

History of the 80th Infantry Brigade, Headquarters Company, California National Guard 1929-1939

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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Headquarters Company, 80th Brigade, California National Guard
References: Adjutant General Files
Location: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
Organized: May 6, 1929.

Commanding Officers

Captains

	<u>HEADQUARTERS COMPANY</u>	<u>Commission</u>
William B. Saller, 1st Lieut. (In lieu of Captain, May 6, to Nov. 27, 1929) (Transferred to 180th Infantry Regiment Nov. 27, 1929)	<u>80th BRIGADE</u>	May 28, 1929
Malcolm G. Stary, 1st Lieut. (Transferred from 180th Infantry Regiment (In lieu of Captain, Nov. 27, 1929) (Promoted, Captain June 5, 1929)	<u>CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD</u>	May 27, 1929
Malcolm G. Stary, Captain (Transferred to 1st Oct. 3, 1929)	<u>Mustered in: May 6, 1929</u>	June 5, 1929
Clyde R. Smith, 1st Lieut. (Transferred from 180th Inf. Reg. Oct. 3, 1929) (In lieu of Captain, Oct. 4, 1929) (Promoted, Captain July 4, 1930)		Sept. 25, 1929
Clyde R. Smith, Captain July 4, 1930		July 4, 1930

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* Headquarters Company, 70th Brigade, redesignated Headquarters
Company, 80th Infantry Brigade, May 6, 1929, Adjutant General's
1929-1930, page 2.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 80th BRIGADE

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Captains

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
William B. Zeller, 1st Lieut. (In lieu of Captain, May 6, to Nov. 27, 1929) (Transferred to 160th Infantry Regiment Nov. 27, 1929)	May 25, 1926	May 28, 1926
Malcolm C. Story, 1st Lieut. (Transferred from 160th Infantry Regiment Nov. 27, 1929) (In lieu of Captain, Nov. 27, 1929) (Promoted, Captain June 9, 1932)	Mar. 24, 1925	Mar. 27, 1925
Malcolm C. Story, Captain, (Transferred to Nat. Guard Reserve, Oct. 3, 1932)	June 6, 1932	June 9, 1932
Clyde R. Smith, 1st Lieut. (Transferred from 160th Inf. Reg. Oct. 3, 1932) (In lieu of Captain, Oct. 4, 1932) (Promoted, Captain July 6, 1933)	Aug. 24, 1931	Sept. 26, 1931
Clyde R. Smith, Captain,	July 3, 1933	July 6, 1933

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* Headquarters Company, 79th Brigade, redesignated Headquarters
Company, 80th Infantry Brigade, May 6, 1929, Adjutant General Report
1928-1930, page 9.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 80th BRIGADE

Commanding Officers (Continued)

Second Lieutenants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Orville L. Walters, 2nd Lieut. (Resigned Aug. 30, 1929)	June 17, 1929	June 19, 1929
Sheldon J. Barlow, 2nd Lieut.,	Sept. 25, 1933	Sept. 25, 1933

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Activities

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The Headquarters Company, 80th Brigade, was a new company in name only. On May 6, 1929, Headquarters Company, 79th Brigade, was redesignated Headquarters Company, 80th Brigade. William B. Zellar, 1st Lieut., was in command of the unit when it was redesignated and was transferred with the company to the 80th Brigade.

On December 1, 1929, Lieut. Zellar was transferred to the 160th Infantry Regiment and Malcolm C. Story, 1st Lieut. of the same regiment, became the commanding officer of Headquarters Company. Six months later Lieut. Story was commissioned Captain and continued in command of the unit until October 3, 1932, when he was transferred to the National Guard Reserve at his own request.

1st Lieut. Clyde R. Smith succeeded Captain Story as commanding officer of Headquarters Company, he having been transferred from the 160th Infantry Regiment October 3, 1932. Lieut. Smith served in lieu of Captain until July 6, 1933, when he was promoted to Captain, which rank he still holds.

Although Headquarters Company was allotted a 2nd Lieutenant, that position was vacant most of the time. On June 19, 1929, Orville L. Walters was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, but resigned August 30, 1929, before he was Federally recognized.

Four years later Sheldon J. Barlow was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant and assigned to Headquarters Company. He was still holding that office at the close of 1933.

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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 80th BRIGADE

Activities

When Headquarters Company, 79th Brigade, was redesignated 80th Brigade, the allotted number of enlisted men (23) were enrolled. Three years later, on May 14, 1932, the number of enlisted men in the company was increased to 28.

The annual encampments are usually very busy times for headquarters units. In 1934 Headquarters Company, 80th Brigade, was assigned the task of constructing a permanent communications system from Camp Headquarters to and including the Infantry area. The poles were all set, the cross arms were in place and wire was strung for the entire area during the first three days of camp, at which time that part of the system was ready to connect with the lower part which was not completed up to the time Headquarters Company left camp, so practically the only part of the system that was completed was done by Headquarters Company.

During the last week at camp eighteen men of Headquarters Company dismantled and stored the communication system of the entire reservation, and also assisted Colonel Dickson and Major Quigley in gathering and storing the miscellaneous equipment and material about the camp, in addition to following our their camp schedule. *

At the close of 1936, Headquarters Company, 80th Brigade, had established a fine record for attendance. For six years consecutively the unit had won an excellency streamer. This was believed to be the best record in the state, but if not the best, it was one of the best.

Another item that was also believed to constitute a record was the small number of first enlistments. Of the twenty-eight enlisted men, there were only nine who were in their first enlistment. ** The fact that Headquarters Company's enlisted men usually reenlisted at the expiration of their term, naturally increased the efficiency of the unit. The spirit and interest that impels the men to reenlist still lives in the personnel of Headquarters Company, 80th Brigade.

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* California Guardsman, October 1924, page 11.

** National Guardsman, May 1937, page 5.