

History of the 14th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, National Guard of California 1916-1917

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FOURTEENTH COMPANY, COAST ARTILLERY CORPS

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Fourteenth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, Second Coast Defense Command

Reference: Adjutant General's Office

Location: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

Mustered in September 22, 1916*

Mustered into Federal Service and redesignated Apr. 25, 1917**

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Daniel K. Smyth, Capt.	Sept. 22, 1916	Oct. 11, 1916
Harry L. Atwood, First Lieut.	Sept. 22, 1916	Oct. 11, 1916

Activities:

On September 22, 1916, the Fourteenth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, National Guard of California was organized and mustered into the service of the State at Los Angeles. Daniel K. Smyth was elected Captain and Harry L. Atwood First Lieutenant of the new company. About seven months after its organization, the Fourteenth Company was called into Federal Service for duty guarding railroad property, factories and munitions plants against sabotage. The Seven months during which the unit was in the service of the State were months of unusual activity. During that time the unit drilled regularly and faithfully. The Fourteenth Company was mustered into the Federal Service on April 25, 1917, and in August, 1917, was redesignated Eighth Company, Second Coast Defense Command, San Diego. On January 1, 1918, the Fourteenth Company was one of the four companies to furnish a number of recruits for the organization of Battery B, Sixty-Fifth Coast Artillery Corps. These former members of Fourteenth Company saw active service in France and participated in many decisive battles.***

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*Fourteenth Company, Coast Artillery Corps mustered into the California National Guard, September 22, 1916.
Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 115.

**Fourteenth Company was mustered into the Federal Service, April 25, 1917, Muster Roll, 14th Company, Second Coast Defense Command April 1917. Adjutant General Files.

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