

DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSOURI

Fort Dodge, Kansas--Established, 1864

- Location-----On the left bank of the Arkansas River. Its location is upon made ground, the wastings from bluffs. Latitude, $37^{\circ}30'$ north; longitude, 100° west. Post office at Hays City, Kansas, the nearest town or settlement, ninety-six miles distant.
- Quarters----- For one company of cavalry, built of adobe, and for two companies of infantry, built of stone. Officers' quarters; one set stone, one set frame, and one set adobe; also one frame building, $39\frac{1}{2}$ by 55 feet, with kitchen 24 by 32 feet; three frame buildings, each $44\frac{1}{2}$ by $31\frac{1}{2}$ feet, with kitchen 25 feet by $31\frac{1}{2}$ feet. *Sod*
- Store-houses----Two, quartermaster and commissary, built of stone. One forage house (frame), capacity about twelve thousand bushels, and one with capacity for three thousand bushels.
- Hospital, guard-house, &c. Hospital built of stone, with an additional ward built of wood. Miscellaneous buildings: one bake-house (substantial stone building, with two brick ovens); temporary guard-house; carpenter and wheelwright's shop; slaughter house; corral for beef cattle, 150 by 100 feet; cavalry corral, sod, capacity one hundred and twenty animals; a temporary shed covering, 300 by 100 feet, with stable accommodations for one hundred animals. The foundations of the garrison buildings are very insecure; the walls of some of the larger buildings will not stand for any length of time, and even now some of them are settling, more particularly the commanding officers' quarters, and cavalry quarters.
- Supply depots-- The nearest quartermaster and subsistence depots are at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, three hundred and sixty-seven miles distant. The route of supply is by rail from Leavenworth City to Hays City, thence by wagons; no permanent obstructions. Best season for transporting supplies, early fall. Clothing and grain are furnished from St. Louis depot. Hay is cut in the vicinity, and supplied by contract.

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