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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 the former Camp Vista, in San Diego County, California (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 80 acres of land that was used by the Army as a World War II (WWII) battalion base camp. It was later used by a rod and gun club and eventually became part of what is now known as the Green Oak Ranch.

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

**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 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 or more by weight of explosive in a soil mixture is considered explosive soil.

2. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS

a. **1999 Preliminary Assessment of Eligibility**

The Los Angeles District (CESPL) conducted a Preliminary Assessment of Eligibility (PAE) of Camp Vista in November 1997 (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 PAE phase.

TABLE 2-1 DERP-FUDS PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF ELIGIBILITY PROJECTS				
Project Number	DERP Category	Present Phase	Comments	Location
J09CA724201	OE	SI	Ordnance and explosives	Entire site
	HTRW	N/A	None recommended	
	BD/DR	N/A	None recommended	
	CON/HTW	N/A	None recommended	

b. **Other Investigations**

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

3. SITE DESCRIPTION

a. **Existing Land Usage**

(1) The site is mostly hilly, undeveloped land with moderate to heavy vegetation and a few structures. There has been some development since the camp was vacated in 1944, and the area around the site continues to be used as a retreat and youth camp.

(2) The estimated 80 acres of the former camp is currently under one ownership. There were no real estate records located which specified the exact acreage or original boundaries for with Camp Vista, and the boundaries depicted on the plates



are approximate. The former camp is within the current boundaries of the property owned by the Green Oak Ranch, which comprises 142 acres. Current ownership records are available through the San Diego County Recorder and Clerk (see documents G-1 and G-2).

TABLE 3-1 CURRENT LAND USAGE					
Area	Former Usage	Present Owner	Present Usage	Size/ Acres*	Comments
A	Possible Rifle Range	Green Oak Ranch	Open Space	1.8	See plates 2, 3, and 4
B	Cantonment Area	Green Oak Ranch	Camp/Retreat	5.5	See plates 2, 3, and 4
C	Remaining land	Green Oak Ranch	Some structures, mostly undeveloped	72.7	See plates 2, 3, and 4
Total Land Acres				80.0	
* All acreage approximate.					

#### b. Climatic Data

(1) Available climatological data comes from the City of San Diego, which is located about 30 miles south of Vista. The area, which is located in coastal valley, is known for its pleasant summers and mild winters. There is general temperature uniformity from day to day and season to season. Precipitation averages about 15 inches a year. Rainfall is infrequent and light from April through October, while about 83 per cent of the annual total falls from November through March. Snow is very rare and almost no records of measurable amounts. Freezing temperatures are also extremely rare. Thunderstorms may occur anytime of the year and there appears to be no definite season. The storms are usually light and infrequent. The average annual wind speed is about 6-7 miles per hour (mph) with slightly lighter winds, 5-6 mph, occurring in the winter. The prevailing wind is from the west-northwest.

(2) In the summer, the temperature of the Pacific Ocean is as much as 10 degrees lower closer to the coast than the temperature of the water farther west. Because of this, fogs and the low stratus clouds associated with them is the most common in the summertime but may occur at any time of the year. Westerly winds blow throughout the afternoon and evening hours. This deck of clouds extends further inland during the night and then recedes to the vicinity of the coast during the day.

(3) Winter temperatures are mild, with average maximums from 64 to 66 degrees Fahrenheit and average minimums in the middle 40s. Average temperatures rise until August and then slowly decline into November. Summer minimums range from 60 to 65 degrees. The warmest time of the year is July through September. At this time of the year, the average maximums are in the mid 70s (reference B-3).

#### **c. Topography**

Camp Vista is a combination of small, relatively flat areas divided by hills approximately 600 feet above seal level (ASL). The ranch itself is at approximately at 300 feet (ASL). Most of the property away from the structures and facilities is covered in heavy brush.

#### **d. Geology and Soils**

(1) The Camp Vista site is primarily part of the physiographic province known as the Coastal Plains although it is partially within the area known as the Foothills. The coastal plain of San Diego County lies within the Peninsular Ranges geomorphic provinces of California. Underlying the coastal plain is a succession of Cretaceous and Tertiary marine, lagoonal, and fluvatile sediments that have a combined thickness of more than half a mile. Under the main station area, the predominant bedrock is the Lindavista Formation, consisting of moderate reddish-brown interbedded sandstone and conglomerate.

(2) The soil associations for the site are known as the Diablo-Las Flores association and the Fallbrook-Vista association. The Diablo-Las Flores soils formed in material weathered from siliceous marine sandstone. It consists of well-drained clays and moderately well drained loamy fine sands that have a subsoil of sandy clay. The slopes range from 9 to 30 percent. The Fallbrook-Vista soils are well-drained sandy loams and coarse sandy loams that have a subsoil sandy clay and sandy loam over decomposed granodiorite with slopes from 9 to 30 percent (reference B-4).

#### **e. Hydrology**

(1) The only surface water on the site is a small creek known as Agua Hedionda Creek. It is small intermittent creek that generally flows from northeast to southwest through the ranch running along the base of the hills.

(2) The depths of wells in the Vista area range from 20 feet to 900 feet. However, most are drilled in depths ranging from 200-500 feet. The Vista Irrigation District uses Lake

Henshaw as one of its major sources of water. The lake is located about 50 miles east of Vista and is supplied by wells. There are also several artesian wells in Vista that also supply water for various parts of the community.

**f. Natural Resources**

The US 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**

Because the site has been used and partially developed into a youth camp, it is unlikely that historical/cultural resources are present. However, prior to any intrusive remedial activities on this site, contact with the State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO) is required to obtain information regarding all locations of archaeological, historical, and cultural resources. Table 3-2 summarizes the natural and historical resources.

<b>TABLE 3-2 NATURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES</b>	
Type	Comments
Birds, mammals, and plants	Numerous species (see appendix E-2 for complete listing)
Cultural/Historical	Complete survey recommended prior to any Corps work.

4. HISTORICAL ORDNANCE PRESENCE

**a. Chronological Site Summary**

(1) Available documentation indicates that the site started out as Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp Vista, SCS-11, on 15 November 1935. The first unit was Ohio Company 2588, which was replaced by Company 2948 on 9 April 1936. The camp was a Soil Conservation Camp located on property belonging to Vista Irrigation District (see document H-2).

(2) The CCC camp was closed in 1941 due to the draft. On 6 October 1942, the Army took over the camp through a lease with the Vista Irrigation District. The lease does not specify the specific acreage, but it is believed to have been about 80 acres in size. It was still known as Camp Vista during the Army's occupation. The camp served as a battalion cantonment

area for the 140th Infantry Regiment's 2nd Battalion which was providing support to the Southern California Sector of the Western Defense Command. On 27 January 1944, all elements of the 140th Infantry were relieved from the San Diego Sub-Sector by the 115th Cavalry Group (see documents F-2 and G-2).

(3) In late 1944, the Camp Vista property was sold to a private individual, Frank Thibodo, by the Vista Irrigation District, in late 1944 (see document G-2). There was some mention that the Navy may have used the facility for a short period 1945, well after the Army left. The exact purpose and period that it may have been used by the Navy is unknown (see document H-7).

(4) The Vista Rod and Gun Club leased property from Frank Thibodo to use for multiple shooting ranges and other facilities. When the lease expired, unknown date, the club disbanded. The land was then sold to the Union Rescue Mission of Los Angeles in 1949, which started the Green Oak Boys Camp. It is currently under the same ownership and is now known as the Green Oak Ranch (see documents F-3, H-7, and H-8). Table 4-1 provides a summary of the chronological history.

<b>TABLE 4-1</b>	
<b>SUMMARY OF CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY</b>	
Date	Action
15 Nov 1935	CCC camp first occupied by Ohio company
9 Apr 1936	Local CCC company occupies Camp Vista
Dec 1941	CCC company disbands due to war
18 Apr 1942	140th Infantry Regiment moved to Southern California Sector, Western Defense Command
6 Oct 1942	US Government leases land from Vista Irrigation District
27 Jan 1944	140th Infantry Regiment relieved from San Diego Sub-Sector
7 Dec 1944	Land sold to private owner
Circa 1945	Unknown Navy use of land
1949 to present	Green Oak Ranch owns site

## **b. Ordnance Related Records Review**

(1) 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. There is a significant lack of recorded information available about on site-usage during WWII. There are also inconsistencies between the limited number of written articles and available interviews about just what military activities took place.

(2) The history of Camp Vista began with the CCC as a Soil Conservation Camp. In June of 1935 the camp was being established, and the camp was occupied for the first time on 15 November 1935. A historical photograph dated 2 June 1936 displays the layout of Camp Vista as a CCC camp. These would have been the same facilities and structures that the Army would have used during their occupation of the site (see documents H-2, H-3, and K-1).

(3) Camp Vista was the headquarters location for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion of the 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. The unit had two of its companies stationed at other sites, Rancho Santa Fe and San Clemente. The Regiment's primary mission was to patrol the Southern California coastline and defend against attack by land, sea, or air (see document H-1).

(4) Exactly when the Army took over the CCC camp is unknown, although it probably occurred between December of 1941 and April of 1942. A local newspaper article from December of 1941 mentions hundreds of troops arriving in Vista, but doesn't state what unit they were from or exactly where they were staying. A regimental history document states that the 140<sup>th</sup> was assigned to Southern California Sector, Western Defense Command on 18 April 1942. Another military document covering the history of the Southern California Sector, Western Defense Command records the 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment as being assigned to San Diego from January 1943 until February 1944 (see documents F-1, F-2, and H-4).

(5) The size of the former camp is unknown but is believed to have been around 80 acres. No real estate documents were located to ascertain the exact acreage of the site or its original boundaries. All indications are that it was located inside the boundaries of what is now known as Green Oaks Ranch, which comprises 142 acres. Because of lack of known site boundaries for Camp Vista, all the maps used for viewing the

former site area uses the boundaries of the Green Oaks Ranch (see documents K-2, L-2, and L-3).

(6) A good summarized description of the 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment is found in a magazine article which was written based on interviews with soldiers who were assigned to that unit (see document H-1). This is the only written document that specifically mentions a rifle range being established and used on Camp Vista. However, it doesn't specify when the range was established, closed, its size, target distance, or the exact type of weapons fired there. Based on weapons assigned to the various companies, this range was most likely only used for M-1 rifles and .45 caliber pistols. The information about the Camp Vista rifle range was provided by former LT Dave Morgan, who passed away several years ago. Since this article addressed numerous other locations where the 140<sup>th</sup> was assigned, it is possible LT Morgan provided inaccurate information about which sites had rifle ranges. See paragraph 10 below.

(7) Two local newspaper articles discuss a dance being held in Vista for the soldiers stationed there. These are the only articles which specifically mention the unit assigned to Camp Vista, the 3rd Battalion of the 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment (see document H-5).

(8) A local newspaper article dated 18 October 1945 mentions that the camp near Vista was temporarily used by the Navy but is soon to be abandoned. It doesn't specify how many or what type of Navy personnel are using the facility or for what purpose they are there (see document H-7).

(9) A 1943 San Diego County map, produced by the Automobile Club of Southern California, depicts the location of Camp Vista (see map L-5).

(10) A report from Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), which performed the initial site investigation, recorded information about the site from former LT Dave Morgan. LT Morgan was an officer stationed with the 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment during WW II. He told SAIC there was a rifle range at the camp to practice firing M1 rifles and .45 caliber pistols. He does not believe any other weapons training took place on base. He also mentions various structures that were used by the military during their time there (see document F-4).

### c. Interviews With Site-Related Personnel

(1) Mr. Jim Hinds is a writer/researcher/historian of Southern California military history. He has written numerous articles for various publications. He wrote an article on the 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment that was published in "Traditions" magazine. This unit had personnel stationed at Camp Vista, and Mr. Hinds obtained much of his information from LT Dave Morgan. However, Mr. Hinds was not personally familiar with activities that took place on Camp Vista (see document I-1).

(2) Sgt. Conrad Grayson has worked for the San Diego County Sheriff's County Bomb Squad for over 20 years. He is unaware of any OE/UXO discoveries associated with the former Camp Vista (see document I-2).

(3) Ms. Jean Bice has lived in Vista since 1935. She did remember the CCC camp but did not remember any military activity occurring on the former site. She primarily remembers Marine activity associated with Camp Pendleton. She is not aware of any stories of OE ever being reported found on the former Camp Vista (see document I-3).

(4) Ms. Emily Sexsmith has been a resident of Vista since 1932. They used to own a grocery that had the upstairs converted to apartments that were rented to local servicemen. Besides local dances, she doesn't remember any specific Army activity associated with Camp Vista. She is not aware of any OE findings ever being reported locally (see document I-4).

(5) Luz Duran has lived in Vista since 1927. He lived nearby the former Camp Vista but doesn't recall much of the Army presence there. He thought there might have been a rifle range on the former site but wasn't sure. He doesn't recall any reports of OE ever being found in the area (see document I-5).

(6) John Cosh has lived in the Vista for 75 years. He doesn't remember much about the Army using Camp Vista. He said that the Navy was using that area in 1940s or 50s. He also stated that he used the Vista Rod and Gun Club's trap and skeet range but doesn't remember if there was a small arms range at the club (see document I-6).

(7) Jim Huber has been the director of Green Oak Ranch for the past 9 years. He isn't knowledgeable of the Army's past use of the former Camp Vista and doesn't know where the rifle ranges were located. He did state that several years ago a camp counselor found a large (40mm) shell casing on top of what is currently the dump area for "green" waste. He believes it was brought in from the outside and thrown away there. He is not

aware of any other OE related findings occurring on the Green Oaks Ranch property (see document I-7).

(8) CW4 Paul Spencer and SSGT Steve Darrow are both Marines assigned to the EOD unit at Camp Pendleton. Both men had been stationed there for varying periods going back to November 1983. Neither of them recalls ever responding to the former Camp Vista for a report of OE being found there. They reviewed their records and couldn't find any information of an incident response to the site (see document I-8).

(9) Mr. Bill Bobbett lived less than a mile from Camp Vista during WWII and did not recall hearing any small arms fire. He worked for the 11<sup>th</sup> Naval District during the war out of his home and would have heard the gunfire. A few years after the war, he helped form the Vista Rod and Gun Club, and he and others cut down some trees to establish their 50-yard shooting range. Had there been an existing range left by the Army, they would have used that. He was sure there was no range there during WWII (see document I-9).

## 5. SITE ELIGIBILITY

### **a. Confirmed Formerly Used Defense Site**

(1) Former DoD usage of the Camp Vista was previously confirmed as summarized in section 2. Historical documents and personal interviews confirmed U.S. Army usage of the site as a cantonment area with a possible small arms range from 1942 until 1944.

(2) By late 1944 these lands had been sold to a private individual, and today no ownership remains with any DoD component. The site is now under single ownership and is currently called the Green Oak Ranch (see documents G-1 and G-2). In addition, maps showing the exact boundary of the former camp were not located and therefore report plates 2 thru 4 reflect approximate property lines only.

### **b. Potential Formerly Used Defense Site**

The ASR team did not learn of any new potential FUDS.

## 6. VISUAL SITE INSPECTION

### **a. General Procedures and Safety**

(1) During the period 20-24 August 2001, the members of the ASR team assessed the former Camp Vista located in Vista, California. A portion of the property has been developed for use



for use as a youth retreat/camp known as Green Oak Ranch. Much of the property is hilly and undeveloped. The primary task of the inspection team was to assess the former site for OE presence. The site inspection was limited to non-intrusive methods; i.e. subsurface sampling was neither authorized nor performed.

(2) Real estate right-of-entry was not obtained by the ASR team due to the willingness and cooperation from the property owner of the former Camp Vista to authorize access on the acreage that made up the former site. Control of the former site therefore remained with these personnel with safety oversight from the inspection team.

(3) 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).

(4) 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.

**c. Area A: Possible Rifle Range**

(1) This is a small flat open area, approximately 1.8 acres, that extends from the road to the base of the hill. There are no large level open areas to indicate a range of any large size was ever established. Also, there was no physical evidence found to indicate that a range was located in this area and no OE was observed in or around this area (see photograph J-4 and plates 2 through 4).

(2) Down range of the possible target line is a small creek that runs along the base of a hill. This hill might have served as the range backstop for the bullets fired. The ASR team did not observe any target related structures near the hill nor was there any OE or OE debris observed anywhere in or on the hill. No expired cartridge cases or fired bullets were seen.

**d. Area B: Cantonment Area**

(1) This approximately 5.5 acre area was the location of the barracks and other administration buildings used by the Army. The same area has been redeveloped and now has cabins and other structures and facilities to support activities for the campers. The ASR team did not find any trace of the former CCC or Army

structures and also did not find any evidence of OE in the area (see photographs J-2, J-5, J-6, and plate 4).

**e. Area C: Remaining Land**

Area C consists of the all the remaining land, approximately 72.7 acres surrounding areas A and B and is mostly undeveloped open space or hills. The ASR team visited many different locations within this area without observing any evidence of its past usage or any OE (see plate 4 and photographs J-3 and J-5).

7. EVALUATION OF ORDNANCE HAZARDS

**a. General Procedures**

(1) Each area was evaluated to determine confirmed, potential, or no 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) **No ordnance presence** sub sites 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 sub sites.

**b. Area A: Possible Rifle Range**

This area has **no ordnance presence**. This area is evaluated separately based on its *possible* usage as a rifle range for small arms. It may have been designed for short firing distances such as a 100-yard sustainment range or possibly a 1,000-inch range used for maintaining basic marksmanship proficiency. None of the references indicated that any other weapons were used here. The information about the range came from one now-deceased individual who may have mixed up Camp Vista with other 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment sites. Also, local authorities, the landowner, and EOD personnel, have not recovered any OE in this redeveloped area. During the site inspection, the ASR team did not observe any OE, OE debris, or any trace of firing range facilities. This *may* have been a small arms range, but there is no physical evidence to verify this (see documents F-4, H-1, I-2, I-8, I-9, and photograph J-4).

**c. Area B: Cantonment Area**

This area has **no ordnance presence**, based on its usage as a barracks and administrative area for the CCC and the Army. No references available indicate that any firing of military weapons occurred in this area. In addition, local authorities, including EOD personnel, have not recovered any OE in this redeveloped area. During the site inspection, the ASR team did not observe OE, OE debris, or remnants of the military structures (see documents F-4, H-1, I-2, I-8, and photograph J-5).

**d. Area C: All Other Land**

This area has **no ordnance presence**. This is based on the lack of documentation or evidence suggesting any ordnance-related usage. References did not indicate that any firing or live weapons took place in this area. Much of the land is still undeveloped, and most of this terrain is not level and is

surrounded by hills. There is a dump area that has been used for "green" waste located on the lower part of a hill. The only OE related item found was a large empty shell casing, approximately 40mm in size based on the description. According to the ranch director, a camp counselor found it several years ago on top of the dump. All indications are that this item was brought in from the outside and disposed of there. There were no OE items discovered by the ASR team during this inspection, and there have been no reports of any OE finds, other than the shell casing (see documents F-4 and H-1 and photographs J-3 and J-5).

## 8. SITE ORDNANCE TECHNICAL DATA

### a. End Item Technical Data

The only ammunition that may have been used at Camp Vista was small arms, and 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
Cartridge, 30 cal	Ball, M2	Lead antimony with gilding metal jacket
Cartridge, 45 cal	Ball, M1911	Lead antimony with gilding metal jacket

### b. Chemical Data of Ordnance Fillers

Table 8-2 lists chemical data of ordnance fillers for the items listed 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% Nitrocullulose	Guncotton; Pyroxylin	$[C_6H_8O_5(NO_2)_3]_n$
8% Potassium Nitrate	Salt Peter	$KNO_3$
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**

(1) The SI team observed an area being used as a dumpsite for vegetative waste on the former Camp Vista, and this may have had other items dumped there in the past. However, there is no evidence to indicate a potential HTRW hazard resulting from past Army activities.

(2) Since the ASR team was unable to verify that the WWII rifle range (area A) existed, a lead removal project is not recommended.

**b. Building Demolition/Debris Removal**

The cantonment area has been thoroughly altered by the ranch developments/improvements and there are no remaining DOD related structures or residual materials which exhibit a potential requirement for initiating BD/DR projects.

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<b>Federal Agencies</b>			
<u>Department of Defense</u>			
Defense Technical Information Center and Secure Stinet 8725 John J. Kingman Rd Suite 0944 Ft Belvoir, VA 22060-6218	Computer search (DTIC/STINET)	(703) 427-8274 (DTIC) (703) 767-8228 (STINET)	No relevant information
DoD Explosives Safety Board 2461 Eisenhower Ave. Alexandria, VA 22331	Computer search (DDESB)	(703) 325-1369	No relevant information
National Imagery & Map Agency Attn: ISDFR 4600 Sangamore Rd Bethesda, MD 20816	Bill Harris	(800) 826-0342 DSN 287-2495	Aeronautical charts
<u>Army</u>			
710th Ordnance Co (EOD) Navy Sub Base San Diego, CA 92166-0376	SGT Anderson	(619) 553-8500 DSN 553-8500	No reports from this site
USACE-Office of History 7701 Telegraph Rd. Humphreys Engineer Center Alexandria, VA 22310-3865	Staff	(703) 428-6554	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
Rock Island Arsenal Museum ATTN: SIORI-CFS-M, Bldg. 60 Rock Island, IL 61299-5000	Kris Leinicke	(309) 782-5021 DSN 793-5021	No relevant information
U.S. Army SBCCOM ATTN: AMSSB-SCI-H 5232 Fleming Rd. Aberdeen PG, MD 21010	Kathleen Ciolfi	(410) 436-4430 DSN 584-4430	Review of SBCCOM former site listing provided no evidence of chemical warfare materiel used at this site

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U.S. Army Military History Institute Reference Library Carlisle Barracks, Bldg. 22 Carlisle, PA 17013-5008	Louise Friend John Slonaker	(717) 245-3103 DSN 242-3103	No information on site
U.S. Army Military History Institute Archives Branch 22 Ashburn Drive Carlisle Barracks Carlisle, PA 17013-5008	David Keough	(717) 245-3189 DSN 242-3189	No information on site
U.S. Army Military History Institute Photo Archives 22 Ashburn Drive Carlisle Barracks Carlisle, PA 17013-5008	Mike Winey	(717) 245-3434 DSN 242-3434	No information on site
U.S. Army Ordnance Museum Bldg 2601, Aberdeen Blvd. Aberdeen PG, MD 21005-5201	Dr. Atwater	(410) 278-3602 DSN 298-3602	No site specific information
Center of Military History 103 Third Avenue Ft McNair, Washington DC 20319	Staff	(202) 685-2733 DSN 325-2733	See Appendix B, Section II, B Parts A and B
USACE, Los Angeles District Cadastral Branch 911 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90017-3401	Richard Nagle Armando Moneu	(213) 452-3137 (213) 452-3138	Historical maps
USACE, Los Angeles District DERP-FUDS 911 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90017-3401	Deb Castens Gill Gonzalez	(213) 452-3164 DSN 493-2888	PAEs and maps



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<u>Army (cont.)</u>			
MANSCEN Library 597 Engineer Loop Bldg 3202, Suite 200 Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 65473	Joyce Waybright	(573) 563-4109 DSN 676-4109	No information on site
<u>Air Force</u>			
Air Force Historical Research Agency (AFHRA) Information Systems Division 600 Chennault Circle Bldg 1405 Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6424	Sheila Roten (IRIS) Essie Roberts (IRIS Microfiche)	(334) 953-6884 DSN 493-6884 (334) 953-2439 DSN 493-2439	Has no site-specific information. Site not owned/used by the Air Force.
Air University Library 600 Chennault Circle Bldg 1405 Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6424	Reference Services	(314) 953-2888 DSN 493-2888	No information on site.
<u>Navy</u>			
Marine Corps Historical Center Washington Navy Yard 901 M St., SE Washington D.C. 20373-5040	Staff	(202) 433-3447 DSN 288-3447	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A & B
Naval Construction Bn Ctr NAVFAC Historian Office CB Logistics Center, Code 09 4111 San Pedro St. Port Hueneme, CA 93043	Carol Marsh	(805) 982-5563 DSN 551-5563	No information found.
Naval Construction Bn Ctr Technical Information Center 1100 23 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. Code 72 Port Hueneme, CA 93043	Brian Thompson	(805) 982-1124 DSN 551-1124	No site-specific information.

