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1. INTRODUCTION

a. **Subject and Purpose**

(1) This report presents the findings of an historical records search and site inspection for ordnance and explosives (OE) located at Camp LaMesa in San Diego, CA (see plate 1 for general location map). The investigation was performed under the authority of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS).

(2) This investigation focused on the 4,517 acres identified in the inventory project report (INPR).

(3) The purpose of this investigation was to characterize the site for potential OE presence, to include conventional ammunition and chemical warfare material (CWM). This investigation was conducted by experienced ordnance experts through thorough evaluation of historical records, interviews, and on-site visual inspection results.

b. **Scope**

(1) This report presents the site history, site description, real estate information, and confirmed ordnance presence, based on available records, interviews, site inspections, and analyses. The analyses provide an evaluation of all information to assess current day potential ordnance presence, where ordnance presence has not been confirmed.

(2) For the purpose of this report, OE consists of live ammunition or components, debris derived from live ammunition, CWM, or explosives which have been lost, abandoned, discarded, buried, fired, or thrown from demolition pits or burning pads. These items were either manufactured, purchased, stored, used, and/or disposed of by the War Department/Department of Defense (DoD). Such ammunition components are no longer under accountable record control of any DoD organization or activity.

(3) **Expended** small arms ammunition (.50 cal or smaller) and ordnance fragments (without energetic material), are **not** considered OE presence. OE further includes "explosive soil"

which refers to any mixture in soil, sands, clays, etc., such that the mixture itself is explosive. Generally, 10 per cent of more by weight of explosive in a soil mixture is considered explosive soil.

2. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS

a. **Preliminary Assessment**

(1) A preliminary assessment (PA) of Camp LaMesa was conducted by the Los Angeles District (CESPL) in 1993 (see document E-1). Because of the potential for OE presence, CESPL recommended that Huntsville Center (CEHNC) consider the site for further study. Table 2-1 below represents an overview of the PA phase.

Project Number	DERP Category	Present Phase	Comments	Location
J09CA028601	OE	SI	Ordnance and explosives	Entire site
N/A	CON/HTW, HTRW, BD/DR	N/A	None recommended	N/A

b. **Other Investigations**

The ASR Team did not locate any other investigations pertinent to this site.

3. SITE DESCRIPTION

a. **Existing Land Usage**

(1) The former Camp LaMesa occupies over 4,500 acres of land in the cities of LaMesa, El Cajon, and San Diego. With the exception of Cowles Mountain to the west, this land has been heavily developed since the end of World War II (WWII). The site is mostly residential, though there are commercial buildings generally located along the main roads. Other than Cowles Mountain, the only area not yet developed is a small part of the Fletcher Hills subdivision in the north central part of the site.

(2) Because of this development, numerous major roads pass through the site. These include Fletcher Parkway, Lake Murray Boulevard, Navajo Road, Fanita Drive, and Jackson Drive. Most of the commercial development (malls, restaurants, etc.) is on these main roads. There is also Grossmont College and numerous public schools. The schools are generally located in

residential areas, which are accessible by the many side streets that connect to the main roads.

(3) Cowles Mountain, which is part of the Mission Trails Regional Park, is mostly open with one dirt road leading to the top. There are also numerous hiking trails along the mountain. Housing developments surround much of this mountain, and Mission Gorge road cuts through the north west corner of the Camp LaMesa land.

(4) Current usage is summarized in table 3-1.

TABLE 3-1					
CURRENT LAND USAGE					
AREA	FORMER USAGE	PRESENT OWNER	PRESENT USAGE	SIZE/ACRES	COMMENTS
A	Rifle range	Multiple	Schools, park, residential	365	See plate 2 & photos J-1 thru J-4
B	Cantonment area	Multiple	School and residential	60	See plate 2 & photos J-5 and J-6
C	All other land	Multiple	Schools, park, commercial, residential	4092	See plate 2, & photos J-7 thru J-18
				Total:	4,517

b. Climatic Data

(1) The region has a semi-arid Mediterranean climate typical of Southern California coastal areas. Summers are warm and dry, and winters tend to be mild and wet. Temperatures vary from the low 40s in January and February to the high 90s in September and October. The record high temperature was 107 degrees Fahrenheit (°F) in October, 1961. The record low was 29°F in January, 1949.

(2) Average annual rainfall is about 10 inches, with most falling November through March. Thunderstorms are rare, averaging about three per year. The average humidity is about 70 per cent (%), with the evening hours of the summer months being the most humid. An average year has 23 days of fog with visibility less than 1/4 mile.

(3) Dry easterly winds sometimes blow for several days at a time, frequently bringing high temperatures. The average wind speed is 7 miles per hour (mph). The months of March through September are windier than the winter months (references B-53 and B-54).

c. Topography

(1) Although some portions of the site are level, most of the land consists of gentle hills starting at about 600 feet above sea level. Steeper hills are found in the undeveloped portion of Fletcher Hills and at Cowles Mountain. Cowles Mountain, which is part of the Mission Trails Regional Park, is a significant local landmark and rises to 1,592 feet. Like most of the other undeveloped land, Cowles Mountain is covered with a combination of coastal sage scrub and chaparral (reference B-55).

(2) Because of the steep terrain, most of Cowles Mountain is unsuitable for development, and this factor has also limited development in part of the Fletcher Hills subdivision. Other than some additional housing in pre-existing developments, it is unlikely there will be much additional construction within the boundaries of Camp LaMesa.

d. Geology and Soils

(1) The Camp LaMesa site is part of the physiographic province known as the Foothills. Lying between the Coastal Plain and the Mountains, the Foothills is a belt of narrow winding valleys and rolling to hilly uplands with few steep slopes. The parent rocks range from granite to gabbro, and are about 150 million years old. Most are tonalite and grandiorite and occur as fractured blocks 2 feet to 10 feet across. The fractures weather out and leave the rest of the block a disintegrated boulder.

(2) Associated with the bouldery topography are rocky Cieneba soils. All have large boulders on the surface and within the grass, which is weathered to a considerable depth. Cieneba is found on most of Cowles Mountain, with 15% to 75% slopes and large grandioritic boulders on the surface. Soil depth is about 5 inches to 15 inches over hard grandiorite. Runoff is very rapid, and erosion hazard is high.

(3) The remainder of the site is primarily Redding-Urban land complex, with 2% to 30% slopes. Much of the original landscape has been leveled for building sites, and the material exposed in the cuts is a cobbly hardpan. The fill material is a mixture of cobbly and gravelly loam and clay. Typically, the surface layer of loam is about 15 inches thick, and the lower iron-silica cemented hardpan is about 30 inches thick. Run-off is slow to medium, and the erosion hazard is slight to moderate (reference B-55).

e. Hydrology

(1) There is no surface water on the site, though there are some intermittent streams on Cowles Mountain. Most of these streams drain north and west into the San Diego River, which is outside of the site boundary. About a mile south of Cowles Mountain (and also outside of the site boundary) is the Lake Murray Reservoir, which like Cowles mountain is part of the Mission Trails Regional Park. Most of the run-off from the project area drains into Lake Murray, though to the east run-off is into Forester Creek, which intermittently flows northward into the San Diego River.

(2) Groundwater in the region generally occurs in two aquifers: The Quarternary Alluvium and the confined regional aquifer of the Scripps Formation. In addition, groundwater potentially occurs in the transient, gravity-controlled system within the Stadium Conglomerate and Lindavista Formation. (references B-97 thru B-99).

f. Natural Resources

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided a letter listing a number of endangered, proposed endangered, and threatened species found in the area of the site (see document E-2).

g. Historical/Cultural Resources

The South Coastal Information Center indicated that there are over 50 prehistoric sites in the area of Camp LaMesa (see document E-3). A complete survey is recommended should the Corps decide to undertake intrusive work on this site.

TABLE 3-2 NATURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES	
Type	Comments
Wildlife	Numerous amphibians, birds, plants, and invertebrates
Cultural/Historical	Over 50 prehistoric sites

4. HISTORICAL ORDNANCE PRESENCE

a. Chronological Site Summary

(1) The first known military use of the LaMesa area took place in 1911 when the California National Guard used 8,000 acres as a training camp for three months. The site was called Camp

Grossmont. In 1938, the Civil Conservation Corps (CCC) leased land in Fletcher Hills for a work camp (reference B-88).

(2) In late 1941, the Army took over the CCC camp and leased a total of 4,517 acres for what was later named Camp LaMesa. The Camp provided support to the Southern California Sector of the Western Defense Command. The Army declared the site surplus in July of 1944, of which the Navy acquired 1,134 acres for a re-training camp (references B-18 and B-26).

(3) The Navy used the site from November of 1944 until it was decommissioned in April of 1945. Most of the buildings were dismantled and moved to other military bases and the property was returned to the original owners. Transfer dates are unavailable, but War Department/DoD control apparently ended by 1946 (reference B-38).

TABLE 4-1	
SUMMARY OF CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY	
Date	Action
Mar-Jun 1911	National Guard uses 8,000 acres for Camp Grossmont
1938-1941	Civilian Conservation Corps camp open
1941-Jul 1944	Camp LaMesa used by Army
Sep 1944-Apr 1945	Navy Retraining Camp in operation
May 1945-1946	Buildings removed, property transferred back to original owners

b. Ordnance Related Records Review

(1) Introduction

(a) Research efforts began with a thorough review of all reports, historical documents, and reference material gathered during the archival search. During this review, an effort was made to focus on areas of OE presence described in previous reports as well as additional areas that were identified during the research.

(b) The first known military use of the site was from May to June of 1911, when the California Army National Guard used 8,000 acres of land in LaMesa. The 8th and 30th Infantry Regiments set up a tent camp in the vicinity of what is now the Grossmont Shopping Center. No other details were available (reference B-88).

(c) Exactly when the Army took over the CCC camp is unknown, though it was probably December of 1941 when there were large movements of troops to protect the Pacific coast after the attack on Pearl Harbor. San Diego was one of the three sub-sectors within the Southern California Sector of the Western Defense Command. A command history indicated that the 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion's station was LaMesa from December of 1941 to May of 1942 (see document E-5). This implies that battalion headquarters was at Camp LaMesa, though it is likely the troops spent much more time in the field guarding beaches, bridges, and transportation facilities.

(d) In April of 1942, the 140th Infantry Regiment was assigned to the Southern California Sector with regimental headquarters in San Diego. A unit history stated that the regiment was responsible for 100 miles of coastline and 80 miles of the Mexican border.¹ This history noted that two battalions were deployed on the beach in tactical positions and "One Battalion plus Antitank and Cannon Companies - (in LaMesa) held as Sub-Sector Reserve Force". The 140th Infantry was reassigned to Texas in January of 1944 (see document E-5).

(e) In January of 1944, the 115th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized) took over responsibility for defense of the Southern California Sector. As with the previous units, the station was LaMesa, although the troops probably were assigned to field positions. This assignment ended in July of 1944, at which time Camp LaMesa was declared surplus to Army needs (see documents E-4 and F-1).

(f) Although these three combat units were equipped with various weapons up to and including the 105mm howitzer, there is no indication that they used anything other than small arms on the grounds of Camp LaMesa. The only known OE usage on the camp was at the rifle range (see documents E-6, F-1, and G-1). It is not even certain that ammunition (other than small arms) was stored at Camp LaMesa. One report stated "Class V supply points were established in the vicinity of...LaMesa...", but did not provide a specific location (see document E-5). Several documents specifically described the post facilities, including the rifle range, and did not mention any type of ammunition storage area (see documents E-6, F-1, and F-8).

(g) The land assigned to Camp LaMesa's rifle range was over two miles long (see document G-1 and plate 2), but it is unlikely the bullets impacted that far. This two mile distance was the safety zone required during that period, and earthen berm target butts were commonly located 100 to 500 yards from the firing point (see document D-1). In addition, the range terrain

slopes upward from 600 feet to 1600 feet at the peak of Cowles Mountain. Any bullets that went beyond the target butts would likely have impacted on the lower slopes of the mountain, though ricochets might have gone further (see plate 2).

(h) The 140th Infantry Regiment history detailed the training completed by the troops, and this included firing live ammunition with weapons such as 37mm and 57mm cannon and the 105mm howitzer. No locations were provided for this training (see document E-4). However, a magazine article on the 140th Regiment noted that "Lacking weapons ranges, the battalion at Camp LaMesa conducted routine infantry training, such as classes in tactics and maneuvering and training in weapons use." (reference B-91).

(i) While the location of the live firing could not be determined, among the likely sites in the San Diego area were Camp Elliott (US Marine Corps) and Camps Rathke and Lockett (Army). A March 1944 aeronautical chart shows the fan-shaped danger area for training at Camp Elliott, but no similar restricted area for the LaMesa airspace just south of Camp Elliott (see document L-1).

(j) After the Army left Camp LaMesa in July of 1944, the Navy acquired some of the property. While the Army had controlled 4517 acres, the Navy only took five parcels totaling 1,134 acres. This land was all in the vicinity of the cantonment area and did not include the rifle range (see documents F-1 thru F-6, H-6, and plate 3). The station, officially named US Naval Retraining Command, LaMesa, was used to reeducate sailors convicted of minor offenses and return them to the fleet (see documents E-6, F-8, F-9, and H-3).

(k) The greatest number of retrainees at the camp at any one time was 120, in March of 1944. There was also a staff of about 120, which included an 80-man Marine Detachment. Although documents do not mention weapons, it is likely the guards were equipped with rifles, pistols, and possibly sub-machine guns. The Navy closed the camp in April of 1945, and offered the temporary wooden buildings to other Naval stations in the San Diego area (see documents F-8 thru F-10 and H-3 and H-4). Although no site maps were found, a set of 1946 aerial photos provides details of the cantonment area, though some buildings had already been removed (see documents K-1 thru K-3).

(l) While there is no evidence of firing (other than small arms) at Camp LaMesa, a large amount of weapons training took place during WWII at Camp Elliott, north of LaMesa and across the San Diego River (see document L-2). After two boys died in a 1983 UXO accident in Tierra Santa, the Corps of

Engineers began conducting clearance operations on the FUDS portions of Camp Elliott (see document L-3). The Corps has generated numerous reports, and none of these showed any OE from Camp Elliott found south of the San Diego River (references B-60 thru B-65).

c. Interviews With Site-Related Personnel

(1) Mr. James Orsborn began working as a LaMesa firefighter in 1944, and occasionally went on to the post while it was used by the military. The only firing he remembered was at the rifle range, and he recalled hearing small arms firing only (see document I-1).

(2) Mr. Bruce Tinknell is a retired Army EOD technician who spent most of his career in the San Diego area and still lives there. He remembered many calls to Camp Elliott land, but all were north of the San Diego River (see document I-2).

(3) CPT John Oleskow has been with the LaMesa Police Department for 27 years. He was aware of OE recovered in the city, but these were items that had been brought in from somewhere else. He did not know of any OE that could be attributed to Camp LaMesa (see document I-3).

(4) Mr. B.J. Allen is a UXO Safety Specialist with the Corps of Engineers and has worked in the San Diego area since 1991. He was familiar with the FUDS projects, but was unaware of any OE found south of Mission Gorge. He did not feel there was an OE problem on Camp LaMesa land (see document I-4).

(5) Sgt Conrad Grayson has worked for the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad for over 21 years and is considered to be the local authority on UXO sites. He was unaware of any UXO recoveries on Cowles Mountain or anywhere on Camp LaMesa land (see document I-5).

(6) Henry Mendibies is the Senior Park Ranger at the Mission Trails Regional Park, which includes Cowles Mountain. He and his staff were quite familiar with Camp Elliott OE found in other parts of the park, but they had never heard of any military OE found on or around Cowles Mountain. He added that hikers use trails all over the mountain (see document I-6).

5. SITE ELIGIBILITY

a. Confirmed Formerly Used Defense Site

(1) Former War Department/DoD usage of Camp LaMesa was previously confirmed as summarized in section 2. Historical

documents and personal interviews confirmed previous Army and Navy use of the site from late 1941 until 1945.

(2) By 1946, these lands had been returned to the original owners. No ownership remains with any DoD component. The site is now primarily residential, and it is estimated that there are 5,000 property owners. Sample pages from the San Diego County platt maps give an idea of the ownership (see documents G-2 thru G-4).

b. Potential Formerly Used Defense Site

The ASR team did not learn of any potential FUDS.

6. VISUAL SITE INSPECTION

a. General Procedures and Safety

(1) Members of the assessment team visited the site 10 thru 13 November 1998. The primary task of the team was to assess OE presence and potential due to former usage as an impact area. Site inspection was limited to non-intrusive methods; i.e. subsurface sampling was neither authorized nor performed.

(2) A site safety plan was developed and utilized by the assessment team to assure safety from injury during the site inspection of this facility. Prior to the inspection, a briefing was conducted which stressed that OE should only be handled by military EOD personnel (reference B-2).

(3) Prior to the site visit, a thorough review of all available reports, historical documents, texts, and technical ordnance reference materials gathered during the historical records search portion was made to ensure awareness of potential ordnance types and hazards.

b. Area A: Rifle Range

(1) Although this area was uninhabited during WWII, much of it has since been developed. The approximate location of the firing point is now the Forward School, with buildings and fields. Downrange of the firing point is the Pershing School, with similar facilities. It is likely that there were target butts between the schools, but none were seen. Neither location showed any evidence of its former usage, and no OE was observed (see photos J-1 and J-2 and plates 2 and 5).

(2) Further downrange is additional housing and Cowles Mountain. Although the 365 acre parcel used for the range extended into and over a portion of Cowles Mountain (see document

G-1), it is extremely unlikely that any bullets traveled that far. The ASR team stopped at several locations and even climbed to the top of Cowles Mountain without observing any OE (see photos J-3 and J-4 and plates 2 and 5).

c. Area B: Cantonment Area

This 61 acre area was the location of the barracks and other administrative buildings, but is now a developed site near the intersection of Navajo Road and Fletcher Parkway. The land is now mostly residential but also includes a school and commercial buildings. The ASR team did not find any trace of the old CCC, Army, or Navy structures and no OE (see photos J-5 and J-6 and plates 2 and 5).

d. Area C: All Other Land

Area C consists of the remaining 4,091 acres that were included in the property acquired for Camp LaMesa. It is primarily residential with commercial development generally along the main roads. The only undeveloped portions are Cowles Mountain and a small part of the Fletcher Hills subdivision. The ASR team visited many different locations within this area without observing any evidence of its past usage or OE (see photos J-7 thru J-18 and plates 2 and 5).

7. EVALUATION OF ORDNANCE HAZARDS

a. General Procedures

(1) Each area was evaluated to determine confirmed, potential, or uncontaminated ordnance areas. Confirmed ordnance and explosives (OE) presence is based on verifiable historical record evidence or direct witness of OE items (with explosive components and/or inert debris/fragments) since site closure. Additional field data is not needed to identify a confirmed site.

(2) Verifiable historical record evidence is based on OE items actually seen on site since site closure and authenticated by: historical records (Archive Records, Preliminary Assessment Reports, Site Investigation Reports), local fire departments and law enforcement agencies/bomb squads, military Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Units, newspaper articles, photographs, or maps.

(3) Direct witness of ordnance items consists of the site inspection team(s) and other credible witnesses as determined by the ASR Research Team Leader (landowners, workers on-site, military personnel who served there, etc.) verifying that they have seen OE presence on the surface or subsurface since site closure.

(4) Potential ordnance and explosives (OE) presence is based on a lack of confirmed ordnance OE presence. Potential OE presence is inferred from records, present-day features, non verifiable direct witness, or indirect witness. Additional field data is needed to confirm potential OE sites.

(5) Inference from historical records is based on no OE items actually seen on site since site closure, and would include documentation (records, aerial photographs, maps) indicating possible OE presence derived from common practice in production, storage, use, or disposal at that time and from records indicating known OE usage.

(6) Inference from present-day site features would be the indication of possible OE presence from such obvious features as target circles, depressions, mounds/backstops, OB/OD areas/pits, etc. Indirect witness would be people who have stated that they have heard of OE presence on-site (hearsay evidence).

(7) Uncontaminated subsites are based on a lack of confirmed or potential ordnance. There is no reasonable evidence, either direct or inferred, to suggest present day ordnance presence. Additional field data is not needed to assess these subsites.

b. Area A: Rifle Range

This area is considered **uncontaminated** based on its sole documented usage as a rifle range for small arms. None of the references indicated that any other weapons were used here (see documents E-4 thru E-6 and F-1 thru F-10). In addition, local authorities, including EOD personnel, have not recovered any OE in this now-developed area (see documents I-1 thru I-6). During the site inspection, the ASR team did not observe any OE or any trace of firing range activities (see photos J-1 thru J-4.).

c. Area B: Cantonment Area

This area is considered **uncontaminated** based on its usage as a barracks and administrative area for the CCC, the Army, and finally the Navy. References did not indicate that any firing or live weapons training took place in this area (see documents E-4 thru E-6 and F-1 thru F-10). In addition, local authorities, including EOD personnel, have not recovered any OE in this highly developed area (see documents I-1 thru I-6). During the site inspection, the ASR team did not observe OE or remnants of the military structures (see photos J-5 and J-6.).

d. Area C: All Other Land

This area is considered **uncontaminated** based on the lack of documentation or evidence suggesting any ordnance-related usage. References did not indicate that any firing or live weapons training took place in this area (see documents E-4 thru E-6 and F-1 thru F-10). In addition, local authorities, including EOD personnel, have not recovered any OE in this area (see documents I-1 thru I-6). The ASR team did not observe OE or evidence of past military usage anywhere within this area (see photos J-7 thru J-18).

8. SITE ORDNANCE TECHNICAL DATA

a. End Item Technical Data

The only ammunition known to have been used at Camp LaMesa was small arms. Drawings of typical WWII-era cartridges can be found in appendix D. Table 8-1 provides data on these items.

TABLE 8-1 AMMUNITION USED AND EXPLOSIVE/CHEMICAL FILLER		
Item	Type/Model	Filler/Weight
Small arms ammo		
.30 caliber	M2 ball	Lead antimony with gilding metal jacket
	M1 tracer	Tracer composition
Propellant		Single or double-base powder
.45 caliber	M1911 ball	Lead antimony with gilding metal jacket
Propellant		Single or double-base powder

b. Chemical Data of Ordnance Fillers

Table 8-2 on the following page lists chemical data of some of the ordnance fillers noted in table 8-1.

TABLE 8-2
CHEMICAL DATA OF ORDNANCE FILLERS

Filler	Synonym(s)	Chemical Formula
Double-base Powder	Ballistite	
60% Nitrocellulose	Guncotton; Pyroxylin	$[C_6H_8O_5(NO_2)_3]_n$
39% Nitroglycerin		$CH_2NO_3CHNO_3CH_2NO_3$
0.75% Diphenylamine	Stabilizer DPA	$(C_6H_5)_2NH$
E. C. Blank Powder	(single-based compound)	
80.4% Nitrocellulose	Guncotton; Pyroxylin	$[C_6H_8O_5(NO_2)_3]_n$
8% Potassium Nitrate	Saltpeter	KNO_3
8% Barium Nitrate		$Ba(NO_3)_2$
3% Starch		
0.6% Diphenylamine	Stabilizer DPA	$(C_6H_5)_2NH$

9. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

a. Hazardous, Toxic, and Radiological Waste

Although records indicate that Camp LaMesa had a sewage treatment plant and a motor pool, the ASR team was unable to locate these facilities and therefore cannot determine whether or not a current environmental hazard is present.

b. Building Demolition/Debris Removal

The cantonment area has been thoroughly altered by residential and commercial development and there is no trace of the former camp.

