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Spanish-American Quarantine

During the 1899 Spanish-American War aftermath, Daufuskie Island was used as a quarantine detention camp by the U.S. Marine Hospital Service to inspect returning soldiers from Cuba and Puerto Rico for yellow fever. The camp was located at Bloody Point. Over five weeks, ten thousand soldiers passed through in waves, staying five days before reentering society. This effort successfully prevented any cases of yellow fever from entering the general population, as the camp processed thousands of soldiers. Artifacts from this mass occupation are still found on the island.

