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HEADQUARTERS  
ARMY GROUND FORCES  
ARMY WAR COLLEGE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

323.7/2 (Camp Toombs, Ga.)-GNOPN/05293  
(6-28-42)

June 28, 1942.

SUBJECT: Change in Designation of Camp Toombs, Georgia.

TO: The Adjutant General.

1. The National Guard camp at Toccoa, Georgia, has recently been turned over to the War Department. A parachute regiment is to be stationed there. The present name, Camp Toombs, has an unfortunate connotation, especially in view of the fact that parachute troops are constantly confronted by the possibility of sudden accidental death, and it is believed that it should be changed. The name, Camp McGrath, in honor of Private Harold M. McGrath, a parachute soldier who was killed at Ft. Benning, Ga., in connection with parachute jumping, would be suitable.

2. It is requested that you take the necessary action to have the name of the camp at Toccoa, Ga., changed from Camp Toombs to Camp McGrath, or if there should be some objection to this particular name to any other name suitable to all concerned.

For the COMMANDING GENERAL:

Action Taken  
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SUBJECT: Change in Designation of Camp Toombs, Georgia.

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War Department, AGO, July 4, 1942. To: Commandant, Army War College.

For remark and recommendation.

By order of the Secretary of War:



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Adjutant General.  
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Army War College, July 11, 1942 - To WD, SOS, The Adjutant General.

1. In connection with the request made in the basic communication to change the name of Camp Toombs to Camp McGrath, attention is invited to the fact that there is now a Battery McGrath at Fort Rosecrans, San Diego, California, and a Camp McGrath in Batangas Province, Luzon, Philippine Islands. It would, therefore, seem inadvisable to redesignate Camp Toombs as Camp McGrath.

2. It is believed that Camp Toombs might well be redesignated as Camp Longstreet, in honor of General James Longstreet. A brief résumé of his record shows that he was born in South Carolina, January 8, 1821; attended the United States Military Academy from 1838 to graduation in 1842; was assigned to the Infantry and served brilliantly in the Mexican War; resigned from the Regular Army to enter the Confederate Army wherein he served with great distinction until the time of his surrender, along with General Lee, at Appomattox; retired to private life, making his home in Georgia until the time of his death, January 2, 1904, in Gainesville, Georgia.

3. In this connection, attention is invited to a copy of a letter (Incl. 1) addressed to General Longstreet's widow by Secretary of War Stimson on July 31, 1941.

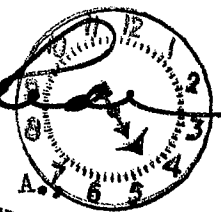
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SUBJECT: Change in designation of Camp Toombs, Georgia.

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War Department, A. G. O., July 23, 1942 - To: Commanding General,  
Army Ground Forces.

1. Attention is invited to 2d indorsement hereon.
2. Request further recommendation.

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Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY GROUND FORCES, Army War College, Washington, D. C.  
July 24, 1942. To: The Adjutant General, Munitions Building, Washington,  
D. C.

1. This headquarters prefers the name "Camp McGrath" to "Camp Longstreet".
2. It is believed that the statement in the 1st paragraph of the 2nd Indorsement, with reference to a Camp McGrath in the Philippine Islands, is incorrect. A check made this date with the Miscellaneous Return Section of your office, in which records are kept of such names, indicates that there is no Camp McGrath in the Philippine Islands. The fact that a battery is so named would not be a real objection to the use of McGrath for a camp in Georgia, as mail and freight are not shipped to a named battery and the many such conflicts which now exist are believed to have caused no difficulty.
3. A large number of posts have been named for Civil War officers. It is believed that the selection of the name of a man connected with the

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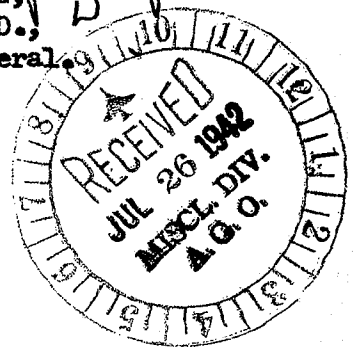
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World War or the present war would be more appropriate. It is also believed that there would be considerable opposition to the name Longstreet on the part of the people of Georgia, in view of the fact that he was born in South Carolina.

For the COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Ground Adjutant General.



