# **Camp Beauregard Vertical Files**

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**Extent:** 39 file folders or 2.66 linear feet

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# **Background**

This collection consists of various documents related to Camp Beauregard, Louisiana. This material was collected by the staff of the Jackson Barracks Library, under the auspices of the Louisiana Adjutant General's Office between the 1920's and 2005. The collection underwent a restoration process after the effects of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. This resulted in some documents being refiled in the wrong folders. A process of removing multiply copies (retaining most legible copy), sorting and consolidation the contents of the 113 file folders and the creation of a Finding Aid was begun. As of July 2, 2015 the original 113 folders were reduced to the existing 39 with 32 folders remaining in this collection that have not been sorted and consolidated or included in this Finding Aid.

# **Scope and Content**

1917 – 2009 [Bulk: 1930 – 1950]

This collection contains correspondence, pamphlets, newspaper article, magazines, brochures, work orders memorandums, payroll sheets, muster sheets, maps, military maneuvers information, as well as historical facts related to Camp Beauregard spanning the time period.

### **Folder List**

### Series 1 – Historical Data, Camps Beauregard

- 1. Camp Beauregard Historical File, 1917 1949 (Folder #1)
  - a. 5 typed pages with title, "To The Gulf - - Over The Shell Beach Railroad" with typed explanation at top of page, "This is a partial extract:" This document (attributed to Mary Oalmann) relates the history of Fort Beauregard
  - b. Xerox copy of cover page of document titled, "Order of Battle of the United States Land Forces in the World War (1917 19) Zone of the Interior", Volume Three (in two parts), Part 1
  - c. Xerox copy of pages 811-812 and top part of page 813 (possibly from "Order of Battle of the United States Land Forces in the World War (1917 19) Zone of the Interior", Volume Three (in two parts), Part 1), listing a brief history of Camp Beauregard; description; command status; camp commanders; average strength; troops; divisional units and non-divisional units 1917 to 1919
  - d. 1 typed paper titled "Camp Beauregard" explaining construction of Camp Beauregard in 1917 and describing construction materials and amounts used in the construction. There is a



- listing of reference material sued to generate this document. The last sentence states, "Camp Beauregard, formerly Camp Stafford, was assigned to the 42nd Division, August 5, 1917 [possibly a typographical error as the 42nd Division was organized at Camp Mills, N.Y. in September, 1917 and was in France by November, 1917]
- e. 1 typed paper titled "Camp Beauregard in World War I" explaining construction of Camp Beauregard in 1917 and describing construction materials and amounts used in the construction this is identical to "d" above but without any reference of the 42nd Division)
- f. Xerox copy of cover page of "War Department Annual Report, 1919 (in Three Volumes) Volume I (in Four Parts) Part 2 Report of the Surgeon General" and includes pages 1518 1533 and page 2158 and part of page 2159
- g. Xerox copy of cover page of "War Department Annual Report, 1919 (in Three Volumes) Volume I (in Four Parts) Part 4" and page 4228
- h. 2 hand written pages listing troop units trained at Camp Beauregard during World War I with hand written notation in upper right corner, "From Col Goaux" (sp?)
- 2 Xerox pages titled "War Department Office of the Construction Quartermaster Camp Beauregard Alexandria, LA Completion Report" dated 7 OCT 1918 detailing project name (400 Tent Floors and Emergency Work, Base Hospital) plus 6 accompanying Xerox photographs of the work site of this work order
- j. Xerox copy of page titled "National Guard and Special Camps Plans and Photographs June, 1918" plus 3 Xeroxed photographs of work site in this work order
- k. 2 Xerox pages titled "War Department Office of the Construction Quartermaster Camp Beauregard Alexandria, LA Completion Report" dated 25 MAY 1918 detailing project name (Four Nurse's Quarters, Base Hospital) plus 6 accompanying Xerox photographs of the work site of this work order
- 1. Xerox copy of maps of U.S. depicting camps and cantonments delineating National Guard from U.S. Army
- m. Xerox copy of 2 typed pages titled "New Orleans Times-Picayune Sept. 18, 1929. Land Acquired For Beauregard Rifle Range" explaining the acquisition and description of the range
- n. Xerox copy of three typed pages titled "The New Orleans Times-Picayune May 27, 1929 Complete Work At Beauregard Within 30 Days" detailing improvement and projected expenditures and rationales for the improvements
- o. Xerox copy of four badly faded "Alexandria Daily Town Talk" newspaper articles with hand written notation titled, "Camp Beauregard History Facts" and dated 25 July 1977, Capt. Padilla, Camp Beauregard with a second hand written notation of May 1921 [apparently indicating the original publishing date of the articles]
- p. Xerox copy of page 16 of Alexandria Daily Town Talk newspaper article titled, "Old Seminary Near City Was Forerunner of LSU". Hand written notation at top, "File: Camp Beauregard History of site / rec 25 July 1977 from Capt. Padilla [this appears to be the original copy of "o" above]
- q. Xerox copy of Times-Picayune newspaper article with hand written notation, "Times Pic 10 July 1930, p 11, c1". Article titled, "Camp Beauregard Will Be Operated Again Next Year



