

Postscript: Camp Robinson, 1875

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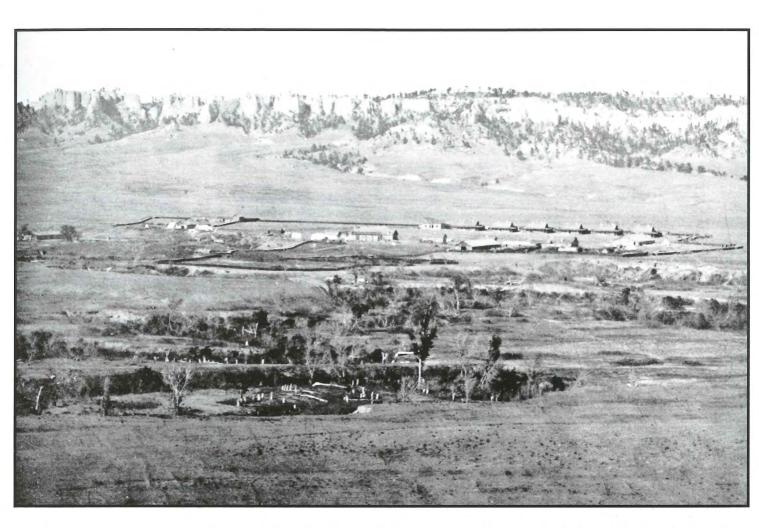
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n this detail of the earliest known view of Camp Robinson, taken in 1875, the buildings are surrounded by a barricade of cordwood, an improvised fortification that would gradually disappear into the camp's stoves (see p. 20). The White River, dotted with tree stumps, meanders through the foreground.

Only part of this view is recognizable to presentday visitors to Fort Robinson State Park: the bluffs to the north, obviously, and the six houses of the original officers' row, seen in the top right of the cordwood enclosure. The parade ground familiar to today's visitors was laid out in 1887 in the upper left part of this detail, across from where Highway 20 now divides the valley.