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Change in name of Military Reservation April 29, 1929.
this Department.

For posting or reorganization.

The Adjutant General.

By order of the Secretary of War

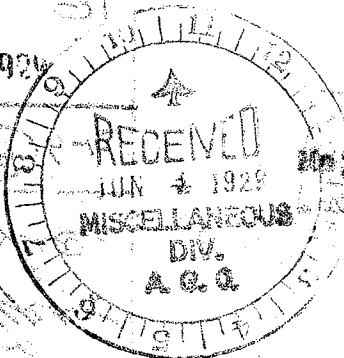
Adjutant General.

1. General Orders No. 6, War Department, current series, announces the change in name of Fort Leonard Wood, Maryland, to Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved February 25, 1929. This Act leaves no military reservation bearing the name of Leonard Wood.

2. In view of the late Major General Leonard Wood's extensive, varied and splendid services in these Islands as a citizen, soldier and chief executive, it seems peculiarly appropriate that the United States commemorate such services by naming a military reservation in his honor. General Wood was intensely interested in the utilization of the natural advantages of Camp John Hay as a health and recuperative station and contributed no little to its development as such.

3. I, therefore, recommend that the name of the military reservation Camp John Hay be officially changed to Fort Leonard Wood.

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DOUGLAS MACARTHUR,
Major General, U.S. Army,
Commanding.

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War Department, A.G.O., June 4, 1929 - To the Quartermaster General.

For remark or recommendation.

By order of the Secretary of War:

John B. Shannon

Adjutant General.

1st Lt.

For the Adjutant General.

The enclosed articles would appear in the official papers and preferably appropriate, since it is agreed in the office that General [Name] was highly interested in the development of the [Name] and all rank for its development.

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Major General,
Quartermaster General.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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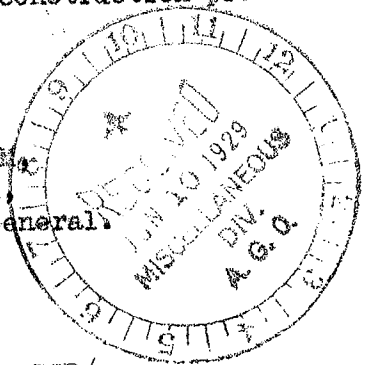
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June 6, 1929 - To The Adjutant General.

1. The proposed action would appear to be entirely logical and perfectly appropriate, since it is known to this office that General Leonard Wood was keenly interested in the construction project at Baguio and did much for its development.

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B. F. CHEATHAM
 Major General,
 The Quartermaster General.

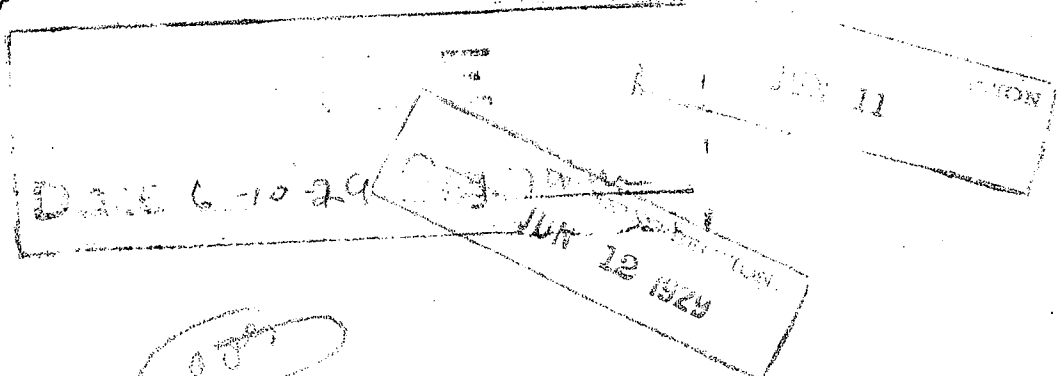


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War Department, A.G.01, June 10, 1929 - To the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
OPERATIONS & TRAINING DIVISION, G-3
WASHINGTON

June 12, 1929.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Subject: Re-designation of Camp
John Hay.

I. The problem presented.

What action shall be taken on the re-designation of Camp
John Hay?

II. Facts bearing upon the problem.

1. In basic communication (AG 680.9, 4-29-29) the Commanding General, Philippine Department, recommends that the name of Camp John Hay be changed to Fort Leonard Wood, inasmuch as there is now no post named for General Wood, and as this action is believed appropriate to commemorate his extensive, varied, and splendid services in those islands, and his interest in the development of this post.

In 2nd Indorsement, the Quartermaster General recommends approval.

2. A search of the files does not reveal any announcement of the name of this post. In G.O., No. 22, W.D., 1907, it is mentioned under this name. It is believed that it was named for the Honorable John Hay, Secretary of State under Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt, who was instrumental in establishing a Philippine policy and who died July 1, 1905.

It is the opinion of G-3, because it bears the name of one of our distinguished statesmen, that no change should be made.

