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Camp Crowder

WAR DEPARTMENT
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OPERATIONS AND TRAINING DIVISION, G-3
WASHINGTON, D. C.

G-3/43440

May 14, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, HISTORICAL SECTION, ARMY WAR COLLEGE:

Subject: Names for possible camp sites.

The Secretary of War has recently approved for further survey, with a view to acquisition in case the Army should be sufficiently augmented to acquire them, 9 camp sites located as follows:

- Vicinity of Blackstone, Va.
- " " Augusta, Ga.
- " " Columbus, Ind.
- " " Neosha (Joplin), Mo. —
- " " Ft. Smith, Ark.
- " " Cookson Hills (Muskogee), Okla.
- " " Eugene, Oregon.
- " " Medford, Oregon.
- " " Santa Maria-Lompoc, Calif.

Request that the G-3 Division be furnished with suitable names for these sites in case they are acquired and decision is made to station troops thereon. If possible to do so, 3 names, chosen in accordance with the principles used by you in the past in furnishing such data, should be submitted for each camp site.

This information should be considered confidential until it has been released to the press.

HARRY L. TWADDLE,
Brigadier General,
Assistant Chief of Staff

BY: *W. E. Chambers,*
W. E. CHAMBERS,
Lt. Col., General Staff,
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MEMORANDUM FOR BRIGADIER GENERAL HARRY L. TWADDLE,
A. G. of S., G-3, War Department.

As directed in Confidential Memorandum of May 14, 1941, there are given below three names suggested as appropriate for each of the proposed military posts listed. (See brief biographies attached.)

a. Vicinity of Blackstone, Virginia.

1. Spotswood - In honor of Alexander Spotswood (1676-1740) the distinguished and popular Colonial governor of Virginia; organized and led the famous expedition over the Blue Ridge to the Shenandoah Valley in 1716. The members of this pioneer band constituted "The Knights of the Golden Horseshoe."

2. Daniel Morgan - In honor of Brigadier General Daniel Morgan (1736-1802), one of the most skillful and successful leaders of troops of his day; participant in the French and Indian War; distinguished at the battle of Saratoga and given the Thanks of Congress for his important victory at The Cowpens. General Daniel Morgan was outstanding for his skill in handling riflemen, then the newest idea in contemporary military science.

3. Ewell - In honor of Lieutenant General Ewell, C.S.A., (1817-1872), distinguished corps commander (successor to "Stonewall" Jackson), in the Army of Northern Virginia, C.S.A.; graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, and prominent in the Mexican War and Indian campaigns in the Southwest.

Note: In the event that General George E. Pickett's name is not chosen for one of the proposed new camps in Oregon (see below), it is suggested that he be considered for Virginia.

b. Vicinity of Augusta, Georgia.

1. Gordon - In honor of Lieutenant General John B. Gordon, C.S.A., (1832-1904), distinguished and popular native-born soldier and statesman of Georgia; served throughout the Civil War (1861-65); wounded several times; rose from captain to rank of Lieutenant General, C.S.A., Governor of, and U.S. Senator from Georgia.

Note: One of the large cantonments for National Army troops of World War I was established near Atlanta and designated as Camp Gordon by G.O. #95, W.D., 1917. This site was sold in 1922.

2. Hardse - In honor of Lieutenant General William Joseph Hardse, C.S.A., (1815-1873), distinguished American soldier and tactician; a native of Savannah, Ga.; author of the "Tactics," used by both Federal and Confederate Armies; Commandant, U.S. Military Academy, 1856-1861.

3. Cobb - In honor of Major General Howell Cobb, C.S.A., (1815-1868), distinguished statesman and soldier of Georgia; Secretary of the Treasury (U.S.), (1857-1860); Governor of Georgia; Speaker of the House of Representatives (U.S.) (1849-1851).

c. Vicinity of Columbus, Indiana.

1. Woodfill - In honor of Captain Samuel Woodfill, U.S.A., Retired (1883-), universally recognized as one of the most outstanding heroes of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I. (See copy of military record and citation for Medal of Honor attached.) Decorated by many nations.

Note: Despite the fact that Captain Woodfill is still alive, it is strongly recommended that an exception to the general rule be made in this case. Woodfill is typical of the best in the old time Regulars. Served in the U.S. Army for 30 years, rising from private to master-sergeant. He was a temporary officer during the War, and was retired as a captain by the Act of May 7, 1932; was chosen as one of the pall-bearers at the funeral of the American Unknown Soldier.

2. Wallace - In honor of Major-General "Law" Wallace, (1827-1905); prominent Civil War Union leader; native of Indiana; Territorial Governor of New Mexico; and famous author of "Ben Hur," and other books.

3. George Rogers Clark (1752-1818) - In honor of the famous American soldier of that name, whose difficult and successful winter campaign against Kaskaskia and Vincennes, Indiana, is credited with having given the Northwest Territory to the United States.

d. Vicinity of Neosha (Joplin), Missouri.

