

601.1 Camp Sevier (Misc.Div.)

January 22, 1919.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.
To: The Commanding General, Camp Sevier, S. C.
Subject: Discontinuance of use of Camp Sevier, S. C.

1. It has been decided to discontinue the use of Camp Sevier with the exception of the Base Hospital thereat, with the least practicable delay, and to dispose of all supplies, equipment and transportation except those pertaining to the Base Hospital, and to salvage such property as is considered necessary, and this will be accomplished in such a way as to be for the best interests of the Government.

2. With this in view, you will demobilize all units at your camp including permanent camp organizations, not previously ordered demobilized, excepting the 89th Infantry and discharge such of the enlisted personnel as is eligible for discharge, under general instructions issued or that hereafter may issue. Your attention is especially invited to current War Department Circulars that are applicable. All men enlisted prior to April 2, 1917, and others who desire to remain in the military service either permanently or temporarily will be attached to 89th Infantry and reported to this office, attention room 356. Report under each of above three classes the number, vocation, grade and arm or corps, of such men held and available for transfer. When the organizations of the 89th Infantry at your Camp, which have not been ordered elsewhere, are no longer required at Camp Sevier, you will request instructions of this office as to their disposition.

3. The reduction of permanent camp organizations will be gradual and will keep pace with the discharge of enlisted men and the disposal of supplies, equipment and transportation, in order that the discontinuance of the use of Camp Sevier may proceed in a systematic manner and with the least practicable delay, until the personnel remaining is reduced to that necessary for the proper functioning of the Base Hospital and the necessary caretakers who will be supplied from the personnel now at your camp. The caretakers will include the Fire Truck and Hose Company now at Camp Sevier.

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4. The Chiefs of the interested Supply Departments have been directed to arrange for the prompt disposal of all supplies, equipment and transportation except those pertaining to the Base Hospital, and the Construction Division has been directed to salvage or otherwise dispose of the buildings except those pertaining to the Base Hospital; all supplies, equipment, transportation and buildings pertaining to the Supply Departments and Construction Division will be disposed of by you only in accordance with their instructions. You will co-operate with the Chiefs of the Supply Departments and Construction Division in every way possible in order to expedite the closing up of your camp. Upon the abandonment of any portion of all of your camp, you will turn it over to the representative of the Construction Division who will thereafter take responsible charge of the abandoned facilities and all salvage work under the direct supervision of the Chief of Construction Division.

5. You will inform without delay the nearest representative of all volunteer organizations which have erected buildings at your camp that the use of the camp is to be discontinued and will request that they remove their buildings from the camp or otherwise dispose of them as they see fit.

6. Enlisted men not eligible for discharge by reasons of physical disability will be segregated into groups according to the State from which they were drafted or inducted into the Service and will be transferred, in accordance with Circular No. 14, War Department 1919, and such other War Department Circulars as may apply in each case, to a demobilization center in or near their respective States, after arrangements have been made by you with the Commanding Officer of the proper demobilization center to receive them.

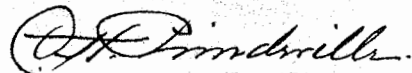
7. When the reduction of the personnel at your camp makes necessary such action, you are authorized to transfer all prisoners at your camp except those pertaining to the Base Hospital to the nearest demobilization Camp, after arrangements have been made by you with the Commanding Officer of the proper camp to receive them.

8. The Chiefs of the Staff Corps have been directed to advise you as to the disposition of specially qualified enlisted men of their Corps required at other Camps and you will transfer such men in accordance with their instructions, provided that no man who has established the merit of his claim to discharge under Circular 77, War Department, 1918, will be so transferred. All other enlisted men of Staff Corps Organizations at your Camp will be discharged or disposed of as provided in paragraph 2 above.

9. Officers will be disposed of as provided for in general instructions which have been or may hereafter be issued from this Office.

By order of the Secretary of War.

This is a true copy.


C. H. Prindeville,
Major, Quartermaster Corps,
Liaison Officer.

(Signed) J. C. ASHBURN,
Adjutant General.

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War Department, A.G.O., January 22, 1919, -- To all Bureau Chiefs, for their information, and with instructions to make recommendations without delay to the Commanding General, Camp Sevier, South Carolina, for the disposition of enlisted personnel in their Corps at this camp, which they desire to retain in the service and have transferred elsewhere. They will request the retention only of specially qualified men and reduce the number requested to the minimum.

The Director of Purchase, Storage and Traffic, the Chiefs of all Supply Departments and the Construction Division, are directed to issue the necessary instructions without delay for the disposal of such supplies, equipment and transportation as pertain to their respective departments, except those pertaining to the Base Hospital, and for such salvaging of property as is considered necessary, with view to discontinuing the use of Camp Sevier at the earliest practicable date. They will dispose of all supplies, equipment and transportation now at Camp Sevier except such as pertain to the Base Hospital, in such a way as will be for the best interests of the Government, and salvage such property as it is considered necessary to salvage for the best interests of the Government.

The Commanding General, Camp Sevier, has been directed to reduce the permanent camp organizations gradually, keeping pace with the discharge of enlisted men and the disposal of supplies, equipment, and transportation, until the personnel remaining at Camp Sevier is reduced to that necessary for the proper functioning of the Base Hospital and to caretakers for the remainder of the Camp who will be supplied from the personnel now at Camp Sevier. The caretakers will include the Fire Truck and Hose Company now at this camp.

The Commanding General, Camp Sevier, has also been directed to notify the nearest representatives of all volunteer organizations which have erected buildings at that camp, that the use of the camp is to be discontinued, and request that they remove their buildings from the camp or otherwise dispose of them as they see fit.

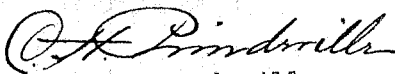
The Director of Purchase, Storage and Traffic will cancel leases only in accordance with instructions based on recommendations received from the Construction Demobilization Committee of the General Staff.

The Chief of the Construction Division will salvage buildings only in accordance with instructions based on recommendations received from the Construction Demobilization Committee of the General Staff.

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(Signed) J. C. ASHBURN,
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