

History of the 20th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, National Guard of California 1916-1917

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TWENTIETH COMPANY COAST ARTILLERY CORPS

Twentieth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, Second Coast Defense Command

Reference: Adjutant General's Office

Location: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

Mustered in September 29, 1916*

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

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Roy E. Prentiss, Capt.	Sept. 29, 1916	Oct. 11, 1916
Charles E. Berry, First Lieut.	Sept. 29, 1916	Oct. 11, 1916

Activities:

The twentieth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, National Guard of California, was organized and mustered into the National Guard, September 29, 1916. The organization selected Roy E. Prentiss for Captain and Charles E. Berry as First Lieutenant. The Company had not been in existence quite a year when it was called into Federal service. No special activities are recorded in the papers of the Company, but a full schedule of drill and training is indicated in the Company's monthly returns.

Several coast artillery companies were called into Federal service by President Wilson in April, 1917., but the Twentieth Company was not mustered in until August 25, 1917, on which date the unit entered the United States service and was redesignated Eighth Company, Second Coast Defense Command, Los Angeles.

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*Twentieth Company, Coast Artillery Corps mustered in September 29, 1916.

Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 115.

**Twentieth Company, Coast Artillery Corps mustered into Federal Service, August 25, 1917, Muster Roll, Twentieth Company Coast Artillery Corps, August 1917, Adjutant Gener 1 Files.