

History of the 18th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, National Guard of California 1916-1917

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EIGHTEENTH COMPANY, COAST ARTILLERY CORPS

Eighteenth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, Second Coast Defense Command

Reference: Adjutant General's Office

Location: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

Mustered in September 26, 1916*

Mustered into Federal Service and redesignated April 25, 1917**

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
William J. Ergenzinger, Captain	Sept. 26, 1916	Oct. 11, 1916
William J. Ford, First Lieutenant (resigned February 17, 1917)	Sept. 26, 1916	Oct. 11, 1916

Activities:

The Eighteenth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, was organized and mustered in at Los Angeles on the twenty-sixth of September, 1916. William J. Ergenzinger was elected Captain and William J. Ford was chosen First Lieutenant of the new company. A record of events as shown by the monthly returns of the Eighteenth Company will serve to illustrate the activities of the unit. These were as follows:

<u>November 3</u>	Drill, instruction in military courtesy, school of soldier and squad. Major Frank R. McReynolds, Coast Artillery Corps National Guard of California and Staff visiting.
<u>November 10</u>	Drill, instructions in military courtesy, school of soldier and squad. Major Frank R. McReynolds and Staff visiting.
<u>November 13</u>	Non-commissioned officers' school.
<u>November 17</u>	Drill, instructions in interior guard duty, school of the soldier and squad. Major Frank R. McReynolds and Staff visiting.
<u>November 20</u>	Non-commissioned officers' school.
<u>November 24,</u>	Drill, school of the soldier, squad and company. Major Frank R. McReynolds and Staff visiting.

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*Eighteenth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, National Guard of California mustered in September 26, 1916.

Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 115.

**Eighteenth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, mustered into Federal Service April 25, 1917, Muster Roll, Eighteenth Company, Second Coast Defense Command, April, 1917. Adjutant General Files.

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Activities: (Continued)

November 27 Non-commissioned officers' school.

After a few months of training and drilling similar to the foregoing, the company was called into Federal Service. The last monthly return of the company has the following notations:

April 6 Drill, school of squad and company.

April 12 Responded to call of the President. Mobilized at Norman Hill Center, Los Angeles, California.

April 13 Squad, company drill and outfitting company each day until April eighteenth. Company entrained for Fort Rosecrans, California 9:26 A. M., on that date.

In August, 1917, the Eighteenth Company was redesignated Sixth Company, Second Coast Defense Command, San Diego.

The history of the Eighteenth Company covers only about a year before the unit was called into Federal Service. In that one year's time however, the organization made rapid progress in efficiency.

As a result of the entrance of the United States into the World War on April 6, 1917, the Eighteenth Company was called upon for duty, on August 24, 1917, and mustered into Federal Service and redesignated Seventh Company, Second Coast Defense Command.

Eighteenth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, mustered into National Guard, September 27, 1916.
Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 113.

Eighteenth Company Coast Artillery Corps, mustered into Federal Service, August 24, 1917, Muster Roll, Eighteenth Company, First Coast Defense Command, August, 1917. Adjutant General Files.