

History of the 251st Coast Artillery Regiment, California National Guard 1924-1939

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251ST COAST ARTILLERY

Headquarters, 251st Coast Artillery, California National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: San Diego, San Diego County

Organized November 1, 1924*

Redesignated January 1, 1930**

Colonels

Commanding Officers

Name

Rank

Commission

John H. Sherman, Colonel

Apr. 10, 1936

Apr. 10, 1936

Lieutenant Colonels

Walter G. Gastil, Lieut. Col.

Nov. 1, 1924

Nov. 1, 1924

(Transferred from Second Btn. 250th Coast Artillery, Nov. 1, 1924)

(Transferred to Inspector General's Dept., State Staff, Dec. 10, 1927)

Harry H. Morhead, Lieut. Col.

Dec. 11, 1927

Dec. 11, 1927

(Promoted Brig.-Gen. and transferred to State Staff Oct. 18, 1935)

(Appointed the Adj. Gen. Oct. 18, 1935)

John H. Sherman, Lieut. Col.

Oct. 21, 1935

Oct. 21, 1935

(Transferred from Hq. First Btn. Oct. 21, 1935)

(Promoted Colonel Apr. 10, 1936)

George W. Oertly, Lieut. Col.

Apr. 10, 1936

Apr. 10, 1936

(Transferred from Hq. Second Btn. (A.A.)

Apr. 13, 1936)

(Resigned March 29, 1939)

Adjutants

Lolo A. Murrell, Capt. and Adj.

June 6, 1923

June 20, 1923

(Transferred from Bty G, 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924)

(Transferred to Nat. Guard Reserve Feb. 25, 1930)

Orville H. Thompson, First Lieut. & Adj.

June 15, 1922

July 6, 1922

(Transferred from Bty. B Feb. 21, 1925)

(Resigned June 24, 1925)

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*Headquarters, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) San Diego, was organized by the redesignation of Headquarters, Second Battalion, 250th Coast Artillery, November 1, 1924. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 51.

**Headquarters, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) redesignated Headquarters, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) January 1, 1930. Adjutant General Report 1928-1930, page 10.

251ST COAST ARTILLERY (Continued)

Adjutants (Continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Edward H. Depew, Second Lieut. and Adj. (Promoted First Lieut. June 24, 1925)	Mar. 24, 1925	Mar. 26, 1925
Edward H. Depew, First Lieut. and Adj. (Transferred to Bty. B in lieu of Capt. Jan. 1, 1927)	June 21, 1925	June 24, 1925
Marden A. Herbert, Second Lieut. & Adj. (Transferred from Hq. First Btn. in lieu of First Lieut. and assign. Reg. Adj. Jan. 2, 1927) (Promoted First Lieut. Feb. 26, 1927)	Mar. 3, 1925	Apr. 2, 1925
Marden A. Herbert, First Lieut. & Adj. (In lieu of Capt. Adj. Jan. 1, 1930) (Promoted Captain Feb. 26, 1930)	Feb. 22, 1927	Feb. 26, 1927
Marden A. Herbert, Capt. and Adj. (Transferred to Hq. First Btn. Mar. 1, 1930)	Feb. 20, 1930	Feb. 26, 1930
James B. Willey, First Lieut. & Adj. (In lieu of Capt. Adj. May 20, 1930) (Promoted Capt. Adj. June 23, 1933)	Apr. 26, 1930	May 6, 1930
James B. Willey, Capt. and Adj. (Transferred to Service Bty. Feb. 1, 1935)	June 20, 1933	June 23, 1933
Edward H. Depew, Capt. and Adj. (Transferred from Bty. B Feb. 1, 1935) (Transferred to Inactive Nat. Guard June 6, 1936)	Feb. 22, 1927	Feb. 26, 1927
Marden A. Herbert, Capt. and Adj. (Transferred from Hq. First Btn. Apr. 13, 1936) (Transferred to Bty. A Oct. 4, 1937)	Feb. 20, 1930	Feb. 26, 1930
Glenn R. Lannon, Capt. and Adj.	June 12, 1936	June 12, 1936

Regimental Surgeons

Paul Ingebretsen, Major (Transferred from Med. Corps 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924) (Resigned Nov. 14, 1924)	Mar. 15, 1923	Mar. 18, 1923
Paul Ingebretsen, Capt. (Transferred from Med. Dept. Det. (H.D.) Jan. 1, 1930) (Redesignation) (In lieu of Major Jan. 1, to Mar. 18, 1930) (Promoted Major Mar. 18, 1930)	May 4, 1921	Nov. 15, 1924
Paul Ingebretsen, Major (Transferred to retired list Oct. 29, 1935)	Mar. 15, 1923	Mar. 18, 1930
Elliott G. Colby, Major	Nov. 29, 1935	Nov. 20, 1935

MAJORS, FIRST BATTALION

Millard Greenbaum, Major (Transferred from Bty. B June 30, 1925) (Transferred to Nat. Guard Reserve Dec. 2, 1927)	June 25, 1925	June 25, 1925
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251ST COAST ARTILLERY (Continued)

MAJORS, FIRST BATTALION (Continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
John H. Sherman, Major (Transferred from Bty. C Jan. 10, 1928) (Promoted Lieut. Col. and transferred to Reg. Hq. Oct. 21, 1935)	Dec. 20, 1927	Jan. 5, 1928
Frederick B. Haines, Captain (Transferred from Bty. B Nov. 1, 1935) (In lieu of Major Nov. 1, to Nov. 25, 1935) (Promoted Major Nov. 25, 1935)	June 27, 1924	June 27, 1924
Frederick B. Haines, Major (Retired July 19, 1937)	Nov. 25, 1935	Nov. 25, 1935
Rudolph C. Wueste, Captain (Transferred from Hq. Det. and C.Tr. July 20, 1937) (In lieu of Major July 20, to Oct. 14, 1937) (Promoted Major Oct. 14, 1937)	Dec. 27, 1929	Feb. 26, 1930
Rudolph C. Wueste, Major	Oct. 14, 1937	Oct. 14, 1937

MAJORS, SECOND BATTALION

Harry H. Morehead, Major (Promoted Lieut. Col. and trans. to Reg. Hq. Dec. 11, 1927)	Nov. 23, 1924	Nov. 28, 1924
Ronald M. Harris, Major (Transferred from Bty. D Mar. 29, 1928) (Resigned Dec. 4, 1934)	Mar. 20, 1928	Mar. 29, 1928
George W. Oertly, Major (Transferred from Bty. F. Jan. 1, 1935) (Promoted Lieut. Col. and transferred to Reg. Hq. (A.A.) Apr. 10, 1936)	Dec. 31, 1934	Dec. 31, 1934
Fred A. Wright, Major	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 14, 1936

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HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

Headquarters Battery, 251st Coast Artillery, California National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: San Diego; San Diego County

- Organized April 20, 1921*
- Redesignated January 9, 1922**
- Redesignated October 6, 1923***
- Redesignated November 1, 1924****
- Redesignated January 1, 1930*****
- Redesignated April 13, 1936*****

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• *Seventh Company, Coast Artillery Corps organized in San Diego, April 20, 1921.
General and Special Orders 1921, Special Order No. 31, page 82.

• **Seventh Company redesignated 465th Company, Coast Artillery, January 9, 1922.
General and Special Orders 1922, General Order No. 2, page 8.

• ***465th Company redesignated Battery G, 250th Coast Artillery, October 6, 1923.
Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 51.

• ****Battery G, 250th Coast Artillery redesignated Headquarters Battery, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) November 1, 1924.
Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 51.

• *****Headquarters Battery, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) redesignated Service Section Service Battery, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) January 1, 1930.
General Order No. 24, dated December 31, 1929. Adjutant General's Office.

• *****Service Battery, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) redesignated Headquarters Battery, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) April 13, 1936;
General Order No. 9, dated April 9, 1936. Adjutant General's Office.

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY (Continued)

Captains

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Lolo A. Murrell, Captain (Transferred from Bty. G, 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924) (Transferred to Service Bty. Jan. 1, 1930) (Redesignation)	June 6, 1923	June 20, 1923
Lola A. Murrell, Captain (Transferred from Hq. Bty. Jan. 1, 1930) (Transferred to Nat. Guard Reserve Feb. 25, 1930)	June 6, 1923	June 20, 1923
Rudolph C. Wueste, Captain (Transferred from Bty. A Mar. 1, 1930) (Transferred to Hq. Det. and Combat Tn. July 1, 1930)	Dec. 7, 1929	Feb. 26, 1930
Frederick B. Haines, Captain (Transferred from Hq. Det. and Com. Tn. July 1, 1930) (Transferred to Bty B Feb. 1, 1935)	Aug. 27, 1924	Aug. 27, 1924
James B. Willey, Captain (Transferred from Reg. Hq. Feb. 1, 1935) (Transferred to Hq. Bty. Apr. 13, 1936) (Redesignation)	June 20, 1933	June 23, 1933
James B. Willey, Captain (Transferred from Service Bty. Apr. 13, 1936) (Transferred to Hq. First Btn. Oct. 4, 1937)	June 20, 1933	June 23, 1933
Jack D. Condit, First Lieut. (Transferred from Reg. Staff Oct. 4, 1937) (In lieu of Captain Oct. 4, to Oct. 13, 1937) (Promoted Captain Oct. 14, 1937)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Jack D. Condit, Captain	Oct. 14, 1937	Oct. 14, 1937

First Lieutenants

James T. Todd, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. G, 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924) (Transferred to Nat. Guard Reserve June 15, 1925)	June 27, 1924	June 27, 1924
Leonard H. Murrell, First Lieut. (Resigned Nov. 13, 1929)	Feb. 16, 1926	Feb. 26, 1926
Colin R. Ogden, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. A Dec. 31, 1929) (Transferred to Bty. A Nov. 1, 1935)	Oct. 16, 1928	Nov. 7, 1928
Kenneth W. Bandel, Second Lieut. (In lieu of First Lieut. Nov. 29, to Dec. 1, 1935) (Transferred to Hq. Det. and Com. Tn. Dec. 1, 1935)	Nov. 29, 1935	Nov. 29, 1935
Bryant Kearney, First Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. First Btn. Dec. 1, 1935) (Transferred to Hq. Bty. Apr. 13, 1936) (Redesignation)	June 10, 1933	June 10, 1933
Bryant Kearney, First Lieut. (Transferred from Service Bty. Apr. 13, 1936) (Transferred to Service Bty. (less band) June 15, 1936)	June 10, 1933	June 10, 1933

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY (Continued)

First Lieutenants (Continued)

