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December 15, 1941.

*msg 000.7 Camp Mc Coy*

MEMORANDUM for Lieutenant Freehoff, Bureau of Public Relations,  
Room 2806.

1. The contents of the article have been examined and the statements recorded therein are correct.

2. Following certain unauthorized publicity with reference to the Alien Enemy Detention Camp at Camp Upton, New York, several weeks ago this office was instructed by the Deputy Chief of Staff (General Bryden) not to release information with reference to alien enemies. Those instructions were given prior to the declaration of war. It appears that the situation has changed sufficiently to warrant the release of information dealing with alien enemies and prisoners of war. Nevertheless, in view of the earlier instructions which, so far as this office is aware, have not been changed to date, we are unable to approve the release of this story.

3. It is recommended that inquiry be made of the Secretary of the General Staff whether release is approved by the Deputy Chief of Staff. The Provost Marshal General has no objection to publication.

For The Provost Marshal General:

Archer L. Lerch,  
Lieutenant Colonel, J.A.G.D.,  
The Deputy Provost Marshal General.

*ALB*

Lerch, AL - mmb

SPMGA (22) 000.71

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War Department, S.O.S., P.M.G.O., June , 1942. TO: The Commanding General, Sixth Corps Area, Post Office Building, Chicago, Illinois, For: The Commanding Officer, Camp McCoy Internment Camp, Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wisconsin.

1. Reference is made to basic communication which is a letter from Mr. Joseph K. Kidder, La Crosse, Wisconsin, to the Camp Commander, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, dated June 15, 1942, in which he requests permission to write an article on the internment camp at Camp McCoy.

2. This office has no way of knowing how the enemy would construe such an article nor the public's reaction to same. Therefore, such request is denied.

For The Provost Marshal General:

**CROSSED**

B. M. Bryan,  
Lt. Col., F. A.,  
Chief, Aliens Division.

CONTROL DIVISION  
Noted by: *[Signature]*

For The Provost Marshal General:

Arthur L. Lorch,  
Lieutenant Colonel, F.A.S.,  
The Deputy Provost Marshal General.



*PKK. BMB*

6/22/42

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Aliens Division

cc: Chief, Administrative Services

r, L.M.

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*opening 1095-00011 camp in Chicago  
Kidder, Joseph K., was  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 6, 1942

Colonel B. M. Bryan  
Office of the Provost Marshal General  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The following information is being transmitted to you for whatever it is worth. The Alien Enemy Control Unit has no information as to the value or reliability of the information.

"Camp McCoy, a large military camp, is being constructed near Sparta, Wisconsin. On its grounds is located an enemy alien detention camp. A large number of German aliens are interned there."

"Recently one prominent German alien was permitted to have a woman friend from a distant city call on him. Other aliens visit the Camp Exchange to enjoy their drinks. Others are allowed to conduct the services in the Camp Chapel for the American soldiers. It is also reported that the Commanding Officer of Camp McCoy is of German nationality."

Yours very truly,

*Edward J. Ennis*

Edward J. Ennis  
Director, Alien Enemy Control Unit

FOR DEFENSE



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STATES  
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IN REPLYING MENTION NUMBER,  
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**Post Office Department**  
SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL  
**Washington**

December 8, 1942.

Lt. Col. Howard F. Bresee,  
Chief, Information Bureau,  
War Department,  
Services of Supply,  
Office of the Provost Marshal General,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

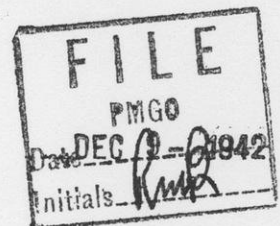
Reference is made to your letter of November 9, enclosing receipts for official German Red Cross packages addressed to the German Red Cross and signed by interned alien enemies. You pointed out that the receipts in question had been deposited in the United States mail and were returned to the Provost Marshal General.

Appropriate instructions have been issued for the information of the postal service which will assure the proper handling of receipts given by prisoners of spokesmen on their behalf. A copy of these instructions is herewith.

The receipts which accompanied your above mentioned letter have been placed in the mail for forwarding under the prisoner of war frank.

Very truly yours,

For the Second Assistant Postmaster General,



*G. H. Grayson*  
G. H. Grayson,  
Acting Director.

Enclosure.

"Reprint of notice which appeared in THE POSTAL BULLETIN OF MAY 6, 1942"

## INSTRUCTIONS OF SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

### MAILS AND PARCELS FOR PRISONERS OF WAR AND FOR DETAINED OR INTERNED CIVILIANS

Existing instructions on the sending of regular mail articles and parcels to prisoners of war free of postage (those relating to regular correspondence in section 32 and those relating to parcels in section 71 of Part II of the Postal Guide), are changed and supplemented so as to extend the privilege of free postage to civilians detained or interned by the civil or military authorities (unless held on criminal charges), whether detained in the United States or other belligerent countries, to be effective during the continuance of the present war or until otherwise ordered, such privileges however not to apply to members of the former official missions of enemy belligerent countries awaiting repatriation or to persons whose residence, for reasons of national security, is merely changed from one section of the country to another. (It is understood that there are no detained civilians as contemplated except in the United States, those in other countries being classed as interned civilians. While service is not now available for carrying parcels to prisoners in Japan and Japanese controlled countries, it is reported practicable to send letters to such prisoners in the manner hereinafter indicated.) Accordingly, sections 32 and 71 of Part II of the Postal Guide are changed as follows:

In section 32, CORRESPONDENCE, substitute for the present par. (g):  
“(g) *Prisoners of war and detained or interned civilian mail.*—1. Regular mail articles addressed to prisoners of war and to **detained or interned civilians** or mailed by them are exempt from all postal charges, not only in the countries of origin and destination, but also in intermediate countries. The same is true of correspondence concerning prisoners of war or **interned civilians** sent or received either directly or as intermediary by the information offices which may be established on behalf of such persons in belligerent countries or in neutral countries which have received belligerents on their territory. Belligerents received and interned in a neutral country are assimilated to prisoners of war properly so called, insofar as the application of the above provisions is concerned. . . . Articles free from postage are not entitled to registration or air-mail service. If air-mail service is desired

Such restriction is not applied to correspondence addressed to American or British prisoners of war in Germany.

“7. Since prisoner of war letters as well as those for **detained or interned civilians** are subject to censorship, it is suggested that they deal only with purely personal matters.

“(These instructions apply only to international mails.)”

In section 71, PARCELS, substitute for the present par. (b):

“(b) *Prisoners of war and detained or interned civilian parcels.*—1. Parcel-post packages addressed to specific individual prisoners of war, **detained or interned civilians**, either directly or through the intermediary of authorized information offices, shall be exempt from all postal charges, both in the countries of origin and destination and in the intermediary countries. Such parcels shall not be subject to special services and fees, such as registration or insurance. The usual customs declaration shall be furnished in order to show the contents of the package. The sender should fill out the blanks on the reverse side of the customs declaration form as to alternative disposition of the parcel in case it cannot be delivered to the addressee; that is, whether the parcel may be delivered to another prisoner (**detained civilian or interned civilian**), be abandoned, or be returned to the sender who guarantees return charges. . . . Parcels for prisoners of war (or **interned civilians**) are acceptable even though regular parcel-post service with the country of destination may be suspended. If the mailer desires, certificates of mailing may be given in the usual way and at the usual charge.

“2. In general the address of parcels for prisoners of war should contain the name and rank of the prisoner, his number, and the designation of the camp and country. In case of a parcel for a prisoner of war in Canada, the address should contain the name, his identification number, and the internment camp (for example, ‘Internment Camp A,’ ‘Internment Camp B,’ etc.), and be addressed ‘Base Post Office, Ottawa, Ont., Canada.’

Washington, D. C.  
Office of the Provost Marshal General,  
General of Ghibya,  
War Department,  
Chief, Information Bureau,  
Lt. Col. Howard E. Reese,

December 8, 1945.

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appropriate postage must be paid.

"2. The address of correspondence to prisoners of war generally should contain (a) full name and rank of prisoner; (b) prisoner of war number; (c) designation of prison camp, and (d) country in which camp is located. In case of an article for a prisoner of war in Canada, the address should contain the name, his identification number, and the internment camp (for example 'Internment Camp A,' 'Internment Camp B,' etc.), and be addressed 'Base Post Office, Ottawa, Ont., Canada.' There should be written plainly or typed in the upper left corner of the article 'Prisoner of War' and underneath 'Prisonnier de Guerre.' The equivalent 'Kriegsgefangenensendung' should be added if the letter is addressed to Germany. That should be followed by the words 'Postage Free'—'Franc de Port,' and if the letter is addressed to Germany by the word 'Gebührenfrei.' The sender's name and address should be placed on the back of the envelope.

