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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

*Training of Special Agents to marksmen*

In line with advice given me on Friday by Mr. Tolson to the effect that I should confer with Major Gill, General Staff, War Department, to make arrangements for a War Department expert near each of the Bureau Field Offices to give instruction to Special Agents in rifle and pistol marksmanship, I called upon Major Gill at the War Department, Friday morning, and he advised me that he had worked out a tentative program, which I immediately advised him was much too long for our purpose. Major Gill is in charge of the Training Section of the General Staff and his plan was to give a course of instruction similar to that given to enlisted men in the Army for the purpose of making them qualified marksmen. His suggestion was that they be given a course of instruction amounting to seventy hours or of approximately ten days' duration. This, of course, is utterly impossible for the Bureau. Major Gill was of the opinion, after I explained to him the fact that the personnel of this Bureau is of high intellectual level and that such instruction given could be of a very intensive nature, that his course could be compressed in time into three days of ten hours each. He seemed to be of the opinion that an adequate course of instruction could not be given in less than that amount of time. Inasmuch as I found it was the desire of the War Department that the detailed arrangements as to date of instruction and time be arranged with the eight Corps Area Commanders in the Army, the Special Agents in Charge in making these arrangements can restrict their time to one day. The authorization that is being drafted in the War Department to go to the Corps Area Commanders, is for course of instruction not exceeding thirty hours. We can restrict it within that limit as much as is desired.

The War Department desires that detailed arrangements within each Corps Area, for the Bureau Field Offices within that area, be effected by one Agent in Charge in each area, and requested that the names and addresses of the Agents in Charge who would complete the arrangements as to date and time be furnished. I accordingly furnished the following to Major Gill:

The arrangements for the New York Office should be made by the Agent in Charge at New York with Major General Dennis E. Nolan, in command of the Second Corps Area, Governors Island, New York. The instruction will be given at New York.

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The arrangements for the districts covered by the Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Washington Field Offices will be effected by the Agent in Charge at Washington with Major General Paul B. Malone, in command of the Third Corps Area, United States Post Office Building, Baltimore, Maryland. The instruction for the Philadelphia Office will be given at an Army post near Philadelphia. The instruction for the Washington Field Office will be given at Camp Meade, Maryland. There is no Army post nearer Pittsburgh than Camp Meade at which the Pittsburgh personnel can receive instruction, and for that reason it is suggested that Pittsburgh be omitted from the list of offices to be given training, and that the personnel of that office get their training through the Police Department at Pittsburgh.

The arrangements for the territory covered by the Birmingham, Charlotte, Jacksonville, and New Orleans Offices will be effected by the Agent in Charge at Birmingham with Major General Edward L. King, in command of the Fourth Corps Area, Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia. The Birmingham Office will get its instruction at Fort McPherson, Atlanta; the Charlotte Office will be instructed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Jacksonville will be instructed at an Army fort at Savannah; and New Orleans will be instructed at Fort Barrancas, Pensacola, Florida. This is in the extreme western end of the Florida territory and is not an unreasonable distance from New Orleans.

Cincinnati will make arrangements with Major General George VanHorn Moseley, in command of the Fifth Corps Area, Fort Hayes, Ohio, and will receive its instruction at a fort just across the river from Cincinnati.

Arrangements for the Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis Offices should be made by the Agent in Charge at Chicago with Major General Frank Parker, in command of the Sixth Corps Area, 1819 West Pershing Road, Chicago, Illinois. Chicago will receive its instruction at Chicago; Detroit will receive its instruction at Detroit; and St. Louis will receive its instruction at Jefferson Barracks at St. Louis.

Arrangements for the Kansas City and St. Paul Offices should be made by the Agent in Charge at Kansas City with Major General Johnson Hagood, in command of the Seventh Corps Area, Baird Building, Omaha, Nebraska. Kansas City will receive its instruction at Fort Leavenworth,

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and St. Paul will receive its instruction at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, not far from St. Paul.

Arrangements for the San Antonio, Oklahoma City, and Dallas Offices should be made by the Agent in Charge at San Antonio with Major General Edwin B. Winans, in command of the Eighth Corps Area, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. San Antonio will receive its instruction at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio; Oklahoma City will receive its instruction at Fort Reno, Oklahoma City; and Dallas will receive its instruction at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. While this is in the Oklahoma territory, it is probably the nearest Army post to Dallas.

Arrangements for the San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Salt Lake City, and Butte Offices should be made by the Agent in Charge at San Francisco with Major General Malin Craig, in command of the Ninth Corps Area; The Presidio at San Francisco. San Francisco will receive its instruction at San Francisco; Los Angeles will receive its instruction at an Army post very close to Los Angeles; Portland will receive its instruction at Vancouver Barracks which is just across the river from Portland; Salt Lake City will receive its instruction at Fort Douglas, Utah which is near Salt Lake City; and Butte will receive its instruction at Fort Missoula, Montana which is near Missoula.

There are no Bureau Field Offices situated in the First Corps Area.

I explained to Major Gill that it would not be possible to entirely strip Field Offices and have all agents from an office receive their instruction at one time, and for that reason it was desired that two groups from each Field Office receive instruction. This was agreed to by Major Gill. I further explained that it is desired that this instruction and training be completed before the end of August, and this was satisfactory to the War Department.

Major Gill advised that it would be necessary for this instruction to be given without expense to the War Department, by which he meant that his Department desired all ammunition to be furnished by this Bureau, but he did agree to arrange for the use of Army rifles in

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connection with the instruction, though our own rifles should be used in connection with the final instruction as there is some slight difference between the Bureau's rifle and the Army Springfield.

Major Gill agreed to furnish to the Bureau a copy of the instructions which the War Department sends to the Corp Area Commanders, and I will secure that copy from him. As soon as the copy is received and instructions have been forwarded to the Corp Area Commanders, then letters of instruction can be forwarded to all Field Offices, and in particular to the eight offices which are to effect the arrangements with the Corp Area Commanders.

Respectfully,



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