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Melbourne H. West, First Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. Det. and C. Tn. First Btn. Apr. 13, 1936) (Transferred to Bty. D Oct. 4, 1937)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Harry William Webster, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. Det. and C. Tn. Oct. 4, 1937) (In lieu of First Lieut. Oct. 4, 1937) (Promoted First Lieut. Oct. 14, 1937)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Harry William Webster, First Lieut. (Transferred to Hq. First Btn. Oct. 31, 1938)	Oct. 14, 1937	Oct. 14, 1937
Ralph R. Small, First Lieut. (Transferred from First Btn. Staff Nov. 2, 1938)	Oct. 28, 1937	Oct. 28, 1937

Second Lieutenants

Leonard H. Murrell, Second Lieut. (Promoted First Lieut. Feb. 26, 1926)	July 2, 1925	July 6, 1925
Rudolph C. Wueste, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. C Dec. 31, 1929) (Transferred to Bty. A Jan. 1, 1930)	Mar. 28, 1928	Apr. 2, 1928
Bryant Kearney, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Hq. Det. and C. Tn. July 15, 1930)	Feb. 27, 1930	Mar. 4, 1930
Jack D. Condit, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. Det. and Combat Tn. July 15, 1930) (Promoted First Lieut. Apr. 10, 1936) (Assigned to Reg. Hq. Apr. 10, 1936)	June 3, 1930	June 6, 1930

SERVICE BATTERY (LESS BAND)

Service Battery (less band) 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) California National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: San Diego, San Diego County

Organized April 14, 1936*

Redesignated January 3, 1938**

Reconstituted January 4, 1938***

Captains

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Vivian Rapp, Captain (Transferred from Bty. E Apr. 14, 1936) (Transferred to Bty. E June 19, 1936)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 14, 1936
Charles L. Halsey, Second Lieut. (In lieu of Capt. Oct. 2, 1936 to January 1, 1937) (Reassigned Second Lieut. Jan. 1, 1937)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Bryant Kearney, First Lieut. (In command of Co. June 15, 1936 to Oct. 2, 1936) (In command of Co. January 1, 1937, to January 6, 1937) (Promoted Captain Jan. 6, 1937)	June 10, 1933	June 10, 1933
Bryant Kearney, Captain (Transferred to Hq. First Btn. Jan. 8, 1937)	Jan. 6, 1937	Jan. 6, 1937
Colin R. Ogden, Captain (Transferred from Hq. First Btn. Jan. 8, 1937) (Transferred to H. First Btn. Dec. 21, 1938)	Nov. 25, 1935	Nov. 25, 1935
James B. Willey, Captain (Transferred from Hq. First Btn. Dec. 21, 1938)	June 20, 1933	June 23, 1933

First Lieutenants

Bryant Kearney, First Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. Bty. June 15, 1936) (In lieu of Capt. Jan. 1, 1937)	June 10, 1933	June 10, 1933
Julian A. Phillipson, Second Lieut. (In lieu of First Lieut. June 30, 1936) (Promoted First Lieut. Jan. 21, 1938)	June 29, 1936	June 29, 1936

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*A new company organized at Long Beach and designated Service Battery (less band) 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) April 14, 1936.

General Order No. 10, dated April 17, 1936. Adjutant General's Office.

**Service Battery (less band) redesignated Battery G, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) January 3, 1938. General Order No. 34, dated December 29, 1937. Adjutant General's Office.

***A new company organized at San Diego and designated Service Battery (less band) 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) January 4, 1938.
General Order No. 2, dated January 5, 1938. Adjutant General's Office.

SERVICE BATTERY (LESS BAND) (Continued)

<u>First Lieutenants (Continued)</u>		<u>Commanding Officers</u>	<u>Commission</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>		
Charles L. Halsey, First Lieut.	Feb. 10, 1937		Feb. 10, 1937
(Transferred to Hq. Det. Second Btn. Jan. 4, 1938)			
Julian A. Phillipson, First Lieut.	Jan. 21, 1938		Jan. 21, 1938
(Transferred to Battery G Jan. 21, 1938)			
William H. McKinley, First Lieut.	Jan. 20, 1938		Jan. 20, 1938
(Assigned to Reg. Hq. Jan. 24, 1938)			
Ralph R. Small, First Lieut.	Oct. 28, 1937		Oct. 28, 1937
(Transferred from Reg. Hq. Jan. 4, 1938)			
(Transferred to Hq. First Btn. Feb. 3, 1938)			
Charles S. Kingston, First Lieut.	Feb. 17, 1938		Feb. 17, 1938

<u>Second Lieutenants</u>			
Charles L. Halsey, Second Lieut.	Apr. 10, 1936		Apr. 10, 1936
(In lieu of Capt. Oct. 2, 1936, to Jan. 1, 1937)			
(Reassigned from in lieu of Capt. Jan. 1, 1937)			
(Promoted First Lieut. Feb. 10, 1937)			
William H. McKinley, Second Lieut.	Jan. 20, 1937		Jan. 20, 1937
(Transferred from Reg. Hq. Jan. 4, 1938)			
(Promoted First Lieut. Jan. 20, 1938)			
Joseph W. Lytton, Second Lieut.	Jan. 21, 1938		Jan. 21, 1938
(Transferred to Bty. A Feb. 2, 1938)			
Charles S. Kingston, Second Lieut.	July 1, 1937		July 1, 1937
(Transferred from Hq. Det. and Combat Tn. Feb. 4, 1938)			
(Promoted First Lieut. Feb. 17, 1938)			
Harold P. Robinson, Second Lieut.	Nov. 26, 1937		Nov. 26, 1937
(Transferred from Bty. A Feb. 3, 1938)			

HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT AND COMBAT TRAIN, FIRST BATTALION

Headquarters Detachment and Combat Train, First Battalion, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.)
California National Guard

References: Adjutant General's Files

Location: San Diego County

Organized January 1, 1930*

CaptainsCommanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Frederic B. Haines, Captain (Transferred from Bty. A Jan. 1, 1930) (Transferred to Service Bty. July 1, 1930)	June 27, 1924	June 27, 1924
Rudolph Wueste, Captain (Transferred from Service Bty. July 1, 1930) (Transferred to Hq. First Btn. July 20, 1937)	Dec. 7, 1929	Feb. 26, 1930
Bryant Kearney, Captain (Transferred from Hq. First Btn. July 21, 1937)	Jan. 6, 1937	Jan. 6, 1937

First Lieutenants

Kenneth W. Bandel, First Lieut. (Transferred to Bty A. Apr. 13, 1936)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
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Second Lieutenants

James B. Willey, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. First Btn. Jan. 1, 1930) (Promoted First Lieut. and trans. to Reg. Hq. May 6, 1930)	May 25, 1927	June 2, 1927
Lewis S. Unkrich, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. Second Btn. Jan. 1, 1930) (Transferred to Bty. F May 27, 1930)	May 25, 1927	May 28, 1927
Colin R. Ogden, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Hq. Bty. Dec. 31, 1929)	May 25, 1927	May 28, 1927
Jack D. Condit, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Service Bty. July 15, 1930)	June 3, 1930	June 6, 1930
Burton E. Gilbert, Second Lieut. (Resigned Nov. 14, 1932)	May 13, 1930	May 19, 1930
Bryant Kearney, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Service Bty. July 15, 1930) (Transferred to Bty. B Apr. 15, 1933)	Feb. 27, 1930	Mar. 4, 1930
Lester A. Mills, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Bty. B Jan. 1, 1935)	Jan. 3, 1933	Jan. 7, 1933
Anthony Long, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty B Apr. 16, 1933) (Transferred to Hq. First Btn. Dec. 1, 1935)	Mar. 21, 1930	Mar. 28, 1930
William H. McKinley, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. A Jan. 1, 1935) (Transferred to Inactive Nat. Guard Oct. 7, 1935)	June 6, 1933	June 10, 1933

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*Headquarters Detachment and Combat Train, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.), San Diego, was formed by the redesignation of Battery A, 251st Coast Artillery, January 1, 1930. Adjutant General Report 1928-1930, page 10.

HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT AND COMBAT TRAIN, FIRST BATTALION (Continued)

Second Lieutenants (Continued)		Commanding Officers	
Name	Rank	Commission	
Malbourne H. West, Second Lieut. (Promoted First Lieut. and trans. to Hq. Bty. Apr. 13, 1936)	Oct. 18, 1935	Oct. 18, 1935	
Kenneth W. Sandel, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Serv. Bty. Dec. 1, 1935) (Promoted First Lieut. Apr. 10, 1936)	Nov. 29, 1935	Nov. 29, 1935	
Harry W. Webster, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Hq. Bty. Oct. 4, 1937)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936	
John R. Willey, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Bty. B in lieu of First Lieut. Jan. 27, 1937)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936	
William R. Swarts, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Reg. Hq. Dec. 23, 1936) (Transferred to Inactive Nat. Guard June 2, 1937)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936	
Charles S. Kingston, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Serv. Bty. Feb. 4, 1938)	July 1, 1937	July 1, 1937	
Robert R. H. Thompson, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Bty. B Nov. 2, 1938)	Oct. 11, 1937	Oct. 11, 1937	
Frank Van Oosbree, Second Lieut.	Feb. 1, 1938	Feb. 1, 1938	

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BATTERY A

Battery A, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.), California National Guard (formerly San Diego City Guard)

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: San Diego, San Diego County

- Organized October 12, 1881*
- Redesignated July 22, 1885**
- Redesignated May 5, 1888***
- Redesignated February 8, 1890****
- Redesignated December 9, 1895*****
- Mustered into Federal Service May 9, 1898*****
- Reorganized as Company B, 7th Infantry April 21, 1899+
- Redesignated June 1, 1909++
- Mustered into Federal Service April 12, 1917+++

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- *San Diego City Guard organized October 12, 1881.
Adjutant General Report 1881-1882, page 13.
- **San Diego City Guard redesignated Company B, Seventh Infantry Battalion, July 22, 1885. Adjutant General Report 1885-1886, page 70.
- ***Company B, Seventh Infantry Battalion redesignated Company B, Seventh Infantry Regiment, May 5, 1888. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 37.
- ****Company B, Seventh Infantry Regiment redesignated Company B, Ninth Infantry Regiment, February 8, 1890.
Adjutant General Report 1890, page 4.
- *****Companies A and B, Ninth Infantry consolidated and designated Company B, Third Battalion, December 7, 1895. Two days later, December 9, Company B, Third Battalion redesignated Company B, Seventh Infantry Regiment.
Adjutant General Report 1895-1896, pages 86, and 88, General Orders No. 17, and 18.
- *****Company B, Seventh Infantry Regiment was mustered into Federal Service for duty during the Spanish-American War, May 9, 1898.
Adjutant General Report 1898-1899, page 6.
- +Reorganized as Company B, Seventh Infantry Regiment, April 21, 1899.
Adjutant General Report 1899-1900, page 59.
- ++Company B, Seventh Infantry Regiment redesignated Fifth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, June 1, 1909.
General and Special Orders and Circulars 1909, General Order No. 14, paragraph 7.
- +++Fifth Company Coast Artillery Corps mustered into Federal Service for duty during the World War, April 12, 1917
General and Special Orders, 1917, General Order No. 12, page 21.