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<u>Navy (cont.)</u>			
Naval Facility Engr Command SW Division 1220 Pacific Hwy, Bldg 127 San Diego, CA 92132	Tom Phelps Chris Maves	(619) 532-1169 DSN 522-1169	No site-specific information.
Naval Historical Center Washington Navy Yard Naval Aviation History Branch 901 M St., SE Washington D.C. 20374-5060	Staff	(202) 433-4407 DSN 288-4407	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A & B
Naval Historical Center Washington Navy Yard Operational Archives 901 M St., SE Washington D.C. 20374-5060	Staff	(202) 433-2833 DSN 288-2833	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A & B
Naval Historical Center Washington Navy Yard Navy Department Library 901 M St., SE Washington D.C. 20374-5060	Staff	(202) 433-4132 DSN 288-4132	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A & B
NAVEODTEHCEN Technical Library 2008 Stump Neck Road Indian Head, MD 20640-5070	Betty Arbogast Dawn Risko	(301) 743-6834	No information on site.
U.S. Naval War College Archives 686 Cushing Road Newport, RI 02841-1207	Dr. Evelyn Cherpack	(401) 841-2435	No site-specific information.
U.S. Naval War College Library 686 Cushing Road Newport, RI 02841-1207	Alice Juda Maggie Rauch	(401) 841-4551	No site-specific information.

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<u>GOVERNMENT</u>			
<u>National Archives and Records Administration</u>			
NARA - Archives I Old Military & Civil Text Div Pennsylvania Ave & 7 <sup>th</sup> St., NW Washington D.C. 20408	Staff	(202) 208-1903 (202) 208-0370 (202) 208-6273	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
Archives II - (Cartographic And Architectural Branch) 8601 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740	Staff	(301) 713-7040	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
Archives II - Still Picture Br 8601 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740	Staff	(301) 713-6660	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
NARA - Archives II (Textual Reference Branch) 8601 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740	Staff	(301) 713-6660	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
Pacific Region (Laguna Niguel) 24000 Avila Road Laguna Niguel, CA 92677	Bill Doty	(949) 360-2641	See Appendix B, Section III, Parts A and B
Pacific Region (San Francisco) 1000 Commodore Ave San Bruno, CA 94066	John Hedger Kathleen O'Connor Barbara Helper	(650) 876-9018	See Appendix B, Section III Parts A and B
National Personnel Records Ctr (Military Personnel Records) 9700 Page Avenue St Louis MO 63132-5100	Wilson Sullivan	(314) 538-4085	See Appendix B, Section III, Parts A and B
Washington National Records Center 4205 Suitland Road Suitland, MD 20746-8001	Staff	(301) 457-7190	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B

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<u>GOVERNMENT</u>			
<u>Library of Congress</u>			
Geography and Map Division 101 Independence Ave., SE Washington D.C. 20540-4650	Staff	(202) 707-5000	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
Prints and Photos Division 101 Independence Ave., SE Washington D.C. 20540-4650	Staff	202) 707-5000	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B
<u>Department of Agriculture</u>			
Natural Resources Conservation Service 332 South Juniper, Suite 110 Escondido, CA 92025	Staff	(760) 745-2061	Soil survey and aerial photos
<u>Department of Commerce</u>			
NOAA National Climatic Data Center Federal Bldg Asheville, NC 28801	Sam McCowan Yolanda Goosch	(704) 271-4272	Information on climatic data.
<u>Department of the Interior</u>			
Fish and Wildlife Service Ecological Services Carlsbad Fish & Wildlife Ofc 2730 Loker Ave West Carlsbad, CA 92008	Michele Evancho Josh Garcia	(760) 431-9440	Provided list of endangered and threatened species occurring on the site.
USGS Denver Federal Center P.O. Box 25286 Denver, CO 80225	Customer Service	(303) 202-4700	Topographic maps and aerial photos
<u>State</u>			
California State Library California History Section 914 Capital Mall Sacramento, CA 94237	John Gonzales Sybylle Zemitis	(916) 654-0176	No site-specific information

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<u>GOVERNMENT</u>			
<u>State (cont.)</u>			
California State Historic Preservation Office San Bernardino Archaeological Information Center 2024 Orange Tree Lane Redland, CA 92374	Robin Laska	(909) 792-1497	Contact with the SHPO is required prior to any intrusive remedial activities on the site.
California State Library Government Documents Section 914 Capitol Hall Library and Courts Bldg Sacramento, CA 94237-0001	Brent Murphy	(916) 654-0069	Referral
San Diego State University Special Collections 5300 Campanile Dr. San Diego, CA 92182-0511	Bill Payne	(619) 594-0069	No relevant information.
San Diego State University Government Documents/Maps Section 5300 Campanile Dr. San Diego, CA 92182-0511	Reference desk	(619) 594-5832	No relevant information
San Diego State University Reference Branch 5300 Campanile Dr. San Diego, CA 92182-0511	Staff	(619) 594-5832	No relevant information.
<u>County</u>			
S.D. County Planning & Land Use 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite D San Diego, CA 92123	Gary Stockton	(858) 694-3871	Historical maps and aerial photographs.
S.D. County Recorder and Clerk 1600 Pacific Hwy. Rm 103 San Diego, CA 92101	Records Info	(619) 237-0502	Recorded deeds.

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<u>GOVERNMENT</u>			
<u>County (cont)</u>			
San Diego County Sheriff - Bomb Squad 5255 Mt. Etna Drive San Diego, CA 92117	Sgt Conrad Grayson	(858) 467-4579	See Interview I-2
<u>Local</u>			
San Diego Public Library California Room (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor) 820 E Street San Diego, CA 92101-6478	Reference Desk	(619) 236-5834	Referral.
University of San Diego Copley Library Alcala Park San Diego, CA 94040	Librarian	(619) 236-4799	No site-specific information.
San Diego County Assessor 1600 Pacific Hwy, Rm 103 San Diego, CA 92101	Staff	(619) 531-6468	Plat maps for San Diego County.
Vista Branch Library 700 Eucalyptus Ave. Vista, CA 92084	Reference Desk	(760) 945-5116	Possible source of info for newspapers.
<u>NON-GOVERNMENT SOURCES</u>			
<u>National</u>			
Coast Defense Study Group 731 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	Publication		No information on this site.
Council on America's Past 518 Why Worry Lane Phoenix, AZ 85021	Heliogram Publication	(800) 396-4693	No information on this site.

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Organization	Name	Telephone	Nature of Support
<u>NON-GOVERNMENT SOURCES</u>			
<u>Local</u>			
Heritage Press 102 West 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave Escondido, CA 92025	Meredith Vezina	(760) 735-9313	Referral
San Diego Historical Society Archives 1649 El Prado (Balboa Park) San Diego, CA 92138	John Panter	(619) 232-6203	Closed for month of August.
Vista Historical Museum 651 E. Vista Way P.O Box 1032 Vista, CA 92085-1032	Annmarie Cox	(760) 630-0444	Historical reference books, photos, referrals.
Jim Hinds 1815 Lilac Lane Alpine, CA 91901	Jim Hinds	(619) 445-2654	See Interview I-1
Jean Bice Vista, CA 92085	Jean Bice	(760) 726-8959	See Interview I-3
Bill Bobbett Vista, CA 92085	Bill Bobbett	(760) 724-4548	See Interview I-9

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Entry 427: World War II Operations Reports, 1940 - 1948  
Box 21170

Unit History, 140th Infantry Regiment (One Battalion of Which Was Stationed at  
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Box 21170

Journal, 140th Infantry Regiment Activities, 22 April - 23 May 1943

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Entry: Reservations File, 1800 – 1950

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Entry 2: Unclassified Decimal File, June 1944 – 1946  
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Entry 349A: Central Classified Files, 1907 – 1936  
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Entry 149A: War Projects Unit, General Files, 1940 – 1945

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Entry: Central Decimal Files, 1935 - 1944

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Entry 391: Construction Completion Reports, 1917 – 1943  
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- Entry 1891: General Correspondence (Geographic File), 1922 - 1935
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RG 165 (Records of War Department General and Special Staffs)

Entry 484C: Legislative and Liaison Division, Card Files and Approved WPA National Defense Projects, 1941 - 1942

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Entry 73: Federal Construction Projects, August – October 1946

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- Entry 1: Army Field Forces. Headquarters, Chief of Staff, Combat Arms Advisory Group, Inspection Reports, 1948 - 1964
- Entry 26A: National Guard Branch, Central Decimal File, 1945 – 1948
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Entry 298: Historical Reports Pertaining to Post Planning, 1899 - 1943

RG 407 (Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1917 -)

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Entry 360: 1903 – 1942 Army – AG Project Decimal File, Formerly Classified

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Entry 12: Central Real Property Surveys

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- RG 71, Records of the Bureau of Yards and Docks  
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APPENDIX C

GLOSSARY

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### Glossary

AFB	Air Force Base
AAF	Army Air Field
ALF	Auxiliary Landing Field
AP	Armor piercing
BD/DR	Building Demolition/Debris Removal
BRAC	Base Realignment and Closure
CCC	Civil Conservation Corps
CEHNC	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville
CEMVR	U.S. Army Engineer, Rock Island District
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act
CESPK	U.S. Army Engineer, Sacramento District
CWM	Chemical Warfare Materiel
DA	Department of the Army
DAC	Defense Ammunition Center, McAlester, OK
DERP	Defense Environmental Restoration Program
DoD	Department of Defense
EE/CA	Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FUDS	Formerly Used Defense Sites
GSA	General Services Administration
HE	High Explosive
HQS	Headquarters
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
NDAI	No DoD Action Indicated
OE	Ordnance and Explosives
PAE	Preliminary Assessment of Eligibility
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
USMC	U.S. Marine Corps
USN	U.S. Navy
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance

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APPENDIX D

TEXTS/MANUALS

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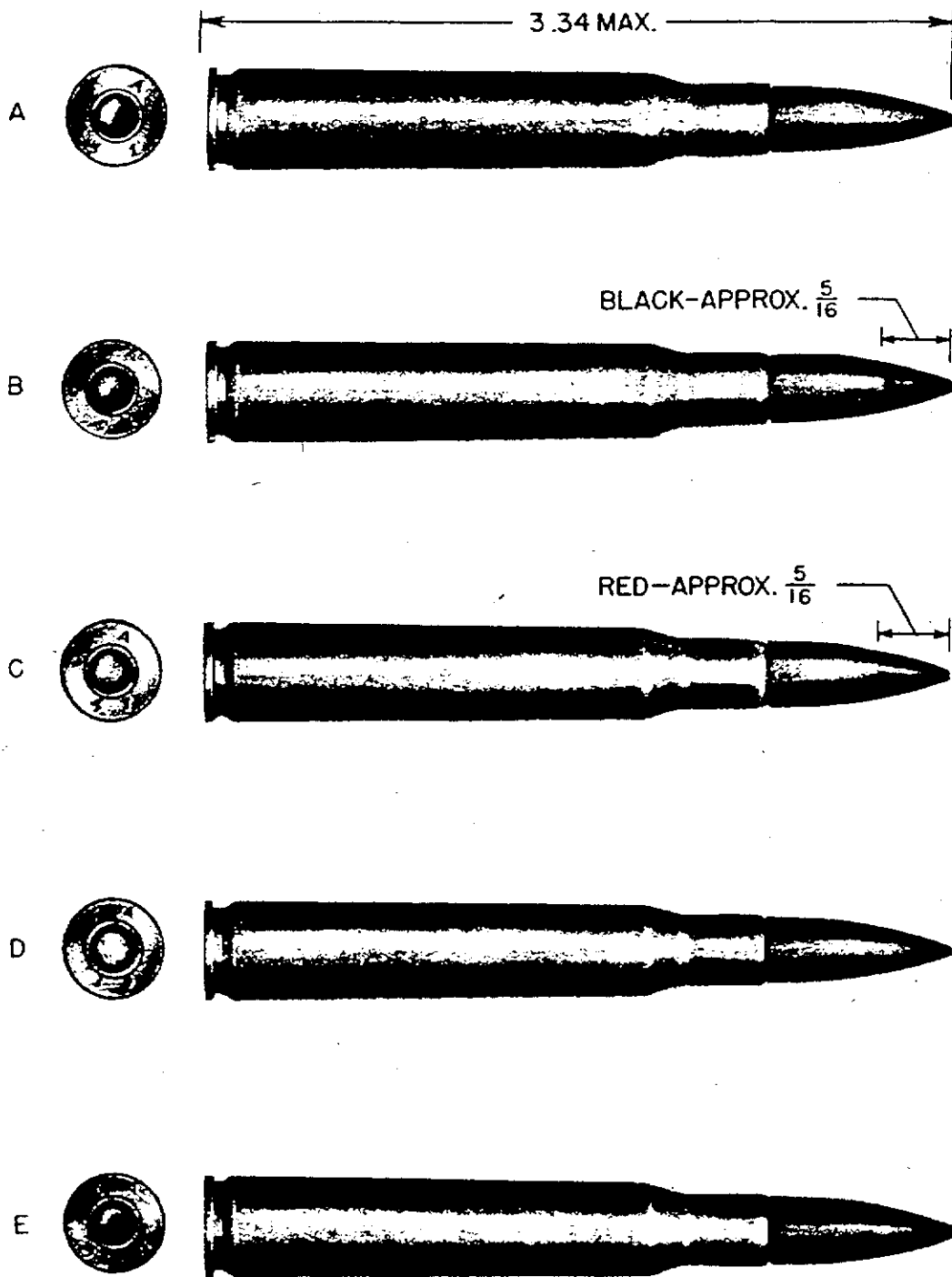
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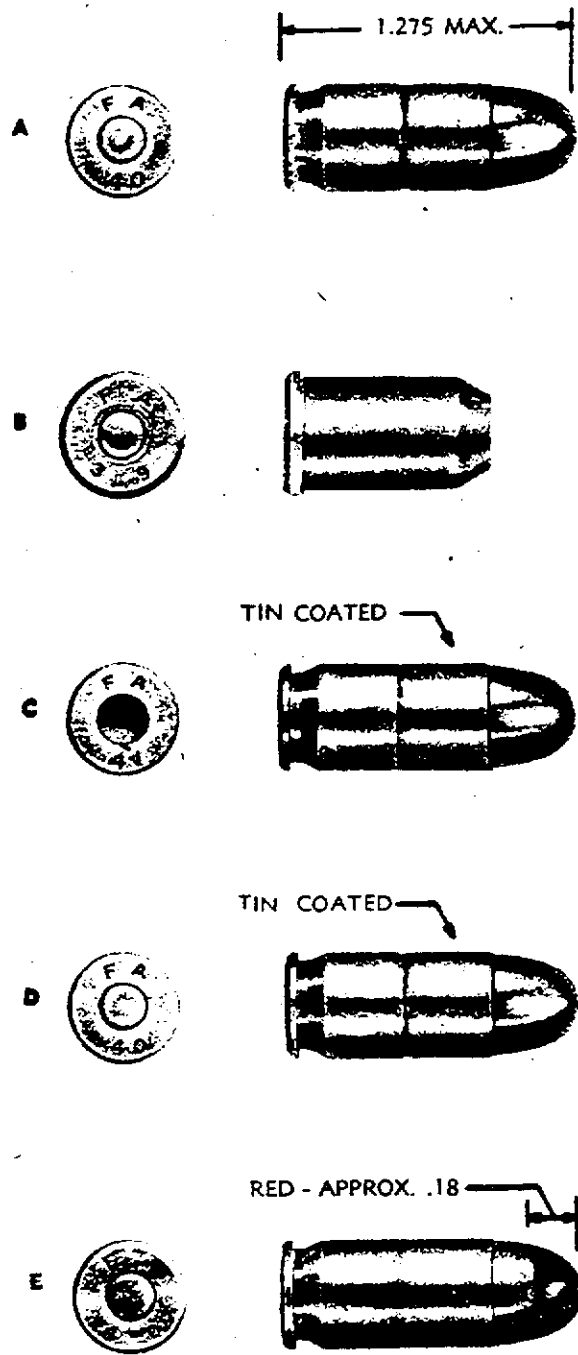


- A—CARTRIDGE, ARMOR-PIERCING, CAL..30, M2
- B—CARTRIDGE, BALL, CAL..30, M2
- C—CARTRIDGE, TRACER, CAL..30, M1
- D—CARTRIDGE, BALL, CAL..30, M1
- E—CARTRIDGE, BALL, CAL..30, M2, NATIONAL MATCH

RA PD 4522

Figure 79a — Cartridges, Cal. .30

**AMMUNITION INSPECTION GUIDE**



- 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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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
P.O. BOX 2711  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90053-2325

CESPL-PM-M

22 September 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, South Pacific Division, ATTN:  
CESPD-PM-R, Vince Del Greco

SUBJECT: DERP-FUDS Inventory Project Report (INPR) for Site No:  
J09CA7242000

1. Enclosed is the INPR for:

- J09CA724200 CAMP VISTA - ARMY

We determined that contamination eligible under DERP-FUDS might exist at this site.

2. I recommend the following:

a. Findings and Determination of Eligibility for the INPR be signed.

b. Forward a copy of this report to Commander, Huntsville Engineering and Support Center (Bob Britton) to determine if follow on action is appropriate for the ordnance contamination identified at CAMP VISTA - ARMY, Site No. J09CA724200.

3. Questions regarding this INPR should be directed to Jeffery Armentrout, Technical Manager, at (213)452-3720. For matters relating to project execution, contact Debra Castens, Project Manager, at (213)452-3990.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

*for Jeffery B. Armentrout*  
DEBRA J. CASTENS, P. E.  
Project Manager, Military and  
Support for Others Branch

Encl

**SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET**  
**FOR**  
**DERP-FUDS SITE NO. J09CA724200**  
**CAMP VISTA - ARMY**  
**29 April 1999**

**SITE NAME:** CAMP VISTA

**LOCATION:** The former Camp Vista is located in the City of Vista off of Sycamore Ave. The site is now the location of Green Oak Ranch.

**SITE HISTORY:** The Army acquired the facility through unknown means in the Summer of 1942. The property was used by the CCC as a camp from 1935 to 1941. The Army used Camp Vista as a battalion base camp until the beginning of 1944. Some structures were present when the Army moved into the camp but constructed additional structures, presumably barracks facilities. In addition to barracks, the camp included a BOQ, administration building, mess hall, and motor pool. There are three USTs present, two of which were installed by the present owner. No information is available to determine who installed the third tank or whether it has been beneficially used by the present owner. During this time the Army conducted various kinds of small unit infantry training, maneuvering and weapons use. A rifle range was established for M-1 rifle and 45 caliber pistol practice. No other type of weapons discharges are known to have occurred at the facility. By 1944, the Army was leasing the property from the Vista Irrigation District, although the exact starting and ending dates of the lease are unknown. The Navy is known to have used the property for an unknown length of time in 1945. By 1948, the property had been disposed by the U.S. Government.

**SITE VISIT:** The site was visited on 11 November 1997, by Kurt Schmidt of Science Applications International Corporation, San Diego, CA. The primary site contact is the Green Oak Ranch Camp Director, Mr. Jim Huber.

**CATEGORY OF HAZARD:** OE

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Recommend the Huntsville Engineering and Support Center make a determination regarding further investigation at this site.

**AVAILABLE STUDIES AND REPORTS:** None

**DISTRICT POC:** Jeff Armentrout, Los Angeles District, (213) 452-3720.

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

CAMP VISTA - ARMY  
VISTA, CALIFORNIA  
SITE NO. J09CA724200

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. In the Summer 1942 the Army acquired, through unknown means, a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp known as Camp Vista, estimated to consist of approximately 80 acres. In 1944 the Army is known to have had a lease with the Vista Irrigation District who owned the property at that time. The records are neither complete or specific.
2. The Army used Camp Vista as a battalion base camp. Some structures existed when the army acquired the property but the army constructed additional structures, thought to consist primarily of barracks. In addition to barracks, the camp included a BOQ, administration building, mess hall and motor pool. The camp was used as a training facility for routine small unit infantry training such as tactics, maneuvering and weapons. A rifle range was established at Camp Vista for M-1 rifles and 45 caliber pistols but no other type of weapon is known to have been discharged at this location. The Navy also used the site but for unknown purposes.
3. The Army used the property until February 1944 but the U.S. Government continued to lease it. By 1948, the lease with the Vista Irrigation District for the approximate 80-acre site had been terminated and the U.S. Government disposed of the property. The records are neither complete or specific. No known military improvements remain on the property. The site is now privately owned and used as a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility.

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.

