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OPERATIONS AND TRAINING DIVISION, G-3  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 14, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, HISTORICAL SECTION, ARMY WAR COLLEGE:

Subject: Names for possible camp sites.

The Secretary of War has recently approved for further survey, with a view to acquisition in case the Army should be sufficiently augmented to acquire them, 9 camp sites located as follows:

Vicinity of Blackstone, Va.
" " Augusta, Ga.
" " Columbus, Ind.
" " Neosha (Joplin), Mo.
" " Ft. Smith, Ark.
" " Cookson Hills (Muskogee), Okla.
" " Eugene, Oregon.
" " Medford, Oregon.
" " Santa Maria-Lompoc, Calif.

Request that the G-3 Division be furnished with suitable names for these sites in case they are acquired and decision is made to station troops thereon. If possible to do so, 3 names, chosen in accordance with the principles used by you in the past in furnishing such data, should be submitted for each camp site.

This information should be considered confidential until it has been released to the press.

HARRY L. TWADDLE,  
Brigadier General,  
Assistant Chief of Staff

BY:

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRIGADIER GENERAL HARRY L. TWADDOLE,  
A. C. of S., G-3, War Department.

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As directed in Confidential Memorandum of May 14, 1941, there are given below three names suggested as appropriate for each of the proposed military posts listed. (See brief biographies attached.)

a. Vicinity of Blackstone, Virginia.

1. Spotswood - In honor of Alexander Spotswood (1676-1740) the distinguished and popular Colonial governor of Virginia; organized and led the famous expedition over the Blue Ridge to the Shenandoah Valley in 1716. The members of this pioneer band constituted "The Knights of the Golden Horseshoe."

2. Daniel Morgan - In honor of Brigadier General Daniel Morgan (1736-1802), one of the most skillful and successful leaders of troops of his day; participant in the French and Indian War; distinguished at the battle of Saratoga and given the Thanks of Congress for his important victory at The Compens. General Daniel Morgan was outstanding for his skill in handling riflemen, then the newest idea in contemporary military science.

3. Bwall - In honor of Lieutenant General Bwall, C.S.A., (1817-1872), distinguished corps commander (successor to "Stonewall" Jackson), in the Army of Northern Virginia, C.S.A.; graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, and prominent in the Mexican War and Indian campaigns in the Southwest.

Note: In the event that General George E. Pickett's name is not chosen for one of the proposed new camps in Oregon (see below), it is suggested that he be considered for Virginia.

b. Vicinity of Augusta, Georgia.

1. Gordon - In honor of Lieutenant General John B. Gordon, C.S.A., (1832-1904), distinguished and popular native-born soldier and statesman of Georgia; served throughout the Civil War (1861-65); wounded several times; rose from captain to rank of Lieutenant General, C.S.A., Governor of, and U.S. Senator from Georgia.

Note: One of the large cantonments for National Army troops of World War I was established near Atlanta and designated as Camp Gordon by G.O. #95, W.D., 1917. This site was sold in 1922.

2. Hardse - In honor of Lieutenant General William Joseph Hardse, C.S.A., (1815-1873), distinguished American soldier and tactician; a native of Savannah, Ga.; author of the "Tactics," used by both Federal and Confederate Armies; Commandant, U.S. Military Academy, 1856-1861.

3. Cobb - In honor of Major General Howell Cobb, C.S.A., (1815-1868), distinguished statesman and soldier of Georgia; Secretary of the Treasury (U.S.), (1857-1860); Governor of Georgia; Speaker of the House of Representatives (U.S.) (1849-1851).

c. Vicinity of Columbus, Indiana.

1. Woodfill - In honor of Captain Samuel Woodfill, U.S.A., Retired (1883- ), universally recognized as one of the most outstanding heroes of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I. (See copy of military record and citation for Medal of Honor attached.) Decorated by many nations.

Note: Despite the fact that Captain Woodfill is still alive, it is strongly recommended that an exception to the general rule be made in this case. Woodfill is typical of the best in the old time Regulars. Served in the U.S. Army for 30 years, rising from private to master-sergeant. He was a temporary officer during the War, and was retired as a captain by the Act of May 7, 1932; was chosen as one of the pall-bearers at the funeral of the American Unknown Soldier.

2. Wallace - In honor of Major-General "Law" Wallace, (1827-1905); prominent Civil War Union leader; native of Indiana; Territorial Governor of New Mexico; and famous author of "Ben Hur," and other books.

3. George Rogers Clark (1752-1818) - In honor of the famous American soldier of that name, whose difficult and successful winter campaign against Kaskaskia and Vincennes, Indiana, is credited with having given the Northwest Territory to the United States.

d. Vicinity of Neosho (Joplin), Missouri.