BATTERY A (Continued)

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Redesignated August 31, 1917++++
Redesignated October 19, 1918++++
Demobilized December 12, 1918++++
Reorganized February 10, 1921T
Redesignated January 9, 1922TT
Redesignated October 6, 1923TTT
Redesignated November 1, 1924TTTT
Redesignated January 1, 1930TTTTT
Reconstituted January 1, 1930TTTTTT

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- ++++Fifth Company Coast Artillery Corps redesignated Fifth Company Coast Defense Command of San Diego, August 31, 1917.
Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 37.
- ++++Fifth Company Coast Defense Command of San Diego redesignated Supply Company 25th Regiment Coast Artillery, October 19, 1918.
Letter to Chief of Militia Bureau, Washington D.C. from Adjutant General, State of California, Dated March 10, 1925.
- ++++The 25th Regiment Coast Artillery demobilized December 12, 1918.
Correspondence War Department, June 6, 1940. File 201.3. C.N.G. 1940.
Adjutant General Office.
- TReorganized as Fifth Company Coast Artillery Corps, February 10, 1921.
General and Special Orders, 1921, Special Order No. 7, p. 64, par. 4(A).
- TFifth Company Coast Artillery Corps redesignated 463rd Company, Coast Artillery Corps, January 9, 1922.
Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 51. signed
- TT463rd Company, Coast Artillery Corps redesignated Battery E, 250th Coast Artillery October 6, 1923.
Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 51.
- TTBattery E, 250th Coast Artillery redesignated Battery A, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) November 1, 1924.
Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 51.
- TTTTTBattery A, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) redesignated Headquarters Detachment and Combat Train, First Battalion, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A) January 1, 1930.
Adjutant General Report 1928-1930, page 10.
- TTTTTBBattery C, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) redesignated Battery A, 251st Coast Artillery (Searchlight) January 1, 1930.
Adjutant General Report 1928-1930, page 10.

BATTERY A (Continued)

Captains

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Frederick B. Haines, Captain (Transferred from Bty. E, 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924) (Transferred to Hq. Det. and Com. Tn. Jan. 1, 1930)	June 27, 1924	June 27, 1924
Orville Thompson, Captain (Transferred from Bty. C Jan. 1, 1930) (Transferred to Co. F, 159th Inf. June 9, 1933)	Oct. 16, 1928	Nov. 7, 1928
Clyde L. Randall, Captain (Transferred to Bty. B Nov. 2, 1935)	May 26, 1933	June 9, 1933
Colin R. Ogden, First Lieut. (Transferred from Service Bty. Nov. 1, 1935) (In lieu of Capt. Nov. 1, to Nov. 25, 1935) (Promoted Capt. Nov. 25, 1935)	Oct. 16, 1928	Nov. 7, 1928
Colin R. Ogden, Captain (Transferred to Hq. First Btn. Apr. 13, 1936)	Nov. 25, 1935	Nov. 25, 1935
Edward M. Kananen, Captain (Resigned Nov. 16, 1936)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Kenneth W. Bandel, First Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. Det. and Com. Tn. Apr. 13, 1936) (In lieu of Capt. Oct. 18, to Dec. 21, 1936) (Reassigned First Lieut. Dec. 21, 1936)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Lester A. Milz, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. B Dec. 22, 1936) (In lieu of Capt. Dec. 22, 1936, to Jan. 4, 1937) (Promoted Capt. Jan. 4, 1937)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Lester A. Milz, Captain (Transferred to Bty. D, Oct. 4, 1937)	Jan. 4, 1937	Jan. 4, 1937
Marden A. Herbert, Captain (Transferred from Reg. Hq. Oct. 4, 1937)	Feb. 20, 1930	Feb. 26, 1930

First Lieutenants

Rudolph C. Wueste, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. E, 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924) (Transferred to Bty. C Feb. 24, 1925)	Apr. 22, 1924	Apr. 23, 1924
Homer C. Lovell, First Lieut. (Transferred to Bty. B Aug. 24, 1926)	Mar. 26, 1925	Mar. 26, 1925
Clyde L. Randall, First Lieut. (Transferred to Bty. B Jan. 1, 1927)	Nov. 2, 1926	Nov. 6, 1926
Homer C. Lovell, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. B Jan. 1, 1927) (Transferred to Nat. Guard Reserve Sept. 20, 1928)	Mar. 26, 1925	Mar. 26, 1925
Colin R. Ogden, First Lieut. (Transferred to Service Bty. Dec. 31, 1929)	Oct. 16, 1928	Nov. 7, 1928
Cyrus D. Murphy, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. C Jan. 1, 1930) (Transferred to Hq. Jan. 30, 1930)	Dec. 11, 1928	Dec. 14, 1928

BATTERY A (Continued)

First Lieutenants (Continued)

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Clyde L. Randall, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. B Jan. 30, 1930) (Promoted Capt. June 9, 1933)	Nov. 2, 1926	Nov. 6, 1926
Edward M. Kananen, First Lieut. (Promoted Capt. Apr. 10, 1936)	June 6, 1933	June 9, 1933
John V. Long, First Lieut. (Transferred to Bty. C Apr. 13, 1936)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Kenneth W. Bandel, First Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. Det. and Com. Tn. Apr. 13, 1936) (In lieu of Capt. Oct. 18, to Dec. 21, 1936) (Reassigned First Lieut. Dec. 21, 1936) (Transferred to Bty. D Oct. 31, 1938)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Rolland L. Collins, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. B Nov. 2, 1938)	Oct. 14, 1937	Oct. 14, 1937

Second Lieutenants

Homer C. Lovell, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. E, 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924) (Promoted First Lieut. Mar. 26, 1925)	Apr. 22, 1924	Apr. 23, 1924
Narden A. Herbert, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Bty B in lieu of First Lieut. Apr. 6, 1925)	Mar. 3, 1925	Apr. 2, 1925
Clyde L. Randall, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Hq. First Btn. July 29, 1925)	Mar. 10, 1925	Mar. 26, 1925
Orville H. Thompson, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. First Btn. July 29, 1925) (Transferred to Hq. First Btn. Nov. 10, 1925)	Feb. 23, 1922	June 24, 1925
Clyde L. Randall, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. First Btn. Nov. 10, 1925) (Promoted First Lieut. Nov. 6, 1926)	Mar. 10, 1925	Mar. 26, 1925
Charles V. Fry, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. B Aug. 31, 1926) (Transferred to Bty. B Jan. 1, 1927)	June 28, 1926	July 2, 1926
Colin R. Ogden, Second Lieut. (Promoted First Lieut. Nov. 7, 1928)	May 25, 1927	May 28, 1927
Edward M. Kananen, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Bty. B Sept. 1, 1931)	Oct. 16, 1928	Nov. 7, 1928
Rudolph Wueste, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Service Bty. Jan. 1, 1930) (Promoted Capt. and trans. to Serv. Bty. March 1, 1930)	Mar. 28, 1928	Apr. 2, 1928
Anthony Long, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. B Sept. 1, 1931) (Transferred to Bty. B May 10, 1932)	Mar. 21, 1930	Mar. 28, 1930
Edward M. Kananen, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. B May 10, 1932) (Promoted First Lieut. June 9, 1933)	Oct. 16, 1928	Nov. 7, 1928

BATTERY A (Continued)

<u>Second Lieutenants (Continued)</u>	<u>Commanding Officers</u>	<u>Commission</u>
<u>Name</u> William H. McKinley, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Hq. Det. and Com. Tn. Jan. 1, 1935)	<u>Rank</u> June 6, 1933	June 10, 1933
John V. Long, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. B Jan. 1, 1935) (Promoted First Lieut. Apr. 10, 1936) (Assigned to Bty. C Apr. 10, 1936)	June 6, 1933	June 9, 1933
Richard Francis Hake, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Inactive Nat. Guard Sept. 14, 1937)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Harold P. Robinson, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Service Bty. (less band) Feb. 3, 1938)	Nov. 26, 1937	Nov. 26, 1937
Joseph W. Lytton, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Service Bty. (less band) Feb. 2, 1938)	Jan. 21, 1938	Jan. 21, 1938

BATTERY B

Battery B, 251st Coast Artillery Corps (A.A.) California National Guard (formerly Eighth Company Coast Artillery Corps)

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: San Diego, San Diego County

- Organized May 16, 1910*
- Called into Federal Service April 12, 1917**
- Redesignated Battery B, 65th Artillery January 1, 1918***
- Demobilized February 20, 1919****
- Reorganized as Sixth Company, Coast Artillery Corps February 10, 1921*****
- Redesignated 464th Company, Coast Artillery Corps January 9, 1922*****
- Redesignated Battery F, 250th Coast Artillery October 6, 1923*
- Redesignated Battery B, 251st Coast Artillery November 1, 1924**
- Redesignated January 1, 1930***

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*Battery B organized as Eighth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, May 16, 1910.

General and Special Orders and Circulars, 1910, General Order No. 12, paragraph 3.

**The Eighth Company, Coast Artillery Corps was mustered into Federal Service for duty during the World War, April 12, 1917.

Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 194.

***Eighth Company, Coast Artillery Corps redesignated Battery B, 65th Artillery, January 1, 1918. Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 24.

****Battery B, 65th Artillery demobilized February 20, 1919.

Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 25.

*****Reorganized as Sixth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, February 10, 1921.

General and Special Orders and Circulars 1921, Special Order No. 7, page 64, par. 4 (A).

***Sixth Company Coast Artillery Corps redesignated 464th Coast Artillery Corps, January 9, 1922. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 51.

• 464th Coast Artillery redesignated Battery F, 250th Coast Artillery, October 6, 1923. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 51.

• Battery F, 250th Coast Artillery redesignated Battery B, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) November 1, 1924. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 51.

• Battery B, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) redesignated Battery B, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) January 1, 1930.

General Order No. 24, dated December 31, 1929. Adjutant General's Office.

