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### Institutional History

On 17 March 1881, the New Jersey legislature authorized the governor to organize a provisional battalion to represent New Jersey at the centennial celebration of the Battle of Yorktown, Virginia [*Laws of 1881*, Joint Resolution Number VII, p. 308]. New Jersey's provisional battalion was composed of ten companies specially selected from the National Guard, each having three officers and sixty enlisted men. The companies were selected and given new letters in the provisional battalion according to the seniority of their captains, as follows:

<u>New Jersey National Guard</u>	<u>Provisional</u>
Company C, 3rd Regiment	Company A
Company C, 6th Regiment	Company B
Company E, 5th Regiment	Company C
Company K, 6th Regiment	Company D
Company B, 7th Regiment	Company E
Company A, 7th Regiment	Company F
Provisional Company, 1st Regiment	Company G
Company A, 1st Battalion	Company H
Company B, 1st Battalion	Company I
Company D, 3rd Regiment	Company K

The centennial celebration took place at Yorktown during 17-21 October 1881. New Jersey's battalion was awarded a silver Tiffany vase for presenting the best military appearance of any battalion from the sixteen states represented. The vase is currently maintained by the New Jersey State Museum [NJSM Accession Number CH1970.129.1a-b].

For a complete account of the encampment, see the 1881 annual report of the Adjutant General. Pages 147-158 of the report, showing rosters of the men who served in the Provisional Battalion at Yorktown, are attached to this guide.

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### Box 1

[Morning returns from each provisional company for the five days of the Yorktown Centennial Encampment, 17-21 October 1881.]

1. Monday, 17 October 1881 [received by the Adjutant General's Office on 21 October].
2. Tuesday, 18 October 1881 [received by the Adjutant General's Office on 22 October].
3. Wednesday, 19 October 1881 [received by the Adjutant General's Office on 24 October].
4. Thursday, 20 October 1881 [received by the Adjutant General's Office on 25 October].
5. Friday, 21 October 1881 [received by the Adjutant General's Office on 25 October].

### Box 2

[The photographs of the Yorktown encampment listed below are from a dismantled album originally kept by the Adjutant General's office. Most of the photographs are labeled on the reverse.]

1. New Jersey Battalion Camp at Yorktown, VA, 17-21 October 1881.
2. Thirty-four men and women at Yorktown, 19 October 1881:
  - 1) Major Isaac Denman, Quartermaster, 1st Brigade, NJNG
  - 2) Lt.-Colonel George E. P. Howard, Inspector
  - 3) Lt.-Colonel A. Judson Clark, Assistant Inspector General of Rifle Practice
  - 4) Not listed
  - 5) Colonel William E. Hoy, Aide-de-Camp to Commander-in-Chief, NJNG
  - 6) Mr. Joseph L. Naar, Editor of the Trenton True American, Trenton, NJ
  - 7) Brig.-General Willoughby Weston, Inspector General, NJNG
  - 8) Major-General Joseph W. Plume, commanding the 1st Brigade
  - 9) Mr. E. L. Sterling
  - 10) Mrs. E. Burd Grubb
  - 11) Major-General William S. Stryker, Adjutant-General of New Jersey
  - 12) Not listed
  - 13) Colonel E. Burd Grubb, commanding the Battalion
  - 14) Governor George C. Ludlow of New Jersey
  - 15) Major Townsend B. Baldwin, Aide-de-Camp, Division Staff
  - 16) Mrs. Townsend B. Baldwin
  - 17) Colonel Edwin A. Stevens, Aide-de-Camp to Commander-in-Chief
  - 18) Mrs. Lewis Perrine
  - 19) Major-General Lewis Perrine, Quartermaster General of New Jersey
  - 20) Major-General Gershom Mott, commanding Division
  - 21) Mrs. William S. Stryker
  - 22) Brig.-General Bird W. Spencer, Inspector-General of Rifle Practice
  - 23) Brig.-General William J. Sinell, 2nd Brigade
  - 24) Miss Kate Mott
  - 25) Colonel E. Moore, Aide-de-Camp to Commander-in-Chief
  - 26) Colonel Lewis Perrine Jr., Assistant Quartermaster General of New Jersey
  - 27) Colonel John W. Romaine, Aide-de-Camp to Commander-in-Chief
  - 28) George L. Duryea
  - 29) Not listed
  - 30) Lt.-Colonel Daniel B. Murphy, Inspector, 2nd Brigade
  - 31) George M. Wright, State Treasurer of New Jersey

