

GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTS.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

TO THE SENATE THE NUMBER, NAME, AND TONNAGE OF GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTS AND CERTAIN OTHER FACTS RELATING THERETO.

FEBRUARY 28, 1902.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, February 21, 1902.

SIR: In response to Senate resolution dated January 21, ultimo, directing the Secretary of War—

“to transmit to the Senate at his earliest convenience the following information:

First. The number and name and tonnage of Government transports now owned by the United States, with the dates of the purchase thereof, respectively, and from what person, firm, or corporation purchased, and the price for each, and terms of payment.

Second. The number, name, and tonnage, respectively, of Government transports now held by the United States or the War Department, if any, under leases, and the dates, respectively, of each of such leases, and the duration and terms thereof.

Third. The amounts paid by the Government for repairs on each of the transports hereinbefore referred to, since the purchase or lease thereof, respectively, and to what person, firm, or corporation paid.

Fourth. The number of trips made by each Government transport between any port of the United States and the port of Manila, Philippine Archipelago, since January 1, 1901, and by what transports, and from what port in the United States did each of such transports sail; also the number of trips made during the same period by Government transports from the port of Manila, Philippine Archipelago, to any port or ports of the United States, and by what transports, and to what ports, respectively, in the United States were such arrivals.

Fifth. The total cost of the transport service between the United States and Manila, Philippine Archipelago, for the period from and including January 1, 1901, to and including December 31, 1901.

I have the honor to advise you as follows:

First. The following Congressional documents contain all the data regarding the purchase and charter of transports, their number and

names and tonnage, and expenditures for purchase, charter, repair, refitting, and maintenance, as reported to the Quartermaster-General by the officers of his department connected with the army transport service, and as published in the Annual Reports of the Quartermaster-General for the fiscal years 1898, 1899, 1900, and 1901: House Doc. No. 2, Fifty-fifth Congress, third session, pp. 386-395, 433-448; House Doc. No. 2, Fifty-sixth Congress, first session, pp. 157-165, 218-236; House Doc. No. 2, Fifty-sixth Congress, second session, pp. 271-281, 309-328; House Doc. No. 2, Fifty-seventh Congress, first session, pp. 261-267, 283-302.

Senate Doc. No. 250, Fifty-sixth Congress, first session, is a letter addressed to the President of the Senate by the Secretary of War, March 29, 1900, furnishing information in response to a resolution of the Senate, dated January 9, 1900, directing the Secretary of War—

to furnish to the Senate a list of all transport ships and other vessels purchased or chartered by the War Department since March 4, 1897; their names, respectively, if named; the name of the person, persons, company or companies from whom purchased or chartered; the value of each transport ship or other vessel, whether purchased or chartered, as estimated by Lloyd's Register at the time of the purchase or charter thereof; the price paid for each transport ship or other vessel, and, where required under the terms of a charter party, the amount paid the owner, owners, or agents of the transport ship or other vessel so acquired while under charter; the amounts expended by the War Department in fitting up and repairing said transport ships and other vessels, whether chartered or owned by the United States during the period they have been used by the War Department; also the number and names of transport ships or other vessels sold by the War Department; the name of the person or persons or company or companies to whom sold; the price for which each transport ship or other vessel was sold, and why the same was sold.

Such changes as have occurred in the transport service since the date of the foregoing letter are embodied in the accompanying statement, marked "Exhibit A," showing "the number and name and tonnage of Government transports now owned by the United States, with the dates of the purchase thereof, respectively, and from what person, firm, or corporation purchased, and the price for each and terms of payment."

Second. There are no vessels under charter now in the service of the Quartermaster's Department in the United States. There are, however, vessels employed under charter in the Philippine waters, and the chief quartermaster, Division of the Philippines, has been directed by cable to furnish information to enable answer to be made as to "the number, name, and tonnage, respectively, of Government transports now held by the United States or the War Department, if any, under leases, and the dates, respectively, of each of such leases, and the duration and terms thereof."

