



Fort McKavett 35th U.S. Infantry Regiment

Company D

April 1868 – September 1868

Company E

April 1868 – July 1868

Company F

October 1868 – March 1869

Company I

April 1868 – October 1868

*(In 1869, the 35th and
15th Infantry regiments
consolidated into the
15th Infantry that
exists today)*

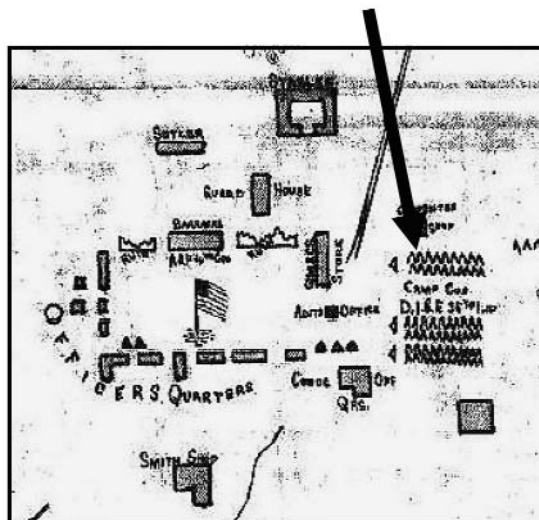
Fort McKavett State Historic Site

Located on the western edge of the Texas Hill Country, Fort McKavett State Historic Site is one of the most complete Indian Wars army posts in Texas.

Several quarters and buildings have period furnishings and displays. The site was home to all four of the “Buffalo Soldier” regiments as well as several other cavalry, dragoons and infantry regiments. Fort McKavett was active from 1852–1859, then again from 1868–1883.

Fort McKavett and the 35th U.S. Infantry

The 35th Infantry was the first infantry to return to Fort McKavett after the Civil War. While at Fort McKavett, the 35th Infantry lived in tents while they were rebuilding the post.



The major job of the 35th Infantry while stationed at Fort McKavett was reconstructing the buildings from that had lapsed into ruins during the nine years the Army was absent. The first priority was rebuilding the barracks for the enlisted men and the bakery. The Army had to have somewhere for the men to sleep and had to feed them. The only building left in good shape was the commanding officers quarters because it had been used by the Robinson family while the Army was gone.

The 35th Infantry was recalled starting in late 1868 to Austin. They consolidated with the 15th Infantry in March 1869 and stayed on the western frontier until the 1890s. Until the consolidation, the 15th Infantry was involved in “Reconstruction” after the Civil War. In their brief stay at Fort McKavett, they only had time to work on rebuilding

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the post. There were no Native American Indian scouts or expeditions mounted in their stay. Due to their efforts, the 41st Infantry and 9th Cavalry companies were able to move in to buildings on their arrivals almost immediately.



1st Lt. Adam Gale Malloy, a member of Company F, had been brevetted as a Brigadier General during the Civil War. He was originally from Ireland and had taken a rank of 2nd Lt. after the War to stay in the Army in 1866. He was promoted to 1st Lt. with his transfer to the 35th Infantry. After leaving Fort McKavett, he was unassigned until August 1870, when he was honorably discharged from the Army at his own request. His is the only photograph of the garrison of the post located at this time.



The Coat of Arms of the 15th Infantry was adopted years after the consolidation of the 15th and 35th regiments after Fort McKavett. Elements of the regiment still exist today.



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