

1933 Long Beach Earthquake: Provisional Battalion, 160th Infantry Regiment California National Guard

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DURING THE LONG BEACH EARTHQUAKE, MARCH 10, 1933

Brigadier-General, Walter P. Story, commanding, March 11 to March 13

Brigadier-General, Seth E. Howard, Adjutant General, commanding, March 13 to March 23

Colonel Harcourt Hervey, commanding Provisional Battalion, 160th Infantry

| Company | Called for active duty | Stations and Locations | Commanding Officers | Relieved from active duty |
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| A | March 11, 1933 | Immediately after the disaster, officer patrols of the 160th Infantry were sent to Long Beach, Compton, San Pedro and Huntington Park with orders to report on conditions in these cities and to ascertain whether assistance was needed from the National Guard. The first patrol was dispatched from Los Angeles at 6:20 P.M., the second at 6:45 P.M. and the other two at 7:00 P.M. These patrols reported that the danger to life and property in the afflicted area was severe. At 9:59 P.M. March 10, the commanding General, 80th Brigade, requested the State Adjutant General's Office to issue orders to mobilize such troops as might be desired in the Earthquake area. At 11:30 P.M. March 10, the commanding officer, 160th Infantry, left Los Angeles and arrived at Long Beach at 12:15 A. M. March | A provisional Battalion consisting of ten officers and 175 enlisted men selected from the companies of the 160th Regiment of Infantry and under direct command of Col. Harcourt Hervey. While on duty in the devastated area. Under command of Captain C. W. Hoffman. | March 28 , 23 1933 |
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| K | March 11, 1933 | <p>11. At 11:59 P.M. March 10, a message was received from the Adjutant General authorizing a battalion of the 160th Infantry to proceed to Long Beach and upon arrival there to report to the City Manager of that city. At 1:00 A.M. March 11, General Story directed that the Battalion not be sent to Long Beach, but that all available rolling and field kitchens with necessary personnel to operate them, be sent to Long Beach and to report at the National Guard Armory there for assignment. At 6:00 A.M. March 11, six rolling kitchens and seventeen field ranges were dispatched to Long Beach with seven officers and seventy-five enlisted men. On the afternoon of March 11, 200 pyramidal and 38 wall tents, 100 blankets and 600 cots were sent from Los Angeles to Long Beach. On March 15, the 160th Infantry detachment was increased to ten officers and one hundred seventy-five enlisted men.</p> | March 20, 1933 |
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The duties of the Detachment consisted solely of the preparation and serving of food to refugees. Four kitchens were established: No. 1 in rear of National Guard Armory, Long Beach, No. 2 in Bixby Park, Long Beach, No. 3 in Belmont Shores, a suburb of Long Beach, and No. 4 in North Long Beach.

The number of meals served by the Detachment varied from day to day dropping from 52,000 on March 13, to 4,000 on March 21. The average number of meals served daily from March 11 to March 21 was approximately 22,000.

Kitchens No. 3, (Belmont Shores) and No. 4, (North Long Beach) were discontinued March 21 and the personnel returned to Los Angeles. Kitchens No. 1

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(Armory) and No. 2, (Bixly Park) were discontinued March 23, and the remainder of the Detachment returned to Los Angeles on that date. The Detachment was on that date relieved from further active duty.

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