the proposition was developed through a joint mass-meeting of citizens and Board of Trade on April 29. Maj. Gen. J. F. Wade arrived on a tour of inspection for camp sites May 18, and recommended Jacksonville for a camp. On May 21, Brig. Gen. H. W. Lawton, of General Shafter's staff, came to Jacksonville to select the site. After visiting several proposed sites, one in East Springfield was selected, located between Ionia Street and the Fernandina railroad, and Third and Eighth Streets, the main factor in the selection being the transportation facilities. The Second Illinois and the First Wisconsin regiments, the first troops to arrive here, came in on the evening of May 22; the next morning the tented city of volunteers in East Springfield began to rise, and by night the white canvas gave evidence that a considerable body of troops was already in camp, the First North Carolina having arrived during the day. General Lawton was in command until succeeded by Brig. Gen. A. K. Arnold on May 28. Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee arrived the next day. On June 4, General Lee designated Jacksonville as headquarters of the Seventh Army Corps and officially named the camp here "Cuba Libre".

Early in July an epidemic of typhoid fever started in Camp Cuba Libre. This was in the day when the treatment of the disease and the cause of its spread were not well understood, and scores of men died before the epidemic closed. Screening was not used, and it is remembered that flies swarmed in the tents and mess places. Heavy rains in June and July kept the locality wet, as city drainage had not been extended to the camp, and there was not enough natural fall to carry the water off. A great deal of complaint arose about it and many unfavorable reports were published in the Northern papers.

*An interesting feature in this connection was that the Government had general and thorough tests made for malaria and found that the camp was entirely free of it.

The original camp site in East Springfield was finally abandoned. This first change was made by the Wisconsin regiment which moved to the vicinity of Fifth and Silver Streets July 29. One by one the other regiments were moved to the high ground north of the cemetery, near Phoenix Park and Cummer's mill, or Panama where Torrey's Rocky Mount-