

# **History of 1st Field Artillery Regiment, Battery D California National Guard 1917**

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**Battery D, First Field Artillery**

Reference: Adjutant General's Files

Location: San Diego, San Diego County

Organized July 26, 1917\*

Mustered into Federal Service August 28, 1917\*\*

Redesignated September 24, 1917\*\*\*

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
J. Carl Schindler, Captain	August 1, 1917	August 1, 1917
Amassa P. Johnson, First Lieut.	August 1, 1917	August 1, 1917
John B. McDougal, First Lieut.	August 1, 1917	August 1, 1917

**Activities:**

Battery D, First Field Artillery was organized in compliance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, dated July 3, 1917.\*\*\*\* Less than one month after orders were received to recruit the company to full war strength, Battery D was mustered into Federal Service. New recruits were particularly eager to enlist in the artillery branch of service as they were assured of being sent to France after a period of Training. The length of time required for training varied somewhat and Battery D did not leave for France until August 1918\*\*\*\*\*. After having been mustered into Federal Service, the unit was stationed at the State Armory in San Diego. Captain J. C. Schindler began their training with a hike, marching his men "up the hill and down again". This exercise was followed by a drill. The troops were gradually put through all military requirements of drill and field maneuvers.

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\*Organized July 26, 1917.

Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 33.

Battery D, as part of the First Field Artillery mustered into Federal Service for duty during the World War, August 28, 1917. Muster Roll Battery D, First Field Artillery August 1917. Adjutant General's Files.

\*\*\*Battery D, First Field Artillery, redesignated Battery D, 143rd Field Artillery, September 24, 1917.

Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 33.

\*\*\*\*General and Special Orders 1917, General Order No. 16, page 40.

\*\*\*\*\*Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 24.

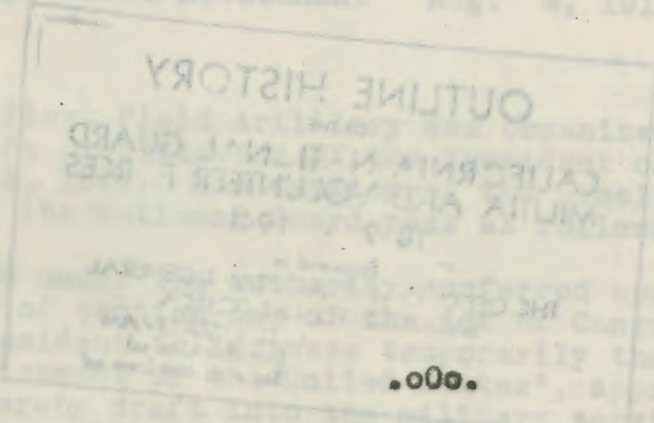
BATTERY D (Continued)

**Activities: (Continued)**

On September 24, 1917, Company D was reorganized as Battery D, 143rd Field Artillery.\*

For further activities of this unit refer to History of Battery D, 143rd Field Artillery, 40th Division.

NAME	RANK	DATE	ORGANIZATION
Walter J. Peterson, Captain		Aug. 1, 1917	Aug. 1, 1917
Albert G. Suddell, First Lieut.		July 21, 1917	July 21, 1917
John H. Fahy, First Lieutenant		Aug. 4, 1917	Aug. 4, 1917



Reorganized July 25, 1917.  
 Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 33.

Battery D, as part of the First Field Artillery mustered into Federal Service for duty during the World War, August 25, 1917. Muster Roll Battery D, First Field Artillery, August 1917. Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 33.

**\*Adjutant General Report 1920-1926, page 33.**