

History of the 13th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, National Guard of California 1916-1917

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THIRTEENTH COMPANY, COAST ARTILLERY CORPS

Thirteenth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, Second Coast Defense Command

Reference: Adjutant General's Office

Location: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

Organized September 21, 1916*

Mustered into Federal Service April 26, 1917**

Commanding Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Charles F. Huston, Captain	Sept. 21, 1916	Oct. 11, 1916
Alfred T. Slaten, First Lieut.	Sept. 21, 1916	Oct. 11, 1916

Activities:

The Thirteenth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, National Guard of California was organized in Los Angeles and mustered in as a unit of the National Guard on September 21, 1916. The organization was the first of twelve new companies which were to be organized and mustered in to help man Fort McArthur, where the big guns which constituted the defense for Los Angeles, and vicinity, were located. The company was in the service of the State only about seven months, when they were called into the Federal Service for duty during the World War. The Thirteenth Company was one of six units of the Coast Artillery called into Federal Service on April 26, 1917, to perform guard and patrol duty in certain western states. During the month of August, 1917, the Thirteenth Company was redesignated Seventh Company, Second Coast Defense Command.

On January 1, 1918, a number of men were taken from the enlisted personnel of this company and attached to Battery B, Sixty-Fifth Coast Artillery Corps. As a part of Battery B, these troops rendered splendid service on the battlefield in France.***

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*Thirteenth Company, Coast Artillery Corps mustered into California National Guard, September 21, 1916.

Adjutant General Report 1914-1930, page 115.

**Thirteenth Company, Coast Artillery Corps mustered into Federal Service, April 26, 1917. Muster Roll, Thirteenth Company, Second Coast Defense Command April 1917. Adjutant General Files.

***Adjutant General Report 1914-1930, page 24.