Third. The accounts of disbursing officers of the Quartermaster's Department for payments made for repairs to transports and for expenses incurred on account of the army transport service have, so far as received, been transmitted to the proper accounting officer of the Treasury Department, where they are now on file. But calls have been made by telegraph upon the quartermasters in charge of the army transport service at San Francisco, Cal., Seattle, Wash., Portland, Oreg., New York City, and Manila for complete information to date as to "the amounts paid by the Government for repairs on each of the transports hereinbefore referred to since the purchase or lease thereof, respectively, and to what person, firm, or corporation paid," and upon receipt of their reports the desired information will be collated and promptly forwarded to the Senate.

Fourth. In answer to this paragraph, attention is respectfully invited to the accompanying statement, marked "Exhibit B," showing "the number of trips made by each Government transport between any port of the United States and the port of Manila, Philippine Archipelago, since January 1, 1901, and by what transports, and from what port in the United States did each of such transports sail; also the number of trips made during the same period by Government transports from the port of Manila, Philippine Archipelago, to any port or ports of the United States, and by what transports, and to what ports, respectively, in the United States were such arrivals."

Fifth. The quartermasters in charge of the army transport service at San Francisco, Cal., Seattle, Wash., Portland, Oreg., New York City, and Manila have been called upon for information to enable the Department to furnish a complete and detailed statement as to "the total cost of the transport service between the United States and Manila, Philippine Archipelago, for the period from and including January 1, 1901, to and including December 31, 1901;" and as soon as these reports shall have been received, the desired information, so far as it pertains to the Quartermaster's Department, will be promptly forwarded to the Senate. In the meantime attention is invited to the inclosed statement, marked "Exhibit C," showing the cost to the Subsistence Department of the United States transports plying between the United States and the Philippine Islands during the calendar year ending December 31, 1901, so far as shown by accounts received to date. Upon receipt of the remaining accounts, as indicated in the statement, the additional information will be submitted to the Senate without delay.

Attention is also invited to the accompanying letter of the Surgeon-General, dated January 30, 1902, marked "Exhibit D" and giving an estimate as to the cost of the transport service to the Medical Department during the calendar year ending December 31, 1901. It is assumed that this estimate will be a sufficient approximation to the information called for by the resolution; but if more accurate and detailed information is desired, it will be furnished as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of War.

THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE UNITED STATES SENATE.

EXHIBIT A.—*Statement showing the number and name of army transports owned by the United States, their tonnage, dates of purchase respectively, name of the person, firm, or corporation from whom purchased, the price paid for each, and terms of payment.*

Name of transport.	Gross tonnage.	Date of purchase.	From whom purchased.	Price paid.	Terms of payment, and remarks.
1. Buford.....	5,039	July 14, 1898	Bernard N. Baker	\$350,000	Cash.
2. Burnside.....	2,194	July 8, 1898	Prize court	125,000	Do.
3. Crook.....	4,126	July 12, 1898	Austin Baldwin & Co	240,000	Do.
4. Dix.....	6,839	Dec. 31, 1900	Ansel L. White	417,550	Do.
5. Egbert.....	2,844	Apr. 20, 1899	Bernard N. Baker	200,000	Do.
6. Grant.....	5,590	July 14, 1898	.....do	660,000	Do.
7. Hancock.....	5,164	July 16, 1898	Northern Pacific R. R. Co.	600,000	Do.
8. Ingalls.....	1,347	Dec. 29, 1898	Clearwater S. S. Co	150,000	Do.
9. Kilpatrick.....	5,046	July 14, 1898	Bernard N. Baker	350,000	Do.
10. Linton.....	3,497	Mar. 21, 1900	Not purchased		Transferred from Navy Department without compensation, by Executive Order.

EXHIBIT A.—Statement showing the number and name of army transports owned by the United States, their tonnage, dates of purchase respectively, etc.—Continued.

