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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND
SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
REAL ESTATE, REPAIRS AND UTILITIES DIVISION
DALLAS, TEXAS.

January 22, 1943.

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Subject: Prisoner of War Capacity, Camp Howze, Texas.

To: The Commanding Officer,
Camp Howze, Texas.

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation of January 21, 1943, between Capt. J. R. Hendrickson, this Headquarters, and Col. John P. Wheeler concerning the above subject.

2. Request you investigate and submit recommendations on the feasibility of providing prisoner of war internment camp capacity for 3,000 prisoners of war at Camp Howze, Texas. It is desired that utilization of prisoner of war work capabilities, including operation of laundries where sufficient labor for laundry is not available, be considered by the Camp Commander in submitting his recommendations.

3. It is further desired that requested report be submitted to this Headquarters, based on the following premises:

a. Based on reducing allowable space for present camp strength to forth square feet per man, are existing housing and utility facilities available for accommodating 3,000 prisoners of war? The only new construction contemplated would be fencing and guard towers.

b. If capacity for 3,000 prisoners of war cannot be provided by premise 3a, how many prisoners of war can be housed by premise 3a and are land and utilities available in adequate quantities to accommodate the balance in new construction?

c. If capacity for 3,000 prisoners of war cannot be provided by premises 3a or 3b, above, are land and utilities available in adequate quantities to accommodate 3,000 prisoners of war on or near the reservation?

4. The District Engineer, Denison, Texas, has been directed by the Division Engineer, Southwestern Division, to assist you in the preparation of general layout maps showing the proposed internment camp in

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relation to existing structures and other engineering aspects of the requested report.

5. Request your report be expedited.

By command of Major General DONOVAN:

P. D. BERRIGAN,
Colonel, Corps of Engineers,
Assistant Director.

cc - Denison District.