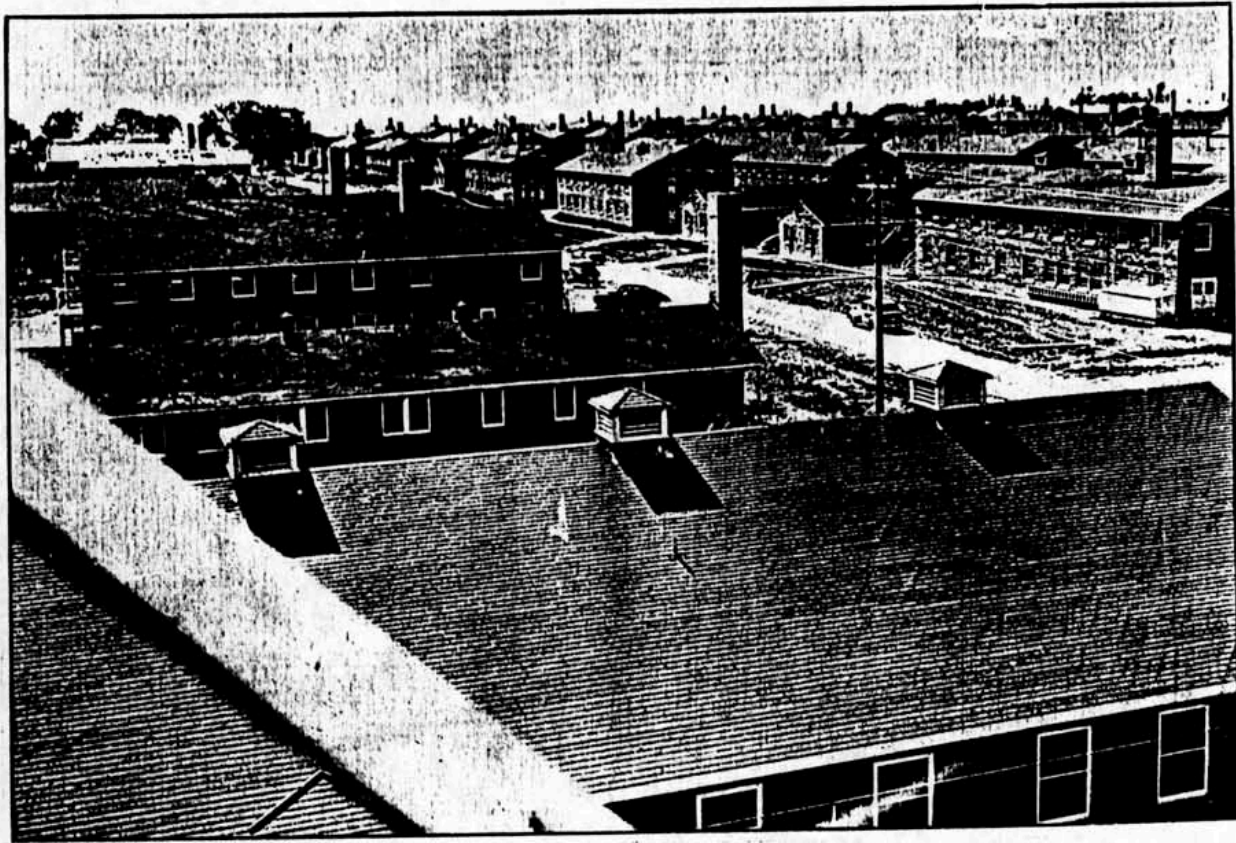
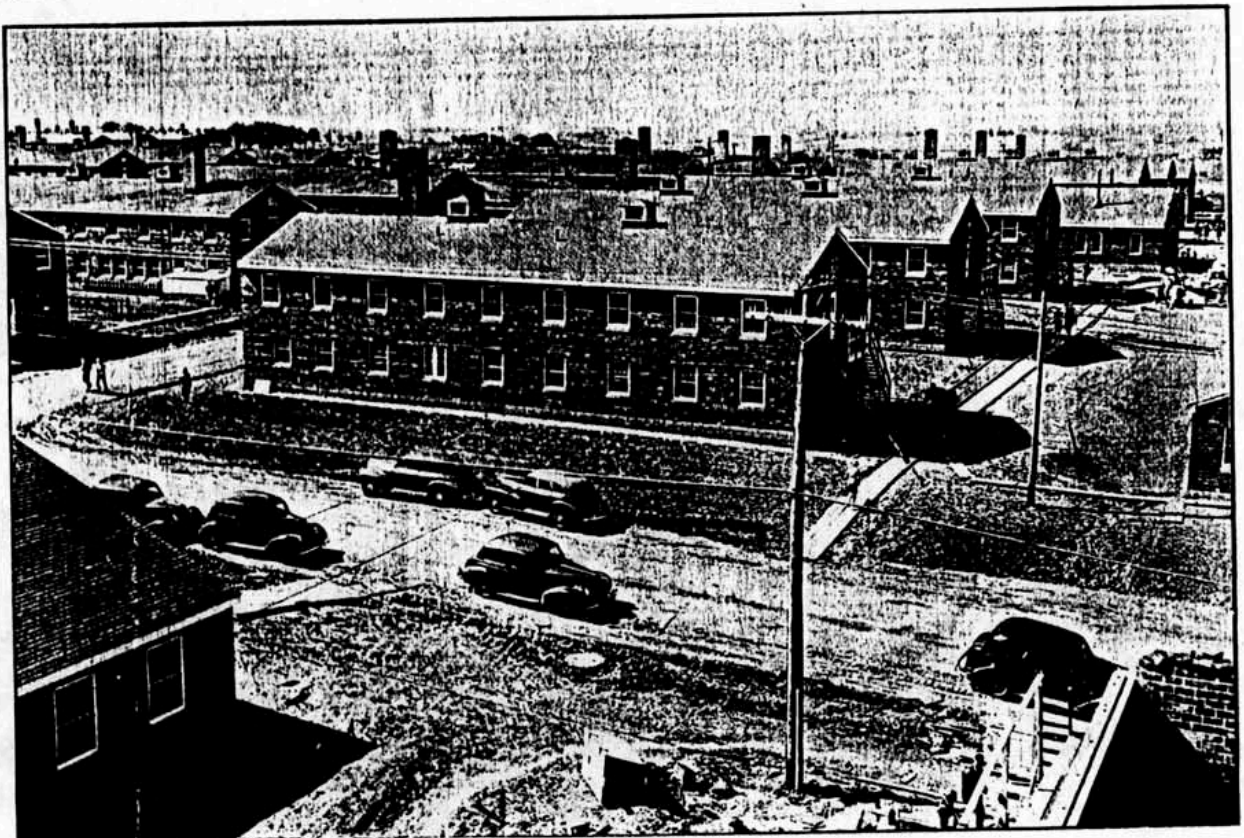


