



Camp Mills Photographs, 1919

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Historical background:

Camp Mills was a World War I military installation located in Mineola, New York. Named after Major General Albert L. Mills, it is recognized as the birthplace of the elite 42nd Infantry of the National Guard, better known as the “Rainbow Division.” Initially established as a temporary camp in September 1917, it soon became the largest training center for American expedition forces and an active port of embarkation for troops in transit to France. Camp Mills was utilized as such until Armistice Day, November 11, 1918, when it was converted to a port of debarkation where garrison troops were stationed upon returning from Europe. Post-war operations continued until March 31, 1920, and in 1938 it was incorporated into Mitchel Air Force Base, which was later decommissioned in 1961.

Scope and content:

The collection is comprised of sixty-one 2 5/8” x 4 3/8” and six 3 1/8” x 5 1/2” black-and-white photographs taken by an unknown WWI soldier in the Quartermaster Corps. The photos were taken between January and April of 1919, when Camp Mills was used as a post-war port of debarkation. They depict daily life at the camp, and contain annotations on the versos.

Noteworthy items include views of the Curtiss aircraft plant as well as images of health precautions taken by troops during the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic, the first H1N1 outbreak in the US.

Note: The land that Camp Mills was built on is now part of the village of Garden City.

SUBJECTS

Names:

Cox, Fred.
Harr, John L.
Houker, Walter.
LaGarr, Barney.
Mills, Major General Albert L.
Camp Mills (N.Y.)
Curtiss Engineering Corporation
Mitchel Field (N.Y.)

Subjects:

Aeronautics --New York (State) --Long Island --History.
Influenza Epidemic, 1918-1919 --United States.
Long Island Railroad Company --History.
Military camps --New York--Camp Mills --History --20th century.
Military helicopters--United States--History--20th century.
Sailors--American--1910-1920.
Soldiers --Recreation.
Soldiers --United States.
United States. Army--Military life--History--20th century.
United States. Army. Quartermaster Corps.
United States --History --World War I, 1914-1918.
World War, 1914-1918 --Health aspects.
World War, 1914-1918 --Regimental histories --United States --42nd (Rainbow) Division.

Places:

Garden City, NY.
Hempstead, NY.
Mineola, NY.

Form and Genre Terms:

Photographs.

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1-1	Unidentified soldier (left) and Lieutenant Cullen (right) exercising	1919
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1-3	"Souza" and unidentified soldier in military vehicle	1919
1-4	Fred Cox (left) and Walter Hounker (right) in military vehicle	1919
1-5	Unidentified soldier in front of tent	1919
1-6	Fred Cox in front of tent	1919
1-7	Unidentified soldier (left) and Fred Cox (right) in front of tent	1919
1-8	Unidentified soldiers posing in "Totem pole formation	1919
1-9	Walter Hounker (at right) and unidentified soldiers in front of tent that was being aired out as precaution against spread of influenza	1919
1-10	Unidentified soldiers playing "craps"	1919
1-11	Unidentified soldiers in front of barracks	1919
1-12	Unidentified soldiers in front of tent that was being aired out as precaution against spread of influenza.	1919
1-13	Unidentified soldier	1919
1-14	Unidentified soldier before departing for New York City	1919
1-15	Destroyed building	Jan. 4, 1919
1-16	Unidentified soldier	1919
1-17	Unidentified soldier (left) and Lieutenant Cullen (right) outside of "the joint"	1919
1-18	Unidentified soldiers in front of tent	1919
1-19	Unidentified soldiers in front of tent	1919
1-20	Fred Cox (left) and Walter Hounker (right) arguing over some bananas.	1919
1-21	"Dave" posing in park	Mar. 12, 1919
1-22	Unidentified soldiers standing in field	Mar. 12, 1919
1-23	Walkway and view of the "Y"	Mar. 12, 1919
1-24	Unidentified soldier standing in park	Mar. 12, 1919
1-25	Unidentified soldiers standing in street	Mar. 12, 1919
1-26	"Dave" and unidentified soldier, warehouses and Curtiss plant in background	Mar. 12, 1919
1-27	"Souza" (left) and unidentified soldier (right) in front of Colonel's car	Mar. 12, 1919
1-28	Unidentified soldiers in front of Colonel's car	Mar. 12, 1919
1-29	Unidentified soldier (left) and "Souza" (right), warehouses and Curtiss plant in background	Mar. 12, 1919
1-30	Unidentified soldier (left), "Dave" (center), and "Souza" (right)	Mar. 12, 1919
1-31	Unidentified soldiers in front of tents that were being aired out as precaution against spread of influenza	1919
1-32	Unidentified soldier in front of tent that was being aired out as precaution against spread of influenza	1919
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1-34	Unidentified soldiers standing in front of tents (2 copies)	1919
1-35	Quartermasters sitting in front of tent that was being aired out as a precaution against spread of influenza	1919
1-36	Fred Cox (bottom left) and unidentified soldiers	1919

1-37	Walter Hounker (left) and unidentified soldier (right)	1919
1-38	Unidentified soldier having a snack	1919
1-39	Unidentified soldiers on a Sunday afternoon	1919
1-40	Unidentified soldier in front of a hedge, smoking a cigarette	1919
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1-42	Fred Cox (right) playing cards with unidentified soldiers	1919
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1-44	Unidentified soldier with mess equipment, before a meal	1919
1-45	Unidentified soldier (left) and Barney LaGarr (right)	1919
1-46	Unidentified soldier reading a letter	1919
1-47	Unidentified soldier (left) and "Souza" (right) in front of tent	1919
1-48	Fred Cox (second from right) and unidentified soldiers	1919
1-49	Quartermasters sitting in front of tent that was being aired out as a precaution against spread of influenza	1919
1-50	"Souza" (at right) and unidentified soldiers on ship	Jan. 4, 1919
1-51	Unidentified sailor (left) and unidentified soldier (right) on ship	Jan. 4, 1919
1-52	"Souza" (top row, right) with unidentified soldiers and unidentified sailor (bottom row, right) on ship	Jan. 4, 1919
1-53	Unidentified soldier in overcoat	1919
1-54	Lieutenant Cullen (center) and unidentified soldiers	1919
1-55	Lieutenant Cullen and unidentified soldiers	1919
1-56	View of the Curtiss Plant	1919
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1-58	"Souza" (far left), Walter Hounker (second from left), Barney LaGarr (crouching on ground) and unidentified soldiers in front of barracks	Apr. 2, 1919
1-59	Unidentified soldiers in front of Liberty Theatre	Mar. 12, 1919
1-60	Aerial view of Liberty Theatre showing Hempstead and Garden City in distance	1919
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1-63	"Souza" (right) sitting with unidentified soldier	Mar. 12, 1919
1-64	View of the Hempstead LIRR station	1919
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