

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

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BATTERY C

Battery C, Second Field Artillery

Reference Adjutant General's Files

Location Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara 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>
Stewart Edward White, Captain	August 4, 1917	August 4, 1917
Phillip S. Finnell, First Lieut.	August 4, 1917	August 4, 1917

Activities:

Owing to the need for additional forces for overseas duty in the World War, Battery C as part of the Second Field Artillery Regiment, was organized on August 4, 1917. The unit had among its members many notable persons and was placed under command of Stewart E. White, a well-known author. Captain White and Lieutenant Colonel Thornwell Mullally were the first two members of the "Grizzlies" (as the Regiment was nicknamed), to take the oath of the National Guard. They were sworn in by Lieutenant J. G. Devine at the State armory in San Francisco.

The unit was in the National Guard but one day when it was mustered into Federal Service, and redesignated Battery C, 144th Field Artillery.***

For further information concerning the activities of this unit, refer to History of Battery C, 144th Field Artillery, 40th Division.

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*Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 115.

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