

History of the 40th Division, Quartermaster Section, California National Guard 1926-1936

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QUARTERMASTER SECTION

✓ Quartermaster Section, Headquarters, 40th Division, California National Guard

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

✓ Location: Berkeley, Alameda County

Organized June 18, 1926*

✓ Redesignated April 1, 1936**

Lieutenant Colonels

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Ralph L. Hughes, Lieut. Col. (40th Div. Qtr. June 18, 1926 to Oct. 21, 1927) (Transferred to Nat. Guard Reserve Oct. 21, 1927)	June 5, 1926	June 18, 1926
Clarence H. Smith, Capt. (In command of Qa. Sec. Oct. 21, 1927 to Apr. 17, 1928)	June 7, 1926	June 18, 1926
Lorenzo R. Cofer, Lieut. Col. (In command of Sec. Apr. 17, 1928 to Oct. 12, 1929) (Died Oct. 12, 1929)	Dec. 19, 1924	Apr. 17, 1928
Chis F. Harlan, First Lieut. (In command of Qa. Sec. Oct. 12, 1929 to May 6, 1930)	May 1, 1929	May 6, 1929
Floyd W. Stewart, Lieut. Col. (Transferred from Gen. Staff Corps May 6, 1930) (Transferred to Finance Sec. Hq. 40th Div. Oct. 25, 1930)	June 7, 1926	May 6, 1930
Charles E. Lutz, Lieut. Col. (Died Aug. 13, 1931)	Oct. 23, 1930	Oct. 25, 1930
Allan S. Watts, Capt. (Trans. from Hq. 40th Div. May 27, 1930) (In command of Section Aug. 13, 1931 to Nov. 4, 1931)	Apr. 1, 1929	Apr. 3, 1929
Howard W. Knefer, Lieut. Col. (Died May 1, 1933)	Oct. 21, 1931	Nov. 4, 1931
Allan S. Watts, Capt. (In command of Sec. May 1, 1933 to June 15, 1933)	Apr. 1, 1929	Apr. 3, 1929
William F. Daugherty, Lieut. Col. (Quartermaster Sec. 40th Div. redesignated Hq. 115th Quartermaster Reg. Apr. 1, 1936) (Assignment changed to Lieut. Col. Qac., 115th Qa. Reg. Apr. 1, 1936) (Promoted Colonel Qac. July 20, 1937)	June 12, 1933	June 15, 1933
William F. Daugherty, Col.	July 20, 1937	July 20, 1937

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*Quartermaster Section, Headquarters, 40th Division, California National Guard organized June 18, 1926. General Order No. 19, dated June 18, 1926. Adjutant General's Files.

**Redesignated Headquarters 115th Quartermaster Regiment, California National Guard April 1, 1936. General Order No. 8, dated March 31, 1936. Adjutant General's Files.

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<u>Captains</u>		<u>Commanding Officers</u>		<u>Commission</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Clarence H. Smith, Capt.	June 7, 1926	June 7, 1926		June 18, 1926
(In command of Qm. Sec. Oct. 21, 1927 to Apr. 17, 1928)				
(Trans. to Nat. Guard Reserve June 11, 1929)				
Allan S. Watts, Capt.	Apr. 1, 1929	Apr. 1, 1929		Apr. 3, 1929
(In command of Sec. Aug. 13, to Nov. 4, 1931)				
(In command of Sec. May 1, to June 15, 1933)				
(Resigned Nov. 20, 1934)				
Joseph H. Travers, Capt.	June 5, 1933	June 5, 1933		June 8, 1933
(Reassigned as Capt. Qmc. Adj. May 20, 1936)				
<u>First Lieutenants</u>		<u>Rank</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Arthur A. Clements, First Lieut.	June 7, 1926	June 7, 1926		June 18, 1926
(Resigned Apr. 20, 1928)				
Allan S. Watts, First Lieut.	June 29, 1928	June 29, 1928		June 30, 1928
(Promoted to Capt. and assigned to Hq. 40th Div. Apr. 3, 1929)				
Charles F. Harlan, First Lieut.	May 1, 1929	May 1, 1929		May 6, 1929
(In command of Qm. Sec. Oct. 12, 1929 to May 6, 1930)				
(Trans. to 159th Inf. Reg. July 21, 1930)				
Joseph H. Travers, First Lieut.	Sept. 29, 1930	Sept. 29, 1930		Oct. 25, 1930
(Promoted to Capt. June 5, 1933)				
Alexander B. Petray, First Lieut.	May 31, 1933	May 31, 1933		June 5, 1933
(Trans. to In. Nat. Guard Mar. 12, 1936)				