BATTERY B (Continued)

<u>Captains</u>		<u>Commanding Officers</u>		<u>Commission</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	
Willard Greenbaum, Captain	Apr. 12, 1922			May 3, 1922
(Transferred from Bty. F, 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924)				
(Promoted Major and trans. to Hq. First Btn. June 30, 1925)				
Ronald M. Harris, Captain	June 21, 1925			June 24, 1925
(Transferred to Bty. D Jan. 2, 1927)				
Edward H. Depew, First Lieut.	June 21, 1925			June 24, 1925
(Transferred from Reg. Hq. Jan. 2, 1927)				
(In lieu of Capt. Jan. 2, 1927)				
(Promoted Captain Feb. 26, 1927)				
Edward H. Depew, Captain	Feb. 22, 1927			Feb. 26, 1927
(Transferred to Bty. B (A.A.) Jan. 1, 1930) (Redesignation)				
Edward H. Depew, Captain	Feb. 22, 1927			Feb. 28, 1927
(Transferred from Bty. B (H.D.) Jan. 1, 1930)				
(Transferred to Reg. Hq. Feb. 1, 1935)				
Frederick B. Haines, Captain	Jan. 27, 1924			Jan. 27, 1924
(Transferred from Service Bty. Feb. 1, 1935)				
(Transferred to Hq. First Btn. Nov. 1, 1935)				
Elyde L. Randall, Captain	May 26, 1933			June 9, 1933
(Transferred from Bty. A Nov. 2, 1935)				
Orville H. Thompson, First Lieut.	June 15, 1922			July 6, 1922
(Transferred from Bty. G, 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924)				
(Transferred to Reg. Hq. Feb. 21, 1925)				
Marden A. Herbert, Second Lieut.	Mar. 3, 1925			Apr. 2, 1925
(Transferred from Bty. A in lieu of First Lieut. Apr. 6, 1925)				
(Transferred to Hq. First Btn. Jan. 1, 1926)				
Orville H. Thompson, First Lieut.	June 22, 1926			June 26, 1926
(Transferred to Bty. C Aug. 24, 1926)				
Homer C. Lovell, First Lieut.	Mar. 26, 1925			Mar. 26, 1925
(Transferred from Bty. A Aug. 24, 1926)				
(Transferred to Bty. A Jan. 1, 1927)				
Clyde L. Randall, First Lieut.	Nov. 2, 1926			Nov. 6, 1926
(Transferred from Bty. A Jan. 1, 1927)				
(Transferred to Bty. A Jan. 30, 1930)				
Charles V. Fry, First Lieut.	Jan. 9, 1930			Jan. 24, 1930
(Transferred to Hq. First Btn. Sept. 1, 1931)				
Cyrus D. Murphy, First Lieut.	Dec. 11, 1928			Dec. 14, 1928
(Transferred from Hq. First Btn. Sept. 1, 1931)				
(Transferred to Nat. Guard Reserve May 15, 1933)				
Charles V. Fry, First Lieut.	Jan. 9, 1930			Jan. 24, 1930
(Transferred from Hq. First Btn. June 14, 1933)				
(Promoted Capt. and trans. to Bty. C Apr. 10, 1936)				
Lester A. Mills, First Lieut.	Apr. 10, 1936			Apr. 10, 1936
(Transferred to Bty. A Dec. 22, 1936)				

BATTERY B (Continued)

First Lieutenants (Continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
John R. Willey, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. Det. and Com. Tn. Jan. 27, 1937) (In lieu of First Lieut. Jan. 27, 1937) (Promoted First Lieut. Feb. 8, 1937)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
John R. Willey, First Lieut. (Transferred to Bty. C Oct. 4, 1937)	Feb. 8, 1937	Feb. 8, 1937
Rolland L. Collins, First Lieut. (Transferred to Bty. A Nov. 2, 1938)	Oct. 14, 1937	Oct. 14, 1937
Melbourne H. West, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. D Nov. 2, 1938)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936

Second Lieutenants

Ronald M. Harris, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. F, 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924) (Promoted Capt. June 24, 1925)	May 23, 1924	June 14, 1924
Cyrus D. Murphy, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. E Jan. 31, 1926) (Transferred to Bty. C Mar. 9, 1926)	Apr. 22, 1924	Apr. 23, 1924
Orville H. Thompson, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. First Btn. Jan. 1, 1926) (Promoted First Lieut. June 26, 1926)	Feb. 23, 1922	June 24, 1925
Charles V. Fry, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. C Aug. 24, 1926) (Transferred to Bty. A Aug. 31, 1926)	June 28, 1926	July 2, 1926
Charles V. Fry, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. A Jan. 1, 1927) (Transferred to Hq. First Btn. May 31, 1927)	June 28, 1926	July 2, 1926
James B. Willey, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Hq. First Btn. Nov. 1, 1928)	May 25, 1927	June 2, 1927
Charles V. Fry, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. First Btn. Nov. 1, 1928) (Transferred to Bty. B (A.A.) Jan. 1, 1930) (Redesignation)	June 28, 1926	July 2, 1926
Charles V. Fry, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. B (H.D.) Jan. 1, 1930) (Promoted First Lieut. Jan. 24, 1930)	June 28, 1926	July 2, 1926
Anthony Long, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Bty. A Sept. 1, 1931)	Mar. 21, 1930	Mar. 28, 1930
Edward H. Kananen, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. A Sept. 1, 1931) (Transferred to Bty. A May 10, 1932)	Oct. 16, 1928	Nov. 7, 1928
Anthony Long, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. A May 10, 1932) (Transferred to Hq. Det. and Com. Tn. Apr. 16, 1933)	Mar. 21, 1930	Mar. 28, 1930
Bryant Kearney, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. Det. and Com. Tn. Apr. 15, 1933) (Promoted First Lieut. and transferred to Hq. First Btn. June 10, 1933)	Feb. 27, 1930	Mar. 4, 1930

BATTERY B (Continued)

<u>Second Lieutenants (Continued)</u>	<u>Commanding Officers</u>	<u>Commission</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	
John V. Long, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Bty. A Jan. 1, 1935)	June 6, 1933	June 9, 1933
Lester A. Mills, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. Det. and Com. Tn. Jan. 1, 1935) (Promoted First Lieut. Apr. 10, 1936)	Jan. 3, 1933	Jan. 7, 1933
Rolland L. Collins, Second Lieut. (Promoted First Lieut. Oct. 14, 1937)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Kenneth A. Byrns, Second Lieut. (Resigned Jan. 21, 1938)	Oct. 28, 1937	Oct. 28, 1937
Lester R. McCulloch, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Inactive Nat. Guard Nov. 1, 1938)	Jan. 24, 1938	Jan. 24, 1938
Robert R. H. Thompson, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. Det. and Com. Tn. Nov. 2, 1938) (Transferred to Bty. C Mar. 31, 1939)	Oct. 11, 1937	Oct. 11, 1937

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BATTERY C

Battery C, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) California National Guard (formerly Eighth Company Coast Artillery Corps)

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: San Diego, San Diego County

Organized April 20, 1921*

Redesignated January 9, 1922**

Redesignated October 6, 1923***

Redesignated November 1, 1924****

Redesignated January 1, 1930*****

Reconstituted April 13, 1936*****

Captains

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
John H. Sherman, Captain (Transferred from Bty. H, 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924) (Redesignation) (Promoted Major Jan. 5, 1928 and transferred to Hq. First Btm. Jan. 10, 1928)	May 25, 1923	May 28, 1923
Rudolph C. Wueste, Second Lieut. (In lieu of Capt. Apr. 4, 1928) (Assigned in lieu of First Lieut. Nov. 9, 1928)	Mar. 28, 1928	Apr. 2, 1928
Orville H. Thompson, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. B Aug. 24, 1926) (In lieu of Capt. Jan. 10, 1928) (Promoted Capt. Nov. 7, 1928)	June 22, 1926	June 26, 1926
Orville H. Thompson, Capt. (Transferred to Bty. A Jan. 1, 1930)	Oct. 16, 1928	Nov. 7, 1928
Charles V. Fry, Captain (Transferred from Bty. B Apr. 13, 1936)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936

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*Eighth Company Coast Artillery Corps organized in San Diego, April 20, 1921.

General and Special Orders, 1921, General Order No. 32, page 83.

**Eighth Company, Coast Artillery Corps redesignated 466th Company Coast Artillery Corps, January 9, 1922. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 37.

***466th Company Coast Artillery Corps redesignated Battery H, 250th Coast Artillery, October 6, 1923. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 51.

****Battery H, 250th Coast Artillery redesignated Battery C, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) November 1, 1924. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 51.

*****Battery C, 251st Coast Artillery redesignated Battery A, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) January 1, 1930. Adjutant General Report 1928-1930, page 10.

*****A new battery organized at San Diego and designated Battery C, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) April 13, 1936.

General Order No. 10, dated April 17, 1936. Adjutant General's Office.

BATTERY C (Continued)

First Lieutenants

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
George A. Chester, First Lieut. (Transferred from Serv. Bty. 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924) (Transferred to Hq. 3d Btn. 250th C.A. Nov. 18, 1924)	Apr. 22, 1924	Apr. 23, 1924
Rudolph C. Wueste, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. A Feb. 24, 1925) (Resigned Apr. 16, 1926)	Apr. 22, 1924	Apr. 23, 1924
Charles V. Fry, Second Lieut. (In lieu of First Lieut. July 2, 1926) (Transferred to Bty. B Aug. 24, 1926)	June 28, 1926	July 2, 1926
Orville H. Thompson, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. B Aug. 24, 1926) (In lieu of Capt. Jan. 10, 1928)	June 22, 1926	June 26, 1926
Rudolph C. Wueste, Second Lieut. (In lieu of First Lieut. Nov. 9, 1928 to Dec. 17, 1928) (Reassigned Second Lieut. Dec. 17, 1928)	Mar. 28, 1928	Apr. 2, 1928
Cyrus D. Murphy, First Lieut. (Transferred to Bty. A Jan. 1, 1930)	Dec. 11, 1928	Dec. 14, 1928
John V. Long, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. A Apr. 10, 1936) (Transferred to Hq. First Btn. Oct. 4, 1937)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
John R. Willey, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. B Oct. 4, 1937)	Feb. 8, 1937	Feb. 8, 1937

Second Lieutenants

Cyrus D. Murphy, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. H 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924) (Transferred to Bty. E Oct. 5, 1925)	Apr. 22, 1924	Apr. 23, 1924
Cyrus D. Murphy, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. B March 9, 1926) (Promoted First Lieut. Dec. 14, 1928)	Apr. 22, 1924	Apr. 23, 1924
Rudolph C. Wueste, Second Lieut. (In lieu of Capt. Apr. 4, 1928)	Mar. 28, 1928	Apr. 2, 1928
Rudolph C. Wueste, Second Lieut. (Reassigned from in lieu of First Lieut. Dec. 17, 1928) (Transferred to Service Bty. Dec. 31, 1929)	Mar. 28, 1928	Apr. 2, 1928
Ralph R. Small, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Bty. D Oct. 4, 1937)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Joseph A. Rodney, Second Lieut.	Nov. 29, 1937	Nov. 29, 1937
Robert R. H. Thompson, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. B Apr. 1, 1939)	Oct. 11, 1937	Oct. 11, 1937

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BATTERY D

Battery D, 251st Coast Artillery Corps, (A.A.) California National Guard (formerly 23rd Company Coast Artillery Corps)

