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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CONSTRUCTION DIVISION OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 23, 1919.

NO: 684.-MR-STA. (Camp Wadsworth)
FROM: The Chief of Construction Division.
TO: The Utilities Officer, Camp Wadsworth, S.C.
SUBJECT: Maps and photographs of Rifle and Artillery Range.

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3. It is requested that the Utilities Officer have a thorough search made of the papers at Camp Wadsworth to see if any correspondence and especially maps referring to the Rifle and Artillery Ranges can be located and in case that such record is found, it is requested that same be forwarded to this office with return of these papers at the earliest practicable moment. If no record can be found it is desired that you notify this office accordingly.

R. C. MARSHALL, JR.,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Chief of Construction Division.

By: *R. C. Wheeler*
R. C. Wheeler,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps.

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Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

April 28, 1919.

From: L. L. Simpson, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C., Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

To: Fred L. Ackerson, Capt. Q.M.C., Utilities Officer.

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L. L. Simpson,
1st Lieut.,
Q. M. C.

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HEADQUARTERS 27th. DIVISION, U.S.A.,
Camp Wadsworth, Spartansburg, S.C.

October 22, 1917.

To: Commanding General, 27th. Division.
Camp Wadsworth, S.C.
(Misc.)
The Adjutant General of the Army.

Subject: Small Arms and Field Artillery Ranges.

1. Coincident with the selection of the site for Camp Wadsworth provision was tentatively made, by Major W.N. Michel, Field Artillery, U.S.A., for the instruction and practice of Field Artillery. The location and adaptability of this territory for the purpose are set forth in the report and all accompanying maps furnished by Captain Cornelius N. Wickersham, herewith enclosed.

2. The Question of suitable locations for small arms practice was taken up in conjunction with Field Artillery requirements. No such locations are to be found in close proximity to the camp, due to the presence of a considerable population and the absence of proper natural backstops. Suitable locations were found in the territory referred to above and have been reported upon by Captain Wickersham.

3. The sites for artillery camps, locations of artillery targets and firing positions, locations for small arms ranges, and sites for infantry camps were examined by me prior to final determination. Subsequently I visited these places accompanied by the Infantry and Artillery Brigade Commanders who all expressed themselves as approving the locations. They are believed to be the best locations obtainable.

4. The distance from Camp Wadsworth, 25 to 30 miles, is not objectionable, as the details incident to marching the troops to these points will afford excellent opportunities for instruction in practical field work. Good places for camping are available along the road and the questions of supply will be interesting and instructive.

5. It is proposed to make Campobello and Landrum railroad bases of supply for the reasons set forth in enclosed report.

6. It is highly important that the troops have access to these opportunities for training in rifle and artillery practice at the earliest practicable date. If the acquisition of this territory is approved, the troops will be ready to move in at once. Much work in the way of constructing target pits for small arms and lay-out targets for the artillery, is to be done, and all such work is to be done by troops before actual practice can begin. It is therefore requested that early action be taken and that such action be communicated to this office by telegraph.

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Brigadier General.

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A.G.O., Oct. 25, 1917 -- To the Chief of Staff.

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2nd. Indorsement

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War Department, A.G.O., November 15, 1917.-- Through the Quartermaster General, and the Officer in Charge of Cantonment Construction, to the Commanding General, Camp Wadsworth, S.C.

1. Papers concerning lease of target range for your division returned herewith. The Secretary of War holds that within the limits of funds apportioned for shooting galleries and ranges division commanders are charged with all matters pertaining to target practice of their commands, including the selection of sites and preparation of leases. Expenditures for leases should be made with the understanding that the apportionment of funds made must cover all expenses connected with the galleries and ranges and that no additional funds will be allotted. Care should be taken in location of ranges for small arms and artillery that money expended therefor is not lost through injunction, due to danger or damage to persons or property on adjacent territory.

By order of the Secretary of War:

J.B. Wilson,
Adjutant General,

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Nov. 16, 1917 .

MEMORANDUM FOR CANTONMENT DIVISION:

Your attention is invited to 2nd. indorsement (A.G.O. 684.1 Camp Wadsworth) on papers herewith relating to lease of target range for small arms and field artillery at Camp Wadsworth, S.C. Attention is also invited to the instructions of the Secretary of War that expenditures for leases should be made with the understanding that the apportionment of funds must cover all expenses connected with the galleries and ranges, and that no additional funds will be allotted.

