

HEADQUARTERS THIRD COAST ARTILLERY DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COMMANDER
Fort Monroe, Virginia

353.17
(1939)

February 2, 1940.

Subject: Annual Report of Training.

To: The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

1. In compliance with the requirements of paragraph 14 c (2), T. M. 2160-35, the following report of training in the Third Coast Artillery District, for the calendar year 1939, is submitted. Attached is a report from the Commanding Officer, Harbor Defenses of Chesapeake Bay, dated January 30, 1940, together with inclosures from the commanding officers of the 2d Coast Artillery (HD), 52d Coast Artillery (Ry) and 70th Coast Artillery (AA).
2. The reports from the commanding officers of the 2d Coast Artillery (HD) and the 3d Battalion, 52d Coast Artillery (Ry) show a very heavy schedule of experimental and instructional firing conducted for the Coast Artillery Board, the Coast Artillery School and the training of civilian components. This exceptionally heavy firing schedule places these organizations in a particularly favorable position insofar as artillery training and experience is concerned. However this did not bring to light any glaring defect in instructions or regulations pertaining to drill, fire control, position finding or gunnery.
3. The 52d Coast Artillery (Ry) fired its target practice upon completion of battle practice, conducted by the Coast Artillery School, from positions at Fort Story. In these exercises the occupation of positions and establishment of communications were stressed. Anti-aircraft, railway, and tractor drawn units took up simulated war positions for a number of practices. There were no night firings during the year but a sufficient number of night drills were held to insure a proper degree of proficiency.
4. The facilities for training the civilian components at Fort Monroe and Fort Story are excellent. In the conduct of target practices some interference from small boats is normally encountered; this cannot be obviated.
5. Based on the experience gained during the past year I have no recommendations to submit for the conduct of target practice or instructions pertaining to the training of Coast Artillery units, except the

recommendation that was submitted in compliance with instructions contained in letter from Headquarters, Third Corps Area, October 9, 1939, file 353.17 (10-9-39). This recommendation was incorporated in a directive from the Commanding General, Third Corps Area, November 14, 1939 (same file number) subject: "Coast Artillery Target Practice and Classification of Batteries."

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Report from HD CB

F. H. SMITH,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD CORPS AREA, Baltimore, Maryland, February 7, 1940.
TO: The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

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HEADQUARTERS
HARBOR DEFENSES OF CHESAPEAKE BAY
FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA

353.17 (1939)

January 30, 1940.

Subject: Annual Report of Training and Target Practice.

To: Commanding General, Third Coast Artillery District,
Fort Monroe, Virginia.

1. The reports of training and target practice of the 2nd Coast Artillery, the 70th Coast Artillery (AA), and the 3d Battalion, 52d Coast Artillery, for 1939, required by paragraph 14c (1) (b), Training Manual 2160-35, are forwarded herewith.

2. On October 16, 1939, the First Battalion, 51st Coast Artillery, consisting of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Battery "A" and Battery "B", were transferred to the Puerto Rican Department, pursuant to General Orders No. 10, Headquarters, Fort Monroe, Va., September 15, 1939. Records of target practices and other firings participated in by this unit were taken with them on transfer and should be contained in the annual report of the battalion through the Puerto Rican Department. However, it is desired to record here the excellence of the target practices conducted by Batteries "A" and "B" of the 51st C. A., at Fort Story, Virginia, during the past year. The score of each battery was as follows:

Battery "A": 167.9
Battery "B": 149.2

The personnel of these organizations showed a high degree of training which resulted in efficient, smooth working firing units, all of which was reflected in the scores obtained.


3. The 70th Coast Artillery (AA), was activated on November 14, 1949, with station at the Harbor Defenses of Chesapeake Bay, pursuant to General Orders No. 16, Headquarters, Fort Monroe, Virginia, November 14, 1939. Since that date the training of the organization has consisted in the organization of cadres and the reception, processing and training of recruits.

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Reports of:

2nd C.A.,
52nd C.A.,
70th C.A.

F. P. HARDAWAY,
Colonel, 2nd C. A.,
Commanding.



HEADQUARTERS
SECOND COAST ARTILLERY
Port Monroe, Virginia

SUBJECT: Annual Report of Training.

TO: Commanding Officer, Harbor Defenses of Chesapeake Bay.

