

FORT RINGGOLD, TEXAS (1848-61, 1865-1906, 1917-44)

This post was established as Camp Ringgold at Davis Landing on October 26, 1848, by Company B, 4th U. S. Artillery, and Companies C and G, 1st U. S. Infantry, commanded by Brevet Major J. H. La Motte in accordance with orders from Brevet Colonel H. Wilson, 1st U. S. Infantry. Its name was changed to Ringgold Barracks pursuant to General Orders No. 8, Headquarters of the Army, July 16, 1849. Troops were withdrawn on March 3, 1859, in compliance with General Orders No. 1, Headquarters Department of Texas, February 5, 1859, but the post was reoccupied on December 29 of the same year pursuant to Orders No. 6, Headquarters Brownsville Expedition, December 28, 1859. Troops were once more withdrawn on March 7, 1861, in compliance with Special Orders No. 25, Headquarters Department of Texas, February 15, 1861. After the Civil War Fort Ringgold was occupied once more on June 24, 1865, by Companies A, B, C, D, E, F and G, 34th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in compliance with instructions from the commanding general of the District. The name of Ringgold Barracks was changed to Fort Ringgold in accordance with General Orders No. 9, Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri, December 30, 1878. Fort Ringgold was abandoned on July 1, 1906, pursuant to General Orders No. 104, War Department, dated June 11, 1906. During World War I, Fort Ringgold was again occupied and was declared surplus on June 30, 1944, in accordance with General Orders No. 8, War Department, January 5, 1944.

Records. 1872-1906, 1917-19. 12 ft.

The records consist of copies of letters and endorsements sent, 1888-1905; endorsements, 1892; registers of letters received, 1888-1905; letters received, 1874-75, 1884-85, 1887-88, 1891, 1893-95, 1898-99; copies of telegrams received, 1905; orders 1885-1905, 1917-19; records of courts-martial, 1891-96; charges and specifications, 1887, 1894, 1897; descriptive book of non-commissioned officers, 1891-1905; register of dental operations, 1902-05; rosters, 1897-98, 1900-05; proceedings of the officers' lyceum, 1897-99; descriptive book of Seminole Negro Indian Scouts, 1895-1905; report of prisoners, 1885-86, 1890-92, 1899; tabular statement of expeditions and scouts, 1872-87; recruiting reports, 1901; and report of schools, 1884-1904.