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FEDERAL AGENCIES			
Department of Defense			
Defense Library on Disk Pentagon Library, Room 1A518 Washington, DC 20310-6000	Computer Search (DLOD)	(703) 697-4658	No Information
Defense Technical Information Center 8725 John J. Kingman Road Suite 0944 Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6218	Computer Search (DTIC)	(703) 767-8274	No Information
Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board (DDESB) 2461 Eisenhower Avenue Alexandria, VA 22331-0600	Computer Search	(703) 325-8624	No Information
National Imagery and Mapping Agency ATTN: ISDFR 4600 Sangamore Road Bethesda, MD 20816	Bill Harris	(800) 826-0342	Aeronautical and nautical charts
Army			
710th Ordnance Company Navy Sub Base, Box 6376 San Diego, CA 92166	SSGT Olaries SP Gillespie	(619) 553-8500	Interview
Center of Military History ATTN: DAMH-RAS 1099 14th Street NW Washington, DC 20536	Contractor	(202) 761-5416	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B

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IOC Historical Office ATTN: AMSIO-EAH, Building 390 Rock Island Arsenal Rock Island, IL 61299	Tom Slattery	(309) 794-1450	No Information
Defense Logistics Studies Information Exchange US Army Logistics Management College Fort Lee, VA 23801-6043	Computer Search (DLSIE)	(804) 734-4007	No Information
Rock Island Arsenal Museum ATTN: SMCRI-PCA-M Building 60 Rock Island, IL 61299	Chris Leinicke	(309) 794-5021	No Information
U.S. Army Chemical School Fisher Library Building 1081 Fort McClellan, AL 36205	Richard Pastorett	(205) 848-4414	No Information
U.S. Army Ordnance Museum ATTN: ATSL-DOS-M Building 2601 Aberdeen PG, MD 21005-5201	Rodger Godin	(410) 278-3602	No Information
U.S. Military History Institute Carlisle Barracks Carlisle, PA 17013-5008	Richard Sommers	(717) 245-3611	No Information
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US Army Chemical & Biological Defense Command ATTN: AMSCB-CIH Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5423	Kathy Ciolfi	(410) 671-4430	Negative Report
USACE, Office of History Humphries Engineer Center 7701 Telegraph Road Alexandria, VA 22310-3865	Dr. Martin Gordon	(703) 355-3558	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
USACE-Los Angeles District 911 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 93043	Deb Castens Greg Boghossian Delores Henderson	(213) 452-3719	Background Information
USACE-Los Angeles District Southern California Area Office 16885 West Bernardo Drive Suite 300-B San Diego, CA 92127	B.J. Allen	(619) 674-6766	Interview (I-4)
Air Force			
Air Force Historical Research Agency 600 Chennault Drive Maxwell AFB, AL 36112	Thomas Dean	(334) 953-2395	No Information
Air University Library 600 Chennault Circle Maxwell AFB, AL 36112	Leroy Bell	(334) 953-2888	No information

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Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Technical Information Center ATTN: Code 72 1100 23rd Avenue Port Hueneme, CA 93043	Brian Thompson	(805) 982-1124	No Information
Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Civil Engineering Support Office ATTN: Code 15 1100 23rd Avenue Port Hueneme, CA 93043	Mona Leon-Guerrero	(805) 982-3057	No Information
NAVEODTECDIV Technical Library 2008 Stump Neck Road Indianhead, MD 20640-5070	Betty Arbogast Dawn Risko	(301) 743-6834	No Information
Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) ATTN: CODE 10H-NAVFAC Historian 10 23rd Avenue Port Hueneme, CA 93043	Dr. Vince Transano Carol Marsh	(805) 982-5913 (805) 982-5569	Maps and reports
Naval Facilities Engineering Command, SW Division 1220 Pacific Highway, Bldg 127 San Diego, CA 92132	Chris Maves	(619) 532-1169	No information
Navy Historical Center Building 57 Washington Naval Yard Washington, DC 20374	Staff	(202) 433-3171	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B

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Department of Defense (continued)				
Navy (continued)				
	Marine Corps Historical Center Building 58 Washington Naval Yard Washington, DC 20374	Staff	(202) 433-3483	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
National Archives and Record Administration				
	National Archives Archives II (Cartographic/Architectural Branch) 8601 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740	Staff	(301) 713-7040	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
	National Archives Archives II (Civil Reference Branch) 8601 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740	Staff	(301) 713-7250	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
	National Archives Archives II (Still Picture Branch) 8601 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740	Staff	(301) 713-6660	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
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National Archives Archives I (Modern Military) Pennsylvania Avenue & 7 th Washington, DC 20408	Staff	(202) 501-5385	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
National Archives Archives I (Old Military) Pennsylvania Ave. & 7th Washington, DC 20408	Staff	(202) 501-5390	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
National Archives Archives I (Navy) Pennsylvania Ave. & 7th Washington, DC 20408	Staff	(202) 501-5671	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
NARA-Archives II (Civil Reference Branch) 8601 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740	Staff	(301) 713-7250	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
Washington National Records Center 4205 Suitland Road Suitland, MD 20409	Staff	(301) 457-7000	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
National Personnel Records Center 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132	Wilson Sullivan	(314) 538-4085	See Appendix B, Section III, Parts A and B

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NARA-Pacific Region (Laguna Niguel) 24000 Avila Road Laguna Niguel, CA 92607	Suzanne Dewberry Greg Peraman	(714) 360-2641	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
NARA-Pacific Region (San Francisco) 1000 Commodore Drive San Bruno, CA 94066-2350	Barbara Beppler Lisa Miller	(415) 876-9015	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
National Military Personnel Records Center (Mil Pers Records) 9700 Page Avenue St Louis, MO 63132-5100	Wilson Sullivan	(314) 538-4085	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
Department of the Interior			
EROS Data Center Sioux Falls - ESIC U.S. Geological Survey Sioux Falls, SD 57198	Staff	(605) 594-6151	Aerial Photographs
USGS Information Services Box 25286, Bldg 810 Denver Federal Center Denver, CO 80225	Staff	(303) 202-4700	Topographical Maps
US Fish & Wildlife Service 2730 Loker Avenue West Carlsbad, CA 92008	John Hanlon	(760) 431-9440	Information on endangered species
Department of Agriculture			
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services 332 South Juniper, Suite 110 Escondido, CA 92025	Jason Jackson	(760) 745-2061	Aerial photographs and soil survey

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Department of Agriculture (continued)			
Aerial Photography Field Office P.O. Box 30010 2222 West 2300 South Salt Lake City, UT 84131-0010	Sherrie Holyoak	(801) 975-3503	No Information
Department of Commerce			
NOAA National Climatic Data Center Federal Building, Room 305 Ashville, NC 28801	Yolanda Goosch Sam Mccowan	(704) 271-4272	Climatic Data
NOAA Air Force Weather Service 151 Patton Avenue, Room 120 Ashville, NC 28801	Janet Wall	(704) 271-4404	Climatic Data
United States Congress			
Library of Congress Geography And Map Division Washington, DC 20536	Staff	202-707-5522	See Appendix B Section II Parts A and B
Smithsonian Institution			
Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Historical Research Division Washington, DC 20560	Staff	(202) 357-3133	See Appendix B, Section III, Parts A and B
State Agencies			
California State Archives 1020 East O Street Sacramento, CA 92415	Mr. Metzger	(916) 653-2246	No Information
University of California P.O. Box 19557 Irvine, CA 92110	Reference Desk	(714) 824-6836	No Information

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State Agencies (continued)			
South Coastal Information Center Social Sciences Research Library San Diego State University San Diego, CA 92182	Jan Culbert	(619) 594-5682	Information Concerning Historical, Cultural and Archaeological Resources
California State Library California History Section 914 Capitol Hall Library and Courts Building Sacramento, CA 94237	John Gonzales Sybylle Zemitis	(916) 654-0176	No Information
California State Library Government Documents Section 914 Capitol Hall Library and Courts Building Sacramento, CA 94237-0001	Brent Murphy	(916) 654-0069	No Information
San Diego State University Reference Branch 5300 Campanile Drive San Diego, CA 92182-0511	Bruce Harley	(619) 594-5832	Referrals
County and Local Agencies			
Grossmont College Lewis Smith Library 8800 Grossmont College Drive El Cajon, CA 92020	Richard Johnson	(619) 465-1700	Referrals
San Diego County Assessor 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 103 San Diego, CA 92101	Staff	(619) 531-6468	Real Estate Information
San Diego County Library 5555 Overland Avenue San Diego, CA 92123	Staff	(619) 694-2414	Referral

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San Diego County Library Fletcher Hills Branch 576 Garfield Avenue El Cajon, CA 92020	Leslie Ward	(619) 466-1132	Newspaper articles
San Diego County Library La Mesa Branch 8055 University Avenue La Mesa, CA 91941	Kathleen	(619) 469-2151	Newspaper articles
San Diego County Library El Cajon Branch 201 East Douglas El Cajon, CA 92020	Patty	(619) 579-4454	Biography of Ed Fletcher
San Diego Public Library 820 East Street San Diego, CA 92101	Blair Odonis	(619) 236-5834	Newspaper articles
San Diego County Sheriff's Dept Arson & Bomb Squad 5255 Mt Etna Drive San Diego, CA 92117	Sgt Conrad Grayson	(619) 467-4579	Interview (I-5)
El Cajon Police Department 100 Fletcher Parkway El Cajon, CA 92020	Det Wisseman	(619) 579-3321	Interview
La Mesa Police Department 8181 Allison Ave LaMesa, CA 91941	Lt John Oleksow	(619) 469-6111	Interview (I-3)

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Mission Trails Regional Park One Father Juniper Trail, MS 804A San Diego, CA 92119	Henry Mandibles Senior Park Ranger	(619) 668-3276	Interview (I-6)
San Diego County Planning Dept 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite D San Diego, CA 92123	Gary Stockton	(619) 694-3871	Aerial photographs
NON-GOVERNMENT SOURCES			
National Agencies			
Council on America's Past 518 Why Worry Lane Phoenix, AZ 85021	Heliogram Publication	(800) 396-4693	No Information
Online Computer Library Center 6565 Frantz Road Dublin, OH 43017-3395	Computer Search (OCLC)	(800) 848-5878	No Information
Coast Defense Study Group, Inc. 731 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	Mark Berhow		No Information
Scientific and Technical Information Library System 689 Discovery Drive Huntsville, AL 35806	Computer Search (STILAS)	(205) 922-9820	No Information
Knight-Ridder Information Inc 2440 El Camino Mountain View, CA 94040	Computer Search (DIALOG)	(800) 334-2564	No Information

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NON-GOVERNMENT SOURCES			
Local Agencies			
California Historical Society 678 Mission Street San Francisco, CA 94105	Beth Graham	(415) 357-1848	No Information
El Cajon Historical Society 280 North Magnolia El Cajon, CA 91944	Russ Stockwell	(619) 444-2554	Referral
La Mesa Historical Society PO Box 882 La Mesa, CA 91944	Karna Webster	(619) 463-1029	Referrals
San Diego Historical Society Balboa Park San Diego, CA 92138	Sally West	(619) 232-6203	Aerial photographs
Heritage Press 102 West 6 th Ave Escondido, CA 92025	Merideth Vezina	(760) 735-9313	Magazine article
Individuals			
Local military history enthusiast	Al Grobmeier		Interview
Local military history author	James W. Hinds	(619) 445-2654	Interview and referrals
Local historian	Jim Polak		Referral
Former EOD technician	Bruce Tinknell	(619) 578-9901	Interview (I-2)
Former LaMesa Fire Chief	J.O. Orsborn	(619) 465-7868	Interview (I-1)

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AP	Armor piercing
BD/DR	Building Demolition/Debris Removal
BRAC	Base Realignment and Closure
CEHNC	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville
CEMVR	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act
CESPL	U.S. Army Engineer, Los Angeles District
CWM	Chemical Warfare Material
DA	Department of Army
DAC	Defense Ammunition Center, Savanna IL
DERP	Defense Environmental Restoration Program
DoD	Department of Defense
EE/CA	Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FS	Feasibility Study
FUDS	Formerly Used Defense Sites
GSA	General Services Administration
HE	High Explosive
HRC	Historical Resource Collection
HTRW	Hazardous, Toxic and Radiological Waste
HTW	Hazardous and Toxic Waste
IRP	Installation Restoration Program
M	Model Number
Mk	Mark Number
MM or mm	Millimeter
NARA	National Archives and Records Administration
OE	Ordnance and Explosives
PA	Preliminary Assessment
PRP	Potentially Responsible Party
RA	Remedial Action
RAC	Risk Assessment Code
RD	Remedial Design
RD/RA	Remedial Design/Remedial Action
RG	Record Group
RI	Remedial Investigation
RI/FS	Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

SI	Site Investigation or Site Inspection
TM	Technical Manual
USA	U.S. Army
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USAF	U. S. Air Force
USATCES	U.S. Army Technical Center for Explosives Safety
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance

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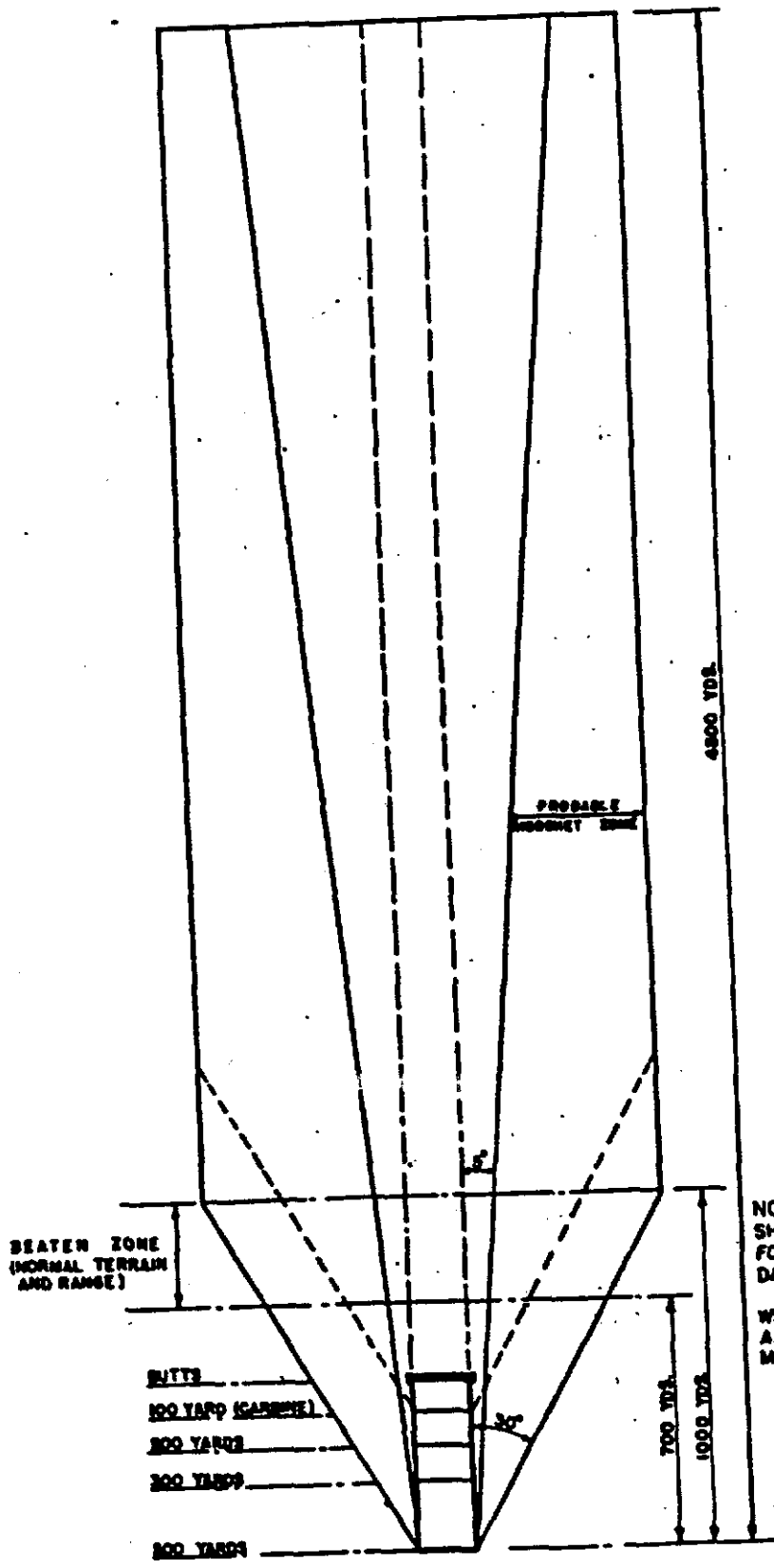
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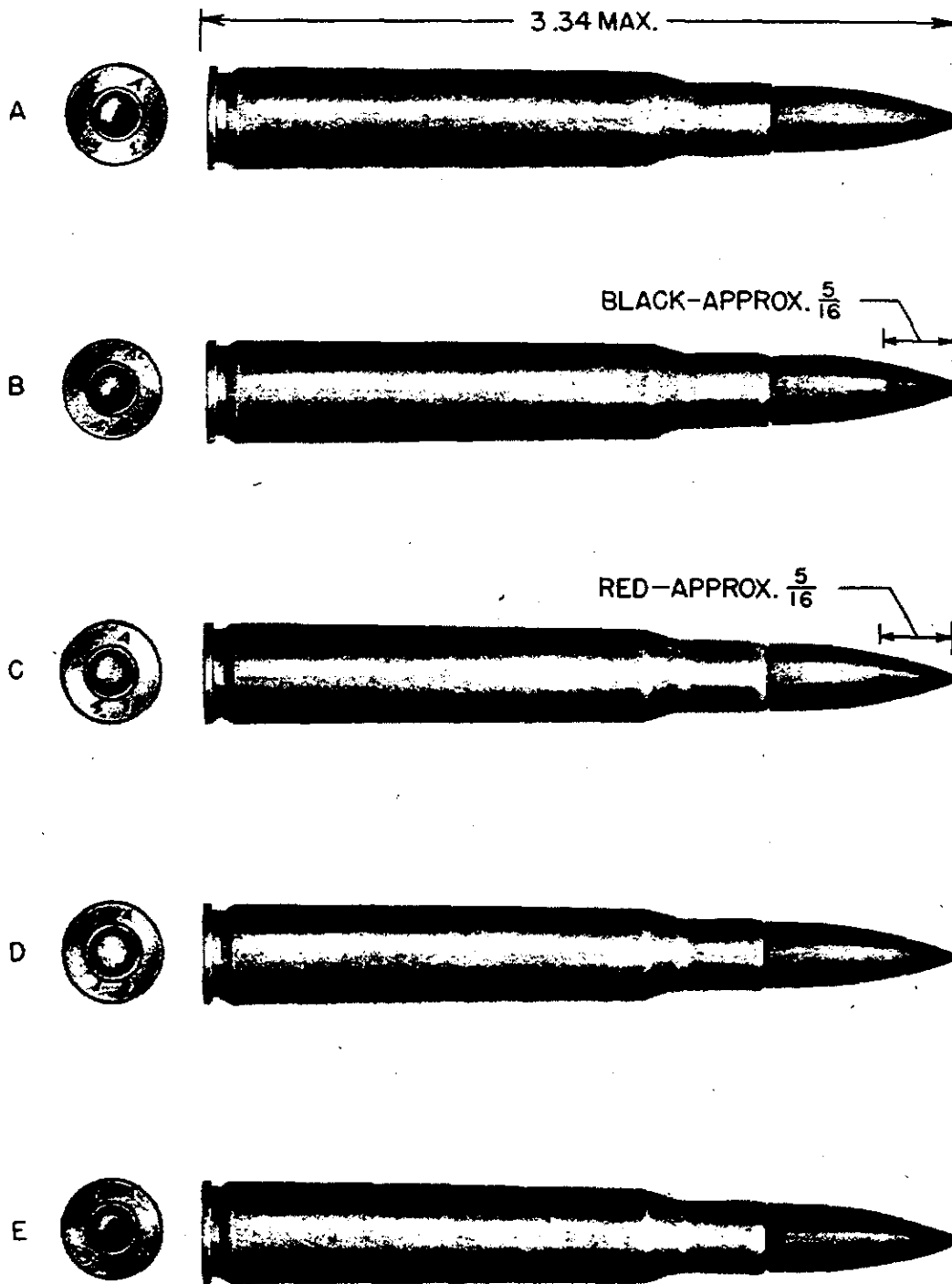
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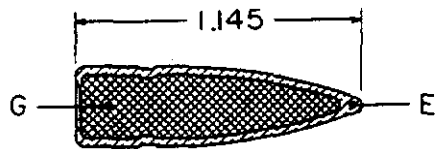
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- B—CARTRIDGE, BALL, CAL..30, M2
- C—CARTRIDGE, TRACER, CAL..30, M1
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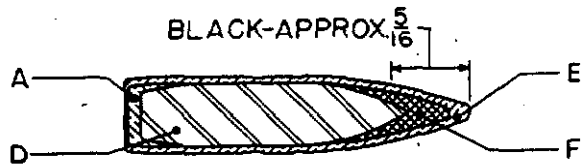
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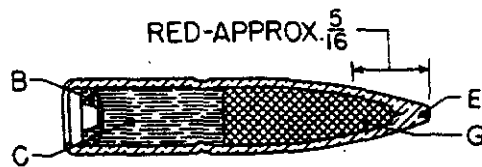
- A-BASE FILLER-GILDING METAL
- B-COMPOSITION, IGNITER
- C-COMPOSITION, TRAGER
- D-CORE-TUNGSTEN CHROME STEEL
- E-JACKET-GILDING METAL
- F-POINT FILLER-LEAD "T" SHOT
- G-SLUG-LEAD WITH ANTIMONY



BULLET, BALL, CAL. .30, M2



BULLET, ARMOR-PIERCING, CAL. .30, M2



BULLET, TRACER, CAL. .30, M1.

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Figure 78b — Bullets, Cal. .30 — Sectioned

Visual identification. The cartridge resembles the CARTRIDGE, ball, cal. .30, M2, in outward appearance, but it may be identified by the light blue paint on the tip of the bullet.

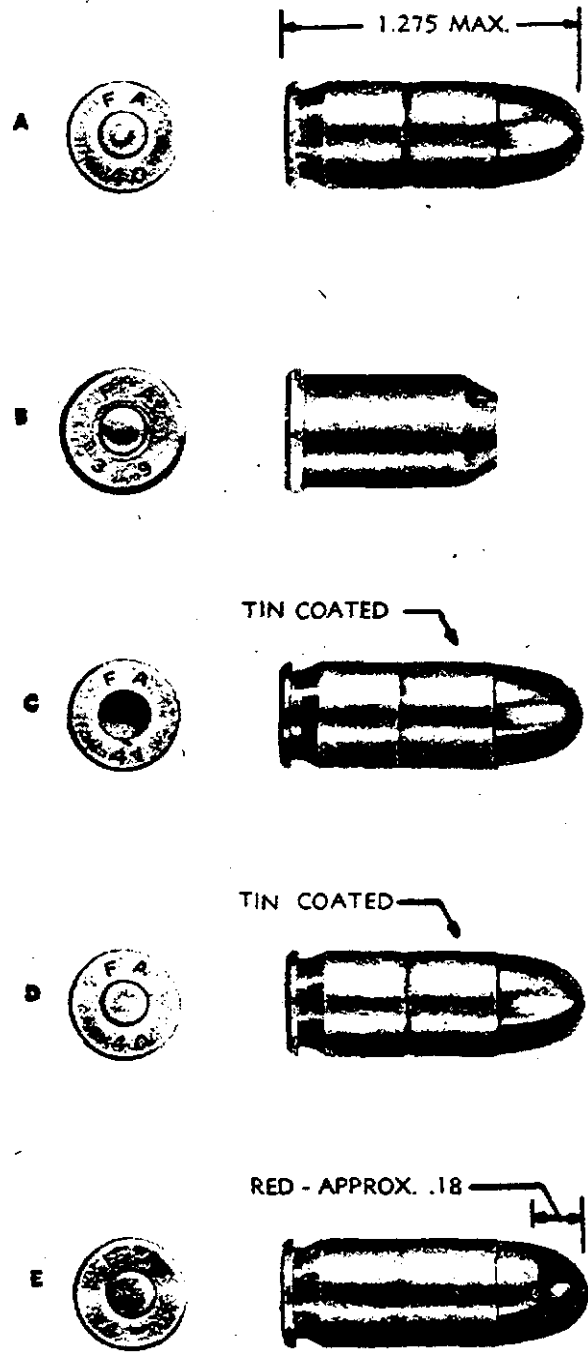
Components. The cartridge consists of a cartridge case, primer, propelling charge, and bullet.

The bullet consists of four parts: a gilding metal jacket, a hollow steel cylindrical core, an incendiary composition, and a lead base filler. The mouth of the cartridge case is crimped into the knurled cannellure at assembly and a minimum pull of 45 pounds is required to remove the bullet from the case.

CARTRIDGE, Rifle Grenade, Cal. .30, M3.

General. This cartridge is used in cal. .30 Rifles, M1, M1903, M1903A1, and M1917, for discharging antitank rifle grenades. This

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- A — CARTRIDGE, BALL, CAL. .45, M1911
- B — CARTRIDGE, BLANK, REVOLVER, CAL. .45, M1
- C — CARTRIDGE, DUMMY, CAL. .45, M1921
- D — CARTRIDGE, HIGH PRESSURE TEST, CAL. .45, M1
- E — CARTRIDGE, TRACER, CAL. .45, M1

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Figure 81 — Cartridges, Cal. .45

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REPLY TO
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CESPL-ED-MI (1110-525a)

18 August 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, South Pacific Division, CESP-D-ED-G
ATTN: Vince Del Greco

SUBJECT: DERP-FUDS Inventory Project Report (INPR) for Site No.
J09CA028600

1. Enclosed is the INPR for:

- J09CA028600 CAMP LAMESA

2. We determined that ordnance waste eligible under DERP-FUDS
may exist at this site.

3. I recommend the following:

a. Findings and Determination of Eligibility be approved and
signed.

b. Forward a copy of this report to Commander,
Huntsville Division to determine if further action is appropriate
for the ordnance contamination.

Encl

R. L. Vanantwerp
for R. L. VANANTWERP
COL, EN
Commanding

SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET
FOR
DERP-FUDS SITE NO. J09CA028600
CAMP LAMESA
6 AUGUST 1993

SITE NAME: Camp LaMesa.

LOCATION: The site is located in portions of three California cities, San Diego, El Cajon, and LaMesa. The property surrounds Cowles Mountain in San Diego (southeastern part of Mission Regional Trails Park), Fletcher Hills in El Cajon, San Carlos and the northern portion of Grossmont in LaMesa.

SITE HISTORY: Camp LaMesa was used during World War II as an Army training facility. The 4,517.133-acre site was leased from several private owners for a period of approximately five years. The Army built 156 barracks, a theater, and a sewer system for the 140th Infantry Unit stationed at the camp. In 1944-45, the camp was under U.S. Navy jurisdiction and housed the Naval Retraining Command for an undetermined period of time. Since use by the Navy, the subject site has been heavily developed beneficially for recreational, commercial, residential, educational, and industrial purposes. The site is currently owned by thousands of private owners. No reports of ordnance found at the site were located.

SITE VISIT: A site visit was conducted on June 9, 1993 by Jeffrey Kozel and Tor Benestad of Dynamac Corporation.

CATEGORY OF HAZARD: OEW.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

a) OEW: Recommend the MCX for OEW at Huntsville Division make a determination regarding further investigation at this site.

AVAILABLE STUDIES AND REPORTS: None.

DISTRICT POC: Mr. Jatin Desai, Los Angeles District at (213) 894-6266.

DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES
FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

CAMP LAMESA
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
SITE NO. J09CA028600

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The property was obtained by the Army under authorization dated 10 April 1942 as follows: 4,477.88 acres by lease from 10 separate owners; 38.95 acres by permit from Albert Otto Wallenborn, et al; and 0.303 acres by license from Stuart Haldorn and Enid Haldorn. Total acreage acquired was 4,517.133 acres.
2. The site was used as a training facility during World War II. The Army took control of the water supply and made other improvements in the early 1940's. Over the next five years, the Army built 156 barracks, a theater, and a sewer system for the 140th Infantry Unit stationed at the camp. In 1944-45, the camp was under U.S. Navy jurisdiction and housed the Naval Retraining Command for an undetermined period of time.
3. The property was disposed of as follows: 35.0 lease acres canceled 18 November 1944; 1050.46 lease acres cancelled 24 November 1944; 2257.99 lease acres cancelled 15 March 1945; 38.95 permit acres cancelled 24 November 1944; 0.303 license acre was cancelled 1 January 1945; 706.92 lease acres were transferred to the Department of the Navy on 15 August 1944; and 427.51 lease acres were transferred to the Navy on 30 August 1944. No records are available for disposal from Navy to present users. Since use by the Navy, the subject site has been heavily developed beneficially for recreational, commercial, residential, educational, and industrial purposes. The site is currently owned by thousands of private owners. Total disposal was 4,517.133 acres.

DETERMINATION

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the site has been determined to be formerly used by the Department of Defense. It is therefore eligible for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program - Formerly Used Defense Sites established under 10 USC 2701 et seq.

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MILTON HUNTER
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Commanding

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET
FOR
DERP-FUDS OEW PROJECT NO. J09CA028601
CAMP LAMESA
SITE NO. J09CA028601
6 AUGUST 1993

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Although no ordnance has been found, there is a possibility that ordnance may have been left behind from Army use of the property.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY: The property was formerly owned by DOD (Army).

POLICY CONSIDERATION: It is appropriate to recommend OEW from MCX at Huntsville Division.

PROPOSED PROJECT: Recommend the Corps' Mandatory Center of Expertise (MCX) for OEW at the Huntsville Division make a determination if further action is appropriate.

RAC FORM: Attached.

DISTRICT POC: Request CEHND inform Mr. Jatin Desai at (213) 894-6266 when a determination is made regarding project status.



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Ecological Services
Carlsbad Field Office
2730 Loker Avenue West
Carlsbad, California 92008

Mr. Mike Harper
Defense Ammunition Center
Attn: SIOAC-ESL (L. Dauphin)
3700 Army Depot Road
Savanna, Illinois 61074-9639

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Attn: Mr. Larry Dauphin

Re: Request for Candidate, Proposed, Threatened, or Endangered Species for Camp La Mesa
San Diego County, California (1-6-98-SP-20)

Dear Mr. Harper:

The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the information provided by your letter dated March 25, 1998, in an effort to assess the potential for federally listed threatened or endangered species at the proposed project site. Unfortunately, we do not have site specific information for the project area. In an effort to assist you in evaluating the potential for conflicts between threatened and/or endangered species and the proposed project, we are providing a list of federally listed or proposed species which occur in the general project area. We recommend that you seek assistance from a biologist familiar with your project site and with the listed species in assessing the actual potential for direct, indirect and cumulative impacts likely to result from the proposed activity. Your agency should also contact the California Department of Fish and Game for State listed and sensitive species which may occur in the area of the proposed project. Please note that State listed species are also protected under the provisions of the California Endangered Species Act.

If it is determined that the proposed project may affect a listed species and Federal involvement is necessary, the applicant should request that the federal agency initiate consultation with the Service pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Informal consultation may be used to exchange information and resolve conflicts with respect to listed species prior to a written request for formal consultation.

In addition, the following plant species may occur in the area of the proposed project and are considered to be "rare and endangered" by the California Native Plant Society (CNPS): California adolphia (*Adolphia californica*), San Diego ambrosia (*Ambrosia pumila*), San Diego sagewort (*Artemisia palmeri*), Dean's milk-vetch (*Astragalus deanei*), Orcutt's brodiaea (*Brodiaea orcuttii*), summer holly (*Comarostaphylis diversifolia* ssp. *diversifolia*), long-spined spineflower (*Chorizanthe polygonoides* var. *longispina*), Lakeside lilac (*Ceanothus cyaneus*), variegated dudleya (*Dudleya variegata*), Palmer's grapplinghook (*Harpagonella palmeri*), smooth tarplant

Mr. Mike Harper

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(*Hemizonia pungens* ssp. *laevis*), San Diego barrel cactus (*Ferocactus viridescens*), San Diego goldenstar (*Muilla clevelandii*), and little mouseling (*Myosurus minimus*). Plants found on the CNPS lists 1B and 2 are also considered sensitive from a federal standpoint. State listed and those sensitive species which meet criteria for listing require full consideration under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Service is also concerned about the following species, that may occur in the area of the proposed project, and for which current scientific evidence suggests are declining in numbers: Cooper's hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*), southern California rufous-crowned sparrow (*Aimophila ruficeps canescens*), burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*), cactus wren (*Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*), yellow warbler (*Dendroica petechia brewsteri*), prairie falcon (*Falco mexicanus*), San Diego desert woodrat (*Neotoma lepida intermedia*), orange-throated whiptail (*Cnemidophorus hyperythrus beldingi*), coastal western whiptail (*Cnemidophorus tigris multiscutatus*), and northern red-diamond rattlesnake (*Crotalus ruber ruber*), San Diego horned lizard (*Phrynosoma coronatum blainvillei*). Although these species are afforded no Federal or State protection, conservation measures could help maintain stable population.

Should you have any question regarding the species listed or your responsibilities under the Act, please call Beverlee Mare'chal of my staff at (760) 431-9440.

Sincerely,



Sheryl L. Barrett
Assistant Field Supervisor

Listed Endangered, Threatened
and Proposed Species that May
Occur on Camp La Mesa
San Diego County, California

Common Name <u>Listed Species</u>	Scientific Name	Status
<u>AMPHIBIANS</u>		
arroyo toad	<i>Bufo microscaphus californicus</i>	E
<u>BIRDS</u>		
least Bell's vireo	<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i>	E
Southwestern willow flycatcher	<i>Empidonax trailii extimus</i>	E
coastal California gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila californica californica</i>	T
<u>INVERTEBRATES</u>		
San Diego fairy shrimp	<i>Branchinecta sandigonensis</i>	E
Riverside fairy shrimp	<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>	E
Quino checkerspot butterfly	<i>Euphydryas edithaquino</i>	E
<u>PLANTS</u>		
San Diego button-celery	<i>Eryngium aristulatum var. parishii</i>	E
San Diego mesa mint	<i>Pogogyne abramsii</i>	E
Encinitas baccharis	<i>Baccharis vanessae</i>	T
San Diego thornmint	<i>Acanthomintha ilicifolia</i>	PE
Willow monardella	<i>Monardella linoides ssp. viminea</i>	PE
E: Endangered	PE: Proposed Endangered	
T: Threatened	PT: Proposed Threatened	

May 19, 1998

Director
Defense Ammunition Center
ATTN: SOIAC-ESL (Mr. Dauphin)
3700 Army Depot Road
Savanna IL 61074-9639

Dear Mr. Dauphin,

We have conducted a records search, as per your request, for the Formerly Used Defense Sites project located on the El Cajon and La Mesa USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle maps in San Diego County.

On the El Cajon quadrangle map there are 11 prehistoric sites within 1 mile of your project area. They are made up of possible habitation sites, food processing sites, manufacturing and/or procurement sites.

There are five historic buildings recorded within 1 mile of your project area. While none of these buildings are listed for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, they may become eligible for the National Register or be of local interest.

On the La Mesa quadrangle map there are 52 prehistoric sites within 1 mile of your project area. They are made up of possible habitation sites, food processing sites, manufacturing and/or procurement sites. There is one prehistoric village site located within your project area that may be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

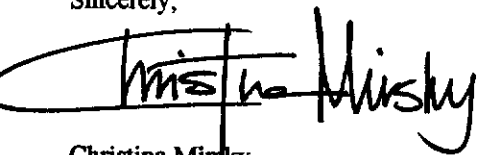
There are seven historic sites recorded within 1 mile of your project area. Five of the seven sites are not eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Of the other two sites, the San Diego Mission Aqueduct, may be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places and the Old Mission Dam is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Mission Dam is also a California Historic Landmark (#52) and is listed on the San Diego Historic Site Board's Historical Landmarks (HSB #2).

The cultural resources present in the above project areas may require significant mitigation if they are to be utilized. Cultural resources are nonrenewable and often easily damaged; their scientific and aesthetic values are significantly impaired by disturbance.

Federal law allows us to release our record search information to only the following qualified individuals: archaeologists, architects, or historians. Because there are cultural resources in your project area we recommend that you contact a qualified archaeologist to review this record search.

Your qualified professional can receive the site maps and the site forms by sending us a letter, at the above address, requesting the information. The qualified professional will also need to include their vitae or resume, and a copy of the Agreement of Confidentiality, which is enclosed. Be sure to give the project name and who requested the search in the letter. Please let us know when we can be of further service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christina Mirsky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "C" that loops around the first part of the name.

Christina Mirsky
Assistant Coordinator
South Coastal Information Center
San Diego State University

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HEAD QUARTERS 110TH INFANTRY
Camp Swift, Texas

201.35

1 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Regimental History.

TO : The Commanding General,
5th Hq & Hq Det, Sp Troops, Fourth Army,
Camp Swift, Texas.

Forwarded herewith is Regimental History of 110th Infantry.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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JOHN P. WITMER
CWO USA
Assistant Adjutant

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Regt'l History
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EARLY TRAINING

In January 1941 the Regiment moved to Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas for its early training, with the 35th Division. Col. Dudley was detailed to school at Ft. Benning, Georgia and Lt. Col. Fred H. Stoll, Regimental Executive Officer, assigned from 134th Infantry, assumed command while the Regiment completed the Initial, Combined and Unit Training Phases of the 35th Division program. All status of training tests conducted by Headquarters, Second Army during May and June 1941 were completed.

MANEUVERS

The Regiment then proceeded to the 1941 Louisiana Maneuvers where Col. Dudley rejoined the organization and again took over command. All phases of Corps, Army and G.H.Q. Maneuvers were completed and late in October 1941 the Regiment returned with the 35th Division to Camp Robinson for the Post Maneuver Training Program. Due to furloughs and leaves the 140th completed very little of this training phase. The Regiment staged an honorary parade for the former Commanding General 35th Division, Major General Ralph E. Truman in Springfield, Missouri, 11 November 1941.

B. Western Defense Command:

On 13 December 1941, the 35th Division was alerted and on or about 13 December 1941 a hurried rail movement was made to Fort Ord California where the Division was assigned to Western Defense Command.

NORTHERN
CALIFORNIA SECTOR

The 140th Regiment, with Headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco was assigned the primary mission of protecting certain vital installations including bridges, tunnels, air fields, oil refineries and industrial facilities throughout the Northern California Sector of the Western Defense Command, extending over a territory of 500 miles distance - Doris to Guadalupe California. Many security detachments were constantly maintained by the 140th at these vital installations. Due to hospitalization, Col. Dudley was succeeded by Lt. Col. F. H. Stoll, who was later succeeded by Colonel Oliver E. Trechter as commanding officer.

Late in March 1942 the Regiment was summoned to assemble with the rest of the 35th Division at Camp San Luis Obispo, California. Here, training was largely confined to Marksmanship Training and on or about 18 April 1942 the Division again received movement orders to the Southern California Sector, Western Defense Command.

SAN DIEGO
SUB-SECTOR

Here, the 140th was assigned the primary responsibility for the Coast Defense of the San Diego Area, later designated as the San Diego Sub-Sector. This area covered approximately 9,000 square miles, 100 miles of which was coast line and 80 miles along the Mexican-United States border.

During the early part of January 1943 the 35th Division,

(less the 140th Infantry) and certain other organizations, was relieved from the Southern California Sector and moved to Camp Rucker, Alabama. The 140th continued its assignment in the San Diego Sub-Sector with Headquarters at San Diego.

MISSION

The 140th Infantry's mission included all phases of defense planning involving ground forces to be employed under the Joint Army-Navy Opposed Invasion and Non-Invasion Plans.

DEFENSE WARNING SYSTEM

To assure a highly efficient warning and reporting system, a network of Army operated Observation Posts were installed under the supervision of the 140th S-2 Section. A high degree of coordination was established between other military and civilian agencies including the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Corps, Civilian Defense and various Police, Border Patrol and Forestry Service Agencies.

This cooperative plan brought a high state of efficiency to the system of collecting, reporting and disseminating vital information necessary to the successful accomplishment of the security mission. Its general effectiveness was tested constantly by means of practice alerts, mock commando raids and other combined force exercises where the Regimental Commander of the 140th and his staff employed the combined detachments from various military as well as civilian agencies.

The O.P.'s permitted daylight observation of the entire coast line assigned to the 140th. During darkness, 43 foot patrols operated from Seal Beach California to the U.S.-Mexican border and back along the border to U.S. Highway No. 101. Four radio equipped motor patrols were in constant contact with all 140th S-2 sections. In addition, direct lines were installed to the San Diego Fighter Wing Information Center, Police Station, Sheriff's office, Navy Control and all neighboring Army Installations with liason personnel from the 140th assigned to the Information Center and, during alerts, to the various Civilian Defense Control Centers.

Accurate maps of the coast line, highlighting probable landing areas, activity of O.P.'s and exact location of Beach and Radio Patrols were kept in the office of the Regimental S-2 at all times.

S-2 alert warnings were disseminated to all Posts, Camps and Installations in the San Diego Sub-Sector and later through coordination with OCD officials, to all civilian war manufacturing concerns in the sector. Media used were teletype, radio and telephones. Warnings were transmitted to all military agencies within 5 or 6 minutes; to all agencies within 15 minutes.

In addition to this alert system, regular air-raid alert warnings were operated by the OGD and the Fighter Wing.

The efficiency of this communication and reporting system was demonstrated many times when O.P.'s reported forced landings or plane crashes on land or in the ocean in time to effect rescue of personnel by plane or boat. It proved a decided asset during the dry season when forest and brush fires were prevalent. During a severe stage more than twenty fires were burning in the sector at the same time and more than 6,000 troops were immediately mobilized into fire fighter units.

This defense warning system taxed the resources of the Motor and Communication as well as the S-2 Sections. In addition to the elaborate radio, wire and teletype net operated by the 140th, Message Centers vehicle scheduled runs averaging 600 miles each day. Radio Patrols covered an average of 15,000 miles a month. The usual monthly total mileage of all Regimental vehicles ran to 500,000 miles.

SUPERVISION OF
OTHER MILITARY
UNITS

In addition to the internal security command mission, the 140th Regimental Headquarters and Staff Section, without additional personnel in assistance, organized and operated the San Diego Sub-Sector Headquarters, for the tactical employment training and supervision of the following organizations in addition to its own units: 130th Field Artillery Battalion; 18th Ordnance Company (MM); Company "A", 524th Military Police Battalion; 773rd Military Police Battalion Z/I; 675th Medical Collecting Company; Detachment 583rd Ordnance Company (Amm); 3459th Ordnance Company (Auto Maint); Company "D", 26th QM Regiment (truck); Company "E", 110th Engineer Battalion.

LOCATIONS OF
140TH UNITS

Units of the 140th were located at the following stations during this tour of duty:

Regimental Headquarters - 2030 Sunset Blvd., San Diego.
Headquarters and Service Elements - in San Diego (Balboa Park)

*Two Battalions - deployed in tactical dispositions each on a beach frontage of approximately fifty miles (Vista and Orange)

One Battalion plus Antitank and Cannon Companies - (in La Mesa) hold as the Sub-Sector Reserve Force.

* All battalions were rotated through various tactical assignments every 6 to 8 weeks. Companies and Platoons of Battalions employed on the beach normally operated at great distances as separate detachments where they were required to maintain out posts, observation posts, foot and motorized patrols and to maintain a mobile reserve and counter-attack plan. Beach companies and/or detachments were located at Rancho Santa Fe; Huntington Beach, and Camp Weber, (named in honor of Captain Edmund H. Weber, deceased), Otay, California.

TRAINING AND
MAINTENANCE
DATA

The Sub-Sector Reserve Force was located in an excellent training area. Training consisted principally of the following:

Physical hardening (Regimental average score AGF Physical Fitness Test - 90%)

Familiarization firing (95% of the Regiment fired all weapons within the Regiment except mortar, 57-mm and 105-mm)

Individual Marksmanship (95% of the Regiment qualified with the individual weapon)

Individual Combat Reaction Course (Estimated 90% of Regiment completed this training)

Infiltration Course (100% of Regiment completed the overhead fire course in daytime with smoke; 35% of Regiment completed overhead fire course at night)

All personnel completed the Chlorine Gas Chamber Test.

Squad Combat Exercises (all letter company squads completed several combat exercises using ball ammunition)

Platoon Combat Exercises (all letter company platoons completed several combat exercises using ball ammunition)

Reinforced Company Combat Exercises (all letter companies with supporting weapons attached, and in indirect support completed several combat exercises using ball ammunition)

All squad and platoons of the Antitank Company completed combat firing exercises with live ammunition (37-mm and 57-mm)

The Antitank Mine Platoon layed, surveyed, reported and removed several small mine fields, and completed considerable work with explosives.

Personnel of the Antitank Company organized a Provisional Light Tank Company, maintained and operated without outside assistance eighteen (18) M4A1 Tanks for over ten (10) months. Many of these tank crews became qualified tank operators and were qualified with all tank weapons.

All Cannon Company Platoons (105-mm) completed several combat firing exercises with live ammunition.

The Ammunition and Pioneer Platoons of Battalions were considered well trained in the use of explosives.

Due to the nature of the mission and area assigned, the Maintenance Sections and Vehicle Operators of this Regiment were considered well trained technically. For many months the total average Regimental mileage was over 500,000 miles per month, without a single vehicle on dead line. Just prior to relief from the Western Defense Command the Regiment received a commendation for the excellent condition of the motor vehicles.

Supply sections were considered well trained, until just prior to relief from Western Defense Command the shortages of T/E Equipment within the Regiment was limited to a few items of controlled equipment. All echelons of supply, to include the separate platoons, had a great deal of practical experience. Battalion Sections operated with their respective Battalions for a period of over two (2) years.

All Battalions completed numerous field exercises involving long marches (average marching time 17 hours, 50 miles) both day and night. All personnel participated in:

- (1) Exercises involving defense of beaches against amphibious landing forces (actual against the 3rd Infantry Division and the Fleet Marine Force)
- (2) Reinforced Battalion Exercises with Horse Cavalry Platoons, Troops, Squadrons and Regiments; night problems (10th Cavalry, Camp Lockett, California)
- (3) Reinforced Battalion Exercises supported by Artillery and Tanks.
- (4) Field exercises in which Air Corps, Horse Cavalry, Tanks and elements of the U.S. Marine Corps were involved. One Battalion participated in an overnight exercise involving the defense of an airport against paratroops actual landing (USMC Paratroop Battalion)

In addition to officers and non-commissioned officers school conducted twice weekly, 203 officers and 340 enlisted men attended various Army Training and Service Schools throughout the country.

SOLDIERS MEDALS

The Soldier's Medals were awarded to two men of the 140th on 2 June 1943: Pfc Cassius E. Kidd, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, and Pvt Rudolph Tobiason, Company "B", for "heroism displayed in rescuing a man from drowning or death.... in the Pacific Ocean at Coronado, California on 6 May 1943."

COMENDATIONS

The 140th received many unit commendations for performance of duty, maintenance of equipment and high standards of Military discipline during the tour of duty on the West Coast. One of the most prized tributes came from Major General Courtland Parker, Commanding General, Southern California Sector, Western Defense Command, upon this organizations relief from his command:

"I consider the 140th Infantry ready for combat and feel certain when the time comes to test its worth and mettle against our enemies, it will join the honor roll of our nations distinguished fighting regiments.

"It is an excellent Regiment and while under my command performed its tasks in a most efficient manner. Its accomplishments were outstanding; including housekeeping, general appearance of areas, general conduct, discipline and military bearing of its personnel, as well as its preparation and training for combat. I desire to particularly mention the excellent quality and high standard of its first and second echelon motor maintenances and the excellent condition in which its transportation was maintained.

"Know that I have full confidence in its ability to successfully meet all demands upon it.

"I extend my personal wish for its continued success and the best of luck in whatever the future may hold for the 140th Infantry."

C. Retraining Mission at Camp Howze, Texas:

Effective 2200, 27 January 1944, all elements of the 140th Infantry were relieved from the San Diego Sub-Sector by the 115th Cavalry Group. The Regiment, with minimum essential equipment, departed in seven trains for Camp Howze, Texas arriving on 2 February 1944. On 5 February 1944 it was assigned to the Fourth Army and attached to the 23rd Corps.

On 10 February, the Regiment was relieved from assignment to the Fourth Army and was assigned to the 23rd Corps until relieved, at which time it was assigned to the 36th Corps. On 13 November 1944 it was attached for training to the Infantry Advanced Replacement Training Center at Camp Howze and assigned to the Replacement and School Command.

CHANGES IN KEY
PERSONNEL

This tour of duty entailed many changes in key personnel who had faithfully served the Regiment. On 16 February 1944 Col. Trechter was assigned to another command, later becoming Chief of Staff

SECTION IV: ORGANIZATION OF THE SECTOR

1. The Sector was organized as a Corps headquarters with general and special staff sections. Liaison was established with the Navy through the Joint Operations Center in San Diego and with the Air Force through the Information Centers of the 4th Interceptor Command in Los Angeles and San Diego.

The following is a list of Sector Commanders, Assistant Sector Commanders, and Chiefs of Staff:

SECTOR COMMANDERS:

DATES

Maj Gen Joseph W. Stilwell	(III Army Corps)	8 Dec 41 - 21 Dec 41
Maj Gen Walter K. Wilson		22 Dec 41 - 15 Apr 42
Brig Gen Rapp Brush	(40th Inf Div)	16 Apr 42 - 20 Apr 42
Maj Gen William H. Simpson	(35th Inf Div)	21 Apr 42 - 27 Apr 42
Brig Gen C. P. George	(35th Inf Div)	28 Apr 42 - 29 Apr 42
Maj Gen Maxwell Murray	(35th Inf Div)	30 Apr 42 - 23 Jun 43
Brig Gen Raymond E. McQuillin		24 Jun 43 - 24 Jun 43
Brig Gen Forrest E. Williford		25 Jun 43 - 26 Jun 43
Brig Gen Raymond E. McQuillin		27 Jun 43 - 14 Jul 43
Maj Gen Cortlandt Parker		15 Jul 43 - 16 Jan 45
Col William W. Hicks	(HD of Los Angeles)	17 Jan 45 - 18 Jan 45
Maj Gen Cortlandt Parker		19 Jan 45 - 2 Sep 45

ASSISTANT SECTOR COMMANDERS:

Col Thomas B. Burgess	(Actg) (35th Inf Div)	18 Jan 43 - 23 Jun 43
Brig Gen Raymond E. McQuillin		15 Jul 43 - 3 Sep 44
Brig Gen Harold F. Nichols		16 Feb 45 - 1 Jul 45

CHIEFS OF STAFF:

Col Thomas G. Hearn	(III Army Corps)	8 Dec 41 - 17 Feb 42
Lt Col Frank Royse	(III Army Corps)	18 Feb 42 - 29 Apr 42
Col Thomas B. Burgess	(35th Inf Div)	30 Apr 42 - 17 Jan 43
Col Frank Royse		18 Jan 43 - 14 Sep 43
Col Wilkie C. Burt		15 Sep 43 - 2 Sep 45

2. Sector boundaries (See ANNEX A, APPENDIX I).
3. Tactical organization of the Sector.

Immediately upon activation of the Southern California Sector, the Sector mobile forces were tactically organized for the primary purpose of meeting and defeating enemy forces landing from the air or from the sea.

To facilitate tactical control, subsectors were designated and troops disposed therein by Field Order No. 1, Hq III Army Corps, 8 Dec 1941. The initial subsectors were:

- 1)) San Pedro Subsector
- 2)) San Diego Subsector
- 3)) El Centro Subsector

On 19 Dec 1941, the Southern Land Frontier Sector was activated as an independent organization. On 1 July 1942, the El Centro Subsector was detached from Southern California Sector and assigned to Southern Land Frontier Sector. On 14 Oct 1943, the subsectors were redesignated by Field Order 125, Hq Southern California Sector as:

- 1)) The Los Angeles Subsector
- 2)) The San Diego Subsector

On 10 Sep 1943, the Southern Land Frontier Sector was absorbed by the Southern California Sector.

On 15 Sep 1943, there were 3 subsectors established:

- 1)) The Los Angeles Subsector
- 2)) The San Diego Subsector
- 3)) The Arizona Subsector

On 16 Dec 1943, the 3 subsectors were reorganized and redesignated as:

- 1)) The Los Angeles Subsector
- 2)) The San Diego Subsector

Field Order No. 142 redesignated these two subsectors as:

- 1)) The Los Angeles Defense Area
- 2)) The San Diego Defense Area

The two defense areas were further subdivided by Field Order No. 142 into the Harbor Defense Area of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Metropolitan Defense Area for the Los Angeles Area and the Harbor Defense Area of San Diego. In the metropolitan areas of both Los Angeles and San Diego, installations vital to the war effort were selected for particular defense and grouped in order of importance to the prosecution of the war. These vital installations or groups of installations were designated as Critical Areas.

The advent of Japanese Free Balloons made necessary the organization of a special defense system against the threat of enemy balloon-borne or parachute-borne personnel. Field Order No. 143, Hq Southern

California Sector, 20 Apr 1945, set up a defense system based upon the division of the Sector, outside of the metropolitan areas of Los Angeles and San Diego, into defense zones and assigning responsibility for defense of the zone against enemy forces landed from the air to small mobile striking forces provided by Army and Navy elements within the sector cooperating by agreement.