Name of transport.	Gross tonnage.	Date of purchase.	From whom purchased.	Price paid.	Terms of payment, and remarks.
11. Logan	5,672	July 20, 1898	Bernard N. Baker	\$660,000	Cash.
12. McClellan	3,006	July 8, 1898	Irwin, McBride, Catherwood & Co.	175,000	Do.
13. Meade	5,641	July 13, 1898	International Navigation Co.	400,000	Do.
14. Relief	3,094	May 20, 1898	Maine Steamship Co.	450,000	Do.
15. Rosecrans	2,608	Mar. 10, 1900	North American Mail Steamship Co.	147,200	Do.
16. Sedgwick	4,770	July 27, 1898	International Navigation Co.	200,000	Do.
17. Seward	2,100	Apr. 11, 1900	E. E. Caine	145,000	Do.
18. Sheridan	5,673	July 14, 1898	Bernard N. Baker	660,000	Do.
19. Sherman	5,780	.....do.....	.....do.....	660,000	Do.
20. Sumner	3,458	Sept. 16, 1899	U. S. Navy Department...	160,594	Transfer of funds in Treasury Department from allotment of "Defense Fund."
21. Thomas	5,796	July 26, 1898	Bernard N. Baker	660,000	Cash.
22. Warren	4,375	July 5, 1898	Hamburg-American Line	200,000	Do.
23. Wright	871	Nov. 15, 1898	H. L. Higginson	100,000	Do.
24. Liscum		Mar. 28, 1901	Unknown	60,000	Cash. Purchased in Manila by chief quartermaster, Division of the Philippines.

EXHIBIT B.—Statement showing the number of trips made by each army transport between the United States and Manila, P. I., since January 1, 1901, giving the names of the transports, dates of sailing, and the ports from and to which they sailed.

Name of transport.	Number of trips.			From and to what ports trips were made and dates of sailing.
	From United States to Manila.	From Manila to United States.	Total trips.	
Buford	3	2	5	Feb. 10, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Apr. 1, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. May 18, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. July 10, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Sept. 29, 1901, Manila to New York. Left New York January 23, 1902, for Manila.
Crook	1		1	Dec. 5, 1901, New York to Manila.
Dix	2	3	5	Feb. 5, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. May 29, 1901, Seattle to Manila. Aug. 8, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Oct. 18, 1901, Seattle to Manila. Dec. 9, 1901, Manila to Seattle. Now at Seattle.
Egbert	1	1	2	Mar. 20, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Nov. 7, 1901, Seattle to Manila. From January to March, 1901, in interisland service in the Philippines. From May to November assigned for duty between Seattle and Alaska.
Grant	4	4	8	Jan. 16, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Mar. 23, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Apr. 26, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. June 1, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. July 16, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Aug. 25, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Nov. 15, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Dec. 24, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Now at San Francisco.
Hancock	5	4	9	Jan. 1, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Feb. 17, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Mar. 25, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. May 18, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. June 25, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Aug. 5, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Oct. 1, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Nov. 7, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Dec. 16, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Now at Manila.

EXHIBIT B.—Statement showing the number of trips made by each army transport between the United States and Manila, P. I., etc.—Continued.

Name of transport.	Number of trips.			From and to what ports trips were made and dates of sailing.
	From United States to Manila.	From Manila to United States.	Total trips.	
Ingalls	1	.....	1	{ Aug. 22, 1901, New York to Manila. After arrival at Manila in interisland service. Feb. 17, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Apr. 5, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. June 6, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Aug. 1, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Sept. 12, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Nov. 1, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Dec. 11, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Left San Francisco Jan. 16, 1902, for Manila. Feb. 1, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Mar. 16, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. May 25, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. From July to December in interisland service in Philippines.
Kilpatrick.....	3	4	7	{ Mar. 1, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Apr. 15, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. May 31, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. July 10, 1901, New York to Manila. Oct. 18, 1901, Manila to New York. Now in New York. Feb. 1, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Mar. 18, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. July 5, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Aug. 16, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Oct. 1, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Nov. 17, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Left Manila January 16, 1902, for San Francisco. Mar. 16, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Nov. 16, 1901, Portland to Manila. Left Manila January 24, 1902, for San Francisco. From May to November assigned for duty between Seattle and Alaska. Jan. 10, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Feb. 16, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Apr. 22, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. June 1, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. July 20, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Aug. 31, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Oct. 16, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Left San Francisco Jan. 1, 1902, for Manila. Mar. 16, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Apr. 20, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. May 27, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. July 23, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Sept. 5, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Oct. 16, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Nov. 20, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Now at San Francisco. Jan. 1, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Sept. 16, 1901, San Francisco to Manila. Dec. 15, 1901, Manila to San Francisco. Now at San Francisco. From May to August assigned to duty between Seattle and Alaska. Jan. 22, 1901, New York to Manila. Interisland service in Philippines since her arrival at Manila.
Lawton.....	2	1	3	
Logan	1	2	3	
McClellan	1	1	2	
Meade.....	3	3	6	
Rosecrans	1	1	2	
Sheridan	3	4	7	
Thomas	3	4	7	
Warren.....	1	2	3	
Wright	1	.....	1	