"3. Letters for prisoners of war and interned civilians in Japan and Japanese controlled countries should not be mailed until the prisoner's name is released by the appropriate military or naval authority (which release may be reported by the Red Cross or other reliable body). Where the prisoner's name is so released, and pending complete information as to the prisoner's identifying number and prison address, the mail to such prisoner may be addressed by name, military title and branch of service (if any), followed by the indication—'Formerly at Wake (Guam, Shanghai, etc.), American Prisoner in Japan, Care of International Red Cross Committee, Geneva, Switzerland.'

"4. The address of correspondence for interned civilians generally should contain (a) name of the internee, (b) internee's number, (c) company or organization number, (d) name of camp, and (e) post office address. The name and address of the sender must appear on the article. There should appear in the upper left corner, 'Interned Civilian (Interne Civil)' and 'Postage Free—Franc de Port.'

"5. Articles for foreign destinations mailed in the United States by prisoners of war or interned or detained civilians, should bear the name of the prisoner followed by 'Prisoner of War, Postage Free,' or 'Interned Civilian Entitled to Free Postage,' or 'Detained Civilian Entitled to Free Postage.'

"6. Based on official reports the German authorities have restricted correspondence that may be received in Germany by French, Belgian, Yugoslav, Greek, and Polish prisoners of war, to letters (or cards) from persons who receive the required forms from the prisoners of war addressed. It is understood that the form will be indicated by the envelope or card.

Labels should not be sent without the items of address indicated. If those items are not available, the sender should secure the information. The parcel should be marked in the upper left corner 'Prisoner of War Parcel' and underneath 'Prisonnier de Guerre.' The equivalent 'Kriegsgefangenensendung' should be added if the parcel is addressed to Germany. The parcel should also be marked 'Postage Free'—'Franc de Port,' and if addressed to Germany 'Gebührenfrei.' The sender's name and address should also appear on the parcel.

"3. The address of parcels for interned civilians should contain (a) name of the internee, (b) internee's number, (c) company or organization number, (d) name of camp, and (e) post office address. The name and address of the sender must appear on the parcel. There should appear in the upper left corner, 'Interned Civilian (Interne Civil)' and 'Postage Free'—'Franc de Port.'

"4. Parcels must be limited in weight to 5 kilograms (11 pounds). The dimensions should not exceed those for regular parcels. Based on official reports the German authorities have restricted parcels that may be received in Germany by French, Belgian, Yugoslav, Greek and Polish prisoners of war, to those from persons who receive the required forms from the prisoners of war addressed, such forms being furnished to the prisoners of war by the German authorities. The form should be attached to the package, and unless it is attached the parcel should not be accepted. That restriction does not apply to parcels addressed to American or British prisoners of war in Germany. Since there is no registration a parcel cannot be traced.

"5. On account of the long distance carried and the many handlings, the wrapping must be strong. Packages should be made up if possible in packing canvas. It is advisable that the package contain a complete inner wrapping bearing the full address the same as on the outside. Paper on which any printing appears is not to be used on the outside or inside wrapper.

"6. Generally the following articles may not be sent in parcels addressed to prisoners of war or interned civilians in foreign countries: (a) pharmaceutical products, medicines, etc., (b) cigarette papers, (c) written communications (letters must be sent separately), (d) matches, and (e) other articles listed as prohibited in regular parcel-post shipments. While newspapers and periodicals may be acceptable under the relative treaty provisions, parcels are subject to censorship by intermediate belligerent countries as well as the country of address, and such articles containing objectionable matter may be confiscated.

"(These instructions apply only to international parcels.)"

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DIVISION OF  
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Post Office Department

SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

Washington

December 8, 1942.

Lt. Col. Howard F. Bresee,  
Chief, Information Bureau,  
War Department,  
Services of Supply,  
Office of the Provost Marshal General,  
Washington, D. C.



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In the Matter of

MAX GRAH

Alien Enemy

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

D.J. File No.  
146-13-2-12-209

FOR THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
TO THE DISTRICT COURT OF DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ORDER

The above-named alien enemy having been interned by order dated February 14, 1942; and further evidence having come before me; and it appearing from said evidence that said alien enemy should be paroled; NOW, THEREFORE, upon consideration thereof, and upon reconsideration of all the evidence bearing upon this matter,

IT IS ORDERED that said order dated February 14, 1942, be and the same hereby is vacated and set aside; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that said alien enemy be paroled in the custody of a reputable United States citizen of Los Angeles, California, not related to the alien, to be selected by the Hearing Board for the Southern District of California upon consultation with a representative of the Immigration and Naturalization Service; that the parole be conditioned upon the alien enemy's reporting his activities to his sponsor weekly and to the District Parole Officer once a month; and that the said parole be further conditioned upon the execution of and compliance with the sponsor's and parolee's agreements provided by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

/s/ Francis Biddle  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

April 3, 1942

I certify the above to be a true and correct copy.

*Joseph Savoretti*  
Joseph Savoretti  
Deputy Commissioner

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In the Matter of

JOHANNES GEORGE (HANS) GROSSUFSS

Alien Enemy

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D. J. File No.  
146-13-2-37-6

ORDER

The above-named alien enemy having been interned by order dated January 27, 1942; and it appearing that said alien enemy was subsequently paroled by order dated February 7, 1942; NOW, THEREFORE, upon consideration thereof, and upon reconsideration of all the evidence bearing upon this matter,

IT IS ORDERED that said order dated January 27, 1942, be, and the same hereby is vacated and set aside; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that said order dated February 7, 1942 continue in full force and effect.

/s/ Francis Biddle  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

March 24, 1942  
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Certified a true and correct copy:

Joseph Savoretti  
Deputy Commissioner

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SPMGA (14) 353  
Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

SUBJECT: Military Police Guard Company Unit Training Program.

TO: Internment Camp Commander,  
Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

1. Inclosed herewith find four copies of MTP 19-1, containing the approved training program for Military Police Escort Guard units.
2. For the purpose of securing uniformity in training, it is requested that you initiate a progressive training program based on this outline. Your attention is invited to the provisions of Paragraph 4 and 5 b. of Section 1 of the inclosed program.
3. It is requested that copies of your detailed programs be forwarded to the Aliens Division, Office of The Provost Marshal General.

For The Provost Marshal General:

E. M. Bryan,  
Lt. Col., F. A.,  
Chief, Aliens Division.

Inclosure:  
4 cys. MTP 19-1.

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Operations Branch

5/16/42

HEADQUARTERS, (1606th CASU)  
For The Alien Enemy Internment Camp  
Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

HEADQUARTERS, (1606th CASU)  
For The Alien Enemy Internment Camp  
Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

File: SPMGM 200(6-11-42)  
S(7-1-42)

June 16, 1942

SUBJECT: Military Police Personnel Planning.

TO : Military Police Division,  
Office of the Provost Marshal General,  
Washington, D. C.

1. In compliance with letter from War Department Services of Supply, Office of the Provost Marshal General, Washington, D. C., same subject and file as above dated June 11, 1942, the attached report, in triplicate, is forwarded herewith.

2. This organization was activated for the special duty of internment camp administration at this station, has never been equipped or armed for field duty, and numbers several limited service men among its personnel. Consequently it could hardly furnish a trained enlisted cadre for any activation other than an internment camp administrative unit.

For the Commanding OFFICER:

For the Commanding OFFICER:  
Patrick Kelly,  
Captain, Cavalry,  
Adjutant.

Incl. RPT. (in trip.)

PATRICK KELLY,  
Captain, Cavalry,  
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS, (1606th CASU)  
 For The Alien Enemy Internment Camp  
 Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

June 16, 1942.

REPORT OF MILITARY POLICE PERSONNEL PLANNING

- a. When and where was the unit activated: March 25, 1942  
Camp McCoy, Wisconsin  
 By what authority: Letter from Headquarters Sixth Corps Area, dated March 25, 1942.
- b. What is the enlisted strength: 21  
 How soon can you furnish a trained enlisted cadre: Unknown.
- c. Have any cadres been drawn from the unit: No when: Never.  
 Where sent: - - - - -.
- d. Have any filler replacements been received to fill the vacancies: Yes when: April 7, 1942. from where: Fort Sheridan, Illinois.
- e. Where is the organization headquarters located: Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.
- f. Where are the sub-units located: None.
- g. Has the prescribed Mobilization Training Program been completed: None prescribed if not, how much: Training in activation of Internee Companies and administration thereof as prescribed in Internee Regulations.
- h. In what Field Army is your unit located: Second  
 Army Corps: Sixth Corps Area: Chicago, Illinois.

