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was commanded by Maj. L. A. Green; Capt. William J. Buck; Lieutenants Daniel Campbell and John Hawkins.

*The Field Hospital unit under the command of Maj. R. C. Turck saw service along the Mexican border in 1916-17. It was the only local unit that went there.

September 14: A great throng of people was at the union depot to say good-bye to the First Florida Infantry entraining for Camp Wheeler at Macon. The companies were: A (Jacksonville); B (Tallahassee); C (Lake City); E (Live Oak); F (Jacksonville); G (Marianna); H (Chipley); I (Pensacola); K (Milton); L (Apalachicola); M (Millville); Headquarters (Jacksonville); Machine Gun (Jacksonville); Sanitary (Jacksonville). The local companies were commanded as follows:

A (Jacksonville Light Infantry), A. Wright Ellis, captain; R. R. Milam, first lieut.; W. S. Blackmer, second lieut.
F (Jacksonville Rifles), George J. Garcia, captain; S. B. Kitchen, first lieut.; Benjamin F. Stone, second lieut.
Headquarters Company, Harry F. Conley, captain.
Machine Gun Company, W. D. Vinzant, Jr., captain; W. A. Gatlin, first lieut.; B. A. Heidt, second lieut.
Sanitary, James A. Livingston, major-surgeon.

The regiment was commanded by Col. S. C. Harrison, Jr., and the first battalion (comprising the Jacksonville companies) by Maj. Henry L. Covington, Jr.

*We must here leave the First Florida Infantry; it was disbanded at Camp Wheeler and its officers and men were assigned to other regiments. Most of them were sent overseas.

September: Quotas called to the colors under the draft of June 5, 1917, began leaving daily for Camp Jackson at Columbia.

December 1: Secretary of War Newton D. Baker visited Jacksonville and was given a rousing reception.

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January 19: United States soldiers from Camp Johnston took up the duties of guarding public utilities.
April 6: Mammoth parade commemorating entrance of