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**Entry 103**

**File, Fort, Battery:**

**22653**

**24913**

**Ft. Monroe**

**8-inch Parapet Battery**

SUBJECT:

## United States Engineer Office,

Fort Monroe, Va., April 25th, 1898.

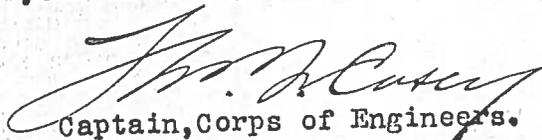
Brig. Gen. John M. Wilson,  
Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army,  
Washington, D.C.

General:

I have the honor to request an allotment of \$6000 for the three 8-inch gun platforms last ordered for Fort Monroe, Va., also \$300 for strengthening the magazines of the water battery, and \$10,000 for tug hire and other expenses incidental to the placing and maintaining of a submarine mined field at Fort Monroe, Va. It was necessary to employ one tug at \$50 per day and one derricked oyster boat at \$50 per day in planting the mines and two tugs at \$75 each per day and night in maintaining a patrol.

Very respectfully,

your obedient servant,

  
Captain, Corps of Engineers.

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Four hundred dollars  
Apr. 29, 1898

an order of \$10,000 for  
for the purchase of  
in strengthening magazines  
the battery, \$10,000 for  
the expenses of trying  
maintaining office at  
St. Louis.

RECD. BACK OFFICE CHIEF OF ENGRS. MAY 7 1898  
RECD. BACK OFFICE CHIEF OF ENGRS. APR 30 1898

Rec'd. G. O. Newport, Va. Apr. 29, 1898

1st indorsement.

Office Chief of Engineers

April 28, 1898.

Respectfully returned.  
The sum of \$16,300 is hereby  
allotted from the appropriation  
for National Defense, Act of March  
9, 1898, to be applied as within  
stated, viz: \$6,000 for 8-inch  
platforms, \$300 for magazines of  
water battery, and \$10,000 for  
torpedo defense.  
Captain Casey is requested to  
report whether there are any  
Government boats at Hampton Roads  
which could be used for patrol  
duty.

By command of Brig. Gen. Wilson

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Rec'd. E. O. Norfolk, Va. Apr. 29, 1898.

U. S. Engineers Office,  
Norfolk, Va. Apr. 29, 1898.

Respectfully returned to the  
Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army.  
The only available Government  
boats in this vicinity are the small  
steam tender "Lucerne" and the snag-  
boat "Rodnoker". The latter is used  
with strong tug to keep her in po-

sition in planting mines and the  
"Lucerne" is used to tow the skiffs  
bearing torpedoes and to tend them  
while planting.

W. H. C. Casey  
Captain, Corps of Engineers,  
818 N. D.

RECD. OFFICE CHIEF OF ENGRS. APR 30 1898

3d indorsement.

Office Chief of Engineers,

U. S. ARMY,

May 5, 1898.

Respectfully returned to  
Captain Casey, who will please  
report to what Department of the  
Government the steam tender  
"Lucerne" belongs, and whether  
she will answer in place of one  
of the tugs now employed for  
patrol duty.

By command of Brig. Gen. Wilson:

W. H. C. Casey  
Captain, Corps of Engineers.

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Rec'd. G. O. Newport, Va. May 6, 1898

4th indorsement,  
U. S. Engineer Office,  
Norfolk, Va. May 6, 1898.

Respectfully returned to the Chief  
of Engineers, U.S. Army,

The steam tender "Lucerne" belongs  
to the Norfolk District and is con-  
trolled by the Engineer Department.  
She is used for surveys and from time  
to time on special service. She is  
not very well replace the tug on pa-  
trol duty although she changes places  
with one of these on some occasions.  
The oyster boat is no longer employed

W. H. C. Casey  
Captain, Corps of Engineers.

RECD. OFFICE CHIEF OF ENGRS. MAY 7 1898

818 N. D.

All letters must be addressed to "The Chief of Ordnance, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C."

SUBJECT. Issue of 8" barbette car., '92.

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Office of the Chief of Ordnance,  
United States Army,

*Washington,* October 28, 1897.

In replying refer to No. 22653.

The Ordnance Officer,  
Fort Monroe, Virginia,  
(Through the Commanding General,  
Department of the East).

Sir:

I am directed by the Chief of Ordnance to inform you that the Commanding Officer, Watertown Arsenal, has been directed to issue to you one 8-inch barbette carriage, Model of 1892. Upon receipt of this carriage you are directed to return to the Commanding Officer of the above arsenal the carriage which is now mounted at Fort Monroe, reporting the date of shipment by endorsement hereon.

Respectfully,

*William Crozier*

Capt., Ord. Dept., U.S. Army.

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By order of  
Charles Edmunds  
Respectfully referred to the  
Governor's Island, October 30, 1897.  
Respectfully transmitted to the  
Commanding Officer, Fort Monroe.  
By command of  
Major General Merritt:-  
Assistant Adjutant General.

WATERTOWN ARSENAL  
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1st Endorsement.

HDQRS. DEPT. OF THE EAST,  
Governor's Island, October 30, 1897.

Respectfully transmitted to the  
Commanding Officer, Fort Monroe.

By command of  
Major General Merritt:-  
Assistant Adjutant General.

3rd Endorsement.

FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA,  
December 24, 1897.

Respectfully returned to the  
Adjutant Fort Monroe, Va. The old  
8-inch barbette carriage herein  
referred has this day been turned  
over to the Post Quartermaster for  
shipment to the Commanding Officer  
Watertown Arsenal, Mass.

John N. Beckwith  
1st Lieut. 1st Artillery,  
Acting Ordnance Officer.

4th Endorsement.

U. S. ARTILLERY SCHOOL,  
FORT MONROE, VA.,  
December 24, 1897.

Respectfully referred to the  
Chief of Ordnance of the Army,  
through Headquarters Department  
of the East, in relation  
to the 3rd endorsement herein.

Colonel 1st Artillery,  
Commandant.

5th Endorsement.

HDQRS. DEPT. OF THE EAST,  
Governor's Island, Dec. 27, 1897.

Respectfully transmitted to  
the Chief of Ordnance, U. S. Army,  
inviting attention to the 3d en-  
dorsement.

Major General, Commanding.

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6th Endorsement

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ORDNANCE  
Washington, Dec. 30, 1897.

Respectfully referred to the  
Commanding Officer, Watertown  
Arsenal, for his information.  
By order of the  
Chief of Ordnance

Capt. Ord. Dept. U. S. A.

7th Endorsement.

Watertown Arsenal,  
January 11, 1898.

Respectfully returned to the  
Chief of Ordnance, U. S. A.,  
preceding endorsement noted.  
The carriage referred to  
within was received on the 10  
inst.

Major Ord. Dept., U. S.  
Comd'g.