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: San Diego, San Diego County

- Organized October 6, 1916*
- Called into Federal Service August 5, 1917**
- Redesignated September 4, 1917***
- Redesignated February 1, 1918****
- Redesignated June 25, 1918*****
- Redesignated October 20, 1918*****
- Demobilized December 25, 1918+
- Reorganized as 9th Company Coast Artillery Corps November 28, 1921++
- Redesignated January 9, 1922+++
- Redesignated October 6, 1923++++
- Redesignated November 1, 1924+++++
- Redesignated January 1, 1930+++++
- Reconstituted October 4, 1937+

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- *Twenty-third Company Coast Artillery Corps organized October 6, 1916. Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 115.
- **Twenty-third Company Coast Artillery was called into Federal Service for duty during the World War, August 5, 1917. Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 21, paragraph 7.
- ***Twenty-third Company Coast Artillery Corps redesignated Eleventh Company, Los Angeles Coast Defense Corps, September 4, 1917. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 37.
- ****Eleventh Company Coast Defense Corps redesignated Fourteenth Company Coast Defense of Los Angeles, February 1, 1918. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 37.
- *****Fourteenth Company Coast Defense redesignated Eleventh Company Coast Defense of Los Angeles, June 25, 1918. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 37.
- ***Eleventh Company Coast Defense redesignated Battery A, 19th Regiment, Coast Artillery Corps, October 20, 1918. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 37.
- +Battery A, 19th Regiment, Coast Artillery demobilized December 25, 1918. California National Guard and the World War. Adjutant General's Office.
- ++Reorganized as Ninth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, November 28, 1921. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 46.
- +++Ninth Company Coast Artillery Corps redesignated 467th Company Coast Artillery Corps, January 9, 1922. General and Special Orders and Bulletins, 1922, General Order No. 2, page 8, paragraph 1 (A).
- ++++467th Company Coast Artillery redesignated Battery I, 250th Coast Artillery, October 6, 1923. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 51.
- +++++Battery I, 250th Coast Artillery redesignated Battery D, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) November 1, 1924. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 51.
- +++++Battery D, 251st Coast Artillery redesignated Battery F, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) January 1, 1930. Adjutant General Report 1928-1930, page 10.
- †A new battery organized at San Diego and designated Battery D, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) October 4, 1937. General Order No. 27, dated October 5, 1937. Adjutant General's Office.

BATTERY D (Continued)

Captains

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Kenneth M. Barager, Captain (Transferred from Bty. I, 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924) (Transferred to Nat. Guard Reserve Jan. 1, 1927)	Nov. 3, 1921	Nov. 7, 1921
Ronald M. Harris, Captain (Transferred from Bty. B Jan. 2, 1927) (Promoted Major and transferred to Hq. Second Btn. Mar. 29, 1928)	June 21, 1925	June 24, 1925
Paul J. Howard, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. Second Btn. Apr. 7, 1928) (In lieu of Captain Apr. 7, 1928) (Promoted First Lieut. May 19, 1928)	Jan. 19, 1925	Feb. 9, 1925
Paul J. Howard, First Lieut. (In lieu of Captain May 21, 1928) (Reassigned First Lieut. July 10, 1928)	May 15, 1928	May 19, 1928
George W. Oertly, Captain (Transferred to Bty. F (A.A.) Jan. 1, 1930)	June 27, 1928	July 9, 1928
Lester A. Mills, Captain (Transferred from Bty. A Oct. 4, 1937)	Jan. 4, 1937	Jan. 4, 1937

First Lieutenants

George W. Oertly, First Lieut. (Promoted Capt. July 9, 1928)	Feb. 11, 1925	Feb. 26, 1925
Paul J. Howard, First Lieut. (In lieu of Captain May 29, 1928) (Reassigned First Lieut. July 10, 1928) (Transferred to Bty. F Jan. 1, 1930)	May 15, 1928	May 19, 1928
Melbourne H. West, First Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. Bty. Oct. 4, 1937) (Transferred to Bty. B Nov. 1, 1938)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Kenneth W. Bandel, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. A Oct. 31, 1938)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936

Second Lieutenants

George W. Oertly, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. I, 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924) (Promoted First Lieut. Feb. 26, 1925)	Aug. 30, 1923	Sept. 15, 1923
Gilbert W. Merritt, Second Lieut. (Resigned April 15, 1927)	Mar. 2, 1925	Mar. 9, 1925
Lewis S. Unkrich, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Hq. Second Btn. May 28, 1929)	May 25, 1927	May 28, 1927
Harold J. Lovejoy, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Hq. Second Btn. May 28, 1929) (Transferred to Bty. F Jan. 1, 1930)	May 15, 1928	May 19, 1928
Ralph R. Small, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. C Oct. 4, 1937) (Transferred to Reg. Hq. Oct. 10, 1937)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Gordon M. Dawson, Second Lieut.	Oct. 11, 1937	Oct. 11, 1937

HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, SECOND BATTALION

Headquarters Detachment, Second Battalion, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) California
National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: Long Beach, Los Angeles County

Organized April 14, 1936*

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First Lieutenants

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Clifford F. Beyers, First Lieut. (Transferred to Bty. G Jan. 4, 1938)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Charles L. Halsey, First Lieut. (Transferred from Serv. Sec. Serv. Bty. Jan. 4, 1938) (Transferred to Inactive Nat. Guard May 5, 1938)	Feb. 10, 1937	Feb. 10, 1937
Hugh L. Hixon, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. H May 10, 1938) (Transferred to Bty. H Dec. 1, 1938)	Jan. 21, 1938	Jan. 21, 1938
Willis T. Lyman, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. H Dec. 1, 1938)	Apr. 4, 1938	Apr. 4, 1938

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*A new company organized at Long Beach and designated Headquarters Detachment, Second Battalion, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) April 14, 1936.
General Order No. 10, dated April 17, 1936. Adjutant General's Office.

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BATTERY E

Battery E, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) California National Guard (formerly Sixteenth Company Coast Artillery Corps)

References: Adjutant General's Files

Location: San Pedro, Los Angeles County

Organized September 24, 1916*

Called into Federal Service August 5, 1917**

Redesignated Fifth Company, Los Angeles Coast Defense Corps September 4, 1917***

Redesignated Battery D, 2nd A.A. Battalion January 20, 1918****

Demobilized January 19, 1919*****

Reorganized as 468th Company Coast Artillery Corps April 6, 1922*****

Redesignated Battery K, 250th Coast Artillery October 6, 1923+

Redesignated Battery E, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) November 1, 1924++

Redesignated Battery E, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) January 1, 1930+++

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*Sixteenth Company Coast Artillery organized at San Pedro, September 24, 1916.

Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 115.

**Sixteenth Company Coast Artillery Corps was called into Federal Service for duty during the World War, August 5, 1917.

Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 202.

***Sixteenth Company Coast Artillery Corps redesignated Fifth Company, Los Angeles Coast Defense Corps, September 4, 1917.

Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 38.

****Fifth Company, Los Angeles Coast Defense Corps redesignated Battery D, Second Anti-Aircraft Battalion, January 20, 1918.

Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 38.

*****Battery D, Second Anti-Aircraft Battalion demobilized January 19, 1919.

Official National Guard Register, 1936, page 96. Adjutant General's Office.

*****Reorganized as 468th Company Coast Artillery Corps at San Pedro, April 6, 1922.

Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 46.

+468th Company Coast Artillery Corps redesignated Battery K, 250th Coast Artillery October 6, 1923. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 51.

++Battery K, 250th Coast Artillery redesignated Battery E, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) November 1, 1924. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 51.

+++Battery E, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) redesignated Battery E, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) January 1, 1930.

General Order No. 24, dated December 31, 1929. Adjutant General's Office.

BATTERY E (Continued)

Captains

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Harry H. Morehead, Captain (Transferred from Bty. K, 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924) (Redesignation) (Promoted Major Nov. 28, 1924) (Assigned to command Second Btn. Dec. 2, 1924)	Nov. 26, 1921	Dec. 10, 1921
Lloyd W. Wells, First Lieut. (In lieu of Capt. Dec. 2, 1924) (Promoted Capt. May 15, 1925)	Sept. 15, 1922	Sept. 27, 1922
Lloyd W. Wells, Captain (Relieved of command Oct. 31, 1927)	May 12, 1925	May 15, 1925
Frank N. Gies, First Lieut. (In lieu of Capt. Oct. 31, 1927, to Aug. 2, 1928)	June 16, 1925	June 19, 1925
Scott L. McIntire, Second Lieut. (In lieu of Capt. Aug. 3, 1928) (Reassigned in lieu of First Lieut. Mar. 5, 1929)	July 24, 1928	Aug. 2, 1928
Carl R. Bauer, Captain (Resigned June 18, 1936)	Jan. 29, 1929	Feb. 6, 1929
Vivian Rapp, Captain (Transferred from Service Bty. June 19, 1936)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 14, 1936

First Lieutenants

Lloyd W. Wells, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. K, 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924) (In lieu of Capt. Dec. 2, 1924)	Sept. 15, 1922	Sept. 27, 1922
Frank N. Gies, First Lieut. (In lieu of Capt. Oct. 31, 1927) (Reassigned from in lieu of Capt. Aug. 2, 1928) (Transferred to Nat. Guard Reserve Mar. 4, 1929)	June 16, 1925	June 19, 1925
Scott L. McIntire, Second Lieut. (In lieu of First Lieut. Mar. 5, 1929, to Jan. 1, 1930) (Reassigned Second Lieut. Jan. 1, 1930)	July 24, 1928	Aug. 2, 1928
Vivian Rapp, First Lieut. (Promoted Capt. Apr. 14, 1936) (Assigned to Service Bty. Apr. 14, 1936)	May 19, 1929	May 22, 1929
Fred A. Thompson, First Lieut.	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936

Second Lieutenants

Frank N. Gies, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. K, 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924) (Promoted First Lieut. June 19, 1925)	May 13, 1924	May 26, 1924
Cyrus D. Murphy, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. C Oct. 5, 1925) (Transferred to Bty. B Jan. 31, 1926)	Apr. 22, 1924	Apr. 23, 1924
Vivian Rapp, Second Lieut. (Promoted First Lieut. May 22, 1929)	June 30, 1926	July 3, 1926

BATTERY E (Continued)

Second Lieutenants (Continued) Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Scott L. McIntire, Second Lieut. (In lieu of Captain Aug. 2, 1928) (Reassigned from in lieu of Capt. Feb. 6, 1929) (Assigned in lieu of First Lieut. March 5, 1929)	July 24, 1928	Aug. 2, 1928
Scott L. McIntire, Second Lieut. (Reassigned as Second Lieut. from in lieu of First Lieut. Jan. 1, 1930) (Transferred to Inactive Nat. Guard Sept. 6, 1935)	July 24, 1928	Aug. 2, 1928
Fred A. Thompson, Second Lieut. (Promoted First Lieut. Apr. 10, 1936)	Sept. 25, 1935	Sept. 25, 1935
Howard L. McGrath, Second Lieut. (Transferred to Inactive Nat. Guard May 16, 1938)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Dan B. Gulko, Second Lieut.	June 8, 1938	June 8, 1938