For the Commanding OFFICER:

Patrick Kelly,  
 Captain, Cavalry,  
 Adjutant

PATRICK KELLY,  
 Captain, Cavalry,  
 Adjutant.

Camp Structure

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL

Circular File

March 20, 1942

Provost Marshal General  
Aliens Division  
PMG 255

*Camp McCoy, Wis.*

Executive *AK*

Administrative

Emergency Operations  
Military Police  
Colonel Harold T. Weber,  
Provost Marshal, Sixth Corps Area,  
Post Office Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Aliens Dear Colonel Weber:

Investigations The Provost Marshal General has just returned  
from a personal inspection trip to the Prisoner of War  
Enclosure now being operated at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

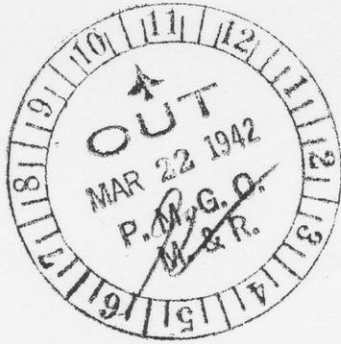
Inspection - Observations He expressed concern over the relatively poor  
construction of the fence at Camp McCoy and the fact that  
the flood lights were all on one circuit. The Provost  
Marshal suggests that the flood lighting and search lights  
be put on separate circuits and that the guard towers be  
equipped with emergency lights supplied by an auxiliary  
circuit not connected with the camp circuit proper.

Supply Clerk It will be appreciated if you will take this  
matter up with the proper authorities so that the  
necessary improvements may be adopted.

Yours very truly,

E. M. Bryan,  
Lt. Col., F.A.,  
Chief, Aliens Division.

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White, T.A.

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*McCoy*

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS  
Camp McCoy Wisconsin

22 January 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )

No. 19 )

E X T R A C T

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11. The following named O and EM, fr orgns indicated, acting as gds for the transfer of 37 Prisoners of War:

2D LT HUYLER E ROMOND O1798062 CMP 667th MPEG Co

1st Sgt Russell (NMI) Downs	6642907	Cp McCoy Prisoner of War Cp, 1640 SU
S/Sgt William A Wall	34582946	Cp McCoy Prisoner of War Cp, 1640 SU
Cpl Charles F Hill	34583551	Cp McCoy Prisoner of War Cp, 1640 SU
Cpl Claude J Dobyms	6247608	667th MPEG Co
Pfc Eugene E Hashagen	38326451	667th MPEG Co
Pfc Earl T Holmes	38324621	667th MPEG Co
Pfc Bob (NMI) Houston	38394088	667th MPEG Co
Pfc Harold E Taylor	36377189	667th MPEG Co
Pvt Max F Norman	36852150	Cp McCoy Prisoner of War Cp, 1640 SU
Pvt Billie R Hughes	14080109	667th MPEG Co

*Special orders*

WP as soon as practicable fr Cp McCoy, Wis, to Alva, Okla, to deliver the 37 Prisoners of War for confinement.

The Post Supply and Sv Div will furnish the necessary T.

1st Sgt Downs, S/Sgt Wall, Cpl Hill, and Pvt Norman are granted a 1 day delay enroute before returning to their proper sta, Cp McCoy, Wis. Cpl Dobyms, Pfc Hashagen, Pfc Holmes, Pfc Houston, Pfc Taylor, and Pvt Hughes are granted a 5 day delay enroute before returning to their proper sta, Cp McCoy, Wis. Upon completion of this temp dy LT ROMOND will return to his proper sta, Cp McCoy, Wis.

It being impracticable for the Govt to furnish rat in kind, 3 meal tickets will be furnished the 37 Prisoners of War and 3 meal tickets will be furnished the 10 EM, gds (One way) under the provisions of AR 30-2215 dated 14 June 1943, as amended. The FD will pay in advance to the EM monetary alws for the return trip as prescribed in Sec II, Ex Order. 9386, WD Bull 19, dated 21 Oct 1943, a/r \$3.00 per day per man for rat for 1-1/3 days

TDN. Almt: 1-5060 P 431-02 A 212/40425 and 1-5060 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

Auth: Verbal Orders, Commanding General, 6th SvC, ASF, Chicago, Ill.

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By order of Colonel MAC MULLIN

OFFICIAL:

*John F. McCoy*

JOHN F. McCOY  
Major A.G.D.  
Adjutant

JOHN F. McCOY  
Major A.G.D.  
Adjutant

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS  
Camp McCoy Wisconsin

28 Jan 1944

*Special orders*

SPECIAL ORDERS)  
Number 24 )

E X T R A C T

15. The following named O and EM, Cp McCoy Prisoner of War Cp, 1640 SU, this sta, acting as gds for the transfer of 2 Prisoners of War:

(IN CH) 1ST LT J. MARTIN KARPEN 01994460 AUS  
S/Sgt Don L Lawrence 36066629

WP as soon as practicable fr Cp McCoy, Wis., to Cp Grant, Ill., for the purpose of delivering the 2 Prisoners of War for confinement.

Upon completion of this temp dy the named O and EM will return to their proper station, Cp McCoy, Wis.

The Post Supply and Sv Div will furn the necessary T.  
S/Sgt Lawrence is granted a 3 day delay enroute.

It being impracticable for the Govt to furn rat in kind, 2 meal tickets will be furn S/Sgt Don L Lawrence, and 2 meal tickets will be furn the 2 Prisoners of War (one way) under the provisions of AR 30-2215 dated 14 June 1943, as amended. The FD will pay in advance to the named EM monetary alws for the return trip as prescribed in Sec II, Ex Order 9386 WD Bull 19, dated 21 Oct 1943, a/r \$3.00 per day per man for rat for 2/3 day.

TDN. Almt: 1-5060 P 431-02 A 212/40425 and 1-5060 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

Auth: Verbal Orders, Commanding General, 6th SvC, ASF, Chicago, Ill.

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By order of Colonel MAC MULLIN:

OFFICIAL:

*John F. McCoy*  
JOHN F. McCOY  
Major, A.G.D.  
Adjutant

JOHN F. McCOY  
Major, A.G.D.  
Adjutant

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*From Gen Washington*

*(Copies sent to Personnel)  
McCoy*

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS  
Camp McCoy Wisconsin

19 Jan 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS )

No. 16 )

E X T R A C T

4. The following named O and EM, fr orgn indicated, acting as gds for the transfer of 31 Prisoners of War:

CAPT JOHN E HINES 0467711 CMP 667th MPEG Co

Sgt Albert Borgenson	36701225	Cp McCoy Prisoner of War Cp, 1640 SU
Pfc James B McCart	34577067	Cp McCoy Prisoner of War Cp, 1640 SU
Pfc George (NMI) Simon	36609243	Cp McCoy Prisoner of War Cp, 1640 SU
Sgt Clifton P Moak	34154312	667th MPEG Co
Tec 5 Paul W. McCalip	34231302	667th MPEG Co
Pvt Paul E Holdsworth	37652799	667th MPEG Co
Pvt Delbert M Liming	37653151	667th MPEG Co

WP as soon as practicable fr Cp McCoy, Wis, to Cp McCain, Miss to deliver the 31 Prisoners of War for confinement.

The Post Supply and Sv Div will furnish the necessary T. It being impracticable for the Govt to furnish rat in kind, 9 meal tickets will be furnished the 7 gds (RD trip), and 4 meal tickets will be furnished the 31 Prisoners of War.

CAPT HINES is granted a 2 day delay enroute, before returning to his proper sta, Cp McCoy, Wis. Sgt Moak, Tec 5 McCalip, Pvt Paul Holdsworth, and Pvt Liming are granted a 5 day delay enroute, and Pfc McCart is granted a 3 day delay enroute before returning to their proper sta, Cp McCoy, Wis. Upon completion of this tempdy they will return to their proper sta, Cp McCoy, Wis.

TDN. Almt: 1-5060 P 431-02 A 212/40425 and 1-5060 P 432-02 A 212/40425.

Auth: Verbal Orders, Provost Marshall, Hq 6th SvC, ASF, Chicago, Ill.