1. Crowder - In honor of Major-General Enoch Herbert Crowder, U.S.A., (1859-1932), native of Missouri, distinguished soldier, jurist and statesman; Judge Advocate General and Provost Marshal General, U.S. Army, and director of the Selective Service Act (Draft) during World War (1917-1919); American Ambassador to Cuba.

2. Bates - In honor of Lieutenant General John C. Bates, U.S.A. (1842-1919), distinguished American soldier; native of Missouri; Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, January-April, 1906. ✓

3. Price - In honor of Major General Sterling Price, C.S.A., (1809-1867), distinguished soldier and statesman, adopted son of Missouri; prominent in the Mexican War as commander of Missouri troops; Governor of the State (1852-1856). ✓

e. Vicinity of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

1. Newton D. Baker (1871-1937) - In honor of the distinguished American statesman and jurist; Secretary of War during the World War, 1917-1919. While not a native of Arkansas, his name would honor any military post on the territory of the United States. ✓

2. Elihu Root (1845-1937) - In honor of the distinguished American statesman and jurist; as Secretary of War (1899-1904), Mr. Root was primarily responsible for the establishment of the modern General Staff system of the U.S. Army, including the Army War College. While not born in Arkansas, his name is considered appropriate for any large military post on the territory of the United States. ✓

3. King - In honor of Brigadier General Charles King, U.S.A. (1844-1933), distinguished American soldier and author. Retired from active duty on account of wounds received in action, June 14, 1879. Called back to duty many times thereafter. Well known to all readers of adventure stories of life in the U.S. Army. ✓

f. Vicinity of Cookson Hills (Muscooges), Oklahoma.

1. Quan-ah Parker - In honor of the famous Indian Chief of the Comanches (1845-1911); consistent foe and capable adversary of the whites until decisively defeated; after which event, he is credited with having persuaded his tribe to make permanent peace. He was the son of Cynthia Ann Parker, who was captured at Parker's Fort, Texas, in May, 1836, and grew up with the Indians. ✓

2. Albert Pike - In honor of Brigadier General Albert Pike, C.S.A., (1809-1891), commander of Indian troops from the Indian Territory (now Oklahoma), and commander of the Department of Indian Territory, Confederate States of America, 1861-1862. A distinguished writer before and after the Civil War period; particularly prominent in Washington, D.C., where he died, and where there is a statue in his honor. ✓

3. Gruber - In honor of the late Brigadier General Edward L. Gruber, U.S.A. (1879-1941), who died recently while on active duty in command of the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Distinguished for his services during the World War (1917-1919) in establishing Field Artillery brigade firing centers; (D.S.M., G.O. #69, W.D., 1919). In April, 1918, he established such a center at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was long in command of that post, and is well and favorably remembered in Oklahoma.

g. Vicinity of Eugene, Oregon.

1. Pickett - In honor of Major-General George E. Pickett, C.S.A. (1825-1875), who as Captain, Company D, 9th U.S. Infantry, played a dominant part in the affair at San Juan Island (1859-1861) which held an important part of the northwest for the United States. The original U.S. post on San Juan Island was designated Camp Pickett, later changed to Camp Steele and abandoned in 1874.

General Pickett's charge at Gettysburg is known to every American.

2. Chief Joseph - In honor of the famous Nez Percé Indian Chief (1840(?) - 1904). Chief Joseph is considered by most authorities as the most intelligent and skillful Indian military leader to fight against the U.S. troops.

3. Gibbon - In honor of Brevet Major-General John Gibbon (1827-1896), distinguished American soldier who served for over 40 years in the Regular Army; prominent in the Civil War and a famous Indian fighter of the Far West. Fort Gibbon, on the Tukon River, in Alaska, established in 1899, was discontinued in 1925.

h. Vicinity of Medford, Oregon.

1. Young - In honor of Lieutenant General Samuel Baldwin Marks Young (1840-1924), distinguished American soldier of over 50 years' continuous service; Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army (1903-1904).

2. J. Franklin Bell - In honor of Major General J. Franklin Bell (1856-1919), distinguished modern American soldier; holder of the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross and Distinguished Service Medal, (the two latter awarded posthumously).

3. Halleck - In honor of Major General Henry Wager Halleck (1815-1872), distinguished American soldier and writer on military science; Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Army (November, 1861-March, 1864); later commander of the Division of the Pacific, including Oregon; long prominent, before and after the Civil War, on the Pacific coast.

Note: Since there are to be two camps in Oregon, the second and third choices in g. supra. for Eugene, might be included in consideration of a name for the camp at Medford.

1. Vicinity of Santa Maria-Lompoc, California.

1. Coronado - In honor of Francisco Vasquez de Coronado (1506-1547), famous Spanish soldier and explorer of the Southwest. One of the great names connected with the early history of this Country.

