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Historical Section  
THE ARMY WAR COLLEGE  
Washington, D.C.

17 September 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY, Historical Section, A.W.C.

SUBJECT: Name suggestions for proposed Army posts.

1. In compliance with your instructions, lists of suggested names to be used to designate certain proposed new Army camps or stations are submitted herewith. Three (3) names have been suggested for each location, and the names are presented in an order of choice.

2. There is one list for each location and each of the suggested names is followed by a brief statement as to why that name was deemed appropriate for the particular location concerned.

3. The list pertaining to a given location is followed by biographical sketches for each person mentioned therein, and the biographical sketches are arranged in the same order in which those names appear on said list.

4. Attention is invited to the fact that of the fifteen suggestions herewith, one-third consist of names of so-called "World War" officers. It is believed most appropriate that the memory of some of the more recent, outstanding, American military leaders be honored, especially at this particular time, when thousands of young men are about to enter the Service; young men to whom the World War (1917-1918) is almost meaningless, except as something which is recorded in history books.

5. The attached lists are presented in the following order: Anchorage, Alaska; Brownwood, Texas; Iowa Training Center, Iowa; Camp 20 miles South of the present Camp Beauregard, Louisiana; Savannah Anti-Aircraft Firing Center, near Savannah, Georgia.

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Warrant Officer,  
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LOUISIANA

Camp 20 miles South of  
present "Camp Beauregard"

(National Guard Division)

(Many of the appropriate names connected with Louisiana history are already in use. Civil War names, because of local sentiment, can only be used with caution; moreover, one Army camp in Louisiana already commemorates a Confederate officer.)

LOUISIANA, Camp 20 miles south of the present Camp Beauregard.

Suggestions in order of choice:

1. CLAIBORNE (William Charles Cole)

Because he was the first American Governor of the State of Louisiana.

One of the commissioners appointed to accept the transfer of Louisiana to the United States; American Governor of the Territory of Orleans; friend of Jefferson; died at New Orleans.

2. GALVEZ (Bernardo de)

Because his activities against the British, 1779-1781, provide the only connection between Louisiana and the Revolutionary War.

Spanish Governor of Louisiana 1777-1785; distinguished soldier; became viceroy of Mexico.

3. LIVINGSTON (Robert R.)

Because he negotiated with France for the purchase of the territory acquired by the United States in the Louisiana Purchase.

Distinguished American statesman; member of the Continental Congress; signer of the Louisiana Purchase Treaty.

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SAVANNAH ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRING CENTER

Near Savannah, Georgia

(C.A.C.)

(Many appropriate names connected with the history of Georgia are already in use. General Benjamin Lincoln was a very distinguished Revolutionary War officer but, because of its connotation to the people in that section of the country, the use of the name "Lincoln" is considered inadvisable.)

SAVANNAH AIRCRAFT FIRING CENTER, Savannah, Georgia.

Suggestions in order of choice:

1. JASPER (William)

Because he is closely identified with the military history of Savannah during the period of the Revolutionary War, and because he was mortally wounded near Savannah while performing an heroic deed.

Sergeant Jasper is one of the most popular heroes of the Revolution; during the course of his career, he came into contact with many of the great Revolutionary leaders of the South, including Moultrie, Marion, and Benjamin Lincoln.

2. WHEELER (Joseph), Brigadier General United States Army.

Because he was born in Georgia.

Graduate of the U.S.M.A.; distinguished service in both the United States Army and in the Confederate Army; attained the rank of Lieutenant General in the Confederate service during the Civil War; as a General of the United States Army participated in the Spanish-American War and in the Philippine Insurrection.

There was a World War "Camp Wheeler", near Macon, Georgia; this camp was discontinued after the World War.

3. PULASKI (Casimir, Count)

Because he was mortally wounded at Savannah during the Revolutionary War and died aboard the U.S. Brig "Wasp", in the Savannah River.

Distinguished Revolutionary War officer; Brigadier General in the American Army and commander of the combined American and French cavalry forces in 1779. One of the heroes of his native Poland.

There was a "Fort Pulaski" on Cockspur Island, near Savannah, but this fort has been unoccupied since shortly after the Civil War.