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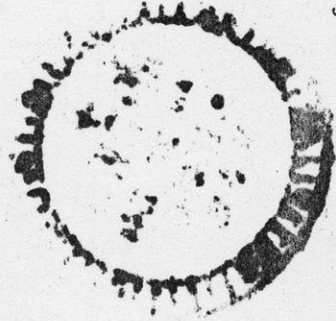
By order of Colonel MAC MULLIN

JOHN F. McCOY  
Major A.G.D.  
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

*John F. McCoy*

JOHN F. McCOY  
Major A.G.D.  
Adjutant



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2. The "H" irons supporting the chain iron fences are  
**HEADQUARTERS SIXTH CORPS AREA**  
**OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL**  
**CIVIC OPERA BLDG., ROOM 514**  
**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

March 21, 1942

**SUBJECT: Construction of Stockade at Camp McCoy.**

**TO: Lt. Col. B. M. Bryan,**  
**Chief, Aliens Division,**  
**Office of The Provost Marshal General,**  
**War Department,**  
**Washington, D. C.**

1. In accordance with request, checked over subject with Capt. Grohme, Assistant District Engineer of the Sixth Corps Area. Capt. Grohme has had charge of the design and installation of all recent construction of this stockade.

2. Inclosed herewith are three blueprints, as follows:

- a. Ground plan of the McCoy enclosure.
- b. Detail of stockade guard towers.
- c. Small plan of stockade fence construction.

3. As noted in red on the blueprint, the sentry houses on the guard towers have recently been corrected so that the floor of the house is not less than 6 feet above the top of the fence, of a minimum of 14 feet above the ground.

4. The two chain wire fences are constructed continuously around the entire enclosure with only two gate openings:

- a. Distance between fences approximately 30 feet.
- b. Height of chain fence, 7 feet - increased to 8 feet by the extension arm for carrying the barbed wire strands.
- c. The chain fence goes to the ground, but has no a sub-surface countersinking. Where small depression occurs along the line of the inner fence, barb wire strands have been strung to block the resultant small gaps between the fence and the ground. This applies only to the inner fence.
- d. The angle arms carrying barb wire are canted inward toward the enclosure on the inner fence, - and are canted outward on the outer fence.

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- e. The "H" irons supporting the chain iron fences are sunk in approximately 3-ft. length, 1-ft. diameter concrete fills.

5. Sub-surface protection for the inner fence has already been provided as follows:

- a. A solid line of wooden logs approximately 4 to 7 inches in diameter have been laid along the line of the inner fence only. The top or ground surface end of the logs abut the outside edge of the inner fence and slope inward into the enclosure at a 30° angle. This gives a vertical protection of about 3'6" sub-surface. This log wall has been carried completely around the entire fencing, except at the gates where, of course, the concrete roadway affords protection.
- b. An identical log set-up has now been planned and is about to be installed for the outer fence. The 30° angle slope will bring this outer log wall into the runway sub-surface.
- c. In view of the fact that the soil is entirely loose sand, the Engineer officer believes this construction will make it extremely difficult to burrow under. The logs themselves will tend to slide into any tunnel beneath them.
- d. The blueprint shows a small space between the logs. Actually, the construction left no space between the logs.

6. Ten feet outside of the outer fence and completely around the stockade, with the exception of the entrances they have installed a further sub-surface protection as follows:

- a. A 4-ft. width of concrete re-enforcing iron wire mesh net. This net is of number 9 wire with 6" square mesh-welded points. It is actually countersunk some 6" below the surface, giving a maximum depth protection of about 4'6".
- b. The Engineer officer explained that he had originally recommended this wire be sunk closer to the outer fence - at a distance not exceeding 5 feet. However, it was finally decided by others that 10' would be more effective. It was their evident purpose to catch a tunnel operation where the prisoners would attempt to make their tunnel exit break surface some distance away from the stockade fence. It is, of course, a matter of opinion as to what would be the most effective distance from the stockade fence for this wire net. In view of the extremely loose, sandy soil, the undersigned is inclined to concur with Capt. Grohme that this fence would serve its purpose better if put closer to the stockade.

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6:55 P. M.

7. The lighting appears well laid out, with the exception that only 2-way tower lights so far have been provided. In early February, single tower lights which angled down one runway were being used. Attention was called to this factor at that time by the undersigned. The undersigned still believes 3-2ay lighting the most effecient. The projected stand-by equipment will be adequate to take care of 3-way lighting which would prevent blackout of any runway should one tower be knocked out. The heighth of the towers, if kept above a minimum of 14 feet from the ground, should permit sufficient angling of the runway lights to avoid blinding one guard tower by thelight of another.

8. There are no sub-surface conduits or pipe leading out of the enclosure. The drainage is excellent and slopes to the southwest.

9. Gates. - Are of the lock type - good construction - about 100' distance within the lock permitting practically all types of incoming or outgoing transport to be picked up within the gate lock. The routine seems well handled. An incoming transport vehicle is admitted through the outer gate which is then closed before the inner gate is open.

10. Charged Wire. - This stockade has been designed for the use of a strand of charged wire for the dual purpose of -

- a. Alarm
- b. Actual resistance to bread (shock)

Sixth Corps Area Headquarters is sending forward a letter requesting the necessary authority under AR to make the charged wire installation they desire. They prefer to install it on the inner fence so that the alarm will be given before the outer fence is reached. In addition, they desire the protection of a sufficiently sub-lethal current actually to deliver substantial shock.

P.H.M. CONVERSE  
Colonel, Cavalry  
Instructor, Observer  
P.M.G.O.

3 Incls.-  
Blueprints.

nfield, Wis. Oct. 14, 1942.

on. Claude E. Wickard:  
Sec. of Agriculture,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wickard:

Please pardon me for troubling a very busy man. I have written our representative in congress as per copies enclosed but he does not seem to be able to do much for us. Too much red tape makes farm production too expensive and we old boys are looking for a shortcut across the corners.

I have been asked to write direct to you and ask, that for the purpose of carrying out our wishes you appoint a man to act with our Governor Julius Heil, or such persons as he may select to confer with our farmers committee, and to draw up, and sign some kind of contract for us to make use of the aliens and prisoners confined at Camp McCoy, or the stare prisoners confined at Waupun. We believe that these are a number of patriotic people confined at both of these places who would prefer to be out working for the cause of freedom and that by kind treatment and watchful care we can secure a lot of help for the production of food, not only for them but for our armies and other people. A lot of us boys up in the eighties enjoy working in the gardens to produce our own food and think it has a little better flavor when we plant, cultivate and harvest it. We like to send some of the very best to our soldier boys. Poultry, peas and asparagus with plenty of strawberry jam are some of the things which tempt us to work too hard early and late.

We want to make these people comfortable and feed them well and we farmers believe we can do a lot of good if the federal government and the state will join with us in this work as indicated in these letters which I have written to Mr. Murray.

We would like to begin the fall plowing next week for next years crops and we ask that we may have the Henry Kaiser method. Carbon copy of this letter will be sent to our Governor.

Edmund B. Greogry, Quartermaster General of the U. S. Army has advised us to get over to Camp McCoy and get acquainted with the Post Quartermaster, see what they can use that we can produce here and arrange to produce it for them.

Kindly grant our wishes and we will all be happy.

Very sincerely yours,

A. C. Steenburg.

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Plainfield, Wis. Oct. 15, 1942

Hon. Robert F. LaFollette  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Robert;

We know there is no man more anxious than you to do something for Wisconsin and it is our pleasure to have a friend of that kind.

We are taking the liberty of calling upon you to aid us in getting some real work out of the aliens and prisoners now sojourning in Camp McCoy.

Yesterday I wrote to Secretary Wickard and have written our Congressman, Reid F. Murray, also to Governor Heil. Will enclose some copy to show you what we are trying to do and for which we solicit your kindly assistance.

At the suggestion of Gen. Edmund B. Gregory, Quartermaster General of U. S. Army, I am also writing the Post Quartermaster of Camp McCoy and will ask for an interview with our committee soon.

Any suggestions from you will be much appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ A. C. Steenburg

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Hon. Claude B. Belfrage  
 Sec. of Agriculture,  
 Washington, D. C.

Plainfield, Wis.  
 Oct. 1942

It now appears that our quality of hemp in this vicinity is not satisfactory and we must continue and increase our efforts in the production of food for our armies and allies. Explanation of the Mexican labor situation has satisfied us that we must stick to our first idea of securing the help of aliens and prisoners from Camp McCoy to handle the production and care of our food crop.

Just at this season we need more help than at any other time. School children can pull weeds but we need strong men to handle heavy produce, our vegetable producers are paying higher wages and sending bus drivers to Stevens Point which is 35 miles from the onion, potato and carrot fields to get men to get these crops under cover, and save them from an early freeze which has sometimes caused heavy losses.

