

HEADQUARTERS
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GENERAL ORDERS:

No. 1.

Putting into immediate effect provisions for the enforcement of
MARTIAL LAW in **THE CITY OF TULSA**, beginning at 12:00
noon Tuesday, August 14th, 1923.

1. Under and by virtue of the following proclamation and order signed by Governor and Commander-in-Chief J. C. WALTON, I hereby declare the **CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA**, to be under **MARTIAL LAW** after the hour of 12:00 noon Tuesday, August 14th, 1923:

PROCLAMATION

Declaring **MARTIAL LAW** in **THE CITY OF TULSA, OKLA.**

By virtue of the authority conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of Oklahoma as Chief Executive of the State and Commander-in-Chief of its military forces, I, J. C. WALTON, GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA, having caused an investigation to be made and being fully apprised that a state of lawlessness and disorder amounting to a state of insurrection against the civil law now prevails in **THE CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA**, and local officers of the law either cannot or will not suppress the breaches of the peace, I hereby declare **MARTIAL LAW** throughout the area of **THE CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA**, and have called upon the military forces of the state to enforce the same in order to end, at once, the condition of lawlessness and terror which now exists, to protect human life and keep the public peace until such time as the local civil authorities can again insure the enforcement of the law and the protection of the citizens of every race, class, and condition in the enjoyment of the civil rights and liberties guaranteed them by the Constitution of the State and of the Nation.

(SEAL) In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto attached my name and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed.

J. C. WALTON,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

1. By the authority which this proclamation confers upon me as Commander of the military forces called upon to put this order in effect, I hereby call upon all law-abiding citizens of Tulsa to lend their best efforts to co-operate with the military forces in the duty to which it is called of ending this condition of lawlessness and terror, mob assaults, and whippings that has resulted in this order for martial law.

The Civil authorities of the City of Tulsa will report through their department heads to Brig. Gen. Baird H. Markham, commanding the military forces for further orders.

2. Additional orders governing the conduct of business, the operation of public utilities, the opening and closing of public and private business houses and agencies that contribute to the comfort and welfare of the people will be issued from time to time as the situation warrants.

3. It is the hope of the Commanding Officer that a prompt compliance with the provisions of this and all other orders and the cheerful co-operation of the good citizens of Tulsa with the military forces will result in a speedy apprehension of the lawless elements responsible for this order and that the rigorous and exacting restrictions that accompany Martial Law may be quickly modified and wholly abolished by the speedy resumption on the proper basis of civil law and authority.

BAIRD H. MARKHAM,
Brigadier General, Commanding.