

THE CAMP

The Camp covered an area of 256 acres. A hundred and four was contained in the fenced compound. The remaining hundred fifty two acres were used for farms, stock, recreational purposes and personnel residences.

There were 69⁴ buildings, with 85⁴ family units or apartments. The camp was built at the cost of \$1,000,000.00

Part of our water supply came from Crystal City, the remainder from an old well on the camp grounds, which was recased and a new pump purchased to give us the additional water needed.

When we reached the capacity at which the Crystal City plant could take care of our sewage, we built our own sewage plant, to take care of the excess which became colloquially known as Lake O'Rourke.

Electricity was furnished by the Central Power and Light Company, but an auxiliary system was set up, so that if the electricity was cut off, which it frequently is in this part of the country, lights could be furnished for the Hospital, Surveillance Office and the fence.

It is estimated that 10,000 Enemy Aliens have been interned here, altho our peak population at any one time was about 3800.