

Wheeler and was there broken up to become amalgamated with other commands.

Captains of the Rifles: Wm. LeFils, September, 1895 to April, 1898; James Y. Wilson, April, 1898 to March, 1899; T. C. Watts, April, 1899 to March, 1901; Wm. LeFils, April, 1901 to March, 1906; F. G. Yerkes, March to October, 1906; W. D. Vinzant, Jr., November-December, 1906; George J. Garcia, June, 1907 to 1917.

Metropolitan Grays

This company was organized at a meeting August 3, 1905, when an application for muster into the State Troops was drawn up and signed by 32 men. On September 4, 1905, the company was mustered in as Co. D, First Regiment, F. S. T., Geo. L. Dancy, captain; S. C. Harrison, Jr., first lieutenant.

The "Grays" was brought to a high state of military perfection in the first years of its existence and won a number of prizes and two State penants for efficiency; but like the other companies of the old First Florida Regiment, it absorbed some of the feeling that disrupted the Regiment prior to the World war. It did not recruit to full strength as required by the Defense Act of 1916, but it was saved by uniting with a platoon of the St. Augustine company. In this way the company became a unit of the First Separate Battalion that went to Camp Wheeler during the World war.

Captains: G. L. Dancy, September, 1905 to January, 1906; S. C. Harrison, Jr., March, 1906 to June, 1910 (promoted to major); Reuben Ragland, June, 1910 to December, 1911; G. R. Seavy (assigned temporarily); A. E. Barrs, April, 1912 to April, 1913; C. B. Duffy, August, 1913 to March, 1914; W. M. McCrory, April to December, 1914; A. Y. Milam, January, 1915 to January, 1916; G. R. Seavy, 1916 to World war.

Dixie Guards

The company was organized June 19, 1908, and mustered into the State service as Company B, First Regiment, F. S. T., July 3, 1908, with a roster of 62 men. Its first officers were: R. F. Metcalf, captain; W. E. Sweney, first lieutenant, and A. J. Bassett, second lieutenant. There was not room enough in the armory and the company occupied a room at No. 120 W. Bay Street until December, 1914, when it moved to a