

History of the California Naval Militia, 11th Division 1917

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ELEVENTH DIVISION

Eleventh Division, Naval Militia of California

Location: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

Organized April 9, 1917

Enrolled in the National Naval Volunteers April 14, 1917

COMMANDING OFFICERS

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>COMMISSION</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Joseph L. Armstrong, Lt. Com. | April 10, 1917 | April 12, 1917 |
| Charles W. Smith, Lt. Jr. Gr. | April 9, 1917 | April 23, 1917 |
| B. W. Lee Jr., Ensign Sr. | April 10, 1917 | April 12, 1917 |
| Dwight W. Jennings, Ensign Jr. | April 9, 1917 | April 23, 1917 |

ACTIVITIES:

The Eleventh Division of the Naval Militia of California was organized at Los Angeles April 9, 1917, and mustered into the service of the State on the same date. On April fourteenth four officers and fifty-six men of the Division were enrolled in the Federal Service, as National Naval Volunteers.* As this Division was organized after war was declared between the United States and the German Government, it is reasonable to assume that the members were desirous of entering the Federal Service immediately.

After enrollment the officers and men of the Division were mobilized with the other divisions of the Naval Militia on board the U. S. S. "Oregon" at Mare Island, and officers and men were assigned to duty; some on vessels of the Pacific Fleet under orders to proceed to the Atlantic Coast, and others to duties on shore.

The Naval Militia of California was not reorganized after the World War, and the enrollment of its members into Federal Service in 1917 brought an end to this organization.

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*Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, pages 21, 43, 115.