Paul J. Howard, First Lieut. May 15, 1928
(Transferred from 1st Reg. 3 Jan. 1, 1928)
(Transferred to 1st Reg. 3 Jan. 1, 1928)
Louis E. Gaffick, First Lieut. July 24, 1928
(In lieu of Capt. Jan. 1, to Feb. 19, 1928)
(Reassigned from in lieu of Capt. Feb. 19, 1928)
(Promoted Capt. 1st Lieut. Adv. Corps and transferred to 1st Reg. 3 Jan. 1, 1928)
Wm. J. Gaffick, First Lieut. Apr. 10, 1936
(Promoted Capt. and transferred to 1st Reg. 3 Jan. 1, 1928)
William E. Gaffick, First Lieut. Jan. 21, 1928
(Transferred from 1st Reg. 3 Jan. 1, 1928)

Howard J. Lowrey, Second Lieut. May 15, 1928
(Transferred from 1st Reg. 3 Jan. 1, 1928)
(Promoted Capt. Feb. 16, 1928)
Louis E. Gaffick, Second Lieut. May 25, 1927
(In lieu of First Lieut. May 27, 1927)
(Transferred from 1st Reg. 3 Jan. 1, 1928)
(Promoted First Lieut. July 27, 1928)
Wm. J. Gaffick, Second Lieut. Apr. 10, 1936
(Promoted First Lieut. Apr. 10, 1936)
Wm. J. Gaffick, Second Lieut. Apr. 10, 1936
(Promoted First Lieut. Apr. 10, 1936)
(Transferred to 1st Reg. 3 Jan. 1, 1928)
Frederic H. Jarvis, Second Lieut. Jan. 20, 1938

Battery F, 2nd Coast Artillery (A.S.) was formed by the redesignation of Battery B, 2nd Coast Artillery (A.S.) January 1, 1930. Adjutant General Report 1928-1930, page 12.

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BATTERY F

Battery F, 251st Coast Artillery, California National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: Long Beach, Los Angeles County

Organized January 1, 1930*

Captains

Commanding Officers

Name

Rank

Commission

George W. Oertly, Captain (Transferred from Bty. D Jan. 1, 1930) (Promoted Major and transferred to Hq. Second Btn. Dec. 31, 1934)	June 27, 1928	July 9, 1928
Lewis S. Unkrich, First Lieut. (In lieu of Capt. Jan. 1, 1935 to Feb. 19, 1935) (Reassigned First Lieut. Feb. 19, 1935)	July 14, 1930	July 17, 1930
Harold J. Lovejoy, Captain (Resigned Oct. 22, 1938)	Feb. 16, 1935	Feb. 16, 1935

First Lieutenants

Paul J. Howard, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. D Jan. 1, 1930) (Transferred to Nat. Guard Reserve Mar. 18, 1930)	May 15, 1928	May 19, 1928
Lewis S. Unkrich, First Lieut. (In lieu of Capt. Jan. 1, to Feb. 19, 1935) (Reassigned from in lieu of Capt. Feb. 19, 1935) (Promoted Capt. Med. Adm. Corps and transferred to 143d Ambulance Co., 115th Med. Reg., Apr. 27, 1936)	July 14, 1930	July 17, 1930
Vern J. Brustkern, First Lieut. (Promoted Capt. and transferred to Bty. H Jan. 21, 1938)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Julian A. Phillipson, First Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. G Jan. 24, 1938)	Jan. 21, 1938	Jan. 21, 1938

Second Lieutenants

Harold J. Lovejoy, Second Lieut. (Transferred from Bty. D Jan. 1, 1930) (Promoted Capt. Feb. 16, 1935)	May 15, 1928	May 19, 1928
Lewis S. Unkrich, Second Lieut. (In lieu of First Lieut. May 27, 1930) (Transferred from Hq. Det. and Com. Tn. May 27, 1930) (Promoted First Lieut. July 17, 1930)	May 25, 1927	May 28, 1927
Vern J. Brustkern, Second Lieut. (Promoted First Lieut. Apr. 10, 1936)	Mar. 21, 1935	Mar. 21, 1935
Hugh L. Hixon, Second Lieut. (Promoted First Lieut. Jan. 21, 1938 and transferred to Bty. H Jan. 24, 1938)	Apr. 10, 1936	Apr. 10, 1936
Francis H. Jarvis, Second Lieut.	Jan. 20, 1938	Jan. 20, 1938

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*Battery F, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) was formed by the redesignation of Battery B, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) January 1, 1930. Adjutant General Report 1928-1930, page 10.

BATTERY G

Battery G, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) California National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: Long Beach, Los Angeles County

Organized April 14, 1936*

Redesignated January 3, 1938**

CaptainsNameCommanding OfficersRankCommission

Clifford F. Beyers, First Lieut.

Apr. 10, 1936

Apr. 10, 1936

(Transferred from Hq. Det. Second Btn. Jan. 4, 1938)

(In lieu of Capt. Jan. 4, 1938)

(Promoted Capt. Jan. 24, 1938)

Clifford F. Beyers, Captain

Jan. 21, 1938

Jan. 21, 1938

First Lieutenants

Julian A. Phillipson, First Lieut.

Jan. 21, 1938

Jan. 21, 1938

(Transferred from Serv. Bty. (less band) Jan. 21, 1938)

(Transferred to Bty. F Jan. 24, 1938)

Orlo R. Peugh, First Lieut.

Jan. 21, 1938

Jan. 21, 1938

Second Lieutenants

Vernon D. McGuffin, Second Lieut.

Jan. 3, 1938

Jan. 3, 1938

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*A new battery organized at Long Beach and designated Service Battery (less band) 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) April 14, 1936. General Order No. 10, dated April 17, 1936. Adjutant General's Office.

**Service Battery (less band) redesignated Battery G, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) January 3, 1938. General Order No. 34, dated December 29, 1937. Adjutant General's Office.

BATTERY H

Battery H, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) California National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: Long Beach, Los Angeles County

Organized January 24, 1938*

Captains

Commanding Officers

Name

Rank

Commission

Vern J. Brustkern

Jan. 21, 1938

Jan. 21, 1938

(Transferred from Bty. F Jan. 21, 1938)

First Lieutenants

Hugh L. Hixon, First Lieut.

Jan. 21, 1938

Jan. 21, 1938

(Transferred from Bty. F Jan. 24, 1938)

(Transferred to Hq. Det., Second Btn. May 10, 1938)

Willis T. Lyman, First Lieut.

Apr. 4, 1938

Apr. 4, 1938

(Transferred to Hq. Det. Second Btn. Dec. 1, 1938)

Hugh L. Hixon, First Lieut.

Jan. 21, 1938

Jan. 21, 1938

(Transferred from Hq. Det. 2nd Btn. Dec. 1, 1938)

Second Lieutenants

John E. Hasper, Second Lieut.

Jan. 20, 1938

Jan. 20, 1938

*A new battery organized at Long Beach and designated Battery H, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) January 24, 1938.

General Order No. 5, dated January 25, 1938. Adjutant General's Office.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT DETACHMENT

Medical Department Detachment, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) California National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: San Diego, San Diego County

Organized November 4, 1921*

Redesignated October 6, 1923**

Redesignated November 1, 1924***

Redesignated January 1, 1930****

Majors

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Paul Ingebretsen, Major (Transferred from Med. Corps, 250th C.A. Oct. 29, 1924) (Resigned November 14, 1924)	Mar. 15, 1923	Mar. 15, 1923
† Paul Ingebretsen, Captain (Transferred from Med. Dept. Det. (H.D.) Jan. 1, 1930) (In lieu of Major Jan. 1, to Mar. 18, 1930) (Promoted Major Mar. 18, 1930)	May 4, 1921	Nov. 15, 1924
Paul Ingebretsen, Major (Transferred to Retired list Oct. 29, 1935)	Mar. 15, 1923	Mar. 18, 1930
Elliott G. Colby, Major	Nov. 20, 1935	Nov. 20, 1935

Captains

David Davidson, Captain (Transferred from Med. Corps 250th C.A. Nov. 1, 1924) (Transferred to Med. Dept. Det. 251st C.A. (A.A.) Jan. 1, 1930) (Redesignation)	July 2, 1924	July 2, 1924
Paul Ingebretsen, Captain (Transferred to Med. Dept. Det. (A.A.) in lieu of Major Jan. 1, 1930) (Redesignation)	May 4, 1921	Nov. 14, 1924
David Davidson, Captain (Transferred from Med. Dept. Det. (H.D.) Jan. 1, 1930) (Resigned Oct. 9, 1930)	July 2, 1924	July 2, 1924

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*Medical Department, First Coast Defense command organized in San Diego, November 4, 1921. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 38.

**Medical Detachment, First Coast Defense Command redesignated Medical Detachment, 250th Coast Artillery, October 6, 1923. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 51.

***Medical Detachment, 250th Coast Artillery redesignated Medical Detachment, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) November 1, 1924. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 38.

****Medical Department Detachment, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) redesignated Medical Department Detachment, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) January 1, 1930.

General Order No. 24, dated December 31, 1929. Adjutant General's Office.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT DETACHMENT (Continued)

Captains (Continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Elliott G. Colby, Captain (Promoted Major Nov. 20, 1935)	May 15, 1930	May 19, 1930
Milton H. Dameron, Captain (Resigned April 13, 1933)	Nov. 17, 1930	Nov. 19, 1930
Frank H. Aves, Captain	Feb. 5, 1932	Feb. 11, 1932
Howard A. Wood, Captain (Transferred to Inactive Nat. Guard June 26, 1936)	Dec. 22, 1933	Dec. 22, 1933
Andrew J. Hofer, Captain (Resigned Sept. 23, 1936)	Nov. 20, 1935	Nov. 20, 1935
Raymond W. Kelso, Captain	June 26, 1936	June 26, 1936
James W. Ravenscroft, Capt.	Oct. 16, 1937	Oct. 16, 1937

First Lieutenants

Elliott G. Colby, First Lieut. (Promoted Capt. May 19, 1930)	Feb. 25, 1930	Mar. 12, 1930
Frank H. Aves, First Lieut. (Promoted Capt. Feb. 11, 1932)	June 5, 1930	June 9, 1930
Howard A. Wood, First Lieut. (Promoted Capt. Dec. 22, 1933)	May 22, 1933	May 26, 1933
James W. Ravenscroft, First Lieut. (Promoted Capt. Oct. 16, 1937)	Sept. 30, 1936	Sept. 30, 1936

ACTIVITIES OF THE 251ST COAST ARTILLERY

The 251st Coast Artillery was organized under General Order No. 64, Adjutant General's Office, dated October 29, 1924, to become effective November 1, 1924. Regimental Headquarters were established at San Diego. The Regiment retained its original designation until the first of January, 1930, when it was redesignated the 251st Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft). From the time it was organized in 1924 until 1936 the Regiment consisted of six batteries, Headquarters Detachment and Combat Train, and Medical Detachment; the batteries being: Headquarters Battery and Batteries A, B, C, D, and E. In 1930, Battery F was organized. In 1936, Service Battery (less band), Headquarters Detachment, Second Battalion, and Battery G were added, and in 1938, Battery H was organized increasing the strength of the 251st Coast Artillery up to that of a full fledged regiment.

