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WAR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THE SELECTION OF FOURTEEN SITES FOR POSSIBLE NEW ARMY CAMPS AMONG THEM FORTHUACHUCA STOP NO FUNDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR ACQUISITION OF SITES OR CONSTRUCTION OF CAMP STOP MOST OF THE CAMPS WILL BE FOR DIVISIONS OR FOR ANTI AIRCRAFT TRAINING CENTERS STOP THE TYPE OF DIVISION WHETHER TRIANGULAR OR ARMORED TO BE STATIONED AT THE VARIOUS PROPOSED CAMPS IF AND WHEN BUILT WILL BE DETERMINED LATER STOP WHEN THE ARCHITECT ENGINEERING CONTRACTS ARE AWARDED FOR THE ENGINEERING SERVICE AND LAY OUT OF THESE CAMPS THEY WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT-

ERNEST W MCFARLAND UNITED STATES SENATOR.

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PLEASED TO ADVISE SECRETARY OF WAR HAS JUST ISSUED STATEMENT INDICATING THAT SELECTION HAS NOW BEEN MADE BY GENERAL STAFF OF FOURTEEN SITES THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES WHICH WILL BE SURVEYED IN ORDER TO SECURE COMPLETE DATA TO BE USED IN EVENT IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO EXPAND MILITARY TRAINING FACILITIES STOP THERE IS NO MONEY AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME FOR USE BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT FOR ACQUISITION OF AND OR FOR ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OR DEVELOPMENT OF ANY ONE OF THE FOURTEEN SITES APPROVED FOR INVESTIGATION STOP ENGINEERING SURVEY AND EXAMINATION AT THIS TIME WILL BE MADE WITH MONEY PROVIDED BY THE CONGRESS THIS PAST SPRING IN TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$15,000,000 AND REPORTS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE WAR DEPARTMENT ON THE BASIS OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS WILL ONLY BE USED IF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM REQUIRE EXPANSION OF EXISTING FACILITIES STOP FORTHUACHUCA IS ONE OF THE FOURTEEN SITES TO BE SURVEYED STOP GLAD TO BE ABLE TO SEND THIS FAVORABLE WORD=

CARL HAYDEN.

Tucson, Arizona,
September 24, 1941.

Honorable Sidney P. Osborn,
Governor of Arizona,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Governor Osborn:

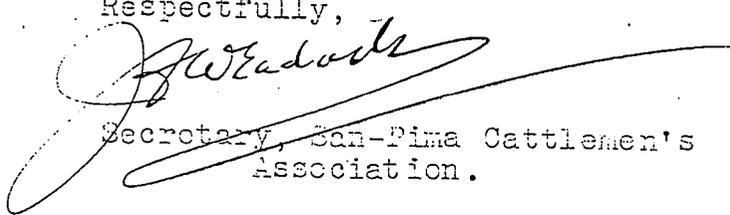
As secretary of the San-Pima Cattlemen's Association, made up of cattle raisers of Santa Cruz and Pima Counties, Arizona, I have been instructed to forward to you the attached resolution, passed at a special meeting of the association held in Tucson on September 23, 1941.

In drafting this resolution, the members of the association are fully aware of the necessities of national defense and of the extensive areas needed for the adequate training of troops for our rapidly expanding army. They are fully in accord with this defense program and will give it their joint and individual support.

Our opposition to the use of the are proposed as an addition to the military reservation of Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, is based on a belief that a survey made by competent authorities would indicate that land equally favorable for military purposes and less valuable for economic use is available adjacent to the present reservation.

It is for that reason that we respectfully request your consideration of the facts outlined in our resolution and of the possibility of such a survey before any definite action is taken on the proposed project.

Respectfully,


Secretary, San-Pima Cattlemen's
Association.

JFW LHB

Enclosure.

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*From 1941 file of
Gen. Leavenworth*

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The War Department has sent appraisers from the Farm Credit Administration to appraise all property within an area designated as an addition to Fort Huachuca military reservation, and

WHEREAS, The property now being appraised is situated in Santa Cruz and Pima counties in Arizona, and comprises approximately 120,000 acres of deeded lands, 85,000 acres of State of Arizona school and institutional lands, and 16,000 acres of National Forest lands, and

WHEREAS, this land has an assessed valuation for taxation purposes of approximately one million dollars and contributes substantially to the support of the State and County governments, state institutions and school districts in Arizona where 75 per cent of the lands are already government owned and untaxable, and

WHEREAS, this property is one of the most productive and highly developed livestock producing areas in the State of Arizona, contributing substantially to the production of essential food supplies so vitally necessary for defense purposes, and

WHEREAS, this area is the oldest settled livestock producing area in Arizona and supports a large pioneer population, and

WHEREAS, an unnecessary economic loss would occur by the use of this highly productive area for the purposes proposed, namely, aerial bombing, artillery fire and tank maneuvers, and