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September 20, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Subject: Naming of Army Posts.

I. The study presented.

Naming of the new posts being established for Regular Army troops at Anchorage, Alaska, in southcentral Iowa, and near Savannah, Georgia.

II. Facts bearing on the study.

1. AR 210-10 provides that all military posts will be named by the Secretary of War and that permanent posts will be designated as "Forts", while those occupied temporarily will be called "Camps".

2. Infantry, Field Artillery, Coast Artillery, Engineer and Signal units have been ordered to Anchorage, Alaska for permanent station. The air field there is known as Elmendorf Field. Barracks and other post buildings are being constructed in one group for Air Corps, Infantry, Field Artillery, and other units. The whole post should be designated as a "Fort" because the ground garrison will outnumber the air garrison by about three to one. That part of the post used as an air field should remain designated as "Elmendorf Field". The Historical Section of the Army War College recommends the names Allen, Richardson, and Greely in that order of preference, for the fort (Tab A). There is already a fort named Ethan Allen. However, we have a Fort Meade, South Dakota, and a Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, which have not caused confusion by their similarity.

3. The 6th Division will be concentrated for permanent station at the site now being acquired by purchase in southcentral Iowa. Therefore, this post should be designated as a "Fort". The Historical Section of the Army War College recommends the names, Simonds, Weigel, and Alexander in that order of preference (Tab B).

4. An area has been leased and is to be purchased near Savannah, Georgia, for the construction of an AA Firing Center, and construction has been started. Several units of the Regular Army and the National Guard will be ordered there. At this time, this

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site should be designated as a "Camp", as these units may not be stationed there permanently. The Historical Section of the Army War College recommends the names, Jasper, Wheeler, and Pulaski in that order of preference (Tab C).

III. Action recommended.

The Secretary of War directs:

1. That the army post near Anchorage, Alaska, now known as Elmendorf Field, be designated as Fort ~~Ellis~~, and the air field located thereat be designated Elmendorf Field.

2. That the site now being acquired in southcentral Iowa at which the 6th Division will be concentrated, be designated as Fort Simonds.

3. That the army post now being constructed near Savannah, Georgia as an AA Firing Center, be designated as Camp ~~Jasper~~. See Page 3 for revised paragraph 3 of action recommended.

4. That The Adjutant General take steps to change War Department records and publications accordingly.

5. That all interested War Department agencies and activities, to include the Quartermaster General, be informed of the action taken.

6. That Tabs A, B, and C be returned to G-3.

IV. Concurrences.

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- A. C. of S., WPD
- Chief of Air Corps
- Chief of Coast Artillery

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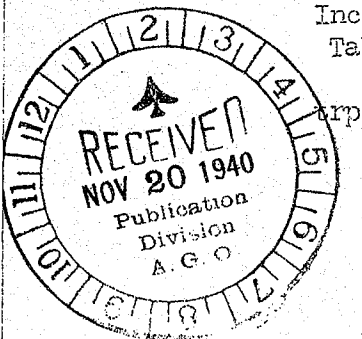
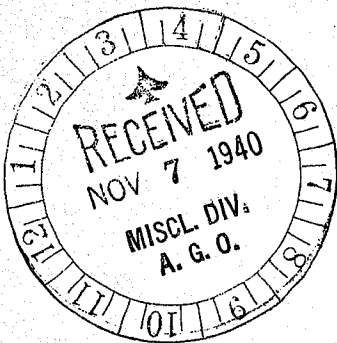
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V. Consideration of non-concurrences.

1. The Chief of Coast Artillery, G-1 and WPD recommend the name Camp Daniel Stewart, (provided an examination of his record justifies it) (Tabs D, E, and F), instead of Camp Jasper, for the post near Savannah, Ga. G-4 concurs with G-1. G-3 Division also concurs in this recommendation in so far as the name Stewart is concerned, because the camp has now been definitely located in the vicinity of Hinesville, Ga., and Representative Peterson states that this name has been agreed upon by the citizens of that area (Tab D). However, there is no need to use the full name "Daniel Stewart" and "Camp Stewart" is recommended as shorter and more convenient to use. General Stewart's biographical sketch is given in Tab I, as prepared by the Historical Section of the Army War College, together with the names of other persons whom they recommend.