A most important feature of the Sector defense system has been the procurement, by assignment or agreement, of reserves; the selection of assembly areas for their strategic location in emergency; and their planned employment. The necessity for strong mobile reserves strategically located for rapid counterattack against enemy landings from the sea has constantly been recognized and planned for. Reserves of AGF divisions in training assigned to Sector for emergency employment were augmented through agreement by emergency reserves from other Army forces within the Sector and from Naval, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard elements.

The Channel Islands form a natural chain of outposts covering the coast and were utilized as sites for radar stations. The Sector furnished guard personnel for the installations of the Air Corps in the form of 75mm gun crews and guard details.

4. Troops and other defense agencies in the Sector.

a. Army Forces.

(1) The following units were part of this command during periods indicated:

<u>UNIT DESIGNATION</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>
ARMY CORPS			
Hq & Hq Co, III Army Corps	Monterey San Bernardino Pasadena	Dec 41	Apr 42
Hq SCS, WDC	San Bernardino Pasadena Fort MacArthur	Dec 41	Sep 45
ARMORED FORCES			
757th Tank Bn (1) (- Co C & Det)	Indio	Dec 41	Apr 42
635th Tank Destroyer Bn	Pasadena	Apr 42	May 42
640th Tank Destroyer Bn	Los Angeles	Dec 41	Apr 42
804th Tank Destroyer Bn	La Mesa	Dec 41	May 42
807th Tank Destroyer Bn	Camp Cooke	Mar 42	May 42
826th Tank Destroyer Bn	March Field	Dec 41	May 42

<u>UNIT DESIGNATION</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>Date of Arrival</u>	<u>Date of Departure</u>
ARMY BANDS			
70th AGF Band	Fort MacArthur	May 44	Nov 44
78th AGF Band	Fort Rosecrans	May 44	Nov 44
252d AGF Band	San Fernando	Mar 44	Apr 44
254th AGF Band	San Diego	Mar 44	Apr 44
CAVALRY			
11th Cav Regt	Camp Lockett	Feb 42	Jul 42
115th Cav Gp, Hq & Hq Gp	Wilmington	Jan 44	Jul 44
104th Cav Rcn Sq (Mech)	Inglewood	Jan 44	Jul 44
115th Cav Rcn Sq (Mech)	La Mesa	Jan 44	Jul 44
126th Cav Rcn Sq (Mech)	Long Beach	Jan 44	Jul 44
Trp E, 115th Cav Regt (HM)	San Bernardino	Dec 41	Mar 42
140th Cav Rcn Trp (Mech)	Inglewood	Jun 44	Jul 45
141st Cav Rcn Trp (Mech)	Long Beach	Jun 44	to date
CHEMICAL WARFARE			
3d Cal Maint Co	Camp Haan	Dec 41	Apr 42
15th Cal Maint Co (- 1 Plat)	Camp Haan	Mar 42	May 42
3d Plat, 63d Cal Dep Co	San Bernardino	Mar 42	Jul 42
67th Cal Smoke Generator Co	Camp Haan	Jun 42	Sep 42
68th Cal Smoke Generator Co	Camp Haan	Jun 42	Sep 42
69th Cal Smoke Generator Co	Burbank	Jun 42	Oct 42
73d Cal Smoke Generator Co	Burbank	Oct 42	Dec 42
74th Cal Smoke Generator Co	Burbank	Oct 42	Dec 42
75th Cal Smoke Generator Co	Inglewood	Jun 42	Dec 42
76th Cal Smoke Generator Co	Long Beach	Jun 42	Dec 42
77th Cal Smoke Generator Co	Ft Rosecrans	Jun 42	Dec 42
COAST ARTILLERY			
Hq & Hq Btry, HDIA	Fort MacArthur	Dec 41	to date
Hq & Hq Btry HDSD	Fort Rosecrans	Dec 41	to date
3d CA Regt (HD) - Redesignated			
3d, 521st, 522d CA Bns, Oct 44	Fort MacArthur	Dec 41	to date
19th CA Regt (HD) - Redesignated			
19th & 523d CA Bns, Oct 44	Fort Rosecrans	Dec 41	to date
33d CA Brigade (AA)	San Diego	Dec 41	May 42
37th CA Brigade (AA)	Los Angeles	Dec 41	May 42
Hq & Hq Btry, 42d CA Brig	Camp Haan	Apr 42	May 42
Btry G, 49th CA Regt	Fort MacArthur	Jun 42	Apr 44
Btry E, 52d CA Regt (Ry) (- 2 Secs)			
Redesignated Btry A, 285th CA Bn (Ry)	Manhattan Beach	Mar 42	Jan 44

<u>UNIT DESIGNATION</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>Date of Arrival</u>	<u>Date of Departure</u>
COAST ARTILLERY (Contd)			
3d Bn (- Btry D, E, F, G)	Ventura	Oct 42	Jan 44
56th CA Regt	Barstow	Feb 42	May 42
93d CA Regt (AA)	Fort Rosecrans	Jun 42	Nov 42
262d CA Sep Bn	Fort MacArthur	Mar 42	Apr 42
2d Bn, 265th CA Bn (HD)	San Diego	Mar 43	Jun 43
281st CA Sep Bn (HD)	Camp Haan	Feb 42	Apr 42
351st CA Bn (AA) (SL)	Camp Haan	Mar 42	May 42
352d CA Bn (SL)	Camp Haan	Apr 42	May 42
401st CA Sep Bn (AA)	Camp Haan	Apr 42	May 42
501st CA Regt (AA)	Camp Haan	Apr 42	May 42
732d CA Btry (AA)	Fort MacArthur	Jun 42	Feb 44
ENGINEER			
19th Engr Regt	Pasadena	Dec 41	May 42
Co A, 29th Engr Top Bn	Rialto	Dec 41	Mar 42
Co A, 29th Engr Top Bn	Pomona	Nov 42	Jan 43
1st Bn (-A), 50th Engr Regt	Ojai	Jan 43	Feb 43
67th Engr Top Co	Pasadena	Feb 42	May 42
4th Plat, Co D, 84th Engr Bn (Com)	Pasadena	Dec 41	Sep 42
110th Engr Combat Bn (-A)	Pasadena	Jan 43	May 43
3d Plat, 391st Engr Dep Sup Co	New Hall	Dec 41	Mar 42
3d Plat, 468th Engr Shop Co (Mobile)	Inglewood	May 42	Jul 42
4th Plat, 638th Engr Com Co	Pasadena	Sep 42	Dec 42
FIELD ARTILLERY			
14th FA Brigade	Monrovia	Jan 42	May 42
14th FA Obsn Bn	Arcadia	Dec 41	May 42
30th FA Regt (155mm)	Orange	Dec 41	May 42
40th FA Regt (155mm)	San Fernando	Dec 41	May 42
75th FA Bn	Camp Seeley	Feb 42	Jun 42
130th FA Bn	Escondido	Jan 43	Sep 43
2d Bn, 144th FA Regt (155mm)	San Bernardino	Mar 42	Oct 42
170th FA Bn	Ojai	Jan 43	Sep 43
219th FA Bn	El Cajon	Jan 43	Feb 43
INFANTRY			
35th Infantry Division	Pasadena	Apr 42	Jan 43
40th Infantry Division	Los Angeles	Dec 41	Apr 42
140th Infantry Regiment	San Diego	Jan 43	Feb 44
174th Infantry Regiment	San Fernando	Jan 43	Jan 44

<u>UNIT DESIGNATION</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>Date of Arrival</u>	<u>Date of Departure</u>
MEDICAL			
2d Bn 1st Med Regt	San Diego	Mar 42	Jan 43
5th Plat, 1st Ve Co (- 1 Sec)	Camp Lockett	Dec 41	May 42
57th Med Bn	San Bernardino	Dec 41	May 42
73d Evac Hospital	Sawtelle	Apr 42	Nov 42
Co C, 110th Med Bn	La Mesa	Jan 43	Feb 43
Co C, 119th Med Bn	Sawtelle	Jan 43	Feb 43
166th Station Hospital	Camp Callan	Feb 42	May 42
675th Med Coll Co	La Mesa	Feb 43	Mar 44
676th Med Coll Co	Sawtelle	Feb 43	Mar 44

MILITARY POLICE

203d MP Co	San Bernardino	Dec 41	May 42
314th MP Escort Guard Co	Los Angeles	Mar 42	Dec 42
321st MP Escort Guard Co	Pomona	May 42	Sep 42
524th MP Bn (- B & C)	Los Angeles	Feb 42	Nov 43
733d MP Bn (ZI)	Burbank	May 43	Nov 43
747th MP Bn (ZI)	Mines Field	Apr 42	Nov 43
770th MP Bn (ZI)	San Diego	Oct 42	Jun 43
773d MP Bn (ZI)	San Diego	Nov 42	Nov 43
775th MP Bn (ZI)	Burbank	Oct 42	May 43
777th MP Bn (ZI)	Long Beach	Nov 42	Nov 43

ORDNANCE

3d Ord Maint Bn	San Bernardino	Dec 41	May 42
12th Ord Maint Bn	Camp Haan	Mar 42	Sep 42
7th Ord MM Co	Glendale	Dec 41	Feb 44
13th Ord MM Co	Torrance	Jan 42	Feb 44
18th Ord MM Co	Camp Callan	Dec 41	Feb 44
52d Ord Amm Co	Corona	Dec 41	Sep 42
62d Ord Amm Bn	Camp Haan	Dec 41	May 42
78th Ord Dep Co	Camp Haan	Dec 41	May 42
80th Ord MM Bn (- 2 Cos)	Compton	Sep 42	Mar 44
115th Ord MM Co	Lakeside	Feb 42	Mar 42
1st Plat, 231st Ord Bd Co	Camp Haan	Jun 42	Jul 42
4th Plat, 231st Ord Bd Co	Camp Haan	Jun 42	Jul 42
Co N (Dep), 4th Bn, 305th Ord Base Regt - Redesignated 984th Ord Dep Co	Vernon	Oct 42	Feb 44
Co S (Amm), 4th Bn, 305th Ord Base Regt - Redesignated 575th Ord Amm Co	Corona	Oct 42	Feb 44

<u>UNIT DESIGNATION</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>Date of Arrival</u>	<u>Date of Departure</u>
ORDNANCE (Contd)			
583d Ord Amn Co	El Cajon	Sep 42	Feb 44
3457th Ord (MM) Co (Q)	El Cajon	Nov 42	Feb 44
3459th Ord (MM) Co (Q)	El Cajon	Nov 42	Feb 44
3460th Ord (MM) Co (Q)	Compton	Nov 42	Feb 44
QUARTERMASTER			
2d Plat, 22 QM Car Co	Pasadena	Dec 41	Mar 42
4th Plat, 23d QM Car Co	Pasadena	May 42	Jan 44
Co G, 23d QM Truck Regt	Camp Cooke	Mar 42	May 42
Co D, 26th QM Trk Regt (Cld) - Redesignated 3384th QM Trk Co	Sawtelle	May 42	Feb 44
Co E, 26th QM Trk Regt (Cld)	El Cajon	Feb 42	Mar 42
1st Bn, 27th QM Trk Regt (- C & D)	Camp Haan	Apr 42	May 42
2d Plat, 28th QM Car Co	Pasadena	Mar 42	May 42
1st Bn, 47th QM Trk Regt (Cld)	Colton	Dec 41	May 42
Co H, 47th QM Trk Regt (Cld)	Camp Haan	Dec 41	Mar 42
Co M, 49th QM Trk Regt	Camp Haan	Jul 43	Aug 43
Co G, 53d QM Regt (HM)	Pomona	Dec 41	May 42
3d Bn, 55th QM Regt (HM) (- L & M)	Pomona	Dec 41	Apr 42
Co C, 56th QM Regt (HM)	Pomona	Dec 41	Mar 42
Co G, 58th QM Regt (HM)	Pomona	Dec 41	May 42
Co H, 58th QM Regt (HM)	Camp Cooke	Apr 42	May 42
Co I, 58th QM Regt (HM)	Camp Cooke	Mar 42	May 42
69th QM Bn (LM)	Camp Haan	Dec 41	May 42
80th QM Bn (LM) (- A & B) - Redesignated 80th Ord MM Bn	Pasadena	May 42	Sep 42
Co A, 83d QM Bn (LM)	Camp Roberts	Dec 41	Mar 42
Co B, 83d QM Bn (LM)	Cucamonga	Dec 41	Mar 42
Co D, 86th QM Bn (LM)	Inglewood	Dec 41	Mar 42
87th QM Rhd Co	Lynwood	May 42	Nov 42
92d QM Rhd Co	Lynwood	Feb 42	Mar 42
93d QM Rhd Co	Santee	Feb 42	May 42
Co C, 97th QM Ekry Bn	Compton	Dec 41	May 42
139th QM Trk Co	Santee	Mar 42	May 42
184th QM Dep Sup Co	Van Nuys	Mar 42	May 42
204th QM Gas Sup Bn (- C & D)	Compton	Jun 42	Sep 42
Co A, 204th QM Gas Sup Bn	Compton	Dec 41	Jun 42
Co A, 204th QM Gas Sup Bn	Santee	Sep 42	Mar 43

<u>UNIT DESIGNATION</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>Date of Arrival</u>	<u>Date of Departure</u>
QUARTERMASTER (Contd)			
Co C, 204th QM Gas Sup Bn	Compton	Mar 42	May 42
Co D, 206th QM Gas Sup Bn	Compton	Feb 43	Jan 44
Co B, 242d QM Serv Bn	Camp Haan	May 42	Sep 42
246th QM Serv Bn (- B, C, & D)	Camp Cooke	Mar 42	May 42
Co A, 265th QM Serv Bn	Camp Cooke	Feb 43	Mar 43
Co C, 265th QM Serv Bn - Redesignated 3229th QM Serv Co	Compton	Sep 42	Feb 44
Co A, 305th QM Ster & Bath Bn	Santa Monica	Apr 42	May 42
110th QM Bn	Van Nuys	Apr 42	Dec 42
Co C, 80th QM Bn	Inglewood	May 42	Jul 42
Co D, 80th QM Bn	El Cajon	May 42	Sep 42
Det Co A, 204th QM Bn	Santee	May 42	Feb 42
2d Plat, Co B, 242d QM Bn	Pasadena	Jun 42	Sep 42
1st & 2d Plat, Co A, 99th QM Bn (Blkry)	Pasadena	Jan 43	Apr 43

REPLACEMENTS

1st Bn, 1st Regt Dep (-A)	Camp Haan	Jan 42	May 42
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SIGNAL

54th Sig Bn	San Bernardino	Dec 41	May 42
1 Plat, 102d Sig RI Co	San Bernardino	Dec 41	Apr 42
Det 176th Sig Repair Co	Fort Ord	Dec 41	Mar 42
Det 202d Sig Dep Co	Camp Haan	Dec 41	Mar 42
247th Sig Opn Co	Fort MacArthur	Jan 43	to date

MISCELLANEOUS

96th MRU	Pasadena	Feb 43	Feb 44
SCU 1937 (Hq PW Cage)	Los Angeles	Sep 42	Dec 42

- (2) The following organizations were, at sometime during the existence of the Sector, assigned or made available through agreement as Sector reserves:

4th Armored Div	4th Cav Brig
6th Armored Div	8th Mtz Div
7th Armored Div	6th Mtz Div
9th Armored Div	Prov Inf Bn, LAPE
11th Armored Div	739th MP Bn.
	1 Prov Bn, Mtz, OTC
92d Inf Div	2 Prov Bns, Mtz, AAATC
97th Inf Div	Det, 360 men, SCU 1909
86th Inf Div	
93d Inf Div	
95th Inf Div	
81st Inf Div	
85th Inf Div	
33d Inf Div	
77th Inf Div	

- (3) Army Air Forces within the Sector composed principally of elements of the Fourth Air Force, Fourth Antiaircraft Command, Western Flying Training Command, Technical Training Command, and Second Air Force, 6th Ferrying Group of Air Transport Command, by agreement provided, in addition to the execution of their primary mission, material assistance in ground defense as follows:

- 1)) Each element provided initial defense of its installation.
- 2)) Elements of the Technical Training Command furnished troops as part of the critical area composite forces defending the installations at which they were located.
- 3)) Elements of the 4th Air Force and the WFTC furnished small mobile striking forces at many of their installations as important components of the defense system established to counter any enemy troop landings from the air in connection with the Japanese free balloon raids.
- 4)) Elements of the 4th AAA Command, by agreement were prepared to provide the following assistance if not required to engage in their primary mission operations of antiaircraft defense:
 - a)) Furnish artillery support to the Harbor Defenses in beach defense.

- (b) Phoenix.
- (c) Tucson.
- (d) El Centro.

4. Class V supply points were established in the vicinity of:

- a. San Pedro Sub-Sector.
 - (1) Raymer, California.
 - (2) Norwalk, California.
- b. San Diego Sub-Sector.
 - (1) La Mesa, California
- c. El Centro Sub-Sector
 - (1) Grove, California.
- d. Arizona Sub-Sector.
 - (1) Dome, Arizona.
 - (2) Ajo, Arizona.
 - (3) Fairbanks, Arizona.

5. Medical supplies were made available at locations listed below:

- a. San Pedro Sub-Sector - Monrovia.
- b. San Diego Sub-Sector - National City.
- c. El Centro Sub-Sector - El Centro.
- d. Arizona Sub-Sector - Tucson.

6. Engineer supply.

- a. Class IV supply.
 - (1) At the outbreak of hostilities the Engineer supply program of the Southern California Sector was established by means of utilizing the 391st Depot Company which was located at Pasadena, California. One platoon of this organization was dispatched to Fort Rosecrans to issue supplies to troops in the San Diego Sub-Sector. All procurement and issue of Class IV supplies was handled by the Depot Company less two platoons from 7 December 1941 to the early part of February 1942. The 391st Depot Company left this sector during the month of February 1942 at this time the procurement of supplies was transferred to the Engineer Section of Headquarters

U. S. NAVAL RETRAINING COMMAND, CAMP LA MESA
San Diego
(Number 33 on map)

Date Established: 1944
No. of acres: 1,134.43
Acquired from Army

The function of the U. S. Naval Retraining Command, Camp La Mesa, is to provide industrial and military training to selected military prisoners while they complete the remainder of their sentence in preparation for their return to regular duty.

Facilities at Camp La Mesa were initially constructed for use as a CCC Camp and later enlarged for use by the United States Army. On 22 July 1944, Camp La Mesa was declared surplus by the Army Division Engineer, Pacific Division, San Francisco and was acquired by the Navy. The area of the leased land is 1,134.43 acres. Cost of the aggregate leases is \$1,626 per annum. No water area is included in the camp site.

The facilities available at the camp site when occupied by the Navy were composed of 87 miscellaneous buildings, 110 volt electrical service, 8" and 12" water mains, and a sewage treatment plant. Included in the

U. S. NAVAL RETRAINING COMMAND, CAMP LA MESA
San Diego
(Continued)

87 buildings are a 500-man theater, a small chapel, a 250-man galley, barracks buildings of operations type, shop buildings for motor repair, lubrication racks, automobile sheds, rifle range, and miscellaneous facilities. The Army used field kitchens for majority of personnel, and adequate galleys and equipment must be provided to serve 2,000 men, the proposed complement of the station. The buildings are Army theater-of-operations type of construction of the most temporary nature and were originally intended to meet only the immediate needs of the Army for training personnel. The camp has served its original purpose and at the time the Navy acquired the transfer of the leases involved, it was not being occupied by any activity. In order that the camp be suitable for occupancy as a complete Naval Unit, certain definite improvements are essential.

For adequate security measures, the Commanding Officer has requested that six lookout towers be provided along the exterior boundary fence of the prison compound area.

U. S. NAVAL RETRAINING COMMAND, CAMP LA MESA
San Diego
(Continued)

All of the buildings located in the prison compound to the west of Garfield Street are typical Army theater-of-operations type of temporary construction. These buildings have a single 7/8-inch board floor, which is in very poor condition and not capable of supporting the load which will be imposed upon it by the utilization of double-deck bunks. It is contemplated to cover the existing flooring with a 1" x 4" tongue-and-groove wood floor laid diagonally. It will also be necessary to reinforce the framing supporting these floors.

The existing sewage treatment plant consists of an Imhoff tank, a filtering basin, and a final settling tank. The plant in its present condition is not functioning properly, and in order to provide sewage treatment for 2,000 men, it will be necessary to recondition the plant throughout.

Adequate fire protection in the ship's company area is to be provided, as well as cold water lines, to the various new proposed facilities.

U. S. NAVAL RETRAINING COMMAND, CAMP LA MESA
San Diego
(Continued)

A paved road connects Camp La Mesa with San Diego, 12 miles distant, and La Mesa, 4 miles, where the nearest railhead is located. Within the leased area of the site there are four miles of asphalt concrete road, seven-tenths mile of concrete road, and two miles of common dirt secondary roads. All supplies are brought into the camp by truck from San Diego, or La Mesa, California.

ORDNANCE AND EXPLOSIVES
ARCHIVES SEARCH REPORT
FOR
CAMP LA MESA
SAN DIEGO, CA
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APPENDIX F

LETTERS/MEMORANDUMS/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

APPENDIX F
LETTERS/MEMORANDUMS/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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Enc-5 on BuPers ltr., Para-580-MCL,
undated.

PLS
(A7-Sr)
Serial W-1383

Originating Officer check
routing desired prior to
signature by Commandant.

INITIAL

29 July 1944

To: BuPers.

Subj: West Coast Retraining Station (Green's Farm or
ex-Army Camp La Mesa).

Ref: (a) BuPers ltr., Para-580-MCL, undated to ComEleven
(Basic ltr. to NT&DC, Camp Elliott, ltr. of 26
July 1944, and retained by ComEleven).
(b) SecNav ltr., Ser. 204713 of 21 July 1944.

- Ch. of Staff
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- Chaplain
- Comdt's. Clerk

1. Basic letter which has been retained by ComEleven requests recommendations from ComEleven on the proposal to open a West Coast Retraining Station at Green's Farm at Camp Elliott within the next 30 days to take care of initial draft of 200 carefully selected tractable prisoners. The Commanding Officer, TADCEN, Camp Elliott, by first endorsement, was requested to submit detailed recommendations and estimates to support this proposal. This has been done in preceding endorsement.

- Dist. S.O.
- Intelligence
- Issuing
- Legal

2. Since receipt of these recommendations, ComEleven has been advised by the Division Engineer, Pacific Division, San Francisco, that Camp La Mesa, Lease No. W-563-eng-4889, has been declared surplus. This property was inspected by Commandant's representatives and the Commanding Officer, TADCEN, for use either as an adjunct of Marine Corps Air Depot, Miramar or alternate site for the Retraining camp. Both as to location, existing facilities and size, it is considered an ideal property for a Retraining Center for 1750 persons (ship's company and trainees) with ample area for expansion if necessary. Comdr. Ailes (BuPers) was advised this date by telephone by the Assistant Commandant (Logistics) of the details and desirability of this site in lieu of Green's Farm, and this letter confirms that conversation. The following statistics are furnished:

- Operations
- Control
- Comdr.
- Ord and Eng.
- Personnel
- Personnel (Civilian)
- Planning
- Public Relations
- P.W.O.
- Security

Lease No. W-563-eng-4889.
Declared surplus, Division Engineer, Pacific Division,
San Francisco, File No. 601.53 (General) of 22
July 1944.
Consists of 581.69 acres vacant land, 500 2/3 and 300
Fletcher Hills Unit no. 2, 3 miles N. of La Mesa,
California, on Murray Road (off El Cajon Boulevard).
Rental - \$580.00 per year.
Immediately Available.

- Shore Patrol
- Welfare & Recn.

ASSISTANT'S Initial Below

End-5 (Cont.)

F13
(A7-Sr)
Serial W-1388

29 July 1944

Originating Officer's Initials
to be written prior to
signature by Commandant

INITIAL

Subj: West Coast Retraining Station (Green's Farm or
ex-Army Camp La Mesa).

Improvements - 87 buildings including:
one 500-man theater
a small chapel
250-man galley (Army used field kitchens for
majority of personnel)
barracks buildings - theater of operations type.
shop buildings for motor repair
lubrication racks
automobile sheds
rifle range
ample adjacent farm land
small maneuver area

Utilities

ample electricity - 110 volts
an 8" and a 12" water main with fire hydrants
sewage treatment plant

Distance from San Diego - 12 miles

Entirely separate from adjacent housing or community.

3. This camp can be made ready within 30 days for 300 men
a starter on the basis of the estimates submitted in the pre-
ceding endorsement for Green's Farm. Despatch request,
071733 of July, for \$20,500 should stand for Camp La Mesa.
It should be understood that this sum is not intended for
collateral which will be necessary for fully equipping the
camp to maximum capacity. There is no refrigeration worth
mentioning. Funds will be requested later to cover this
deficiency as well as the required collateral. At least an
additional \$100,000 should be earmarked for this camp.

4. The estimate for personnel, paragraph (2) of ^{End-5}
is equally applicable to Camp La Mesa. For the initial con-
tingent. It is not the complement for the full operation of
the Camp which will be submitted at a later date.

5. The security fencing will be approximately twice that
of the Green's Farm. Green's Farm, it is estimated,
costs approximately \$500,000 if it is built up to the
capacity of Camp La Mesa. The area is hilly. There is no
top soil and the water supply, pending installation of pipe
line, is insufficient. Green's Farm is not susceptible to an
attack of 500 to 1000 men even with the expenditure
of considerable funds.

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P.W.O.

Security

Shore Patrol

Welfare &
Recn.

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Enc-2 (Contd.)

