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A day or two after the battery was organized, news came that the artillery units were all to be sent to some place in the southwest - I believe Fort Sam Houston, at San Antonio, - for training. We packed our belongings one afternoon, preparing to entrain early the following morning. That night, however, the original order was cancelled and we stayed at Chickamauga Park.

By this time, David Lee, my fellow Carthaginian, had been eliminated at the second physical examination. Shortly afterward orders came to weed out such remaining cadets as were considered undesirable for the reserve officers corps. Willis West was sent home. Sam Felts was also dropped, but went directly to Colonel Slocum and in a

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