

June 17, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN FITTS, G-3 Section, G.S., War Department.

In response to your telephonic request today for a report on the suitability of the present names of Camp Jackson, S.C., and Camp Ord, Calif., the following remarks are submitted:

CAMP JACKSON, South Carolina, was established in 1917, as one of the sixteen National Army cantonments, and was named by G.O. No. 98, War Department, July 18, 1917, as follows:

"Site: Columbia, S.C.; Organization: 61st Division;  
Troops from: Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina;  
Camp: JACKSON;

(Named) In honor of:- Maj. Gen. Andrew Jackson, U.S.A. Born in North Carolina. Served against Creek Indians, 1813. Member of Congress and U.S. Senator from Tennessee. Thanks of Congress, 1815, for services at New Orleans, Jan. 8, 1815. President of the United States, 1829-1837."

Camp JACKSON was discontinued in 1921.

In view of the prominence and local associations of President Andrew Jackson, no more appropriate name, everything considered, could be chosen. However, if the present name is retained, it is strongly recommended that the proposed permanent military post be designated Fort ANDREW JACKSON, in order to avoid confusion with other persons of the same surname; for instance, Thomas J. Jackson ("Stonewall"). Many persons doubtless now think the post was named for the Confederate general.

CAMP ORD, California, (the present reservation) has been variously known as United States Field Artillery Range-Presidio of Monterey, Gigling Reservation, and Gigling Field Artillery Range. The present Presidio of Monterey, was established by G.O. No. 102, Headquarters of the Army, A.G.O., 1903, the cantonment then on the reservation being named ORD BARRACKS, in honor of Major-General H.C.C. Ord, U.S. Army. By G.O. No. 142, War Department, 1904, the name was changed to the PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, to perpetuate the name of the first Spanish military station in California. G.O. No. 11, War Department, October 2, 1933, Sec. III, read as follows:

"III--Gigling Military Reservation designated as Camp Ord.--  
The 'Gigling Military Reservation' (otherwise variously designated) situated near Monterey, Calif., is designated as 'Camp Ord' in honor of Major General Edward O. C. ORD, who distinguished himself during the Civil War. In 1847, Major General ORD, then a first lieutenant commanding Company F, 3d Field Artillery, built quarters and a fort (Hervine) at Monterey."

Camp ORD, a sub-post of the Presidio of Monterey, has been continuously utilized since 1933.

At the present time, there are no permanent military posts in the United States named in honor of either General John C. Fremont or General Stephen W. Kearny, for whom World War (1914-1918) camps were named. Both of these officers are more familiar to the public and played a more prominent part in the history of California than did General Ord, and if any change is made in the designation of Camp ORD, these names must be considered (along with certain others which will not be mentioned at this time). However, the selection of either Fremont or Kearny would very probably lead to a controversy among the local and national public, which, even if a "tempest in a tea-pot," would appear to be undesirable.

Finally, the current names of JACKSON and ORD seem to be entirely appropriate, are well established, and any change in name would necessarily cause so many minor confusions as to be inconvenient and undesirable, unless exceptionally compelling reasons therefor should arise.

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