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Entry 103

File, Fort, Battery:

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Ft. Adams

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Subject: R.F.Gun Emplacements- Fort Adams, R. I.

U. S. Engineer Office,

MAJOR D. W. LOCKWOOD,
Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., in Charge.

Newport, R. I., April 15, 1898.

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

General:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Department letter of April 13, 1898, relative to emplacements for two 4.7-inch rapid-fire guns at Fort Adams, R. I., and making a preliminary allotment of \$6,000.00 from the emergency appropriation for National Defense, contained in the urgent deficiency Act approved March 9, 1898, for the construction of these emplacements. Two blue prints were also forwarded, to wit: blue print of D 168 S.153 and 1 addnl b. p. The letter concludes as follows: "The platforms should be rapidly pushed to early completion. "

In connection with the foregoing, I have to state that on the 14th instant, I received through the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army, a letter dated April 9th, 1898, from the office of the Chief of Ordnance, U. S. Army, stating that the order dated April 2, 1898, to issue to me two Hotchkiss Rapid Fire Guns, Cal. 4".7 with fixed mounts, ammunition, &c, for Fort Adams, had been revoked. I would respectfully request instructions as to whether in view of the letter from the Ord. Dep't of April 9th, I am to construct the platforms as directed in Engineer Department letter of the 13th instant.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

D. W. Lockwood

Major, Corps of Engineers. U. S. A.

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WAR. DEPARTMENT.
APR 23 1898

Major Lockwood
Apr. 23, 1898.

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Ref. to your correspondence
re. to 24960. I am, in
answer of O.D. letter of Apr. 1998,
marking the order of assignment
of these guns, and in reference to
the "to send" the gun frames are
directed in this manner.

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1st indorsement.

Office Chief of Engineers,
U. S. ARMY

April 20, 1898.

Respectfully returned.
Major Lockwood is to construct
the platforms as directed in En-
gineer Department letter of the
13th instant.

Fort Adams is one of a number
of places to which two guns each
were assigned at the same time.
Part of these were purchased
through the Hotchkiss Company and
part through the Maxim-Nordenfeldt
Company, but the mounts and plat-
forms of guns 40 calibers long
bought through both Companies are
identical.

The two assigned to Fort Adams
were from the Hotchkiss Company.
Later it was learned that the
Hotchkiss guns would arrive in
advance of the others and it
was deemed best to assign the
two originally intended for Fort
Adams to a southern port.

The two which they replace will
be sent to Fort Adams immediat-
ly on their arrival in the
country.
To be returned.

By command of Brig. Gen. Wilson:

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Joseph B. Smith
Captain, Corps of Engineers.

2d indorsement.

U. S. Engineer Office,
Newport, R. I., April 21,
1898.

Respectfully returned to
the Chief of Engineers, U. S.
Army, the necessary record
having been made.

W. B. Lockwood
Major, Corps of Engineers.

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