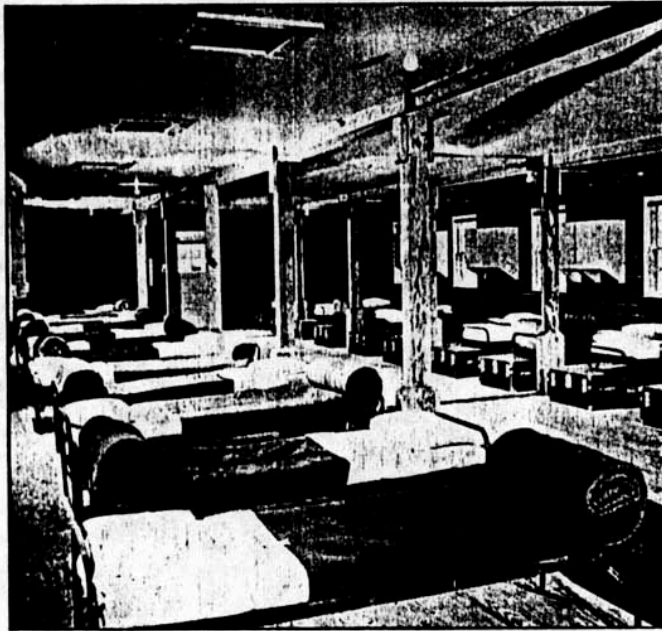
# WAAC Boomtown



A new city has risen at Fort Des Moines, on a site which in early August was still meadow. The city, pictured below, is to house some 3,500 members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. It was put up by Woodcrest Construction Co. and Rosoff Brothers, Inc., New York, who used structural clay tile made in Iowa, instead of lumber. More than 2,500 men were employed during the peak of construction.



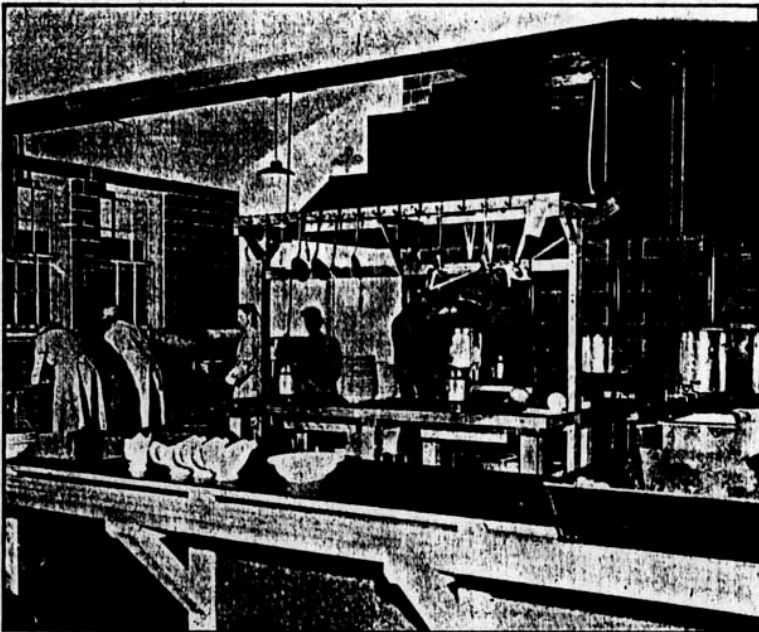
(Marion Pease photographs)



The Barracks have sleeping accommodations for 63 WAACs. Notice how beds are made, and the arrangement. This room is all ready for inspection.

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"Boomtown," as the WAACs call it, has 112 structural clay block buildings, including 63 barracks, 10 mess halls, 21 storage and company administration buildings, and recreation halls, infirmary and a chapel. The two views above show a continuous wide sweep of the project.



The Kitchens, at ends of the mess-halls, are strictly functional, built for fast, clean service. Dishes are sturdy and serviceable, fit for army life.



The Mess-Hall at Mealtime is a busy place. Each hall holds 300 persons, who serve themselves from dishes on the table. They sit on backless stools.