19 Sep 99  
DATE

Peter T. Madsen, COL  
PETER T. MADSEN  
Colonel (P), U.S. Army  
Commanding

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET  
FOR  
DERPS-FUDS OE PROJECT NO. J09CA724201  
CAMP VISTA - ARMY  
SITE NO. J09CA724200  
29 April 1999

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This is a former army camp that was used for small unit infantry training. The camp included a rifle range for M-1 rifle and 45 caliber pistol practice. No other type of weapons discharge is known to have occurred at the camp. However, there were companies and platoons equipped with 81 mm and 60 mm mortars that may have been stationed at Camp Vista. A large, empty shell casing was discovered on the property a couple of years ago in an area that was historically used for refuse disposal, but there have been no other ordnance discoveries.

**PROJECT ELIGIBILITY:** The Department of Defense controlled the subject property from 1942 to 1945. The property was then used as a rod and gun club. A delinquent youth and drug and alcohol rehabilitation camp has occupied the property since 1950. Ordnance found at this site, besides 30 and 45 caliber ammunition, may be the result of past DOD activity.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:** No policy considerations are known to exist that would affect proposal of this project. No permits or other property use documents were found that specifically addresses ordnance/explosive waste.

**PROPOSED PROJECT:** Recommend the Huntsville Engineering and Support Center make a determination if further action is appropriate.

**RAC FORM:** Attached

**DISTRICT POC:** Request CEHNC inform Mr. Jeff Armentrout, Los Angeles District, (213) 452-3720, when a determination is made regarding project status.





United States Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Ecological Services  
Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office  
2730 Loker Avenue West  
Carlsbad, California 92008



In Reply Refer To:  
FWS-OR-1528.1

APR 4 2001

James R. Reynolds  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Clock Tower Building  
ATTN: CEMVR-ED-DO (Reynolds)  
P.O. Box 2004  
Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004

Re: Species List Request for Peters Canyon Regional Park, Irvine Regional Park and Camp Vista, Orange and San Diego Counties, California

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

This letter is in response to your March 13, 2001, request for a list of federally listed threatened and endangered, as well as candidate, species that may occur at the above referenced sites. The enclosed list provides the requested information and indicates those species for which critical habitat has been proposed or designated. We are also providing the following information regarding the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), that may be useful in your planning efforts.

We recommend that you seek assistance from a biologist familiar with your project sites and with listed species in assessing the actual likelihood for direct, indirect and cumulative impacts resulting from a proposed project. If the proposed project may affect a listed species, and is authorized, funded, or carried out by a Federal agency, then the Federal agency must consult with us on behalf of the applicant, pursuant to section 7 of the Act. During the section 7 process, measures to avoid or minimize project-related effects to listed species and their habitat will be identified and incorporated into a biological opinion that includes an incidental take statement that authorizes incidental take by the Federal agency and applicant.

Thank you for contacting our office for a species list. We look forward to reviewing your proposed projects as they become available. If you have any questions about this letter, or wish to further discuss these issues, please contact Fish and Wildlife Biologists Michele Evancho or Josh Garcia at (760) 431-9440.

Sincerely,

*Anne Hoecker*

*for* Karen A. Evans  
Acting Assistant Field Supervisor

Enclosure

E-2

**Federally Listed Endangered, Threatened  
and Proposed Species Which May  
Occur in the Vicinity of Camp Vista, Vista,  
San Diego County, California**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
<u>AMPHIBIANS</u>		
arroyo toad	<i>Bufo californicus</i>	E, CH
<u>BIRDS</u>		
southwestern willow flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>	E, CH
coastal California gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila californica californica</i>	T, CH
light-footed clapper rail	<i>Rallus longirostris levipes</i>	E
California least tern	<i>Sterna antillarum (= albifrons) browni</i>	E
least Bell's vireo	<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i>	E, CH
<u>MAMMALS</u>		
Stephens' kangaroo rat	<i>Dipodomys stephensi</i> (includes <i>D. cascus</i> )	E
<u>PLANTS</u>		
San Diego thornmint	<i>Acanthomintha ilicifolia</i>	T
Del Mar manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos glandulosa ssp. crassifolia</i>	E
thread-leaved brodiaea	<i>Brodiaea filifolia</i>	T
San Diego button-celery	<i>Eryngium aristulatum var. parishii</i>	E
spreading navarretia	<i>Navarretia fossalis</i>	T

E: Endangered  
T: Threatened  
C: Federal candidate  
CH: Critical habitat  
PE: Proposed endangered  
PT: Proposed threatened  
PCH: Proposed critical habitat

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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:

		<u>DATES</u>
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>Date of Arrival</u>	<u>Date of Departure</u>
<b>ARMY CORPS</b>			
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
<b>ARMORED FORCES</b>			
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>
<b>ARMY BANDS</b>			
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
<b>CAVALRY</b>			
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
<b>CHEMICAL WARFARE</b>			
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
<b>COAST ARTILLERY</b>			
Hq & Hq Btry, HDLA	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>
<b>COAST ARTILLERY (Contd)</b>			
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
<b>ENGINEER</b>			
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	Jan 42	Dec 42
<b>FIELD ARTILLERY</b>			
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
<b>INFANTRY</b>			
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>
<b>MEDICAL</b>			
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
<b>MILITARY POLICE</b>			
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
<b>ORDNANCE</b>			
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

## CHAPTER 7

TRAINING, MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES & CONCLUSIONSSECTION I: TRAINING

1. Training for Southern California Sector troops was on a rotational basis. Inasmuch as, in the early years of the war up until the end of 1943, the greater part of the combat troops assigned were engaged in the protection of coastal lookouts, beach patrols, and guard detachments for the protection of communications systems and designated critical areas, the training was, of necessity, confined to that which was dictated by the defense mission. However, in 1942 large training areas were acquired at Ojai, California, (Ventura County), at Irvine Park, California (Orange County), La Mesa, California (San Diego County), Vista, California (San Diego County). Approximately one-third of the Southern California Sector combat troops were rotated back to these areas periodically and given intensive field training to prepare them for employment overseas. (See ANNEX A, APPENDIX VII).

Training facilities of the Navy and the Fleet Marine Force at Camp Pendleton and Camp Elliott were also made available to Sector troops, by local agreement, and were used quite extensively.

Coordination of training areas in the Southern California Sector was accomplished in accordance with the provisions of Joint Letters, Staff Headquarters, Western Sea Frontier and Headquarters Western Defense Command, dated 17 April 1944 and 11 September 1944, subject, "Coordination of Training Areas between Army and Navy on the Pacific Coast."

Training for the Sector mission included preparation of beach defenses, delaying action in successive positions, preparation of final defense positions for protection of designated critical areas and the employment of counterattack forces and reserves continuously throughout each of these phases. This training took the form of field exercises, both unopposed and opposed, and command post exercises. Many of these exercises were joint exercises, in which forces of the Eleventh Naval District, Southern California Sector, Western Sea Frontier, 2d Air Force, 4th Air Force, AAF Western Flying Training Command, AAF Western Technical Training Command, 37th AAA Brigade, Fleet Marine Force, California State Guard (Southern Area), Civil Law Enforcement agencies, and Plant Protection Forces participated. (See ANNEXES C, D, E, APPENDIX VII).

Listed below are the field exercises and command post exercises that were conducted on a Sector-wide scale;

"Red Commando Raids"

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HEADQUARTERS 110TH INFANTRY  
Camp Swift, Texas

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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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Assistant Adjutant

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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 CCD 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 OCD 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 (AM); 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.

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\* 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  
ATA

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) M41 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."

## COMMENDATIONS

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.

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

## VISTA ROD AND GUN CLUB, INC.

(The following information was furnished by  
O. K. "Bub" Williamson)

The Vista Rod and Gun Club was organized in 1943 by a group of local sportsmen. It was located in a natural park setting at the end of Sycamore Drive, on land leased from Frank Thibodo. At the height of its activities it had a membership of 293. Until the American Legion Hall was opened, the lounge of the Rod and Gun Club was the scene of a great part of the area's social activities, including a school of dancing.

The organization's facilities included a clubhouse, large and small bore rifle ranges, trap and skeet ranges, two pistol ranges, an archery range, casting pool and outdoor picnic and barbecue pits.

The first pheasants in San Diego County were planted in San Marcos by the club, and many other game activities were started. A pheasant hatchery and Game Farm was established in Valley Center with the cooperation of the State of California. Fish and Game Commissioner Ed Green was manager of the Game Farm. Mack Lee, State Biologist, spent much time in Vista working with Vista members on quail guzzlers, deer licks, quail replanting, fish stocking and other activities. Members made sizeable donations toward the State's installation of the above.

During the years the club was in operation, ocean fishing was good. Regular charter parties were held monthly, and on one occasion, fishing out of San Clemente, ten men caught 198 albacore averaging over 20 pounds each.

The club broke up when its lease expired and the land was sold to the Union Rescue Mission of Los Angeles, who installed the Green Oaks Boys' Camp there.

Officers at the time of disbandment were O. K. "Bub" Williamson, president; Arville Williams and Charles Mull, Jr., vice-presidents; Bert Stein, secretary; Bert Baietto, treasurer; Chase Hawkins, club manager. Board members were Alex McDougall, Ray Blust, Don Hibbs, Graham Rutherford, Russell Thibodo and Whitey Glissman. Boyd Hammond was range master.

Instruction in gun safety and casting in fishing were given free to all boys and girls. A National Rifle Association Junior Rifle Club was supported by the club, with rifles and ammunition furnished. The club was affiliated with the National Rifle Association.

Money to open the harbor at Carlsbad was raised by club members, with Whitey Glissman's boat the first boat to enter into what is now Carlsbad Harbor.

The club won many honors, among them a Conservation Award from the State of California, presented to the club on September 14, 1948 and accepted by Joseph P. Siegal of Bonsall who was president at the time.

In its active days the Vista Rod and Gun Club was one of the largest in California—among the ten top clubs of the State.

**San Diego Historical Society**, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA. The Historical Society has a copy of a document titled, "San Diego Military Sites", by James Hind, but it does not address Camp Vista.

**James Hinds**, Military Historian, (619) 445-2654. Mr. Hinds authored an article which was published in Traditions magazine about the army in San Diego County. The 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of the 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, was stationed in Southern California starting in the Summer of 1942. One of the three battalions of the 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment was located at Camp Vista, a 1935 CCC camp on Vista Irrigation District property and located 4.5 miles south of Vista. A temporary rifle range was established at this location. The regiment was transferred to Texas in February 1944. Mr. Hinds has no other information other than what he wrote in the article. He recommended calling Dave Morgan, a retired officer of the 140<sup>th</sup>, for more information.

**Dave Morgan**, Lt. Col. U.S. Army (retired), 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment during WWII, (619) 234-7106. Mr. Morgan served in the 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, attached to the 35<sup>th</sup> Division during WWII. There were three battalion camps for the regiment: Irvine Park, Camp Vista, and Camp La Mesa. Camp Vista was the base camp used for patrolling the area between Rancho Santa Fe and San Clemente where numerous observation posts were located. Camp Vista was a former CCC camp. Mr. Morgan has not returned to Camp Vista and is unable to locate it relative to current day landmarks. He recalls it was located south of Vista and west of Highway 395. The Camp consisted of about 20 barracks (each holding 30 to 40 troops). The Camp capacity was about 800. There was also a BOQ, administration building for battalion headquarters, and a mess hall. He recalls a motor pool and suspects there may have been a UST for gasoline but is not sure. The motor pool would have serviced jeeps and 2 1/2 ton trucks. He could not recall the level of maintenance that would have taken place at the motor pool. He does not recall practices like dumping oil or fuel on the ground. There was a rifle range at the camp for practice shooting of M1 rifles and 45 caliber pistols. There was a mortar company assigned to each battalion but Mr. Morgan does not recall much about their activities, especially, where they may have practiced. He does not believe that mortars and grenade practice took place at the camp. The types of activities taking place at the camp included small unit training and maneuvering. The three battalions of the 140<sup>th</sup> regiment rotated through each of the camps on a periodic basis. Mr. Morgan believes there is a monument marking the location of the Camp somewhere in the Vista area but does not know the specific location. He is not aware of any other men still alive who were stationed at Camp Vista during WWII. He has no knowledge of what happened to the facility once the army vacated.

**Russell Thibodo**, Former Landowner, (760) 726-0511. Mr. Thibodo believes that his family owned the Camp Vista property during the time of Army use. He recalls selling the barracks to various entities after WWII. He does not recall who owned the property when the CCC used the property. He does not believe there was a formal land use agreement (e.g., lease) with the Army during their occupancy. Mr. Thibodo fought in Europe during WWII so does not recall many details of the army's occupancy. The Thibodo's once owned the many thousands of acres that are now a part of the Shadowridge residential development of Vista.

**Linda McFarland**, Public Relations Representative, Vista Irrigation District, (760) 724-8811. Ms. McFarland was able to provide the current owner of the Camp Vista property: the Los Angeles Union Mission. It is now called Green Oak Ranch. She suspects that the Vista Irrigation District (VID) may have owned the property during the 1930s since it was very common for them to seize properties which were delinquent in back taxes (the VID operated as an assessment district and able to collect taxes). If this was the case, they would have quickly turned around and sold the property to some other entity, more than likely the Thibodo family. She was unable to locate records indicating the VID ever owned this property or leased it to the Army.

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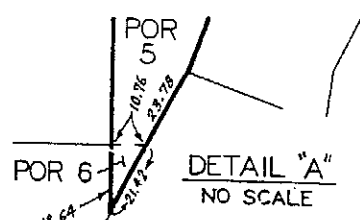
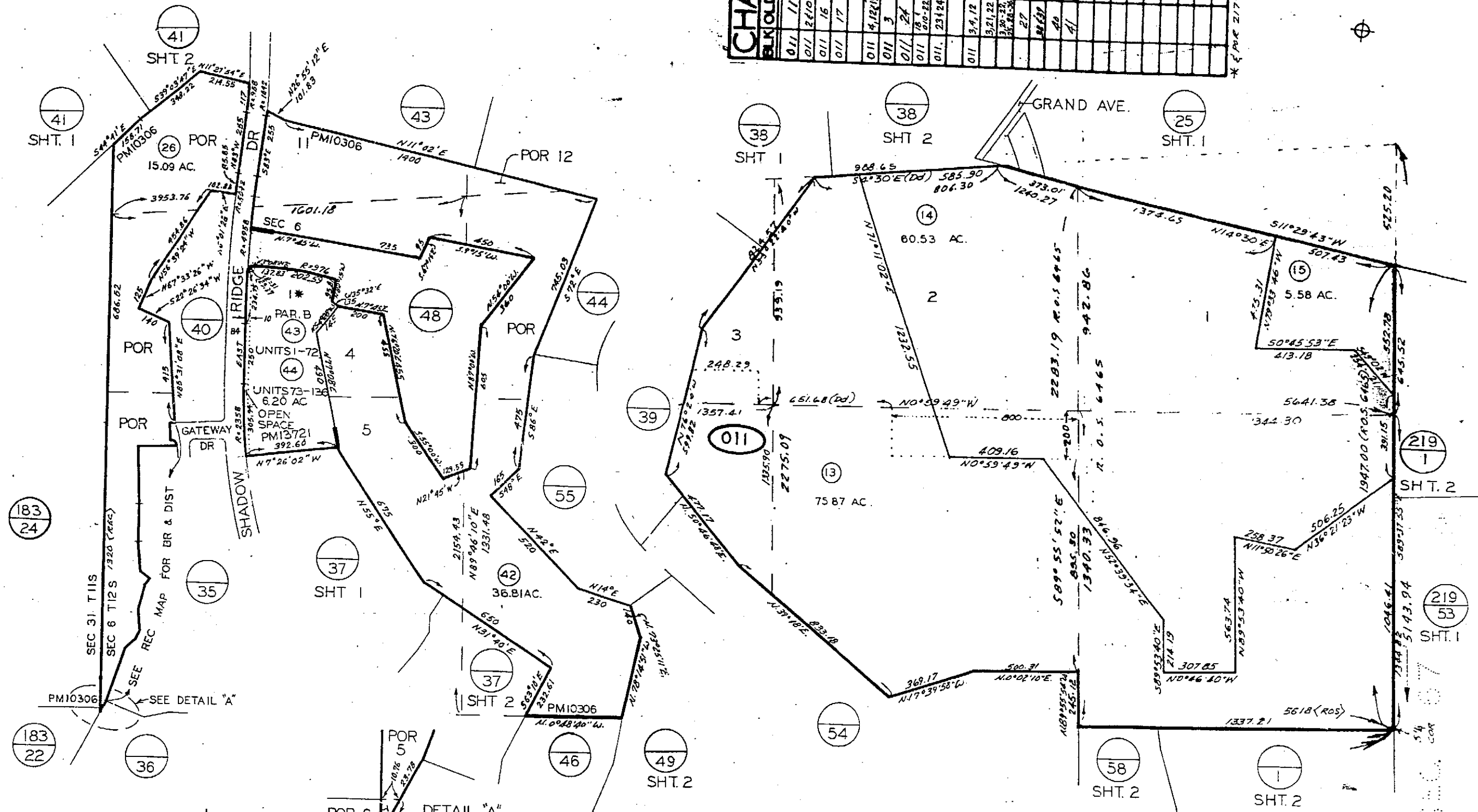
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ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

WHEREAS, VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, heretofore the owner of the land described for convenience as Vista Irrigation District Parcels Nos. 16 and 30, situate within Block 92, Rancho Los Vallecitos de San Marcos, has recently sold the said parcels to FRANK THIBODO; and

WHEREAS, there exists a lease, on and affecting said premises, entered into by VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, dated October 6, 1942, and extending to June 30, 1947, and if the present war be not then ended, to 6 months after the termination of the present emergency, at an annual rental of \$1.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the fact of the sale of said lands to the said FRANK THIBODO, the said lease with the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is hereby sold, assigned and transferred to the said FRANK THIBODO.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, as authorized and directed by RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District adopted November 21, 1944, this Assignment is duly executed on behalf of said District by the President and Secretary thereof, this Seventh day of December, 1944.

VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By \_\_\_\_\_  
President

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
                          ) ss  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 1944, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, personally appeared JAMES W. SUTTON, President, and CHAS. H. MULL, Secretary, of VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, personally known to me to be the said respective officers of VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT and whose names are signed to the foregoing document on behalf of such District, and acknowledged to me that such District executed the same.

Witness my hand and notarial seal the day and year herein first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for  
said County and State.

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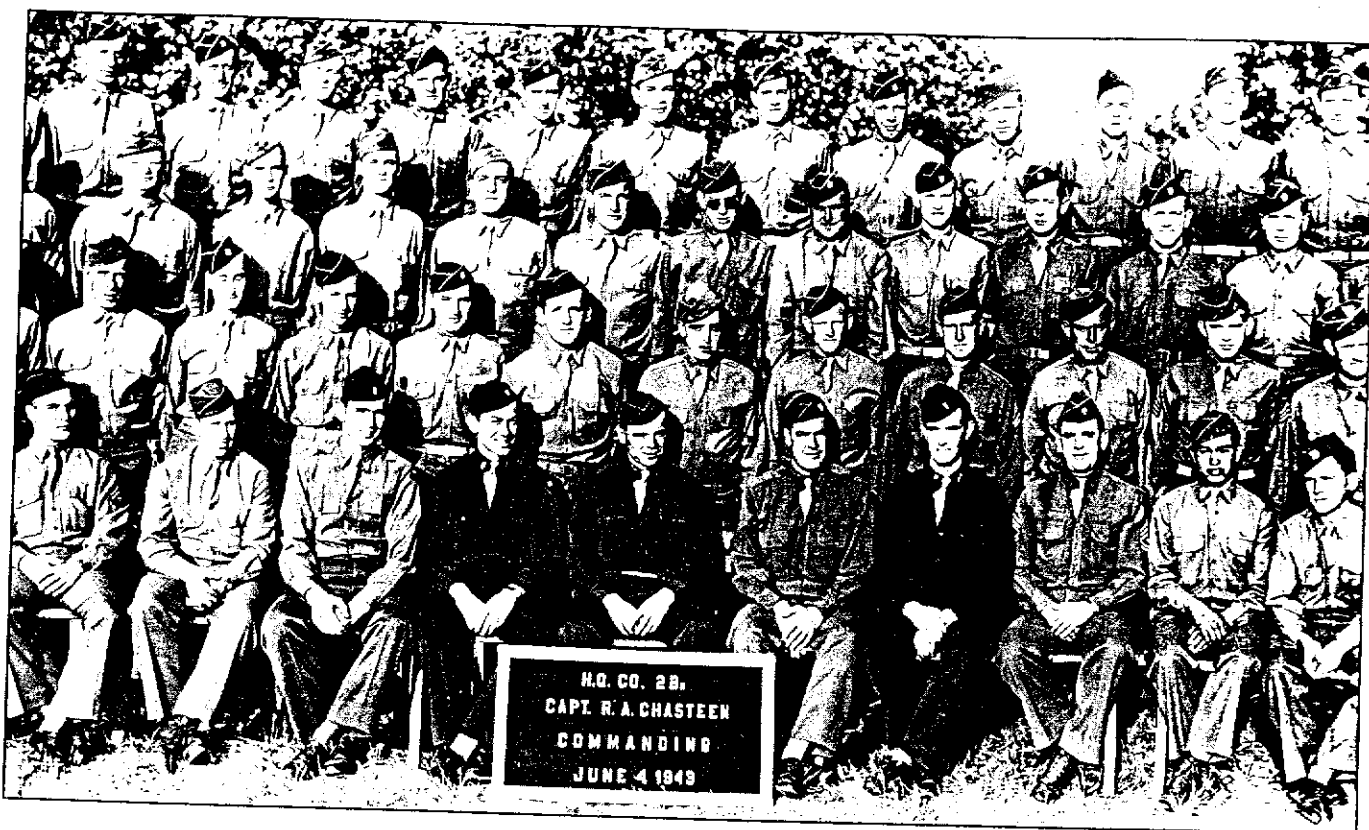


Photo Courtesy Col. Dave Morgan

Lt. Dave Morgan, fourth from right, joins his company of the 140th Infantry Regiment for a photo in June 1943.

# The Army: San Diego's silent guardian

## 140th Regiment set up camps throughout the county during WW II

*Jim W. Hinds*

Traditions Adviser

**A**s the Japanese attacked on all fronts in the Pacific in the days immediately following Pearl Harbor, American forces on the West Coast braced for a Japanese aircraft carrier onslaught, or an amphibious landing.

