

History of the California Naval Militia, 10th Division 1916-1917

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TENTH DIVISION

Tenth Division, Naval Militia of California

Location: San Diego, San Diego County

Organized January 26, 1916

Enrolled in National Naval Volunteers April 14, 1917

COMMANDING OFFICERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>COMMISSION</u>
Robert H. Baker, Lt. Commander	Jan. 26, 1916	May 19, 1916
Hugh S. Haynes, Lt. Jr. Grade	Jan. 26, 1916	May 19, 1916
W. M. M. Field, Ensign Sr.	Jan. 26, 1916	May 19, 1916
Selmar R. Siebert, Ensign Jr.	June 28, 1916	July 26, 1916

ACTIVITIES:

Due to the fact that the membership of the Third Division of the Naval Militia, stationed at San Diego, exceeded the prescribed limit and that new applications were pouring in, it was decided to organize a new division there.* As a result the Tenth Division, composed of fifty-four men transferred from the Third Division and six newly enlisted men, was organized on the twenty-sixth of January 1916. The new Division was mustered into the service of the State by Ensign J. C. Hizar, Assistant Paymaster for the Naval Militia.

Routine duties occupied the attention of the new Division until August 5, 1916, when four officers and thirty-six men embarked at San Pedro on the U. S. S. "Oregon" for a cruise to Puget Sound and back. An inspection of the Division was held on board the U. S. S. "Oregon" November twenty-sixth, and on December seventeenth target practice on board the same ship was held off Catalina Island.** No further activities affecting the Tenth Division took place until April 6, 1917, when war was declared to exist between the United States and Germany. Upon request of the Secretary of the Navy, the commander-in-chief of the State forces ordered them to assemble at their armories and prepare for muster. Three officers and fifty-nine men of the Division were, on the fourteenth of April, enrolled as National Naval Volunteers, and the entire organization was subsequently mobilized on board the U. S. S. "Oregon" at Mare Island.***

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*California Statutes 1913, page 1104, chapter 600.

**Files of Tenth Division Naval Militia of California, Adjutant General's Office.

***Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, pages 29, 42.