29 July 1944

F13
(A7-5r)
Serial W-1388

Originating Office, check routing desired prior to signature by Commandant

INITIAL

Subj: West Coast Retraining Station (Green's Farm or ex-Army Camp La Mesa).

Ch. of Staff
Asst. Ch. of Staff

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6. The Commandant recommends that all proposals for establishing the Retraining camp at Green's Farm be cancelled and that lieu thereof the Chief of Engineers through Bureau of Yards and Docks be requested to transfer this property and the lease to the Navy.. Eurolus property transfers in the past have involved considerable delay, namely four to six weeks. Transfer of Camp La Mesa should be consummated within a few days if the plans to have it in operation within 30 days are to be carried out. The Commanding Officer, TAGCEN, Camp Elliott, will undertake to put the camp in commission with his personnel and some of his facilities in the same manner as the Training Center furnished the initial party to set up facilities at Elliott. In view of the distance of Camp La Mesa from Camp Elliott proper due to the circuitous highway, no advantage is seen in having the Retraining Center set up as a subordinate activity of TAGCEN. That would have been satisfactory for Green's Farm, but it is not satisfactory for Camp La Mesa. The Commandant, therefore, recommends that if Camp La Mesa is established as a Retraining Center in lieu of Green's Farm, reference (b) be accordingly modified.

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Personnel (Civilian)
Public Relations
Security
Shore Patrol
Welfare & Recn.

7. If the camp is to be placed in operation within 30 day it is essential that BuPers expedite the authorization for transfer of the personnel requested in the preceding endorsement. Otherwise the establishment of the Camp will necessarily be delayed until such personnel is received.

8. The Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Depot, Miramar has requested that this property be assigned to that activity. He has been advised that if the transfer to BuPers for Retraining Center is not approved, request will be made by COMSLEVEN for transfer to the Marine Corps Air Depot.

W. L. FRIEDEL,
Commandant, Eleventh Naval District;

orig 1 cc
via air mail
7-29-44
AM

Encl.
1. (HW) Map of San Diego County.

CC: CO, NY&DC, Camp Elliott
BuDocks (Attn: J.J. Courtney) — via Air Mail
Pers. (Navy) (with Enc-2)
PWO (with Enc-2) 8-12-44

F-1

ASSISTANT'S Initial Below

17B

RE CAMP LA MESA

9 August 1944

MEMORANDUM - FOR FILE ONLY

Lease No. W868-eng-4882. Only small part of camp buildings located on this lease (approximately 10 per cent). Remainder of 581.69 acres scattered.

Lease No. W868-eng-5013. The old CCC camp, about 45 per cent of the camp buildings are on this lease. \$136. per year.

Lease No. W868-eng-1510. This is the main Army camp lease. \$46.60 per month, about 45-50 per cent of the buildings are located here.

There are other leases to cover the sewer line, training area ^{Additional} ~~etc.~~, which can be obtained from Mr. Moulton at San Diego office of Division Engineer. F 8961

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TO CHIEF OF ENGRS US ARMY WAR DEPT WASHDC

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



ND11/N1-13
F-5-6

9 September 1944

To: Colonel John J. O'Brien, Head, Real Estate Division
Corps of Engineers, War Department

Subj: West Coast Retraining Station, Camp La Mesa, California -
Transfer to the Navy Department.

1. It is understood that the subject camp has been declared surplus by the Pacific Division Engineers, San Francisco, California.

2. As the Navy Department has an immediate and urgent need for Camp La Mesa as a West Coast Retraining Station, it is requested that the following leases be transferred to the Navy Department immediately.

LEASE NO.	RENTAL	ACREAGE	DESCRIPTION
W868-eng-4889	588. per yr.	581.69	Detached section, open land and old CCC camp.
W868-eng-5013	136. per yr.	11.89	CCC camp site.
W368-eng-1510	559.20 per yr.	48.58	Main camp site.
W3460-eng-991	Free	427.51	Irregular parcels, bounded by Garfield, Chatham and Broadway, and to No. by Lease W868-eng-4889 - lying within this lease but excluded is the house belonging to Mr. Stewart.
W3460-eng- 991 ⁹⁵⁵	343.20 per yr.	64.76	Agricultural land adjoining.

\$1,626.40 per yr. 1,134.43 acres

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9 September 1944

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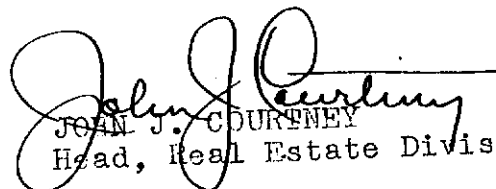
To: Colonel John J. O'Brien, Head, Real Estate Division
Corps of Engineers, War Department

Subj: West Coast Retraining Station, Camp La Mesa,
California - Transfer to the Navy Department.

3. It is also requested that all Government-owned improve-
ments located on the property be transferred.

4. Please furnish this office with photostat copies of each
of the aforementioned leases.

By Direction of the Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks.


JOAN J. COURTENEY
Head, Real Estate Division

CC: Pacific Division
Engineers, San Francisco,
California
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By [Signature] NARA Date 7/19/67

DISPOSAL B

26 September 1944

CHIEF, REAL ESTATE DIVISION

Transfer of Leases and Improvements to Navy Department.

FILE: CE 602.3 (Camp La Mesa, San Diego County, California) SPELM

DISPOSAL AUTHORIZATION

1. Based upon information contained in the inclosed 1st Indorsement dated 21 September 1944 from the Commanding General, Army Service Forces, property Camp La Mesa, California, covered by the following leases, is surplus to the needs of the Western Defense Command:

<u>LEASE NO.</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>
W 868 Eng 4889	581.69
W 868 Eng 5013	11.89
W 868 Eng 1510	48.50
W 3460 Eng 991	427.51
W 3460 Eng 955	64.76

2. As indicated in the inclosed letter dated 9 September 1944 from the Navy Department, that Department has an immediate and urgent need for the subject camp as a West Coast Retraining Station.

3. It is requested that you take immediate steps to transfer the above mentioned leases to the Navy Department, together with all Government-owned improvements located on the property.

O'BRIEN

Attachments:

- Memo 9/11/44 to CG, ASF, w/1st Ind. & Incl
- Ltr 9/9/44 frm Navy Dept.
- Ltr 8/2/44 frm Navy Dept.
- Lease No. W 868 Eng 4889
- Lease No. W 868 Eng 5013
- Lease No. W 868 Eng 1510
- Lease No. W3460 Eng 991
- Lease No. W3460 Eng 955

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CE 601.53
CAMP LA MESA, San
Diego, California - SPELT

27 September 1944

Subject: Transfer of Leases and Improvements to Navy.

To: The Navy Department,
Bureau of Yards and Docks,
Main Navy Building,
18th and Constitution Avenue, N. W.,
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 9 September 1944, file ND11/N1-13-F-5-6, requesting transfer of certain leases and improvements located on the premises covered by said leases at Camp La Mesa, California.

2. Pursuant to said request the following leases are hereby transferred to the Navy upon the understanding that the Navy will assume obligation for the payment of rentals from the date of transfer together with all other obligations imposed upon the Government under the terms of said leases:

LEASE NUMBER	ACREAGE
W868 Eng 4889	581.69
W868 Eng 5013	11.89
W868 Eng 1510	48.58
W3460 Eng 991	427.51
W3460 Eng 955	64.76

3. Pursuant to said request and pursuant to the authority contained in the Act of Congress approved 11 July 1919 (41 Stat. 132; 10 U.S.C. 1274), all of the Government-owned improvements located on the premises covered by the above numbered leases are hereby transferred to the Navy Department.

4. The Division Engineer, Pacific Division has been instructed by this office to effect physical transfer of said leases and improvements and to make copies of said leases available to the local Naval authorities.

For the Chief of Engineers:

JOHN J. O'BRIEN,
Colonel, Corps of Engineers,
Chief, Real Estate Division.

F13
(A7-Sr)
Serial W-1519

26 October 1944

Hon. Ed V. Isaac
403 Goodrich Building
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Isaac:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 23, 1944, enclosing a copy of Resolution #3421 by the Board of Directors of La Mesa, Lemon Grove and Spring Valley Irrigation District. I have previously received a copy of this Resolution from the La Mesa, Lemon Grove and Spring Valley Irrigation District.

As you are aware, this camp was constructed by the Army on leases negotiated by the Army for the duration of the war and six months thereafter. Upon decommissioning of this camp, the leases were declared surplus by the Army together with improvements made thereon. The Navy did not acquire all of the surplus leases as they were not needed, but did secure the transfer of the following leases from the Army for the purpose of establishing this activity:

LEASE NO.	RENTAL	ACREAGE	DESCRIPTION
W868-eng-4889	\$588. per yr	581.69	Detached section open land and city
W868-eng-5013	\$136. per yr	11.89	CCO camp.
W868-eng-1510	\$559.20 per yr	49.58	CCO camp site.
W3460-eng-931	Free	427.51	Main camp site. Irregular parcels bounded by Garfield, Chatham and Broadway, and to the N. by road.
			W868-eng-4889 - lying within this lease but excluded is the house belonging to Mr. Stewart.
W3460-eng-935	\$645.00 per yr	64.76	Agricultural land adjoining.
			total \$1,131.40 per yr 1,131.43 acres

Originating Officer check routing desired prior to signature by Commandant

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Personnel (Civilian)

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Relations

Shore Patrol

Welfare & Rec.

ASSISTANT'S Initial Below

P13
(A7-Sr)
Serial W-1519

26 October 1944

Originating Officer check routing desired prior to signature by Commandant.

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This activity was established by the Secretary of the Navy on July 21, 1944, at which time it was designated as a Re-Training Command and a subordinate command to the U. S. Naval Training and Distribution Center, Camp Elliott. On September 16, 1944, the Bureau of Naval Personnel re-designated this activity, U. S. Naval Re-Training Command, Camp La Mesa, and set it up as an independent activity. The command has been commissioned, a nucleus crew has been preparing the camp for occupancy and a complement of Marine and Naval personnel has been established by the Bureau of Naval Personnel, some of whom have already reported for duty.

On September 13, 1944, I received a letter from Mr. Ed Fletcher, President of the Ed Fletcher Company, protesting the transfer of these leases and requesting that if the camp was to be established, new leases be drawn up on the basis of increased compensation over and above that stipulated in the leases drawn by the Army and transferred to the Navy. Mr. Fletcher was advised by the Commandant on September 19, 1944 that, "It is believed the continued use of the lands in question by the United States of America, will not be in violation of the terms of the existing leases, and that no renegotiation is necessary or proper at this time, and that in view of the improvements that have already been constructed on these lands, that it is to the Government's interest to continue to put these improvements to the most efficient use possible."

The utilization of surplus Army properties by the Navy is in accordance with and follows the mandate of Congress as expressed in the hearings of Vice Admiral Morsell, Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, before the Sub-Committee of the Committee on Appropriations of the United States Senate in the hearings on H.R. 4559, page 52, et seq. (Naval Appropriation Bill for 1945) wherever possible the Commandant has sought to utilize surplus Army properties in lieu of requesting funds for new construction, where such surplus Army facilities could be made to serve the purpose.

Returned herewith is the copy of Resolution #44-1 forwarded with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. FRIEBELL
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commandant, Eleventh Naval District

- cc: SecNav
- CNO
- BuDocks
- BuPers
- P.W.O.

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ND11/F13
(A7-WT)

6 September 1945

MEMORANDUM for Capt. Smith.

Subj: U. S. Naval Retraining Command, Camp La Mesa, San Diego, Calif.

- a. On 14 January 1944 - BuPers recommended that a facility be established in the S.P. - S.P. area to accommodate 1000 men - no new construction.
- b. On 21 July 1944 - Retraining Command designated as a subordinate command of Camp Elliott (Green's Farm).
- c. In July 1944 - Camp La Mesa reported as surplus by the Army. Location 12 miles from San Diego, close to Camp Elliott; 87 buildings, capacity 1,760 men, 500-man theater, chapel and 250-man galley and mess hall, barracks, shops, rifle range, exercise area, farm land, sewage treatment plant and 8" x 12" watermain.
- d. On 16 September 1944 - SecNav approved acquisition of Camp La Mesa from the Army and its reconversion to a Naval Retraining Station in lieu of Green's Farm.
- e. Leases transferred from Army to Navy:

<u>Lease No.</u>	<u>Rental</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Description</u>
W868-eng-4889 (Ed. Fletcher Co.)	\$588. per yr.	591.69	Detached section, open land and old CCC Camp.
W868-eng-5913 (Ed. Fletcher Co.)	\$136. per yr.	11.89	CCC Camp Site.
W868-eng-1510 (Grossmont Pk. Co.)	\$46.60 per mo. \$559.20 per yr.	48.58	Main Camp Site
W3460-eng-991 (Lemon Grove & Spring Valley Irrig. Dist)	Free	427.51	Irregular parcels, bounded by Garfield, Chatham & Broadway, and to No. by Lease W868-eng-4889, lying within this lease but excluded is the house belonging to Mr. Stewart.
W3460-eng-955 (Lemon Grove & Spring Valley Irrig. Dist. & M. Hall Co.)	\$240.20 per yr.	64.76	Agricultural land adjoining
Total	\$1,626.40	1,134.43 acres	

- f. On 15 November 1944 - \$175,000 allocated for improvements.
- g. On 18 November 1944 - The U. S. Naval Retraining Command, Camp La Mesa, was commissioned.
- h. At no time were there more than 120 retrainees on board, the maximum occurring about 1 March. The first to arrive were from the Disciplinary Barracks, Terminal Island - approximately 100. Further input was in small numbers from various stations, the men being returned to duty after serving their time. On decommissioning, 30 April, there were approximately 80 trainees on board.
- i. Maximum ship's company was reported as 117 on 1 March. On decommissioning 99 were aboard. A Marine detachment of approximately 80 men was also on board.
- j. On 8 March 1945 - BuDocks ltr to Com1, 15-80-L.M., F5-5/HET:nn. Leases to be canceled and government to surrender property on 1 May 1945.
- k. On 30 April 1945 - Camp La Mesa was disestablished and personnel transferred to U. S. Naval Retraining Command, NTC, Farragut, Idaho. Of the 80 retrainees aboard on decommissioning, 45 were sent to Farragut and the remainder to Disciplinary Barracks, T.I.
- l. On 17 March 1945 - Com1 Spdltr to BuDocks states cancellation of leases will proceed, but cannot be by 1 May as Com1 desires to remove buildings to other activities.

E. M. Walker
E. M. WALKER

ND11/P13
(A7-Yr)
serial W-2017

6 September 1945

MEMORANDUM

To: Public Works Officer.

Subj: U. S. Naval Retraining Command, Camp La Mesa, San Diego, Calif.

1. The following information in connection with the history of Camp La Mesa has been compiled and is forwarded for your files and for possible use at such time as these leases may be liquidated. The actual usage made of this camp will be important because Senator Fletcher has stated on several different occasions that it was his intention to have these leases renegotiated, or that he was going to court for what he claimed to be violations of the leases. Some of the leases were taken over from the Army and were made out for "military purposes". There can be no question that any use made of such leases was entirely within the terms of the lease. Other leases were made out for "tactical position", and there could be some question as to whether or not we violated the terms of the lease.

2. Had we gone through with our entire program at Camp La Mesa there might have been some justification for altering the terms of the leases; but considering that the program really never got underway and was stopped after a very short time with only slight usage of the property - and further because of the continued attitude of Senator Fletcher - I am of the opinion that the Navy should make no recommendation concerning these leases which would increase the rental stipulated in the leases made out by the Army and turned over to us.

3. The following information is furnished:

- a. July 1944 - Camp La Mesa reported as surplus by the Army. Location 12 miles from San Diego, close to Camp Elliott. 87 buildings, capacity 1,750 men, 500-man theater, chapel, 250-man galley and mess hall, barracks, shops, rifle range, exercise area, farm land, sewage treatment plant and 8" --- 12" (?) watermain.
- b. 18 Sept. 1944 - SecNav approved acquisition of Camp La Mesa from Army and its reconversion to a Naval Retraining Command, canceling the Green's Farm project.
- c. 18 Nov. 1944 - \$175,000 allocated for improvements (major portion unused).

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Serial W-2017

6 September 1945

MEMORANDUM

Subj: U. S. Naval Retraining Command, Camp La Mesa, San Diego, Calif.

- d. At no time were there more than 120 retrainees on board, the maximum occurring about 1 March. The first to arrive were from the Disciplinary Barracks, Terminal Island - approximately 100. Further input was in small numbers from various stations, the men being returned to duty after serving their time. On decommissioning, 20 April 1945, there were approximately 80 trainees on board.
- e. Maximum ship's company was reported as 117 on 1 March. On decommissioning 99 were aboard. A Marine detachment of approximately 80 men was also on board.
- f. 8 March 1945 - BuDocks ltr to Coml, 16-80-IM, J5-5/HBT;nn. Leases to be canceled and government to surrender property on 1 May 1945.
- g. 17 March 1945 - Coml Spdltr NM69/N4-15 (P-18099) 3002, to BuDocks stated that cancellation of leases would proceed, but could not be by 1 May as Coml desired to remove buildings to other activities.
- h. 25 August 1945 - Coml Spdltr NM69/N4-15, 6383, Serial No. P-20299, to BuDocks requested procedure in disposing of buildings not already moved - no answer has been received.

4. I am of the opinion that we should make every attempt to dispose of the buildings by removal or sale, stripping the property of everything but the Imhoff sewage, which we should use for trading purposes in lieu of restoration of premises or for consideration thereof. The leases should not be cancelled until the question of removal of buildings has been settled.

R. E. SMITH,
Capt., USN(Ret),
District Planning Officer.

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ND11/P13
(A7-Am)

3 October 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Commodore F. W. Scanland, USN

We are taking steps to dispose of the buildings at Camp La Mesa by sale or otherwise and to restore the property and cancel the lease. All of this will take some time as they have to be sold on bids - Bureau of Yards and Docks consulted on each sale, etc.

I understand that you still have a corporal's guard out there and suggest that you acquaint the man in charge with the plans for the place, and that in suitable time, ^{you will be} asked to withdraw your people. Will try to keep you advised if anything further comes up.

R. R. SMITH
Captain, USN (Ret)

10-4-45, a.m.,
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FOR
CAMP LA MESA
SAN DIEGO, CA
PROJECT NUMBER J09CA028601

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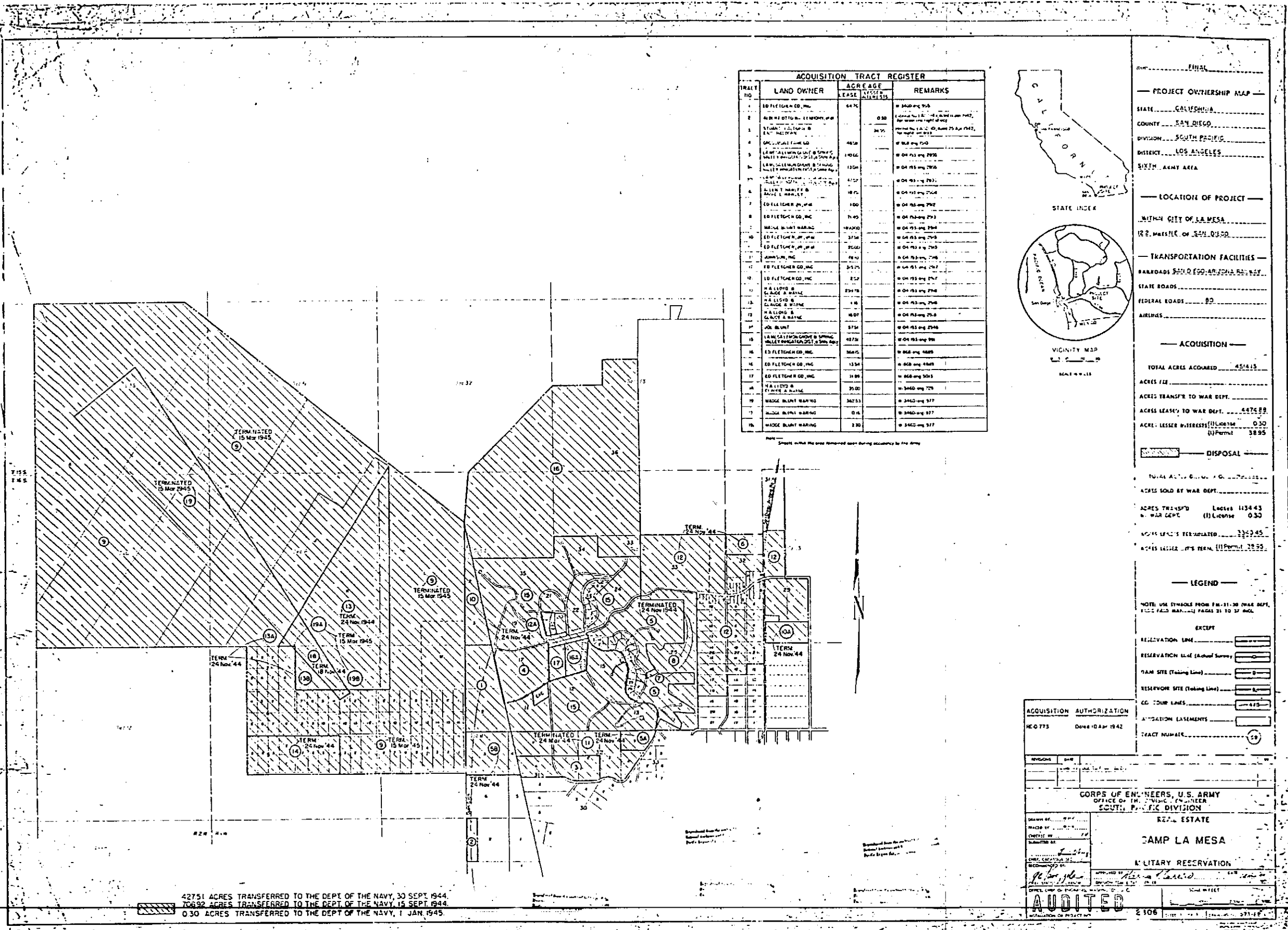
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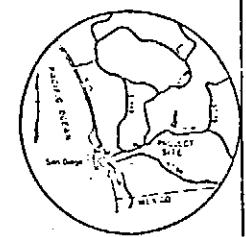
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G-1. 1949 Corps of Engineers map showing Camp boundary and rifle range (B-26).

G-2 thru G-4. Typical platt maps covering a small segment of Camp LaMesa land (B-68).



ACQUISITION TRACT REGISTER				
TRACT NO.	LAND OWNER	ACREAGE		REMARKS
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PROJECT OWNERSHIP MAP

STATE CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY SAN DIEGO
 DIVISION SOUTH PACIFIC
 DISTRICT LOS ANGELES
 SIXTH ARMY AREA

LOCATION OF PROJECT

WITHIN CITY OF LA MESA
 12 1/2 MILES E. OF SAN DIEGO

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

RAILROADS SAN DIEGO-ARIZONA RAILWAY
 STATE ROADS
 FEDERAL ROADS 80
 AIRLINES

ACQUISITION

TOTAL ACRES ACQUIRED 45115
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 ACRES TRANSFER TO WAR DEPT.
 ACRES LEASE TO WAR DEPT. 4476.89
 ACRES LESSOR'S INTEREST (1) License 0.30
 (2) Private 38.85

DISPOSAL

TOTAL ACRES SOLD 7022.85
 ACRES SOLD BY WAR DEPT.
 ACRES TRANSFER TO WAR DEPT. Leases 1134.43
 (1) License 0.30
 ACRES LEASES TERMINATED 3302.45
 ACRES LEASES LIFTED FROM (1) Private 38.85

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 70692 ACRES TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPT OF THE NAVY, 15 SEPT 1944.
 0.30 ACRES TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPT OF THE NAVY, 1 JAN 1945.

