

COMPANY B OFF FOR THE BORDER

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The Arizona National Guard Ordered Out for Field Service

WILL MOBILIZE AT DOUGLAS

Safford Company B, First Infantry, Left this Morning for Border Camp

The Arizona National Guard, through its commander-in-chief, Governor Hunt, was ordered Tuesday morning to prepare at once for service in the field as a volunteer force under the command of the United States government.

As soon as Governor Hunt received the telegram from Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, he immediately transferred the order to Adjutant General Harris, who sent out the following telegram to company commanders:

“PHOENIX, ARIZONA, May 9, 1916.

“General Order, No 21.

“Order your men under arms, actual service.

“Harris, Adjutant General.”

Captain Roach was at Ft. Thomas on business when he received the telegram. He immediately phoned First Lieutenant Wickersham to call all the members of Company B to the Armory.

The members answered promptly to the call and the entire company was present soon after 1:00 o'clock.

Captain Roach arrived at the Armory about 4:00 o'clock and things began to pop and the military spirit became rampant. Orders were issued for men to remain in the Armory. Guards were placed and plans began at once to get the company ready to entrain for Douglas Friday morning.

Tuesday night field equipment was issued to the men and Sergeant instructor Landreth instructed the company how to roll and tie their tents, blankets, etc., to be carried over their shoulders. Later the company was marched to the High School grounds, where the men unrolled tents and erected them and packed up again. The practice was good and instruction helpful.

Wednesday and yesterday the company remained at the Armory rushing through the plans of Captain Roach to get everything ready to leave for Douglas. Everything went off like clockwork, so by the time the order was given by First Sergeant (sic) Baker to "fall in," at 11:15 o'clock this morning, every man was ready and in place.

At 11:20 o'clock, the company left the Armory for the depot. The train arrived at 11:45 and in a short time the baggage was loaded on the car and the train pulled out for Camp Douglas.

A tremendous (sic) crowd of people from all parts of the valley were at the depot to see the "boys" off for the front. Tears and smiles, and "God bless you, my boy," and "good luck" were in evidence on every side. In face the coolest bunch around the train, was the "boys" themselves, who acted throughout the leave taking like heroes, as they are, every mother's son of them.

The company muster for encampment at Douglas is as follows:

Captain E. H. Roach

First Lieutenant E. S. Wickersham

Second Lieutenant Clyde Ijams.

Sergeants – J. H. Baker, R. W. Smith, James Quinn, Noland Swanger, Fred Jacobson, A. D. Warnock.

Corporals- W. J. Hudson, Carl Schroeder, Bernard Fruedenthal, Joseph Swift, John Campbell.

Musicians – P. Norton, Ivan Dial.

Cooks – James J. Finley, George Barney.

Artificer – Harry Solomon.

Privates – L. Brier, Joseph Bless, Teller Broshears, Ben Campbell, Clyde Campbell, Thomas Campbell, Amos Cook, A. B. Crawford, Roy Chlarson, Frank Dempsey, Clarence Foote, Samuel Freeman, Graham French, Charles Geitz, Robert Geitz, Charles Gordon, Samuel Greenhalgh, Geo. L. Horene, Frank Hayden, Carl Jacobson, Jens Jensen, Wallace King, Charles Dreuger, Hugo Kreuger, H. Kimball, Wilford Morris, Daniel McKinney, Samuel McLaughlin, Freeland Moody, Arthur Nelson, Otis Nulton, Delvos Nelson, Archie Partridge, George Phillips, Grant Robbins, Beverly Rose, Clyde Scarlett, Delbert Smith, E. L. Spriggs, Clarence Spalding, Fred Tidwell, Dean Thompson, Walter Whitmer.

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