Brownsville Affair

When:
August 13-14, 1906.

Where:
Brownsville, Texas.

Who:
25th U.S. Infantry (African American Soldiers)

What:
Alleged attack by soldiers from the 25th Infantry on the townspeople of Brownsville, based on shots fired around midnight, August 13th.

Damage:
One towns person killed, one injured.
(Required amputation of an arm)

Evidence:
160 witnesses, 6,000 pages of documentation much of the evidence is contradictory and unreliable.

Result:
President Theodore Roosevelt discharged “with-out honor” all 167 soldiers from the 25th Infantry at Fort Brown. 1972 the decision reversed and men awarded honorable discharges.

Significance:
Jim Crow Era racial intolerance

Source:

Additional Sources: