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Entry 103

File, Fort, Battery:

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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,

J. W. Casey
Captain, Corps of Engineers.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Chas. Hansen, May 1, 1898

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*an act of sabotage for
your attention. May 1
in strengthening magazine
the battery, 5,000 for
the expenses of repairing
maintaining office at
the Marine.*

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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. It is requested to
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

Joseph B. Wilson
Captain, Corps of Engineers

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

2nd indorsement.

U. S. Engineers Office, a

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 tug-
boat "Roanoke". 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.

Joseph B. Wilson
Captain, Corps of Engineers.

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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:

Joseph B. Wilson
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
of frail construction and cannot stay
out in all weather, so that she can-
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

Joseph B. Wilson
Captain, Corps of Engineers.

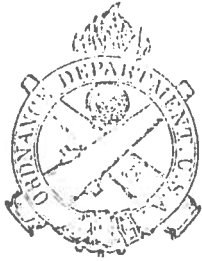
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RECD. OFFICE CHIEF OF ENGRS. MAY 7 1898

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 Cogswell

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

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to him one 8" Ballest
Carriage, March 1892,
and conveying directions
to him in that amount
the carriage was mounted
at Fort Monroe, representing
date of shipment.

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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 barbet 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 returned to the
Chief of Ordnance of the Army,
through Headquarters Department
of the East, inviting attention
to the 3rd endorsement hereon.

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
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Major Ord. Dept., U.S.
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