

History of the 40th Division, Headquarters Company, California National Guard 1937-1939

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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 40TH DIVISION

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD

Headquarters Company, 40th Division, California National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

Organized: December 22, 1915 *

Mustered into Federal Service June 25, 1916 **

Mustered HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 40th DIVISION 1916 ***

Mustered HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 40th DIVISION 1916 ***

Redesignated September 24, 1917 ****

Designated: No. CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD

Reorganized February 22, 1922 **

Redesignated April 14, 1933 ***

Redesignated April 15, 1933 ****

Reorganized May 26, 1933 *****

* Machine Gun Company, 25th Infantry, organized in San Francisco December 22, 1915, Adjutant General's Report, 1914-1920, page 113.

** Machine Gun Company, mustered into Federal Service for duty on the Mexican Border, June 25, 1916, Adjutant General's Report, 1914-1920, page 18.

*** Adjutant General's Report, 1914-1920, page 18.

**** Machine Gun Company, mustered into Federal Service for duty during the World War, March 26, 1917, Adjutant General's Report 1920-1926, Page 24.

***** Machine Gun Company, redesignated Howitzer Company, 159th Infantry, September 24, 1917, Adjutant General's Report, 1920-1926, page 24.

Adjutant General Report, 1920-1926, page 24.

** Howitzer Company, 159th Infantry, reorganized in Berkeley February 22, 1922, General and Special Orders, 1922, G.O. No. 26, page 77.

*** Howitzer Company, 159th Infantry, redesignated Headquarters Company, 40th Division, April 14, 1933, General Orders, 1933, G.O. No. 9.

**** Headquarters Company, 40th Division, redesignated Company A, 115th Cavalary Regiment, April 15, 1933, General Orders 1933, G.O. No. 27.

***** Company, 40th Division, May 26, 1933, General Orders 1933, G.O. No. 21.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 40th DIVISION

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD

✓ Headquarters Company, 40th Division, California National Guard

✓ Reference: Adjutant General's Files

✓ Location: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

✓ Organized: December 28, 1915 *

✓ Mustered into Federal Service June 28, 1916 **

✓ Mustered out of Federal Service October 7, 1916 ***

✓ Mustered into Federal Service March 26, 1917 ****

✓ Redesignated September 24, 1917 *****

✓ Demobilized: May 1, 1919 †

✓ Reorganized February 23, 1922 ††

✓ Redesignated April 14, 1936 †††

✓ Redesignated April 15, 1939 ††††

✓ Reorganized May 23, 1939 †††††

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✓ * Machine Gun Company, 5th Infantry, Organized in San Francisco
December 28, 1915.] Adjutant General's Report, 1914-1920, page 115.

✓ ** Machine Gun Company, mustered into Federal Service for duty on
the Mexican Border, June 28, 1916.] Adjutant General Report, 1914-1920,
page 18.

✓ *** Adjutant General's Report, 1914-1920, page 18,

✓ **** Machine Gun Company, mustered into Federal Service for duty
during the World War, March 26, 1917.] Adjutant General's Report
1920-1926, Page 24.

✓ ***** Machine Gun Company, redesignated Howitzer Company, 159th
Infantry, September 24, 1917.] Adjutant General's Report, 1920-1926,
page 24.

† Adjutant General Report, 1920-1926, page 24.

✓ †† Howitzer Company, 159th Infantry, reorganized in Berkeley February
23, 1922.] General and Special Orders, 1922, S.O. No. 56, page 77.

✓ ††† Howitzer Company, 159th Infantry, redesignated Headquarters Company,
40th Division, April 14, 1936.] General Orders, 1936, G.O. No. 9.

✓ †††† Headquarters Company, 40th Division, redesignated Company A,
115th Quartermaster Regiment, April 15, 1939.] General Orders 1939,
G.O. No. 17.

✓ ††††† A new unit organized in Los Angeles and designated Headquarters
Company, 40th Division, May 23, 1939.] General Orders 1939, G.O. No. 21.

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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 40th DIVISION

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD (Continued)

Commanding Officers

Captains

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Eugene T. Severin, Captain (Transferred from Company G, 159th Infantry, April 14, 1936, and assigned as Captain to Headquarters Company, 40th Division) (Transferred to Headquarters, 40th Division, and assigned as Aide, April 14, 1939)	June 30, 1927	July 7, 1927
James B. Pettit, Captain	June 10, 1939	June 10, 1939

1st Lieutenants

Albert E. Ferre, 1st Lieut., (Transferred to Regimental Headquarters, 115th Quarter- master Regiment, April 15, 1939)	April 10, 1936	April 10, 1936
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2nd Lieutenants

Albert L. Hilliard, 2nd Lieut. (Transferred to Headquarters Company, 115th Quartermaster Regiment, April 15, 1939)	April 10, 1936	April 10, 1936
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Activities:

- ✓ On April 14, 1936, Howitzer Company, 159th Infantry, stationed at Oakland, was redesignated Headquarters Company, 40th Division. Headquarters Company was under the command of
- ✓ Captain Eugene T. Severin, formerly of Company G, 159th Infantry.

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS (continued)
REVISIONS TO FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 40th DIVISION

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD (Continued)

Activities:

- ✓ During Capt. Sererin's absence at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, the Company was commanded by 1st Lieut. Albert Ferre, formerly of the Infantry Reserve. Also assigned to the organization was 2nd Lieut. Albert L. Hilliard, late of the Field Artillery Reserve.
- ✓ Long sought as an important adjunct to Division Headquarters the new Headquarters Company included staff, mess orderly, transport and messenger sections.
- ✓ Headquarters Company had an enlisted personnel of fifty-one men, half of whom were former members of the redesignated Howitzer Company, while the other members were secured by recruiting and transfers.
- ✓ On April 15, 1939, Headquarters Company was redesignated Company A, 115th Quartermaster Regiment, and on May 23, 1939, a new unit, organized in Los Angeles, and under the command of Capt. James B. Pettit, was designated Headquarters Company, 40th Division.

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