



Fort McKavett 10th U.S. Cavalry Regiment

Company C

April 1875 – August 1878

Company K

April 1875 – May 1876

(The units were considered a company until 1883 when they were re-designated as "Troops.")

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 10th U.S. Cavalry

Buffalo Soldiers – Although the term "Buffalo Soldiers" has come to mean all black soldiers, the 10th Cavalrymen were the first to be called by that name.

10th Cavalrymen had no rest at Fort McKavett. They had patrols and campaigns against Native American Indians, they helped in the construction of the post, they guarded the mail routes and outposts of the Fort, and they built roads in West Texas. One of these roads was built with Company K of the 10th Cavalry, Company K of the 10th Infantry and two companies of Texas Rangers. This road became the modern Hwy. 190 to Fort Stockton.



Company K was commanded by Thomas C. Lebo. Lebo had started out as a first lieutenant with Company C of the 10th and was later promoted to captain and company commander.



Lt. Col. John W. Davidson was stationed at Fort McKavett in 1875 and 1876 after leading the 10th from Fort Sill, Indian Territory with Mackenzie and Nelson Miles.

FORT MCKAVETT AND THE 10TH U.S. CAVALRY



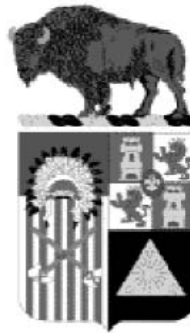
Capt. Nicholas Nolan was not assigned to Fort McKavett but was involved in two high-profile court-marshals in the 1870s. In the disaster of 1877, four of his men were court-marshaled at the post after they had left the command after three days without water. The other was when one of his lieutenants, Henry Flipper, was court-marshaled at Fort Davis and the post officers were involved in the court.



Unidentified 10th Cavalryman in the 1870s dress and equipment that would have been used at Fort McKavett when the 10th was assigned to the Post.



The patch of the 10th Cavalry was adopted years after Fort McKavett. Elements of the regiment still exist today.



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