

History of the 79th Infantry Brigade, Headquarters Company, California National Guard 1923-1939

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79TH INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters Co., 79th Infantry Brigade, 40th Division, California National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: San Francisco, San Francisco County

Organized June 7, 1923*

Mustered out November 10, 1927**

Reconstituted December 13, 1927***

Redesignated May 6, 1929****

Reconstituted April 9, 1936*****

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Edmund P. Stone, Captain (Relieved of Command July 25, 1923) (Transferred to Nat'l Guard Reserve)	Apr. 13, 1923	Apr. 28, 1923
Walter R. Heyneman, 1st Lieut. (Transferred from Hdqtrs 79th Infantry Brigade June 17, 1923) (In Command of Hdqtrs Co., July 25, 1923 to March 18, 1924) (Relieved of Command March 18, 1924)	Mar. 30, 1923	Apr. 3, 1923

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*A new Company organized in San Francisco, Calif., and designated Headquarters Company, 79th Infantry Brigade, 40th Division, June 7, 1923. }
Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 46.

**Headquarters Company, 79th Infantry Brigade, 40th Division, mustered out November 10, 1927, for the purpose of reorganizing the Company at Station of Brigade Headquarters. }
Adjutant General Report 1926-1928, page 10.

***A new Company organized in Los Angeles, and designated Headquarters Company, 79th Brigade, 40th Division, December 13, 1927. }
Adjutant General Report 1926-1928, page 10.

****Headquarters Company, 79th Infantry Brigade redesignated Headquarters, 80th Infantry Brigade, 40th Division, May 6, 1929. }
Adjutant General Report 1928-1930, page 9.

*****Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 184th Infantry was redesignated Headquarters Company, 79th Infantry Brigade, 40th Division, April 9, 1936. } General Order No. 9, dated April 9, 1936, Adjutant General's Office.

79TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (Continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Paul B. Williamson, 1st Lieut. (Transferred from Hdqtrs 79th Infantry Brigade, Mar. 18, 1924) (Assigned to Command of Co., Mar. 18, 1924) (Transferred to Hdqtrs 79th Infantry Brigade, July 10, 1924)	Nov. 6, 1923	Nov. 9, 1923
Doak E. Carter, 1st Lieut. (Transferred from Co. K, 159th Infantry, July 10, 1924) (In Command of Co. July 10, 1924, to Nov. 12, 1924) (Promoted to Captain, Nov. 12, 1924)	Jan. 25, 1924	Feb. 29, 1924
Doak E. Carter, Captain (Transferred to unassigned list Jan. 1, 1926)	Nov. 8, 1924	Nov. 12, 1924
Eabree F. Hockenbeamer, 2nd Lieut. (In Command of Co., Jan. 1, to Jan. 8, 1926)	June 11, 1925	June 15, 1925
Eabree F. Hockenbeamer, 2nd Lieut. (In lieu of Capt. June 22, 1926, to December 1, 1926) (Transferred to 40th Signal Corps, Dec. 1, 1926)	June 11, 1925	June 15, 1925
Willard C. Johnson, Captain (Assigned to Command of Co. Jan 8, 1926) (Transferred to unassigned list Nov. 1, 1926)	Jan. 8, 1926	Jan. 8, 1926
Charles J. Williamson, Captain (Transferred from Co. I, 184th Infantry Regiment, Nov. 1, 1926) (Assigned to National Guard Reserve November 10, 1927)	May 15, 1924	May 16, 1924
William B. Zeller, 1st Lieut. (Transferred from Co. L - 160th Infantry, December 13, 1927) (Transferred to Headqtrs, 80th Brig. in lieu of Capt., May 6, 1929)	May 25, 1926	May 28, 1926
Royal G. Brooke, Captain (Transferred to Co. B, 184th Inf. Apr. 23, 1938)	Feb. 10, 1938	Feb. 10, 1938

79TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (Continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Commanding Officers</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Arthur N. McMillan, Captain (Assigned to command Hdqtrs Co., 79th Brigade, May 18, 1938)		May 18, 1938	May 18, 1938

First Lieutenants

Lester K. Born, 1st Lieut. (Transferred to Hdqtrs, 79th Brigade, Feb. 10, 1925)	Nov. 8, 1924	Nov. 12, 1924
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Second Lieutenants

Lester K. Born, 2nd Lieut. (Promoted to 1st Lieut. Nov. 12, 1924)	June 4, 1924	June 19, 1924
Paul W. Richardson, 2nd Lieut. (Transferred to Calif Nat'l Guard Reserve, May 14, 1926)	June 3, 1925	June 16, 1925
Embree F. Hockenbeamer, 2nd Lieut. (In lieu of Capt., assigned to command, Jan. 1, 1926) (Transferred to Signal Co., Dec. 2, 1926)	June 11, 1925	June 15, 1925
Roy Duus, 2nd Lieut. (Transferred to 159th Inf., Nov. 9, 1927)	Dec. 14, 1926	Dec. 16, 1926
Arthur N. McMillan, 2nd Lieut. (Assigned to Hdqtrs Co., Apr. 9, 1936) (Transferred to 184th Inf., Dec. 7, 1936)	June 6, 1933	June 8, 1933
Charles E. McLaughlin, 2nd Lieut.	Apr. 13, 1937	Apr. 13, 1937

Activities:

Headquarters Company, 79th Infantry Brigade, 40th Division, of San Francisco was organized on June 7, 1923, with Edward P. Stone, Captain, assigned to command the organization. This unit carried on as Headquarters Company until November 10, 1927, at which time the Company was mustered out of the service for the purpose of reorganizing a Headquarters Company at the station Headquarters of the 79th Brigade in Los Angeles.

On May 6, 1929, Headquarters Company, 79th Brigade, 40th Division, was redesignated Headquarters Company, 80th Brigade, 40th Division.

Activities: (Continued)

The 79th Brigade was without a Headquarters Company, from May 6, 1929, until April 9, 1936, at which time Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 184th Infantry, was redesignated Headquarters Company, 79th Brigade, 40th Division.*

The Headquarters Company participated in the annual training encampments each year, and also in monthly drills. The organization after being reconstituted April 9, 1936, operated efficiently at its first training encampment at San Luis Obispo. The unit arrived in camp on July 18th, and participated in the annual maneuvers until the encampment was over.**

On April 3, 1937, Headquarters Company with two members of the Medical Department Detachment, 184th Infantry proceeded to Michigan Bar, for a two days communications and staff exercise. Under the tactical outline of a brigade in attack, the communications platoon made a complete wire set-up, practiced the advancement of Headquarters without interruption of telephone service, and learned much of such a system.

On May 3, 1937, Headquarters Company was inspected by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Monroe, Federal inspector, who stated that he considered the Company "a fine outfit." He also commended the Company for the appearance of quarters and the excellent manner in which the field desk and Company records were kept.***

Officers and men of Headquarters Company proceeded on March 20, 1938, to Woodland, California, where they attended a communication school, at the conclusion of which on April 18, 1938, the unit was again federally inspected.

In November, 1938, fifteen members of Headquarters Company participated in a small bore shoot. Four men made expert ratings at this shoot, with scores of 224 out of a possible 250.****

Headquarters Company, 79th Brigade is still functioning as a valuable unit of the California National Guard.

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* Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 184th Infantry was redesignated Headquarters Company, 79th Brigade, 40th Division, April 9, 1936. General Order No. 9.

** California Guardsman August, 1936, page 16.

*** California Guardsman May 1937, page 5.

**** California Guardsman November 1938, page 6.