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Naval War College,

Newport, R. I.

June 11th., 1907.

Sir:-

I return herewith a letter from Capt. Staunton dated July 24th., 1906, referring to unfinished work between two War Colleges, which was placed in my hands for my guidance while on duty at the Army War College during the past Winter.

2. The first piece of unfinished work referred to by Captain Staunton has been completed; the second is still in an incomplete condition. During the last days of my stay in Washington this second subject, advanced base outfits, was referred by the Acting President of the Army War College to a joint Committee, which consisted of two Army Officers, Lieut. Commander Jewell and myself. This committee made a report to the president of the Army War College, a copy of which will doubtless reach you in due time.

3. That committee outlined its views as to further procedure based upon all previous correspondence of the subject which was at its disposal; it appeared, however, to the committee that, for certain reasons, the ownership of advanced base material might better rest wholly with the Navy. The scheme outlined, however, as was stated above, was based upon the correspondence between the two services which was at the Committee's disposal.

I venture the opinion that, when the time comes to prepare any detailed schedules of material, it can better be done by officers on duty in connection with the General Board at Washington than by officers on duty at the Naval War College. There will necessarily be much discussion to and fro with the different bureaus which can easily be done in person by those on the spot, and will with great difficulty be done by correspondence from the Naval War College. When once the general scheme is outlined, and approved by both colleges and by higher authority, the remaining work can readily be done by officers not necessarily connected with either college, and preferably for the Navy by officers who are on duty with the General Board.

4. I enclose certain papers which will be of use to officers taking up the matter of advanced base outfits later on.

5. There was one other matter among the papers left by Captain Staunton of which no record was made in his letter to you of July 24th., last year; this was the preparation of regulations for the transportation of land troops on board of vessels of war. This matter has only a secondary interest for the Army and appears to be properly one to be settled primarily by the Navy. In collaboration with Lieut.-Commander Jewell, and based upon the memorandum



found in Captain Staunton's papers, I have prepared a series of proposed regulations for the transportation of land troops on board of vessels of war which are now in your hands for action. They were submitted to Rear-Admiral Goodrich for such comments as he might choose to give, as he was an officer who had had experience in this very matter during the Spanish American War. Admiral Goodrich made some suggestions which are embodied in the final copy of proposed regulations now in your hands.

6. There is no other unfinished business between the two War Colleges to my knowledge, except such as may result from this summer's Conference at this College.

Respectfully,

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Commander U. S. Navy.

The President,

U. S. Naval War College.