EXHIBIT C.—Cost to the Subsistence Department of the United States transports plying between the United States and the Philippine Islands during the year beginning January 1, 1901, and ending December 31, 1901, so far as shown by accounts thus far received.

Transports, etc.	Cost of subsistence stores furnished saloon and ships' messes.	Collections from pay passengers for meals furnished in saloon and ships' messes.	Net cost of saloon and ships' messes.	Board wages to ships' employees while vessels laid up.	Pay of employees of Subsistence Department aboard and in offices of subsistence superintendents at New York, San Francisco, and Vancouver.	Remarks.
Buford	\$43,684.18	\$17,836.54	\$25,847.64	\$1,252.25	\$20,622.27	December account not received.
Crook				2,912.50	2,052.29	
Samoa (Dix)	11,336.52	428.14	10,908.38	888.00	5,206.00	Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.
Egbert	22,568.60	2,792.11	19,776.49	873.00	9,556.48	
Grant	29,758.79	16,108.78	13,650.01	4,352.72	17,126.41	
Hancock	38,524.58	14,375.25	24,149.33	1,094.75	17,435.80	
Ingalls	6,258.87	2,915.06	3,343.81	2,398.25	4,572.45	
Kilpatrick	41,489.44	16,139.64	25,349.80	2,014.50	18,327.23	
Lawton	17,215.29	6,951.35	10,263.94	2,204.00	12,947.53	
Logan	28,640.28	9,189.59	19,450.69	69.92	16,365.85	
McClellan	25,790.18	12,916.34	12,873.84	1,347.55	12,838.00	
Meade	33,339.07	12,066.04	21,273.03	2,357.00	19,088.82	
Rosecrans	17,227.74	3,134.86	14,092.88	2,332.16	11,487.61	Do. Do.
Sheridan	48,365.71	28,360.45	20,005.26	2,494.50	23,693.36	
Thomas	53,980.60	38,203.74	15,776.86	2,769.00	27,293.44	Do. November and December accounts not received.
Warren	18,417.00	7,900.63	10,516.37	2,366.83	13,216.74	
Wright	5,165.64	1,404.95	3,760.69	538.25	6,624.94	
Subsistence superintendent:						
New York					4,350.00	
San Francisco					5,074.92	
Vancouver					800.00	
Total			251,039.02	32,265.18	248,680.14	

RECAPITULATION.

Net cost of saloon and ships' messes	\$251,039.02
Board wages while ships laid up	32,265.18
Pay of employees of subsistence department aboard ships	248,680.14
Grand total	531,984.34

FEBRUARY 6, 1902.

J. F. WESTON, *Commissary General.*

EXHIBIT D.

WAR DEPARTMENT, SURGEON-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, January 30, 1902.

SIR: Referring to the accompanying resolution of the United States Senate, dated January 21, 1902, I have the honor to report that the expenses of the Medical Department in connection with the transport service during the year ending December 31, 1901, were comparatively small. Each transport is supplied with necessary medicines and surgical appliances, and these are obtained upon requisitions approved by the chief surgeons at the two ends of the line—San Francisco or New York and Manila. To obtain an exact statement of the cost of articles furnished upon these requisitions would require considerable time and correspondence but I believe I am entirely safe in estimating the total amount as less than \$100,000.

Very respectfully,

GEO. M. STERNBERG,
Surgeon-General U. S. Army.

The SECRETARY OF WAR.

COST TO SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTS
BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSARY-GENERAL SHOWING
A REVISED EXHIBIT RELATING TO THE COST TO THE SUB-
SISTENCE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTS PLYING BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

APRIL 10, 1902.—Submitted and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, April 8, 1902.

