

History of the 2nd Field Artillery Regiment, Battery A California National Guard 1917

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BATTERY A

Battery A, Second Field Artillery

Reference Adjutant General's Files

Location San Francisco, San Francisco County

Mustered in August 4, 1917*

Mustered into Federal Service and redesignated August 5, 1917**

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Peter Benard Kyne, Captain	August 4, 1917	August 4, 1917
Grover S. Tracy, First Lieut.	August 4, 1917	August 4, 1917

Activities:

Battery A, Second Field Artillery was organized August 4, 1917, in response to a proclamation issued by the President of the United States July third of that year. The paragraphs pertaining to National Guard units read as follows:

II "And under the authority conferred upon me by clause second of section one of the Act of Congress 'to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States', approved May 18, 1917, I do hereby draft into the military service of the United States as of and from the 5th day of August, nineteen hundred and seventeen, all members of the National Guard and all enlisted members of the National Guard Reserve of the following States, except members of staff corps and departments not included in the personnel of tactical organizations, and except such other officers of the National Guard as have been or may be specially notified by my authority that they will not be drafted, to wit: -California-.

III All persons hereby drafted shall on and from the 5th day of August, nineteen hundred and seventeen, stand discharged from the militia, and, under the terms of section two of the Act of May 18, 1917, be subject to the laws and regulations governing the Regular Army, except as to promotions, so far as such laws and regulations are applicable to persons whose permanent retention in the military service on the active or retired list is not contemplated by law."

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*Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 115.

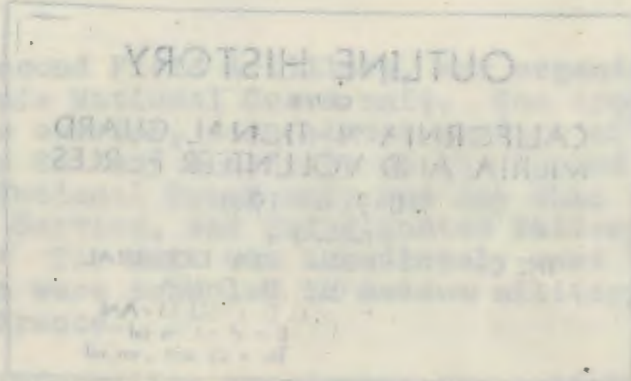
**Battery A, Second Field Artillery, mustered into Federal Service, August 5, 1917, and redesignated Battery A, 144th Field Artillery. Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, pages 21 and 22.

BATTERY A (Continued)

Activities: (Continued)

In response to the call for troops to serve during the World War, Battery A was organized as a National Guard unit, and was placed under command of Peter B. Kyne, a noted author. On August 5, 1917, just one day later, the unit was mustered into Federal Service and redesignated Battery A, 144th Field Artillery.*

For further information concerning the activities of this unit, refer to History of Battery A, 144th Regiment Field Artillery.



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*Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, pages 21 and 22.