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January 15, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-5:

Subject: Designations suggested for naming new Army Posts in Colorado, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

1. In compliance with memorandum of January 8, 1942 (G-3/45440), on the above subject, there are given below several names considered appropriate for designating the posts in question; also there are also attached hereto brief biographical data relating to each of the persons listed:

a. For post in the vicinity of Colorado Springs, Colorado:

- (1) PIKE, Zebulon Montgomery (1779-1815) - Brigadier General, U. S. Army.

Famous soldier and explorer; his father was an officer of the Continental and United States Armies; the present Camp Joseph T. Robinson, in Arkansas, was formerly named for General Pike; closely associated with the territory that now constitutes the State of Colorado.

- (2) CARSON, Christopher ("Kit") (1809-1868) - Brigadier General, U. S. Volunteers.

Famous Indian fighter, guide and soldier; closely identified with the Far West, particularly Colorado, where he lived for many years, dying at Fort Lyon, Colorado, on May 23, 1868.

- (3) HALE, Irving (1861-1919) - Brigadier General, U. S. Volunteers.

Graduate of the U. S. Military Academy; Instructor in Engineering there (1888-89); splendid record in the Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection; wounded in action; distinguished citizen of Denver, Colorado.

- (4) WICKERSHAM, J. Hunter ( -1918) - 2d Lieut.  
368d Infantry, 89th Division, A.E.F.

Medal of Honor posthumously awarded for conspicuous bravery at Liney, France, where he was killed in action on September 12, 1918. Appointed from and resided in Colorado.

b. For post in the vicinity of Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

- (1) BRECKINRIDGE, John Cabell (1821-1878) - Distinguished American soldier and statesman.

Born in Kentucky; one of the most distinguished families in the State; served in the Mexican War with Kentucky Volunteers; United States Senator and Vice-President of the United States; Major-General, C.S.A.; Secretary of War of the Confederacy.

- (2) BELL, J. Franklin (1866-1919) - Major General, U.S.A.  
Distinguished American soldier.

Born in Kentucky; graduate U. S. Military Academy; served in Indian Wars; Spanish-American War; Philippine Insurrection, and World War I; awarded Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, and Distinguished Service Medal; Chief of Staff of U. S. Army (1908-1910).

NOTE: It is not believed that the use of his name would conflict with that of Fort Bell in Bermuda, B.W.I., which was named in honor of Major General George Bell, U.S.A.

- (3) BUCKNER, Simon Bolivar (1825-1914) - Distinguished American Soldier and statesman.

Born and died in Kentucky; graduate of the U. S. Military Academy and Professor of Ethics and Assistant Professor of Infantry Tactics at that institution; served with distinction in the U. S. Army in the Mexican War; Lieutenant-General in the Confederate Army; Governor of Kentucky; candidate for Vice President of the U. S.

c. For post in the vicinity of Clarksville, Tennessee.

- (1) CHEATHAM, Benjamin Franklin (1820-1868) - Distinguished American Soldier.

Born in Tennessee; descendant of General James Robertson, called "The Father of Tennessee;" participated in the Mexican War as a Colonel of Tennessee Volunteers; Major General, C.S.A. His son of the same name was Quartermaster General of the U. S. Army.

- (2) HAYE, William Brimage (1828-1905) - Distinguished soldier and statesman.

Born in Tennessee; served in the Mexican War with Tennessee Volunteers; rose from private to Major General in the Confederate Army; Governor of Tennessee; U. S. Senator (1887-1905).

- X (3) CAMPBELL, William Bowen (1807-1887) - Distinguished Tennessee soldier and statesman.

Born and died in Tennessee; served in the Creek and Florida Indian Wars; Major General of Tennessee Militia; participated in the Mexican War as Colonel of Tennessee Volunteers; Governor of Tennessee (1851-55); Brigadier General, U. S. Volunteers; U. S. Representative.

d. For post in the vicinity of Durham, N. C.

- (1) BUTNER, Henry W. (1878-1937) - Major General, U. S. Army; Modern soldier.

Born in North Carolina; graduate U. S. Military Academy; rose through all grades from 2d Lieutenant to Major General, U.S.A.; distinguished in World War I as Commander, 1st Field Artillery Brigade; awarded Distinguished Service Medal; died on active duty.

- (2) SEVIER, John (1745-1815) - Famous pioneer, soldier and statesman.

Although born in Virginia, he was prominent in the Watauga County (North Carolina - later Tennessee); participated in the Revolutionary War, being distinguished at the battle of King's Mountain, where he led 500 soldiers from North Carolina; U. S. Representative from North Carolina.