We want state and federal cooperation as we may sometime use state prison labor to an advantage to all. This line of labor has been used about six miles farther south. We have a good, honest, practical farmer, who is intelligent and has had several years experience in handling such work and such men.

If the government can use the most of our produce as we believe they can at Camp McCoy, and if they want to select a manager and help us to finance it, we are only too happy to have them do so, and as one good Belgian farmer said, ask them to send a man up here to "speak it over with us", and to discuss the crops to be produced. Our good Governor Heil is a practical business man to deal with, and our best farmers are honest, patriotic men and we are willing and anxious to meet and enter into a contract such as will have fairness and honesty as the essence of such contract, and if after a trial it is found that any one of the parties has any advantage, an adjustment in such contract shall be consented to at once.

We are glad to show the spirit of loyalty of purpose, and the determination on our part to do all we can to finish this war as quickly as possible, and any other farmer who has any other purpose in mind can not join with us.

There is plenty of rock in that ridge of Leola Rock to build a large and substantial building, in fact several of them without disturbing the crest of it.

We will have the support of our Governor and several good men who are willing to adopt the methods of Henry Kaiser, and do it now.

I am predicting that he will be the main actor in helping us to open the road to the Pacific Islands, and get help quicker than we can produce it here.

Give us a little of that same kind of string and we will show you that we love Henrys methods of doing things.

We would be glad to announce that One hundred per cent of our production is for federal and state uses and we want only loyal and patriotic helpers.

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May 10, 1942

CONTROL DIVISION

Noted by *Welf*

SPMGA (10) 383.7-Pickett, Clarence E.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR.

Subject: Inquiry regarding hearings accorded internees at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

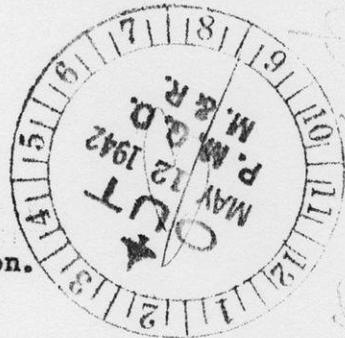
1. In regard to the inclosed inquiry by Mr. Clarence E. Pickett forwarded to this office on disposition slip dated May 7, 1942, the case of each alien interned by the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, has been considered by a Board consisting of three civilian members, and an Army officer who acts as the executive of the Board. The Hearing Board considers the oral and written evidence submitted and makes its recommendations to the Commanding General.

2. The War Department Hearing Boards in Hawaii, Alaska and the Panama Canal Zone function in a manner similar to the Hearing Boards established by the Department of Justice within continental United States.

3. The case of each alien ordered interned in Hawaii and subsequently sent to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, has been given careful consideration by such civilian Hearing Board.

For The Provost Marshal General:

B. M. Bryan,  
Lt. Col., F. A.,  
Chief, Aliens Division.



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*SPMGA 383.7 Camp McCoy*

1 Incl.-  
Disposition Slip dated  
5/7/42 fm Office, Asst.  
Sec. of War w/incl.

cc: Chief of Administrative Services

*A. M. Tollefson*

Tollefson, A. M. - lcs

*G.E.M.*  
G.E.M.

FK/ez

July 1, 1942

**SUBJECT:** Internees from Honolulu, T. H.

**TO :** OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL  
Washington, D.C.

1. This will confirm information telephoned to your office today to the effect that there are no internees from Hawaii in this internment camp at present.

For The COMMANDING OFFICER:-

*PK*  
PATRICK KELLY  
Captain, Cavalry  
Adjutant

*383.7*  
*Grant McCoy*

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Auth.: The P.M.G.

Initials:

Date:

SPMGA (12) 014.33

Services of Supply  
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

AIR MAIL

July 24, 1942.

SUBJECT: Return of Internees to Hawaii.

TO: The Commanding General,  
Sixth Corps Area,  
Post Office Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

FOR: The Commanding Officer,  
Camp McCoy Internment Camp,  
Camp McCoy,  
Sparta, Wisconsin.

1. It is requested that you search your records to determine whether or not there are internees in your camp who are American citizens and who were ordered interned in the territory of Hawaii. These should include those who were born in Hawaii or are naturalized citizens of the United States.

2. In the event there are any internees in your camp who are in this status, it is requested that you report the name and serial number of each to The Provost Marshal General's Office immediately.

For The Provost Marshal General:

B. M. Bryan,  
Colonel, F. A.,  
Chief, Aliens Division.

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HEADQUARTERS SIXTH CORPS AREA  
 OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL  
 CIVIC OPERA BLDG., ROOM 514  
 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 21, 1942

IN REPLY REFER TO:

SUBJECT: Authority to employ and rate of payment therefor of interned alien enemies at Camp McCoy Enclosure.

TO: Colonel Avery J. Cooper  
 Chief, Instructor-Observer Group  
 Provost Marshal General's Office  
 War Department  
 Washington, D.C.

1. Confirming conversation over the telephone yesterday, Hq. 6th C.A. are very anxious to put at work some of their internees.

2. They wish to use the internees at the moment to do two things:

a. To unload some carload lots of fuel through a contractor who has the job at Camp McCoy and wishes to employ these internees.

b. Constructions in connection with the stockade at Camp McCoy.

3. Tentative Aliens Regulations given me March 7th, as I left, by Aliens Division, authorize working internees in these type tasks. I was specifically told March 7th that for the present and until further notice it was the policy of the War Department (PMGO) to work and pay alien enemy internees on the same basis as combat prisoners of war. This would mean that Camp McCoy could require suitable types of labor to be performed by any internee whose physical condition was appropriate without having to resort to volunteers. It was also assumed that payment could be made from any available funds on the basis of prevailing rates of pay in that locality for similar work. In other words, the contractor would not have to pay any specific union wage rate if other rates were currently prevailing in that district.

4. I have informed the Chief of Staff, G-4, and the CAPM that for the present PMGO prefers that only voluntary labor be used. I was unable to give them any suggestion as to the adjustment of pay to be paid by the contractors for this work should they utilize voluntary labor. However, I advised that you would endeavor to get a letter off

*Col. Bryan*

*PMGO 2533.5 Camp McCoy*

today from PMGO to Hq. 6th C.A., stating specifically your wishes on these two points, namely:

- a. Voluntary labor only or that they may order the labor done as is permitted in utilizing combat P/W.
- b. What temporary arrangement you wish them to follow in the matter of pay.

5. 6th C.A. Hq. would appreciate receiving written instructions accordingly as soon as possible. They wish to go ahead immediately with their construction and other tasks and would prefer <sup>to use</sup> prisoner population if possible. I gather they are not at all certain that adequate voluntary labor will be obtainable.

*P.H.M. Converse*

P. H. M. CONVERSE  
Colonel, Cavalry  
Instructor-Observer PMGO

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*PMGO 25335 Camp 7th Coy*

1. The Deputy Chief of Staff, Sixth Army, and The Provost Marshal General to discuss the status of the installation at Camp 7th Coy, Wisconsin, for the purpose of determining the feasibility of utilizing the existing internment camp facilities at this camp for the purpose of housing the prisoners of war. However, this installation will not affect the capacity of this camp has been limited in the past to one hundred internees by a directive from the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

2. There is inclosed herewith for your information a copy of a letter dispatched this date to the Commanding General, Sixth Service Command, in regard to the arrangements to be made for the abandonment of this installation.

For The Provost Marshal General:

B. N. Bryan,  
Brigadier General,  
Director, Aliens Division.

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Ltr. to CG,  
ASD, 1-5-43.

Chief, Administrative Services

Internment Branch

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SPMGA (19) 254

January 5, 1943

MEMORANDUM For Chief of Administrative Services.

Subject: Camp McCoy Internment Camp.

1. The Deputy Chief of Staff has directed The Provost Marshal General to discontinue use of the enclosure at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, for the internment of enemy aliens and prisoners of war. However, this decision will not affect existing internment camp facilities materially because the capacity of this camp has been limited in the past to one hundred internees by a directive from the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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For The Provost Marshal General:

B. M. Bryan,  
Brigadier General,  
Director, Aliens Division.

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Ltr. to CG,  
6SC, 1-5-43.

cc: Chief, Administrative Services

Smith, H.W.--rcg

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SPMGA (19) 254

January 5, 1943

SUBJECT: Camp McCoy Internment Camp,

TO: Commanding General,  
Sixth Service Command,  
Post Office Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

1. The Deputy Chief of Staff has directed The Provost Marshal General to discontinue use of the enclosure at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, for the internment of enemy aliens and prisoners of war. Consequently, it will be necessary to transfer all of the enemy aliens now interned at that camp. Orders directing this transfer will be issued shortly.