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Activities

Under authority contained in a telegram from the Militia Bureau of the War Department, Washington, D. C., dated May 4, 1926, directed to the Adjutant General of the State of California authorizing the organization of a unit to be known and designated as Headquarters, 40th Division. Under the authority thereby conferred, the Adjutant General, R. E. Mittlestaedt issued General Order No. 19, authorizing Major-General David P. Barrows to organize Headquarters, 40th Division, which included a Quartermaster section.*

The Quartermaster Section was organized, mustered in, and Federally recognized June 18, 1926, with Ralph H. Hughs, Lieutenant Colonel in command. Clarence H. Smith was commissioned Captain and immediately assigned to this organization. The Quartermaster Section, Headquarters, 40th Division attended all annual training Encampments from 1926, to April 1, 1936, at which time the unit was redesignated as Headquarters, 115th Quartermaster Regiment, California National Guard

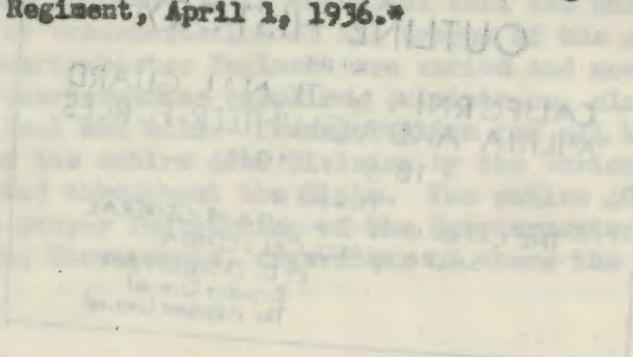
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The Quartermaster Section, Headquarters was an important unit of the 40th Division. The duties of the Section were varied. The Quartermaster has charge of the distribution of food, clothing, and equipment to the troops, motor vehicle fuel and oil, and the transportation of all troops by rail, water, or motor are responsibilities of an important nature for which the Quartermaster Section is entirely and wholly responsible. In time of an emergency call, the Quartermaster Section must be on hand to furnish subsistence, and transportation for all troops.

The Quartermaster Section Headquarters was redesignated Headquarters, 115th Quartermaster Regiment, April 1, 1936.*



Company A, 115th Quartermaster Regiment, 1,000 in Sacramento, California, was one of the first units of the 115th Quartermaster Regiment to be organized. Company A was organized and entered into the Service in the State on May 12th, 1936. The company was very successful in executing the organization of the 115th Quartermaster Regiment. The company was organized at Sacramento, California, on September 22, and 23, 1936. The Company organized and transported very early units of the 115th Infantry to the State Fair grounds for the exercises. The principal function of Company A is to supply motor vehicles and motor transport driving, and in particular, to supply and care of the trucks. The company is also responsible for the maintenance of the equipment of the National Guard in the Sacramento area. The company is commanded by Captain N. Weaver, District Quartermaster Officer, and District Quartermaster Officer. Company A also participated in the organization of troops in and from the State Fair grounds, Sacramento, July 9, to August 11, 1936.

The District Quartermaster Platoon, Headquarters Company, 115th Quartermaster Regiment, under command of Capt. N. Weaver, organized at Sacramento, California, 1936, changed the lines of work and the unit provided to handle the maintenance of the motor of the soldiers and their families and the maintenance of the troops, when they had been performing their duties in the Quartermaster Regiment.

*Quartermaster Section, Headquarters, 40th Division, California National Guard was redesignated April 1, 1936. General Order No. 8, dated March 31, 1936. Adjutant General's Office.