In response to the attack on Pearl Harbor, the War Department, stripping eastern and midwestern commands of men, almost immediately began reinforcing the West Coast. Six infantry divisions, one cavalry regiment, approximately 14 anti-aircraft regiments, and the equivalent of three Army Air Corps pursuit and three bombardment groups were ordered westward.

San Diego in December 1941, with its vast military-industrial complex, was a prime target. Naval air and sea forces, plus the entire local Navy infrastructure, constituted the largest service concentration in San Diego.

The Marine Corps in its post-Pearl Harbor and pre-Camp Pendleton days had major infrastructure and forces already in place in San Diego. And its 2nd Marine Division with its three organic infantry regiments and one artillery regiment constituted the largest single ground combat force in the county.

The Navy and Marines dominated San Diego during World War

II, overshadowing memories of another guardian — the Army.

The Army played several roles. There was an anti-aircraft training facility at Camp Callan in La Jolla, and coast artillery forces manned guns at Fort Rosecrans and Fort Emory. But the 140th Infantry Regiment of the 35th Infantry Division was the predominant Army mobile ground combat force in San Diego.

It's no wonder these soldiers are all but forgotten. While Navy bases blossomed in San Diego during the war and have continued to grow since, the Army's footprints have largely faded from the scene.

But some, like retired Army Lt. Col. Dave Morgan, still remember. A combat infantryman during World War II and Korea, Col. Morgan's last tour of duty was as a member of Gen. William Westmoreland's staff in Vietnam.

He has a doubly good reason for wanting to preserve the history of the 140th Regiment in San Diego.

Col. Morgan was a 23-year-old lieutenant fresh out of officers' candidate school when he joined the 140th Infantry Regiment in 1942. The regiment, more than 3,000 men strong, was stationed at several camps in the county.

In addition, the colonel's family came to San Diego when he was an infant in 1919 and settled near downtown. At age 75, Col. Morgan is active in promoting downtown, volunteering more than 50 hours a month for the Centre City Development Corp.

In a letter to Traditions, Col. Morgan writes, "Army infantry has been a rare commodity in San Diego's military history, so I believe the 140th (Regiment's) time in San Diego is worthy of note."

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At the beginning of the war, Army ground combat forces in San Diego County were limited to a cavalry regiment stationed at Camp Lockett in Campo, 60 miles east of San Diego.

Army reinforcements started arriving on the West Coast from the east, and initially were for air defense, consisting of one coast artillery anti-aircraft brigade and two coast artillery anti-aircraft regiments. Their mission was to protect San Diego's defense industries, particularly the aircraft production facilities that were paramount to the U.S. war effort.

Drawing from West Coast units in an almost stop-gap fashion, the Army moved units into San Diego, bringing a tank destroyer battalion from Camp San Luis Obispo to Camp La Mesa, a former Civilian Conservation Corps camp in Fletcher Hills overlooking the El Cajon Valley.

Two companies of the 160th Infantry arrived and were assigned to guard El Capitan Reservoir. Later they were joined, apparently in rotation in early 1942, by the 164th and 213th Field Artillery Battalions, which were stationed in El Cajon.

Both the infantry and artillery units were from the 40th Division, later redesignated the 40th Infantry Division, which was deployed at Los Angeles on Dec. 9.

Correspondingly, arriving quartermaster and ordnance units took up station as supporting units in El Cajon, Lakeside and Santee.

When activated on Dec. 8, the Army's Southern California Sector was organized as a corps headquarters, with liaison with the Navy's Joint Operations Center at the 11th Naval District Headquarters in downtown San Diego and the Air Force through the Information Center of the 4th Interceptor Command. The Sector headquarters moved to San Bernardino east of Los Angeles from Fort Ord in Northern California, where it had been activated.

The defense of the country at the outbreak of the war was based on a plan called Rainbow 5. It relied on naval coastal lookout stations, Army outposts, beach patrols by Coast Guard and Army personnel, motor reconnaissance patrols along the coast, the location of small local reserve units near the coast, and larger mobile reserve units well back from the coast, backed up by Army ground force divisions available for short-notice emergency deployment.

The mission of the Army's Southern California Sector was to organize and defend against attack by land, sea and air in cooperation with the Pacific Southern Naval Coastal Frontier (later designated Southern California Sector, Western Sea Frontier); and to support the operating forces of the 11th Naval District.

In case of invasion, the Army would attack the enemy before he could land, defending the beaches. If that didn't stop the invasion, the Army would resort to delaying action in successive positions, withdrawing to a final position for the defense of critical areas. All these actions would use reservists in each successive step.

In late April 1942, the Army's 35th Infantry Division, moving south from Camp San Luis Obispo, replaced the 40th Infantry Division, and the 35th's commanding officer took charge of the Southern California Sector, establishing division headquarters at the Huntington Hotel in Pasadena. Its three infantry regiments were deployed in Los Angeles, San Diego and Ventura counties. The 40th Infantry Division was sent to Fort Lewis, Wash.

The 35th Infantry Division was a National Guard division federalized in December 1940 at Lincoln, Neb., and was composed of elements of the Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska National Guards. The

division had just been reorganized from four regiments to the Army's new three-regiment configuration.

The 35th Infantry sent its 134th Regiment to Ojai southeast of Santa Barbara; its 137th Regiment to Long Beach; and its 140th Regiment to San Diego.

Prior to its induction into federal service on Dec. 23, 1940, at Sikeston in southeastern Missouri, the 140th had been a component of the Missouri National Guard. As part of the 35th Infantry Division the regiment was stationed at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark. (outside of Little Rock) from January through December 1941, where it participated in maneuvers.

The regiment transferred to California with the division in December 1941 and was successively deployed at Fort Ord, San Francisco and San Luis Obispo, before being sent to San Diego.

Col. Oliver E.G. Trechter established his regimental headquarters in a residence on Fort Stockton Drive in San Diego's Mission Hills. From there, Col. Trechter would exercise control over his dispersed 3,340-man regiment that would be spread over 125 miles of San Diego and Orange County coastline.

The regiment's headquarters and service companies occupied the Indian Village in Balboa Park that had been set up for the 1915-1916 Panama-California Exposition, where the War Memorial Building is today. It had been used by the Army during World War I as well.

While deploying companies of each battalion to forward camps near the coast, the main regimental strength was dispersed to three battalion camps from which their forces would constitute a large mobile reserve that could react rapidly to any threat.

The regiment's three battalions were dispersed to: Camp La Mesa, a 1938 CCC camp in Fletcher Hills 15 miles east of San Diego, replacing the earlier tank destroyer battalion; Camp Vista, a 1935 CCC camp on Vista Irrigation District property four and a half miles south of Vista and 45 miles north of San Diego; and at Irvine Park at Orange in Orange County. The Orange County location was initially designated Camp Irvine, then subsequently renamed Camp George Rathke. The former CCC camps had structures. At Camp Rathke, the soldiers lived under canvas in a tent camp.

The battalion at Camp La Mesa maintained a company at Camp Otay (now Otay Park and Otay Elementary School in Chula Vista).

The battalion occupying Camp Vista maintained a company camp at Rancho Santa Fe (north of S-8 and off of Calle Corte) and one at San Clemente (at Doheny Park Palisades). And the battalion at Camp Rathke maintained a company camp at Huntington Beach.

Col. Morgan recalls that the battalions were rotated through the camps approximately every six months. And the companies occupying the forward camps were rotated approximately every two months.

Within the 140th Infantry Regiment, its three battalions were identically organized. Each battalion consisted of a headquarters company and four lettered companies. Three of the lettered companies were rifle companies and the fourth was a weapons company armed with .30-caliber water-cooled machine guns and 81mm mortars. The three rifle companies each had three platoons of infantry with each having three squads of riflemen armed with M-1 rifles and one squad with Browning Automatic Rifles. They also contained a weapons platoon armed with .30-caliber air-cooled machine guns and 60mm mortar. In August 1942, the 2nd Battalion contained 28 commissioned officers and 869 enlisted men.

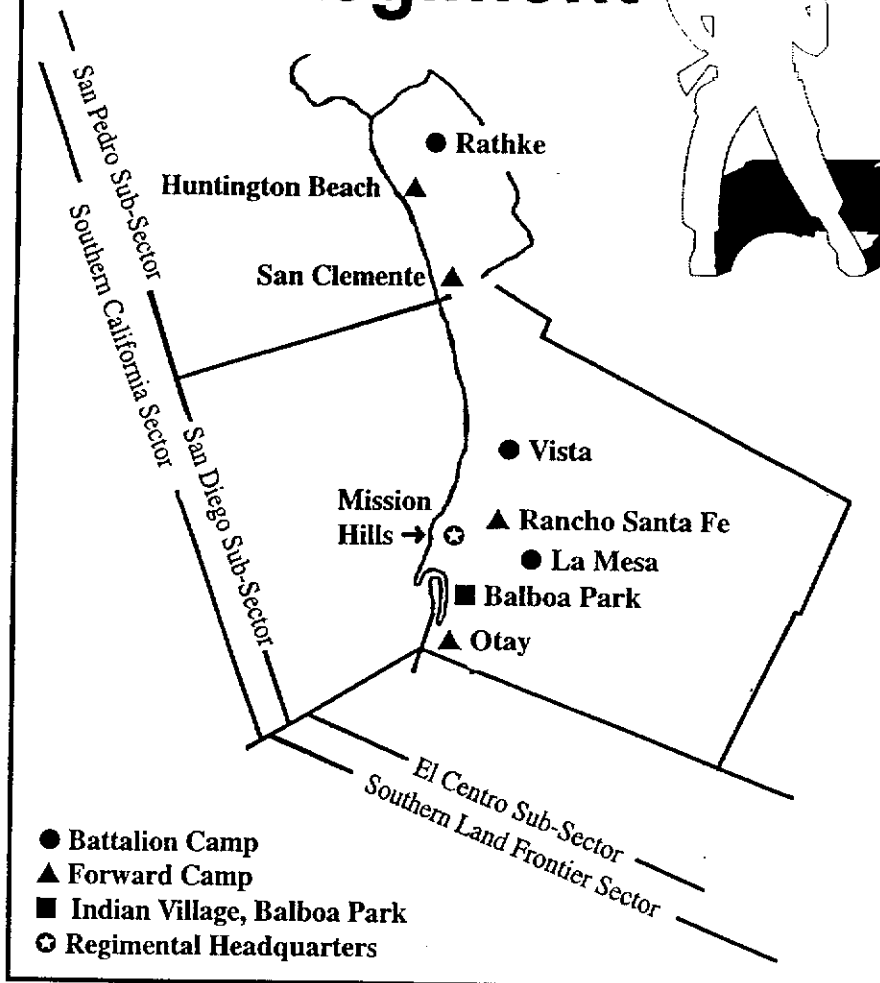
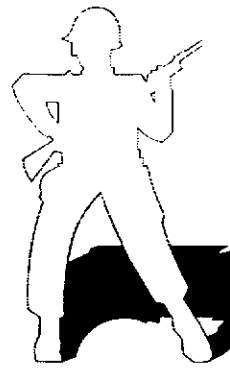
The mission and the intensity of training kept the men busy from the time of the regiment's arrival in San Diego.

In his monthly report for July 1942, Catholic Chaplain Vincent L. Cottam left this telling comment on the 140th Infantry Regiment: "... It is difficult to contact the men since their day is taken.

"... a rout ensued with several hundred horses bearing down on the infantry, and all pandemonium broke loose."

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# 140th Regiment



Map by Jim W. Hinds

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up with training schedules, guard duty, problems, marches. The officers have no interest in religion and therefore will give me no time with the men. The Protestant chaplain gets little cooperation and although 85 percent are Protestant, he has been unable to have a Sunday service for the last three weeks in the 3rd Battalion, due to lack of interest."

The forward companies were kept constantly busy manning observation posts and conducting beach patrols. Col. Morgan recalls three of the observation posts as being at: Border Field State Park just south of Imperial Beach on a bluff overlooking the beach and the ocean; a tower atop the Hotel del Coronado; and at the northern end of the Torrey Pines cliffs. Foot patrols were con-

ducted along the beach in areas considered vulnerable to enemy infiltration. And the Mission Beach Lifeguard Station was used as a coordinating center for beach patrols in the area and was manned at night.

The remainder of the regiment conducted routine training at their respective camps. Lacking weapons ranges, the battalion at Camp La Mesa conducted routine infantry training, such as classes in tactics and maneuvering and training in weapons use.

At Camp Vista, a temporary rifle range was established, and the companies there were able to fire the range.

While at Camp Rathke, the regiment established an infiltration course approximately 100 yards long that was interspersed with barbed wire, trenches, booby traps, cactus, etc. While the infantrymen were negotiating the course on their bellies, a machine gun was steadily firing over their heads.

The regiment also established a squad combat course in which the men employed live

fire as they negotiated the course. In early June 1943, a member of Company H, 2nd Battalion, was shot and died within three minutes while negotiating the course, according to Col. Morgan.

In late fall of 1942, maneuvers conducted in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park (about an hour's drive from San Diego) pitted the 140th against the Buffalo Soldiers of the 10th Cavalry, an old line Regular Army cavalry regiment stationed at Camp Lockett.

Recalling the maneuvers in a 1989 letter, retired Army Col. William L. Hastie, then a platoon leader in Troop F, 2nd Squadron, 10th Cavalry wrote: "We marched up through Cameron Corners to Highway 80-Pine Valley-Guatay, to Highway 79 thence north to south of Lake Cuyamaca. We were then deployed on both sides of Highway 79 and began an exercise with the 140th in which our squadron would fight a delaying action, moving to the south for that first afternoon, night, and most of the next day."

Continuing, Col. Hastie described the conduct of the infantry. "I remember the slow-moving infantry being required to often stop in its tracks upon reaching one of our delaying forces composed of about a platoon, forcing them to send their forces up the rugged and steep slopes to flank the delaying force. Just when it appeared they would be in a position to capture our men, our horse soldiers would mount up and clatter back down the road where at the next curve there would be another horse cavalry platoon to meet the infantry aggressors."

Retired Army Lt. Col. Hal Gambrell was a platoon leader in Troop A, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry. In a 1989 letter, he also recalled that the infantry got the worst of the encounter.

"The 10th Cavalry did maneuver against the 140th Infantry in Cuyamaca Park. The infantry came from San Diego (the 2nd Battalion was then stationed at Camp La Mesa) and the cavalry from Camp Lockett.

"The cavalry worked around the hills keeping out of sight and spotted some infantrymen in an open field. The cavalry worked its way down through the forest, spread out in a line, drew pistols and charged. Needless to say, a rout ensued with several hundred horses bearing down on the infantry, and all pandemonium broke loose.

"The maneuver was terminated on the eve of the second day with the cavalry having delayed back to Green Valley Falls."

In January 1943, additional field artillery arrived in the county, staying only a few weeks. To El Cajon came the 35th Infantry Division's 219th Field Artillery Battalion. It was also accompanied by Company C, 110th Medical Battalion, which went to Camp La Mesa. The 130th Field Artillery arrived and was stationed at Escondido, where it would remain for nine months.

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As the war progressed favorably in the Pacific and the threat of enemy action against the West Coast decreased, both the Army and Navy started withdrawing combat troops from the Southern California Sector under a calculated-risk policy started in 1943. While there was still a chance of the enemy initiating some form of action, the war had progressed so favorably the threat itself did not warrant the retention of these forces in the sector.

On Jan. 27, 1943, the regiment, along with the 130th Field Artillery, was separated from

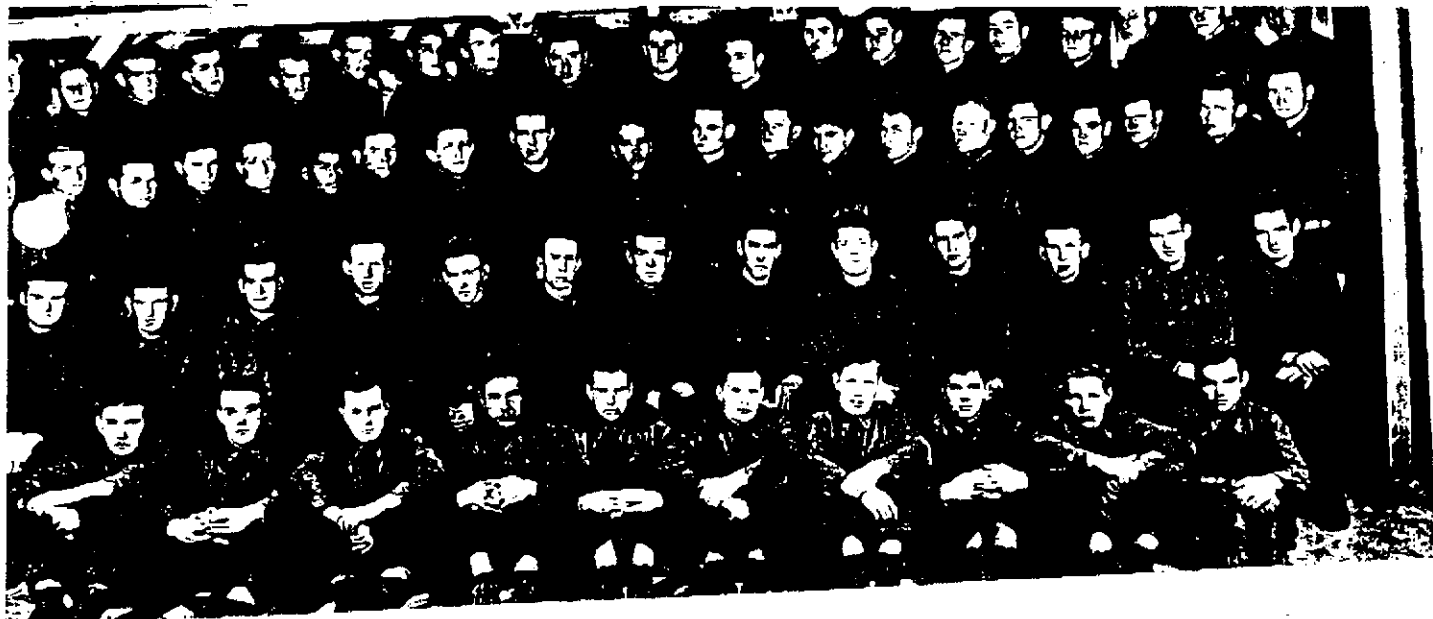
the 35th Infantry Division and was assigned to the Southern California Sector. Its mission remained unchanged. At the same time, the remainder of the division was withdrawn from San Diego and moved with the division back to Camp San Luis Obispo. The regiment was now a separate infantry regiment.

Col. Morgan, who served as both a platoon leader and as the 2nd Battalion's S-2 (Intelligence) officer, described briefly several of the activities conducted within his battalion in 1943.

On one occasion, he laid out a 25-mile, two-company training march whose route just happened to pass through Lakeside, where his parents lived. On another occasion, the reserve companies at Camp La Mesa were deployed

by truck to Hollister Road southeast of Imperial Beach, where they formed to practice defense against a coastal assault.

In February 1944, the 140th Infantry Regiment, coming under the calculated-risk policy, was transferred to Camp Howze, Texas (Gainsville). While at Camp Howze, according to Col. Morgan, most members of the regiment were sent overseas as replacements, with several actually being assigned to their old 35th Infantry Division in Europe. The regiment was then transferred to Camp Swift, Texas (Bastrop), in December 1944. Then, in a final move, the regiment transferred to Camp Rucker, Ala. (Ozark), in February 1945, where on Sept. 20 it was deactivated without ever having fired a shot in anger.



## Members

Reading from left to right—

FIRST ROW: Roy H. Bruce, Jr., Arno G. Pachert, William D. Kennedy, Alvin E. Nylander, Gerald F. Page, Douglas F. Leonard, Jerry Flanagan, Walter E. Harper, George D. Bruce.

SECOND ROW: Victor A. Miller, Raymond L. Stewart, Leo D. Crawford, Lawrence G. Jackson, William Miller, Jr., Philip E. Hosner, John R. Von Schiltz, Alfred M. Von Schiltz, Antonio M. Gutierrez, Harley L. Minyard, Fred R. Armstrong, Leland W. Gitchel.

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 SECOND LT. JOHN R. TAYLOR, 30th Inf. . . . . Adjutant  
 CAPT. HAROLD R. HENNESSEY, 14th General Hospital . . . . . Camp Surgeon  
 JOHN J. DOYLE . . . . . CE-1  
 CLINT MILLER . . . . . Senior TNS

## Technical Personnel

WILLIAM B. SALISBURY . . . . . Project Superintendent  
 B. R. MOCK . . . . . VICTOR STONE  
 N. ALBERT PETERSEN . . . . . LINN C. EBERWEIN  
 RALPH E. EASLING . . . . . ERNEST S. DENNIS  
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 DOUGLAS H. RADEKE

## History

COMPANY 2948 of Camp Vista, Vista, California, was organized April 9, 1936, under the command of Lieut. Emery Hyde, with Capt. Harold Hennessey as Camp Surgeon. Mr. Joseph Carmody skippered the original Technical Service.

The new Company moved onto the present camp site on the heels of Company 2518, an Ohio outfit which was moving back to its home corps. This foreign Company was the first to occupy the camp site, moving on November 15, 1935.