- r. Camp Regulations Camp Beauregard 1933, issued by the Office of the Adjutant General, July 1, 1933
- s. Copy of letter (letterhead from State Of Louisiana Office of the Adjutant General) addressed "to Whom it May Concern" from Raymond H. Fleming, dated September 28, 1934. Letter is Flemings recollections of his service at Camp Beauregard during the winter of 1918
- t. Copy of 2 page article titled "Camp Beauregard" with aerial photograph of headquarter building, ca. 1931
- u. 2 typed pages with hand written editing regarding the establishment of Camp Beauregard. Period mentioned from 1918 to 1932. Author unknown
- v. Four hand written pages detailing a history of Camp Stafford form 1912 to 1932 [perhaps same author as "u" above]
- w. 1 hand written page [appears same hand wrote this as "u" and "v"] containing names, "William Tecumseh Sherman", "Gov. Thomas Moore", "Gen. Braxton Braggs", "Gen. Graham"
- x. 3 small pieces of paper with hand written notations mentioning "Gen. Stafford", Gen. Sherman"," Gen. Wood" and "Gen. Polk"
- y. Camp Regulations For Camp Beauregard, LA published June 10, 1935 by The Adjutant General of Louisiana
- z. Copy of pages 11 12 of the Adjutant Generals Report of 1934 35 (source notation is hand written at bottom of page 11)
- aa. 1 typed page titled, "Headquarters Camp Beauregard, Louisiana" and dated July 25<sup>th</sup>, 1936 with sub heading, "Strength Report" and signed by Major Cushman and Lieut. Murphy
- bb. 1 Xerox copy of letter (letterhead of State of Louisiana Office Of The Adjutant General) dated July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1936, to MAJ Cushman, C.M.T.C. (Civilian Military Training Corps) from CAPT F. H. Patterson, with subject line, "Relative Strength of National Guard at Camp Beauregard, LA."
- cc. Copy of page 13 of the Adjutant General Report of 1936 37 (hand written notation)
- dd. 3 typed pages with heading, "CAMP BEAUREGARD", with hand written notation at top of page, "LA National Guard Annual 1938" describing the history of Camp Beauregard from 1905 to 1927
- ee. Hand written paper containing a chronological record of Camp Beauregard from 1905 15 APR 1947. Author and date unknown
- ff. Xerox aerial photograph of New Orleans Airport facility, ca. post WW II and page #58 from unknown book/pamphlet listing expenditures for Camp Beauregard
- gg. Xerox copy of document titled "Camp Regulations Camp General Orders #1, 16 July 1945 Louisiana State Guard Camp Beauregard 17 23 June 1945"
- hh. New Orleans Times-Picayune newspaper article dated 25 JUL 1943 titled "Beauregard Bowing Out"
- ii. Xerox copy of pages #18 20 inclusive from unknown book/pamphlet listing construction at Camp Beauregard Calendar Year 1940 – 1941. Hand written notation "A G Report 1940 -41"