The papers should be transmitted to the Commanding General, Camp Wadsworth, as directed, and the policy established in 2nd. indorsement followed in future similar cases.

Henry G. Sharpe,
Quartermaster General.

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CAMP WADSWORTH, SOUTH CAROLINA.
November 17, 1918.

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Cantonment Division, Q.M.G.O., November 17, 1918. To the Commanding
General, Camp Wadsworth, Spartansburg, D.C.

Returned, as directed by End. Indorsement hereon.

By Authority of the Secretary of War

I. W. LITTELL,
Brigadier General, Quartermaster Corps, N.A.C.,
In Charge of Cantonment Construction.

By:

EVAN SHELBY,
Major, Quartermaster, U.S.A.

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CAMP WADSWORTH, SOUTH CAROLINA.

April 11, 1919.

From: Board of Officers appointed by Paragraph 9, Special Orders No. 22, Headquarters, Camp Wadsworth, S.C., dated 1919. Camp Wadsworth January 22nd, 1919.

To: Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Map and Photographs - Rifle & Artillery Range.

1. It has come to the attention of the Board of Officers appointed by Paragraph 9, Special Orders No. 22, Headquarters, Camp Wadsworth, S.C., dated January 22nd, 1919, that at the time the Rifle & Artillery Range was taken over by the Government in November, 1917, that a complete map of the area leased was made and that photographs were taken of all of the buildings and portions of the ground. The Board has made diligent inquiry in order to obtain possession of this map and these photographs for the reason that there are a great many claims for damage to buildings & that it would be of great assistance to the Board in adjusting these claims to know the actual condition at the time the property passed into the possession of the Government. No trace, however, has been found of the map, although a number of the photographs have been obtained. The only identification of the photographs so obtained are numbers which have corresponding numbers on the map.

2. The Board is informed that such a map and photographs were in the possession of a Board of Officers consisting of Col. Chas. E. Regan, Lt. Col. Fred J. Mack and Major Walter A. Morton, appointed by Special Orders No. 105, Headquarters, Camp Wadsworth, S.C. dated April 20th, 1918. From inquiries of the members of this Board it is believed that this map and photographs were turned in to Headquarters, Camp Wadsworth, S.C., with the report of the Board made May 28th, 1918. A search was made at Camp Headquarters for both the map and photographs but only the photographs now in the possession of this Board were found. These photographs, however, are of little value unless the map can be found so as to identify the buildings and locations.

3. Request information as to whether the map in question was forwarded with the report of the aforesaid Board and, if so, request that it be loaned to this Board for their information.

Alza C. Johnson,
 Major, Infantry, Unassigned,
 President of the Board.

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War Department, A.G.O., April 17, 1919. To the Chief of the Construction
Division, for information on papers in question.

By order of the Secretary of War:

C. M. TRIBLE
Adjutant General.

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War Department, Construction Division, April 23, 1919. - To The Adjutant
General of the Army.

1. Returned. This office does not have any of this and
Artillery Regt at Camp Redworth in its files and can find no trace
of same in this division.

E. C. MARSHALL, Jr.
Brigadier General, U. S. A.
Chief of Construction Division.

By:

G. D. HARTMAN,
Colonel, Quartermaster Corps.

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The Chief of Construction Division

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O. Utilities Officer, Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina, May 1, 1919. To-
Chief of Construction Division (Utilities Branch) Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION CAPTAIN R. C. WHEELER

1. I have investigated the records of this office, and also of the Constructing Quartermaster's office for information pertaining to the map of the artillery and rifle range, but have failed to locate same. I enclose herewith copy of letter explaining what the Officer in charge of Maintenance and Repair at that time, and now attached to the Utilities office of this camp, knows about this situation. I have been in camp since December, 1917, both with the Camp Supply and Constructing Quartermaster's office, and more recently with Utilities, and have never seen the maps referred to, which were prepared by the 27th Division. As stated in letter from Major Johnson, the photographs are in the possession of the Claims Board.

Fred L. Ackerson,
Captain, Q.M.C.,
UTILITIES OFFICER

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