The camp is located on the property of the Vista Irrigation District. The locale is about four and one-half miles from the town of Vista and forty-five from San Diego, lying about a mile off Highway 395. This Dis-

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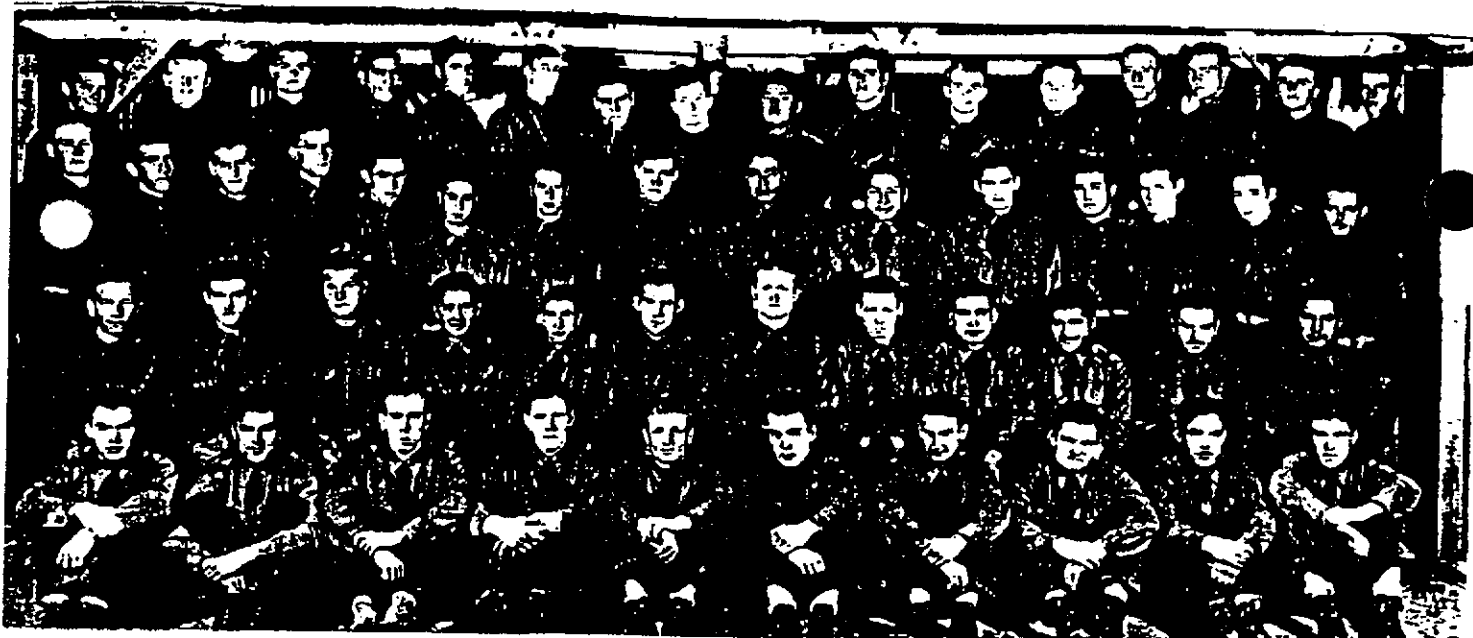
COMPANY

Camp Vista

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trict is one of the richest avocado and citrus areas in California. The proximity of the camp to the larger towns in this section has made the camp very popular with the boys and made possible social and cultural contacts not available to the majority of the camps.

The fortunes of the Company are, at present, ably directed by Capt. Joseph E. Benoit, who took over the tiller October 2, 1937. Lieut. John R. Taylor is the Company's Junior Officer, and Capt. Harold Hennessy still retains the office of Camp Surgeon, of which post he has been the able incumbent since the Company's organization. This trio of officers has by its untiring work, lively interest and understanding of the men stimulated a high morale. The Company has enjoyed the privilege of working under a succession of fine officers. Capt. Benoit succeeded Capt. Clement Lang in command, the latter having taken over the Company from Capt. Lee B. Stanton, March 27, 1937. Capt. Stanton had replaced Lieut. Norman Dole as skipper November 7, 1936, which officer had superseded Lieut. Hyde, the original C. O., on April 25, 1936.

Camp S. C. S. 11, which Company 2948 occupies, is a Soil Conservation Camp. The projects on which the men are employed involve the installation of concrete-lined drainage ditches, concrete wing walls, terrace outlets, and check dams. Terraces are constructed and many trees and grasses planted to check erosion. Although not a fire camp, Company 2948 has hung up an excellent record in fire-fighting man hours.

The technical personnel of the company is headed by Supt. William B. Salisbury ("Bill" to his host of friends). Mr. Salisbury's efficiency and popularity are no small factors in explaining the high morale found among the boys "on the job."

Mr. Salisbury's staff consists of Mr. B. R. Mock,

## Members

### Reading from left to right—

First row: Grady Sims, William A. Dodd, Jr., William Blumberg, Richard P. McDonald, John L. Dewdney, Rex W. Allen, Estel H. Chamberlain, Richard C. Hasler, Robert R. Potes, James H. Wheeler.

Second row: Harold L. Baker, Leroy E. Sands, Danny W. Watson, Louis M. Gonzalez, Ralph L. Cordura, Harold R. Boyd, Virgil W. Wagster, Harvie Goff, Willie Manzo, Elmer P. Salgado, Tony L. Rodriguez, Antonio Oruna.

Third row: Forest D. Storey, Walter U. Mitchell, James G. McAdams, Roy C. Keit, William A. Harris, Manuel Monteverde, Shelby J. Schonover, Bill Proctor, Augustine S. Diaz, Max V. Razo, Thomas Belanquez, Thomas A. Tucker, Robert H. Connell, Ivan M. Hamilton, Samuel Cooper.

Fourth row: Robert C. Hobson, William F. Lee, Domingo O. Canales, John Corren, Henry G. Nelson, Arthur L. Griffin, Charles O. DeVoe, Tony Ledesma, Mike C. Lujan, Frank Williams, Jr., William L. Kneller, Oscar L. Bailey, William W. Field, Travis J. McLeath, Lloyd T. Flux.

### Members Not in Picture

Earl A. Wolfe, Melvin H. Uphall, Albert O. Arce, Forrest D. Humphrey, Harold M. Rist, George D. Rathburn, Raymond A. Graham, William A. Thompson.

Engineer; Mr. N. A. Petetson, Senior Foreman; Mr. R. E. Easling, Senior Foreman; Mr. C. C. Brington, Senior Foreman; Mr. G. R. Everett, Senior Foreman; Mr. L. C. Eberwein, Agronomist; Mr. Victor Stone, mechanic; Mr. Clarence Olds, junior soil surveyor; Mr. Eugene Ford, blacksmith; Mr. E. S. Dennis, junior assistant to the Technician; and Mr. Douglas Radeke and Mr. Sam Johnson, junior assistants.

The educational program is directed by Mr. John J. Doyle, Educational Adviser. He is ably assisted by Mr. Clint Miller, Artcraft Instructor, the Technical Staff, the officers and a group of enrollees of special ability.

The Company enrollment is made up largely of local men drawn in the main from Orange and San Diego Counties.

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**Chronology**

1935

June 12.—Start oil erosion project . . . CCC camp being established.

Oct. 17.—CCC camp enrollees arrive.

1944

Dec. 14. — Supervisors order moving some of CCC buildings to Wildwood Park for recreational uses, following local request . . . Vista Masons apply for Lodge charter.

12/4/41

## Troops Arrive For Duty Here

Several hundred soldiers are located in this vicinity after arrival Tuesday and have the duty of manning observation posts for defense purposes. Troops are located in strategical locations along the entire length of California, giving the civilian population a feeling of protection.

Locally, efforts are being made to make the stay of the troops here as comfortable as possible. Already various agencies are working out plans for providing recreation for the soldier boys, books and magazines are being supplied and public facilities are being placed at their disposal so far as is practicable.

In addition to the Army troops, the local company of California State Guards is on the alert and subject to call to duty on emergency.

## American Legion Opposes Objectors Camp Here

5/7/42

After a canvass made of the Vista business section and many of the residents here the Vista Post American Legion went on record as opposing the establishment of a Conscientious Objectors camp here.

Government agencies a few weeks ago wrote to several local organizations requesting their reaction as to the locating of such a detention camp at the Civilian Conservation camp on Buena creek. The first reaction received was favorable to the project, but the Legion made a survey which found a majority of the community opposed to its establishment here.

A copy of the resolution is being sent to the commander of the Ninth Corps Area.

7/13/42

## Dance for 3rd Battalion Men Next Tuesday

The Canteen Corps of the Vista Branch of the American Red Cross will give a dance for the men of the 3rd Battalion next Tuesday evening in the High School auditorium. The music will be furnished by the Battalion band which is considered one of the best in the entire Army.

This dance is for the 3rd Battalion only and no other service men will be admitted. Due to the large number of men present more girls are needed and invitations have been sent to the Junior Woman's Clubs of Escondido and Oceanside. They will be brought to Vista in Army trucks with chaperones. The same rules governing the regular Tuesday and Friday night dances will be maintained and semi-formals or formals will be in order for the girls.

The Canteen Corps are making elaborate plans to give the men a good time but it is a big undertaking and they are asking the community to help. Donations of cookies, oranges and lemons will be greatly appreciated and may be left at the Vista Woman's Club house Tuesday afternoon. Please call Mrs. Ed. Lackerman, Vista 5417 and tell her how many cookies you will send.

8/22/42

## ARMY MEN ENTERTAINED AT DANCE

The 3rd Battalion of the 140th Infantry were given a dance Tuesday evening by the Vista Branch of the Red Cross in the auditorium of the High School. The music was furnished by the regimental band and delighted both listeners and dancers. This band ranks among the finest in the Army and is the pride of both officers and privates.

Local Red Cross officials received and the refreshments served were under the direction of the Canteen Corps. Parties of young ladies with chaperones were brought by Army trucks from Oceanside and Carlsbad to help supply the men with dancing partners. Formal evening frocks mingled with the dress uniforms of men and officers, giving a true military note to the affair and reminding one that America can still be happy in spite of the war.



2/3/43

## ROTARIANS AID RECREATION HALL AT CAMP VISTA

Standing committees of the Vista Rotary Club reported their activities during the past six months to President Ambrose DeBard and other Rotarians at their semi-annual assembly meeting last Thursday evening.

A letter was read from Chaplain Naylor thanking the Rotary Club for the benches which the club had presented to the recreation hall of Camp Vista. Action was taken by the club to purchase a pool table and lend it to Camp Vista, with the understanding that at the close of the war emergency the table would be installed in the local recreation center.

The financial report indicated that club finances were in a healthful condition. A communication regarding a Victory Garden campaign was referred to the Coordinating Council, since that organization had already initiated such a community activity.

8/3/44

## COUNTY SEEKS VISTA CCC BUILDINGS FOR YOUTH CAMP

R. W. Parks, county property department head, and Verne O. Gehringer, county purchasing agent, are studying the possibility of acquisition by the county of the government buildings at the old CCC camp on Buena Creek, in the Vista district.

The two officials have been instructed by county supervisors to look into feasibility of taking over the buildings and converting them into a camp for delinquent youths.

The War Department's division real estate officer recently wrote the board of supervisors that the proposed transfer of leases stipulate that the government shall not permit the use of the premises by anyone other than the government and that the county must negotiate new leases with the owners, the Vista Irrigation District.

If the people of the Irrigation District adjudge the proposed use to be objectionable in the community, it is expected protests will be made against renewing the lease.

Following the vacating of the property by the CCC camp, the Army used it, adding several new buildings, which now are stated to comprise about 40,000 square feet, and worth approximately \$60,000.

5/4/44

## Citizens Oppose Delinquent Camp Location Here

More than 100 Vista and San Marcos property owners filed a petition with the county supervisors Monday protesting against the proposed establishment of a juvenile camp in the former CCC camp at Vista.

"We demand that this site be not used for this purpose, temporary or otherwise," the petition stated. The board filed the petition.

The report that the CCC camp-site might be used for the purpose originated in Washington, D. C. The Vista Irrigation District owns the property and it was leased to the government, with the proviso that it was to be used for certain purposes. The board of directors of the Vista District, it is officially declared, has never had any intention of renewing the lease for any purpose that would not be in harmony with the wishes of the people of the district, and therefore its use as a juvenile delinquency camp is out, so far as the board is concerned.

12/14/44

## Building to Be Moved to Vista Park

On motion of Supervisor Dean Howell and seconded by Dan Rossi, county supervisors Monday instructed the county property department to move part of the Vista CCC camp buildings to Wildwood park, near Vista, and to Glen park, in Cardiff.

Before granting the petitions of recreational and Boy Scout committees of Ramona, San Marcos and Escondido, that the three remaining CCC buildings at Vista be moved to those communities, the supervisors ruled that the request should be submitted in writing.

The building to be located in Wildwood park will be reconstructed and used as a Scout headquarters and for other public uses.

10/18/45

## Legion Post of Vista Wants CCC Lumber

Washington, Oct. 10. — Vista's American Legion Post 365 today asked Sen. Sheridan Downey (D-Calif.), to find out whether the post could obtain lumber from a former civilian conservation corps camp to be used in construction of a new Legion club house.

The camp near Vista is being used temporarily by the navy, post officials told Downey, but is to be abandoned soon. Downey telegraphed to army engineers in Los Angeles to determine the status of the camp.

## Vista Rod and Gun Club Has Work Session 1/22/48

The Vista Rod and Gun Club held its first Sunday work session with over forty-five members turning out to help.

This being the first opportunity many members had had of seeing the club site most of the work session was devoted to planning. Ernest Imboden, owner of the home of the Gun Club, was present and pointed out the boundaries of the very ample grounds. Several committees were appointed to co-ordinate the location of the various activities.

The pistol range committee is Al Leuerman and Frank Parker. Appointed to locate and lay out the rifle range were Clarence Erotzman, "Cap" Walters, Don Harvey and Bill Rickman. The skeet and trap committee, consists of Bert Baietto, Ray Beck, Gina Mora and Bill Ragsdale. To locate the building and assist in its moving are C. L. Olding, E. M. Oimstead, Don Fiegley, Frank Parker and Dean Brotzman. All the plans of the various committees will be co-ordinated and drawn up by Ernest Pechstein and Bill Bobbett.

After the work and planning session was concluded, the members had refreshments donated by Bert Baietto and held an informal trap-shoot, using Arville Williams' traps and pigeons and a new "foot" trap brought out by Bub Williamson. Sunday, Jan. 25, beginning at 10 a. m., the building will be moved and other work necessary to the future completion of the club site will be started.

All members are urged to attend and bring either a rake or shovel and gun and ammunition. The location of the site is the old CC camp on Buena Creek.

3/18/48

## Rod and Gun Club Site Declared to Be Outstanding

The site for the location of the Vista Rod and Gun Club is the best in San Diego county and one of the finest in California, is the consensus of opinion by the many officials who have looked the property over. The fact that it is also one of the safest has also been remarked on. All shooting will be toward embankments or hillsides where there is no possibility of bullets ricocheting. Present plans call for shooting of small arms only.

Before signing a lease on the Club grounds, opinions of representatives from the Board of Supervisors, County Recreation Department, the National Rifle Association, the Fish and Game Commission, Southern Council of Conservation Clubs, the Sheriff's office, and field representative of Remington Arms Co., were asked as to safety and practicability of the location. They were all enthusiastic in their approval.

The purposes of the Vista Rod and Gun Club, a corporation, as set up in their by-laws are as follows:

### Article II (Purpose)

"Sec. 1. The purpose of this non-profit organization shall be: to conserve and urge wise use of our natural resources which include stable soil, unpolluted waters, perpetual forests, vegetation, fish, wild life, scenic and recreational reservations; to improve and restore fish, game, and its habitat; to study local resource conditions and to cooperate with the proper authorities in securing conservation plans and measures for betterment to the benefit of all the community; to support sound conservation, and to oppose anti-conservation legislation; to promote good sportsmanship afield, and to conduct ourselves so as to be an example of good and safe sportsmanship; to respect the property rights of others; to pass on to our heirs, the joys and privileges of a better outdoors.

"Sec. 2. To stimulate and encourage sportsmanlike hunting and fishing, target shooting and trap shooting; to give instruction to youth and beginners in safe use of firearms, and proper conduct in the field and on the range; to oppose all restrictive legislation which would deny the possession or use of firearms and tackle to legitimate sportsmen.

"To provide and encourage the provision of safe, well-managed ranges for the development of marksmanship.

"To serve as a medium of exchange of ideas and information on sporting subjects among members."

Recreational activities will include playgrounds for children, volley ball, archery, badminton and tennis for families of members.

Memberships are still available at the original price of \$5. Beginning April 1, the membership fee will raise to \$25. Application blanks may be secured at Bubs, Bert's, or The Vista Press.

2/17/49

## Rod and Gun Club Plans Tourney Four Sundays

Members of the Vista Rod and Gun Club will compete in an interclub shoot four consecutive Sundays, starting Feb. 20, at the club's range at old Camp Vista. Both skeet and trap-shooting are scheduled.

Firing will start at 10 a.m. and continue all days each Sunday. Members may shoot at any time and their scores will be recorded from targets afterwards.

All members of the club have been classified and handicapped according to their present shooting ability.

Non-club members are invited, but their scores will not count in the interclub shoot. Shells will be available at the range.

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<b>NAME OF PERSON CONTACT WITH</b> Jim Hinds	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> 1815 Lilac Lane Alpine, CA 91901	<b>TELEPHONE NO.</b> (619) 445-2654
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<b>SUBJECT</b> Camp Vista
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**SUMMARY**  
Mr. Hinds was interviewed concerning his knowledge of possible ordnance, explosives, or HTRW presence on lands associated with the former Camp Vista. Jim was associated with a magazine called "Traditions - San Diego's Military Heritage". He was in charge of archives and records management and also served as a technical adviser/writer.

He is not specifically aware of much military activity associated with Camp Vista. However, he did write an article titled 'The Army: San Diego's Silent Guardian' which was published in the June 1995 issue of Traditions magazine. There was some mention of Camp Vista in his article. This article was based on several interviews of soldiers that were assigned to various camps being used to support coastal defense in California. All the soldiers he interviewed have since passed away.

He reviewed his files to see if he may have had any additional information relating to Camp Vista. The only items he located relating to Camp Vista were some pages from a CCC yearbook. He faxed me copies of four pages. He couldn't provide any further leads.

<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b> None
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<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> None
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<b>NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION</b> Eric A. Aubrey	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> CEMVR-ED-DO	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> 309-782-7082
<b>SIGNATURE</b> <i>Eric A. Aubrey</i>	<b>TITLE</b> QASAS	<b>DATE</b> 8 Aug 01

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<b>NAME OF PERSON CONTACT WITH</b> Sgt Conrad Grayson	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> San Diego County Bomb Squad	<b>TELEPHONE NO.</b> (858) 467-4579	
<b>SUBJECT</b> Camp Vista			

**SUMMARY**

Sgt. Grayson is in charge of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad and has worked there since 1977. He is not familiar with Camp Vista and has no knowledge of any O/E ever being found in the area nor ever heard of any rumors of O/E being reported from that site.

He thinks it is unlikely that there would be an O/E problem from its usage during WW II.

**ACTION REQUIRED**

None

**ACTION TAKEN**

None

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<b>SIGNATURE</b> <i>Eric A. Aubrey</i>	<b>TITLE</b> QASAS	<b>DATE</b> 21 AUG 01

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<b>NAME OF PERSON CONTACT WITH</b>  Jean Bice	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> Vista, CA 92085	<b>TELEPHONE NO.</b>  (760) 726-8959
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<b>SUBJECT</b> Camp Vista
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**SUMMARY**  
Ms. Jean Bice was interviewed concerning her knowledge of possible ordnance, explosives, or HTRW presence on lands associated with the former Camp Vista. Ms. Bice moved to Vista in 1935 and has lived there for 66 years now.

She was aware of the facility as a civilian conservation corps camp but does not recall any Army activity there. She did state that the camp was not near her part of town and didn't have any reason to visit it. She does remember a lot of military activity associated with Marines in the area when Camp Pendleton was constructed. She is not aware and hasn't heard of any OE ever being found in the former Camp Vista. She provided a referral to Rosemary Conway, (760) 724-2933.

<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b> None
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<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> None
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<b>NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION</b> Eric A. Aubrey	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> CEMVR-ED-DO	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> 309-782-7082
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<b>NAME OF PERSON CONTACT WITH</b> Emily Sexsmith	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> Vista, CA 92085	<b>TELEPHONE NO.</b> (760) 726-5152	
<b>SUBJECT</b> Former Camp Vista			

**SUMMARY**

Ms. Emily Sexsmith was interviewed concerning her knowledge of possible ordnance, explosives, or HTRW presence on areas associated with the former Camp Vista.

Ms. Sexsmith has been a resident of Vista since 1932. She came there as bride after her husband established a grocery store there in 1929. She vaguely remembers Camp Vista and that it became the Green Oaks Ranch. She stated that they converted the upstairs of their store to apartments and leased them out to local service members. She attended local dances that were given for the military but doesn't recall much else about the military that was associated with Camp Vista.

She has no knowledge of any Army training occurring on the camp nor has any knowledge of OE ever being found on the camp.

**ACTION REQUIRED**

None

**ACTION TAKEN**

None

<b>NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION</b> Eric A. Aubrey	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> CEMVR-ED-DO	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> 309-782-7082
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<b>NAME OF PERSON CONTACT WITH</b>  Luz Duran	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> Vista, CA 92085	<b>TELEPHONE NO.</b>  (760) 724-3427
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<b>SUBJECT</b>  Former Camp Vista
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**SUMMARY**  
 Mr. Luz Duran was interviewed concerning his knowledge of possible ordnance, explosives, or HTRW presence on lands associated with the former Camp Vista. Luz Duran has lived in Vista since 1927.

Luz worked at Consolidated Aircraft starting in 1939 and worked the night shift. He lived nearby the former Camp Vista but doesn't recall much of the Army presence there. He thought there may have been a rifle range on the former camp but wasn't positive. He has no knowledge of any OE ever being used or found in the Camp Vista area.

<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b> None
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<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> None
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<b>NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION</b> Eric A. Aubrey	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> CEMVR-ED-DO	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> 309-782-7082
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**SUBJECT**  
Former Camp Vista

**SUMMARY**  
Mr. John Cosh was interviewed concerning his knowledge of possible ordnance, explosives, or HTRW presence on lands associated with the former Camp Vista. John has lived for 75 years in the Vista area.

John doesn't remember much specifically about the military being in or using Camp Vista. He said the Navy was in the area in the 1940's or 50's when putting in an aqueduct in the area. He also stated that he used to go to the Vista Rod & Gun Club to use their skeet range but doesn't recall if they had a small arms range. He has no knowledge of any OE ever being used or found on Camp Vista.

**ACTION REQUIRED**  
None

**ACTION TAKEN**  
None

<b>NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION</b> Eric A. Aubrey	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> CEMVR-ED-DO	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> 309-782-7082
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<b>NAME OF PERSON CONTACT WITH</b> Jim Huber	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> Green Oak Ranch 1237 Green Oak Rd Vista, CA 92084	<b>TELEPHONE NO.</b> (760) 727-0251
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<b>SUBJECT</b> Former Camp Vista
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**SUMMARY**  
Mr. Jim Huber was interviewed concerning his knowledge of possible ordnance, explosives, or HTRW presence on lands associated with the former Camp Vista. Jim has been the director of the Green Oak Ranch for the past 9 years.