NOTE: There was a Camp Sevier at Greenville, S. C., (1817-1819). His name might also be considered entirely appropriate for Tennessee.

- (3) CASHELL, Richard (1729-1789) - Soldier and statesman of North Carolina.

Although born in Maryland, he spent practically all of his life in North Carolina; commanded militia troops at the battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, N. C. (1776) and led the North Carolina troops in the battle of Camden; Major General of North Carolina Militia and Governor of the State (1784-85).

OLIVER L. SPAULDING,  
Brig. Gen., U.S.A., Ret.,  
Chief, Historical Section.

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March 24, 1942.

Honorable Albert Gore,  
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Gore:

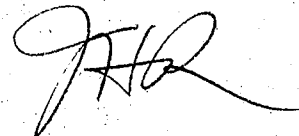
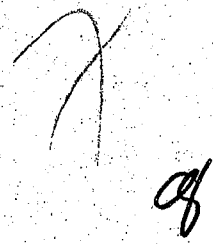
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter, March 20, 1942, inclosing copy of a letter from Miss Martha Campbell, Lebanon, Tennessee, regarding the naming of the new Army camp on the Kentucky-Tennessee line after her grandfather, the late Governor William Bowen Campbell.

The idea of naming this camp in honor of the late Governor William Bowen Campbell originated in the Historical Section of the Army War College, and this name was chosen because of the distinguished service rendered by Governor Campbell as a soldier and statesman,

Very respectfully,

J. A. ULIO

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.



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NOBLE J. GREGORY  
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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

October 15, 1941

Major General E. S. Adams,  
The Adjutant General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Adams:

At the present time a survey is being carried on in the counties of Trigg and Christian in Kentucky and Montgomery and Stewart in Tennessee with the possibility of the establishment of an armored division. I wish to suggest that if and when this camp does become a reality it be named Camp Henry C. Burnett.

Henry C. Burnett was a very illustrious son of Kentucky who served in Congress until December 3, 1861, at which time he was expelled from Congress because of his attitude in the Civil War. Expulsion, as you know, meant nothing more than resignation. Immediately upon his severance from this office he became a Colonel in the Eighth Regiment Kentucky Infantry in the Confederate Army, serving through the Civil War. He was a Representative from Kentucky to the Provisional Confederate Congress from November 18, 1861, to February 17, 1862. He was elected as a Senator from Kentucky to the First and Second Confederate Congresses, and served from February 19, 1862, to February 18, 1865. He is now buried in Trigg County, which County is one of the involved counties.

At the time of his military service and due to the fact that Kentucky was endeavoring to maintain a position of neutrality he crossed the line into Tennessee and organized a camp for the purpose of training men for the Confederate Army. That camp was called Camp Burnett and was located at the site of the proposed camp.

With this history the thought occurs to me that the naming of the new camp for him would be quite appropriate.

I would appreciate your reaction to my suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

*Noble J. Gregory*  
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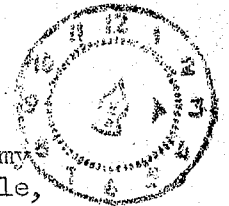
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF WAR

Subject: Suggestion forwarded by the Honorable Alben W. Barkley that the proposed Army Camp at Hopkinsville, Ky. - Clarksville, Tenn. be named Camp Burnett.

1. The inclosed correspondence is transmitted for appropriate action.
2. There is also inclosed a copy of the acknowledgment from this office.

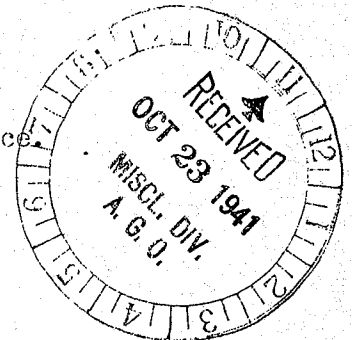
For The Quartermaster General:

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BREHON SOMERVELL,  
Brigadier General, U. S. A.,  
Assistant.

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- #1 - Letter 10/16/41 from Hon. A. W. Barkley.
- #2 - Letter 10/13/41 from Mr. A. C. Burnett.
- #3 - Copy letter to Sen. Barkley from this office.



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NOBLE J. GREGORY  
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# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Washington, D. C.

January 13, 1942

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Major General E. S. Adams,  
The Adjutant General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Adams:

As you possibly recall I wrote you on October 15th, suggesting that the Army camp located on the Kentucky-Tennessee line, comprising the Counties of Christian and Trigg in Kentucky and Montgomery and Stewart in Tennessee, be named for that outstanding citizen, public servant and soldier, Colonel Henry C. Burnett.