- jj. Xerox copy of Milwaukee Sentinel newspaper article and photograph dated 15 APR 1941 titled "Praise for Guardsman" depicting GEN George C. Marshall and MG Irving A. Fish
- kk. Xerox copy Shreveport Times newspaper article dated 13 APR 1941 titled "Marshall views Army Camps on Whirlwind Tour"
- ll. Xerox copy of Alexandria Daily Town Talk newspaper article and photograph of GEN George C. Marshall dated 11 APR 1941 titled "General George Marshall due at 3:05 PM"
- mm. Xerox copy of Shreveport Times newspaper article and photograph dated 11 APR 1941 titled "High on a Windy Hill"
- nn. Xerox copy Alexandria Daily Town Talk newspaper article and photograph dated 22 NOV 1940 titled "Aerial View of Artillery Range Airport Range"
- oo. Xerox cop of article and photograph from unknown book/pamphlet depicting Camp Livingston and Camp Beauregard
- pp. Xerox copy of Alexandria Daily Town Talk newspaper article dated 14 NOV 1940 titled "Gen. M 'Nair says He Did Not Infer 32nd Division Going to S. America"
- qq. Xerox copy of Alexandria Daily Town Talk newspaper article dated 14 NOV 1940 titled "\$800,000 To Be Spent at Army Airport 11 miles North of City"
- rr. Xerox copy of pages #11 13; 15; 18 21; 23 24 from unknown book/pamphlet circa AUG 1941 documenting construction at Camp Beauregard with hand written name at top, "Mary B Oalmann"
- ss. 1 typed page of an abstract from original leasing in AGO of Camp Beauregard from State of Louisiana to Federal Government 4 SEP 1940
- tt. 1 typed page listing units at Camp Beauregard during World War I and World War II to 15 OCT 1940
- uu. 2 typed pages titled, "CAMP BEAUREGARD" with a typed notation indicating the contents originated from a Times-Picayune article of August 22, 1940
- 2. Camp Beauregard Historical File, 1950 1989 (Folder #1A)
  - a. 1 typed pages titled, "(first word undecipherable) Technical Inspection Report of Engineer Equipment", dated 17 Feb 56 regarding the deficiencies detected during a unit inspection of Camp Beauregard Post Engineers
  - b. 1 typed letter dated 17 OCT 1962 from John D. Skipper, LTC, (Ret) to Adjutant General of Louisiana, Jackson Barracks, regarding Skipper's request of a history of Camp Beauregard
  - c. 2 typed pages dated 19 OCT 1962 from MAJ Clinton L. Scott to LTC John D. Skipper, (Ret) in response to Skipper's request of 17 OCT for a history of Camp Stafford
  - d. 1 typed page dated 7 JAN 1963 from Jack Whyte, MSGT (Ret) to Commanding Officer Training Camp, Camp Beauregard, Alexandria, LA regarding his request for a pamphlet of Historical and Scenic Events at Camp Beauregard
  - e. 1 typed paper titled "1st Ind, Headquarters, Camp Beauregard, LA, 15 JAN to The Adjutant General, Louisiana, HQ Bldg., Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, LA ATTN: G-1 but without signature of LTC Ledig
  - f. 1 typed page dated 31 JAN 1963 from MAJ Clinton L. Scott to MSGT Jack Whyte, (Ret) regarding Whyte's request of 7 JAN



