

January 9, 1956

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Second Infantry Division
Fort Lewis, Washington

Subject: Port Simcoe Centennial

Dear Sir:

The Port Simcoe centennial committee, meeting last night, joined wholeheartedly in extending an invitation to the Ninth Infantry to participate in the approaching centennial observance.

This is to be a dedication of Port Simcoe State Park for which arrangements are now being completed.

Two dates, Aug. 5 and Aug. 12, 1956 were suggested as observance dates.

The Yakima Tribal Council of the Yakima Indian Nation has determined that Aug. 5 would be the more suitable date for Indian participation. The Port Simcoe Restoration Society Board is meeting this week with State Parks and Recreation Commission officials to determine an actual date and set up tentative arrangements.

It is the feeling of the groups concerned that the active and as complete as possible participation by the Army's proper branch should be a part of the observance. The enclosed Simcoe brochure will, as you already well know, give dates and a few brief facts concerning the construction of the historic military post by Maj. Robert Selden Garnett, acting on direction of Gen. George Wright.

It is respectfully requested that full and adequate participation be considered at this time, and communication be established

at this time so that a designated officer may be kept informed as to celebration or observation plans, committee meetings and other matters in which the Army may be potentially interested in.

Any questions concerning the event will be answered quickly and as completely as possible for the committee to do so, in order to expedite completion of observance plans .

Most Sincerely

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Member of Fort Simcoe Centennial committee