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INACTIVATION OF SIX ARMY INSTALLATIONS  
TO SAVE OVER \$6,000,000 IN FIRST YEAR

An estimated saving of more than \$6,000,000 will be made during the first year following inactivation of six Army installations, the Department of the Army announced today.

The installations, all of which are scheduled to be inactivated by June 1, are Fort Hancock, Highlands, New Jersey; the Department of the Army Transmitter Station at Battery Cove, near Alexandria, Virginia; Fort Custer, Battle Creek, Michigan; Fort Huachuca, near Hereford, Arizona; and Fort Worden and Fort Flagler, near Port Townsend, Washington.

With a view to economy, the Army is continually surveying its needs for installations. The posts being inactivated were used during the urgent expansion program following the outbreak of fighting in Korea. None of the installations is now required for this purpose since a levelling off process has started.

Troop units now at these posts will be transferred in the near future to other stations in order to consolidate activities and overhead. Proper measures are to be taken to safeguard facilities at the six installations.

Fort Hancock has had the mission of housing and providing logistical support for Antiaircraft Artillery units. The Reception Center which has been in operation at Fort Custer is scheduled to move soon to Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky. No decision has been made as to where a Separation Center now at the post will be moved.

Fort Huachuca has been used for the training of Aviation Engineer construction battalions. Both Fort Worden and Fort Flagler have been utilized in connection with training of Amphibious Engineer units.

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