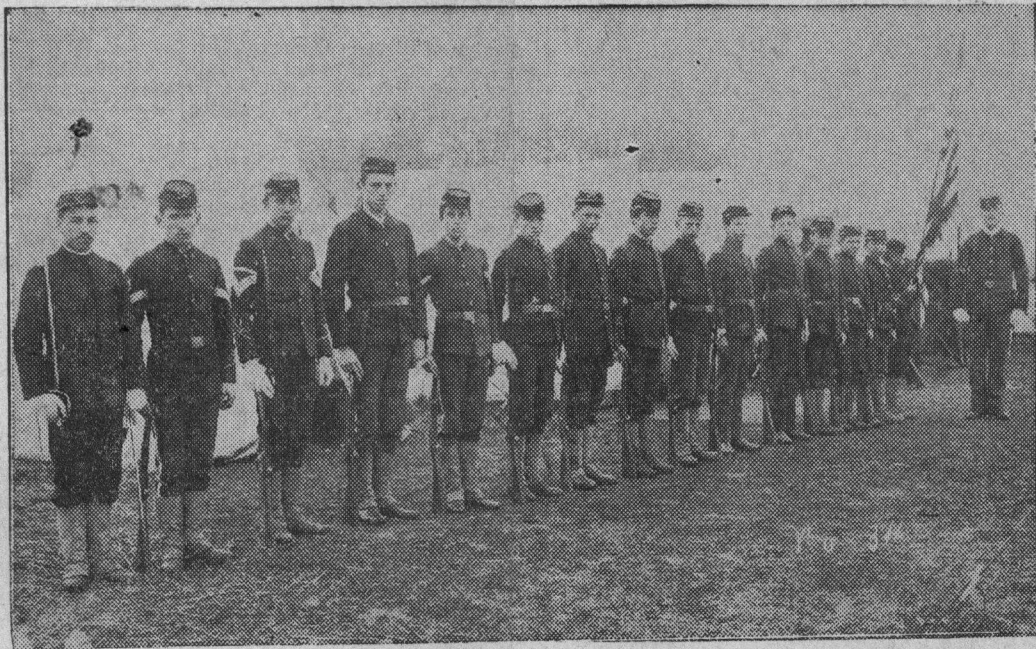


SANTA CRUZ YESTERDAYS



(From the Preston Sawyer Collection) AT BOYS' BRIGADE CAMP HERE IN '95

California boys were military minded hereabouts in the middle nineties, and Santa Cruz was picked for their summer encampment in July of 1895.

The picture shows members of Company L, who were lined up in front of their tents for the picture.

Running from July 10-18, the boys had a full week of "soldiering" in fabulous Santa Cruz.

Came By Train

The First California Boys' Brigade arrived in Santa Cruz over the mountain narrow-gauge railroad, by special train. On board were boys from San Francisco,

Stockton, Sacramento, Alameda, San Jose and other points.

San Jose alone sent around 150 youths. The encampment was named Camp Ledyard for Dr. Ledyard, state president of the Boys' Brigade.

Arriving here the boys were divided into squads of four, each squad occupying a tent, in charge of a corporal.

Each embryo soldier provided his own personal toilet articles, blankets, etc.

Local Assistance

As the citizens of Santa Cruz had made donations, expense to the individual was only \$2.50,

with actual expense about double that.

The following program for a day's exercise is evidence that the boys did not find it all play:

Reveille, 6 a.m.; mess call, 6:30 a.m.; sick call, 7:15 a.m.; church call, 7:30 a.m.; drill (by company, battalion or regiment) 8 a.m.; recall, 9 a.m.; inspection of quarters, 9:15 a.m.; First Sergeant's call, 9:45 a.m.; Officers' call, 10 a.m.; mess call, 12 M.; guard mount, 5:15 p.m.; mess call, 6 p.m.; dress parade, 6:45 p.m.; retreat, sunset; tattoo, 9 p.m.; taps, 9:30 p.m.

Three adult officers appear in the photo.