

# **History of the 1st Separate Company (Visalia), Infantry California National Guard 1915**

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FIRST SEPARATE COMPANY

(VISALIA)

First Separate Company, Infantry, First Brigade, National Guard of California  
Reference Adjutant General's Office  
Location Visalia, Tulare County  
Mustered in April 13, 1915\*  
Redesignated October 25, 1915\*\*

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Alexander M. Simons, Captain	April 13, 1915	May 10, 1915
Andrew Henry Thomas, First Lieut.	April 13, 1915	May 10, 1915

Activities:

The First Separate Company, National Guard of California, was organized and mustered into the service of the State at Visalia, April 13, 1915. A Visalia correspondent described the mustering in of the company in the following language:

"Visalia made good last night with the result that the city is now on the State military map with the first and only unattached company of militia in the State of California. It contains seventy-four members, all of whom have been mustered in, and who met last night and elected officers as follows: A. M. Simons, Captain; A. H. Thomas, First Lieutenant. For a time it seemed that a sufficient number of men would not appear for muster, but when the hour arrived there were more than enough at hand; 68 were required for a company and 74 were present. The usual speeches and ceremonies which accompany such occasions were indulged in by prominent people of Visalia and Tulare".\*\*\*

The new unit remained unattached until a vacancy occurred in the Second Infantry Regiment. The vacancy was occasioned by the mustering out of Company D, Second Infantry of Redding, on October 25, 1915. The redesignation of the First Separate Company, Infantry, Visalia, as Company D, Second Infantry Regiment took place on the same day.

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\*First Separate Company, Visalia, mustered in April 13, 1915.  
General and Special Orders and Circulars 1915, General Order No. 11,  
par. 1.

\*\*First Separate Company, Visalia, redesignated Company D, Second Infantry Regiment, October 25, 1915.  
General and Special Orders and Circulars 1915, General Order No. 23,  
par. 2.

\*\*\*The Visalia Delta, April 14, 1915, page 1, column 5.