ACQUISITION AUTHORIZATION

HC 0775 Date 10 Apr 1942

REVISIONS DATE

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U.S. ARMY
 OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ENGINEER
 SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION

REAL ESTATE
 CAMP LA MESA
 MILITARY RESERVATION

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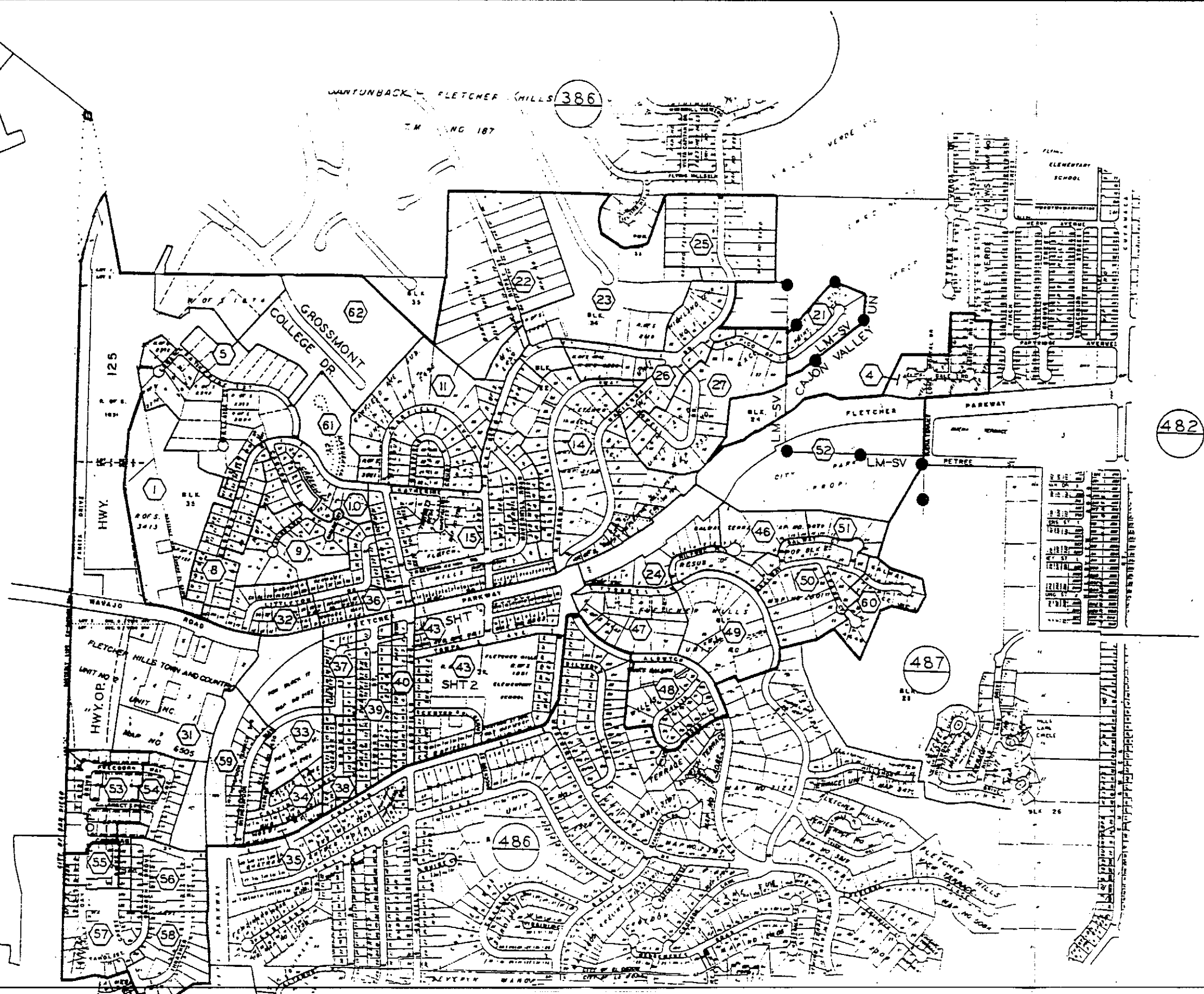
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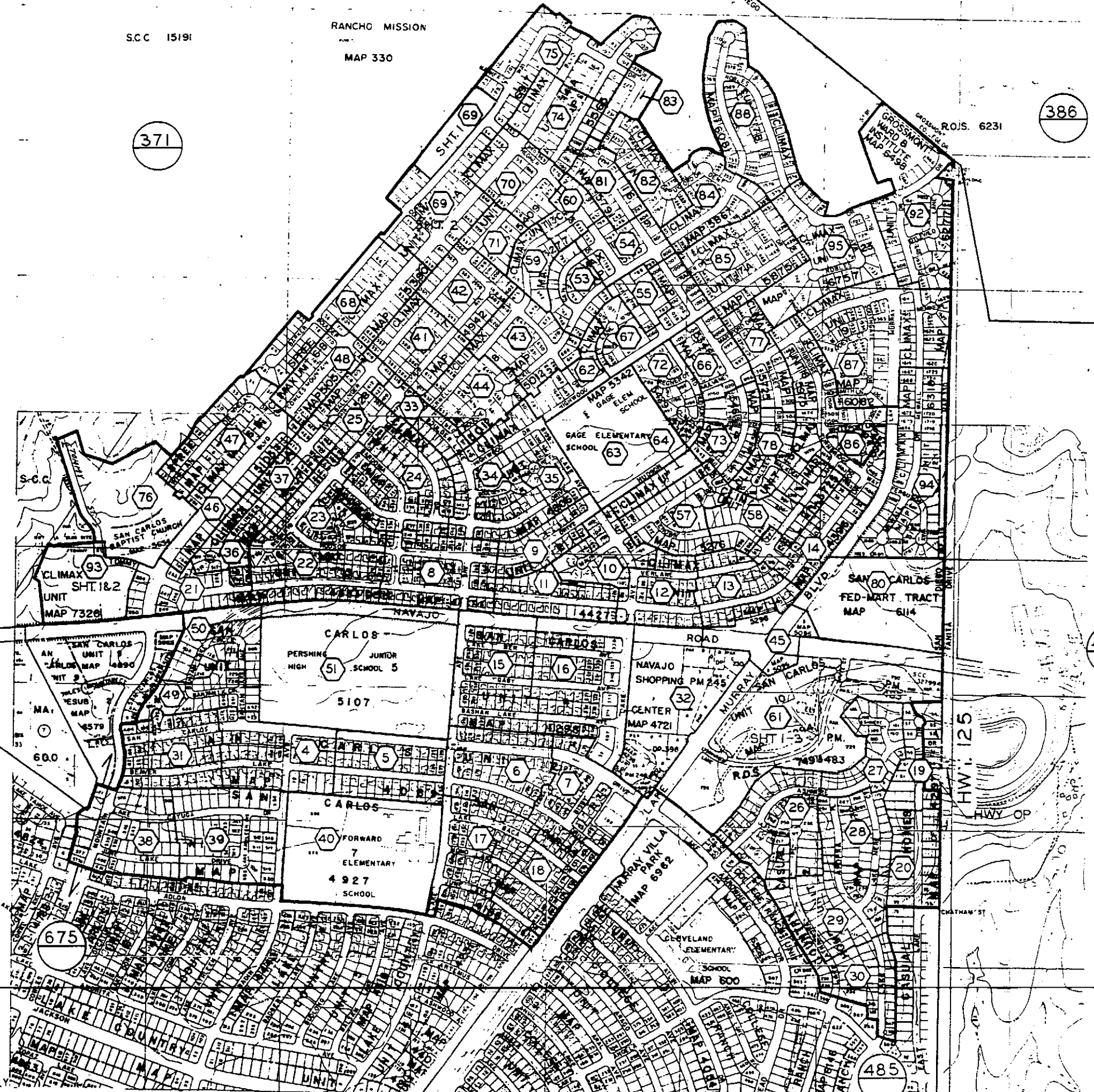
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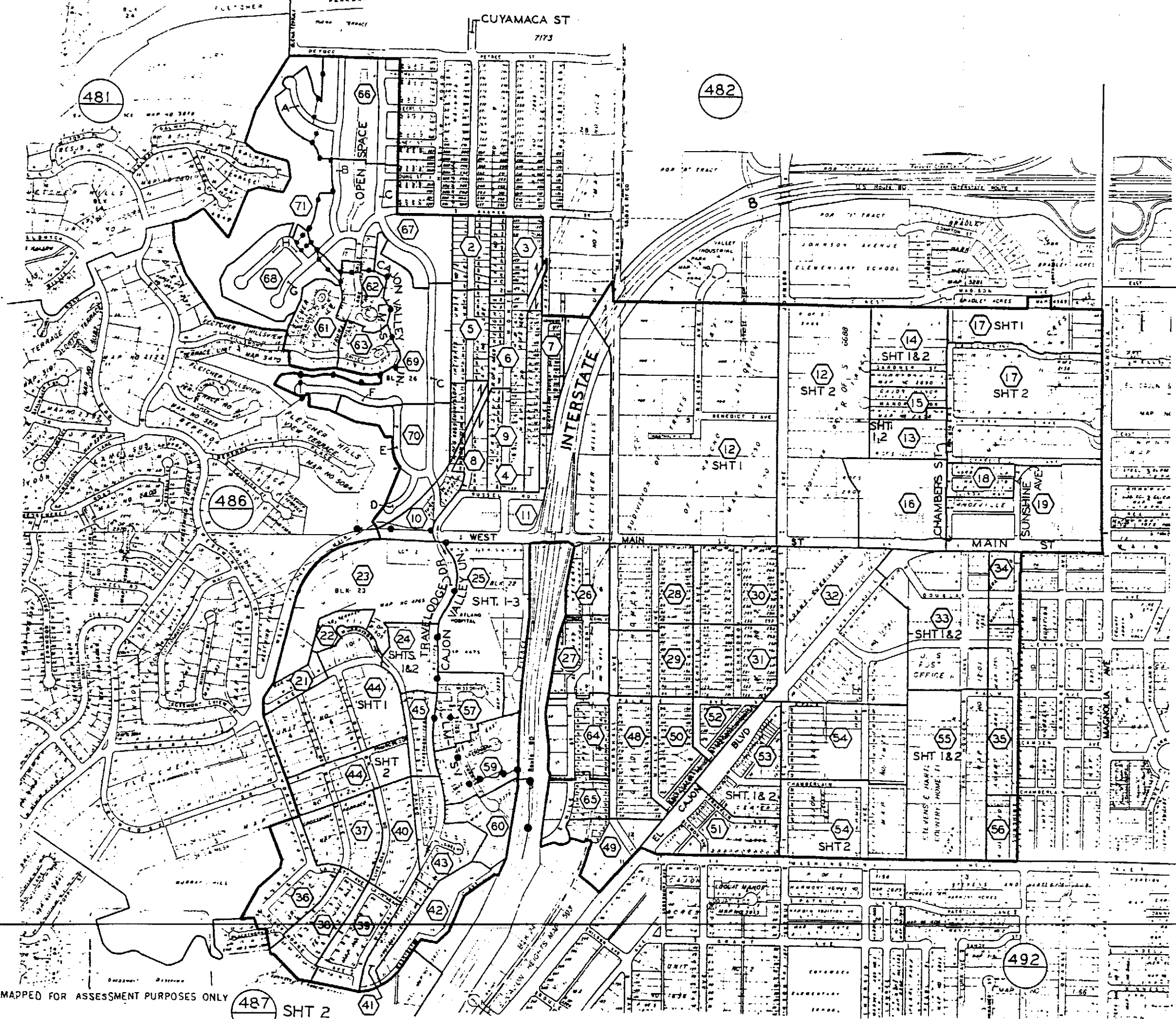
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- E-HEMPDEN CT.
- F-BATHURST PL.
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- H-GOULBURN CT.



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Transformed Barracks Dedicated

A few weeks ago there was an old barrack post exchange building in Camp La Mesa, empty and dusty. On March 12 this same building, transformed by the energy and zeal of members of a cavalry, who rebuilt and painted it, was dedicated as a chapel for worship with a non-sectarian program, Chaplain Lynch giving the sermon.

The music was furnished by the Army band under Staff Sgt. Stanfield. Lt. Col. Parsons, spoke; Tec. Sgt. Turner and Pfc. Sever gave a trumpet duet, and Tec. Sgt. John E. Lovelace sang "The Rosary." The recessional "Finlandia" by Sibelius, was played by the band with CWO John McKinney conducting; the pianist was Pfc. Billy W. Grant.

The camp is indebted to Mrs. Leslie H. Parsons, Mrs. David strand and Mrs. Alton L. Walsh for the drapes and decorations.

The first services were at 8:30 o'clock last Sunday morning by Rev. Fleming May of La Mesa.

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La Mesa Platoon Gets Recognition

Next Tuesday night, at Legion hall, the commanding officer of this area will present the La Mesa platoon of the State Guard with a citation for its efficient work in meeting and overcoming an enemy invasion, according to announcement of Capt. Dale Griswold, company commander.

The State Guard is now organized and operates under the regular army in the defense of this vital war zone and is under the commanding officer of the 115th cavalry, stationed in this vicinity.

Last week commando troops from Los Angeles stormed this area in a practice invasion. Objectives of the invaders was to destroy war plants such as Consolidated and Four, along with Marine bases, Naval Training Station and other military installations. The task of the local platoon is, of course, to block that action and disperse the enemy.

Road Block No. 1, which was defended by one platoon from La Mesa, was attacked in force, with two army lorries bearing commando troops and six scout cars. On this occasion, when the smoke of battle had cleared it was found that the defenders had knocked out the first scout car, killing all occupants and dispersing the enemy in other lorries.

With the use of army field telephones the defenders were able to bring the 115th cavalry at Camp ... to them to disperse the enemy from the scene and completely destroy the attack-

ing force and capture all equipment.

On the second attack the La Mesa platoon captured a six-wheel army combat car and one scout car, taking all occupants prisoners.

Navy Opens "Re-training" Camp Here

LaMesa Scout
17 November 1944

Personnel Confined Not "Incorrigible", Spokesman Says

Camp La Mesa, located in Fletcher Hills, will be commissioned as a "re-training" camp for general court martial prisoners of the Navy, Saturday, November 18, this newspaper was informed this week.

This camp, which has been the center of considerable local controversy, featured by written objection from the Irrigation District board of directors, the City of La Mesa and the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce, is to be located on the site formerly used by the Army for tactical training.

Navy public relations has issued no formal statement in regard to the camp. However, evidence that plans were proceeding on schedule was seen in the fact that officers and enlisted personnel have been active in the community for the past several weeks during the period of construction.

It is understood that the camp is to be under the command of Lt. Comdr. Ohlson, and that it will accommodate 750 men, but this information could not be verified, due to lack of authority on the part of Navy public rela-

tions to give clearance on the story.

La Mesa Chamber of Commerce this week received a letter from Admiral W. L. Friedell, commandant of the 11th Naval district, in answer to its previous objections to the placing of the camp here, in which he enclosed a copy of letter from the Bureau of Naval Personnel, which said:

"The comments (in Irrigation District protest resolution) are based on the misconception that the Navy proposes to use the U. S. Naval Re-Training Command, Camp La Mesa, as a camp for the confinement of incorrigible personnel. It is not the intention of this Bureau to commit to the Re-Training Command personnel considered dangerous to the public. The re-trainees will be naval offenders who have committed purely military offenses. In almost every case, the offense involves leave. There will be no opportunity for the re-trainees to mingle with the public. They will be kept busy at constructive work and training within the confines of the camp."

It is understood that the procedure is to set up schools and training courses, making it possible for the men to earn creditably for ratings after they have completed their sentence.

Some officers connected with the operation and supervision of the camp have been seeking living quarters in the La Mesa area.

Navy "Prison Camp" Will Be Moved

The Navy rehabilitation camp in Fletcher Hills will be moved before the end of this year to Camp Farragut, Idaho, according to Associated Press dispatches printed in San Diego yesterday.

This camp, first described by the Navy as a camp for "incorrigible personnel," was the center of a storm of protest from local individuals and organizations when it was established near Grossmont high school on the site formerly occupied by the Army's Camp La Mesa.

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NAME OF PERSON CONTACTED
Mr. James "J.O." OrsbornORGANIZATION
Former LaMesa Fire
ChiefTELEPHONE NO.
(619) 465-7868

SUBJECT Camp La Mesa

SUMMARY:

Mr. Orsborn is a life-long resident of LaMesa and was hired as a full-time paid firefighter in 1944 after serving as a volunteer. He retired as chief in 1990.

He clearly recalled the Camp LaMesa cantonment site, which was generally where the Fletcher Hills school is now located. He added there is no trace of the old buildings. Mr. Orsborn thought there were anti-aircraft guns set up in LaMesa early in the war, but he couldn't recall the location. He said the troops at Camp LaMesa were assigned to guard the beaches and the Mexican border.

Mr. Orsborn did not recall any tanks at Camp LaMesa, though he said there were some at Camp Elliott to the north. He knew there was a rifle range, but not precise location. He remembered hearing troops firing "Springfield, 30.06, and .45" but no other weapons.

He said that the camp had their own fire truck, and he went there one or two times to assist them in putting out building fires. Mr. Orsborn was certain there is not an OE problem resulting from Camp LaMesa operations.

ACTION REQUIRED

None

NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION Ronald Plante	ORGANIZATION CEMVR-ED-DO	TELEPHONE NUMBER (309) 782-1481
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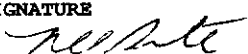
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NAME OF PERSON CONTACTED Bruce Tinknell		ORGANIZATION Former EOD	TELEPHONE NO. (619) 578-9901
SUBJECT Camp La Mesa			

SUMMARY:

Mr. Tinknell is a San Diego native who retired after 20 years in the Army as an EOD technician. He spent about 14 of those years with the 70th Ordnance Detachment (EOD) at Point Loma, and responded to many calls in the area.

Although he recalled numerous recoveries from the Camp Elliott ranges, he said all of those were north of the San Diego River/Mission Gorge. Mr. Tinknell was unaware of any OE found south of the gorge. He suggested speaking with SGT Grayson of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

ACTION REQUIRED
None

NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION Ronald Plante	ORGANIZATION CEMVR-ED-DO	TELEPHONE NUMBER (309) 782-1481
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NAME OF PERSON CONTACTED CPT John Oleskow	ORGANIZATION LaMesa Police Dept	TELEPHONE NO. (619) 667-1400

SUBJECT Camp La Mesa

SUMMARY:

CPT Oleskow said that he lived in the LaMesa area as a child long before it was developed. He used to ride his motorcycle all around Cowles Mountain and he never saw any type of OE.

He has been with the LaMesa Police Department for 27 years and did recall that there has been some OE recovered in the city. However, he added that these items had been brought in from other sites. He was unaware of any OE from Camp LaMesa found anywhere in the city or around Cowles Mountain.

Although CPT Oleskow was certain there was not an OE problem from Camp LaMesa, he suggested that we contact Sgt Conrad Grayson of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad.

ACTION REQUIRED
Contact Sgt Grayson

NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION Ronald Plante	ORGANIZATION CEMVR-ED-DO	TELEPHONE NUMBER (309) 782-1481
SIGNATURE <i>R. Plante</i>	TITLE QASAS	DATE 9 Nov 98

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NAME OF PERSON CONTACTED
Mr. B.J. Allen

ORGANIZATION
UXO Safety Spec

TELEPHONE NO.
(619) 674-6768

SUBJECT Camp La Mesa

SUMMARY:

Mr. Allen is a retired Army EOD technician and was assigned to the 70th EOD Det at Point Loma for about 6 months. He has worked in the San Diego area since 1991, first a contractor and now as a UXO Safety Specialist for the Los Angeles District. He is currently working with HFA at the East Elliott project FUDS site north of Camp LaMesa.

He has never heard of any OE found within the boundary of Camp LaMesa or any OE south of Mission Gorge. He worked on the Mission Trails FUDS project and remembered there was little OE found toward the gorge. He also recalled there was some on the downrange (southeast) side of Fortuna Mountain but nothing past that area.

Mr. Allen was confident there was not an OE problem at Camp LaMesa.

ACTION REQUIRED

None

NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION Ronald Plante	ORGANIZATION CEMVR-ED-DO	TELEPHONE NUMBER (309) 782-1481
SIGNATURE <i>Ronald Plante</i>	TITLE QASAS	DATE 10 Nov 98

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NAME OF PERSON CONTACTED Sgt Conrad Grayson		ORGANIZATION San Diego County Bomb Squad	TELEPHONE NO. (619) 467-4579
SUBJECT Camp La Mesa			
SUMMARY:			

Sgt Grayson is the head of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad and has worked there 21+ years. He was familiar with the OE hazards in and around Camp Elliott and other areas of the county, but he has never heard of an OE problem related to Camp LaMesa. He was not aware of OE findings around LaMesa, El Cajon, Cowles Mountain, or anywhere south of Mission Gorge. He added that Cowles Mountain is heavily used by hikers and nothing has been reported there.

He did not feel there was an OE problem at Camp LaMesa from either its Army or Navy control.

ACTION REQUIRED
None

NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION Ronald Plante	ORGANIZATION CEMVR-ED-DO	TELEPHONE NUMBER (309) 782-1481
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NAME OF PERSON CONTACTED
Henry Mendibles

ORGANIZATION
Mission Trails
Regional Park

TELEPHONE NO.
(619) 668-3276

SUBJECT Camp La Mesa

SUMMARY:

Mr. Mendibles is the Senior Park Ranger at the Mission Trails Regional Park, which owns the Cowles Mountain area of Camp LaMesa. He grew up in El Cajon and left the area only during his time in the Army.

He asked several of the rangers who have been at the park for a long time, and none had ever heard of any OE on or near Cowles Mountain. They were very familiar with OE found north of the gorge on Camp Elliott property, but the only items ever seen on Cowles Mountain were fired .22 caliber bullets, which were probably not of military origin.

Mr. Mendibles added that Cowles Mountain is a very popular among hikers, and no one has ever reported finding any OE there.

ACTION REQUIRED
None

NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION Ronald Plante	ORGANIZATION CEMVR-ED-DO	TELEPHONE NUMBER (309) 782-1481
SIGNATURE <i>Ronald Plante</i>	TITLE QASAS	DATE 10 Nov 98

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J-17. Area C: Southeast view from Cowles Mountain, open area on the right is Pershing Jr High.

J-18. Area C: Southwest view from Cowles Mountain, Lake Murray Reservoir on far right.



J-1. Area A: Forward School, general site of firing point.



J-2. Area A: Pershing School, about 1,500' downrange.



J-3. Area A: Water tank, about 4,000' downrange.



J-4. Area A: View uprange from Cowles Mountain, about 5,000' downrange.



J-5. Area B: Fletcher Hills School, west side.



J-6. Area B: Fletcher Hills School, north side.



J-7. Area C: Windmill View Road, Fletcher Hills subdivision.



J-8. Area C: Gregory Street next to Northmont School.



J-9. Area C: Grossmont College parking lot.



J-10. Area C: Intersection of Navajo Road and Murray Blvd.



J-11. Area C: Lake Murray Park golf course from Cowles Mt.



J-12. Area C: Cowles Mountain, above Golfcrest and Navajo.



J-13. Area C: Cowles Mountain from Mission Gorge Road.



J-14. Area C: Looking south from Mission Gorge Road toward Cowles Mountain.



J-15. Area C: Trail on northeast side of Cowles Mountain.



J-16. Area C: Southeast trailhead to Cowles Mt summit.



J-17. Area C: Southeast view from Cowles Mt. Open area at right is Pershing Jr High School.



J-18. Area C: Southwest view from Cowles Mt. Lake Murray Reservoir is on the far right.

