

30 June 50

Ltr. Order No. G-265 Hdq. Sixth Army, Presidio, San Francisco, California to Fort Lewis and Yakima, Washington (Breeding only)

Survey both and determine adequacy and feasibility for Corps of Engineers training during period June 1951 to July 1953. Consider factors as outlined by Brig. General J. H. Stokes for Commanding General, Sixth Army.

10-12 July 50 Report: Fort Lewis:

- a. EM barracks: No more than 4 standard buildings available, and all are in need of extensive repair; new floors both levels, 100% painting, all plumbing appears to be completely deteriorated, electrical wiring, switch boxes and outlets in bad condition.
- b. EM mess hall: None available
- c. Family Quarters: None available, limited housing available in Tacoma
- d. Suitable training area: Not available
- e. Average number of training days per year 65%
- f. Post Commander advises Fort now over-loaded due to staging for Korea

10-12 July 50 Report: Yakima Firing Range:

- a. EM barracks: None
- b. EM mess hall: None
- c. Family quarters: None
- d. Training area, acreage adequated, but no variety of terrain or trees except small amount of growth along stream beds
- e. Average number of training days per year 65% (per C.O. Fort Lewis)

Recommendation - (Verbal to Gen. Stokes) Not favorably considered

21 Sept 50

Ltr Order No. 9-174-Hdq. Sixth Army, Presidio, San Francisco, California to Camp Roberts, California (Breeding only)

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Consider factors as outlined by Brig. General J. H. Stokes
for Commanding General Sixth Army

o/a 30 Sept 50 Report to Colonel Paul Steel, AC5-G4 Hdq. Sixth Army

- a. Camp Roberts over-loaded, no EM barracks, some tentage being used, due to staging for Korea
- b. EM mess hall: None available
- c. Family Quarters: None on post or off post
- d. Suitable training area adequate
- e. Average number of training days per year 70%

Recommendations (Verbal to General Stokes and Colonel Steel)
NFC

25 Jan 51

Ltr. Order No. 1-206 Hdq. Sixth Army, Presidio, San Francisco,
California

To: San Luis Obispo, California: Lt. Col. C. S. Breeding, Sig. C.
Lt. Col. J. D. Hand G-4
Major G. L. Beal Eng.
Major J. C. Neve QM.

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of Engineer training during period June 1951 to July 1953.
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for Commanding General, Sixth Army

o/a 1 Feb 51 Report to: Brig. General J. H. Stokes: (For General Wedemeyer)
Colonel W. B. Ahear, G3; Colonel Paul Steele, G-4;
Lt. Colonel J. D. Hand G4; Lt. Colonel W. R.
Cooper, G-Plans; Lt. Colonel R. M. Parker, G Plans;
Colonel R. E. Ebbs, CE; Lt. Colonel R. E. Northrup,
C.E., Lt. Colonel C. S. Breeding*, SC

- a. Camp San Luis Obispo, Property State of California,
and used by National Guard. Political pressure at
Washington level by Calif. Senators and Congressmen
for Army to use CSLO for engineer training. Calif.
demands considered excessive, and not suitable.
- b. Team report: -
 - (1) Too small and area not suitable
 - (2) Limited quarters and office space
 - (3) Location with respect to city not appropriate
 - (4) Average number of training days per year 85%
 - (5) Transportation in and out fair to good

c. General discussion:

- (1) Fort Lewis, Washington NFC
- (2) Yakima Firing Range NFC
- (3) Camp Roberts Only if entire reservation available
- (4) Camp San Luis Obispo NFC
- (5) Camp Irwin NFC
- (6) *Suggested Fort Huachuca, Arizona be considered. Pointed out possibility of adequate training facilities and large area, varied terrain, not near large town, and fair to good weather. Recommended further study.
- (7) General Stokes, Colonel Steele, Colonel Parker agreed, and would recommend study to General Wedemeyer.
- (8) General Wedemeyer ordered immediate action

o/a 15 Feb 51 Conference:

General Wedemeyer CG
General Stokes Deputy CG
Colonel Steele G4
Colonel French G Plans
Colonel Augar G-3
Lt. Colonel Breeding, CS (on Special Assignment)

- 1. US Army considering turning Fort Huachuca over to State of Arizona, they would retain enough area for National Guard training, and dispose of selected housing areas through sale. While not confirmed it was understood that private interests were discussing possibility of purchase with the Governor of Arizona. Dep't of Army would delay action until General Wedemeyer reached decision.
- 2. Action: VOCC
 - a. Colonel Steele, 1 officer G Plans and Breeding would depart ASAP for Fort Huachuca. Orders would follow (Ltr. Orders No. 2-201, 17 Feb 1951, Hdq Sixth Army, Presidio, San Francisco, California)
 - b. G-2 (Intelligence) would investigate unconfirmed report of State of Arizona's intention to sell part of Fort Huachuca.
 - c. General Stokes would contact CS USAF to determine if AF had any interest or claim, and would AF approve of Fort Huachuca. (This is the first time the Air Force was mentioned in connection with Fort Huachuca).

