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respectfully invited to my report on the adaptability of the two reservations, Forts Sill and Reno, Okla., for maneuver purposes, which was forwarded to the Chief of Staff under date of April 1, 1904. By reason of their location, extent, topographical features, and their accessibility it is believed that they possess qualifications rendering them desirable sites for maneuvers. Utilizing both reservations and the country between them, which is sparsely settled, would give opportunity for maneuvering two forces against each other over considerable distances. With a view to utilizing these reservations, I have had them both surveyed under the direction of the engineer officer of the division, Capt. John C. Oakes, General Staff. If it is considered advisable to hold the maneuvers at a point farther south, the country north of San Antonio, Tex., generally known as Leon Springs, possesses many advantages for this purpose, and the experience gained by concentration of troops at San Antonio, Tex., might prove of great practical advantage. This matter will be taken up more fully in future correspondence with the department upon the specific subject of combined maneuvers.

It is the intention of the governors of the several States and Territories within this division to hold camps of instruction during the coming summer and fall. It is my desire, under War Department authority, to furnish them with such assistance in the matter of regular forces to camp with them and officers to furnish instruction as the resources of the division and the demands of other duties will permit.

MILITARY POSTS.

While all the details of military posts, as to their personnel, conditions, and requirements, as related to the various supply departments, the instruction of garrisons, etc., is presumably made the subject of department commanders' reports, as well as all movements of troops and military operations, a few remarks and recommendations may not be out of place.

FORT HUACHIUCA.

This important frontier post is suffering from a limited water supply. During the summer an average of 59,000 gallons per diem is available. This is insufficient for the present garrison without exercising the strictest economy, to the extent of stopping all use upon grass, trees, and gardens. At an expenditure of \$42,000 (estimated) an additional supply could be obtained from an adjacent canyon ample for all requirements of the garrison.

It is advisable to have a large post in this vicinity, but before any increase is considered the desirability of changing the location to Tanners Canyon and the question of increasing the water supply should be carefully investigated.

FORT GRANT.

The question of the water supply at this post has been frequently before the department. It is believed impracticable to depend upon the mountain drainage for this purpose—the area is too limited. It is believed, however, that water may be obtained in abundance

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REPORT DEPARTMENT OF THE COLORADO.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE COLORADO,
Denver, Colo., August 15, 1904.

SIR: In compliance with instructions published in General Orders, No. 89, series 1901, as amended by Section II, General Orders, No. 47, series 1902, Headquarters of the Army, I have the honor to submit the following report of the affairs and administration of the Department of the Colorado for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904.

The following table shows the distribution of troops in the department at the close of the last fiscal year:

Stations of troops.

Posts.	Commanding officer.	Troops.
Fort Apache, Ariz.....	Maj. Hoel S. Bishop, Fifth Cavalry.	Troops E, G, and M, Fifth Cavalry; G and H, Third Cavalry.
Fort Douglas, Utah.....	Col. Benjamin C. Lockwood, Twenty-ninth Infantry.	Headquarters, band, and Companies E, F, G, H, and L, Twenty-ninth Infantry; Twelfth and Twenty-second Batteries, Field Artillery.
Fort Duchesne, Utah.....	Maj. Edward P. Pendleton, Twenty-ninth Infantry.	Companies K and M, Twenty-ninth Infantry; Troop F, Fifth Cavalry.
Fort Grant, Ariz.....	Capt. George P. Pritchard, Fifth Cavalry.	Troop B, Fifth Cavalry.
Fort Huachuca, Ariz.....	Col. Clarence A. Stedman, Fifth Cavalry.	Headquarters, band, and Troops A, C, D, and I, Fifth Cavalry.
Fort Logan, Colo.....	Col. Francis W. Mansfield, Second Infantry.	Headquarters, band, and Companies A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, and M, Second Infantry.
Whipple Barracks, Ariz.....	Capt. Henry L. Kinnison, Twenty-ninth Infantry.	Company I, Twenty-ninth Infantry, and Troop L, Fifth Cavalry.
Fort Wingate, N. Mex.....	Maj. Franklin O. Johnson, Fifth Cavalry.	Troops H and K, Fifth Cavalry.

Indian scouts.—Fort Apache, 10; Fort Grant, 11; Fort Huachuca, 2; Fort Wingate, 4; total, 27.

The movements of troops within the department, or entering or leaving it during the period covered by this report, are shown in the following tabulated statement:

Changes of station of troops during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1904.

Troop or company.	Regiment or corps.	Departure.	From—	Arrival.	At—
Headquarters	5th Cavalry	1904.			
Headquarters	do	Mar. 18	Division Philippines	July 20, 1903	Fort Logan, Colo.
A	do		Fort Logan, Colo	Mar. 21, 1904	Fort Huachuca, Ariz.
B	do		Division Philippines	Oct. 19, 1903	Do.
C	do		do	do	Do.
D	do	May 9	Fort Huachuca, Ariz	May 12, 1904	Fort Grant, Ariz.
E	do		Division Philippines	Oct. 19, 1903	Fort Huachuca, Ariz.
F	do		do	do	Do.
G	do	Mar. 22	Fort Logan, Colo	Oct. 21, 1903	Fort Logan, Colo.
H	do		Division Philippines	May 12, 1904	Fort Apache, Ariz.
I	do		do	Oct. 26, 1903	Fort Duchesne, Utah.
J	do		do	Oct. 21, 1903	Fort Logan, Colo.
K	do	Mar. 22	Fort Logan, Colo	May 12, 1904	Fort Apache, Ariz.
L	do		Division Philippines	Oct. 19, 1903	Fort Wingate, N. Mex.
M	do		do	July 20, 1903	Fort Grant, Ariz.
N	do	May 17	Fort Grant, Ariz.	May 20, 1904	Fort Huachuca, Ariz.
O	do		Division Philippines	July 20, 1903	Fort Logan, Colo.