

"Shortly after the company's return to Palm City, the camp was moved to within a quarter of a mile of the ocean, at a place named Imperial Beach. Here the regiment started the work of making a winter camp. We built store-houses, company mess-houses, shower baths and installed electric lights in each tent. A course of drill and instruction was laid out which would cover a period of several months and end up in extensive manœuvres. We drilled three hours in the morning and sometimes marched or worked out problems at night.

"Our stay at Imperial Beach was more like a pleasure trip than an army encampment. As we generally had the afternoons and evenings to ourselves, there was plenty of time for sports. Swimming in the ocean was the most popular one. The Army and Navy branch of the Y.M.C.A. did fine service in organizing baseball leagues, boxing and wrestling matches and track meets. They erected a building and furnished writing materials, piano and phonograph. The City of San Diego furnished special auto service for the soldiers to and from the city.

"Just as the improvements were being completed, and we were about settled down for a long stay, we received orders on the 31st of August to move to our mobilization camp at once. Although most of us were glad to go home, it came as a great surprise. Soon after our arrival at Clackamas, the work of mustering us out of the Federal Service and into a reorganized National Guard started, and finally we were allowed to return to our homes and civilian occupations on the 21st of September."