

(David's Island)

FORT SLOCUM, N. Y. (1896-1948)

From about 1862 to about December 1866 David's Island was used for medical purposes, the De Camp General Hospital being located there during that period. The post was reoccupied by the 8th Infantry on October 28, 1870, pursuant to Special Orders No. 225, Department of the South. The post appears to have been garrisoned until about October 1874 when the troops were withdrawn. In compliance with instructions from the Office of The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., dated June 24, 1878, the Principal Depot, General Recruiting Service, was transferred from Governor's Island to David's Island on July 6, 1878.

General Orders No. 33, War Department, August 16, 1894, provided that David's Island would be garrisoned by troops of the line by October 1, 1894, or as soon thereafter as possible, and that David's Island would then be taken up as a military post by the Department of the East. The same orders continued the recruiting rendezvous at David's Island.

General Orders No. 28, War Department, July 1, 1896, changed the name of the post on David's Island to Fort Slocum in honor of Maj. Gen. Henry W. Slocum, U. S. Volunteers.

About September 1906 the garrison at Fort Slocum was withdrawn and the installation was used for a recruiting depot. During World War I the post was used for training as well as recruiting purposes. Fort Slocum is still active.

Records. 1870-74. 1½ ft.

The records consist of copies of letters sent, endorsements, registers of letters received, and orders, all for the period 1870-74.