

Mr. Albert Culverwell,
State Parks and Recreation Commission,

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Dear Al:

As you probably know, no new developments on Fort Simcoe celebration excepting that the 9th Infantry will be in Alaska for maneuvers and if represented, will be by token representation only.

I'm writing now in the hopes you can intercede with the state architect and obtain me a few vital figures that ~~may~~ do not involve a private enterprise.

I have occasion, very soon, to suggest a type of building like is used for home or dwelling purposes at various of your state parks, but a larger affair, say large living room and three bedrooms or perhaps only two.

What I want to know is the cost estimate of wood, and the cost estimate of stone structures in the residential category; the type of building used in an isolated region where water facilities are lacking, how much approximately they figure on sanitation for indoor plumbing or outdoor facilities and just some generalities like that.

Where you enter into it, and this is very much on the qt, there is a possibility that a building of this nature would someday revert to park purposes. I haven't any more than an idea that it might, and I was thinking that as this might be possible, perhaps thought to stone construction should be given.

I'd want an idea or so on simplified plumbing.

If there are any photo negs available of park dwellings or park buildings, have me some made up and I'll reimburse you for them when I see you. They don't have to be large.

I'll tell you more about this when I see you, which probably won't be too soon, but meanwhile I would sure appreciate it if you could work out some juicy paragraphs on facts and figures, just to give me something like that at ~~my~~ hand.

Meanwhile, how goes the battle?

Incidentally the 9th infantry headquarters at Fort Lewis, the place I mentioned to Larrabee, does have some original ~~xxxxxxx~~ Fort Simcoe material on hand.

I guess Dean and George and everyone else in the books has been writing him. Livingston, chairman of the celebration committee asked me to write and seems like George and all the rest of the boys also wrote so I must be about as confused as the major.

My thinking is still as I mentioned to Larrabee. He was working on the Simcoe project. He should take it up with you so he could go there and evaluate it (that was last year at OHIO toward the close of the Simcoe Dig). Then the society would be advised of the extent etc. I agreed to do microfilm transcription if such were advisable.

Col. W. Ivie, major, infantry writes:

covering the period of the "Manchu Regiment"

"Certain records are available and can be observed at this headquarters. These records cannot be loaned out due to their age and "flimsy" condition which might result in the loss of valuable parts of this history. (I missed a line so will start all over again: "Certain records covering the period the "Manchu Regiment" was active at Fort Simcoe are available and can be observed at this headquarters. These records cannot be loaned out due to their age and flimsy condition which might result in the loss of valuable parts of this history."

I had written in the invitation that if relics and records were on

hand the possibility that they might be brought over for a part of the celebration.

Seems to me that while the 9th is hanging so close to Fort Lewis, and looking toward the possibility that the headquarters is moved from here to there etc. , it might not be a bad idea to keep a close eye on it and get an expert evaluation of what is available and an estimate ~~of the~~ and practicability of microfilming , before the 9th moves on.

I leave that to your tender mercies.

Give me good rock houses, otherwise, good timber houses, sturdy and enduring!

Regards