

ARCHIVES RECORD

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RG0519

Fort Crook, Nebraska

Post Returns: 1896-1916

No. of Items: 2 reels of microfilm
1 cubic ft, paper

HISTORICAL NOTE

Fort Crook, Nebraska, was authorized by an act of Congress in 1888. However, land acquisition and construction of the post, located south of Omaha, delayed occupancy until 1896. Fort Crook, named after General George Crook, was designed to replace nearby Fort Omaha but this latter post was kept open as well.

During the Spanish-American and First World wars, There was considerable activity at Fort Crook. In 1920, the post became the headquarters of the 7th Corps Area and a flying field was constructed that same year. In 1924, this flying field was renamed "Offutt Field" in honor of a WWI airman from Omaha who had lost his life in Europe. During the 2nd World War, Ft. Crook was the site of a bomber plant which produced B-26 and B-29 bombers. A Prisoner-of-War camp was also located there.

Following the war, the entire installation was named Offutt Field and the name Fort Crook was abandoned. In 1948, the post became Offutt Air Force Base and was designated the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command.

Related Collection:

RG500 U.S. War Department
RG538 U.S. Air Force

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of records of Fort Crook, Nebraska, arranged in two series: 1) Post Returns, 1896-1916. These records relate to troops and activities at the fort. The microfilm was purchased from the National Archives in June 1972. 2) Misc. Documents and Photographs, 1915-2000. The series contains more information on Fort Crook during its period as a bomber plant.

DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE POST RETURNS, 1896-1916

Microfilm in ref. room

Roll #1 Post Returns, June 1896 - December 1905

Roll #2 Post Returns, Jan. 1906 - December 1916

SERIES TWO MISC. DOCUMENTS & PHOTOGRAPHS, 1915-2000

Box 1

Folders:

- 1) Transfer of Fort Crook Aircraft Assembly Plant from the Engineer Department to the Air Corps, December 31, 1941
- 2) AAF Installations Form #140 - Aircraft Assembly Plant
- 3) Historical Documents- 4 folders + loose documents
- 4) Lesson plans, Ft. Crook Upholstery School
- 5) Lesson Plans, Ft. Crook Ordinance Plant
- 6) Booklet containing lesson plans & other documents from William L. Parsons, Jr., Head Instructor of Upholstery in the Automotive School. Courtesy of Helen Parsons, Omaha, Nebraska
- 7) Army Motor Maintenance Text No. 12 - Hand, Measuring, and Power Tools, February 1, 1941
- 8) Photographs, mostly Ft. Crook & vicinity, unlabeled
- 9) Photographs, personnel & equipment, labeled
- 10) News clippings & chronology, airplane crashes
- 11) Post Hospital reports
- 12) Miscellaneous correspondence, reports, etc.
- 13) Map of Sarpy County, Nebraska, 1915
- 14) Five CDs - Bldg. D, #2-#6

SERIES TWO MISC. DOCUMENTS & PHOTOGRAPHS, 1915-2000

Box 2

Volume 1

Soldier's Diary, Anonymous, Cuba & Philippine Insurrection, Spanish American War, ca. April 1898 thru March 1899

Details company's trip from Fort Crook to boarding the freighter "Origaba" and arrival in Philippines. Account then relates forays against insurgents and does name soldiers who were killed and wounded.

Folder 1, Background information on soldier's diary

END OF INVENTORY

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