2. Since there will be no further use for the 306th Military Police Escort Guard Company at Camp McCoy, plans for the proper utilization of this unit must be made. It is believed that the internment camp at Lewistown, Illinois, will be completed shortly after the internees now at Camp McCoy have been transferred. Therefore, it appears that this company could be used most effectively by transferring it to that installation.

3. The efficient and capable administration of Colonel Horace I. Rogers, at the Camp McCoy Internment Camp has been noted by this office since its inception. His ability to deal successfully with internees and their problems has been demonstrated in many instances. For these reasons, it is requested that consideration be given to the assignment of this officer as the Commanding Officer of another internment camp in your Service Command, preferably the camp now under construction at Lewistown, Illinois.

4. Your remarks and recommendations in regard to the matters set forth above are requested.

For The Provost Marshal General:

B. M. Bryan,  
Brigadier General,  
Director, Aliens Division.

cc: Chief, Administrative Services

W.C. H.W.--reg

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SPMGA (19) 254

January 7, 1943

MEMORANDUM For Chief of Administrative Services.

Subject: Camp McCoy Internment Camp.

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For The Provost Marshal General:

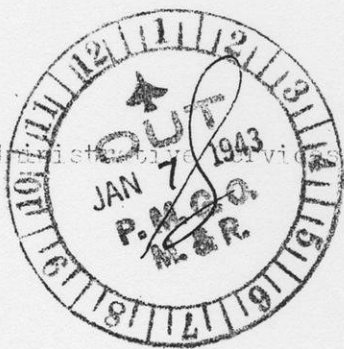
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Brigadier General,  
Director, Aliens Division.

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*Handwritten initials:*  
Smith, H.W. ---rec  
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cc: Chief, Administrative Services



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Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio

WAR DEPARTMENT

SPKNI 383.7 (Aliens Br)

January 11, 1943

Subject: Prisoner of War and Aliens Camps.

To: Provost Marshal General's Office, Chief, Aliens Division,  
Internal Security Division, Washington, D. C.

1. It is desired that this Headquarters be advised of location or locations of Prisoner of War and/or Internment Camps most conveniently situated to this Service Command.

2. The purpose for which this information is desired is that it is planned to send the Chief of the Prisoner of War and Aliens Branch of the Internal Security Division, Fifth Service Command to such a camp to familiarize himself with its operation, in view of the fact that Prisoner of War Camps are presently to be in operation in this Service Command.

3. It is felt that if there is such a camp located in the Sixth Service Command it would be the most convenient to visit.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ D. M. McLeod  
D.M. McLEOD  
Captain, CMP  
Asst Dir, In Scty Div.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH SERVICE COMMAND  
SERVICES OF SUPPLY

Fort Hayes, Ohio  
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Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio

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War Department, S.O.S., P.M.G.O., January 14, 1943. To: Commanding General, Fifth Service Command, Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio. Attention: Director, Internal Security Division.

1. At the present time, the only internment camp in operation in the Sixth Service Command is located at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. This installation is very small, and it is not believed that sufficient benefits would be derived from a visit to that installation.
2. However, there are internment camps in operation in the Seventh Service Command located at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and at Camp Clark, Missouri. It is recommended that either or both of these camps be visited by your representative for the purpose of familiarizing himself with the operation of internment camps.
3. Any forms, regulations or other matter desired in connection with the opening of internment camps in the Fifth Service Command will be supplied to you upon request. As soon as the Military Police Escort Guard Companies now in training have been prepared for service in internment camps, the proper units will be transferred to the internment camps within your Service Command.
4. It is requested that you notify this office when the assignment of internment camp commanders to installations within your command are made.

For The Provost Marshal General:

B. M. Bryan,  
Brigadier General,  
Director, Aliens Division.

D. H. HAYWOOD  
Captain, OMP  
Asst Dir, In Scty Div.

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cc: Chief, Administrative Services

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HEADQUARTERS  
THE ALIEN ENEMY INTERNMENT CAMP  
CAMP MCCOY, WISCONSIN

HIR/re

1 April 1943

Subject: Prisoners of War.

To: Aliens Division, Provost Marshal General  
Washington, D. C.

1. It is requested that approximately a thousand Prisoners of War be assigned to this station as soon as possible.

2. In order for use to handle this many it will be necessary for us to transfer the 45 Internees now here.

3. Old Camp McCoy has been kept in very good condition. The new addition of almost 60,000 acres needs a great deal of work at once. The new ranges give use a fire hazard that should be corrected. If we are able to get from 750 to 1000 men that we can use as a labor battalion we can cut fire lanes and do many other urgently needed services. It is believed that we can keep this many men busy on the reservation for an indefinite time.

4. We are set up with supplies for this many. As we have been advised that we probably would get Italians we have a surgeon who speaks all dialects of Italian.

5. There are several problems to be solved, but we believe they are local ones that we can handle.

/s/ Horace I. Rogers  
Lt. Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding.

cc: Chief, Administrative Services

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*Capt. Edwards*

REGULATIONS  
FOR  
ALIEN ENEMY CAMP  
CAMP MCCOY, WISCONSIN

June 23, 1942.

I. Beginning this date and effective until further notice the following regulations will be effective as orders for this internment camp:

II. Service Calls:

	<u>Week Days</u>	<u>Sundays and Holidays</u>
<b>REVEILLE:</b>		
First Call	5:45 A.M.	None
March	5:55 A.M.	7:00 A.M.
Reveille followed by assembly	6:00 A.M.	None
MESS CALL (Breakfast)	6:30 A.M.	7:30 A.M.
<b>DRILL CALL</b>		
First Call	7:40 A.M.	None
Assembly	7:45 A.M.	None
RECALL	11:30 A.M.	None
MESS CALL (Dinner)	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
<b>DRILL CALL</b>		
First Call	12:55 P.M.	None
Assembly	1:00 P.M.	None
RECALL	4:30 P.M.	None
<b>GUARD MOUNTING:</b>		
First Call	4:40 P.M.	4:40 P.M.
Assembly	4:45 P.M.	4:45 P.M.
First Call for Retreat	4:50 P.M.	None
Assembly for Retreat	4:55 P.M.	None
Retreat	5:00 P.M.	None
MESS CALL (Supper)	5:15 P.M.	4:45 P.M.
TATTOO	10:00 P.M.	10:00 P.M.
CALL TO QUARTERS	10:45 P.M.	10:45 P.M.
TAPS	11:00 P.M.	11:00 P.M.

III. Training Schedules will be prepared weekly. These schedules will cover the subjects set forth in Tentative Military Police Training Program dated May 7, 1942, as well as basic training and such additional special instruction as is best suited to the development of efficiency

in securing, controlling, maintaining and escorting internees.

No civilian will be allowed to enter the enclosure. Schedule will be followed as closely as internee guard and escort duty will permit. In inclement weather indoor training and instruction will be substituted for outdoor exercises when necessary.

IV. a 1. The security, control, maintenance and escorting of internees constitute the primary duty of the entire Army personnel of this camp whether any individual may be assigned to any other duty or not, at any time while in camp.

2. Toward this end all officers and non-commissioned officers will familiarize themselves with the provisions of the Geneva Convention of 1929 and the U. S. Army Tentative Internee Regulations as well as such other pertinent orders and regulations as may be promulgated from time to time.

#### V. Internee Guard Duty.

a. 1. In addition to pertinent orders and regulations governing interior guard duty the following special orders will govern the internment camp guards.

2. Daily upon relief of the old guard, the internees will be assembled and a count of them will be made by roll call in the presence of, and verified by, the old and new Officers of the Day.

3. No internee shall be allowed to be removed from the enclosure excepting by proper authority and then only when in charge of adequate and properly armed escort guard. The names of internees so removed as well as of their escort guards and the authority for their removal will be properly recorded. The names of newly confined internees as well as the names of officers delivering them will be likewise recorded.

4. No firearms shall be carried or allowed to be carried inside the enclosure.

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purpose at hand, nor shall profane or abusive language be used by  
 purpose at 5. No civilian will be allowed to enter the enclosure  
 excepting by proper authority and when accompanied by an officer or  
 soldier known to the guard, and each such incident shall be recorded.

6. No officer or enlisted man shall be allowed to  
 remain in the enclosure excepting he is accompanied by a member  
 of the guard or some other officer or enlisted man known to the guard.  
 In the event that any officer or enlisted man is seized while in the  
 enclosure and used as a hostage in an attempted escape the force used  
 by the guard in preventing such escape will not be restrained or  
 lessened by this factor and the person so seized will protect and  
 cover himself as far as possible.