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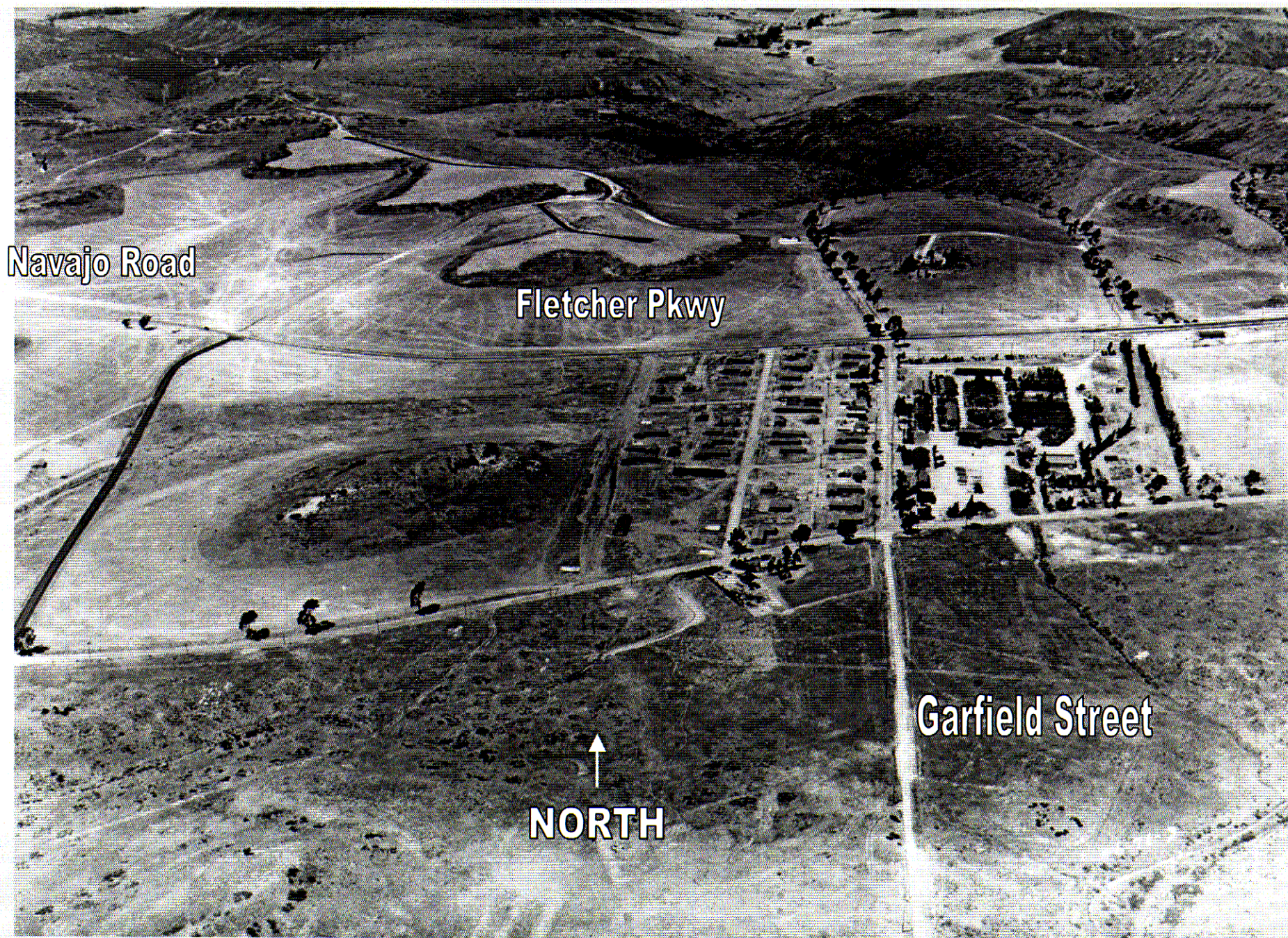
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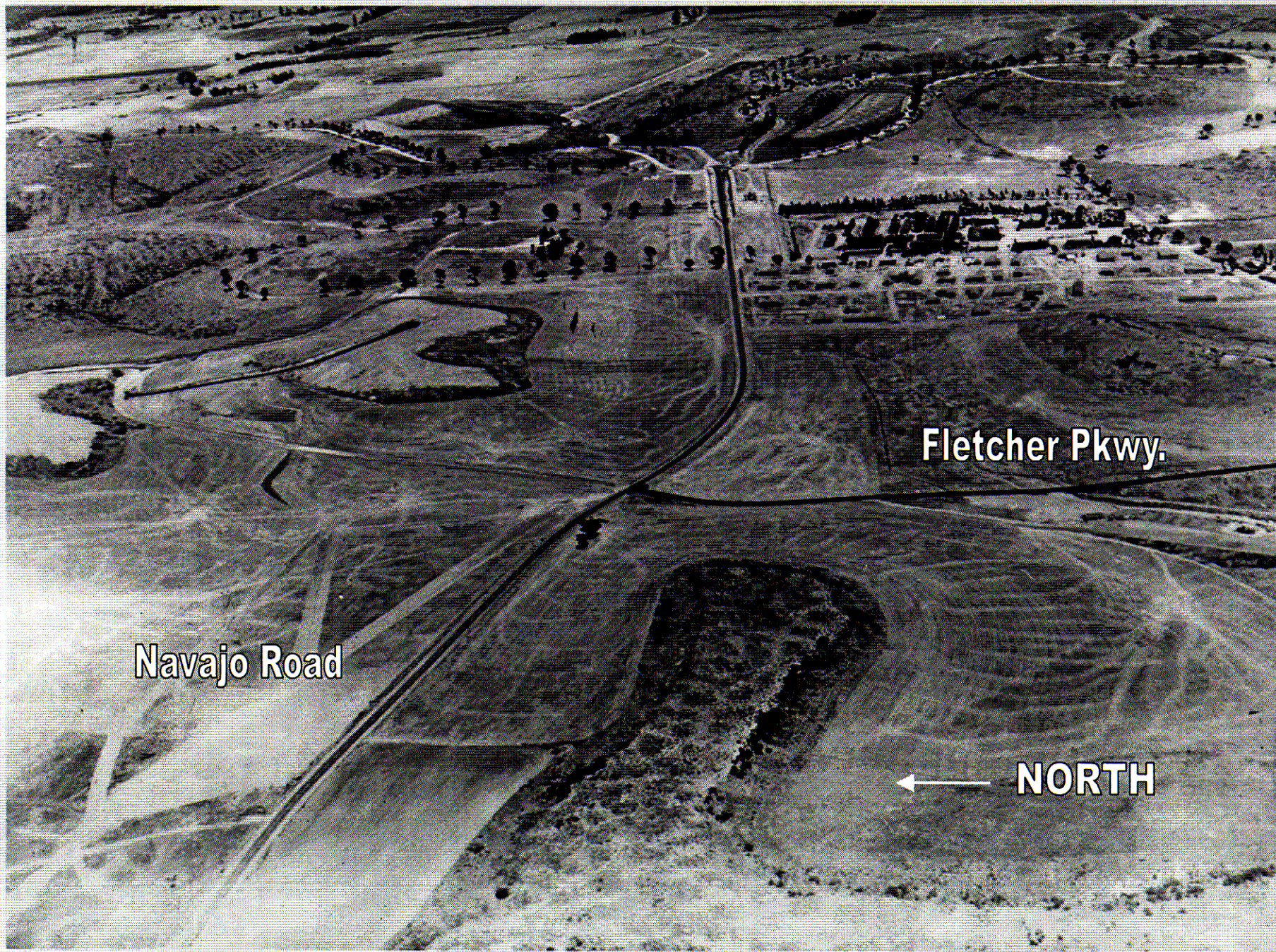
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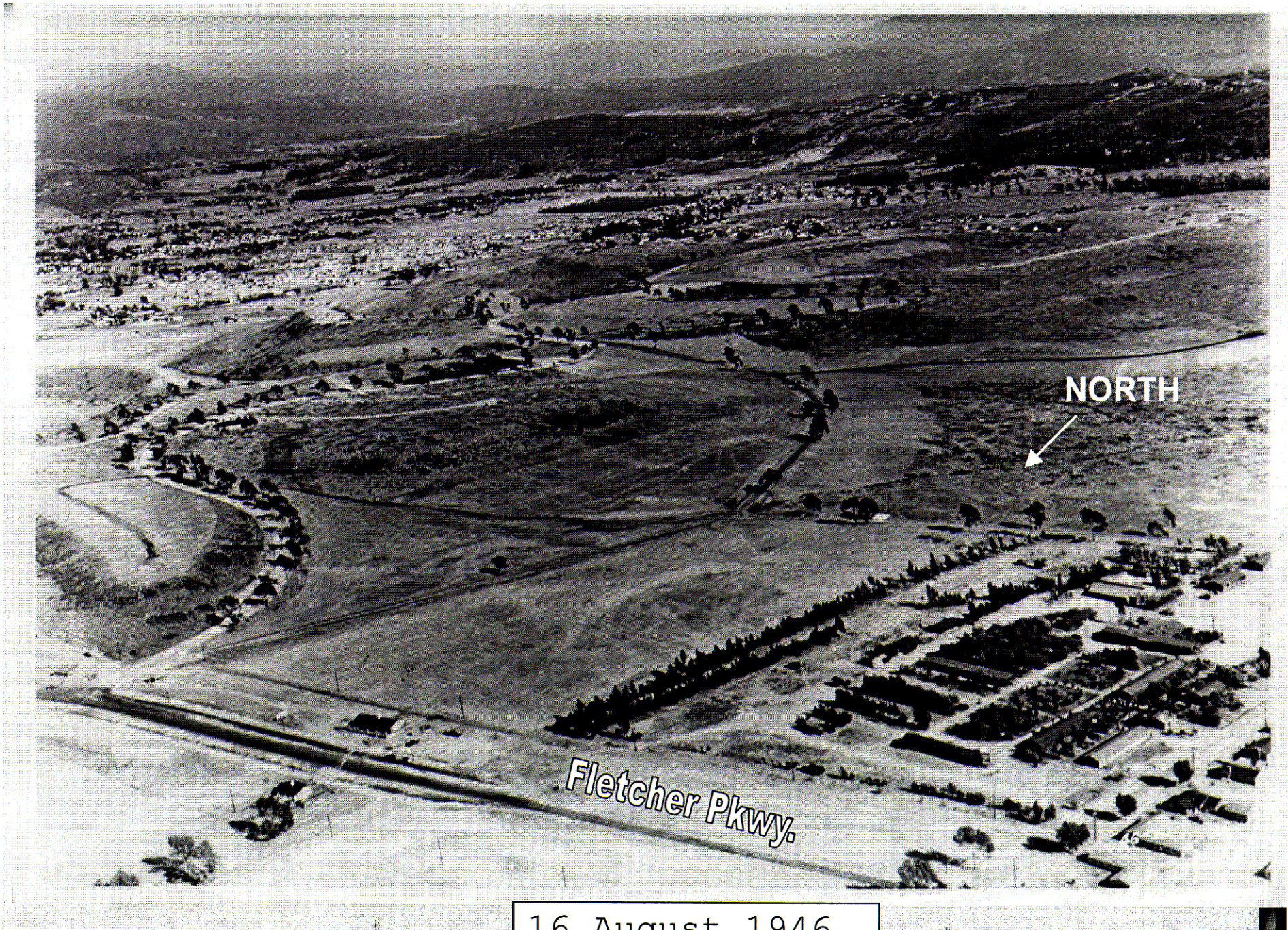
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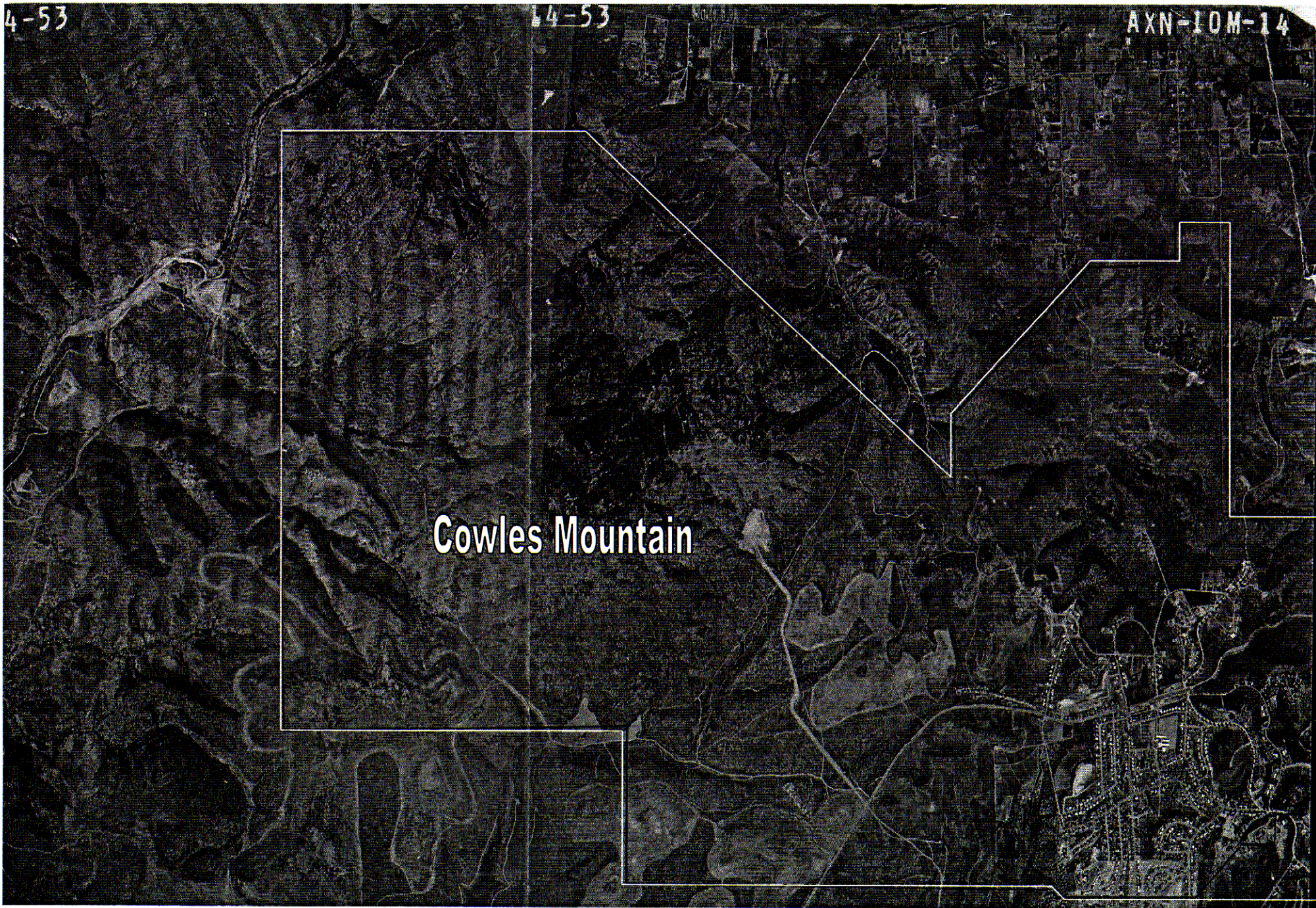
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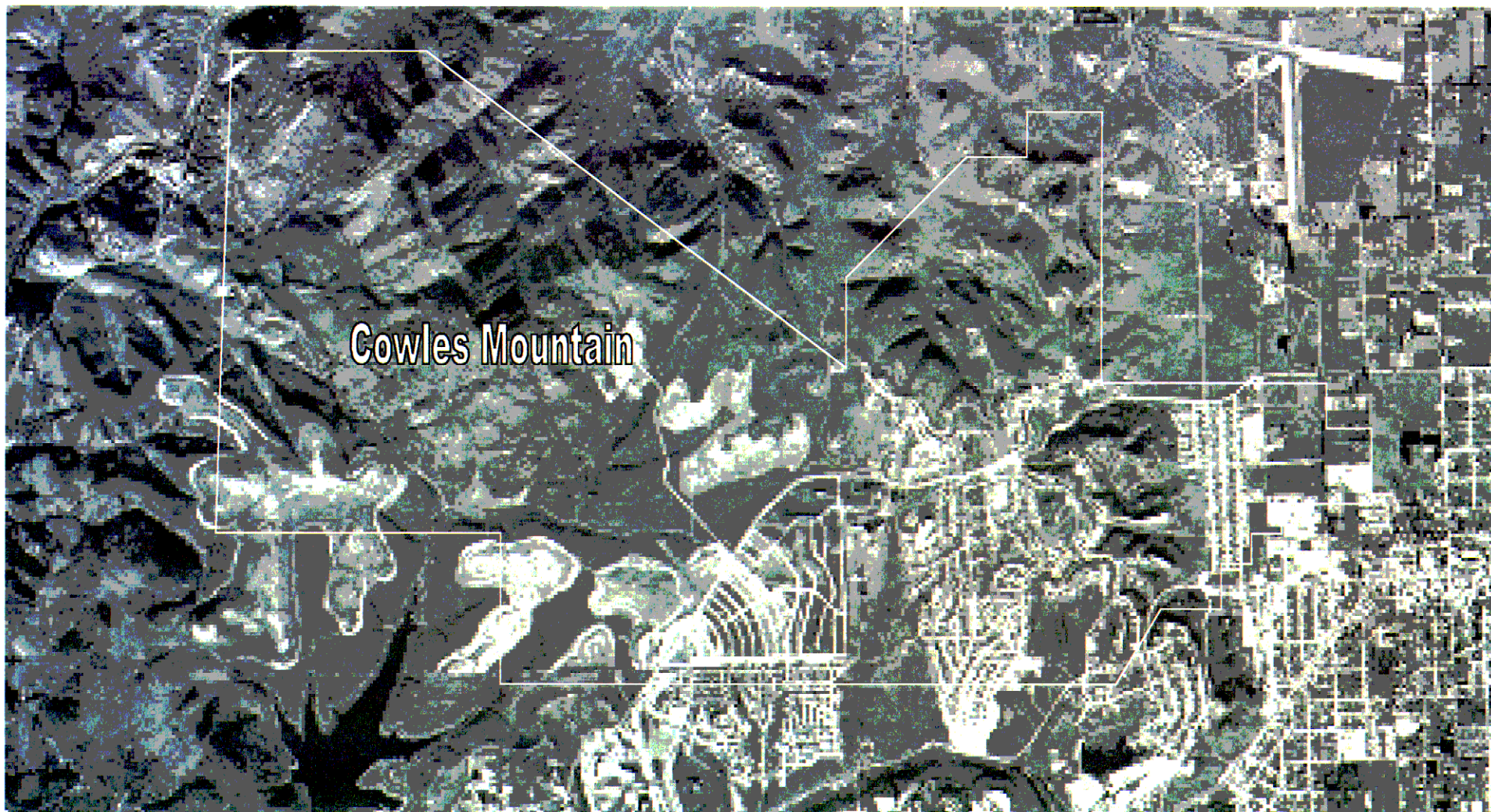
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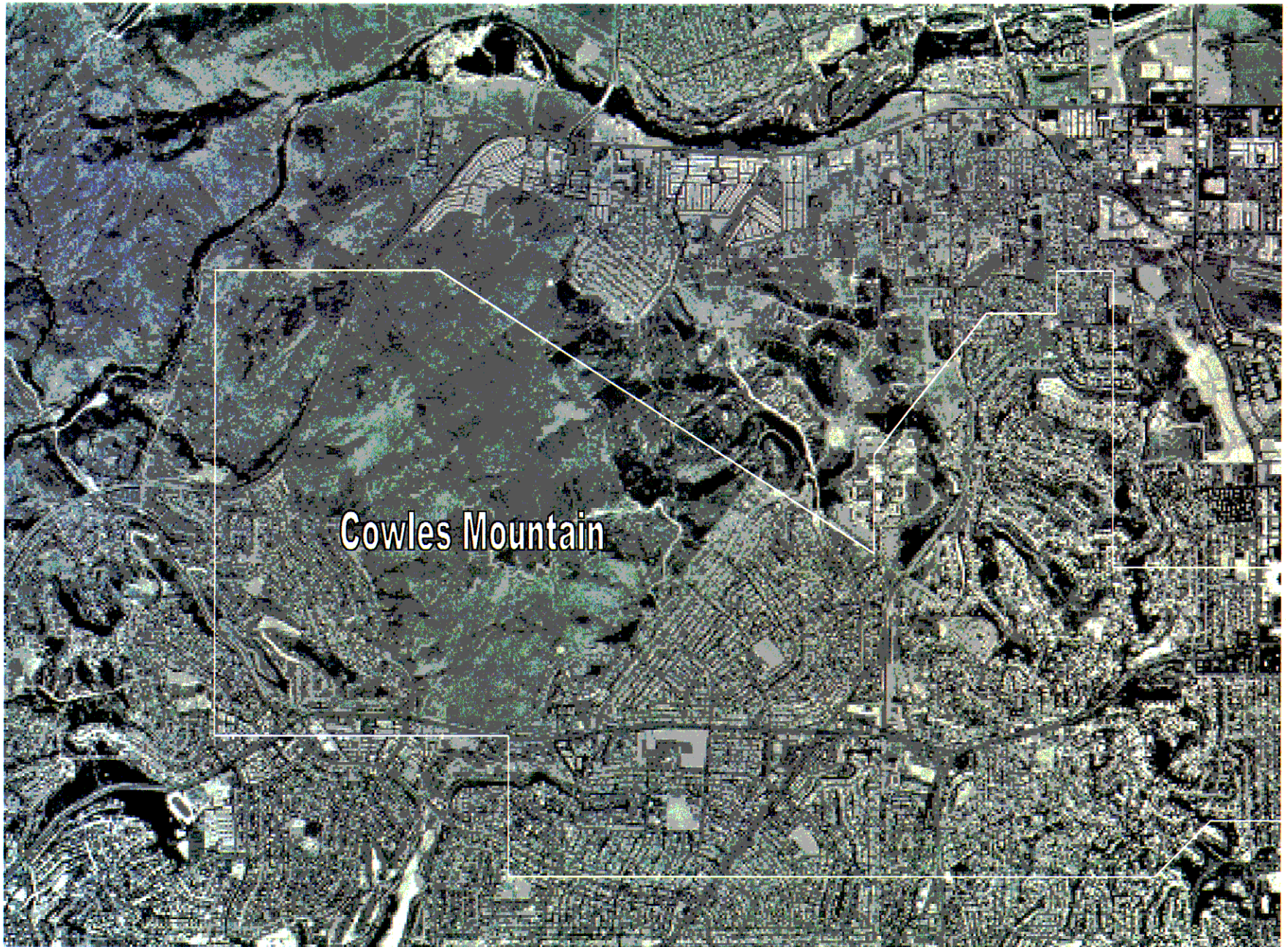
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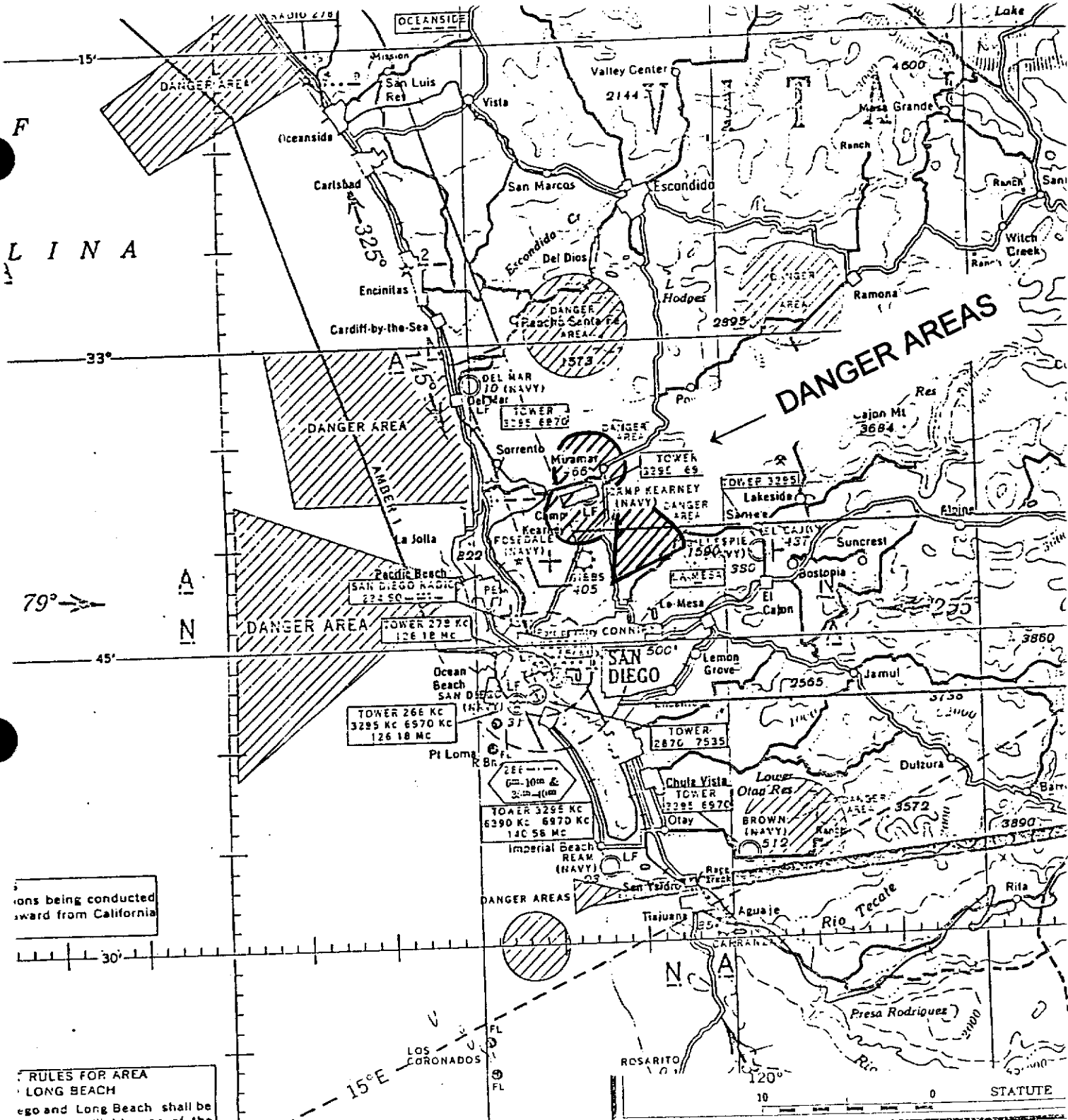
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



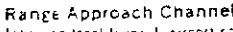
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Operations being conducted in the area are being conducted in accordance with the regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration.

RULES FOR AREA LONG BEACH
 Operations in the Long Beach and Long Beach shall be within the twilight zone of the sun to a point 7 miles from the line between this point and San Diego. The Southeast leg of the Long Beach shall be along the shoreline between this point and San Diego. Operations shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration.

