

History of the 143rd Ambulance Company, California National Guard 1936-1937

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143RD AMBULANCE COMPANY

✓ 143rd Ambulance Company, 115th Medical Regiment, California National Guard

✓ Reference: Adjutant General's Files

✓ Location: Long Beach, Los Angeles County

✓ Organized April 27, 1936*

✓ Redesignated January 1, 1937**

Captains

Commanding Officers

Name

Rank

Commission

Lewis S. Unkrich, Capt.
(Trans. to Co., D, 115th Med. Reg.,
Jan. 1, 1937)
(Relieved of Command, Mar. 2, 1938)

Apr. 10, 1936

Apr. 27, 1936

Melvyn R. Miranda, Capt.
(Trans. to Com. D, 115th Med Reg.,
Jan. 1, 1937)
(Assigned to Com. Co., D, Mar 2, 1938)

Apr. 10, 1936

Apr. 27, 1936

Activities:

The 143rd Ambulance Company was organized April 27, 1936, and Captain Lewis S. Unkrich was assigned to command the unit. On September 28, 1936, the Company held its first public drill in Bixby Park, Long Beach, where a large number of spectators attended the ceremonies.

The Long Beach units of the California National Guard, consisting of the 143rd Ambulance Company, the 115th Medical Regiment, Battery F, Headquarters and Service Company of the 251st Coast Artillery, held their monthly dance October 10, 1936, and an enjoyable time was reported by all who attended the affair.*** The Commanding Officer of the 143rd Ambulance Company, Captain Lewis S. Unkrich, was honored on the occasion by being presented with his ten year service medal. Lieutenant Colonel George W. Oerty, 250th Coast Artillery, presented the medal and complimented Captain Unkrich on his long service in the California National Guard. Captain Unkrich was formerly with the 251st Coast Artillery Corps.****

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✓ *143rd Ambulance Company organized April 27, 1936. General Order No. 13, dated April 28, 1936. Adjutant General's Office.

✓ **143rd Ambulance Company redesignated Company D, 115th Medical Regiment, January 1, 1937. General Order No. 32, dated December 11, 1936. Adjutant General's Office.

• ***California Guardsman October 1936, page 12.

• ****California Guardsman October 1936, page 12.

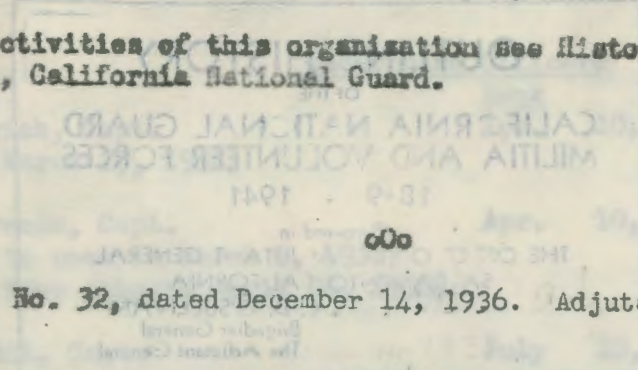
143RD AMBULANCE COMPANY (Continued)

Activities: (Continued)

There were no further activities of the 143rd Ambulance Company other than the monthly drills until the Company was redesignated, Company D, 115th Medical Regiment, California National Guard, on January 1, 1937.*

For further activities of this organization see History of Company D, 115th Medical Regiment, California National Guard.

General



*General Order No. 32, dated December 14, 1936. Adjutant General's Office.

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The Company organized in Long Beach, April 29, 1936, and designated 143rd Ambulance Company, 115th Medical Regiment, General Order No. 13, dated April 29, 1936. Adjutant General's Office.
Redesignated Company D, 115th Medical Regiment, January 1, 1937, and located in Long Beach, General Order No. 32, dated December 14, 1936.
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California Guardman January 1937, page 29.