

# **History of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, Battery D California National Guard 1917**

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BATTERY D

**Battery D, Second Field Artillery**

Reference Adjutant General's Files

Location Los Angeles, Los Angeles 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>
Robert Irving Bently, Captain	August 4, 1917	August 4, 1917
Richard J. Bond, First Lieutenant	August 4, 1917	August 4, 1917

**Activities:**

Battery D, Second Field Artillery, organized August 4, 1917 was one of the National Guard organizations comprising the regiment of "Grizzlies". The term "Grizzlies" was applied to the Second Field Artillery as it was the only California regiment composed entirely of local troops. Battery D had an enrollment of seventy members when the organization was mustered in as a unit of the California National Guard on August 4, 1917, although enlistments were afterwards accepted until war strength was reached. This unit, as part of the Second Field Artillery, was in the National Guard service only one day when it was mustered into Federal Service for duty in the World War. Upon entering Federal Service, Battery D was redesignated Battery D, 144th Field Artillery.\*\*\*

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

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\*Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 115.

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

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