

STATIONS AND LOCATIONS OF COMPANIES HEADQUARTERS,  
I, K, L AND M, THIRD BATTALION, 185TH INFANTRY

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DURING THE LONGBEACH EARTHQUAKE, MARCH 1933

Brigadier-General Walter P. Story, commanding March 11 to March 13  
 Brigadier-General Seth E. Howard, Adjutant General, commanding March 13 and 14  
 Major Donald L. Winans, commanding Third Battalion, 185th Infantry

Company	Called for active duty	Stations and Locations	Commanding Officers	Relieved from active duty
Headquarters	March 10, 1933	Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Company I and Company L were placed on duty in Santa Anna immediately after the earthquake, Friday March 10. By 9:00 P.M. that evening these companies had the situation well in hand and were operating 65 post throughout the city. The request for troops to take over the duty of guarding and patrolling the city of Santa Anna came from both the Mayor and the Chief of Police. The situation was critical and immediate action was necessary although authority to call out the troops had not been received when they went on duty. These three companies performed guard and patrol duty and assisted in relief work in Santa Anna until November 14, when they were relieved.	Vernon A. Heckert First Lieut.	March 14, 1933
I	March 10, 1933		Albert M. Wanderlich Captain	March 14, 1933
L	March 10, 1933		Robert P. Kellogg First Lieut.	March 14, 1933

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Company	Called for active duty	Stations and Locations	Commanding Officers	Relieved from active duty
K	March 10, 1933	<p>Company K went on duty at Anaheim immediately after the earthquake shock, March 10. Assisted local police in patrol and guard duty and relief work. At 10:30 that evening Company K took over complete control of guarding and patrolling the city and continued to perform those duties until 12:00 P.M. March 11, when they were relieved from duty at Anaheim. The Company was then ordered to report for duty at Santa Ana at 7:00 A.M. March 12, which they did, and assisted the companies at Santa Ana in performing guard and patrol duty in that city until relieved from further duty on the thirteenth of March at 9:00 P.M.</p>	Howard D. Love Captain	March 13, 1933

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M	March 11, 1933	<p>One officer and twelve enlisted men of Company M were, on March 11, 1933, ordered to report for duty at Santa Ana. These men reported at Santa Ana at 2:00 P.M. March 11 and were assigned to duty guarding unprotected property and performing patrol duty in the city until relieved from duty at 2:00 P.M. March 13.</p>	Charles R. Page First Lieut.	March 13, 1933
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guard duty, guarding supplies at food administration headquarters. At 12:00 P.M. March 18, battery quarters were moved from Catholic church yard to front lawn of Armory. About 6:15 P.M. March 20, Captain Bauer and twenty-three men of the Battalion were returned to civilian status. Remainder of Battery (36 men), assigned to guard duty and to assist Battery F in handling food supplies at warehouse in Long Beach. These duties were continued until 7:00 P.M. March 23, when Battery E was ordered to return to their home station at San Pedro for dismissal.

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Battery	Called for active duty	Stations and Locations	Commanding Officers	Relieved from active duty
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F	March 10, 1933	Battery F remained at their home station, Long Beach, throughout the emergency. Immediately after the disaster, Battery F undertook first aid relief work. Armory at Long Beach fitted up for use as a receiving hospital. Armory was also used for the time being as a center for food collecting and distributing throughout the city of Long Beach and surrounding territory. The personnel of Battery F was used principally in the collection and distribution of food although details were used as guards at fires and at public buildings. During the first few days some of the men were assigned to emergency kitchens. All motor equipment of Batteries E and F was used in the distribution of food and relief supplies. On March 20, commanders were directed to carefully check the personnel of their	George W. Gertly Captain	March 23, 1933
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commands and to relieve all men whose civilian occupations might be jeopardized. As a result eleven enlisted men of Battery F returned to civilian status. Battery continued in the performance of relief work and distribution of supplies until 8:50 P.M. March 23, when the work was turned over to the Red Cross Society. Relief supplies were removed from Armory and warehouse. This work was concluded by midnight March 23, and the troops were relieved from further duty.

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