

ABANDONMENT #1

December 10, 1918.

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ABANDONMENT OF CONSTRUCTION WORK AT  
"CAMP SEVIER, SOUTH CAROLINA"

1. In accordance with the order of the Chief of Staff, under date of November 27, 1918, quoted below, YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO

ABANDON ALL CONSTRUCTION WORK AT CAMP SEVIER, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Circular  
No. 95

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Washington, November 27, 1918.

ABANDONMENT OF CAMPS

1. It is announced as a policy that all tent camps will be abandoned as soon as possible. However, it will be necessary to use many of them for demobilization of returning troops. No more tents or supplies will be sent to these camps nor will any further improvements be made other than those necessary for the health and care of the garrisons now quartered there at or to be sent there for demobilization.

2. Base Hospitals now existing at these camps will be maintained. (680.1, A.G.O.)

By order of the Secretary of War:

Official:  
P. C. HARRIS

PHYTON C. MARCH

The Adjutant General.

General, Chief of Staff.

2. The above letter is interpreted as follows:

"This authorization contemplates that these contracts will be cancelled.

Under this authorization it is intended that all construction work at this camp will be stopped at once, excepting only such work as may be imperatively necessary to avoid serious danger to the health of the troops in Camp and in connection with the existing hospitals. As these camps are to be abandoned, it will be very unusual conditions that will warrant finishing of buildings for their own protection. Consideration should also be given to the fact that as the camps are to be abandoned, the use of latrines where they are still in use, could be viewed from a different standpoint of sanitation, than would be warranted if the policy of abandonment had not been adopted.

In other words, this office can see no work which should not be stopped at once. There may be however, some minor items which it will be necessary for the Field Forces to complete. A prompt report of such items must be made at this office."

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H. S. FRENCH,  
MAJOR, QUARTERMASTER CORPS.

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