- g. 1 typed latter dated 10 APR 1967 from Allan G. Crist, Editor, The National Guardsman to MAJ Clinton L. Scott, Jackson Barracks regarding Louisiana Guardsman performing disaster duty and a deadline for submission of 15 MAY
- h. 1 typed latter dated 26 APR 1967 from Allan G. Crist, Editor, The National Guardsman to MAJ Clinton L. Scott, Jackson barracks regarding a story and photographs of a flood
- 2 typed pages dated 1 MAR 1967 from MAJ Clinton L. Scott to a Mr. Ledet, State Editor, The Daily Town Talk Newspaper (Alexandria, LA) detailing a history of Camp Beauregard from 1905 to 1948 in response to Ledet's phone request
- j. 1 typed letter dated 27 FEB 1968 to MAJ Scott, Jackson Barracks from Mrs. Elaine H. Brister requesting information on a history of Camp Beauregard
- k. 1 typed letter dated 12 MAR 1968 to Mrs. Elaine H. Brister from MAJ Clinton L. Scott in response to Brister's written query of 27 FEB regarding Camp Beauregard from 1917 to present day
- 1. 1 typed letter (Rapides Parish Library letterhead) dated April 14, 1972 to Public Information Office, Jackson barracks, from Marion Taylor regarding a request for information on Camp Beauregard's history, use, current condition and other information
- m. 2 typed letter from Colonel Karl N. Smith dated 28 April 1972 to Mr. Frank A. Darby regarding his request of 14 April, 1972 to the Rapides Parish Library relative to Camp Beauregard's history, etc.
- n. 2 typed letters (State of Louisiana Military Department letterhead) dated 1 May 1972 with subject line "Historical facts, Camp Beauregard" containing a brief history of Camp Beauregard from 1905 to 1948
- o. Xerox copy of 1 typed letter dated 19 May 1973 to Mrs. Ohmann (obviously Mary Oalmann) from LTC Charles E. Gilbert requesting general historical setting of Camp Beauregard
  - i. 1 copy of a letter dated 19 May 1973 regarding historical extracts of origin and mission of Camp Beauregard indicating 4 enclosures
  - ii. Copy of 4 typed pages labeled "NORTHWESTERN LOUISIANA, A History of the Watershed of the Red River (1714 1937, Volume 1, pages 480 481 By: J. Fair Hardin
  - iii. Xerox copy of pages 23 24 from a book with typed reference at bottom indicating AG REPORT, 1942 1943
  - iv. Xerox copy of page 57, 58 an d60 from a book with typed reference at bottom indicating AG REPORT, 1946 1947, pages 57 60 (page 59 missing)
- p. 1 "Routing and Transmittal Slip" addressed to Mrs. Mary Oalmann from CPT. D [last letters of name undecipherable] dated 23 May 73
- q. 2 typed pages of a news release from the Louisiana National Guard dated 12 December 1973 regarding a recent visit to the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C. by MGEN O. J. Daigle, Jr
- r. 4 typed pages (Louisiana Army and Air National Guard letterhead) dated 6 October 1976 regarding the naming of 32 cantonments with research by Mary B. Oalmann



- s. 1 typed paper (Louisiana Army and Air National Guard letterhead) dated 8 October 1976 to Lt. Gary J. Borne, Jr. from Mrs. Mary B. Oalmann relative to historical extracts on the origin and mission of Camp Beauregard. Extracts span the years 1905 through 1947 and indicates 10 attachments (listed below)
  - i. Act No. 57, 5 July 1920
  - ii. Data on Allen T. Hunter
  - iii. Act No. 11, 7 June 1918
  - iv. CAMP BEAUREGARD GOES TO STATE (16May 1956)?
  - v. New story, Times Picayune, 16 July 1917 (missing)
  - vi. Reference: NORTHWESTERN LOUISIANA, VOLUME 1, PAGES 480 481 (2 pages)
  - vii. Reference: Historical Annual, LANG, 1938 (2 pages)
  - viii. Reference: AG Report, 1942 43, pages 23 24 (2 pages)
  - ix. Reference: AG Report, 1946 47, pages 57 60 (page 59 missing)
  - x. Additional Data (2 pages typed)
- t. 1 typed page (DISPOSITION) dated 22 June 1977 from Mary B. Oalmann to Capt. Padilla listing 2 attachments (see i. and ii. below) and a copy of page 239 (unknown source) with a picture of a World War I aircraft with caption identifying it as being at Camp Beauregard
  - i. Page 64 article from Louisiana Legislature, ca. 1920, indicating Camp Beauregard would be named Camp Hunter
  - ii. Times Picayune newspaper article of July 1917 indicates name as Camp Beauregard, after General P. G. T. Beauregard, born in Louisiana (article missing)
- u. Back and front typed "Reply to Inquiry About Photographs" form dated June 24, 1977with Capt. Robert Padilla's name typed on front page with 8 Xerox copies of photographs (listed i. through viii below)
  - i. General Robert W. Mearne (photo # 111 SC 96074)
  - ii. Brigadier General Wilder S. Metcalf (photo # 111 SC 88378)
  - iii. Major general Henry C. Hodges and staff (photo # 111 SC 88342)
  - iv. Brigadier General P. G. T Beauregard (photo # BA1244)
  - v. Lieutenant General Pierre G. T. Beauregard (photo # B1233)
  - vi. General G. T. Beauregard (photo # B5176)
  - vii. General Beauregard (photo # B4468)
  - viii. Back page of vii above
- v. Newspaper article (Alexandria Daily Town Talk) by Billy Hathorn with headline "Fire Guts Beauregard Building" and hand written date "15 June 1977?"
- w. 2 page typed letter (Louisiana Army and Air National Guard letterhead) dated 23 January 1978 with subject line "Historical facts, Camp Beauregard researched by: Mrs. Mary B. Oalmann AGO Library spanning the years 1905 to 1948 [appears identical as "n" above]
- x. 1 typed page titled, "<u>COL. JAMES L. ROBERTS</u>" contains a biographical sketch of Col. Roberts and his affiliation with the Louisiana National Guard. Hand written notation at bottom indicates submitted by CPT William R. Hilborn