He isn't knowledgeable about the history of the Army's use of the former camp. He believed that a AAA battery was stationed there but doesn't recall how he came to hear that. Jim stated that a camp counselor found an empty shell casing several years ago at a dump area for "green" waste. Based on his description it may have been a 40mm shell casing. He believes it was brought in from the outside the ranch and thrown on the dump. He is not aware of any other OE related findings during his time there and has not heard of any discoveries that took place prior to his arrival. There were no military improvements remaining on the property. There was only one "original" building left that had been there well prior to the CCC camps. He does not know where the military or Rod and Gun club shooting ranges were located. The original property purchase occurred in 1949 with additional acreage being purchased in 1952 bringing the ranch to its current size of 142 acres.

**ACTION REQUIRED**  
None

**ACTION TAKEN**  
None

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SUBJECT Former Camp Vista
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**SUMMARY**  
CWO4 Paul Spencer and SSGT Steve Darrow were interviewed concerning their knowledge of possible ordnance, explosives, or HTRW presence on lands associated with the former Camp Vista. CWO4 Spencer has been the commander of the EOD unit at Camp Pendleton since Jul 99 and had also previously been stationed there from Nov 83 - Dec 86. SSGT Darrow has been in the unit since Jan 99 and had also been previously stationed there from Dec 85 - Jan 96.

Both men are unaware of any OE findings related to the former Camp Vista. They reviewed their records and could not find any calls or responses to the former camp. Based on the camp's history, they both believe that it is highly unlikely that anything other than small arms residue would be found there, if even that.

ACTION REQUIRED None
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ACTION TAKEN None
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<b>NAME OF PERSON CONTACT WITH</b> Mr. Bill Bobbett	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> Vista, CA 92085	<b>TELEPHONE NO.</b> (760) 724-4548
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<b>SUBJECT</b> Former Camp Vista
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**SUMMARY**

Mr. Bobbett said he was born in 1923 and has lived less than a mile from Camp Vista since 1935. He was there during WWII and does not recall hearing any firing at all. During the war, he worked at home for the 11<sup>th</sup> Naval District and doesn't remember any Navy people at the site. He does not think there was a range at all, and guessed maybe 200 soldiers were stationed there at any one time.

A few years after the war, he helped form the Vista Rod & Gun Club that used one of the old barracks buildings. He does not remember any existing range there, as he and others cut down some trees to establish a 50-yard range. Had there been a range already, they would not have had to build their own. Mr. Bobbett recalled teaching marksmanship to youngsters firing .22 rifles, which shot from to the south on the 8-lane range. There was also a separate trap and skeet range, which fired south to north. He said the club was more of a social activity, and estimated there might be 100 lbs of lead remaining from their firing.

Mr. Bobbett theorized that the Camp Vista soldiers did their shooting at nearby Camp Callan, as that post had established ranges. He is certain there were no Army ranges at Camp Vista.

<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b> None
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<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> None
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J-1. Entrance gate off Green Oak Road.



J-2. The only original structure (pre-WW II) remaining on the ranch, currently used as an office.



J-3. Dump area which currently receives only green waste. A large shell casing was found in this area in the past.



J-4. Possible rifle/pistol range area.



J-5. A 180 degree view of the site below, looking from left (NNE) to right (SSW). There are no large level areas as hills surround most of the site.



J-6. One of the facilities located on Green Oak Ranch.

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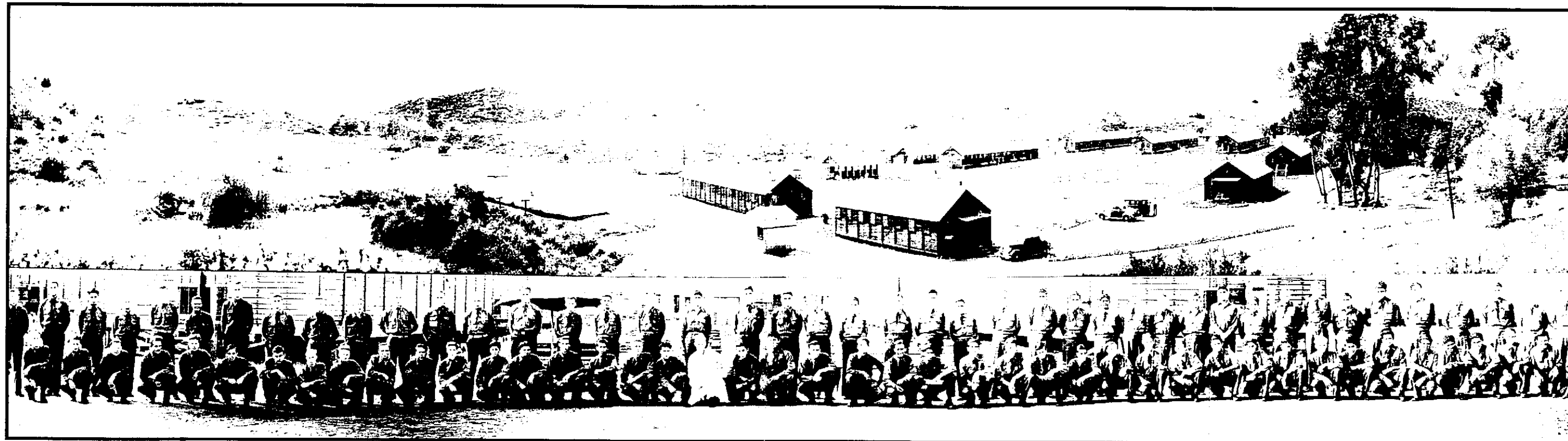
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North

March 1990 aerial of Green Oak Ranch with the boundaries marked in yellow.





Former  
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Location

Extract of Infrared Aerial Photo of Site and Surroundings.

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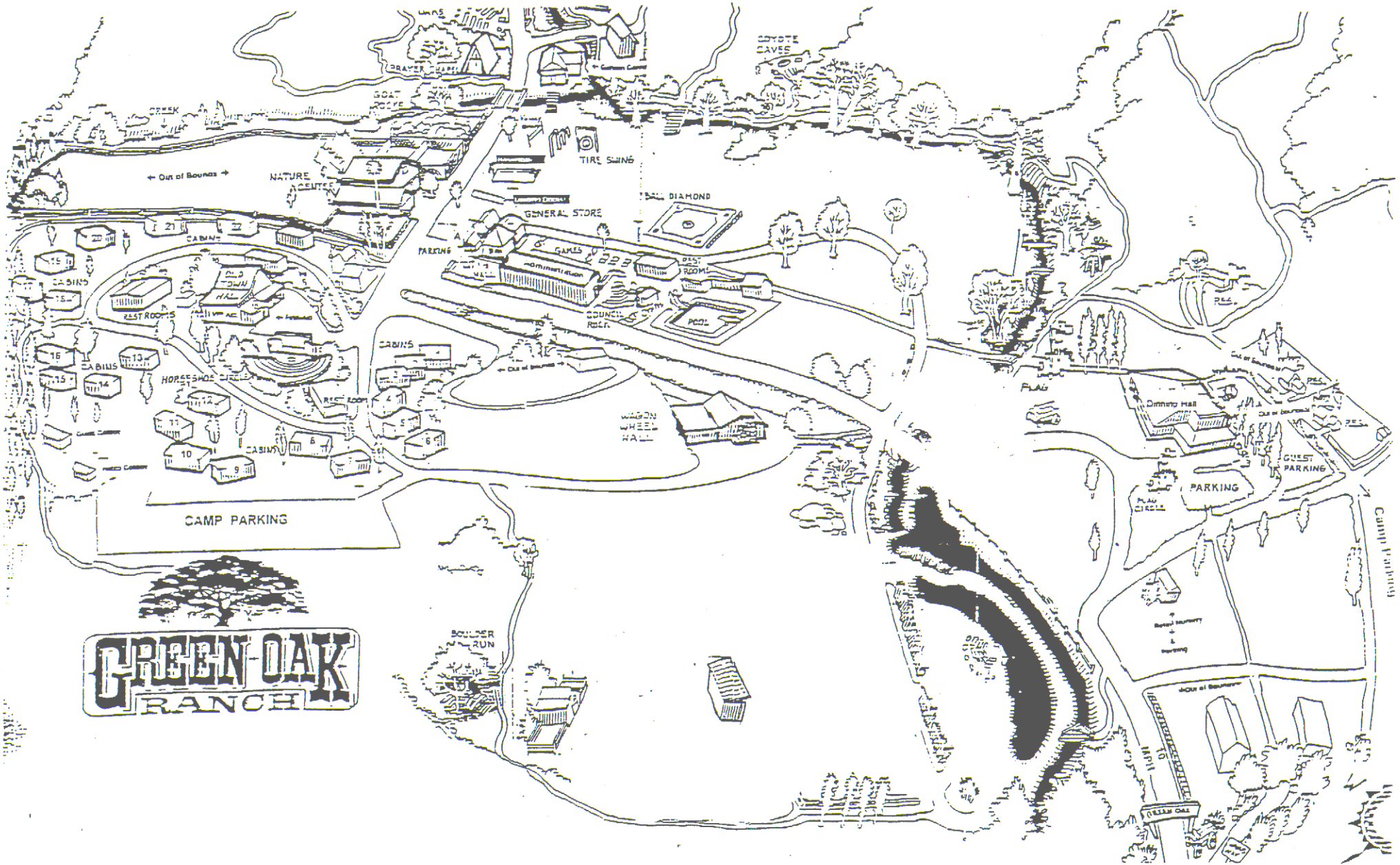
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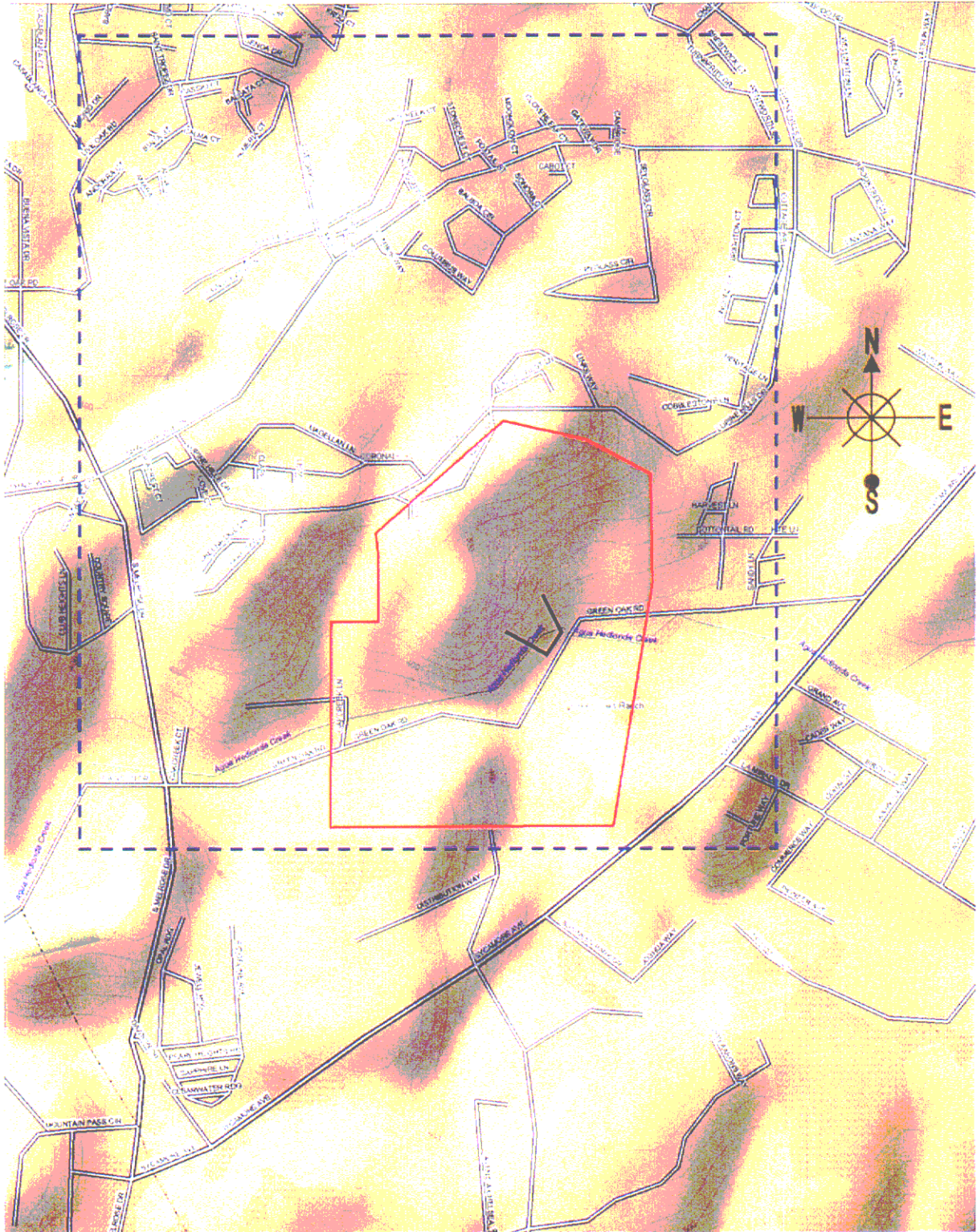
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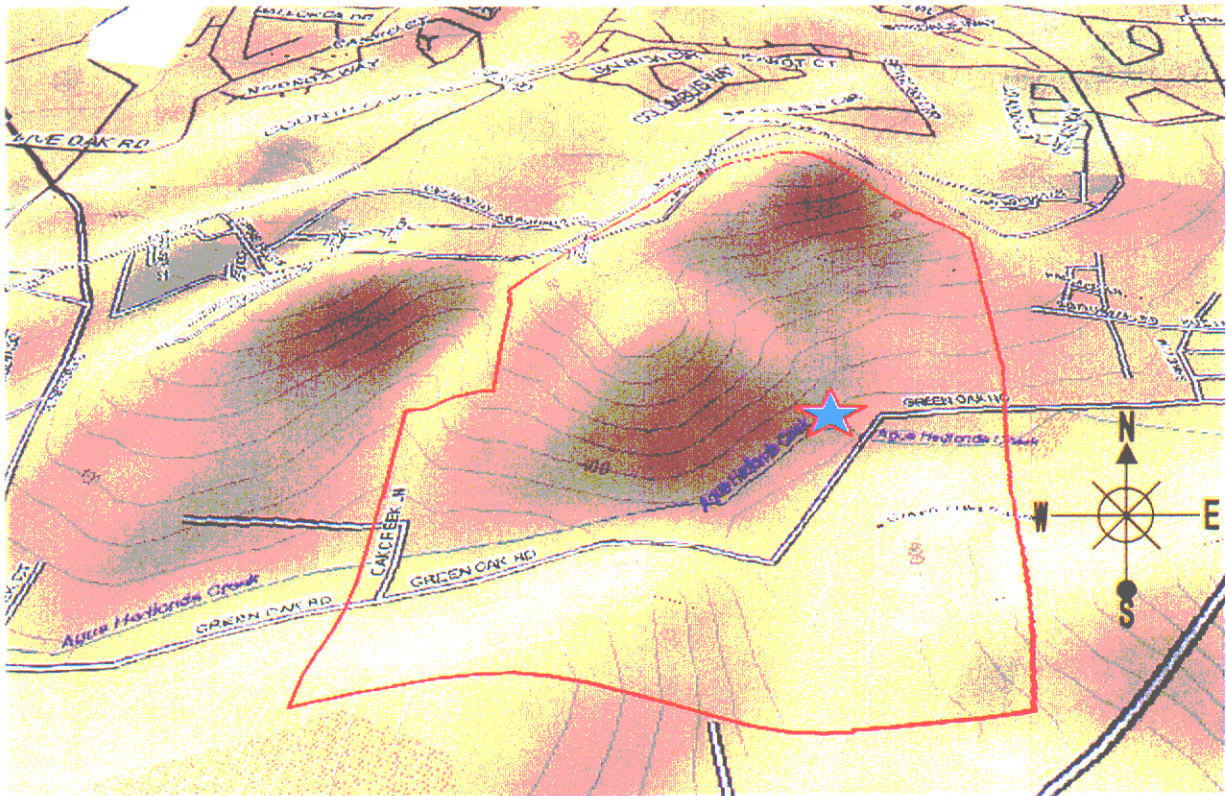
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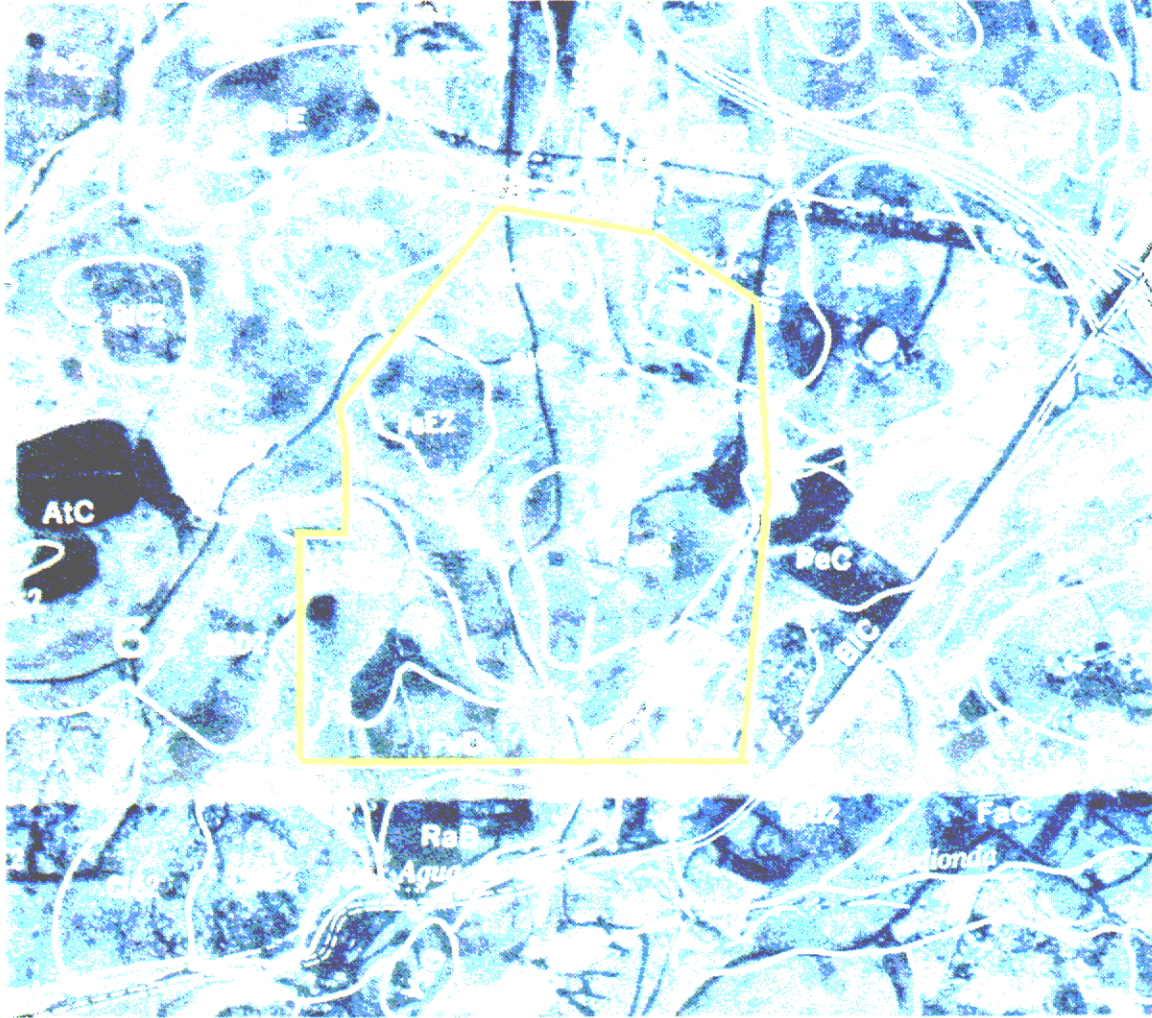
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CAMP VISTA SOIL MAP



