

Public Relations Officer,
Fort Lewis,
Washington

May 9, 1956

Dear Sir:

The Fort Simcoe centennial committee is anxious to complete details of its Aug. 12 program as early as possible.

Because this fort was built by the 9th Infantry in 1856, a communication was addressed to the 9th at Fort Lewis last winter. Maj. Carl W. Ivie, who corresponded with us, suggested that we contact the Public Relations officer, inasmuch as the 9th was to be absent from the Northwest at that time.

We feel it essential that the army be represented, as extensively as possible at this celebration which also constitutes the dedication of Fort Simcoe as a state park.

Since Gov. Arthur B. Langlie has accepted an invitation to attend, we felt it especially essential that the army be suitably recognized by representation.

It is suggested that:

1-Someone be designated to make a presentation, around 10 minutes, on the 9th in Washington Territory. [This person should be named by rank etc. for programing purposes]

2-Since buglers were used by this original compliment of troops, they should also be represented at the program.

3-An honor guard should be provided.

4-Any other suitable representation, as to troops or individuals, in keeping with a major celebration of a noteworthy centennial that should be extensively attended.

If you would communicate with us soon as to the extent of participation, it would be appreciated. We will fill you in on the program and other details as you desire. We are in a position to see that due and proper publicity is given to the Army's participation in a manner in keeping with public relations.

Sincerely Yours

Click Relander