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OPERATIONS AND TRAINING DIVISION G-3
WASHINGTON

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November 23, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Subject: Naming of Army Posts.

I. The study presented.

Proposed names for posts to be established near Rolla, Missouri, Spartanburg, South Carolina, Wilmington, North Carolina, and Boulder City, Nevada.

II. Facts bearing on the study.

1. The Seventh Corps Area Training Center, which is to be located in the Mark Twain National Forest, near Rolla, Missouri, should be called a fort, because it will be the permanent home of the 6th Division. The Historical Section of the Army War College recommends the following names in order of preference: Crowder, Stettinius, and Russell, (Tab A). There is already a Fort D. A. Russell. The G-3 Division believes that the name Fort Crowder is appropriate.

2. An Infantry Replacement Center is to be established about two miles south of Spartanburg, S. C. This should be called a camp because of its temporary nature. The Historical Section of the Army War College recommends for two proposed Replacement Center Sites in South Carolina, the names Wadsworth, Sevier, Donaldson, and Croft (Tabs B and C). Inasmuch as there is already a Fort Wadsworth, and because there is to be no camp stationed near Greenville, S. C. (the site of the World War Camp Sevier), the G-3 Division believes that Wadsworth and Sevier would not be entirely suitable. General Croft was well known to the people of South Carolina, and Camp Croft is considered an appropriate name.

3. An Antiaircraft Firing Center is to be established near Wilmington, North Carolina. It should be called a camp because of its temporary nature. The Historical Section of the Army War College recommends the names Davis, Tyson, and Butner in that order. (Tab D) There is a Fort William D. Davis in the Panama Canal Department and a Monthan Davis Field in Arizona, but it is not believed that any confusion would result if this place is called by that name. The G-3 Division believes that Camp Davis is appropriate.

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^{new} 4. A M. P. Battalion is to be stationed near Boulder City, ~~Colo.~~. Its camp site should be called a Camp because of its probable temporary nature. The Historical Section of the Army War College recommends the names Sibert and Bandholtz, (Tab D). The G-3 Division believes that the name Camp Sibert is appropriate.

III. Action recommended.

The Secretary of War directs:

- 1. That the list of names shown in Tab E be approved. *As amended SRW*
- 2. That The Adjutant General take steps to change War Department records and publications accordingly.

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

- 4. That Tabs A to D, incl., be returned to G-3 for file.

IV. Concurrences.

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 - Chief of Coast Artillery
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V. Consideration of additional data.

The Chief of Infantry recommends that the Seventh Corps Area Training Center be named after General Leonard Wood. G-3 had previously recommended that Plattsburg Barracks be changed to Fort Leonard Wood, but as this action was not unanimously concurred in and because of the historical significance of the name Plattsburg Barracks, it now agrees with the Chief of Infantry that the name of Plattsburg Barracks be not changed and that Fort Wood would be a suitable name for the Seventh Corps Area Training Center. The Historical Section of the Army War College (Lt. Col. Colby) also agrees.

Congressman Bryson recommends the name Camp John J. McSwain for the Infantry Replacement Center at Spartanburg, S. C. (Tab F). G-3 believes that inasmuch as this is an Infantry Replacement Center, the name Camp Croft would be more appropriate and adheres to its original recommendation.

VI. Revised action recommended. ^{Spec}
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That the action recommended in Section III be changed to substitute Fort Wood for Fort Crowder as the name for the Seventh Corps Area Training Center. Tab E has been changed accordingly.

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Chief of Staff

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Lt. Col. G.S.C., Asst. Sec. W.D.G.S.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF INFANTRY
WASHINGTON

November 30, 1940.

MEMORANDUM TO: The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3,
War Department General Staff.

SUBJECT: Naming of Army Posts.

1. This office concurs in the action recommended by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, WDGS, except in the name assigned to the Seventh Corps Area Training Center near Rolla, Missouri. The following names are substituted in the order given and for the reasons stated:

a. Fort Leonard Wood - A recent study recommended the change of the name of Plattsburg Barracks to Fort Leonard Wood and this office did not concur because of the historical significance of Plattsburg Barracks under its present name. Since the Seventh Corps Area Training Center is to be a permanent division post, it would appear very desirable to name it after General Wood.

b. Fort Nathaniel Lyon - General Lyon was one of the outstanding officers in the early days of the War between the States in Missouri, and it was largely due to his energetic efforts that the State of Missouri was held loyal to the Union. General Lyon was killed in action near Springfield, Missouri, at the head of his troops after having been wounded three times. It would seem fitting that this post be given his name.

For the Chief of Infantry:

E. W. Fales
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Colonel, Infantry,
Executive.

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