- (3) Support of Bisbee and Tucson would be good
- (4) State of Arizona would demand use as National Guard training site, and possibly may oppose Army taking over

j. Recommendations:

- (1) The Commanding General favorably consider Fort Huachuca and take necessary action to establish the engineer training facility immediately

k. Concurrence:

By General Wedemeyer

o/a 5 Mar 51 Conference:

General Wedemeyer, CG	Colonel Parsons, S.C.
General Stokes, DCG	Colonel Augur, G-3
Colonel Steele, G-4	Lt. Colonel Breeding, S.C.
Colonel French, G-Plans	Others
Colonel Baker, Eng	

General Wedemeyer announced that the Department of Army would retain Fort Huachuca, and would immediately activate the post as a training center for The Corps of Engineers which would be assigned to duty with the USAF, upon completion of the prescribed training. Sixth Army personnel would man the post, provide quarters, rations, training facilities, court martial, police and general administration.

There would be a total of four Engineer Groups to be trained, The School Commander would coordinate with the Fort Commander in order to establish training schedules, and phases as required. Key Engineer personnel would be provided by OCE, WDC. (Note: Engineer units to be trained would be Reserve units called to active duty, selected by DA and approved by AF). Provisions would be made to provide quarters, offices, and ranges, as required by the Arizona National Guard during their two week training period in 1951, 1952 and 1953.

Sixth Army Personnel to be assigned to Fort Huachuca:

Colonel A. G. Kirby, ARTY	CO
Colonel N. A. McLamb, ARTY	Deputy CO
Lt. Col. J. S. Sabine, ARTY	Ex. O
Colonel C. P. Ward, MC	Hosp. CO
Colonel C. E. Sheets, DC	Dental O
Lt. Colonel C. S. Breeding, S-C	S0&S2*

Lt. Colonel W. R. Day, QMC	QMO
Lt. Colonel T. F. Gordon, ARTY	S-3
Lt. Colonel E. W. Hall, TC	TO
Lt. Colonel D. M. McRell, FC	Comptroller
Lt. Colonel M. W. Whitsitt, CE	Post Eng.
Lt. Colonel A. B. Woolums, INF/IGD	IG
Major O. Denton, MPC	PMO
Major G. B. Fenton, INF	S-1
Major F. V. Gigandet, AGC	Adjutant
Others to be announced	

* Over the objections of Army SO, Colonel Lloyd C. Parsons; General Wedemeyer set Parsons straight.

- 29 March 51 Responsible staff sections report that all action required has been completed, and confirmed. First train due at Huachuca, 22 April.
- 6 April 51 SO No. 68 Hdq. Sixth Army, Presidio, San Francisco, California
Breeding.
To: Fort Huachuca, Arizona, PCS. Report NLT 20 April 51.
Delay in route
Phoenix: Confer with Arizona National Guard, Mountain States Tel. & Tel. Co.
Tucson: Confer with U.S. AF Davis Monthan AFB, Mountain States Tel. & Tel. Co.
Bisbee: Confer with Mountain States Tel. & Tel. Co., POL Distributors, Chamber of Commerce, State Highway Police, County Sheriff
- 14 April 51 Arrived Fort Huachuca
(Civilian salvage company ready to cut down water tank north of RR Avenue. Directed that they stop all operations until salvage approved by Sixth Army)
- ? June 51 Colonel David M. Dunne, CE, assigned Fort Huachuca. Assumes Command of Post
- 30 October 51 Colonel N. A. McLamb assigned Fort Huachuca. Assumes Deputy Post Commander vs Colonel A. G. Kirby
- 31 October 51 Activated automatic telephone exchange
- 23 January 52 SO-18, Hdq. Fort Huachuca, Arizona. (Breeding)
To: TDY Fort Monmouth, N.J. E.W. Dept. and OCSIGO, Washington, D.C.
Purpose: Attend EW Seminar, discuss Sig C use of Fort Huachuca with Chief Signal Officer Major General G. I. Back. Recommended consideration be given to Sig. C using Fort Huachuca for Electronic Warfare and Army Aviation. Briefed General Back on all factors that influenced the recommendation.

General Back appeared to be highly interested and requested detail information and data, future plans, maps, etc.

7 May 52

Ltr. Order No. 120. Hdq. Fort Huachuca, Arizona
Breeding to Hdq. Sixth Army, Presidio, San Francisco, Calif.
Conference DCS-G2.

Colonel Parsons being replaced by Colonel A. B. Cooper as Army Signal Officer. Discussed Fort Huachuca and Signal Corps with Cooper, he is impressed, will assist fully and will visit Fort Huachuca ASAP. Suggested a pictorial description of Huachuca.

May 52

Started to develop what eventually became "The Fort Huachuca Story". And at the same time started the collection of maps, charts, photos, analysis and indexes. During a six or seven month period. Data was obtained from files at Fort Huachuca, Hdq. Sixth Army, Fort Douglas, Utah, and Arizona National Guard.

10 Nov 52

General Back, CSO, DA, acknowledges receipt of "The Huachuca Story" and his comment was "excellent"

o/a 1 Dec 52

Requested CO, USAF Recon. Sqd., 34th Air Wing DMAFB for aerial photos of Fort Huachuca.