

History of the State Detachment (Enlisted Detachment, State Staff) California National Guard 1926-1939

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C A L I F O R N I A N A T I O N A L G U A R D

(FORMERLY ENLISTED DETACHMENT, STATE STAFF,
CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD)

Organized: November 12, 1926

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State Detachment, California National Guard

References: Adjutant General Files

Location: Sacramento, Sacramento County

Organized: November 12, 1926 *

Redesignated: March 29, 1930 **

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Ethelbert Foster, Captain, (Assigned to Command Nov. 12, 1926) (Relieved of Command Dec. 20, 1929)	Mar. 9, 1925	Mar. 9, 1925
Ralph J. Sitts, 1st Lieut., (Assigned to Command Dec. 20, 1929) (Promoted, Captain Feb. 18, 1931)	June 2, 1928	June 2, 1928
Ralph J. Sitts, Captain, (Relieved of Command Oct. 31, 1937)	Feb. 17, 1931	Feb. 18, 1931
Kenneth H. Lietch, Captain (Assigned to Command Oct. 31, 1937)	July 10, 1937	July 10, 1937

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* Special Order No. 223, December 30, 1926, General and Special Orders, 1926. Adjutant General's Office

** Enlisted Detachment, State Staff, California National Guard, redesignated State Detachment, California National Guard, Mar. 29, 1930. Letter from the Militia Bureau, Washington, D.C. to The Adjutant General of California, on file Adjutant General's Office.

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Activities:

The Enlisted Detachment, State Staff, was organized November 12, 1926, with headquarters in Sacramento.

The enlisted personnel in the Detachment was divided into sections and a section was assigned to each of the following Departments: The Adjutant General, Quartermaster, Ordnance and Finance Department, and the Signal and Medical Corps.

The organization of the Detachment supplied a long felt need in the National Guard. It meant that at the larger camps of instruction there would be no necessity for requesting help from the various line units, but that the enlisted personnel necessary to carry on the duties of camp--Adjutant, Finance, Supply, Transportation, Medical and Ordnance--would be furnished by the State Staff Corps, enlisted detachment.

At the regimental camps it would be possible to assign the enlisted personnel necessary to furnish the Finance and Subsistence Officers the specialized assistants they require.

Captain Ethelbert Foster of the State Staff was assigned as Commanding Officer of the new organization. He remained in command of the Detachment until December, 1929, when First Lieutenant Ralph J. Sitts was placed in command. In February, 1931, Lieut. Sitts was promoted, Captain. In October, 1937, Captain Sitts gave up the command and Captain Kenneth Leitch was assigned as commanding officer.

The Enlisted Detachment, State Staff, redesignated State Detachment March 29, 1930, has been in existence nearly thirteen years at the date of this writing. The members are very efficient both in drill and as assistants to the State Staff when on duty at Training Camp or elsewhere.

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