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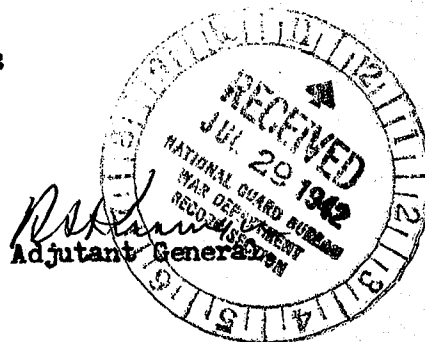
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War Department, A. G. O., July 27, 1942 O To: Chief, National Guard Bureau.

Request comment on the proposed redesignation of Camp Toombs, Georgia.

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War Department, SOS, National Guard Bureau, August 3, 1942. To: The Adjutant General.

1. The matter of changing the designation of Camp Toombs, Georgia was referred to the Adjutant General of Georgia by radio as follows:

"War Department is desirous of changing designation of Camp Toombs Georgia period It feels that present name has an unfortunate connotation especially for parachute troops whose training is very hazardous period Your suggestion for a new designation is desired period The name of a distinguished deceased Georgia soldier of the World War or present conflict would be appropriate end SPNGB."

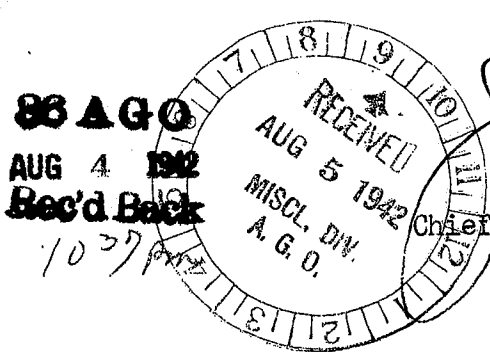
2. In reply of August 1, 1942, that official states:

"This headquarters imposes no objection to the War Department's request, however, we would like to have reasonable time in which to select a new name for this Camp from among our distinguished Georgia soldiers.

"In the meantime, and until the question is finally settled, it is suggested that the Camp be designated by its geographical location, viz., Camp Toccoa, Georgia. Numerous precedents for naming Army Camps, Stations, Barracks, etc., in accordance with their geographical locations, may be found in the Army Directory."

3. This Bureau concurs with the suggestion of the Adjutant General of Georgia.

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*John F. Williams*

John F. Williams,  
Major General,  
National Guard Bureau.

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War Department, A. G. O., August 5, 1942 - To: Commanding General, Army Ground Forces.

Request comment relative to recommendation contained in sixth indorsement. AUG 5 42 PM

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY GROUND FORCES, Army War College, Washington, D.C., August 7, 1942. TO: The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

1. This headquarters has no objection to the name "Camp Toccoa" as a temporary designation for the post in question.

2. It is recommended that this name be officially announced as soon as practicable.

For the COMMANDING GENERAL:

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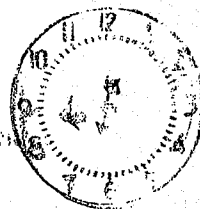
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WD 680.9 (7-26-41)

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Mrs. Helen Dortch Longstreet,  
1829 Mintwood Place,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Longstreet:

Reference is made to your letter, July 26, 1941, relative to naming an Army camp or post in honor of your husband, the late General James Longstreet.

Names have been selected for all of the present Army camps. However, in the event it becomes necessary to establish new camps, consideration will be given to naming one of them in honor of the late General Longstreet.

Yours very truly,

HENRY L. STIMSON,  
Secretary of War.

Copy for: Secretary of War.

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1829 Mintwood Place,  
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July 22nd, 1942.

My dear Sir:-

Permit me to call your attention to the singular fact that nowhere in the wide land has a U. S. Army Camp or Post ever been named for General James Longstreet, one of the greatest Commanders of all time; though Posts and Camps have been named for officers of lesser rank, both in the Union and Confederate service.

As you know, General Longstreet served for nearly twenty-five years in the U. S. Army; in hard Indian campaigns that blazed the trails of civilization to the Pacific, and in every battle of the Mexican war that won a western empire for his country and made it a world power. He was three times cited for bravery on the field and almost mortally wounded while hoisting his regimental flag above the captured battlements of Chapultepec, in the final engagement.

In the War between the States, second in command to Lee, Longstreet bore the brunt of battle in every victory won by Lee's army, with the exception of Chancellorsville, and did more than any other officer of the Army of Northern Virginia to place Lee's fame among the stars.

