with the older companies. By this method the Jacksonville Light Infantry (Co. A), the Jacksonville Rifles (Co. F) and a platoon of the Grays (Co. D), were preserved. The other platoon of Co. D (Grays) was formed from Co. G of St. Augustine. These, with Co. H (Blountstown and Chipley), were retained as the First Separate Battalion. All the other companies of the old First Regiment were disbanded as of November 29, 1916. Ten days after war was declared with Germany the First Separate Battalion was mobilized at State Camp at Black Point, where it became the nucleus for the formation of the Florida regiment that went to Camp Wheeler and was there broken up and its men assigned to other commands for the World war.

After the World war the National Guard of Florida was re-formed, but more on the order of a Federal National Guard, supported largely by the Federal Government. Several local companies have grown out of this reorganization. Though they stand ready, as in times past, to protect the community in case of need, the lack of a local name somehow seems to take away the sentiment clustering around the old commands. The booming of "Betsy", a gun of Wilson's Battery, as it spoke the greeting in some important event; the street parades of the J. L. I. and the M. L. I., the Rifles or the Grays; their battalion drills, and encampments, where fun and frolic crept in to ease the strain of discipline; their football games and baseball games, "cake-walks" and quadrilles; thought of them as they stood shoulder to shoulder in the serious times of riot and fire, and some of them in war—all lead the memory back to them under their local names, and not as Co. A or Co. B of such-and-such an infantry.

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1880, June 26-28: First Florida Light Artillery (Wilson's Battery) held under orders; strikers' riot at Clark's mill; service not needed.

1881, February: Jacksonville Light Infantry went to Madison to protect prisoners in jail there and remained on duty four days; then went to Tallahassee as a guard to the sheriff and his prisoners.

1881, July: Jacksonville Light Infantry went to Fernandina to restore order— strikers' (longshoremens') riot.