

**History of the California Naval Militia,
1st Company, Marine Corps (36th
Company, U.S. Marine Corps)
1917**

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FIRST COMPANY MARINE CORPS

First Company Marine Corps, Naval Militia of California
Location: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
Organized April 4, 1917
Enrolled in National Naval Volunteers April 17, 1917

COMMANDING OFFICERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>COMMISSION</u>
Newton Best, Captain Commander	Apr. 4, 1917	Apr. 27, 1917
Glenn E. Hayes, First Lieut.	Apr. 4, 1917	Apr. 27, 1917
John F. Talbot, Second Lt.	Apr. 4, 1917	Apr. 27, 1917
John L. Garner, Second Lt.	Apr. 4, 1917	Apr. 27, 1917

ACTIVITIES:

The First Company of Marines, formerly a detachment of the Seventh Division, was organized at Los Angeles, April 4, 1917, two days before the order came from the Navy Department calling the Naval Militia into the Federal Service for participation in the World War. It is quite evident that when the Division was organized the call to Federal Service was expected soon, and plans were made accordingly. From February 1916, to April 1917, the detachment was recruited up from twenty-six to eighty-four men.

Four officers and seventy-six men of the Division were accepted and enrolled as National Naval Volunteers on the seventeenth of April 1917, at Mare Island, and on April twenty-first subscribed to the oath and entered the Federal Service. On April twenty-fourth the members of the First Company of Marine Corps were detailed on the U.S.S. "Oregon", sent to Marine Barracks and designated as the 36th. Company, United States Marine Corps.* (While at Mare Island)

There is no record of further activities of this Division but there is little doubt that officers and men were ordered to proceed to the Atlantic Coast, and were there assigned to duty in connection with the World War.

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*Company Records on file in Adjutant General's Office.