WHEREAS, there are other available lands nearby that are far less productive, less valuable and sparsely settled; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the San-Pima Cattlemen's Association, made up of cattle raisers in Santa Cruz and Pima counties, in a special meeting in Tucson, Sept. 23/41, hereby expresses its wholehearted support of all measures necessary for the defense of the United States, and because of the value of this property as a producing area is more vital to national defense than the purpose for which it is now proposed to be used, and on account of other facts stated above, we oppose the withdrawal of this property from all productive purposes and its inclusion in the Fort Huachuca military reservation, and be it further ~~xx~~

RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Hon. Henry S. Stimson, secretary of war; the Hon. Carl Hayden and the Hon. E. W. McFarland, senators from Arizona; the Hon. John R. Murdock, representative; the Hon. Sidney P. Osborn, governor of Arizona; and members of the boards of supervisors of Santa Cruz and Pima counties, the city councils of Tucson and Nogales, the Chambers of Commerce of Tucson and Nogales and the Arizona Cattlegrowers Association.

JOE KING,
President, SPCA

Sonita, Arizona.

Sept. 26, 1941.

Honorable Sidney P. Osborn,
Governor of Arizona
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Sir:—

According to newspapers and prominent cattlemen, the Army or someone in the Army has made plans to enlarge Fort Huachuca Military Reservation to the extent of some 234,000 acres of land lying in Pima and Santa Cruz counties, of which over half is patented land, for an artillery range, tank maneuvers, and bombing site.

This land, used almost exclusively for the raising of cattle is, without question, one of the best if not the best cattle grazing district in Arizona and there are certain tracts within this area which have possibilities, almost certain, of becoming highly productive farming ground.

If there were no other suitable land available and this land necessary for the above stated purpose in the defense program I should not object, but to my certain knowledge there is other land adjacent to the Fort of little value for food production.

2. homes whose owners, according to local investigators, would be only too glad to dispose of them by selling to the Army. This site could be bought at less expense to the government.

Aside from the fact that the tentatively selected site is a productive and highly improved tract necessarily entailing great expense to the government and equally great loss to the 4000 more homeless owners besides wage earners living there, it seems foolish at a time when abundant food production is essential, to withdraw such rich land from production when land of little value productively, but of equal value for the purpose intended, may be had at much less expense to the government and less hardship to individuals.

I come of a pioneer family, my father having come to this very locality in 1874. Like myself, many of these ranch owners are old timers raised on ranches and knowing no other way of earning a livelihood. Tearing them away from their homes, especially in these precarious times, will mean financial ruin. Such people are poorly equipped to meet the keen

As to our again entering the cattle business
Land in other grazing districts of Arizona,
New Mexico, Texas, and Nevada have increased
in value to such an extent as to prohibit one
buying with expectations of ever getting one's
money back.

Having always been ambitious to own
a ranch I started my present ranch, in
1926, by purchasing 120 acres which, by
wages earned by work on neighboring
ranches, careful economy, and privation.
I have increased to two sections.

This land supports myself and family.
Being well satisfied with our location
and ranching the only business we know,
it is obvious we are much opposed to the
withdrawal of this area in question.

No one can honestly accuse me of being
unpatriotic as I am an ex-service man
of the last World War and have been rated
as 25% permanently disabled by government
doctors. I draw no compensation, a circumstance
of which I am proud and it is a pleasure to me
that I have stood on my own feet up to the present
time.

Hoping you can see this in the light in which I have presented it, that you will do as in your power to prevent this land being withdrawn for such destructive purposes or to have proper parties sent here to reconsider all things involved, and

thanking you in advance, I remain

Yours very truly

Orión Engenberg

O. J. Engenberg

Ariceas Ranch

Sonora, Arizona

September
30th
1941

Mr. Orion Enzenberg
Oricea Ranch
Sonoita, Arizona

My dear Mr. Enzenberg:

I have your very interesting letter of September 26th relative to reports that the War Department is anticipating enlarging the Huachuca Military reservation to the extent of taking in some 200,000 additional acres of land in Pima and Santa Cruz Counties and protesting against any action which would deprive the owners of ranches in that vicinity of their property.

I agree with you in what you say and I shall be very glad to assist in any and every way possible to the end that no one is put out of business or deprived of his property.

May I not suggest that as this is a federal matter and one with which the state has no connection whatever that you and those similarly situated take the matter up with our Congressional delegation in Washington. They are right on the scene of action and I am sure they will assist in every way possible.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

December 4, 1941

*Re. Cattleman's
 J. F. Weadock's Acreage*

EVERARD H. SMITH, CLERK
 JOHN W. R. SMITH, ASST. CLERK

Honorable Sidney P. Osborn
 Governor of Arizona
 Phoenix, Arizona

My dear Governor Osborn:

I deeply regret that through an oversight on my part the Senator failed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 29, with which you enclosed a communication sent to you on September 24 by Mr. J. F. Weadock, Secretary of the San-Pima Cattlemen's Association, and a copy of a resolution adopted by that organization protesting against the inclusion of certain grazing lands within the boundaries of the proposed addition to the Fort Huachuca Military Reservation.