1. The following report of training of the 2d Coast Artillery for the calendar year 1939 is submitted in compliance with paragraph 14 c (1) (b), Training Manual 2160-35.

2. a. A tabulation of all firings of the regiment, showing organization firing, date, type of firing, number of rounds, and purpose of firing, is attached hereto.

b. No departures from normal training methods, or preparation for service practices were employed, that have not already been covered in target practice reports.

3. The 2d Coast Artillery furnished a total of 7 officers and 133 enlisted men, who constituted in part the Headquarters Troops for the III Corps during the 1st Army Maneuvers at Manassas, Va., from July 6, 1939, to August 22, 1939.

4. The 2d Coast Artillery also furnished its normal quota of personnel to operate the civilian component camps during the summer, fired problems for the Coast Artillery School and conducted tests for the Coast Artillery Board throughout the year.

5. The armament assignments of the active organizations of the 2d Coast Artillery during the year, were as follows:

Battery "A"	Submarine Mines	6" BC guns
Battery "B"	AA Searchlights	3" AA guns
Battery "C"	3" AA guns	AA machine guns
Battery "D"	AA machine guns	AA Searchlights

For the Commanding Officer:

LEROY H. LOHMANN,
Major, 2d C. A.,
Executive.

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Report of Firings.

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FIRINGS BY SECOND COAST ARTILLERY
DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1939

PLACE	DATE	BATTERY	CALIBER	ROUNDS	PURPOSE
Ft Monroe	Apr. 8)	A	Submarine	----	
	May 5)		Mines		Annual Target Practice.
Ft Monroe	June 1-5	A	Sub-mine	---	Instruction, Regular Class CA School
Ft Monroe	July 17	A	6" BC	16	Instruction, ROTC Students
Ft Eustis	May 29	B	S/L	---	Searchlight Target Practice.
Ft Story	Feb 16-25	C	3" AA	225	Demonstration, House Military Comm.
Ft Story	Apr 24)	C	3" AA	686	Instruction, Regular Class, CASchool
	May 16)				
Ft Story	May 10-11	C	3" AA	21	Preliminary practice
Ft Story	May 12	C	3" AA	33	Preliminary practice
Ft Story	May 15	C	3" AA	11	Preliminary practice
Ft Story	May 16	C	3" AA	64	Service practice
Ft Story	May 19	C	3" AA	71	Service practice
Ft Monroe	May 25	C	3" AA	28	Chief of Coast Artillery
Ft Monroe	June 5	C	3" AA	16	Coast Artillery Board Test.
Ft Monroe	June 6	C	3" AA	75	Coast Artillery Board Test
Ft Monroe	June 5	C	3" AA	5	TSP preliminary fire
Ft Monroe	June 6	C	3" AA	19	Preliminary service practice
Ft Monroe	June 7	C	3" AA	27	Preliminary service practice
Ft Monroe	June 9	C	3" AA	65	Service practice
Ft Monroe	June 26)	C	3" AA	289	Training Civilian Component (ROTC)
	July 6)				
Ft Monroe	July 12-15	C	3" AA	133	917th C.A., (ORC)
Ft Monroe	July 24	C	3" AA	5	Coast Artillery Board Test.
Ft Monroe	July 24-28	C	3" AA	147	503d C.A., (ORC)
Ft Monroe	July 25	C	3" AA	5	Training Civilian Component (CMTC)
Ft Monroe	July 26	C	3" AA	32	Training Civilian Component (CMTC).
Ft Monroe	Aug 9-16	C	3" AA	278	523d C. A., (ORC).
Ft Monroe	Aug 24	C	3" AA	17	Training 2d, 44th, 51st CA, (ORC)
Ft Story	Sept 14-16	C	3" AA	133	Coast Artillery Board Test.
Ft Story	Sept 19-20	C	3" AA	72	Coast Artillery Board Test
Aberdeen	Oct. 11	C	3" AA	21	Proof firing test slugs
Aberdeen	Oct 11-12	C	3" AA	198	Ordnance Day Demonstration
Ft Story	Oct 26)	C	3" AA	398	Instruction, Special Class CASchool
	Nov 3)				
Ft Story	Nov. 6	C	3" AA	76	News Reel Demonstration.
Ft Monroe	Feb. 25	D	37 mm	404	Demonstration, Congressional Comm.
Ft Monroe	Feb. 25	D	. 50	4838	Demonstration, Congressional Comm.
Ft Monroe	Apr. 2	D	.30	8476	Army Day Broadcast, National Hookup
Ft Monroe	Apr. 26	D	37 mm	150	Coast Artillery Board requirement
Ft Monroe	Apr 26)	D	.30	37500	Instruction, Regular Class CASchool
	May 4)				
Ft Monroe	Apr. 26)	D	37 mm	208	Instruction, Regular Class CASchool
	May 4)				
Ft Monroe	May 11-26	D	.50	13938	Firing Annual Target Practice

Ft Monroe	May 11-26	D	.30	51,938	Firing Annual Target Practice
Ft Monroe	June 5-6	D	3" AA	91	Test Firing, CABoard Requirement
Ft Monroe	June 13	D	37 mm	150	Army War College Class
Ft Monroe	June 13	D	.50 0	1,000	Army War College Class
Ft Monroe	June 15)	D	.30	110,000	Training ROTC, CMTC, and ORC Units
	Sept 15)				
Ft Monroe	Sept 30)	D	.30	56,983	Coast Artillery Board Tests.
	Nov. 6)				
Ft Monroe	Sept 30)	D	.50	42,650	Coast Artillery Board Tests.
	Nov. 6)				
Ft Monroe	Sept 30)	D	37 mm	1,999	Coast Artillery Board Tests.
	Nov 6)				
Ft Monroe	Nov 1-6	D	37 mm	100	CASchool Requirement
Ft Monroe	Nov 1-6	D	.30	12,500	CASchool Requirement.

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HEADQUARTERS
THIRD BATTALION 52D COAST ARTILLERY
FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA

January 23, 1940

SUBJECT: Annual Report of Training.

TO: Commanding Officer, Harbor Defenses of Chesapeake Bay,
Fort Monroe, Virginia

Under the provisions of paragraph 12 c, T.R., 435-55, June 1, 1 the following report of target practices fired by the 3d Bn., 52d CA during the period January 1 - December 31, 1939. The 3d Bn., consists of Battery F 52d C.A., (Ry) during the period covered by this report Headquarters Battery and Battery D, 52d C. A. became inactive on Oct 1938.

Primary Assignment: 8" Ry Rifle.

DATE	TYPE	PURPOSE	RDS	SCORE	REMARKS
5/18/39	8" Ry	Instruction Practice Reg. Class, C.A.S.	16	80.5	Ft. Story, Va.
5/26/39	8" Ry	Battle Practice Reg. Class, C.A.S.	28	Not Computed	Ft. Story, Va.
5/29/39	8" Ry	Record Practice Btry F 52d CA	14	82.5	Ft. Story, Va.
7/20/39	8" Ry	Instruction Practice 42, 43, 52d O.R.C.	14	82.8	Ft. Monroe, Va.
11/13/39	75 mm	Instruction Practice N.G. Res. Off. Class, CAS	815	Not Computed	Ft. Monroe, Va.
11/21/39	8" Ry	Instruction Practice N.G. Res. Off. Class, CAS	14	Not com- puted	Ft. Monroe,

A.B. NICHOLSON,
Capt., 52d CA.,
Commanding.



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HEADQUARTERS
SEVENTIETH COAST ARTILLERY (AA)
Fort Monroe, Virginia

January 24, 1940.

SUBJECT: Annual Report of Artillery Training.

TO: Commanding General, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

1. This regiment was activated on November 14, 1939, pursuant to instructions contained in General Orders No. 16, Headquarters, Fort Monroe, November 14, 1939.

2. The organization of batteries of this regiment was completed, by the assignment of recruits, as follows:

Battery C - November 25, 1939.
Battery E - December 1, 1939.
Battery A - December 27, 1939.

3. Training.

a. Batteries C and E were engaged, not only in recruit training, but also in gunners' instruction and elementary artillery instruction, in preparation for scheduled firings for the Coast Artillery School during the month of January, 1940.

b. Battery A was engaged only in recruit instruction.

c. The cadres of the other batteries were attached to parent organizations for administrative and training.

4. Firings.

a. No service practices were scheduled.

b. Battery C performed the following firing missions in connection with projects of the Coast Artillery Board, and the Ordnance Department:
December 7, 1939.

6 rounds for Coast Artillery Board - Camera test.
6 rounds for Ordnance Department - Recoil test.

R. F. COX,
Colonel, 70th CA (AA),
Commanding.