- y. 5 typed page letter (Headquarters Camp Beauregard letterhead) dated 24 January 1978 with subject line "Welcome to Camp Beauregard" from LTC Ollie J. Blair, Post Commander
- z. 3 page copy of "News Release" from State of Louisiana Military Department, Office of the Adjutant General, Jackson Barracks dated 30 August 1978 announcing a dedication and Governor's Appreciation Day ceremony
- aa. Copy of 2 pages dated 5 September 1978 with subject line "Some pertinent facts regarding HISTORY OF CAMP BEAUREGARD" and typed attribution as copied from AGO Records by Mary B. Oalmann. Contents similar to "w" above
- bb. Complete pamphlet titled "GOVERNORS APPRECIATION DAY AND DEDICATION OF CAMP BEAUREGARD FACILITIES, LOUISIANA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, 8 SEPTEMBER 1978
- cc. Complete pamphlet titled "A Little Of Louisiana"
- dd. Complete pamphlet titled "Along The Bayou" with hand written notation on cover, "Camp Beauregard" and 28 April 1979
- ee. Entire page 1-B of the Saturday, July 14, 1979 issue of the Baton Rouge State Times newspaper with headline, "Camp Beauregard: Guard's Training Ground
- ff. 1 "Routing and Transmittal Slip" addressed to Mrs. Mary Oalmann from Maj Santos and dated 6 Sep 78
- gg. Xerox copy of letter dated 14 March 1980 to Colonel Richard B. Stuart, M.D. from O.J. Daigle, Jr, MGEN, LAARNG relative to the base hospital at Camp Beauregard during the First World War time as well as a brief explanation of the facility
- hh. Xerox copy of letter dated 16 January 1981 to Lt. Colonel Richard Brown from Mrs. Mary B. Oalmann in reply to his telephonic request relative to a history of Camp Beauregard
- ii. Copy of 2 typed pages dated April 20, 1989 to Col. Thomas form Lionel J. Bienvenu relative to the acquiring of Camp Beauregard's present name as well as limited comment on the 1941 Army Maneuvers and additional facts to 1979
- jj. Letter to Col Thomas from Lionel J Bienvenu dated April 20, 1989 regarding name change from Camp Beauregard to Fort Beauregard and back as well as comments on the 1940 Maneuvers and other aspect of Camp Beauregard
- kk. Copies of 2 pages regarding historical facts of Camp Beauregard [obviously in reply to Mr. Darby's request]
- 3. Camp Beauregard Historical File, 1990 2009 (Folder #1B)
  - a. Copy of book or journal article titled, "Camp Beauregard and Central Louisiana 1940 1945" and attributed to Drs. Jerry Purvis Sanson, Terry L. Jones, Christopher R. Gabel, Anna C. Burns and Matthew J. Schott, published by the Louisiana National Guard Public Affairs Office, 1994
  - b. 1 typed letter (Northeast Louisiana University letterhead) dated February 10, 1993 to Maj.
    Gen. A. M. Stroud form Terry L. Jones with 24 unnumbered pages [appears to be draft of Jones' section of "a" above]
  - c. 1 hand written page listing quantities and prices for various types of book binding
  - d. 6 hand written pages listing names, addresses and phone numbers of various people and organizations