In the following pages the histories of the several units of the Regiment are given more or less in detail.

Headquarters Battery, 251st Coast Artillery was organized as Seventh Company Coast Artillery Corps, April 20, 1921. On January 9, 1922, the Seventh Company was redesignated 465th Company Coast Artillery Corps and on October 6, 1923, was again redesignated Battery G, 250th Coast Artillery. On November 1, 1924, when the 251st Coast Artillery was organized, Battery G of the 250th was converted into Headquarters Battery, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.). Headquarters Battery became the Service Section, Service Battery (A.A.) on January 1, 1930, and on April 13, 1936, was redesignated and again became Headquarters Battery only this time instead of Harbor Defense it was Anti-Aircraft.

The history of Battery A dates from October 12, 1881, when the San Diego City Guard was organized. The San Diego City Guard was redesignated Company B, Seventh Infantry Battalion, July 22, 1895; Company B, Seventh Infantry Regiment, May 5, 1888; Company B, Ninth Infantry, February 8, 1890, and on December 7, 1895, Companies A, and B, Ninth Infantry Regiment were consolidated and redesignated Company B, Third Battalion. Two days later, December 9, 1895, Company B, Third Battalion was redesignated Company B, Seventh Infantry Regiment. In 1898, during the war with Spain, Company B was recruited to full strength. Activities of all kinds went on and all was in readiness for the Seventh Infantry Regiment to take an active part in the hostilities, but nothing happened. The war ended and the seething activities of the summer and fall of 1898 gave way to humdrum peacetime events. On April 21, 1899, Company B was reorganized as Company B, Seventh Infantry Regiment and on June 1, 1909, was redesignated Fifth Company Coast Artillery Corps. Fifth Company was called into Federal Service for duty during the World War, April 12, 1917, but did not see service overseas. On August 31, 1917, Fifth Company was redesignated Fifth Company, Coast Defense of San Diego. The Fifth Company transferred fifty-eight men to Battery B, 65th Artillery Regiment, twelve men to the

Second Anti-Aircraft Battalion, and 13 men to the Fourteenth Company at Los Angeles, leaving the Fifth Company in a virtual state of disbandment. Although existing records do not so state, it may be safely assumed that the Battery was recruited to wartime strength as the War Department records show that on October 19, 1918, the Fifth Company was redesignated Supply Company, Twenty-fifth Regiment, Coast Artillery Corps. The Supply Company was demobilized at Fort Rosecrans, December 12, 1918. On February 21, 1921, the unit was redesignated Fifth Company, Coast Artillery Corps. The Fifth Company was redesignated 463rd Company, Coast Artillery Corps, January 9, 1922; Battery E, 250th Coast Artillery, October 6, 1923, and on November 1, 1924 was redesignated Battery A, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.). Battery A became Headquarters Detachment and Combat Train, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) on January 1, 1930 and on the same date Battery C, 251st became the present Battery A, 251st Coast Artillery, a Searchlight Battery.

The history of Battery B, 251st Coast Artillery began May 16, 1910, when the Eighth Company Coast Artillery Corps was organized. The Company was reorganized as Battery B, 65th Artillery, taking its personnel from the members of the Fifth, Eighth, Thirteenth, and Fourteenth Companies, Coast Artillery Corps, California National Guard. It was redesignated on January 1, 1918, at Fort Rosecrans, California, and left there February 28, 1918, for overseas, going by rail to San Francisco, thence by way of the Panama Canal to New York and Camp Merritt, New Jersey. On March 25, 1918, the Battery embarked for Liverpool and arrived there on April 2, 1918. It then entrained for Southampton and upon arrival there embarked for La Havre, France, where it entrained for Limoges, France. They remained at Limoges until July 31, 1918, when they departed for La Courtine. On August twenty-first they entrained for Rouvroy, where they were stationed until August twenty-eighth, when the unit was assigned as Army Artillery, First Army.

The Battery took position at Saint Jacques on the St. Mihiel Salient, September 1, 1918, participated in the St. Mihiel offensive September twelve, and from that point moved to a new sector in the Argonne Forest. There the Battery participated in the first Argonne offensive on September 26, 1918, being in position at the Rendezvous des Chasse.

The Battery was then attached to the Seventh French Army Corps and took position in Ravin des Vignes on the east bank of the Meuse River, and participated in the French offensive beginning October 7, 1918.

On October 23, 1918, the Battery took position in the Bois des Forges on the west bank of the Meuse River and participated in the offensive against the Bois d' Etrayes.

On November 1, 1918, the Battery was assigned as Corps Artillery to the First Army Corps, took position at Lancou in the Argonne Forest, and operated against the enemy positions until the signing of the Armistice.

On December 25, 1918, the Battery entrained at Rouvroy for Brest, where they embarked on January 15, 1919, arriving at Philadelphia January 30, 1919. On February 11, 1919, they entrained at Camp Dix, New Jersey, for Camp Kearney, California, where the Battery was demobilized February 20, 1919.

The Battery was in the front line in France 72 days, fired more than 2000 rounds of high explosives and suffered 28 casualties.*

Two years after the War, on February 10, 1921, Battery B was reorganized as Sixth Company Coast Artillery Corps. On January 9, 1922, the unit was redesignated 464th Company Coast Artillery Corps; Battery F, 250th Coast Artillery on October 6, 1923, and Battery B, 251st (H.D.) on November 1, 1924. On April 1, 1930, when the Regiment became Anti-Aircraft, Battery B redesignated Battery B, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.). Battery B is a gun battery.

Battery C, 251st Coast Artillery had its beginning as Eighth Company Coast Artillery Corps organized at San Diego April 20, 1921 and was redesignated 466th Company Coast Artillery Corps on January 9, 1922. 466th Company was redesignated Battery H, 250th Coast Artillery, October 6, 1923, and became Battery C, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) November 1, 1924. Battery C became Battery A, 251st Coast Artillery January 1, 1930. It retained that designation about six years, then a new battery was organized at San Diego and designated Battery C, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) on April 16, 1936. This unit is also a gun battery.

The history of Battery D, 251st Coast Artillery begins with the organization of the Twenty-third Company, Coast Artillery Corps on October 6, 1916. The Twenty-third Company was called into Federal Service August 5, 1917 and on September 4, 1917, the unit was redesignated Eleventh Company, Los Angeles Coast Defense Command. On February 1, 1918, the Eleventh Company was redesignated the Fourteenth Company, Los Angeles Coast Defense Command and on June 25th, 1918, the Fourteenth Company was redesignated Eleventh Company, Los Angeles Coast Defense Command. On October 20, 1918, the Eleventh Company was redesignated Battery A, Nineteenth Regiment Coast Artillery Corps. The Battery did not serve overseas, and was demobilized at Fort McArthur, December 25, 1918. Three years later, on November 28, 1921, the unit was reorganized as Ninth Company Coast Artillery Corps. The Ninth Company was redesignated 467th Company Coast Artillery Corps, January 9, 1922. The 467th Company became Battery I of the 250th Coast Artillery, October 6, 1923, and Battery I was redesignated Battery D, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) November 1, 1924. Battery D was redesignated Battery F, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) January 1, 1930. Seven years elapsed before a new Battery was organized at San Diego and designated Battery D, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.)

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*Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 37.

The history of Battery E, 251st Coast Artillery dates from September 24, 1916, when Sixteenth Company Coast Artillery Corps was organized. The Sixteenth Company was called into Federal Service August 5, 1917 for duty during the World War, and on September 4, 1917 was redesignated Fifth Company Los Angeles Coast Defense Command. On January 20, 1918, the Fifth Company was redesignated Battery D, Second Anti-Aircraft Battalion. The Battery was sent to France and participated in the following engagements: St. Mihiel, Champagne, Verdun, and Argonne. The Battery returned to the United States and was demobilized January 19, 1919. Four years later, April 6, 1922, the unit was reorganized and recognized as 468th Company Coast Artillery Corps. The 468th Company became Battery K, 250th Coast Artillery, October 6, 1923, and Battery K became Battery E, 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) on November 1, 1924. Together with the rest of the Regiment, Battery E became Anti-Aircraft on January 1, 1930.

Battery F, 251st Coast Artillery came into existence on January 1, 1930, when Battery D of the 251st was redesignated Battery F, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.). No changes have taken place in Battery F since its organization.

The history of Battery G began April 14, 1936, when Service Battery (less band) was organized at Long Beach. On January 3, 1938, Service Battery (less band) became the present Battery G, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.).

On January 24, 1938, another battery was organized and added to the Regiment. The new battery was organized at Long Beach and designated Battery H, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.).

Service Battery (less band) 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) was organized at Long Beach, April 14, 1936. On January 3, 1938, Service Battery (less band) was redesignated Battery G, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.). The following day, January 4, 1938, a new battery was organized at Long Beach and designated Service Battery (less band) 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.).

Headquarters Detachment and Combat Train, First Battalion was organized January 1, 1930. It was formed by the redesignation of Battery A, 251st Coast Artillery. The unit was designated Headquarters Detachment and Combat Train, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.) and located in San Diego.

On April 14, 1936, Headquarters Detachment, Second Battalion was organized at Long Beach and designated Headquarters Detachment, Second Battalion, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.)

The Medical Detachment, 251st Coast Artillery was organized November 4, 1921 as Medical Detachment, First Coast Defense Command. On October 6, 1923, Medical Detachment, First Coast Defense Command was redesignated Medical Detachment, 250th Coast Artillery. With the organization of the 251st Coast Artillery (H.D.) on November 1, 1924, Medical Detachment, 250th became Medical Detachment, 251st. On January 1, 1930, the Medical Detachment received its present designation, Medical Detachment, 251st Coast Artillery (A.A.).