7. No packages of any kind shall be allowed into or  
 removed from the enclosure excepting by proper authority and when  
 thoroughly inspected.

8. Knives and other tools, having possibilities for use  
 as weapons of assault or escape, used in internee kitchens will be  
 removed and kept in the guard house at night.

9. All work trucks will be inspected upon entrance to  
 and departure from the enclosure, tools on same will be checked with  
 foreman and names of all civilian workmen will be recorded. Other  
 trucks or cars will not be allowed inside the enclosure.

10. When necessary, the members of the guard will assist  
 in effecting internee compliance with internee regulations and in  
 quelling disturbances by internees but in no case will they use, or  
 allow to be used, more force than is sufficient to accomplish the

the internee camp regulations to be satisfied.

purpose at hand, nor shall profane or abusive language be used by the guard nor shall they allow such to be used.

11. In case of fire the Sergeant of the guard will report location of same immediately to the camp Telephone Exchange operator giving exact location of fire. He will also cause the internment camp commander to be notified immediately and will assemble all members of the reliefs not on duty. When fire involves buildings within enclosure the guards will see that internees housed in buildings not involved shall remain in their own barracks and that internees housed in buildings involved are assembled and counted. The Corporal of the relief on duty will maintain order at the enclosure gates and facilitate the entrance of hose reel squads and pack pump carriers as well as other internment camp personnel assisting in fire extinguishment. If fire involvement necessitates passing fire engines within the enclosure the Corporal of the relief on duty will facilitate and expedite their entrance. When fire is extinguished roll call of prisoners will again be made in the presence of the Officer of the Day except when the internment Camp Commander decides such roll call to be unnecessary.

12. A complete record of all fires within enclosure will be recorded by the guard and a full report of same will be submitted to the internment camp commander by the Officer of the Day within 24 hours after occurrence.

13. In case of fire in internment camp area outside enclosure the Sergeant of the Guard will immediately notify the Camp McCoy Telephone Exchange Operator giving location of fire and will cause the internment camp commander to be notified.

14. For the purpose of the records required by these regulations a guard journal will be maintained supplementary to the guard book and will be authenticated by the Officer of the Day for each tour of duty, when such journal is filled it will be turned into the internment camp headquarters and a new book will be issued.

15. The Officer of the Day will make at least one inspection of the area within the enclosure during his tour of duty for the purpose of detecting any evidence of wire cutting, tunnelling, short ladder building, or any other preparation for an attempted escape. He will check all lighting equipment and emergency generating installations before the hours of darkness.

b. The Officer of the Day will inspect the posts of the guard as frequently as may be desired by the internment camp commander and will assure himself that all sentries on duty are familiar with their general and special orders.

c. In case of escape of a prisoner of war or of an internee the guard will proceed as directed by orders, Headquarters Camp McCoy, dated March 23, 1942 for "Prisoner Escape Alert".

d. Special orders for posts of the Internment Camp Guard:

1. Post No. 1. Gate Guard:

- (a) I will allow no one to enter or leave the enclosure without proper authority.
- (b) I will allow only one gate to be unlocked at a time.
- (c) I will allow no one to touch the gate-locks or keys to same excepting officers and non-commissioned officers of the guard.
- (d) I will search all vehicles entering or leaving the enclosure.

- (e) I will allow no unauthorized persons to approach the fence from the outside. Persons so doing will be challenged but not fired upon.
  - (f) In the hours from 7:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. I will patrol the road from gate #1 to the south end of the Internment Camp Headquarters Building, being on the lookout for fires, prowlers, and loiterers.
  - (g) I will allow no vehicles to park on this roadway.
2. Post No. 2 (Tower 1)
  - Post No. 3 (Tower 2)
  - Post No. 4 (Tower 3)
  - Post No. 5 (Tower 4)
  - Post No. 6 (Tower 5)
  - Post No. 7 (Tower 6)

- (a) I will maintain visual contact with the towers on either side, observing the fence between each.
  - (b) I will challenge and halt anyone attempting to cross under or over the fences by any means and will call the Corporal of the Guard.
  - (c) I will allow no unauthorized person to approach the fences.
  - (d) I will halt for identification all persons and vehicles approaching the outside of the enclosure. If civilians not accompanied by an officer known to me I will order them to report to Post No. 8 for identification and will notify the Corporal of the Guard. If military personnel I will allow them to proceed when recognized. (That part of this order pertaining to vehicles does not apply to Post No. 2.)
- VIII. Mail  
 Mail correspondence will be done as provided in Internment Regulations, and for circumstances necessitating correspondence

shall be referred to the Internment Camp Commander.

**3. Post No. 8.**

VIII. ~~Mounted Patrol~~

At "Y" in road at entrance to Internment Area.

(a) I will halt all persons and vehicles approaching my post and will allow no one to enter internment area unless recognized.

**4. Mounted Patrol.**

I will be fully alert while on patrol and will observe and assist in the enforcement of all general and

special orders for the guard. I will take special notice of the fences and their adjoining areas and watch for any indication of attempted wire cutting or tunnelling.

**VI. Visitors**

a. Internees may be allowed visitors subject to the limitations and provisions set forth in Internee Regulations. No visitors to internees will be allowed within enclosure. Visits will take place in a room outside enclosure and in the presence of an officer and an armed member of the guard. Packages and gifts brought by visitors will be allowed to internees if not in violation of Internee Regulations. All such packages will be carefully inspected by the officer in attendance.

b. Visiting hours will be daily from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon and from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P. M.

c. Evening visits will allowed only under compelling circumstances and only by special permission of the Commanding Officer. Such visits will not be allowed after 9:00 P.M. and will not exceed thirty minutes.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel  
Major, Infantry  
Adjutant

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**VII. Mail.**

Mail censorship and handling shall be done as provided in Internee Regulations, and any circumstances necessitating correspondence

shall be referred to the Internment Camp Commander.

VIII. Internee Administration:

a. All activities involved in internee administration shall be carried out strictly in conformity with U. S. Army Tentative Internee Regulations. Administrative Personnel will be prepared and equipped to handle any change or transfer involving internees in a prompt and efficient manner and a sufficient number of those assigned to this duty will remain available at all hours for such emergency work as may be necessary.

b. Administrative Personnel engaged in administration of Internee companies shall conform to the provisions of Internee Regulations and of such orders as may be issued by the Internment Camp Commander.

IX. Escort of Prisoners:

a. All members of Internment Camp Personnel will familiarize themselves with the duties and requirements of escorting prisoners both in routine camp work and transfer of prisoners to and from other camps or points of assembly.

b. Officers will familiarize themselves with all requirements for escorting prisoners in transit and will be responsible that proper records and receipts are obtained in all cases.

X. No member of the Internment Camp command shall give or convey any information to any unauthorized person concerning the details of internment camp activities, or concerning any individual confined therein, or the movement of any internee to or from the camp.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel ROGERS

WILLIAM L. KRIGBAUM,  
Major, Infantry,  
Executive.

OFFICIAL:

PATRICK KELLY,  
Captain, Cavalry,  
Adjutant.

OPD 291.2 (7-10-42)

July 10, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
(Att: Aliens Div., Office of the PMG) :

Subject: Aliens Interned at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

1. It is directive confirms conversation between Major Train, Operations Division, War Department General Staff, and Lt. Smith of your office concerning the presence at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin of the 100th Infantry (Japanese) and the necessity to keep aliens in that Camp to a minimum.

By order of the Chief of Staff:

ZHOS. T. HANDY,  
Brigadier General,  
Assistant Chief of Staff.

/s/ S. H. SHERRILL  
Colonel, General Staff Corps,  
Chief of North American Theater,  
Theater Gp., OPD, G.S.

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X Incl.  
By name for G.S.,  
SOS, 7-10-42.

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S. H. Sherrill,  
Brigadier General,  
Director, Aliens Division.

Internment Branch

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Philadelphia

May 10, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES ROWE, JR.  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

With regard to the memorandum from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated May 2, 1942, with which there was forwarded a communication dated March 24, 1942, addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by Mr. Robert McAulay of De Soto, Wisconsin, to the effect that Camp McCoy is a very poor place to have a concentration camp for enemy aliens, I wish to advise you that the camp in question belongs to the Army. It is not one of the camps setup by this Service for the detention of enemy aliens.

(Signed - Lemuel B. Schofield)  
Lemuel B. Schofield  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General

*Handwritten signature: Lemuel B. Schofield*

Smith, H. V. (3-25-42)

*Handwritten initials: S.M.B.*  
Blair, L. M.

cc: Chief of Admin. Ser.