- e. 1 typed letter (State of Louisiana Military Department letterhead) dated November 15, 1994 to Dr. Terry L. Jones from A. M. Stroud, Jr related to Dr. Jones' article for Central Louisiana in World War II [apparently in response to "b" above]
- f. 3 typed pages of a letter dated 3 March 1995 from LTC Allen R. Bozeman with subject line, "Welcome to Camp Beauregard, Louisiana"
- g. Xerox copy of brochure titled "Native American Code Talker Monument Dedication, Louisiana Maneuvers and Military Museum Complex, Camp Beauregard, Pineville, Louisiana, April 3, 2003, 1100 Hours
- h. Brochure titled, Comanche Indian Veterans Association Cultural Visit, Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, 27 October 2006
- i. Copy of paper titled, "APPENDIX D, ANNUAL SUMMARY OF HISTORICAL EVENST OF HHD ARNG TRAINING SITE" (for the period of 1 January to 31 January 2004) with a 10 page roster and names of those receiving awards

## Series 2 – WPA and Other Work Projects

- 1. WPA Camp Beauregard Labor Payrolls (Folder #2)
- 2. WPA Projects and Other Work Projects Camp Beauregard 1917 1935 (Folder #2A)
- 3. WPA Projects and Other Work Projects Camp Beauregard 1936 1937 (Folder #2B)
- 4. WPA Projects and Other Work Projects Camp Beauregard 1938 (Folder #2C)
- 5. WPA Projects and Other Work Projects Camp Beauregard 1938 (Folder #2D)
- WPA Projects and Other Work Projects Camp Beauregard 1939 (Folder #2E)
- 7. WPA Projects and Other Work Projects Camp Beauregard 1940 (Folder #2F)
- 8. Camp Beauregard Restoration Project, 1947 1953 (Folder #2G)

#### Series 3 – Maneuvers

- 1. 1940 1941 Maneuvers (Folder #3)
- 2. 1938 Maneuvers (Folder #4)
- 3. Maneuvers Placement of Personnel 1938 Summer Camp (Folder #5)
- 4. Military History of Central LA TX Maneuver Area (Folder #6)

#### Series 4 – Order, General, Special and Miscellaneous

- 1. Camp Beauregard (General) 1940 1945 (Folder #7)
- 2. Camp Beauregard (General) 1946 1949 (Folder #7A)
- 3. Camp Beauregard (General) 1950 1956 (Folder #7B)
- 4. Camp Beauregard Authorities Special Orders, 1936 (Folder #8)
- 5. Orders: General & Special & Misc. Camp Beauregard 1933 1938 (Folder #9)

#### Series 5 – Anniversary

- 1. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Korean War 1991 (Folder #10)
- 2. Camp Beauregard 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1940 Mobilization (Folder #11)
- 3. Camp Beauregard 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1940 Mobilization (Folder #11A)
- 4. World War II Victory Celebration August 1995 (Folder #12)
- 5. 50th Anniversary LA Maneuvers Historical (Folder #13)
- 6. WW2 50th Anniversary Book & Third Army Maneuvers May 5 25, 1940 Sabine Area (Folder #14)
- 7. Correspondence 50th Anniversary LA Maneuvers 1990 (Folder #15)



# Series 6 – Camp Beauregard License, Leases

- 1. Camp Beauregard License on Federal Portion, 1947 1950 (Folder #16)
- 2. Camp Beauregard License on Federal Portion, 1951 1952 (Folder #16A)
- 3. Camp Beauregard License on Federal Portion, 1953 1957 (Folder #16B)
- 4. Camp Beauregard Removal, Clearing, Use of Property 1948 1950 (Folder #17)
- 5. Camp Beauregard Leases, 1920 1948 (Folder #18)

#### Series 7 - Camp Beauregard Operations / Quarters / Permits, Range, Esler Field

- 1. Camp Beauregard Operation, 1923 1946 (Folder #19)
- 2. Camp Beauregard Operations, 1947 1959 (Folder #19A)
- 3. Camp Beauregard Quarters, 1948 1950 (Folder #20)
- 4. Camp Beauregard Quarters, 1951 1960 (Folder #20A)
- 5. Camp Beauregard Right of Entry Permit: Buildings, Improvements and Installed Property, 1947 1954 (Folder #21)
- 6. Camp Livingston Artillery Range License, 1950 (Folder #22)
- 7. Esler Field (Folder #23)