2. WPD believes that the name "Ft. Henry T. Allen" instead of Ft. Allen should be given to the post near Anchorage in order to avoid confusion (Tab F). However, the designation of Ft. George G. Meade, Md. and Ft. Meade, S. D., Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyo, and Ft. Warren, Mass., do not appear to have caused confusion, and it is not believed that the name "Ft. Allen, Alaska" will be confused with "Ft. Ethan Allen, Vt." Ft. Allen will be shorter and more convenient to use.

3. The Chief of the Air Corps recommends that the "separate identity of Elmendorf Field as an air base and the post of other arms and services in that locality be established and maintained". He believes that Elmendorf Field and the air base of which it is the center should be under the full command of an Air Corps Officer and not part of the administrative command of other arms (Tab G).

G-3 agrees that it would be better not to have a dual control of the air field and air facilities at the post near Anchorage. However, in view of the fact that there is no way to physically separate the areas in which Air Corps units live from those of other arms, or to separate the post facilities into separate groups (Tab H), it is apparent that this station cannot be made into two separate posts. As the troops of other arms will greatly outnumber those in the Air Corps units, it is believed that the entire post should be named "Ft. Allen", and that the air field thereat should continue to be named "Elmendorf Field".

VI. Revised action recommended.

The action recommended remains unchanged, except that paragraph 3 should read as follows:

3. That the Army post now being constructed near Hinesville, Ga. as an AA Firing Center, be designated as Camp Stewart.

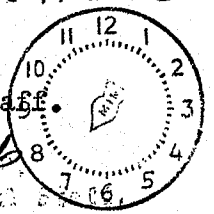
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October 26, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR PITTS, G-3:

1. In accordance with your recent requests, I am submitting herewith suggested names, in order of preference, for the following Army posts:

- Savannah Anti-Aircraft Firing Center (CAC)  
(Near Mineville, Ga.)
- Replacement Center near Macon, Ga.  
(On site of the World War Camp Wheeler)
- Replacement Center at Nacimiento, Calif.  
(Near Pasa Robles, Calif.)
- March Field AA Firing Center (CAC)  
(Near March Field, Calif.)
- Replacement Center of Galveston, Texas.
- Coast Artillery Replacement Center  
(Near Fort Crockett, Texas)

2. In view of your oral remarks concerning the Savannah AA Firing Center, we have concentrated there on the Revolutionary period, and you will note that there are many outstanding figures far more distinguished than Daniel Stewart, whose actual service was very inconspicuous and whose chief claim to attention seems to have been a genealogical connection with Theodore Roosevelt.

3. We have prepared the suggestions on the following basis:

- a. Names of living persons are omitted.
- b. Persons should be identified at least with the State, by birth or service.
- c. Civil War heroes have already been generously honored. Attention should be directed to the World War.
- d. Really famous World War personnel like Liggett and Dickman should not be "commemorated" in temporary camp names or in names of small posts.
- e. Enlisted men awarded the Medal of Honor or the Distinguished Service Cross should appropriately be commemorated if meeting requirements a and b above.

4. We are handicapped somewhat by the geographical concentration of so many of the new camps in Southern and California localities but feel that rule b should govern nevertheless. This handicap is especially conspicuous as regards Texas, for which we have compiled a list of Distinguished Service Cross awards.

Rule a limiting the selection to persons now deceased conflicts with the selection of a World War men under Rule d. Several conspicuous World War personnel suitable for consideration in naming posts under Rule b are still living, for example, Coe, Summerall, McAndrew. But it is felt that Rule a must hold.

Rule a also eliminates the suitability of utilizing the names of Senator Shephard, valuable as his services for the Army have been.

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Lt. Col., Infantry,  
Secretary, Historical Section.

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# THE ARMY WAR COLLEGE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 25, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY, Historical Section, A.W.C.

SUBJECT: Name suggestions for proposed Army posts.


1. In compliance with your recent instructions, lists of suggested names to be used to designate certain proposed Army posts or stations, which are to be established or re-opened, are submitted herewith. Three names have been suggested for each location, and the names are presented in an order of choice.

