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Headquarters Southeastern Department

Charleston, S.C.

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From: The Department Commander, Southeastern Department,
To: The Adjutant General of The Army,
Subject: Camp site at Spartanburg, S.C.

1. Supplementing recommendation heretofore made for the selection of Spartanburg, S.C. as the site for one of the proposed National Guard Division camps in this Department, the following detailed report is submitted, covering the points mentioned in memorandum of May 4, 1917 from the War College Division of the General Staff (8374-29). The selection of Spartanburg as the site for one of these camps has already been approved by the War Department. It is proposed to designate Spartanburg as the site for the camp of the 6th National Guard Division.

2. The site offered at Spartanburg, known as the Fair Forest site, begins about three miles west of the city and runs westwardly along both sides of the Piedmont & Northern Electric Railway, between the Southern Railway and the National Highway. An area of from 1000 to 2000 acres, in one body, is offered by the city, rent free, for the period of the camp. An additional area of 600 acres, adjacent, is available if desired. The site offered is sufficient in area for the camp and for drills and formations, and is well adapted to the purpose.

3. The terrain is generally level, except where intersected by the ravines of several small streams which head on the site and flow toward the east. The area of level land is sufficient for building purposes. The soil is a sandy mixture of sand and clay with a clayey sub-soil. It is firm in dry weather and drains readily after rain. The site is high and is immune from floods and inundation.

4. The city of Spartanburg agrees to extend the city water main to the site without charge to the United States, and will furnish water at the rate of 6¢ per 1000 gallons. The water is taken from springs, filtered and treated, and analysis shows it to be of good quality. Water suitable for animals is found in streams on the site. Sewage can be disposed of either by pumping over an intervening bridge and discharging raw into the Tiger River; or by a gravity system with septic tanks and other treatment works, the effluent discharging into Fair Forest Creek. The cost of the sewage disposal works must be borne by the United States. The local Electric Power Company will run its lines to the site and furnish power in a sliding scale, varying from 5¢ to 8¢ kw.

5. The main line of the Southern Railway from Washington to Atlanta passes close to the site. The Piedmont and Northern Electric Railway, which has traffic arrangements with the Seaboard Air Line, passes through the site. Other lines of the Southern Railway, giving connection with the West and with Charleston and

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and South Atlantic ports; also the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Rail-
 road to the north and west enter Spartanburg. The Southern Railway will in-
 stall the necessary tracks and unloading facilities at the site, and the Pied-
 mont and Northern Railroad will also put in side tracks as needed. The local
 road will operate an interurban service between Spartanburg and the camp, and
 the Street Railway Company will extend its lines to the site if needed.

6. The roads in the vicinity of Spartanburg are, generally, improved
 top-soil (sand-clay) roads, in good condition. The National Highway, a macadam
 road, passes close to the site on the south side, and the old Greenville Road
 (top-soil) passes through the site. The county commissioners will put this road,
 from the city to the site, in first class condition and so maintain it.

7. Within twenty miles of Spartanburg there are large areas sparsely settled
 which will be available for maneuver purposes, and these areas are offered free
 of charge to the United States. Areas suitable for maneuvers can be found near
 the site; but the United States will have to pay drop damage. A small arms tar-
 get range can be constructed on or near the site, and an artillery range can be
 found at a distance of about twenty-three miles in an almost uninhabited stretch
 of country.

8. The location is satisfactory for the purposes of concentration and
 dispatch to Atlantic ports for embarkation. Climatic, weather and health con-
 ditions are satisfactory. The liquor traffic is practically prohibited; the
 conditions under which liquor can be obtained being such as to amount to pro-
 hibition for the troops. The city authorities will co-operate in the regulation
 of other evils and disorders. The sentiment of the locality is friendly to the
 troops.

9. Detailed information, with maps showing the site will be found in
 the inclosures herewith. Letters and agreements supporting the various offers
 of the local interests are on file at these headquarters.

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Supplementary Information on Cannon Range

Twenty-three miles from camp site is situated a small mountain near Landrum, South Carolina. Upon this sugar-loaf could be located a battery and the range would extend to Hogback over a wooded and sparsely settled mountain district.

Supplementary Information on Manouever Ground

Twenty miles south of Spartanburg on the Cudd and Trimmier property is an area of three square miles, sparsely settled, admirably adapted for manouevering purposes.

A second site for manouevering can be obtained at an equal distance, northeast of the city, located between Sandy Plains and Columbus, Polk County, N.C.

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