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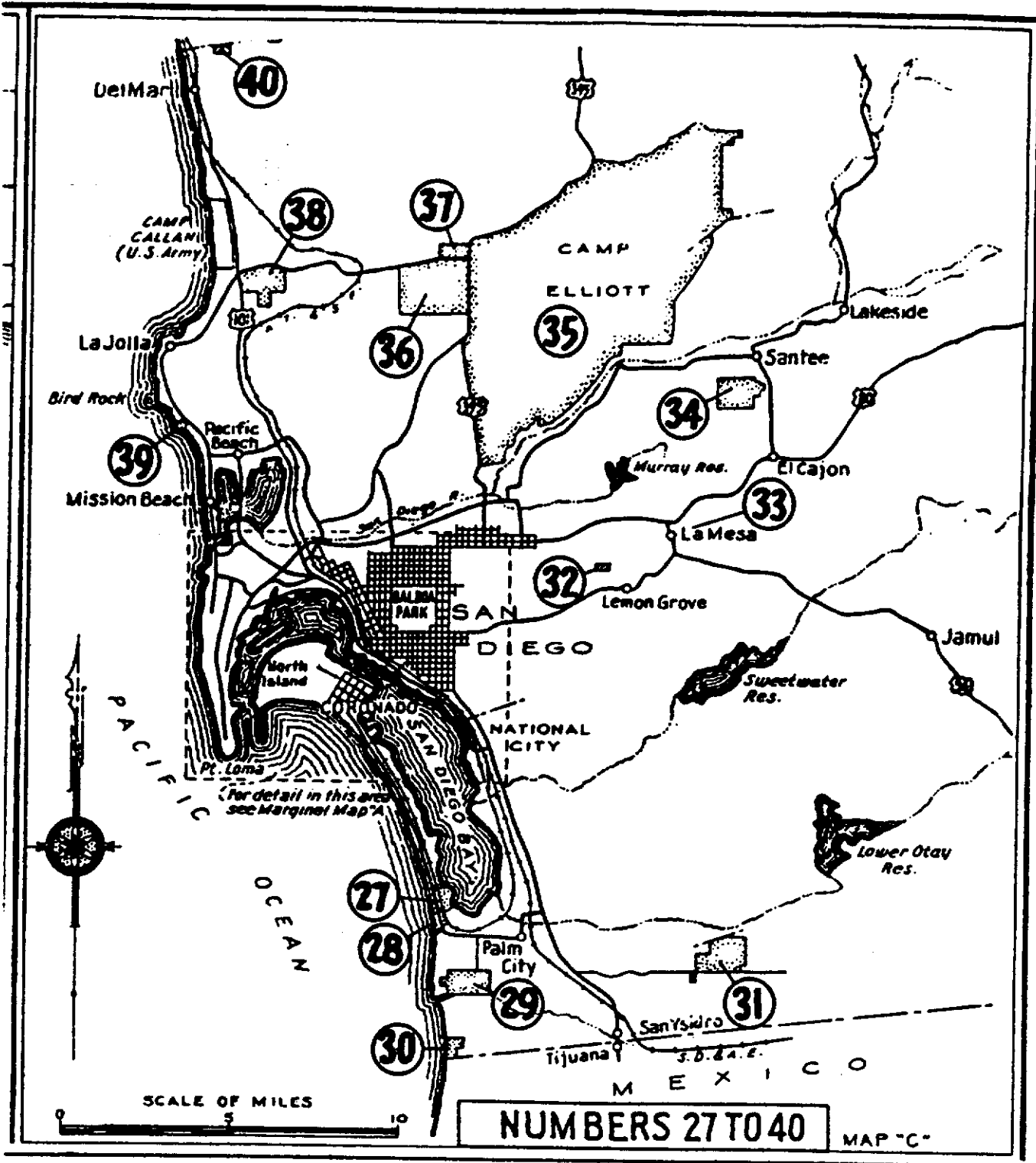
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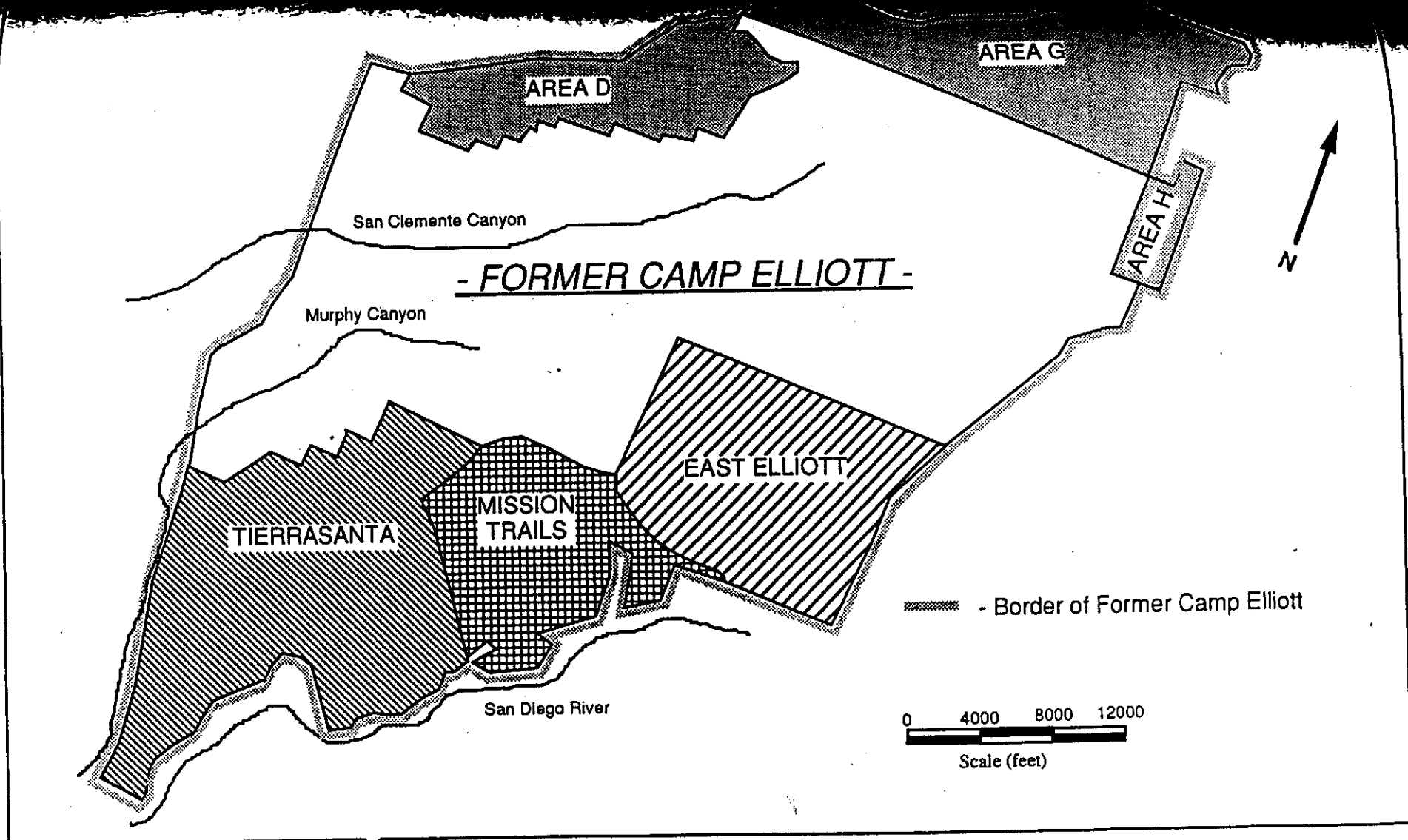


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**GENERALIZED PARCEL MAP
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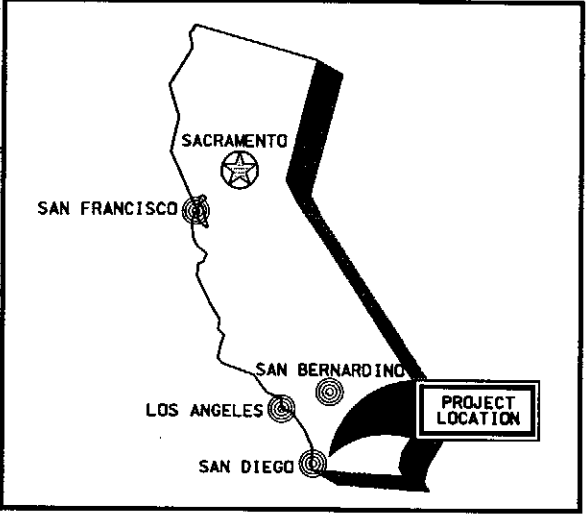
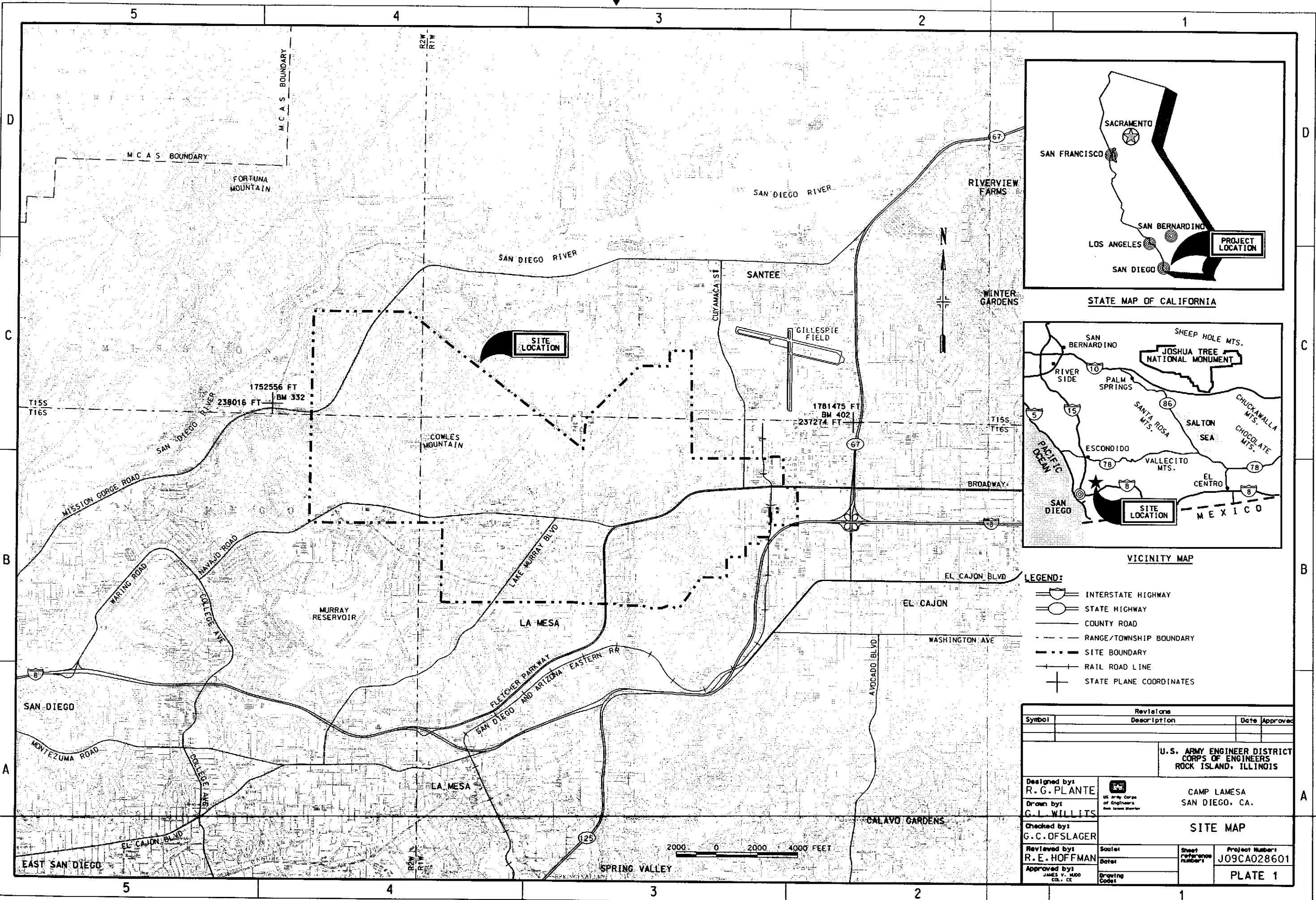
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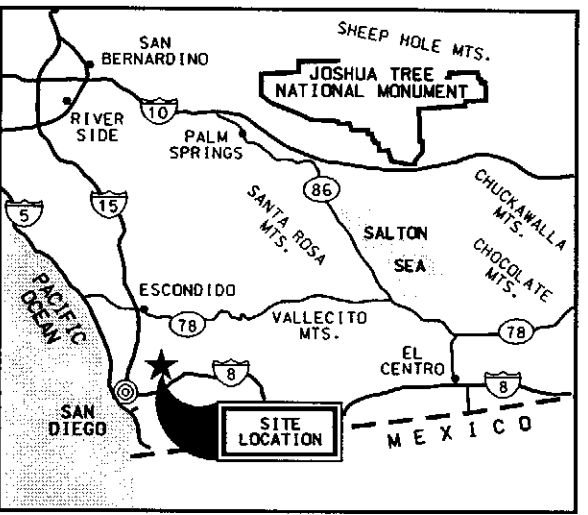
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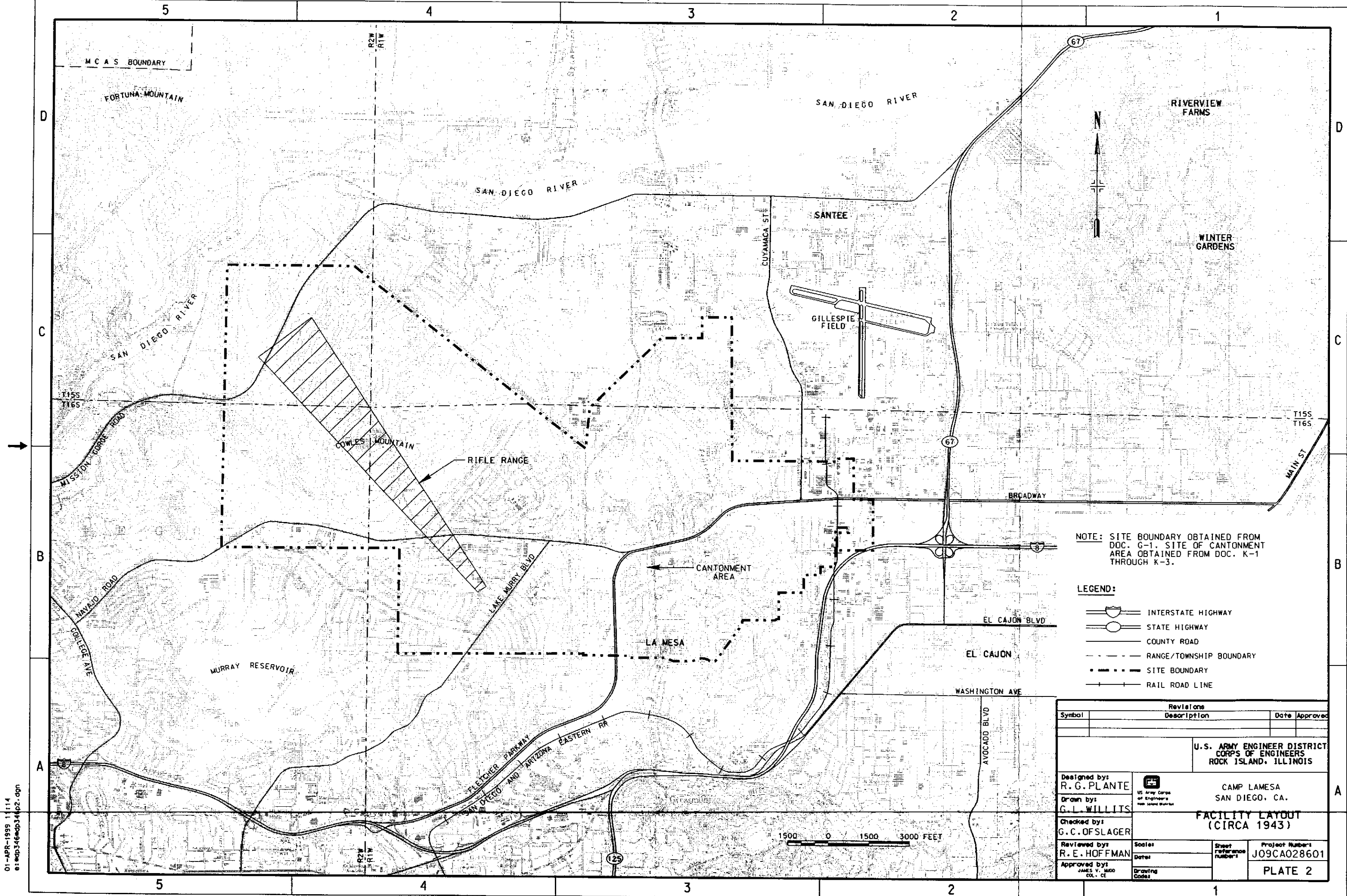


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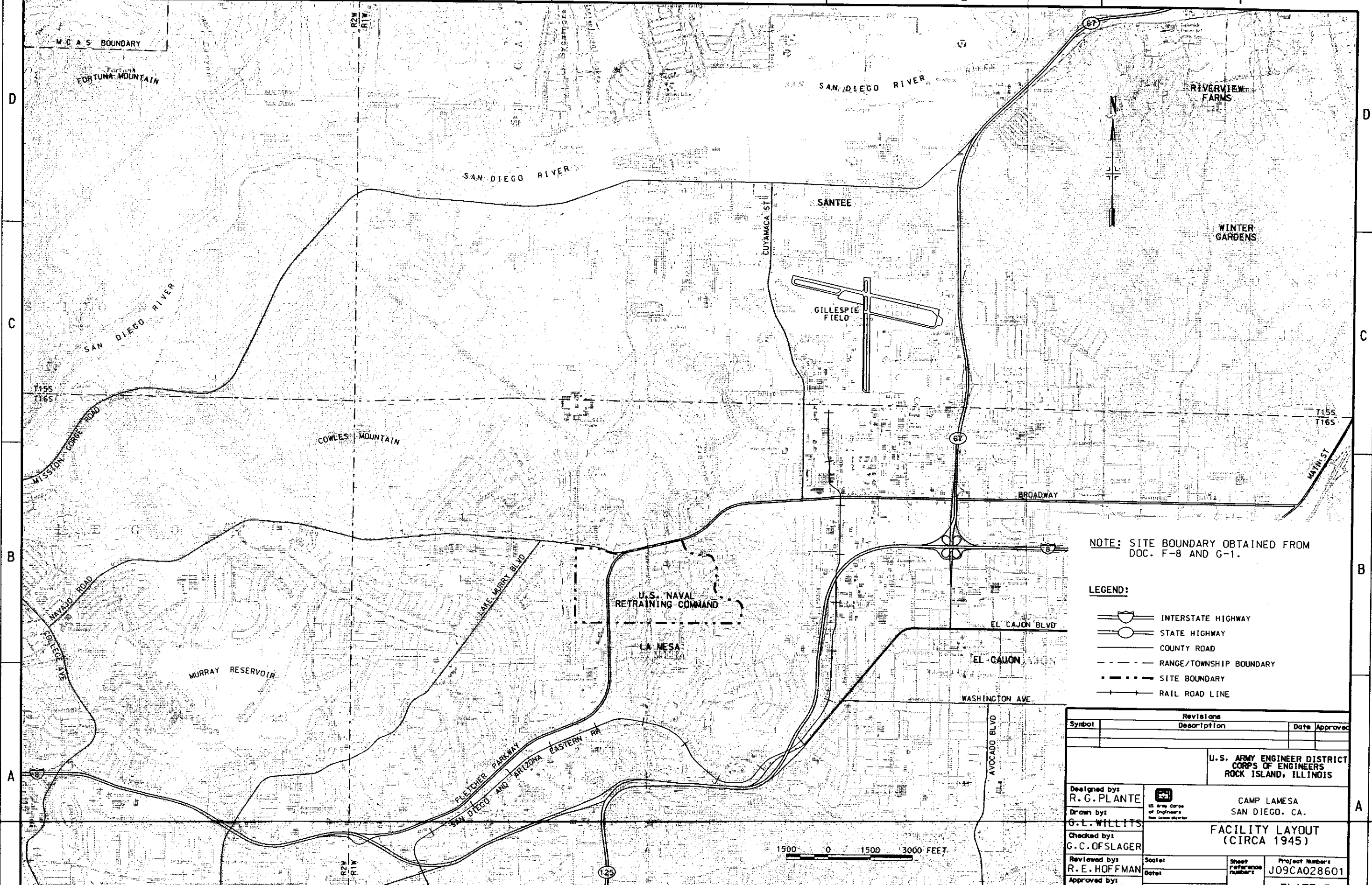
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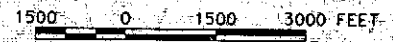


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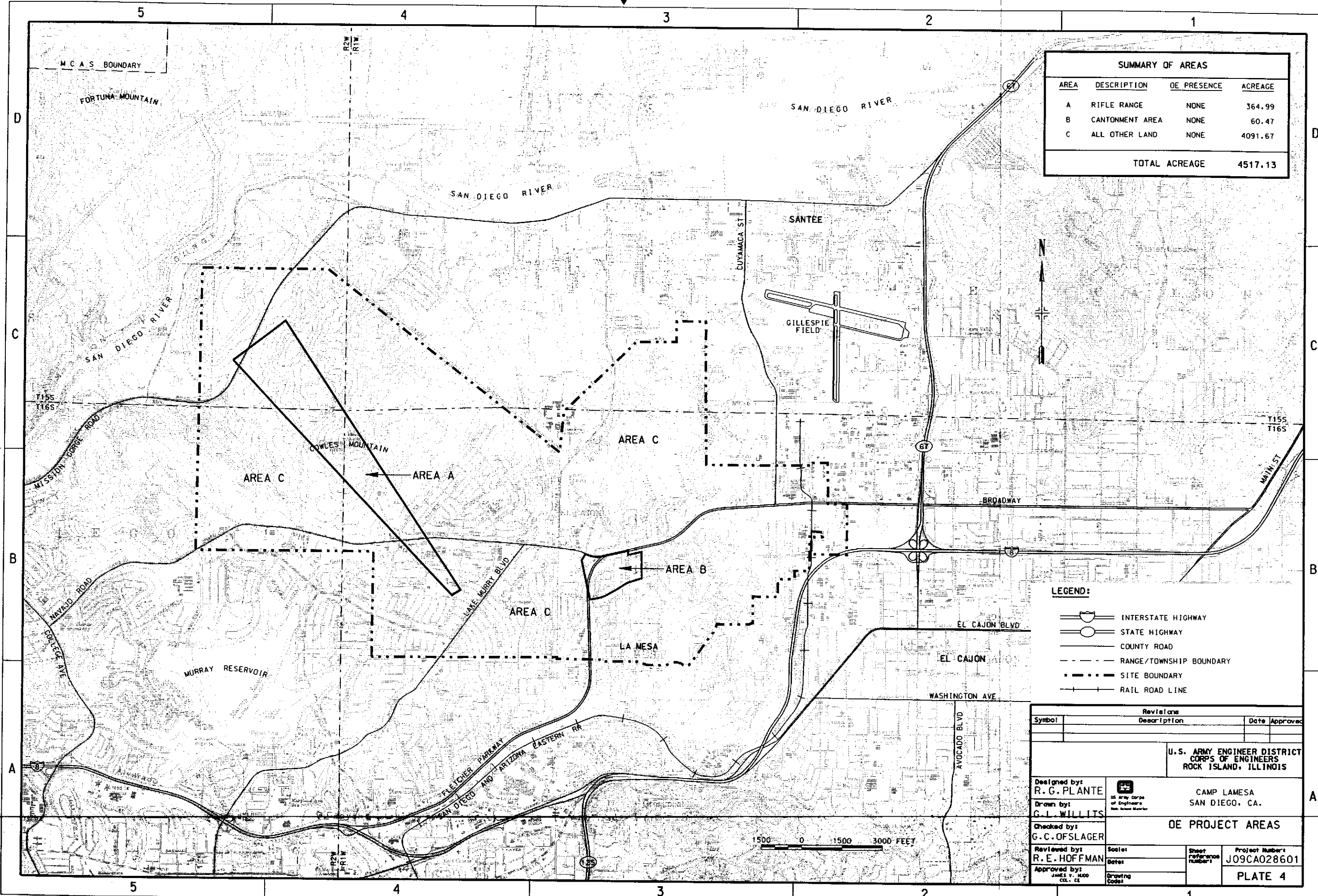
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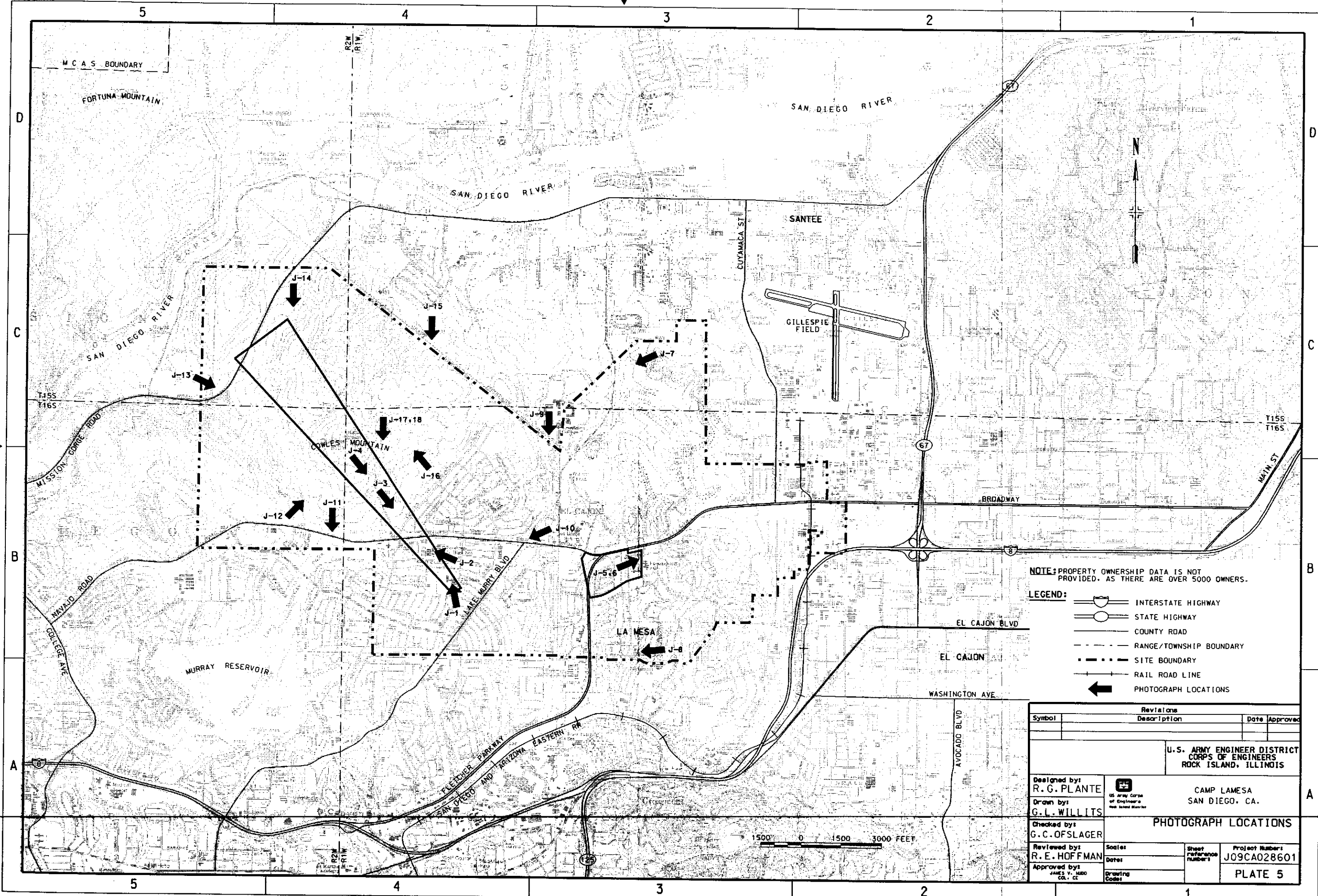
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