Camp Crane History

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CAMP CRANE HAS PASSED INTO HISTORY

Colors Lowered at Noon And Grounds Returned to Agricultural Society.

COLONEL SLEE'S LETTER

Governments, Officers and Men Spent Five Million Dollars Here Since

Camp Crane passed into history at noon to-day. Promptly at 12 o'clock the colors were lowered and the grounds automatically returned to the Lehigh County Agricultural Society.

Lieut. Col. Richardson Slee, who has been the commanding officer at Camp Crane since the departure of Lieut. Col. Howard Medford, yesterday forwarded a letter to Mayor R. L. Heth- enbach at Atlantic City, thanking him and the City of Allentown for the incomparable kindness shown to the officers and men who were quartered at the Fair Grounds. A copy of this letter follows:

To: R. L. Hethenbach,
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

MyDear Mayor Hethenbach—On Thursday, April 18th, 1894, 12 A. M.
the colors will be lowered at Camp Crane, and the grounds turned over to you. The Lehigh County Agricultural Society, Camp Crane Post, will come to be a government institution, and will shortly become as familiar a name as any in the settled. Through various circumstances, it has been my lot to help open Camp Crane as it is now continuous duty throughout its entire history, and to close same.

I am therefore familiar with all that has transpired in connection with Camp Crane and its association with the City of Allentown. I am sure that the interest of the Fair Grounds by Col. F. E. F. on account of the U. S. Army Ambulance Service has been of material benefit to the City of Allentown. It has made its name and location known practically throughout the world. The material gain in the expenditures of about $250,000, estimated on the part of the Government, in various agencies, and the officers and men stationed here, must be replaced. The Fair Association has been paid practically $100,000 in rental and damages.

But it is not of these material results I write, but rather in connection with the unselfish and continuous kindness shown to our officers and men by the Citizens of Allentown, and the warm and lasting friendships which have been made, friendships that will last through life.

My sincere thanks to all the many friends who have contributed to the pleasure of our stay in Allentown, who helped to pass pleasantly and pleasantly the long weary hours which our men spent while awaiting orders, but on behalf of all of these officers and men, I take this means of publicly acknowledging the indebtedness of Camp Crane to the Citizens of Allentown, and to those who have written, telegraphed and telephoned, and finally for all that they have done, and I am certain that the officers and men of the 2nd K. and W. Engineers, and those officers and men, and the Citizens of Allentown, and to those who have written, telegraphed and telephoned, and finally for all that they have done, and I am certain that the officers and men of the 2nd K. and W. Engineers, and those officers and men.

Yours sincerely,

RICHARD SLEE,
Commanding Camp Crane.