

History of 1st Separate Battalion, Field Artillery, Battery A California National Guard 1921-1923

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BATTERY A, FIRST SEPARATE BATTALION

FIELD ARTILLERY

Battery A, 1st Separate Battalion, Field Artillery, California National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: Oakland, Alameda County

Organized May 29, 1911*

Redesignated December 20, 1912**

Mustered into Federal Service June 28, 1916***

Mustered out of Federal Service December 30, 1916****

Resumption of Service in the National Guard 1916*****

Mustered into Federal Service July 24, 1917*****

Redesignated September 24, 1917†

Demobilized January 28, 1919††

Reorganized March 17, 1921†††

Redesignated November 1, 1921††††

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*Battery A, Field Artillery, organized in Los Angeles, May 29, 1911.
General and Special Orders and Circulars 1911, General Order No. 9.

**Battery A, Field Artillery, redesignated Battery A, 1st Battalion, Field Artillery, December 20, 1912.
General and Special Orders and Circulars 1912, General Order No. 26.

***Battery A, mustered into Federal Service for duty on the Mexican Border, June 28, 1916.
Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 14.

****Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 14.

*****General and Special Orders and Circulars 1916, General Order No. 34, page 150.

*****Battery A, mustered into Federal Service for duty during the World War, July 24, 1917. Muster Roll, Battery A, First Field Artillery July, 1917.
Adjutant General's Files.

†Battery A redesignated Battery A 143rd Field Artillery, September 24, 1917.
Adjutant General Report 1920-1926 page 32.

††Adjutant General Report 1920-1926 page 34.

†††Reorganized in Oakland, as Battery E, Field Artillery, March 17, 1921.
General and Special Orders 1921, General Order No. 7.

††††Battery E, redesignated Battery A, 1st Separate Battalion, Field Artillery, November 1, 1921.
General and Special Orders 1921, General Order No. 19.

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Redesignated September 20, 1923++++

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Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>		<u>Commission</u>
John A. Cook, Captain	Mar	23, 1921	Mar 30, 1921
Thornton A. Goldstein, First Lieut. (Resigned Mar. 10, 1922)	Mar	21, 1921	Mar 31, 1921
Donald L. Marshall, First Lieut. (Transferred to Hdqr & Combat Train, June 6, 1922)	Mar	28, 1921	Mar 30, 1921
Charles R. Patty, First Lieut.	Apr	29, 1922	May 14, 1922
A. I. Smith, Second Lieut. (Resigned Mar. 10, 1922)	Apr	8, 1921	Apr 21, 1921
R. B. Hosler, Second Lieut. (Resigned Jan. 15, 1923)	May	2, 1922	May 14, 1922
A. S. Oakley, Second Lieut.	June	4, 1923	June 6, 1923

Activities:

On October 25, 1921, General Order No. 19, was issued. The order provided that on and after November 1, 1921, Battery E, Field Artillery, California National Guard, organized in the City of Oakland, March 17, 1921, should be known and designated as Battery A, First Separate Battalion, Field Artillery, California National Guard.

On May 11, 1922, Battery A, participated in the ceremonies attending the dedication of the new National Guard Armory at 23rd and Grove Streets, Oakland. The celebration started with a parade through the streets of Oakland. At the head of the columns of marching men, arrayed in the uniform he wore in France, and bearing the insignia of notable service, marched David P. Barrows, President of the University of California, and Colonel of the 159th Infantry Regiment, California National Guard. In the reviewing stand in front of the City Hall stood Adjutant General J. J. Boree, Colonel Robert Noble, Colonel L. Holbrook, Colonel R. E. Mittelstaedt, Lt. Colonel R. S. Fitch; Majors J. Alexander, P. A. Rogers and W. E. McCaughey, and Mayor John L. Davis, and Commissioner Albert E. Carter of Oakland.

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++++Battery A, 1st Separate Battalion, Field Artillery, redesignated Battery A, 143rd Field Artillery, September 20, 1923.
General and Special Orders 1923, General Order No. 13

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Activities: (Continued)

Commissioner Frank Colburn rode in the Police automobile with Chief of Police James T. Drew, at the head of the platoon of police, in charge of Captain Frank Lynch.

In the parade were the Service Company, Howitzer Company, Headquarters Company, and the First and Third Battalions of the 159th Infantry; the San Francisco Port Command, Coast Artillery Corps, 40th Division Signal Company, and Batteries A, B, C and D Field Artillery, California National Guard.

At the Armory, speeches were made by Colonel Barrows, Mayor Davis and General Boree, who acted as chairman during the evening.

Under authority of paragraph 4, Special Order No. 154, Headquarters, 9th Corps Area, United States Army, dated July 3, 1922, Battery A, engaged in a fifteen day field training encampment in conjunction with United States Army troops at Camp Lewis, Washington, from July 13th to July 31, 1922.

Battery A, engaged in routine weekly drill exercises until July 8, 1923, when it journeyed to Camp Richardson, Salinas, California, for field training, July 8th to 22nd.

On September 20, 1923, General Order No. 13, was issued redesignating Battery A, First Separate Battalion, Field Artillery, California National Guard, as Battery A, 143rd Field Artillery, California National Guard.

For further information concerning the activities of this unit refer to the History of Battery A, 143rd Field Artillery.

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