On the basis of a conversation the Senator had with various officers at Fort Huachuca while he was in Arizona, it was his conclusion that the land of immediate interest to the San-Pima Cattlemen's Association would not be in any way affected were the War Department to approve the acquisition of additional surveyed acreage at Fort Huachuca.

As of possible interest to you, I am attaching hereto a copy of a communication addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce on November 13 by Paul R. Eaton, together with the most recent report from Honorable Robert P. Patterson, Under Secretary of War, regarding this question. You will observe by the second page of Mr.

Eaton's letter that a copy of his correspondence with Don Smith was mailed to Mr. Weadock, who wrote to the Senator at Washington, D. C., on September 24, enclosing a copy of the same resolution sent to you.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don A. Gustin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Don A. Gustin,
Secretary to Senator Hayden

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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

November 13, 1941

EVERARD H. SMITH, CLERK
JOHN W. R. SMITH, ASST. CLERK

Mr. Don Smith, Executive Secretary
Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce
Nogales, Arizona

My dear Mr. Smith:

Referring to Senator Hayden's letter of October 7, relative to the acquisition of lands in connection with a proposed expansion of Fort Huachuca, in his absence, I am enclosing one addressed to him by the Under Secretary of War, in which he says that Fort Huachuca is one of several localities which have been approved for divisional camp sites in the event a requirement for additional sites should arise. Judge Patterson says that this advance planning was undertaken in order to forestall an emergency, and includes all the steps necessary for the establishment of a cantonment except the acquisition of land and the actual construction of a cantonment.

As a result of studies concerning the land acquisition phase of the proposed expansion of Fort Huachuca which have been made by local military authorities and considered by the War Department, an area situated east and northeast of the present Fort Huachuca Military Reservation has been tentatively approved as the one to be acquired should expansion of Fort Huachuca become necessary. The Under Secretary believes that the area which has been chosen contains the least desirable grazing land of the tracts considered. He stresses the fact that the War Department does not contemplate acquisition either by lease or purchase of more land than is necessary to meet minimum requirements for training, and he says definitely that such acquisition will not be made until a decision has been reached to establish a cantonment in the Fort Huachuca area.

I am sure that the Senator will keep in close touch with this matter and will not fail to let you know should he receive any further information.

With cordial good wishes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,



Paul R. Eaton
Assistant Secretary to
Senator Hayden

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

Washington, D.C.

WD 680.1 Fort Huachuca
(9-25-41) 50

November 6, 1941.

Honorable Carl Hayden,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Hayden:

Further reference is made to your letter of September 25th, with which you inclosed correspondence from Mr. Don Smith, Executive Secretary, Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce, Mr. R. H. Fleischer, Santa Cruz County Assessor, Mr. Frank C. Brophy, Aglin, Arizona, and the Bisbee Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, and your letter of September 26th, with which you inclosed correspondence from Mr. J. F. Waddock, Secretary, San-Rita Cattlemen's Association, Tucson, Arizona, Mr. Tolson Moore, The Bisbee Daily Review, Bisbee, Arizona, and Major Nathaniel L. Houston, Provost Marshall's Office, Third Army, A.P.O. No. 403, Eunice, Louisiana, with reference to the acquisition by the War Department of land in connection with the expansion of Fort Huachuca.

Fort Huachuca is one of several localities which have been approved for divisional camp sites, in the event that a requirement for additional sites should arise in the future. This advance planning was undertaken in order to forestall an emergency and includes all steps necessary for the establishment of a cantonment, apart of acquisition of the land and actual construction.

The land acquisition phase of the matter has been investigated by local military authorities and has received careful consideration in the War Department. As a result of these studies, I am pleased to advise you

that an area situated east and northeast of the present reservation has been tentatively approved as the one to be acquired, in the event that the expansion of that station should become necessary. Since the area embraces the least desirable grazing land of the tracts considered, it is believed that this determination is in full accord with the recommendations of your constituents.

It is desired to stress the fact that the Department does not contemplate the acquisition, either by lease or purchase, of land over and above that necessary to meet the minimum requirements for training and, furthermore, that such acquisition will not be made until it has been definitely decided to establish a cantonment in that locality.

Needless to say, your offer of cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

[signed]

ROBERT P. PATTERSON,
Under Secretary of War.

12 Inclosures

Ltr. 9-20-41 fm. Don Smith
Ltr. 9-19-41 fm. H. H. Fleischer
Cy. ltr. 9-25-41 to Don Smith
Cy. ltr. 9-26-41 fm. Frank S. Brophy
Clipping
Telegram 9-25-41 fm. Bisbee Chamber of
Commerce Military Affairs Committee
Clipping
Ltr. 9-24-41 fm. J. F. Wendock
Cy. Resolution fm. San-Dima Castleman's
Association
Ltr. 9-24-41 fm. Folsom Moore
Newspaper clipping
Ltr. fm. Major Nathaniel L. Houston