When the 251st Coast Artillery was organized November 1, 1924, Lieutenant-Colonel Walter G. Gastil was placed in command of the Regiment. Lieutenant-Colonel Gastil enlisted March 1, 1921, and was discharged to accept a commission May 10, 1921. Having been assigned to duty with the then Seventh Company, Coast Artillery Corps, now Battery G, he passed rapidly to command of the Company. A vacancy in the Second Battalion, 250th Regiment, was filled by his promotion to Major. Upon the formation of the 251st Regiment, the command was given to Lieutenant-Colonel Gastil. Colonel Gastil had previously served in the Field Artillery and is a graduate of the F.A.O.T.S.* On December 10, 1927, he was transferred to the State Staff and on the following day, December eleven, Major H. H. Morehead of the Second Battalion, 251st was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and placed in command of the Regiment.

Lieutenant-Colonel Morehead's military experience dates back to the Spanish-American War, and he has been in harness to do his bit in all National emergencies. During the World War he was Colonel of Infantry and has an enviable record in that capacity. He organized the 468th Company, Coast Artillery Corps at San Pedro in 1922 and became its captain. In 1924, he was promoted Major and placed in command of the Second Battalion of the 251st.** After his promotion in 1927 to Lieutenant-Colonel, he commanded the Regiment about eight years, until October 18, 1935, when he was promoted Brigadier-General and transferred to the State Staff.

The last and present commanding officer of the 251st Regiment is Colonel John H. Sherman. Colonel Sherman was born June 23, 1890 in Jasper, Minn. He enlisted in the United States Coast Artillery Corps May 15, 1916, served during the World War in that branch, and was honorably discharged January 28, 1919. In November, 1921, Colonel Sherman again enlisted, this time in the Coast Artillery of the California National Guard. On July 6, 1923, he was appointed Second Lieutenant, and after serving through the various grades was promoted Major January 5, 1928.*** He served as Major in the First Battalion, 251st Coast Artillery until October 21, 1935, when he was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and placed in command of the Regiment. He served in that capacity until April 10, 1936, when he was promoted Colonel, and as such still commands the 251st.

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*California Guardsman, June, 1926, page 11.

**California Guardsman, November, 1927, page 8.

***California Guardsman, December, 1935, page 17.

When the 251st Regiment was first formed it was assigned to Harbor Defense. The mission of troops assigned to Harbor Defense is to defend the harbors with heavy armament and in the event of an emergency:

1. To prevent bombardment by an enemy.
2. To repel a direct attack by enemy naval forces.
3. To deny an enemy entrance to the harbor or its adjacent water areas.
4. To keep the enemy at such a distance from the entrance of the harbor that friendly naval vessels may operate.
5. To prevent the enemy from making a landing.
6. To fire on suitable targets offered by an enemy force on land.*

On January 1, 1930, the 251st Coast Artillery became Anti-Aircraft. Anti-Aircraft Artillery bears the same relation to air squadrons that Coast Artillery does to naval squadrons. Sea Coast Artillery relieves the Navy from assuming a defensive role in protecting our coasts and allows the Navy to perform its proper mission—offensive action against enemy ships. Similarly, the Anti-Aircraft service should relieve the Air Service from the necessity of assuming a defensive role in the protection of points which may be subject to Air attack and allow the Air Service to pursue its primary mission—offensive action against the enemy. Destruction alone is not the sole basis for judging the effectiveness of ground defense against air craft. Instead, its effectiveness should be measured by its success in preventing or limiting enemy aerial activities. In other words, the efficiency of ground defense against air craft is measured by its ability to destroy the morale of the aviator, to turn him back, to force him to change his course and altitude, or to require him to fly so high he cannot accomplish his mission.**

The First Battalion of the Anti-Aircraft Regiment is a gun battalion with a searchlight battery, three gun batteries, and Battalion Headquarters and Combat Train. The Second Battalion is composed of the Headquarters unit and four Anti-Aircraft machine-gun batteries, each armed with twelve .50 caliber Browning machine-guns. The searchlight battery has fifteen powerful searchlights and fifteen sound locaters. The latest sound locaters are so sensitive that the whistling and vibrations of the wires and struts on a plane in flight can be distinctly heard at a distance of several miles even though the motor should be muffled. By means of the Acoustic Corrector, proper corrections for sound-lag and refractions due to wind and temperature can be made, from which the approximate position of the plane is determined. With this information the searchlight is directed toward the target and a Searching Device recently perfected causes the light to sweep irregular circles throughout the skies until the beam is brought on the plane, providing the necessary illumination.

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*California Guardsman, June, 1927, page 15.

**California Guardsman, September, 1925, page 15.

Recent improvements have replaced the sixty-inch glass mirror formerly used in searchlights with a metal mirror which reflects a blue beam of greatly increased penetrating power and range, giving proper illumination of targets before they come within range of the artillery.

As a defense against low-flying planes and to enable an artillery unit to establish protection for its own troops and equipment against attack planes, a 50 - calibre machine-gun has been developed. This new gun has a maximum rate of fire of 700 shots per minute at greatly increased effective ranges and with terrific power. A recoil check and flash hider practically eliminates the flash, making it safe to use at night without fear of drawing fire from enemy artillery.* We can be assured that when, if ever, the danger of invasion threatens, the Anti-Aircraft can be depended upon to give prompt and effective protection.

In 1925, the 251st Coast Artillery led the State in percentage of attendance of enlisted men present and in 1926, a press dispatch released by the Chief of the Militia Bureau at Washington, through the Associated Press, told the entire United States that the California National Guard had a high record for attendance at Annual Field Training Camps. The Militia Bureau dispatch stated that the First Battalion, 251st Coast Artillery, San Diego; Third Battalion, 160th Infantry, Los Angeles, and Third Battalion, 159th Infantry, San Francisco encamped with 100 percent enlisted and commissioned personnel. Particular mention was made of the fact that the 251st Coast Artillery with 97 percent attendance was one of the honor regiments in the United States.**

Captain Orville H. Thompson of Battery A, 251st Coast Artillery won the "Distinguished Marksman" gold medal at the 1931 National rifle matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. Captain Thompson was the first National Guardsman in the 251st Regiment to qualify and the fifth in the entire State.

Every year a trophy is awarded by the United States Coast Artillery Association to the organization giving outstanding performance during the training year. In 1932, the 251st Coast Artillery, California National Guard finished second in the competition to determine which was the best regiment. The leading regiment was the 243rd Coast Artillery of the Rhode Island National Guard, which rated a percentage of 90.23. The score of the 251st Coast Artillery was 86.01%*** In 1935 the 251st Coast Artillery won first place and was judged the best Coast Artillery regiment in the United States for that year. Its score was 96.2. This award is made on the recommendation of the

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*California Guardsman, September, 1933, page 17.

**California Guardsman, November, 1926, page 13.

***California Guardsman, January, 1933, page 17.

Chief of the National Guard Bureau and is based upon the following factors:

1. Results obtained in target practice—70 points.
2. Percent of batteries of the regiment rated satisfactorily at the annual armory inspection—10 points.
3. Attendance at drills during the 12 month period prior to the armory inspection—10 points.
4. Percent of units rated satisfactory at field inspection—10 points.*

The 251st Coast Artillery served the State in a commendable manner during the emergency caused by the Earthquake at Long Beach and vicinity in 1933. The Second Battalion of the Regiment, under command of Major Ronald M. Harris went on active duty within one hour after the first earthquake tremor. Although the services of the National Guard were not requested by the Long Beach municipal authorities until late in the evening after the city was stricken, the Guardsmen were mobilized and fully equipped for service early in the evening of the first day. When authorization came from Sacramento, the 160th Infantry and the 251st Coast Artillery sent detachments to the devastated area. The National Guard units were assigned to first aid, emergency service and food and housing problems. The armory at Long Beach was thrown open as a first aid station, receiving hospital, supply depot, information bureau, and message center. A few extracts from a diary maintained by the 251st Coast Artillery following the disaster gives one some idea of the program followed:

March 10th

P.M.

- 5:55—Long Beach stricken by severe earthquake.
- 6:14—Broadcast over KGER (repeated at 10-minute intervals for two hours) "All National Guardsmen in Long Beach and San Pedro report at their respective armories immediately. Signed, Harris."
- 6:19—Filed telegram to Adjutant General, notifying of disaster.
- 6:30—22 Reserve Officers and 31 civilian advisors, named in emergency plan, report to Major Harris.
- 6:35—Captain Oertly reports 2 officers and 47 men in uniform and equipped, ready for duty. (Every man in unit a graduate of 14-weeks course in first aid).
- 6:40—Seven 6-man first aid squads sent out, maintaining runner communication with Armory at 15-minute intervals.
- 6:47—Station W6GSR, Tom Morrissey, operator, designated as official National Guard radio station.
- 7:10—Complete mobilization of battalion effected.

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*California Guardsman, April, 1936, page 5.

7:30—Received reconnaissance reports from 12 attached Reserve officers.

8:30—Third visit to civil authorities by battalion commander.

8:50—Second emergency surgery established in Armory.*

The diary goes on to give an account of the transformation of the main drill hall of the Long Beach Armory into a hospital ward, the officers' club room and enlisted mens' room into wards for more serious cases, and the establishment and maintenance of two operating rooms with a staff of nine physicians and fifteen nurses. In all, approximately 2300 cases were treated in the Armory establishment.*

A poem written by E. H. Layman of Battery A of the 251st Coast Artillery voices the thought of that Regiment:

There's no one who loves a knocker,
Unto him no praise is due,
For he is a useless being
Whose dread presence we eschew.

Give to us the man that's loyal,
One who knows, and knows he can;
A believer and a booster, and a real
Upstanding man.

None can countenance a shirker,
He's the wrench dropped in the works;
For the constant source of hindrance
Is the nondescript who shirks.

We are for the live-wire fellow
Who holds loafing as a crime,
And delights in work and boosting—
We are for him all the time.

There are wishy-washy fellows
Who are sordidly afraid,
Lest they might perform some service
For which they're not getting paid.

They are ruled by clocks and bugle,
And cannot by any chance
See how, by boosting their officers,
Can their interests advance.

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*California Guardsman, April, 1933, page 8.

Lord, give us the worth-while booster!
All the world has need for him,
There's no duty he fears to tackle
That requires grit and vim.

He's the rarest genus home
In this magic age produced
Is that man who shirks no duty
And never fails to BOOST.

There is a stunt practiced at camp each year by the 251st Coast Artillery which has grown to be a tradition with this Regiment. This is the "Goof Parade" planned for and carried out entirely by the enlisted men of the Regiment. This parade provokes the officers, enlisted men, and visitors to side-splitting laughter by its travesty on Army regulations.

The social life of the 251st Coast Artillery is not forgotten and they have their share of entertainments, dinners etc. The members join in heartily and make whatever may have been planned a success.

The 251st Coast Artillery is an up and coming regiment and each year the members are striving for more excellent records. As an Anti-Aircraft regiment they are trying to live up to the motto they have chosen "We aim to hit."