2. McAndrew - In honor of Major General James W. McAndrew (1862-1922), distinguished modern American soldier; participated in the Sioux Indian campaign (1890-1891); Spanish-American War; and Philippine Disurrection; was Chief of Staff of the American Expeditionary Forces in France during the period of their most important operations.

Note: While not a native of California (General McAndrew was born in Pennsylvania) his name is deemed suitable for any important military post on the territory of the United States.

3. Heintzelman - In honor of Major General Stuart Heintzelman, (1816-1895), distinguished modern American soldier, descendant of a famous Army family; Chief of Staff of the Second American Army, A.E.F.; awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and many foreign orders. Died on active duty.

Note: While not a native of California (General Heintzelman was born in New York), his name is considered appropriate for any military post on the territory of the United States.

In selecting the above names, we have considered a great many others and those submitted may be said to represent "the survival of the fittest." The usual established policies have been followed as far as practicable. Where exceptions are made, the reasons therefor are given in each case.

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Chief, Historical Section, A.W.C.

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November 21, 1941.

MEMORANDUM for the A. C. of S., G-2, War Department.  
(Attention - Colonel Shelton.)

SUBJECT: Designations suggested for re-naming Fort Winslow, Va.

1. In accordance with telephonic directions from your office on the 14th and 19th instant, there are submitted below, a number of names of Virginia-born deceased Army officers, considered appropriate for designating the reservation at Kiptopeke (Cape Charles), Virginia, at present known as Fort Winslow, Va.:

- a. CHAMBERLAINE, William.-- (1871-1925) - Brigadier-General, U.S. Army. Born in Norfolk, Va., graduate, U.S. Military Academy; served in the U.S. Artillery through all grades from 2d Lieutenant to Brigadier-General; commanded the Railway Artillery Reserve, American Expeditionary Forces in France; awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. See biographical data attached.
- b. PICKETT, George Edward.-- (1825-1875) - Officer, U.S. Army and C.S. Army. Born in Fauquier County, Virginia; graduate, U.S. Military Academy; distinguished service in the U.S. Army, particularly at San Juan Island, Washington Territory; leader of the famous charge at Gettysburg. See biographical data attached.
- c. MAGNUSON, John Bankhead.-- (1810-1871) - Officer, U.S. Army and C.S. Army. Born near Port Royal, Va.; graduate, U.S. Military Academy; served with distinction in the U.S. Army in the Florida Indian and Mexican Wars, and in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. See Biographical data attached.
- d. MURRAY, Arthur.-- (1851-1925) - Major-General, U.S. Army.

NOTE: Included at the request of the Office of the Chief of Coast Artillery.

Born in Bowling Green, Missouri. See biographical data attached. Since General Murray served as Chief of Artillery, his name is considered appropriate for any coast defense reservation. However, there is at present a Battery at Fort BENJA, Canal Zone, named for him. (See G.O.#4, par. IV, War Dept., Feby. 2, 1929.) There is at present also a 'Camp MURRAY,' near Tacoma, Washington. This was a former National Guard camp-site, and there is no record here of for whom it was named.

2. There are also attached brief biographies of Colonel John Cropper, Virginia-born officer in the Continental Army; and of the Honorable Abel P. Upshur, Secretary of the Navy during a part of the Tyler administration. These names are included at the suggestion of Colonel Pitts, of your office. There do not appear to be any particularly

good reasons for naming the post for either of these men. Incidentally, the name "CHOPPER" is subject to the same objections that have been previously raised to such names as "GRAVES," (Major-General, U.S. Army), "TINK," (Medal of Honor man, killed in action), "GRAVEN," et al.

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BY DIRECTION OF CHIEF OF STAFF  
W. T. SEXTON, MAJOL, GSC  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY, GS

1841 Kilbourne Place,  
Washington, D. C.  
December 30, 1941

General George C. Marshall,  
Chief of Staff,  
U. S. Army,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Name for U.S. Army Camp,  
Blackstone, Virginia.

Sir:

As a native son of Nottoway County, it is respectfully requested that the Army Camp now under construction at Blackstone, Virginia, be called Pryor in memory of Brigadier General Roger A. Pryor of the Confederate Armies, he having been reared in Nottoway County.

General Pryor was a member of Congress from Virginia and was sent as a Commissioner to South Carolina in an effort to prevent secession prior to the outbreak of war between the States. He later became a Brigadier General in the Confederate Army and after the war removed to New York City where he became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of that City, serving in this capacity for a long number of years. It would seem that his distinguished services as a statesman, soldier, and jurist, would entitle him to the posthumous distinction, and it is hoped that favorable consideration may be given to this matter.

Very truly yours,

*Hampton Wilson*  
HAMPTON WILSON,  
Major, Q.M. Reserve, Inactive.

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