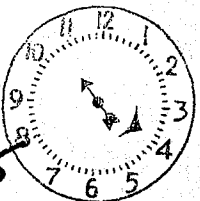
As indicated by me and as the records will disclose, Colonel Burnett organized a camp on the same site at the time of the Civil War.

I think it would be entirely appropriate in view of the local atmosphere that this camp be named Camp Henry C. Burnett and would appreciate at this time your favorable consideration of this suggestion.

Thanking you for your reaction to my suggestion, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Noble J. Gregory*  
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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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(United Daughters of the Confederacy)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS

WASHINGTON

February 7, 1942

Mrs. W. S. Swann, President,  
Kentucky Division, U. D. C.,  
703 Main Street,  
Murray, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Swann:

Reference is made to your letter of February 2, 1942, addressed to the Quartermaster General, requesting that the cantonment to be constructed at Hopkinsville, Kentucky-Clarksville, Tennessee Area, be named "Camp Burnett" in honor of Henry C. Burnett, who formerly served as United States Senator and in the Confederate Congress.

The interest of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in this matter is deeply appreciated, however, the naming of camps is not a function of this office, but these names are selected either by the Secretary of War or Chief of Staff in collaboration with Corps Area Commanders, after a survey of the desires of the local residents.

I have transmitted your communication to the Secretary of War for proper action.

For the Chief of Engineers:

Very respectfully,

THOMAS M. ROBINS,  
Major General,  
Assistant Chief of Engineers.

*Handwritten:* E. C. / R. 2-10-42



*Copy by Henry #7*

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Congress of the United States  
 Committee on Foreign Affairs  
 House of Representatives  
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February 6, 1942

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Honorable Henry L. Stimson,  
 Secretary of War,  
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 SECRETARIAT

First let me say that your statement before the Foreign Affairs Committee on Tuesday, February 3, 1942, concerning H. R. Res. 276 was the most complete and inspiring testimony I have had the honor to hear since I have been a Member of Congress. I know you are gratified in the way the House received this legislation.

Another matter which I want to call to your attention is the selection of a name for the army camp now being constructed on the Kentucky-Tennessee line, comprising the Counties of Christian and Trigg in Kentucky and Montgomery and Stewart in Tennessee. It has been very appropriately suggested that this camp be named for Colonel Henry C. Burnett, an illustrious son of Kentucky who served with distinction in various capacities in public life, including service in the House of Representatives, and also as a valiant soldier in the Civil War.

Attached hereto is a brief statement covering the life of Colonel Burnett and I will deeply appreciate it if you will give consideration to this request.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am

Sincerely yours,

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MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
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HOME ADDRESS:  
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# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Washington, D. C.

February 17, 1942

Major General E. S. Adams,  
The Adjutant General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Adams:

Under date of October 15, 1941, I addressed a communication to you suggesting that the new army camp in the area of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, be named for Colonel Henry C. Burnett. You replied under date of October 21st advising me that the name would be given consideration. I addressed another communication to you under date of January 13, 1942, reminding you of my previous suggestion, and learned yesterday from unofficial sources that it would be named Camp Campbell.

It would be appreciated if you would advise me as to the reasons for assigning this name to this camp and if consistent with your policies, I would like for you to give me the names of the individuals charged with the responsibility of this decision.

Sincerely yours,

*Noble J. Gregory*  
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SUBJECT: Naming of new army camp in the area of Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Date February 24, 1942

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That a reply be addressed to Congressman Gregory substantially as follows:

*Action taken by ltr 2-26-42 Mr JEP/mp*  
Further inquiry into the matter of naming the camp located between Hopkinsville, Kentucky and Clarksville, Tennessee, indicates that a final choice was made from a list of six distinguished persons from the Kentucky-Tennessee region. Included was the name of Colonel Henry C. Burnett. Upon careful consideration and in view of the fact that the great bulk of the camp site lies in Tennessee, General Campbell's name was chosen.

The responsibility for the naming of military posts rests upon the Secretary of War.

*Harry L. Twaddle* FEB 25 42  
HARRY L. TWADDLE,  
Brigadier General,  
Assistant Chief of Staff.

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FOR RECORD:  
Congressman Gregory, who had suggested "Burnett" as the name for the site finally named "Camp Campbell", inquires as to the reasons for the name chosen, and the names of the responsible individuals.

*Jan 3/17/42*

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