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SPMGA (19) 254

SUBJECT: Internment Camp at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

TO: Assistant Secretary of War.

1. This will acknowledge receipt of your communication dated May 19, 1942, inclosing a memorandum which stated that Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, is not a suitable location for an internment camp.

2. It is intended to use this installation for a processing station only in which internees will be received, processed and held for a short time before being transferred to a permanent facility. Although it is not considered entirely satisfactory, it is believed that the internment camp at Camp McCoy is of material value as a processing station.

3. Pending completion of permanent facilities, a number of internees have been retained at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. However, their transfer has been ordered and the camp will be vacated about June 1, 1942.

Allen W. Gullion,  
Major General, U.S.A.,  
The Provost Marshal General.

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Smith, H. W.:rb (5-25-42)

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Blair, L. M.

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War Department, SOS, PMGO, Washington, D. C., May 26, 1942. To: The Assistant Secretary of War.

I visited Camp McCoy in the middle of March and concluded that it was a poor place to hold enemy aliens. I gave directions that as soon as adequate facilities were prepared elsewhere, it be vacated. The transfer of the present inmates was ordered about ten days ago, and the movement will be completed about June 1, 1942. I want to hold onto the camp, however, as a possible processing station for internees received from Fort Lincoln and Chicago, and for use in emergencies, inasmuch as it has a capacity of 860, is surrounded by two wire fences surmounted with barbed wire, and is at a post where troops are habitually stationed.

Allen W. Gullion,  
Major General, U.S.A.,  
The Provost Marshal General.

Incl. - n/c

Clipped - General B. Gullion  
General B. Gullion  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General

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## P A R A P H R A S E

From: Chicago, Illinois  
To: AGWAR

Number 774 April 30, 1943

Capacity of camp has not been revised. There are confined  
44 internees and zero p/w. Reference is made to AG radio Jan. 11.

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 OPERATIONS DIVISION  
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Date:

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April 29, 1943

July 10, 1942.

MEMORANDUM For The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1.

THROUGH: Chief of Administrative Services.

Subject: Use of Camp McCoy Internment Camp.

1. The Camp McCoy Internment Camp, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, which has a capacity of 1,000 prisoners of war, was limited to a capacity of 100 prisoners of war by order of the Chief of Staff dated July 10, 1942, a copy of which is attached. This action was taken because of the presence at the station of the 100th Infantry (Japanese). However, this unit has been transferred from Camp McCoy and it is now desired to utilize this internment camp at its former capacity.

2. Because of the fact this installation is one of the smaller internment camps, it is desired to intern Japanese prisoners of war therein because of the small number in custody. Use of this camp for that purpose appears to be the most economical arrangement possible.

3. At the present time, a number of interned enemy aliens are confined at this installation, but under the agreement to return all interned enemy aliens to the custody of the Department of Justice, these persons will be transferred shortly.

4. Therefore, it is requested that the restrictions set forth in the attached memorandum be removed and that authority be granted to transfer all Japanese prisoners of war in custody in the continental United States, numbering 62, to the Camp McCoy Internment Camp. Furthermore, it is desired to allocate any additional Japanese prisoners of war who may be received to this camp and to designate it for the permanent internment of all prisoners of war of that nationality.

For The Provost Marshal General:

B. M. Bryan,  
 Brigadier General,  
 Director, Aliens Division.

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 Cy. memo for CG,  
 SOS, 7-10-42.

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SPMGA (19) 254

January 7, 1943

SUBJECT: Camp McCoy Internment Camp.

TO: Commanding General,  
Sixth Service Command,  
Post Office Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

1. The Deputy Chief of Staff has directed The Provost Marshal General to discontinue use of the enclosure at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, for the internment of enemy aliens and prisoners of war. This decision was made to heighten the morale of loyal Hawaiian Japanese who have been led to believe that the 100th Infantry, which is composed partly of Hawaiian Japanese and stationed at Camp McCoy, have been mistreated by the United States. This belief was induced by the fact that Japanese enemy aliens from Hawaii have been interned at Camp McCoy and have returned to Hawaii and reported that the 100th Infantry is located at that post.

2. Consequently, it will be necessary to transfer all of the enemy aliens now interned at that camp. Orders directing this transfer will be issued shortly. However, it is understood that the 100th Infantry eventually will be transferred to a combat zone. When this has been accomplished, the Camp McCoy Internment Camp could be utilized again. For this reason, it is desired that the physical layout of the camp, including the fence, be retained intact for future emergency use.

3. After removal of the present internees at Camp McCoy, there will be no further use for the 306th Military Police Escort Guard Company at that installation. Hence, plans for the proper utilization of this unit must be made. It is believed that the internment camp at Lewistown, Illinois, will be completed shortly after the internees at Camp McCoy have been transferred and, therefore, it appears that this company could be used most effectively by transferring it to that installation.

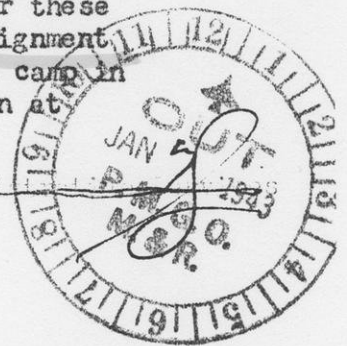
4. The efficient and capable administration of Colonel Horace I. Rogers, at the Camp McCoy Internment Camp has been noted by this office since its inception. His ability to deal successfully with internees and their problems has been demonstrated in many instances. For these reasons, it is requested that consideration be given to the assignment of this officer as the Commanding Officer of another internment camp in your Service Command, preferably the camp now under construction at Lewistown, Illinois.

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Major General A. W. Gullion

THE COMMANDING GENERAL

April 1, 1942

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Major General A. W. Gullion,  
Provost Marshal General,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Gullion:

I am referring to your personal and confidential letter of March 21st regarding the prisoner of war and enemy alien situation at Camp McCoy.

I think personally that everything was done to make the camp reasonably secure. I personally went over the plans for the camp regarding the stockade and so on. As a matter of fact, a test escape was staged before the arrival of any of the prisoners, and as a result of that, improvements were made in the stockade.

I was kept fully informed by the commanding officer at McCoy and by staff officers as to the progress of the stockade. As you will recall, the large contingent from the West Coast did not arrive at McCoy until about March 10th, at which time I was very busily engaged with the defense of Sault Ste. Marie and later on with the threatened unpleasantness regarding the take-over of the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railway.

I think that we in the Sixth Corps Area were very solicitous about the security of the internees, and I cannot agree with your contrary statement. I admit, however, that we were not jittery about them, feeling as we did that they were reasonably secure. I would hate to claim any prison as escape-proof, since prisoners have frequently escaped from Sing Sing, and I believe there is one escape from Alcatraz in history.

J. H. GULLION,  
Major General, U. S. Army.

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Major General A. W. Gullion

April 1, 1942

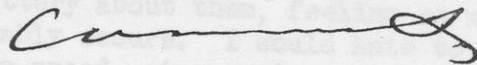
Enemy aliens and interned American citizens were quartered in the same barracks, but it was not known which were the American citizens and which were the aliens. There is no definite information as yet as to who these aliens and American citizens are. I am loathe to accept any statement from any of them that they are American citizens and would have preferred to wait until we have definite proof thereof. All that we were furnished with these prisoners was a copy of Form No. 2.

Regarding the clothing situation, I am enclosing herewith a chronological account of what happened.

As regards the colored Military Police at the Savannah Ordnance Depot; the two battalions of white Military Police were activated at Fort Sheridan on February 1st, and the colored battalion on February 5th, hence the amount of their training is presumed to be approximately equal. These colored Military Police were assigned to a station that was already well guarded by civilian guards, and as I had requested that they be not assigned to this Corps Area, and still had to use them some place, I put them in a position where they would not have the prime responsibility of furnishing adequate guard. I would prefer to have a white, well-trained unit available for the serious guard jobs that might at any time fall to the Corps Area. Fortunately, at the time of the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railway strike, I had a battalion of the 11th Infantry, less one company, at Fort Sheridan. Had this situation arisen one week later, we would not have had that battalion, since they have been recalled.

The criticism you make about there being no auxiliary lighting system was under consideration and was being remedied. In the event that the main lighting system had gone out, the plan called for a very tight system of patrols, which is far superior to any auxiliary lighting system one could devise. This plan is still in effect in the event of fog, and I think will work out all right.

Sincerely yours,



J. M. CUMMINS,  
Major General, U. S. Army.

*J.S. My new address is  
Columbus General Depot  
Columbus Ohio.  
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