

ORAL HISTORY 01-75-05 PT. 2

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Down in the village of Eagle they had a huge bear in a pen constructed of logs. It was located near the saloon and café. It was a black bear. Sgt. Barnes once announced that he was going to wrestle the bear after having a few drinks. Barnes climbed out of the bear pen without a scratch on him.

The school that was held at the fort taught the men basic reading, writing and arithmetic. They also had a box that held questions by the soldiers.

During the summer of 1909 there were two prostitutes who set up housekeeping in the village of Eagle. The commanding officer gathered the men together and lectured them on the morals of the soldier. He threatened to put the first man to visit the prostitutes in the farthest corner of the guardhouse. Due to the respect that the men had for their commanding officer and the threat of guardhouse duty at -50 temperatures the prostitutes left the village without making a dollar from any of the American soldiers.