

The Army Camp



4th Artillery Camp in Texas City

streetcar transportation, and places of entertainment were established. The townspeople benefited from the \$450,000 monthly payroll.

The camp was located north of present day Twelfth Avenue, from the Bay extending westward. Some permanent buildings were constructed for housing officers and for kitchen, laundry and entertainment facilities, but soldiers were housed in tents, most of which were furnished with electricity. Corrals were built for the horses, and tennis courts and baseball diamonds were laid out. Rows of streets divided the camp into individual regiments. Commentaries printed in local newspapers praised the cleanliness of the camp and the general health of the soldiers, in spite of mosquitoes and drainage problems during heavy rains.



Troops arriving

Commanding the Second Division in February 1913 was Major General William H. Carter. His command headquarters was temporarily located in the office building of the Texas City Terminal Railway Company. A. B. Wolvin and Hugh B. Moore, both of whom had been instrumental in convincing the War Department to locate the troops here, accommodated the officers, even providing sea transportation for the troops when they invaded Vera Cruz in April of 1914.

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