

# **History of the 40<sup>th</sup> Division Special Troops, Headquarters Detachment, California National Guard 1936-1939**

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HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT SPECIAL TROOPS

40TH DIVISION

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Headquarters Detachment Special Troops, 40th Division

References: Adjutant General Files

Locations: Berkeley, Alameda County

Organized: April 10, 1936 \*

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD

Commanding Officers

Rank

HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT SPECIAL TROOPS

Commission

Hugh T. Fullerton, Captain

April 10, 1936

April 10, 1936

(Assigned to command 40th DIVISION)

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Grant J. Weiss, 1st Lieut.

April 10, 1936

April 10, 1936

(Transferred to Headquarters  
40th Division, Organized: April 10, 1936)

George E. Dougherty, 1st Lieut. June 22, 1936

June 22, 1936

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Activities

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The men of Headquarters Detachment Special Troops, gathered 100 per cent the week end of May 22, and 23, 1937, for the first annual bivouac of the unit. The bivouac was held at Drake's Bay Beach, at the point where Sir Francis Drake landed three hundred fifty years ago and claimed "Nova Albion" for England.

After a strenuous two weeks at Camp San Luis Obispo during the month of August, 1937, the men of Headquarters Detachment Special Troops were informed that they would have a highly rated company if they would profit by their mistakes. Since then they have been putting forth their best efforts with the result that out of an authorized complement of nine men, they have usually had eleven men on the drill floor.

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Activities: (Continued)

Headquarters Detachment Special Troops has continued to operate in its administrative capacity to the present date, May, 1939, with little or no change in the personnel.