1. Crowder - In honor of Major-General Enoch Herbert Crowder, U.S.A., (1859-1932), native of Missouri, distinguished soldier, jurist and statesman; Judge Advocate General and Provost Marshal General, U.S. Army, and director of the Selective Service Act (Draft) during World War (1917-1919); American Ambassador to Cuba.

2. Bates - In honor of Lieutenant General John C. Bates, U.S.A. (1842-1919), distinguished American soldier; native of Missouri; Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, January-April, 1906.

3. Price - In honor of Major General Sterling Price, C.S.A., (1809-1867), distinguished soldier and statesman, adopted son of Missouri; prominent in the Mexican War as commander of Missouri troops; Governor of the State (1852-1856).

e. Vicinity of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

1. Newton D. Baker (1871-1937) - In honor of the distinguished American statesman and jurist; Secretary of War during the World War, 1917-1919. While not a native of Arkansas, his name would honor any military post on the territory of the United States.

2. Elihu Root (1845-1937) - In honor of the distinguished American statesman and jurist; as Secretary of War (1899-1904), Mr. Root was primarily responsible for the establishment of the modern General Staff system of the U.S. Army, including the Army War College. While not born in Arkansas, his name is considered appropriate for any large military post on the territory of the United States.

3. King - In honor of Brigadier General Charles King, U.S.A. (1824-1933), distinguished American soldier and author. Retired from active duty on account of wounds received in action, June 14, 1879. Called back to duty many times thereafter. Well known to all readers of adventure stories of life in the U.S. Army.

f. Vicinity of Cookson Hills (Muscogee), Oklahoma.

1. Quan-ah Parker - In honor of the famous Indian Chief of the Comanches (1845-1911); consistent foe and capable adversary of the whites until decisively defeated; after which event, he is credited with having persuaded his tribe to make permanent peace. He was the son of Cynthia Ann Parker, who was captured at Parker's Fort, Texas, in May, 1836, and grew up with the Indians.

2. Albert Pike - In honor of Brigadier General Albert Pike, C.S.A., (1809-1891), commander of Indian troops from the Indian Territory (now Oklahoma), and commander of the Department of Indian Territory, Confederate States of America, 1861-1862. A distinguished writer before and after the Civil War period; particularly prominent in Washington, D.C., where he died, and where there is a statue in his honor.

3. Gruber - In honor of the late Brigadier General Edmund L. Gruber, U.S.A. (1879-1941), who died recently while on active duty in command of the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Distinguished for his services during the World War (1917-1919) in establishing Field Artillery brigade firing centers; (D.S.M., G.O. #69, W.D., 1919). In April, 1918, he established such a center at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was long in command of that post, and is well and favorably remembered in Oklahoma.

G- Vicinity of Eugene, Oregon.

1. Pickett - In honor of Major-General George E. Pickett, G.S.A. (1825-1875), who as Captain, Company D, 9th U.S. Infantry, played a dominant part in the affair at San Juan Island (1859-1861) which held an important part of the northwest for the United States. The original U.S. post on San Juan Island was designated Camp Pickett, later changed to Camp Steele and abandoned in 1874.

General Pickett's charge at Gettysburg is known to every American.

2. Chief Joseph - In honor of the famous Nez Percé Indian Chief (1840(?) - 1904). Chief Joseph is considered by most authorities as the most intelligent and skillful Indian military leader to fight against the U.S. troops.

3. Gibbon - In honor of Brevet Major-General John Gibbon (1827-1896), distinguished American soldier who served for over 40 years in the Regular Army; prominent in the Civil War and a famous Indian fighter of the Far West. Fort Gibbon, on the Yukon River, in Alaska, established in 1899, was discontinued in 1925.

h. Vicinity of Medford, Oregon.

1. Young - In honor of Lieutenant General Samuel Baldwin Marks Young (1840-1924), distinguished American soldier of over 50 years' continuous service; Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army (1903-1904).

2. J. Franklin Bell - In honor of Major General J. Franklin Bell (1856-1919), distinguished modern American soldier; holder of the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross and Distinguished Service Medal, (the two latter awarded posthumously).

3. Halleck - In honor of Major General Henry Wager Halleck (1815-1872), distinguished American soldier and writer on military science; Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Army (November, 1861-March, 1864); later commander of the Division of the Pacific, including Oregon; long prominent, before and after the Civil War, on the Pacific coast.

Note: Since there are to be two camps in Oregon, the second and third choices in g. supra. for Eugene, might be included in consideration of a name for the camp at Medford.

1. Vicinity of Santa Maria-Lompoc, California.

1. Coronado - In honor of Francisco Vasquez de Coronado (1500-1515?), famous Spanish soldier and explorer of the Southwest. One of the great names connected with the early history of this Country.

