

1898

August 2: Convalescent hospital was opened at Pablo Beach.

October 15: Company E (Jacksonville Light Infantry) 1st Florida, arrived from Tallahassee. An immense assemblage was at the depot to greet the company and included the 4th Illinois regiment of Camp Cuba Libre and the band of the 161st Indiana. When the procession started up-town, the band played "Dixie" and the crowd went wild.

November 14: Company E (J. L. I.) entrained for Tallahassee, having been ordered back to be mustered out.

December 4: Company E (J. L. I.) mustered out at Tallahassee. Each man was given a blue satin badge with a spread-eagle in the center, and inscribed, "Mustered in May 23. To hell with Spain. First Florida Regiment, 1898. Mustered out December 4".

January 27, 1899: Company F (Jacksonville Rifles) was mustered out at Huntsville, Ala.

Duval County's Honor Roll

Spanish-American War

John J. O'Rourke of Jacksonville, and E. W. Houston of Mayoport: Killed by the accidental explosion of a dynamite mine under test at the test station at St. Johns Bluff, July 10, 1898.

Private Franklin B. Willard (J. L. I.) of Jacksonville, died at Camp Wheeler, Huntsville, Ala., September 20, 1898, of typhoid fever.

Lieutenant J. Hugh Stephens (Rifles) of Jacksonville, died in hospital at Savannah, October 27, 1898, of typhoid fever.

Private William Jones of Jacksonville (mustered out with J. L. I. and joined Co. D, 9th Illinois), died in camp near Havana January 7, 1899, of spinal meningitis.

Camp Cuba Libre

Ten days before war with Spain was declared C. E. Garner advanced the idea of an army camp for Jacksonville. Mayor R. D. Knight then became active in his official capacity, and