- 32) Lt.-Colonel Thomas S. Chambers, Assistant Adjutant General, 2nd Brigade
  - 33) Not listed
  - 34) Major William M. Palmer, Quartermaster, 2nd Brigade
3. Colonel E. Burd Grubb, 6th Regiment, NJNG, Commander of the Provisional Battalion at Yorktown in 1881.
  4. Lt.-Colonel Edward A. Campbell, colonel of the 1st Regiment, NJNG.
  5. Eighteen men of the Provisional Battalion of the NJNG at Yorktown:
    - 1) Not listed
    - 2) Captain Jacob J. DeMott, Inspector of Rifle Practice, 2nd Battalion
    - 3) Not listed
    - 4) Not listed
    - 5) Lt.-Colonel Benjamin F. Chambers, 7th Regiment, Trenton
    - 6) Major Richard A. Donnelly, 7th Regiment, Trenton
    - 7) Major Joseph W. Congdon, 1st Battalion, Paterson
    - 8) Lt.-Colonel Edward A. Campbell, 1st Regiment, Newark
    - 9) Captain Charles Y. Bumford, Inspector of Rifle Practice, 7th Regiment, Trenton
    - 10) Colonel E. Burd Grubb, 6th Regiment
    - 11) 2nd Lieutenant DeLancey G. Walker, Company A, 6th Regiment, Burlington
    - 12) Lieutenant Samuel D. Dickinson, Adjutant, 4th Regiment, Jersey City
    - 13) 1st Lieutenant Nathan Haines, Paymaster, 6th Regiment, Burlington
    - 14) Captain Joseph K. Manning, Chaplain, 3rd Regiment, Keyport
    - 15) Not listed
    - 16) Lt.-Colonel George W. Terribery, Assistant Surgeon, 1st Brigade, Paterson
    - 17) Not listed
    - 18) Lieutenant William R. Williams, Paymaster, 5th Regiment, Newark
  6. Various officers posing with the vase won by the New Jersey Battalion for presenting the best military appearance.
  7. Provisional Battalion of the National Guard representing New Jersey at Yorktown.
  8. Tiffany vase awarded the New Jersey Battalion by a committee of officers of the Regular Army of the United States for presenting the best military appearance at Yorktown on 19 October 1881.
  9. Major Townsend B. Baldwin, Aide-de-Camp, Division Staff, Detailed Judge-Advocate, New Jersey Battalion, 10 October 1881.
  10. Captain William H. DeHart, Company C, 3rd Regiment, commanding Company A of the New Jersey Battalion.
  11. Unidentified soldier.
  12. Unidentified soldier.
  13. Unidentified men.
  14. Five men at the Quartermaster's tent in Yorktown, including:
    - 1) Captain Jacob J. DeMott, Quartermaster, Inspector of Rifle Practice, 2nd Battalion
    - 2) Major James S. Yard, Deputy Quartermaster
  15. Three men at Yorktown, including:
    - 1) 1st Lieutenant Nathan Haines, Paymaster, 6th Regiment [sitting]
    - 2) 2nd Lieutenant DeLancey G. Walker, Company A, 6th Regiment [standing]
  16. Seven unidentified men, including a cook.
  17. Unidentified group, New Jersey Battalion.

18. Company A of the New Jersey Battalion at Yorktown [Company C, 3rd Regiment, NJNG], commanded by Captain William H. DeHart, 1st Lieutenant Uriah L. Van Deventer, and 2nd Lieutenant Charles D. Angus.
19. Unidentified group, New Jersey Battalion.
20. Unidentified group, New Jersey Battalion.
21. Company F of the Provisional Battalion [Company A, 7th Regiment, NJNG, Trenton], commanded by Captain William H. Skirm and 1st Lieutenant Charles E. Merritt [Captain of Company F, 7th Regiment, Mt. Holly].
22. Unidentified group, New Jersey Battalion.
23. Lt.-Colonel George W. Terriberly, Assistant Surgeon, 1st Brigade, with seven unidentified men and a trunk of medical supplies.
24. Unidentified soldier.
25. Three unidentified men.

### Box 3

[Muster Rolls]

1. Field and Staff of the New Jersey Provisional Battalion, commanded by Colonel E. Burd Grubb [3 copies].
2. Company A, commanded by Captain William H. DeHart [2 copies].
3. Company B, commanded by Captain Joseph C. Lee [3 copies; 1 copy accompanied by a letter from Captain Lee to Adjutant General William S. Stryker dated 15 November 1881].
4. Company C, commanded by Captain Edwin Hoyt [2 copies].
5. Company D, commanded by Captain George A. Cheever [2 copies].
6. Company E, commanded by Captain William H. Bilbee [3 copies].
7. Company F, commanded by Captain William H. Skirm [3 copies].
8. Company G, commanded by Captain Charles B. Champlin [2 copies].
9. Company H, commanded by Captain James Beggs [2 copies].
10. Company I, commanded by Captain Charles Curie [2 copies].
11. Company K, commanded by Captain John T. Whittier [2 copies].

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