On the Gulf of Mexico - Pensacola, Fla. - ca. 1957 (front cover)

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA
City of Five Flags

Pensacola, site of the world's most beautiful, white-sanded beaches and of the Nation's largest Naval Air Station, is also one of the oldest cities of the Continent. Discovered more than 400 years ago by the Spanish adventurer Panfilo de Narvaez in 1528, the first white settlement in the United States was established in Pensacola in 1559, when Don Tristan de Luna sailed into Pensacola Bay. During the years since Pensacola's discovery its government has changed hands thirteen times. The five Nations, whose flags have flown over this historic city were the Spanish, French, British, Confederate States of America and the United States of America.

Historic Fort San Carlos was built during the Spanish occupation on the present site of Fort Barrancas. The immense walls and dungeons are preserved.

In 1824 Congress selected Pensacola as the site of the Federal Navy Yards. Fort Pickens was built between 1830 and 1840. It was the only fort in the South which remained in Federal hands throughout the Civil War, but Pensacola was seized by Confederate troops in 1861 and evacuated in 1862.

Pensacola is a modern, progressive city. 122,000 people live in the city and its suburbs. It is famed for its many beautiful gardens and in January and February the whole area bursts into a sea of white, pink and red blooms on thousands of azalea and camellia bushes in gardens, parks and on colorful Palafox Parkway.

Pensacola's Naval Air Station and the surrounding Naval training bases have made Pensacola known as "The Annapolis of the Air."

A drive across the 3 mile span of the Pensacola Bay Bridge and the Sound Bridge takes you to Santa Rosa Island, where beautiful Pensacola Beach is located on the Gulf of Mexico.

Every year in early summer the Fiesta of Five Flags commemorates the landing of de Luna and the first settlement of Pensacola. Colorful parades, gigantic floats, bands, street dancing and grand balls, sporting events, beauty contests and colossal fire works fill days and nights with frolic and make Fiesta the main summer attraction of the area.

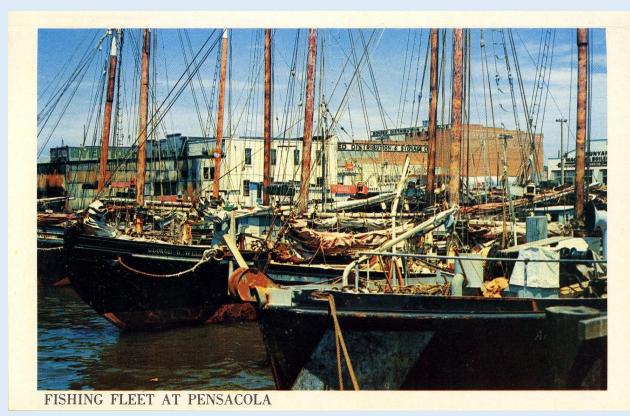"Prontone," Natural Color Photograph-Pronto Photos, *Pensacola, Fla.*

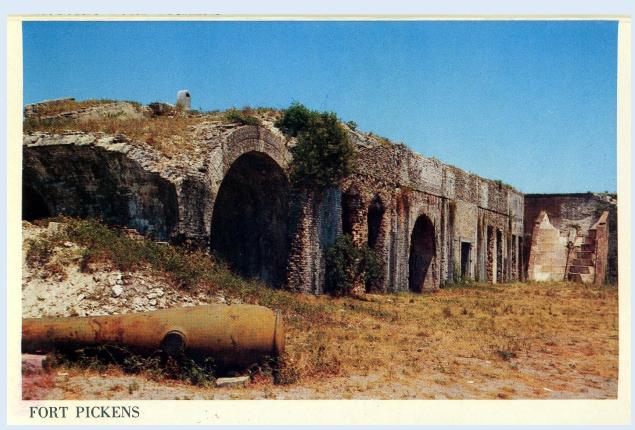City of Five Flags - Pensacola, Fla. - ca. 1957 (historic information)
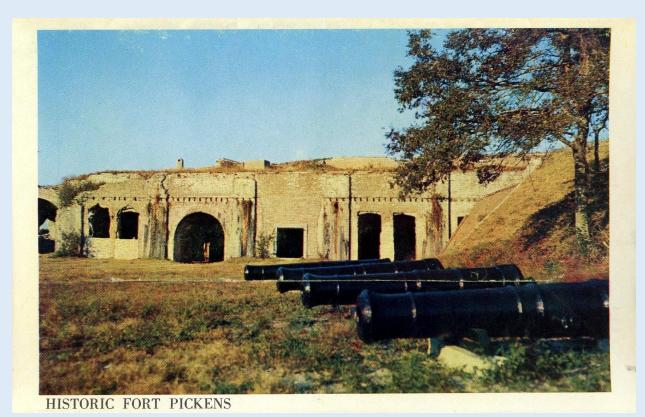
BEAUTIFUL GULF BEACH

Beautiful Gulf Beach - Pensacola, Fla. - ca. 1950s

EVENING AT PENSACOLA BEACH

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FISHING FLEET AT PENSACOLA

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FORT PICKENS

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HISTORIC FORT PICKENS

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MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

Municipal Auditorium - Pensacola, Fla. - ca. 1950s

NEW PENSACOLA HIGH SCHOOL

New Pensacola High School - Pensacola, Fla. - ca. 1950s

PENSACOLA BAY BRIDGE
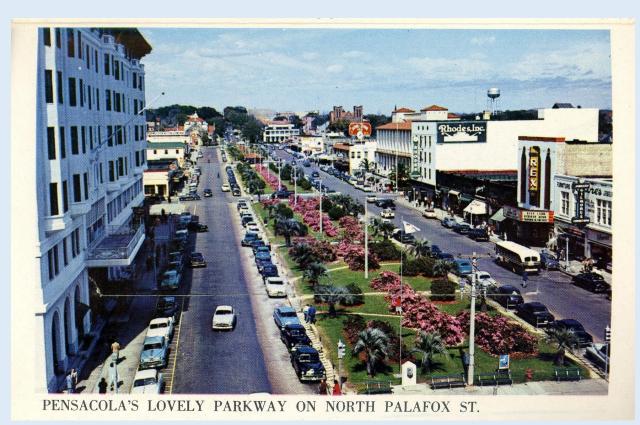
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Pensacola Beach – lifeguard stands - Pensacola, Fla. - ca. 1950s

PENSACOLA'S LOVELY PARKWAY ON NORTH PALAFOX ST.

Pensacola's Lovely Parkway on North Palafox Street - Pensacola, Fla. - ca. 1950s

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