Approximate Site Location

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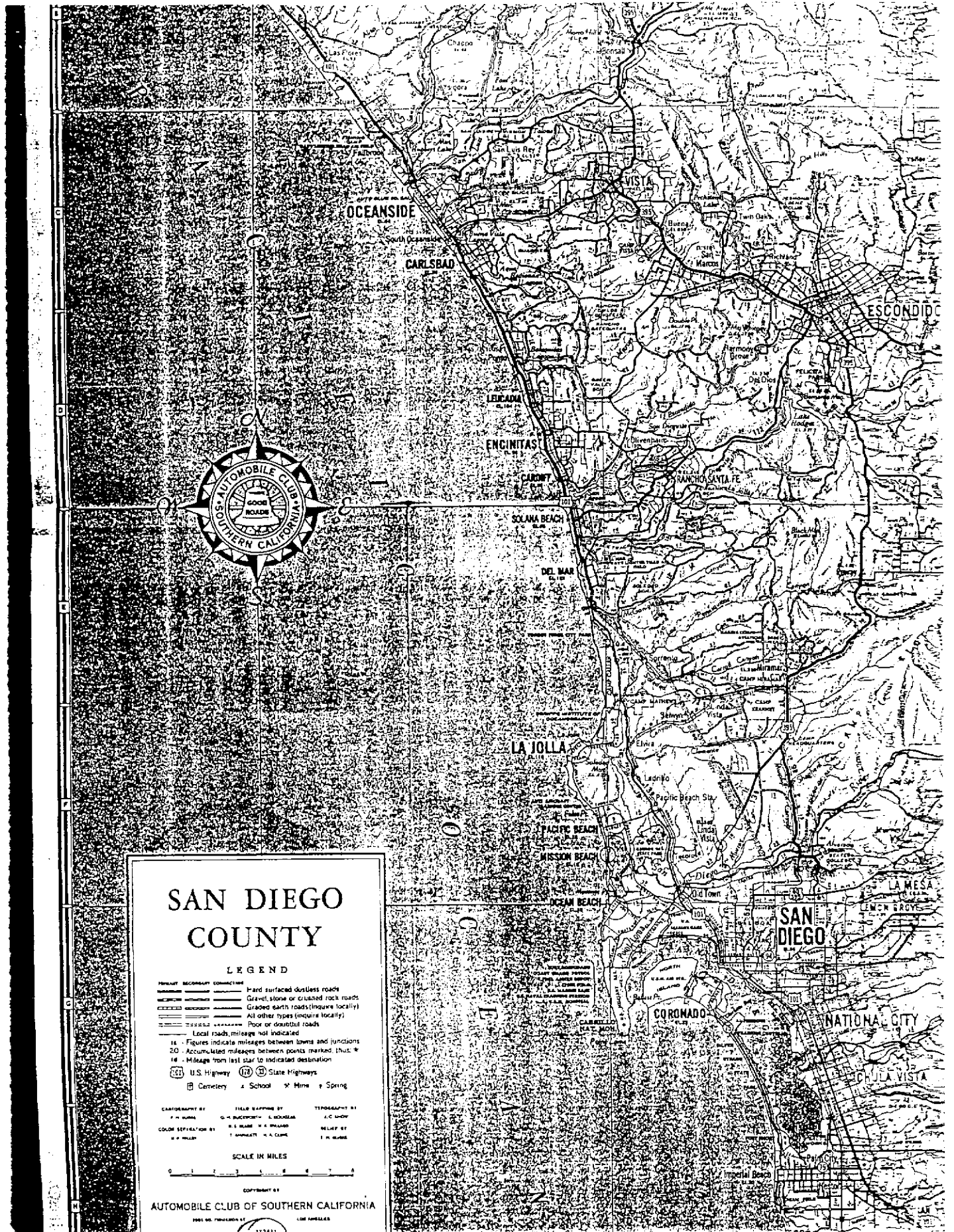
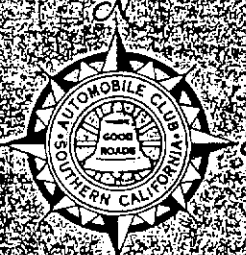
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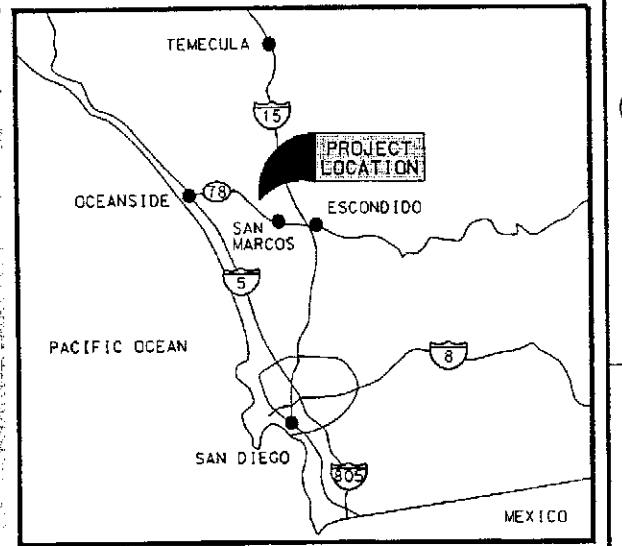
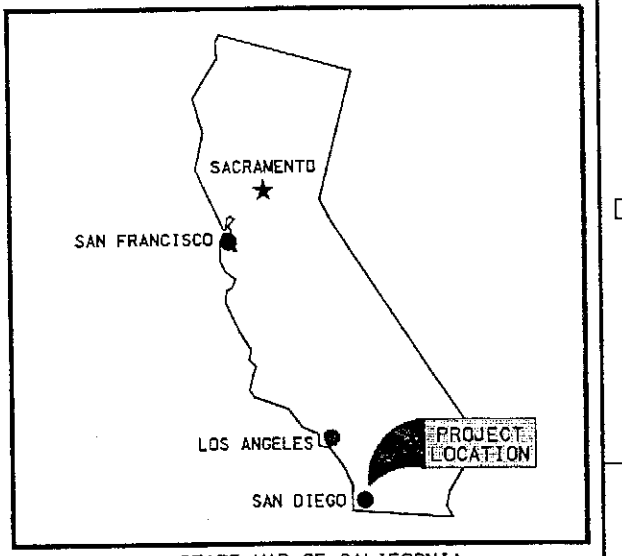
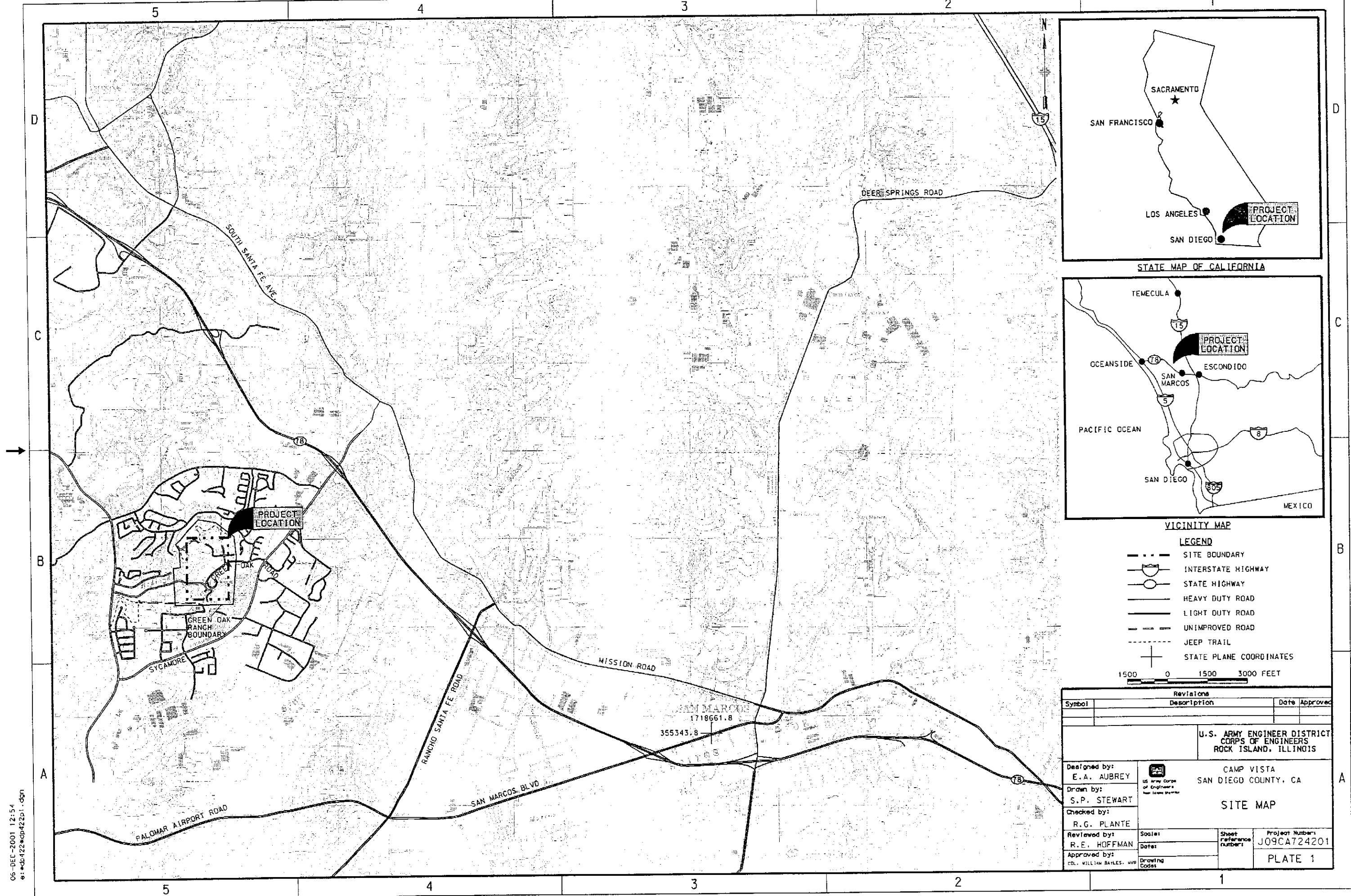
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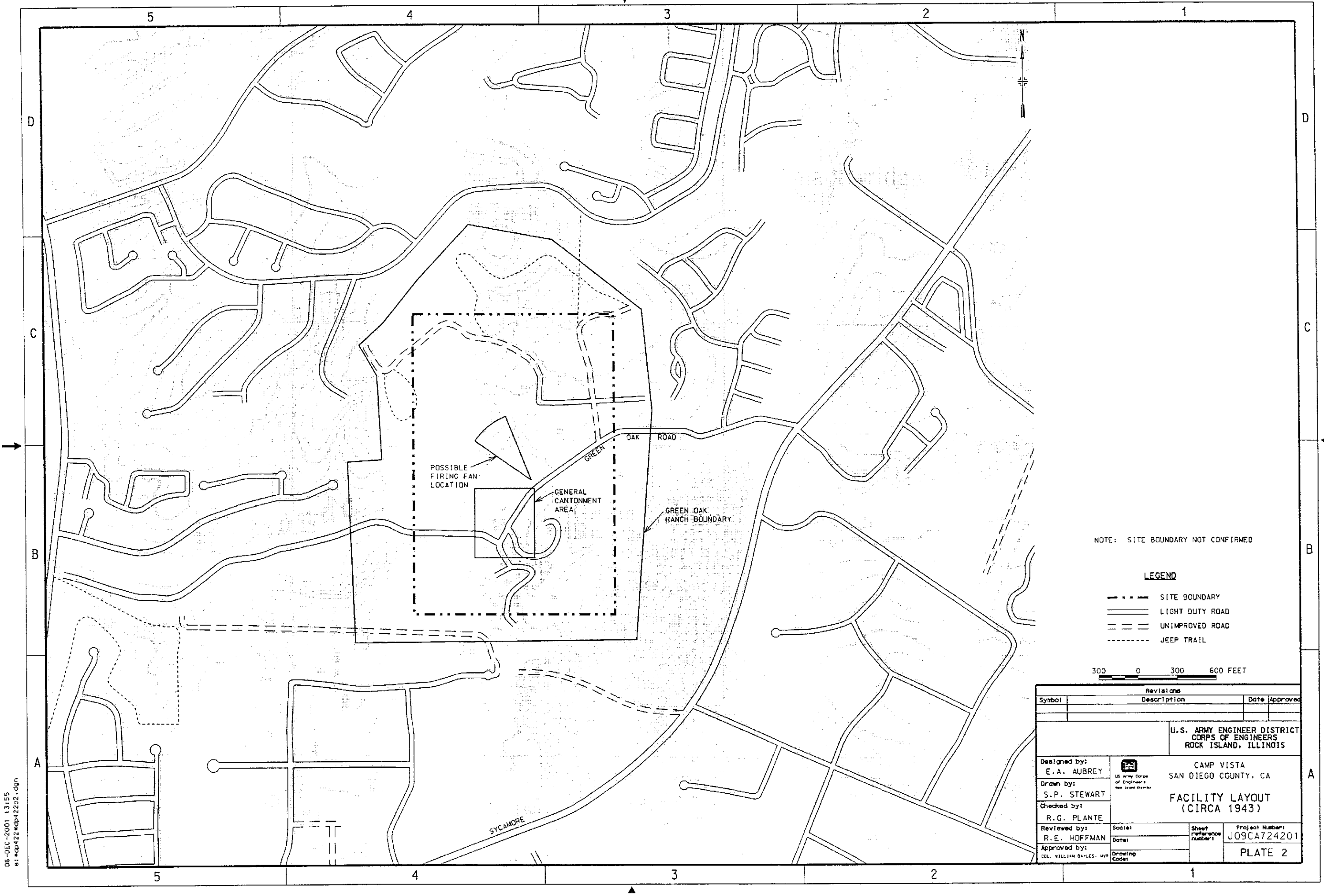
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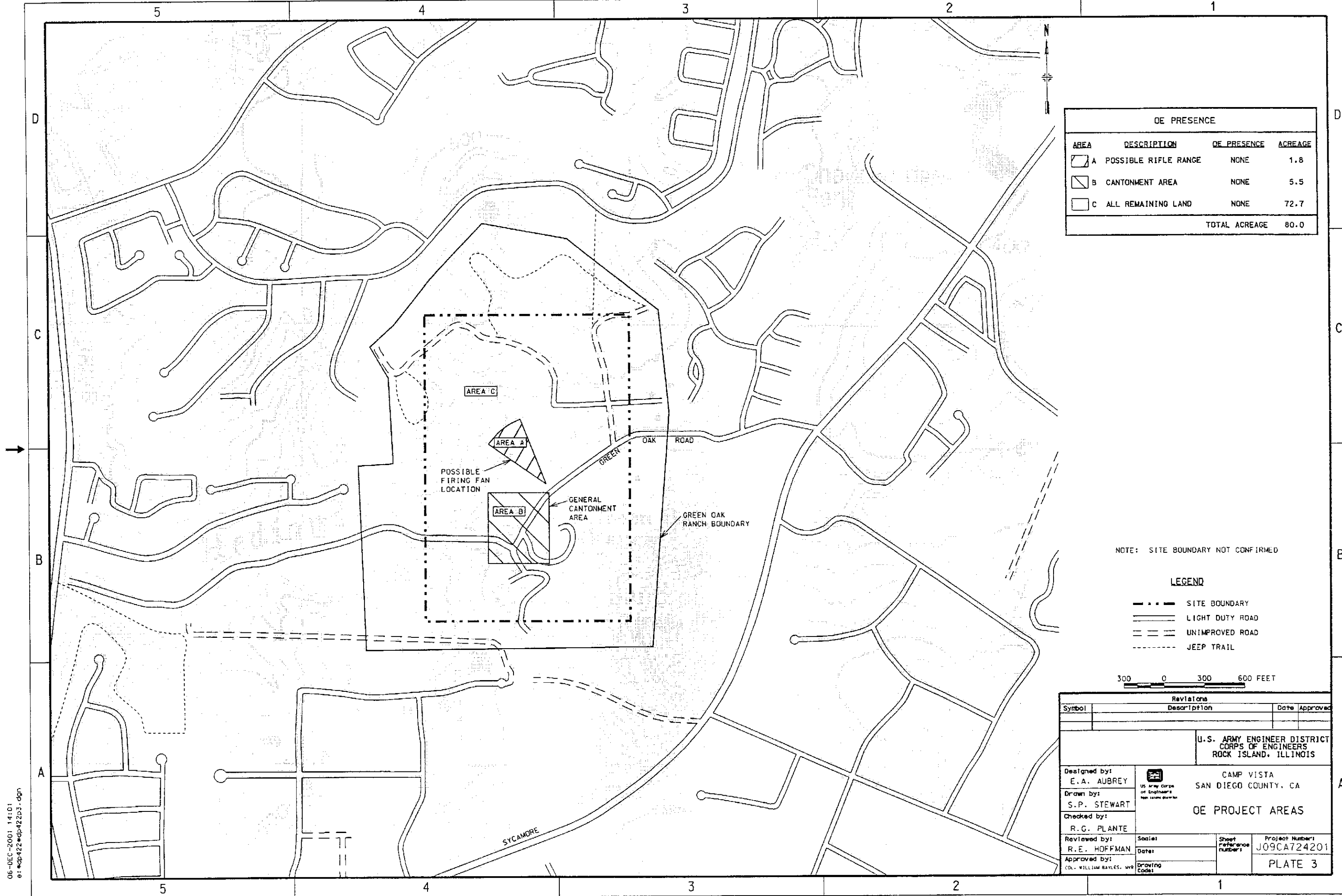
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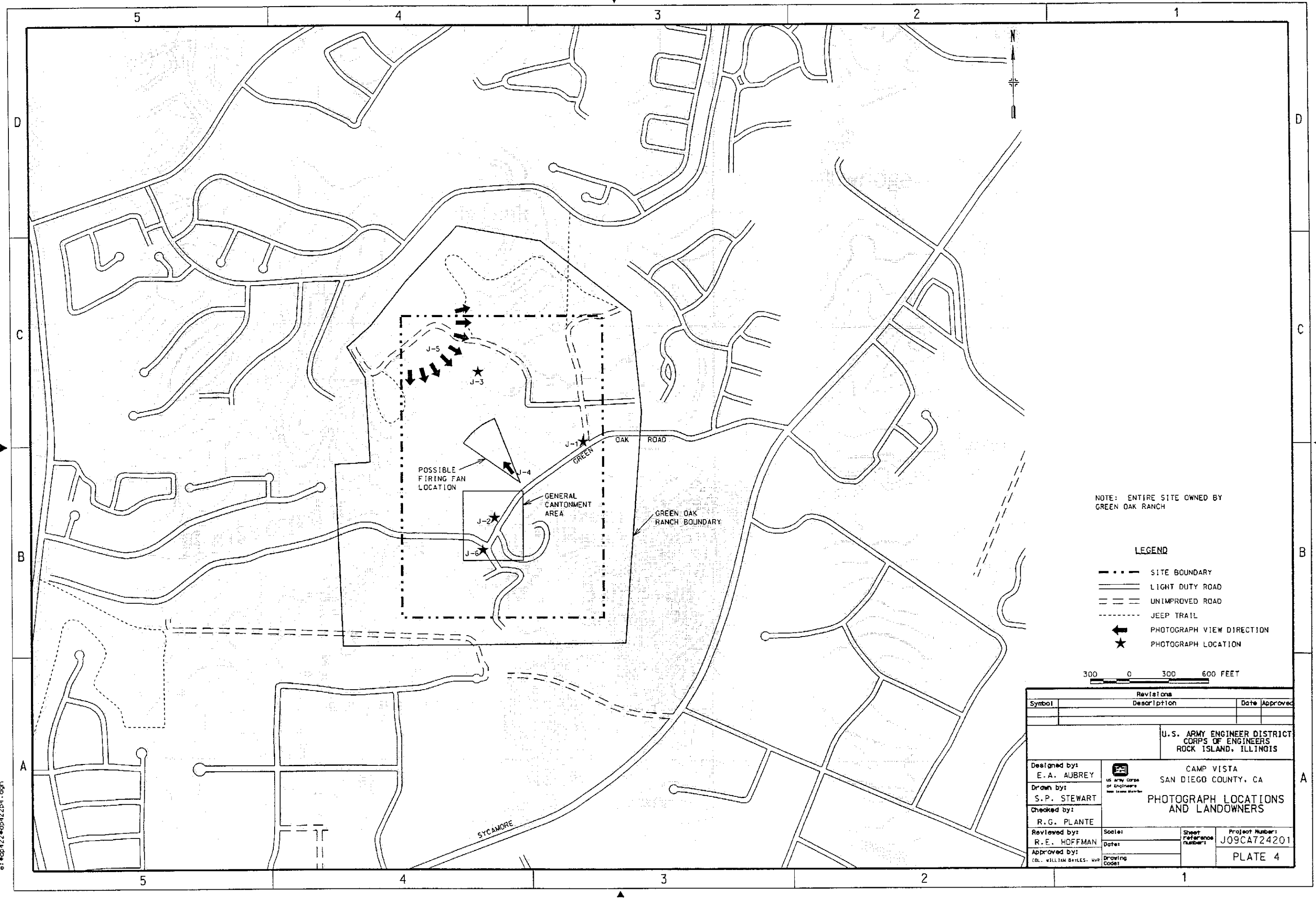
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S.D. County Planning & Land Use 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite D San Diego, CA 92123	Gary Stockton	(858) 694-3871	Historical maps and aerial photographs.
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Jim Hinds 1815 Lilac Lane Alpine, CA 91901	Jim Hinds	(619) 445-2654	See Interview I-1
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AFB	Air Force Base
AAF	Army Air Field
ALF	Auxiliary Landing Field
AP	Armor piercing
BD/DR	Building Demolition/Debris Removal
BRAC	Base Realignment and Closure
CCC	Civil Conservation Corps
CEHNC	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville
CEMVR	U.S. Army Engineer, Rock Island District
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act
CESPK	U.S. Army Engineer, Sacramento District
CWM	Chemical Warfare Materiel
DA	Department of the Army
DAC	Defense Ammunition Center, McAlester, OK
DERP	Defense Environmental Restoration Program
DoD	Department of Defense
EE/CA	Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FUDS	Formerly Used Defense Sites
GSA	General Services Administration
HE	High Explosive
HQS	Headquarters
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
NDAI	No DoD Action Indicated
OE	Ordnance and Explosives
PAE	Preliminary Assessment of Eligibility
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
USMC	U.S. Marine Corps
USN	U.S. Navy
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance

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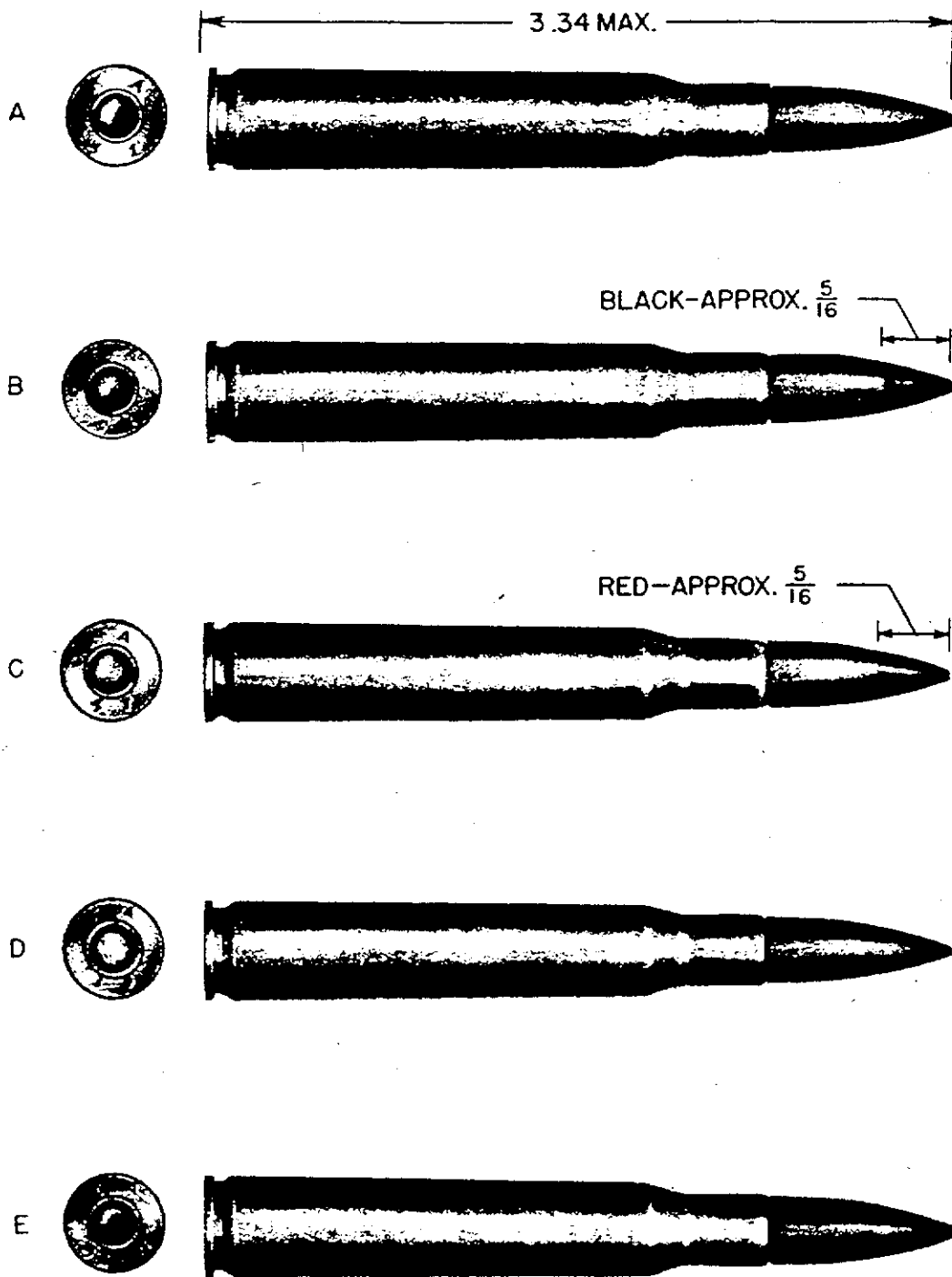
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SMALL ARMS AND TRENCH WARFARE