2. McAndrew - In honor of Major General James W. McAndrew (1862-1922), distinguished modern American soldier; participated in the Sioux Indian campaign (1890-1891); Spanish-American War; and Philippine Insurrection; was Chief of Staff of the American Expeditionary Forces in France during the period of their most important operations.

Note: While not a native of California (General McAndrew was born in Pennsylvania) his name is deemed suitable for any important military post on the territory of the United States.

3. Heintzelman - In honor of Major General Stuart Heintzelman, (1876-1935), distinguished modern American soldier, descendant of a famous Army family; Chief of Staff of the Second American Army, A.E.F.; awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and many foreign orders. Died on active duty.

Note: While not a native of California (General Heintzelman was born in New York), his name is considered appropriate for any military post on the territory of the United States.

In selecting the above names, we have considered a great many others and those submitted may be said to represent "the survival of the fittest." The usual established policies have been followed as far as practicable. Where exceptions are made, the reasons therefor are given in each case.

OLIVER L. SPAULDING,
Colonel, U.S.A., Retired,
Chief, Historical Section, A.W.C.

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August 4, 1911.

Hon. R. P. Patterson,
Under Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, concerning a name for the new camp at Neosho, Missouri.

The report of the Historical Section on this subject was submitted on June 12, 1911. Three names were called for by the War Department; those recommended in that report were those of -

Major General Knoch H. Crowder, Judge Advocate General, Provost Marshall General, and Director of the Selective Service Act in 1918.

Lieut. General John C. Bates, Chief of Staff of the Army in 1906.

Major General Sterling Price, Confederate Army, who commanded Missouri troops in the United States service in the Mexican War and was later Governor of the State.

The two first named were natives of Missouri, the third intimately connected with the State.

General Cookrell's distinguished military service would make his name distinctly worthy of consideration.

I assume that the case is now in the hands of the Secretary of War, who, as you know, assigns the names.

Very truly yours,

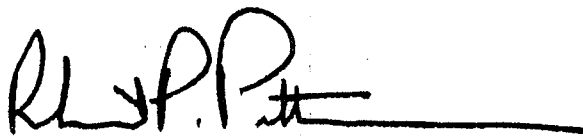
OLIVER L. SPAULDING,
Colonel, U. S. Army, Retd.,
Chief, Historical Section.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 1, 1941.

MEMORANDUM TO GENERAL SPAULDING,
Historical Section, Army War College,
Building E - 6th St. & Adams Drive, SW.

Senator Truman would like to have the new
camp at Neosho, Missouri, named for Senator Cockerell,
who was also a General in the Confederate Army.

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Robert P. Patterson
Under Secretary of War.

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Washington, D. C.
August 7, 1941

FELTON M. JOHNSTON, CLERK

General George C. Marshall
Chief of Staff
United States Army
Washington, D. C.

My dear General Marshall:

It is my understanding that the new army camp to be located near to Neosho, Missouri, will go into construction immediately and that the camp has not as yet been named. I wish to submit for your consideration the suggestion that the camp be named after General Francis Marion Cockrell.

General Cockrell was a Brigadier General in the Confederate Army. He was commander of the famous "Cockrell Brigade" which was composed entirely of Missourians and which was recognized as one of the best disciplined, best fighting and most efficient bodies of soldiers in the Confederate Army.

At the conclusion of the war he was chosen to represent the State of Missouri in the United States Senate where he served for thirty years. He was the second native-born Missourian to be chosen for the position of United States Senator from that State. General Cockrell is one of Missouri's outstanding soldiers and I hope that it will be possible for you to give favorable consideration to the suggestion that this camp be named after him.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am

Received A.G.O.

Yours very sincerely,

AUG 9 - 1941

Bennett Champ Clark

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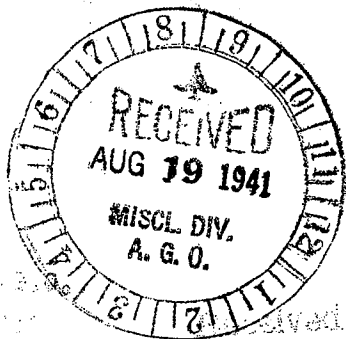
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Date: Aug. 15, 1941.

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That a reply to Senator Clark for the signature of the Chief of Staff be based on the following:

At the request of Senator Truman, the name Cockrell, recommended by Senator Clark in his communication of August 7th, has already been considered by the War Department in connection with naming of the camp now being established near Neosho, Mo. No decision has been arrived at as yet, but the name Cockrell is being carefully considered.



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HARRY L. TWADDLE,
Brigadier General,
Assistant Chief of Staff.

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Acknmt Ltr to Sen. Clark, 8-11-41

FOR RECORD ONLY:

Senator Clark recommends the name Cockrell for the new post near Neosho, Mo. This name had already been suggested by Senator Truman, and a G-3 memorandum to the Sec. Gen. Staff insured its consideration along with other names suggested by the Historical Section of the Army War College for this place.