with its 70 members, is very prosperous, devoting its time to instructive drill, rifle practice, outings and camps of instruction. Socially, it is preeminent in the National Guard of California. For esprit du corps there is none better in the land. Financially, it is in good standing. The headquarters are tastefully furnished, and the personnel of the company is all that could be desired. All these conditions tend to the prosperity of any organization, no matter of what description it may be. Thus is it with Company "B," First Regiment Infantry, Second Brigade, N. G. C.





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