3. G-3 is, however, of the opinion, that some fitting action should be taken by the War Department to perpetuate the name of General Wood, and therefore recommends that the designation of Plattsburg Barracks be changed to Fort Leonard Wood.

a. Camp Meade, Maryland, was re-designated as Fort Leonard Wood in par. III, G.O. No. 3, W.D., March 2, 1928.

On March 12, 1928, the War Department wrote a letter to Mrs. Wood, informing her of this action, and stating:

"It is only fitting that the name of Leonard Wood should join that band of great and distinguished soldiers who have had Army posts named in their honor."

(AG file 680.9, Ft. Leonard Wood, 3-12-28, Misc. Div. attached hereto).

(10) AG 680.9 (4-29-29)

Pursuant to an Act of Congress, approved February 25, 1929, which specified that Fort Leonard Wood shall hereafter be known as Fort George G. Meade, this honor to the memory of General Wood was withdrawn (AG file 680.9, Fort George G. Meade, 3-7-29, herewith).

b. Plattsburg, New York, was settled in 1784 by settlers from Poughkeepsie, New York and Long Island, headed by Zephania Platt, and was incorporated as a town in 1785. Platt was a legislator, a delegate from New York to the Continental Congress, from 1784 to 1786, judge of the Circuit Court for many years, and died in 1807, at the town which he founded.

United States troops were stationed there at various times from 1814 to 1865, since when they have been there continuously. The present post was established in 1838. The original military reservation was purchased by a deed from Pliny Moore and Levi Platt. A search of the files and returns of The Adjutant General's Office, does not reveal any order which publishes the designation of this post. The post returns prior to March, 1843, are headed "Post return of Plattsburg, New York". Beginning March, 1843, they are called "Post return of Plattsburg Barracks, New York". But neither in the War Department Orders noted in this return as having been received at the post, nor elsewhere, is there given an explanation as to the change in designation. The natural assumption, therefore, is that the name of the town of Plattsburg was taken as the name of the post.

c. To name Plattsburg Barracks in honor of General Wood would not only provide a memorial to him in accordance with the intention of the War Department as announced when Camp Meade was named for him, but would link in lasting form, his name with that post which, if any, should bear his name. Plattsburg is in the same general locality in which he was born and received his education. At Plattsburg Barracks was begun what became widely known as the "Plattsburg Movement" for which General Wood was mainly responsible and which was the forerunner of the present military training camp system. The name "Plattsburg" is generally known throughout the country because of this association.

It is believed that the town of Plattsburg will adequately serve to perpetuate the name of its founder.

III. Action recommended.

The Secretary of War directs that The Adjutant General take the following action:

1. Return the attached communication (AG 680.9, 4-29-29) to the Commanding General, Philippine Department, by indorsement informing him that in view of the fact that Camp John Hay was named in honor of the late Secretary of State, John Hay, his recommendation is not favorably considered.

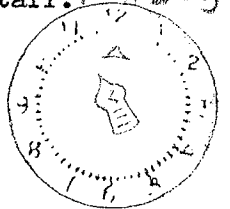
Further inform him that the War Department is taking action to change the name of Plattsburg Barracks to Fort Leonard Wood in honor of General Wood.

2. Take the necessary action to re-designate Plattsburg Barracks as "Fort Leonard Wood".

3. Write an appropriate letter to Mrs. Leonard Wood informing her of this action. /o - 1 of Secretary of War

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EDW. CROFT,
Colonel, General Staff,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff. 16912-5



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- AG file 680.9, Ft. Leonard Wood 12-29-27.
- AG file 680.9, Ft. George G. Meade, 3-7-29

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Secretary of War

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C. P. SUMMERALL
General

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WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
OPERATIONS & TRAINING DIVISION, G-3
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1929.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

Subject: Redesignation of Camp John Hay.

The Secretary of War directs:

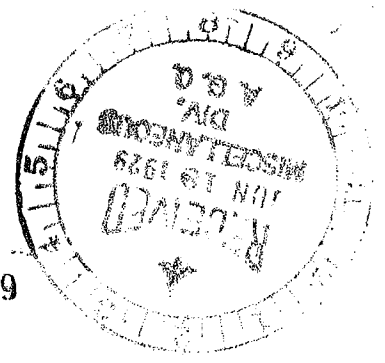
- I. That the attached communication (AG 680.9 (4-29-29)) be returned to the Commanding General, Philippine Department, by indorsement, informing him that, (in view of the fact that Camp John Hay was named in honor of the late Secretary of State, John Hay, his recommendation is not favorably considered.)
- II. That the attached disapproved G-3 memorandum for the Chief of Staff (June 12, 1929), G-3/23054, be filed.

E. G. Peyton
E. G. PEYTON,
Colonel, General Staff,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff.

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War Department, A.G.O., June 19, 1929 - To the Commanding General,
Philippine Department.

In view of the fact that Camp John Jay was named in
honor of the late Secretary of State, John Hay, his recommenda-
tion is not favorably considered.

By order of the Secretary of War:

H. H. Shell

Adjutant General.

Based on G-3 memo No 23054 dated June 17, 1929

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