2. The arrangement is the same as that prepared by Mr. Brunow under date of September 17, 1940, and sent to Major Fitts with your memorandum of the same date.

3. In connection with the suggestion to name the "SAVANNAH ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRING CENTER (C.A.C.)," located 35 miles from Savannah, Georgia, in Liberty County, near the town of Hineville, for General Daniel Stewart, all the available data concerning this officer are attached. However, since the information is largely taken from secondary sources and the attached list of names suggested for use in Georgia, contains a number of men who appear to be much more prominent in a National way, no good reason can be recommended for giving the preference to General Daniel Stewart. *ga*

4. The suggestion to use the name of Senator Morris Sheppard is considered inappropriate, in view of the fact that Senator Sheppard is still alive, and it has been the policy of the War Department to name posts and stations for persons who are dead. *Texas*

5. In view of the scarcity of suitable names located for the new posts in Texas, of persons prominent in the World War 1917-1918, there is attached a list of soldiers (officers and enlisted men) to whom was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, posthumously. If none of the names already suggested are accepted, it might be well to consider the idea of choosing from this list. *7034*

  
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SAVANNAH ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRING CENTER (C.A.C.)

(35 miles from Savannah, in Liberty  
County, near town of Lineville.)

1. McINTOSH, Lachlin (1727-1806)

Because he is closely identified with the Colonial and Revolutionary period in Georgia; was a distinguished Brigadier-General of the Continental Army; having risen to that rank from his original position of Colonel of the 1st Georgia Regiment of Infantry, Continental Line.

2. GWINNETT, Button (1732-1777)

Because he is closely identified with the Colonial and early Revolutionary War period in Georgia; was a Member of the Continental Congress from Georgia; and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He also acted as President and Commander-in-Chief of Georgia (February-March, 1777.)

3. BULLOCK, Archibald (1730-1777)

Because he is closely identified with the Colonial and early Revolutionary War period in Georgia; was President of the Georgia Provincial Congress (1775 and 1776); was Member of the Continental Congress; had military service in the first days of the Revolution; was President and Commander-in-Chief of Georgia (June 20, 1776 to February 5, 1777); signed the first Constitution of Georgia.

NOTE:

There are attached brief biographies of the following men, which may be consulted if the above names are not favorably considered:

STEWART, Daniel (1761-1829)

HOWLEY, Richard (1740-1784)

PIERCE, William (1740-1789)

WALTON, George (1741-1804)

WOOD, Joseph (1712-1791)

HABERSHAM, Joseph (1733-1815)

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
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October 15, 1940.

MEMORANDUM to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

Subject: Naming of Army Posts.

1. Reference is made to the attached memorandum for the Chief of Staff, subject as above, dated September 20, 1940, that has been referred to me for comment or concurrence.

2. The comments below relate solely to the naming of the anti-aircraft training center near Savannah, Georgia, as it is a Coast Artillery activity. I have no comments to make reference the selection of names for the other two camps referred to in the memorandum.

3. The Savannah Antiaircraft Training Center is to be located principally in Liberty and Bryan Counties, Georgia—about forty miles distant from Savannah. The camp itself is being built at Hinesville, about thirty-five miles from Savannah. Mr. Hugh Peterson, the Congressman from the district in which the training center is to be located, told me several weeks ago that his constituents are greatly interested in the selection of a name for the camp. I informed him that if he would indicate their preference to me I would submit it to the proper War Department officials. Mr. Peterson now informs me that his constituents are very anxious that the camp be named in honor of General Daniel Stewart.

Congressman Peterson states General Stewart was born in Liberty County, St. John's Parish, on December 20, 1761; died near there on May 17, 1829; and is buried in the Midway Cemetery just a few miles from Hinesville; that he enlisted for the Revolutionary War at the age of fifteen years and later was taken prisoner; and that later he served during the Indian Wars and at that time attained the grade of Brigadier General; and that he is a great-grandfather of former President Theodore Roosevelt.

4. I told Mr. Peterson that consideration was being given to naming the camp after Sergeant Jasper. He pointed out that Sergeant Jasper was a native of Savannah and that the people of Liberty and Bryan Counties would much prefer that the camp be named in honor of one of their local heroes.

5. It is recommended, provided an examination of his record