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Honorable Dan E. Garvey
Governor of Arizona
Capitol Building
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Governor Garvey:

A special meeting of the General Staff was called for this date and the following members were present:

Major General A. M. Tuthill, The Adjutant General, Chairman
Colonel Wilson B. Wood, Hq & Hq Det NG Az
Colonel Frederick R. Stofft, 158th Infantry
Lt. Colonel Barry Goldwater, AF, Hq & Hq Det NG Az
Major Jackson Bogle, 480th Field Artillery Battalion

In addition to the General Staff members, Lt Colonel Curry, Acting USP&DO and Colonel Frank E. Fraser, Executive Officer were requested to attend this meeting.

This special meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the following items: Fort Huachuca, Awards & Trophies, State Matches, Representative on Wing Staff, Armed Forces Day, 158th Colors, Sunner Encampment of Army Units, and the payment of Claims for hospitalization and/or medical treatment of National Guardsmen.

1. FORT HUACHUCA: Colonel Fraser advised that before we can get permission to sell any part of Areas 10 and 13 at Fort Huachuca it is necessary to submit a written request for permission to dispose of facilities in these areas, and we must recommend to the Governor that he make formal request to the Federal agency for the sale of the areas and to justify and explain how the money will be used. Colonel Fraser brought the members present up to date as to the order of how we acquired Fort Huachuca in its present status. "Exhibit A" attached to the mimeographed application form furnished by War Assets Administration, gave a detailed description of Area 10 and for all improvements therein, the list of buildings was also displayed. It is necessary to sell facilities in Areas 10 and 13 to maintain and repair Fort Huachuca, such as warehouses, motor pumps, tanks, quartermaster depot, ice plant and others.

Colonels Wood, Fraser and Curry will draft letter to justify re-locating utility lines for the purpose of a potential tent camp, as things are now going to rack and ruin.

2. AWARDS AND TROPHIES: Letters have been written to several concerns asking for quotations on attendance medals and bars, 10-year and 20-year service medals, and also trophies for State-wide matches. It is

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proposed that the State matches set up for the month of April be set up for November, sometime around Armistice Day, and the Civilian Rifle Clubs be invited to participate. Colonel Fred Stofft has donated the Adjutant General's Trophy to the outstanding National Guardsman in the University of Arizona ROTC, and Lt. Colonel Barry Goldwater has donated the Adjutant General's Trophy to the outstanding National Guardsman in the Arizona State College ROTC. General Tutthill desires to inquire further into the section of our law reference signing commissions for ROTC.

3. REPRESENTATIVE ON WING STAFF: Headquarters 62nd Wing has advised that Lt. Colonel Barry Goldwater will be our Air Arm representative on his staff during their summer encampment, 5 to 19 August.

4. ARMED FORCES DAY: Colonel Stofft announced that all National Guard Units for Tucson will parade on 30 May as well as Veterans' organizations. Open house will be held in addition to the parade. National Guard Units in Phoenix will also parade and hold open house. Each Post Commander throughout the State will be responsible for their units to perform in parade and hold open house on Armed Forces Day.

5. 158TH COLORS: Colonel Fraser stated that this headquarters had a visitor a couple of weeks ago trying to run down the present location of our regimental colors. It has been found that the Colors were returned to this State in October 1946 and were marked as "unserviceable." The Staff urged that all haste be given to acquiring new Colors.

6. The question was now brought up whether or not we are going to have a "tent camp" this year, improve clubs and homes that we are going to use in connection with our encampment, and if any funds are available to make necessary repairs. Colonel Curry advised that the only funds that would be available would be what he has on hand right now to do any improvement or repair work at Fort Huachuca, as the State had no funds. After considerable discussion it was decided that because of lack of funds a tent camp would not be initiated for this year, but that the same quarters would be used as last year. It was pointed out that we should try to hang on to officers' row and Bonnie Elink and a very few selected houses so that members could take their families to camp if desired.

7. PAYMENT OF CLAIMS FOR HOSPITALIZATION AND/OR MEDICAL TREATMENT OF NATIONAL GUARDSMEN: Colonel Fraser brought to the attention of the General Staff the fact that three claims involving injuries to National Guardsmen had not been paid and that action should be taken by the General Staff relative to the disposition of same.

a. Lt Burns, pilot of the Air Arm, was killed during training exercise and under Air Force Regulations insufficient funds were provided for covering complete medical and funeral expenses, therefore, the State of Arizona was liable for the unpaid portion of the bill.

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b. Recruit Floyd D. Torres enlisted in the National Guard just prior to Camp period 1949 and the day after he arrived at Fort Huachuca became ill. He was hospitalized at the Copper Queen Hospital and his illness was diagnosed as Diabetes Mellitus, which is a disqualifying disability, and the enlistee was subject to automatic discharge from the National Guard of Arizona and the National Guard of the United States because the papers of enlistment had not yet been processed by the National Guard Bureau. In this instance there is no claim against the Federal Government for this bill.

c. Private Udell S. Grant was injured at Fort Tuthill, Flagstaff, Arizona, during summer encampment of 1948. Subsequent treatment was rendered him by Dr. Edward Faulker, Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine, in Safford, Arizona, upon return to his home station. Due to the fact that the National Guard Bureau does not recognize a Doctor of Chiropractic as a recognized Doctor of Surgery, payment could not be made from Federal Funds. This, therefore, is an obligation of the State.

The General Staff directs the Adjutant General to process claims involving the above for payment from such funds as are available to the National Guard of Arizona.

8. The General Staff recommends that prior to the next Regular Session of the Legislature that steps be taken to prepare legislation amending the present Code, due to the fact that the expanded Guard has created many administrative problems not only in the Adjutant General's office but other State offices.

The General Staff directs that letters of thanks and appreciation be sent the Governor and members of the Legislature for their assistance in restoring Company Funds and Officers' Clothing Allowance items in the appropriation bill.

The General Staff approves action of the citizens of Southern Arizona in establishing the Fort Huachuca Enterprises, Inc., but direct that lease or other instrument be referred to the Judge Advocate General before execution.

There being no further business, the Staff adjourned.

Very truly yours,



A. M. TUEHILL
Major General, NG Az
The Adjutant General