

# **History of the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Sanitary Detachment, National Guard of California 1901-1917**

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SANITARY DETACHMENT

Sanitary Detachment, Seventh Infantry Regiment, C.N.G.

Reference: Adjutant General Files

Location: Riverside, Riverside County

Organized June 1, 1901\*

Mustered out May 1, 1905\*\*

Reorganized May 2, 1905\*\*\*

Mustered into Federal Service June 29, 1916\*\*\*\*

Mustered out of Federal Service November 11, 1916†

Mustered into Federal Service April 5, 1917††

Redesignated October 14, 1917†††

**Majors**

COMMANDING OFFICERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commissions</u>
Wm. W. Roblee, Major (Relieved of command Aug. 8, 1906) (Retired April 15, 1909)	Sept. 9, 1899	Nov. 6, 1899
Francis M. Bruner 1st Lt. (Assumed command A g. 3, 1906) (Promoted to Major June 19, 1909)	March 31, 1905	May 28, 1905
Francis M. Bruner Major (Discharged June 29, 1908)	April 29, 1907	June 19, 1907
Paul Allen Adams, Major (Resigned November 9, 1909)	May 13, 1908	June 22, 1908

\*Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 29.

\*\*Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 29.

\*\*\*Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 29.

\*\*\*\*Sanitary Detachment Seventh Infantry Regiment mustered into Federal Service for duty on the Mexican Border June 29, 1916. Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 19.

†Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 19.

††Return, Sanitary Detachment 7th Infantry Regiment, C.N.G. April, 1917. Adjutant General Files.

†††Sanitary Detachment Seventh Infantry Regiment and Sanitary Detachment Second Infantry Regiment consolidated and designated Medical Detachment, 160th Infantry Regiment October 14, 1917. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 29.

## Majors:

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<u>COMMANDING OFFICERS</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commissions</u>
Charles W. Wecker, Major (Transferred to Field Hospital #1, Dec., 28, 1912)	Nov. 26, 1909	Jan. 7, 1910
Howard W. Seager, Major (Relieved from command April 7, 1914) (Resigned July 13, 1914)	Jan. 24, 1913	Mar. 11, 1913
Frank C. Wiser, Major	July 13, 1914	July 24, 1914

## Captains:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commissions</u>
Milbank Johnson, Capt. (Resigned July 1, 1902)	June 17, 1898	May 11, 1899
Francis M. Bruner, Capt. (Promoted to Major Aug. 3, 1906)	Feb. 9, 1901	June 11, 1901
Lea J. Roth Capt. (Resigned Aug. 24, 1905)	April 10, 1903	June 30, 1903
Thomas Heard, Capt. (Resigned Sept. 16, 1909)	March 22, 1909	April 1, 1909
Fred E. Lettice, Capt. (Resigned Feb. 27, 1917.)	May 4, 1916	June 9, 1916
Samuel M. Alter, Capt. (Resigned Jan. 16, 1917.)	May 13, 1916	June 9, 1916

## First Lieutenants:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commissions</u>
Leon Joseph Roth 1st Lt. (Resigned Aug. 24, 1905)	March 31, 1905	May 26, 1905
Paul Allen Adams 1st Lt. (Promoted to Major June 29, 1908)	Jan. 10, 1906	July 6, 1906
Clarence Gainer Toland 1st Lt. (Resigned June 15, 1909)	May 4, 1908	June 22, 1908
Charles Wm. Decker 1st Lt. (Promoted to Major Nov. 29, 1909)	June 24, 1908	Aug. 10, 1908
Thomas M. Heard, 1st Lt. (Promoted to Capt. May 22, 1909)	March 31, 1905	May 26, 1905
Wm Harrison Jones 1st Lt. (Resigned Sept. 13, 1911)	Nov. 29, 1909	Jan. 7, 1910
Eliot Alden, 1st Lt. (Resigned April 25, 1912)	Nov. 29, 1909	Jan. 7, 1910
Everett Charles Beach, 1st Lt. (Resigned April 25, 1912)	Nov. 30, 1909	Jan. 7, 1910
Howard W. Seager 1st Lt. (Promoted to Major March 11, 1913)	Oct. 7, 1911	Oct. 19, 1911
Edwin M. Clinton, 1st Lt. (Transferred to Field Hospital #1, Jan. 18, 1913)	Apr. 25, 1912	May 20, 1912
Rex D. Duncan, 1st Lt. (Resigned Apr. 7, 1913)	Apr. 25, 1912	May 20, 1913
Frank C. Wiser, 1st Lt. (Promoted to Major July 29, 1914)	Mar. 12, 1913	Apr. 10, 1913

Commanding Officers (continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commissions</u>
Samuel Mitchell Alter 1st Lt. (Promoted to Capt. June 24, 1916)	May 13, 1916	June 9, 1916
John Sanford Mason 1st Lt. (Resigned Sept. 22, 1915)	Jan. 31, 1914	Mar. 10, 1914
Fred E. Lettice, 1st Lt. (Transferred from Field Hospital July 7, 1914) (Promoted to Captain June 24, 1916)	Feb. 28, 1913	May 3, 1913
Philip H. Stephens, 1st Lt.	Sept. 2, 1915	Sept. 3, 1915
Frank H. Chase, 1st Lt.	May 26, 1916	May 23, 1916

Activities

The Sanitary Detachment 7th Infantry Regiment was organized in Riverdale June 1, 1901. Major William W. Roblee was the first commanding officer of the unit. Other Majors of the detachment were Francis M. Bruner, Paul Allen Adams, Charles W. Decker, Howard W. Seagar and Frank C. Wiser.

Major Wiser commanded the unit during the time it was in Federal Service at the Mexican Border June 23, 1916 to November 11, 1916.

The following year April 5, 1917, the Sanitary Detachment as a part of the Seventh Infantry Regiment was mustered into Federal Service for duty during the World War. The Regiment was on guard duty at various industries that were essential in war time. In September the Regiment was assembled at Camp Kearney and on October 14, 1917, Sanitary Detachment Seventh Infantry Regiment and Sanitary Detachment Second Infantry Regiment was consolidated and designated Medical Detachment 160th Infantry Regiment.