

# **History of Ambulance Company No. 2, National Guard of California 1917**

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**Ambulance Company No. 2**

Reference: Adjutant General's Files  
Location: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County  
Mustered in April 28, 1917\*  
Mustered into Federal Service August 23, 1917\*\*  
Redesignated October 13, 1917\*\*\*

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Samuel G. Bay, First Lieutenant	July 20, 1917	July 25, 1917

**Activities:**

Ambulance Company No. 2 was organized and mustered into the State Service at Los Angeles on April 28, 1917. Lieutenant Samuel G. Bay was placed in command of the unit. A correspondent for one of the local newspapers wrote the following account of the muster in ceremony:

\*One hundred sturdy young californians offered their services to Uncle Sam last night at Norman Hill center. When only fifty-three of these men were called, a silence, so intense that it almost smothered, enveloped the hall. Ambulance Company No. 2 was mustered into the State Service at a minimum war strength, consisting of fifty-three men and five officers. The fifty-three who were called, and who attached their signatures to the roll, were very happy young men, but the other forty-seven were disappointed and downcast. Some of them, robust manly young fellows, were not ashamed even when tears welled up in their eyes. There was no demonstration and each promised to be on hand when the next call was issued, while a few decided to enter other branches of the service. Major Frank R. McReynolds, staff officer of the Second Command, California Coast Artillery Corps, was the mustering officer, he having been designated by Governor William Stephens and Adjutant General J.J. Borree. It was  
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\*Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, page 115.

\*\*Ambulance Co. No. 2 mustered into Federal Service for duty during the War August 23, 1917. Muster Roll Ambulance Co. No. 2, Adjutant General Files.

\*\*\*Ambulance Co. No. 2, redesignated 158th Ambulance Co, 115th Sanitary Train, 40th Division October 13, 1917. Adjutant General Report 1914-1920 page 22.

Activities: (Continued)

announced that Lieutenant LeRoy Bailey, of the Medical Corps, would be temporarily in command of the Company\*.\*

Ambulance Company No. 2 remained under command of Lieutenant Bailey until July twenty-fifth, when Samuel G. Bay was commissioned First Lieutenant, and placed in command of the unit.\*\*

On August 5, 1917, the Company was mustered into Federal Service, and redesignated 158th Ambulance Company, 115th Sanitary Train, 40th Division.\*\*\*

Fifth Separate Company	San Francisco
Sixth Separate Company	San Francisco
Seventh Separate Company	San Francisco
Eighth Separate Company	San Francisco
Ninth Separate Company	San Francisco
Tenth Separate Company	San Francisco
Eleventh Separate Company	San Francisco
Twelfth Separate Company	San Francisco
Thirteenth Separate Company	San Francisco
Fourteenth Separate Company	San Francisco
Fifteenth Separate Company	San Francisco
Sixteenth Separate Company	San Francisco

\*Los Angeles Times, April 29, 1917, page 9, column 5.

\*\*General and Special Orders 1917, Special Order No. 70, par. 1, page 132.

\*\*\*Adjutant General Report 1914-1920, pages 22 and 130.