

History of the 40th Division Aviation, Medical Department Detachment, California National Guard 1926-1939

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40th DIVISION AVIATION

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT DETACHMENT

✓ 40th Division Aviation (formerly 40th Division Air Service)

✓ Medical Department Detachment, California National Guard

References: Adjutant General Files

✓ Location: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

Mustered in May 3, 1926 *

Redesignated Sept. 10, 1926 **

Redesignated Jan. 25, 1927 ***

Redesignated Feb. 13, 1929 ****

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Richard G. Bullis, Capt., M.C. (Assgnd. to com. Med. Dept. Detach. May 3, 1926) (Trans. unassigned List Nov. 1, 1926)	May 2, 1925	May 2, 1925
James W. Osgood, Capt., A.S. (Assgnd. to Com. M.D.D., 115th Ob. Squad, 40th Div. Oct. 30, 1926) (Relieved Assignment Jan. 25, 1927) (Trans. unassigned List, Mar. 14, 1927)	June 16, 1924	June 16, 1924

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✓ *Medical Department Detachment, 40th Division Air Service, Accepted and mustered into the State Service May 3, 1926. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 47.

✓ ** 40th Division Air Service, redesignated 40th Division Air Corps, Sept. 10, 1926. General Orders 1926, A.G.O. General Order No. 25, dated Sept. 10, 1926.

✓ *** 40th Division Air Corps, redesignated 40th Division Air Service, Jan. 25, 1927. General and Special Orders and Circulars, 1927, A.G.O. Circular No. 4, dated Jan. 25, 1927.

✓ **** 40th Division Air Service, redesignated 40th Division Aviation, Feb. 13, 1929, General and Special Orders and Circulars, 1929, A.G.O. Circular No. 6, dated February 13, 1929.

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Commanding Officers (Continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Harold J. Cooper, Capt., M.C. (Assgnd. to Com.M.D.D., 40th Div. Air Service, Jan. 20, 1927) (Resigned Apr. 4, 1929)	Jan. 18, 1927	Jan. 20, 1927
John N. Jeffers, Major A.S. (Temporary Commander Apr. 5, 1929 to July 17, 1929)	Aug. 9, 1928	Aug. 10, 1928
Francis E. Browne, Capt., M.C. (Attached 115th Obs. Sqd., 40th Div. Air Service, July 16, 1929) (Trans. Nat. Guard Res., Apr. 4, 1930)	July 5, 1929	July 8, 1929
Elmer E. Langley, Capt., M.C. (Assigned M.D.D., 40th Div. Av., Apr. 4, 1930) (Deceased Nov. 12, 1931)	Mar. 8, 1930	Apr. 4, 1930

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Commanding Officers: Continued

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Eldo A. Pederman, Major A. S. (Temporary Commander Dec. 1, 1931 to Jan. 17, 1932)	April 6, 1931	April 20, 1931
Richard O. Bullis, Capt., M. C. (Assgnd Command M. D. D. Jan 18, 1932) (Resigned June 21, 1937)	Jan 13, 1932	Jan 15, 1932
Reynolds D. Smith, Capt., M. C. (Assgnd Med. Dept Det. 40th Div Avn. June 23, 1937)	June 21, 1937	June 21, 1937

Activities:

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The Medical Department Detachment, 40th Division Air Service, was organized in Los Angeles, May 3, 1926, and Captain Richard O. Bullis was immediately assigned to command the unit. Captain Bullis remained in command of the Detachment until October 30, 1926, when he was transferred to the Officers Reserve Corps. In 1927 Captain Bullis went to Europe for advanced medical study. Upon his return to the United States in January 1932, was again placed in command of the Medical Department Detachment, 40th Division Air Service, California National Guard. Captain Bullis remained in command of the Unit until June 21, 1937, at which time he resigned. Upon the resignation of Captain Bullis, Captain Reynolds D. Smith was placed in command of the Detachment.

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