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- 1st U.S. Marine Regiment
- 3rd U.S. Artillery Regiment (one battalion)
- 5th U.S. Artillery Regiment (Battery F)
- 6th U.S. Cavalry Regiment
- 9th U.S. Infantry Regiment
- 14th U.S. Infantry Regiment
- 15th U.S. Infantry Regiment (HQ + 1 battalion)

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After the rebellion was suppressed, only Co B, 9th U.S. Infantry Regiment remained behind in May 1901 as the legation guard. Information on arrivals and departures of units and on total force strength appears in Reports of the Adjutant General, 1900, pp. 7 & 33 (UA24.A1.1900v1pt2.) and 1901 pp. 9 & 30 (UA24.A1vpt2).

See also:

- Photo Archives, which include a box entitled "China and the Boxer Rebellion" and other photographs acquired during survey of surviving veterans of the Spanish-American War era. Also acquired during the survey is an album of China photos from Leland S. Smith (#1898-277-oversize).
- AV Archives, which include lantern slides from Graves Family.
- Manuscript archives contain the SAW Era Veterans Survey, which include completed questionnaires and memorabilia from the following veterans of the China Relief Expedition:
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 - Oglesby, David-Co K, 14th Infantry
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 - Hight, David B.-Co F, 14th Infantry
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 - Gacheidle, Frederick-15th Infantry
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 - Darling Clarence E.-Co E, 9th Infantry
 - Napier, Nial Vass-Co B, 9th Infantry
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