

Dudley Eshelman; second lieutenant, Matt Bartholet. Company B, of Goldendale—Captain, C. S. Reinhart; first lieutenant, R. D. McCullough; second lieutenant, H. C. Jackson. Company C, of Centreville—Captain G. W. Ballington; first lieutenant, John Jackel; second lieutenant, J. H. Hill. Company D, of Waitsburg—Captain, H. G. Shuham; first lieutenant, D. H. Smith; second lieutenant, W. B. Shafer. Company F, of Dayton—Captain, ———; first lieutenant, Chas. R. Dorr; second lieutenant, E. H. Fox. Company G, of Spokane Falls—Captain, ———; first lieutenant, S. F. Leghorn; second lieutenant, L. A. Brigham. Troop A, Cavalry, of Sprague—Captain, Chas. B. Johnson; first lieutenant, B. B. Glascock; second lieutenant, A. W. Lindsay.

By the provisions of the military law the guard is required to go into a camp of instruction from four to twelve days annually, during which time the men receive \$1.50 per day and the officers \$2.00, transportation, subsistence and equipment being supplied by the state. It was in compliance with this that the encampment just closed was held, under orders from the adjutant general's office. No more suitable place for an encampment could be found than on the shore of American lake. The lake is a lovely sheet of clear water, three miles long, and surrounded by sloping banks covered with trees. The camp was pitched on a level plateau just above the lake, covered with scattered groves of spruce and oak trees. The ground is a gravel bank, with but a slight covering of grass, and consequently was perfectly dry, notwithstanding the fact that it rained more or less nearly every day. Just beyond the camp the ground slopes like a terrace down to an open, treeless, level plain, fully a mile long by half a mile wide, where drills, reviews and dress parades were held, the terraced bank affording an admirable vantage point for spectators. If a beautiful lake of water, a high and dry camp ground, trees, a magnificent parade ground, pure, fresh air, good water, and accessibility by rail constitute a good encampment, then American lake may lay just claim to that distinction. Railroad facilities will be better another year, since the Union Pacific and Northern Pacific will each have a line passing the edge of the grounds. The first few days the train service on the Union Pacific was wretched, but this was remedied before the end of the week.

As this was the first time the regiments had been assembled together for battalion instruction, much attention was paid to that feature. A year ago the first regiment had been together to protect property in Seattle immediately after the great fire that swept that city, and for fourteen days they did noble service, returning to their homes with the gratitude of the people of that stricken city. A few months later Com-

pany H was again called upon to perform similar duty when its own city, Vancouver, was partially destroyed. About the same time Company G, 2d Regiment, of Spokane Falls, responded to the call of duty, and stood guard over the ruins of the business streets of that city until the need of their services had passed. The Seattle companies also saw service last year during the strikes at Blakely and Newcastle and during the riot at the latter place. These terms of active duty, serviceable as they were to the state and beneficial to the men themselves in the direction of a soldier's education, presented no opportunity for battalion instruction, and the encampment brought the various companies of both regiments together for the first time for purposes of instruction. Company drills, regimental drills, brigade drills, regimental and brigade dress parades, skirmish drills, target practice, guard mounting and instruction in sentry and camp duty kept the 600 men busy the entire time. An improvement of 100 per cent. in the efficiency of the guard as an effective military body is the result of this patient and conscientious attention to duty by both officers and men. On Friday, the 27th, a sham battle was fought by the two regiments under the observation of Governor Ferry and Gen. John Gibbon, U. S. A. The conduct of both officers and men in this affair was highly complimented by General Gibbon, their excellent marching, discipline and general bearing displaying the good effects of their week's instruction and experience in camp.

The regimental bands of both regiments were in camp, that of the First being regularly stationed at the headquarters of Colonel Haines in Seattle. The Second Regiment band is also the brigade band, and is stationed at brigade headquarters in Spokane Falls. There was also a band with Company D, of Waitsburg, composed entirely of members of the company, and an excellent juvenile fife and drum corps accompanied Company A, of North Yakima. These bands discoursed excellent music on the parades and on Sunday afternoons. At the conclusion of the encampment the officers of the first regiment presented Colonel Haines with a superb saddle horse, at a cost of \$400.

Notwithstanding the fact that some of the companies were not provided with overcoats, that there was a shortage of tents and blankets, that no provision had been made for feeding the second regiment, that at first the transportation facilities between the camp and Tacoma were wretched, and a few other drawbacks resulting from inexperience and want of forethought in the adjutant general's office, the encampment at Camp Ferry was a decided success, yet one that will be much improved upon another year, since there will not again be the lack of preparation that was such a drawback this year.