The neglect of General Longstreet in the naming of Army Posts and Camps, almost seems to be studied!

In the conscription of a new Army for a second world war and the establishment of new Army Posts and Camps, can you not find it in tune with honor and justice to grant belated recognition to the Commander whose valor and genius helped to immortalize great fields?

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Would it not be consonant with time-honored custom, to make posthumous award to General Longstreet of the decoration of the Purple Heart for his wounds at Chapultepec?

It is for the man I knew and loved as friend and husband, that I make appeal.

Yours very faithfully,

*Helen Dortch Longstreet*  
Helen Dortch Longstreet  
(Mrs. James)

Adjutant-General,  
U. S. Army,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Received A.G.O.

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*ad. 8-1-42*

July 26, 1942.

Mrs. James Longstreet,  
1829 Mintwood Place,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Longstreet:

I appreciate your writing to me concerning the naming of a military post in memory of your late husband, General James Longstreet. This matter I find is already under active consideration, and I hope it will be possible in the not too distant future to take the action as you suggest.

It frequently happens that the final choice in naming a military post is determined by some special association of the name decided upon with the site in question. I need hardly tell you of the esteem in which the memory of your distinguished husband is held by all American soldiers, and that the designation of a military post in his honor would be highly popular as well as fitting.

Unfortunately, the regulations under which the Purple Heart may be awarded after death restrict it to those whose deaths have occurred since the outbreak of the present war.

Sincerely yours,

*J. A. ULIO*

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Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

August 9, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL (Through: Director, Operations  
Division)

Subject: Redesignation of Camp Toombs, Georgia.

1. The enclosed request from the Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, recommending that the name of Camp Toombs, Georgia, be changed, is submitted under memorandum of July 18, 1942.
2. Recommend approval of the temporary designation, "Camp Toccoa", in view of statements in sixth and eighth indorsements.
3. Please see attached summary of case, Tab "A".

*C. A. Easterbrook*

C. A. EASTERBROOK,  
Colonel, A.G.D.  
Officer in charge, Miscellaneous Branch.

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1. Summary, Tab A
2. Memo from Reorg Comm, Tab B

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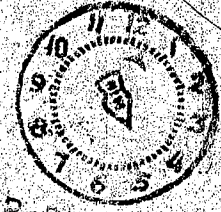
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After graduation from West Point the call to Service led Lieutenant Longstreet in the vanguard of civilization as the U. S. Army fought its way across the rolling plains of the west to the borders of Mexico which then stretched northward to the boundaries of Oregon and denied access to the waters of the Pacific along the west coast of California.

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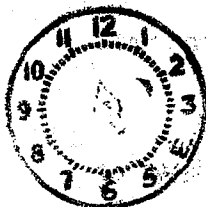
All the veterans with Longstreet at Gettysburg who participated in the seventy-fifth anniversary celebration, were elected Vice-Presidents, as follows: H. M. Bell, C. W. Ch... Robert Killough, Alabama; John A. Mann, Arizona; Lucius M. McAdam, Colorado; L. M. Barley, E. J. Hilliard, Florida; John L. Pender, J. W. Walker, Georgia; W. A. ... Frank Powell, S. T. Sledge, Louisiana; George A. Beeze, Charles S. Riffin, N. Carolina; O. H. ... Beene, T. C. Crenshaw, Texas; R. H. Colvin, Virginia.

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After the War between the States, General Longstreet rendered the reunited nation loyal service in laboring to heal the wounds of strife and restore national unity in the war-torn land.

As great soldier and great American, his fame belongs to all his countrymen, and I feel warranted in requesting that some of the permanent Camps and Army Posts now being established for National Defense, shall be given the heroic name of Longstreet.

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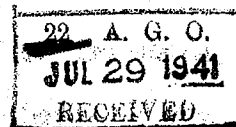
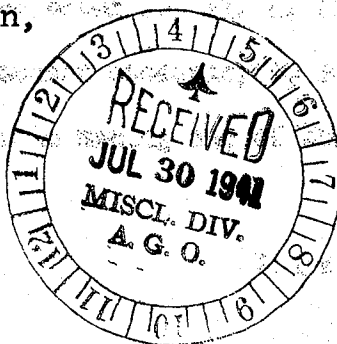
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OFF. SEC. WAR

Hon. Henry L. Stimson,  
Secretary of War,  
Washington, D. C.



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Secretary of War.

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A.G.O., July 31, 1941 - To: G-3.

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