SIR: In further response to the resolution of the Senate, dated January 21, 1902, directing the Secretary of War to transmit to the Senate, at his earliest convenience, certain information regarding the names, tonnage, etc., of Government transports, and in connection with my letter of February 21, 1902, transmitting such information and stating that additional data would be furnished relative to the Subsistence Department as soon as received by the Commissary-General, I now have the honor to transmit herewith a letter from the Commissary-General, dated April 5, 1902, inclosing a revised exhibit showing the cost to the Subsistence Department of the United States transports plying between the United States and the Philippine Islands during the year ended December 31, 1901, which exhibit, the Commissary-General remarks, shows the entire cost to his department, except in the case of the transport *Wright* for the months of November and December, 1901, which accounts will be indefinitely delayed in their rendition.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT, *Secretary of War.*

The PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, UNITED STATES SENATE.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE COMMISSARY-GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE,
Washington, April 5, 1902.

SIR: Referring to Exhibit C, on page 6 of Senate Document No. 213, Fifty-seventh Congress, first session, and to the promise on page 3 that "upon receipt of the remaining accounts, as indicated in the statement, the additional information will be submitted to the Senate without delay," I have the honor to inclose a revised Exhibit C, showing cost to the Subsistence Department of the United States transports plying between the United States and the Philippine Islands during the year beginning January 1, 1901, and ending December 31, 1901, the missing accounts for November and December, 1901, having now been all received and included in the exhibit herewith, except those for November and December, 1901, from the United States transport *Wright*, which will be indefinitely delayed in their rendition.

Very respectfully,

J. F. WESTON,
Commissary-General.

The SECRETARY OF WAR.

EXHIBIT C.—*Cost to the Subsistence Department of the United States transports plying between the United States and the Philippine Islands during the year beginning January 1, 1901, and ending December 31, 1901, except in the case of the transport Wright, the accounts from which for November and December, 1901, will be indefinitely delayed in their rendition.*

Transports, etc.	Cost of subsistence stores furnished saloon and ships' messes.	Collections from pay passengers for meals furnished in saloon and ships' messes.	Net cost of saloon and ships' messes.	Board wages to ships' employees while vessels laid up.	Pay of employees of Subsistence Department aboard and in offices of subsistence superintendents at New York, San Francisco, and Vancouver.
Buford	\$43,684.18	\$17,836.54	\$25,847.64	\$1,252.25	\$20,622.27
Crook	3,494.03	2,743.30	750.73	2,912.50	3,591.69
Samoa (Dix)	11,336.52	428.14	10,908.38	888.00	5,206.00
Egbert	24,166.42	3,131.27	21,035.15	873.00	10,567.65
Grant	33,149.96	17,929.70	15,220.26	4,352.72	18,896.41
Hancock	41,905.22	15,184.85	26,720.37	1,094.75	20,665.79
Ingalls	7,592.99	3,162.06	4,430.93	2,398.25	5,443.79
Kilpatrick	46,384.13	18,649.58	27,734.55	2,014.50	20,134.39
Lawton	19,315.88	7,621.03	11,694.85	2,204.00	14,210.87
Logan	28,640.28	9,189.59	19,450.69	69.92	16,365.85
McClellan	25,790.18	12,916.34	12,873.84	1,347.55	12,838.00
Meade	36,164.77	15,054.87	21,273.03	2,357.00	20,820.81
Rosecrans	19,347.25	3,715.61	15,631.64	2,332.16	12,708.77
Sheridan	48,365.71	28,360.45	20,005.26	2,494.50	23,693.36
Thomas	53,980.60	38,203.74	15,776.86	2,750.00	27,293.44
Warren	21,386.90	8,779.37	12,607.53	2,366.83	14,762.07
Wright	5,165.64	1,615.21	3,760.69	538.25	7,872.76
Subsistence superintendent:					
New York					4,350.00
San Francisco					5,074.92
Vancouver					800.00
Total			265,922.40	32,265.18	265,918.84

*Accounts for November and December, 1901, from transport *Wright* not yet received.

RECAPITULATION.

Net cost of saloon and ships' messes.....	\$265,922.40
Board wages while ships laid up	32,265.18
Pay of employees of subsistence department aboard ships	265,918.84
Grand total.....	564,106.42