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Constructing Quartermaster,
Camp Wadsworth,
Spartanburg, South Carolina.

September 24, 1917.

Are natural back stops available behind target pits on rifle range Period
If not are materials at hand for building artificial back stops.

I. W. Littell

In Charge Cantonment Division.

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SPARTANBURG, S. C., Sept. 26, 1917.

From Constructing Quartermaster,

To Col. I. W. Littell, Cantonment Division, Washington, D. C.

Subject Rifle Ranges.

1. Reference your telegram of September 24th, as to whether natural backstops were available behind target pits on the Rifle Range, would say, that we expect to use the Glassy and Hogback Mountains as backstops. These mountains are about 1500 feet high and it seems that these will be sufficient without any artificial backstops. The Rifle Range will be in connection with the Artillery Range, which is about 20 miles northwest of this Camp. It is a splendid location and battle problems can be worked out there with both Infantry and Artillery without damage to crops or human beings. Necessary steps are being taken, in connection with the Southeastern Department to obtain this tract through the Chamber of Commerce.

2. In view of the distance from this Camp and the fact that troops will stay on the Range, perhaps a week at a time, would it not be possible to construct some sheds to be used as shelters for the cook stoves and a cheap type of mess shack that need not be as elaborate as these constructed in this Camp, that is, if I can do the work inside of the appropriation?

3. My experience has been on Rifle Practice, the more comfortable troops are, the better work they are able to do when shooting, etc.

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