

# **History of the 9<sup>th</sup> Separate Company, Infantry, California National Guard 1918-1919**

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NINTH SEPARATE COMPANY

(LOS ANGELES)

Ninth Separate Company, Infantry, California National Guard

References: Adjutant General Files

Location: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

Mustered in February 12, 1918\*

Mustered out July 25, 1919\*\*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Commanding Officers</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Charles T. Rea, Capt.		Feb. 12, 1918	Mar. 31, 1918
Thomas R. Lee, First Lieut.		Feb. 12, 1918	Mar. 31, 1918

Activities:

On February 12, 1918, the Ninth Separate Company, California Infantry, was organized in Los Angeles and mustered into the service of the State. Charles T. Rea was appointed Captain and Thomas R. Lee, First Lieutenant.

Soon after the Company was mustered in, the Federal authorities began taking men from its ranks. In March 1918, eleven men were called from the Ninth Separate Company into the United States Army; eighteen were called in April, and eleven in May. Twelve more were called in June, seven in July, three in August, four in September, four in October and two in November. Approximately seventy-five men were taken from the Ninth Separate Company during the war. In October all assemblages were discontinued on account of the epidemic of influenza.

On the tenth of January 1919 the members of the Company held their first meeting in several months, and it was decided to start a recruiting campaign for new members. This proved to be futile, as only a few men could be persuaded to join the organization. After the signing of the armistice, interest in military affairs seemed to be entirely lacking. Months of effort on the part of the Ninth Separate Company to recruit the necessary number of men to meet the Federal requirements, resulted in absolute failure.

There were twenty-eight privates and one Captain on the roll when the Company was finally mustered out of the service, July 25, 1919.

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\*Ninth Separate Company, mustered into State Service, February 12, 1918. Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 116.

\*\*Ninth Separate Company, mustered out, July 25, 1919. General and Special Orders 1919, General Order No. 6, page 10.