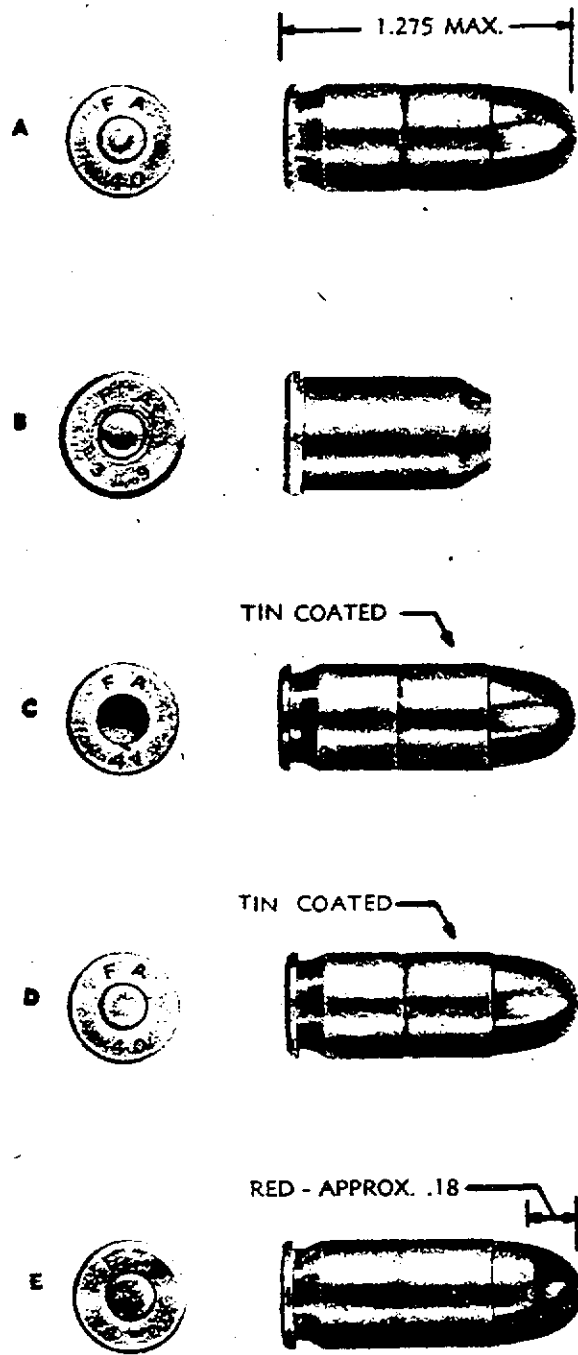


- A— CARTRIDGE, ARMOR-PIERCING, CAL..30, M2
- B— CARTRIDGE, BALL, CAL..30, M2
- C— CARTRIDGE, TRACER, CAL..30, M1
- D— CARTRIDGE, BALL, CAL..30, M1
- E— CARTRIDGE, BALL, CAL..30, M2, NATIONAL MATCH

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Figure 79a — Cartridges, Cal. .30

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- A — CARTRIDGE, BALL, CAL. .45, M1911
- B — CARTRIDGE, BLANK, REVOLVER, CAL. .45, M1
- C — CARTRIDGE, DUMMY, CAL. .45, M1921
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**Figure 81 — Cartridges, Cal. .45**

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
P.O. BOX 2711  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90053-2325

CESPL-PM-M

22 September 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, South Pacific Division, ATTN:  
CESPD-PM-R, Vince Del Greco

SUBJECT: DERP-FUDS Inventory Project Report (INPR) for Site No:  
J09CA7242000

1. Enclosed is the INPR for:

- J09CA724200 CAMP VISTA - ARMY

We determined that contamination eligible under DERP-FUDS might exist at this site.

2. I recommend the following:

a. Findings and Determination of Eligibility for the INPR be signed.

b. Forward a copy of this report to Commander, Huntsville Engineering and Support Center (Bob Britton) to determine if follow on action is appropriate for the ordnance contamination identified at CAMP VISTA - ARMY, Site No. J09CA724200.

3. Questions regarding this INPR should be directed to Jeffery Armentrout, Technical Manager, at (213)452-3720. For matters relating to project execution, contact Debra Castens, Project Manager, at (213)452-3990.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

*for Jeffery B. Armentrout*  
DEBRA J. CASTENS, P. E.  
Project Manager, Military and  
Support for Others Branch

Encl

**SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET**  
**FOR**  
**DERP-FUDS SITE NO. J09CA724200**  
**CAMP VISTA - ARMY**  
**29 April 1999**

**SITE NAME:** CAMP VISTA

**LOCATION:** The former Camp Vista is located in the City of Vista off of Sycamore Ave. The site is now the location of Green Oak Ranch.

**SITE HISTORY:** The Army acquired the facility through unknown means in the Summer of 1942. The property was used by the CCC as a camp from 1935 to 1941. The Army used Camp Vista as a battalion base camp until the beginning of 1944. Some structures were present when the Army moved into the camp but constructed additional structures, presumably barracks facilities. In addition to barracks, the camp included a BOQ, administration building, mess hall, and motor pool. There are three USTs present, two of which were installed by the present owner. No information is available to determine who installed the third tank or whether it has been beneficially used by the present owner. During this time the Army conducted various kinds of small unit infantry training, maneuvering and weapons use. A rifle range was established for M-1 rifle and 45 caliber pistol practice. No other type of weapons discharges are known to have occurred at the facility. By 1944, the Army was leasing the property from the Vista Irrigation District, although the exact starting and ending dates of the lease are unknown. The Navy is known to have used the property for an unknown length of time in 1945. By 1948, the property had been disposed by the U.S. Government.

**SITE VISIT:** The site was visited on 11 November 1997, by Kurt Schmidt of Science Applications International Corporation, San Diego, CA. The primary site contact is the Green Oak Ranch Camp Director, Mr. Jim Huber.

**CATEGORY OF HAZARD:** OE

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Recommend the Huntsville Engineering and Support Center make a determination regarding further investigation at this site.

**AVAILABLE STUDIES AND REPORTS:** None

**DISTRICT POC:** Jeff Armentrout, Los Angeles District, (213) 452-3720.

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

CAMP VISTA - ARMY  
VISTA, CALIFORNIA  
SITE NO. J09CA724200

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. In the Summer 1942 the Army acquired, through unknown means, a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp known as Camp Vista, estimated to consist of approximately 80 acres. In 1944 the Army is known to have had a lease with the Vista Irrigation District who owned the property at that time. The records are neither complete or specific.
2. The Army used Camp Vista as a battalion base camp. Some structures existed when the army acquired the property but the army constructed additional structures, thought to consist primarily of barracks. In addition to barracks, the camp included a BOQ, administration building, mess hall and motor pool. The camp was used as a training facility for routine small unit infantry training such as tactics, maneuvering and weapons. A rifle range was established at Camp Vista for M-1 rifles and 45 caliber pistols but no other type of weapon is known to have been discharged at this location. The Navy also used the site but for unknown purposes.
3. The Army used the property until February 1944 but the U.S. Government continued to lease it. By 1948, the lease with the Vista Irrigation District for the approximate 80-acre site had been terminated and the U.S. Government disposed of the property. The records are neither complete or specific. No known military improvements remain on the property. The site is now privately owned and used as a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility.

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.

19 Sep 99  
DATE

Peter T. Madsen, COL  
PETER T. MADSEN  
Colonel (P), U.S. Army  
Commanding

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET  
FOR  
DERPS-FUDS OE PROJECT NO. J09CA724201  
CAMP VISTA - ARMY  
SITE NO. J09CA724200  
29 April 1999

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This is a former army camp that was used for small unit infantry training. The camp included a rifle range for M-1 rifle and 45 caliber pistol practice. No other type of weapons discharge is known to have occurred at the camp. However, there were companies and platoons equipped with 81 mm and 60 mm mortars that may have been stationed at Camp Vista. A large, empty shell casing was discovered on the property a couple of years ago in an area that was historically used for refuse disposal, but there have been no other ordnance discoveries.

**PROJECT ELIGIBILITY:** The Department of Defense controlled the subject property from 1942 to 1945. The property was then used as a rod and gun club. A delinquent youth and drug and alcohol rehabilitation camp has occupied the property since 1950. Ordnance found at this site, besides 30 and 45 caliber ammunition, may be the result of past DOD activity.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:** No policy considerations are known to exist that would affect proposal of this project. No permits or other property use documents were found that specifically addresses ordnance/explosive waste.

**PROPOSED PROJECT:** Recommend the Huntsville Engineering and Support Center make a determination if further action is appropriate.

**RAC FORM:** Attached

**DISTRICT POC:** Request CEHNC inform Mr. Jeff Armentrout, Los Angeles District, (213) 452-3720, when a determination is made regarding project status.



United States Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Ecological Services  
Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office  
2730 Loker Avenue West  
Carlsbad, California 92008



In Reply Refer To:  
FWS-OR-1528.1

APR 4 2001

James R. Reynolds  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Clock Tower Building  
ATTN: CEMVR-ED-DO (Reynolds)  
P.O. Box 2004  
Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004

Re: Species List Request for Peters Canyon Regional Park, Irvine Regional Park and Camp Vista, Orange and San Diego Counties, California

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

This letter is in response to your March 13, 2001, request for a list of federally listed threatened and endangered, as well as candidate, species that may occur at the above referenced sites. The enclosed list provides the requested information and indicates those species for which critical habitat has been proposed or designated. We are also providing the following information regarding the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), that may be useful in your planning efforts.

We recommend that you seek assistance from a biologist familiar with your project sites and with listed species in assessing the actual likelihood for direct, indirect and cumulative impacts resulting from a proposed project. If the proposed project may affect a listed species, and is authorized, funded, or carried out by a Federal agency, then the Federal agency must consult with us on behalf of the applicant, pursuant to section 7 of the Act. During the section 7 process, measures to avoid or minimize project-related effects to listed species and their habitat will be identified and incorporated into a biological opinion that includes an incidental take statement that authorizes incidental take by the Federal agency and applicant.

Thank you for contacting our office for a species list. We look forward to reviewing your proposed projects as they become available. If you have any questions about this letter, or wish to further discuss these issues, please contact Fish and Wildlife Biologists Michele Evancho or Josh Garcia at (760) 431-9440.

Sincerely,

*Anne Hoecker*

*for* Karen A. Evans  
Acting Assistant Field Supervisor

Enclosure

E-2

**Federally Listed Endangered, Threatened  
and Proposed Species Which May  
Occur in the Vicinity of Camp Vista, Vista,  
San Diego County, California**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
<u>AMPHIBIANS</u>		
arroyo toad	<i>Bufo californicus</i>	E, CH
<u>BIRDS</u>		
southwestern willow flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>	E, CH
coastal California gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila californica californica</i>	T, CH
light-footed clapper rail	<i>Rallus longirostris levipes</i>	E
California least tern	<i>Sterna antillarum (= albifrons) browni</i>	E
least Bell's vireo	<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i>	E, CH
<u>MAMMALS</u>		
Stephens' kangaroo rat	<i>Dipodomys stephensi</i> (includes <i>D. cascus</i> )	E
<u>PLANTS</u>		
San Diego thornmint	<i>Acanthomintha ilicifolia</i>	T
Del Mar manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos glandulosa ssp. crassifolia</i>	E
thread-leaved brodiaea	<i>Brodiaea filifolia</i>	T
San Diego button-celery	<i>Eryngium aristulatum</i> var. <i>parishii</i>	E
spreading navarretia	<i>Navarretia fossalis</i>	T

E: Endangered  
T: Threatened  
C: Federal candidate  
CH: Critical habitat  
PE: Proposed endangered  
PT: Proposed threatened  
PCH: Proposed critical habitat

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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:

		<u>DATES</u>
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>Date of Arrival</u>	<u>Date of Departure</u>
<b>ARMY CORPS</b>			
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
<b>ARMORED FORCES</b>			
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>
<b>ARMY BANDS</b>			
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
<b>CAVALRY</b>			
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
<b>CHEMICAL WARFARE</b>			
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
<b>COAST ARTILLERY</b>			
Hq & Hq Btry, HDLA	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>
<b>COAST ARTILLERY (Contd)</b>			
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
<b>ENGINEER</b>			
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	Jan 42	Dec 42
<b>FIELD ARTILLERY</b>			
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
<b>INFANTRY</b>			
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>
<b>MEDICAL</b>			
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
<b>MILITARY POLICE</b>			
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
<b>ORDNANCE</b>			
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

## CHAPTER 7

TRAINING, MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES & CONCLUSIONSSECTION I: TRAINING

1. Training for Southern California Sector troops was on a rotational basis. Inasmuch as, in the early years of the war up until the end of 1943, the greater part of the combat troops assigned were engaged in the protection of coastal lookouts, beach patrols, and guard detachments for the protection of communications systems and designated critical areas, the training was, of necessity, confined to that which was dictated by the defense mission. However, in 1942 large training areas were acquired at Ojai, California, (Ventura County), at Irvine Park, California (Orange County), La Mesa, California (San Diego County), Vista, California (San Diego County). Approximately one-third of the Southern California Sector combat troops were rotated back to these areas periodically and given intensive field training to prepare them for employment overseas. (See ANNEX A, APPENDIX VII).

Training facilities of the Navy and the Fleet Marine Force at Camp Pendleton and Camp Elliott were also made available to Sector troops, by local agreement, and were used quite extensively.

Coordination of training areas in the Southern California Sector was accomplished in accordance with the provisions of Joint Letters, Staff Headquarters, Western Sea Frontier and Headquarters Western Defense Command, dated 17 April 1944 and 11 September 1944, subject, "Coordination of Training Areas between Army and Navy on the Pacific Coast."

Training for the Sector mission included preparation of beach defenses, delaying action in successive positions, preparation of final defense positions for protection of designated critical areas and the employment of counterattack forces and reserves continuously throughout each of these phases. This training took the form of field exercises, both unopposed and opposed, and command post exercises. Many of these exercises were joint exercises, in which forces of the Eleventh Naval District, Southern California Sector, Western Sea Frontier, 2d Air Force, 4th Air Force, AAF Western Flying Training Command, AAF Western Technical Training Command, 37th AAA Brigade, Fleet Marine Force, California State Guard (Southern Area), Civil Law Enforcement agencies, and Plant Protection Forces participated. (See ANNEXES C, D, E, APPENDIX VII).

Listed below are the field exercises and command post exercises that were conducted on a Sector-wide scale;

"Red Commando Raids"

8 - 16 November 1943

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HEADQUARTERS 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:

*[Handwritten signature]*  
JOHN P. WINTERAS  
CPO USA  
Assistant Adjutant

1 Incl:  
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 CCD 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 OCD 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 (AM); 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.

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\* 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  
ATA

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) M41 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."

COMMENDATIONS

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.

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

## VISTA ROD AND GUN CLUB, INC.

(The following information was furnished by  
O. K. "Bub" Williamson)

The Vista Rod and Gun Club was organized in 1943 by a group of local sportsmen. It was located in a natural park setting at the end of Sycamore Drive, on land leased from Frank Thibodo. At the height of its activities it had a membership of 293. Until the American Legion Hall was opened, the lounge of the Rod and Gun Club was the scene of a great part of the area's social activities, including a school of dancing.

The organization's facilities included a clubhouse, large and small bore rifle ranges, trap and skeet ranges, two pistol ranges, an archery range, casting pool and outdoor picnic and barbecue pits.

The first pheasants in San Diego County were planted in San Marcos by the club, and many other game activities were started. A pheasant hatchery and Game Farm was established in Valley Center with the cooperation of the State of California. Fish and Game Commissioner Ed Green was manager of the Game Farm. Mack Lee, State Biologist, spent much time in Vista working with Vista members on quail guzzlers, deer licks, quail replanting, fish stocking and other activities. Members made sizeable donations toward the State's installation of the above.

During the years the club was in operation, ocean fishing was good. Regular charter parties were held monthly, and on one occasion, fishing out of San Clemente, ten men caught 198 albacore averaging over 20 pounds each.

The club broke up when its lease expired and the land was sold to the Union Rescue Mission of Los Angeles, who installed the Green Oaks Boys' Camp there.

Officers at the time of disbandment were O. K. "Bub" Williamson, president; Arville Williams and Charles Mull, Jr., vice-presidents; Bert Stein, secretary; Bert Baietto, treasurer; Chase Hawkins, club manager. Board members were Alex McDougall, Ray Blust, Don Hibbs, Graham Rutherford, Russell Thibodo and Whitey Glissman. Boyd Hammond was range master.

Instruction in gun safety and casting in fishing were given free to all boys and girls. A National Rifle Association Junior Rifle Club was supported by the club, with rifles and ammunition furnished. The club was affiliated with the National Rifle Association.

Money to open the harbor at Carlsbad was raised by club members, with Whitey Glissman's boat the first boat to enter into what is now Carlsbad Harbor.

The club won many honors, among them a Conservation Award from the State of California, presented to the club on September 14, 1948 and accepted by Joseph P. Siegal of Bonsall who was president at the time.

In its active days the Vista Rod and Gun Club was one of the largest in California—among the ten top clubs of the State.



**San Diego Historical Society**, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA. The Historical Society has a copy of a document titled, "San Diego Military Sites", by James Hind, but it does not address Camp Vista.

**James Hinds**, Military Historian, (619) 445-2654. Mr. Hinds authored an article which was published in Traditions magazine about the army in San Diego County. The 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of the 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, was stationed in Southern California starting in the Summer of 1942. One of the three battalions of the 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment was located at Camp Vista, a 1935 CCC camp on Vista Irrigation District property and located 4.5 miles south of Vista. A temporary rifle range was established at this location. The regiment was transferred to Texas in February 1944. Mr. Hinds has no other information other than what he wrote in the article. He recommended calling Dave Morgan, a retired officer of the 140<sup>th</sup>, for more information.

**Dave Morgan**, Lt. Col. U.S. Army (retired), 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment during WWII, (619) 234-7106. Mr. Morgan served in the 140<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, attached to the 35<sup>th</sup> Division during WWII. There were three battalion camps for the regiment: Irvine Park, Camp Vista, and Camp La Mesa. Camp Vista was the base camp used for patrolling the area between Rancho Santa Fe and San Clemente where numerous observation posts were located. Camp Vista was a former CCC camp. Mr. Morgan has not returned to Camp Vista and is unable to locate it relative to current day landmarks. He recalls it was located south of Vista and west of Highway 395. The Camp consisted of about 20 barracks (each holding 30 to 40 troops). The Camp capacity was about 800. There was also a BOQ, administration building for battalion headquarters, and a mess hall. He recalls a motor pool and suspects there may have been a UST for gasoline but is not sure. The motor pool would have serviced jeeps and 2 1/2 ton trucks. He could not recall the level of maintenance that would have taken place at the motor pool. He does not recall practices like dumping oil or fuel on the ground. There was a rifle range at the camp for practice shooting of M1 rifles and 45 caliber pistols. There was a mortar company assigned to each battalion but Mr. Morgan does not recall much about their activities, especially, where they may have practiced. He does not believe that mortars and grenade practice took place at the camp. The types of activities taking place at the camp included small unit training and maneuvering. The three battalions of the 140<sup>th</sup> regiment rotated through each of the camps on a periodic basis. Mr. Morgan believes there is a monument marking the location of the Camp somewhere in the Vista area but does not know the specific location. He is not aware of any other men still alive who were stationed at Camp Vista during WWII. He has no knowledge of what happened to the facility once the army vacated.

**Russell Thibodo**, Former Landowner, (760) 726-0511. Mr. Thibodo believes that his family owned the Camp Vista property during the time of Army use. He recalls selling the barracks to various entities after WWII. He does not recall who owned the property when the CCC used the property. He does not believe there was a formal land use agreement (e.g., lease) with the Army during their occupancy. Mr. Thibodo fought in Europe during WWII so does not recall many details of the army's occupancy. The Thibodo's once owned the many thousands of acres that are now a part of the Shadowridge residential development of Vista.

**Linda McFarland**, Public Relations Representative, Vista Irrigation District, (760) 724-8811. Ms. McFarland was able to provide the current owner of the Camp Vista property: the Los Angeles Union Mission. It is now called Green Oak Ranch. She suspects that the Vista Irrigation District (VID) may have owned the property during the 1930s since it was very common for them to seize properties which were delinquent in back taxes (the VID operated as an assessment district and able to collect taxes). If this was the case, they would have quickly turned around and sold the property to some other entity, more than likely the Thibodo family. She was unable to locate records indicating the VID ever owned this property or leased it to the Army.

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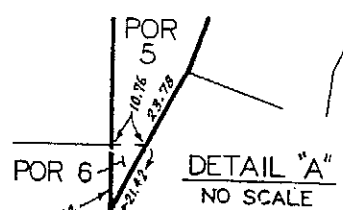
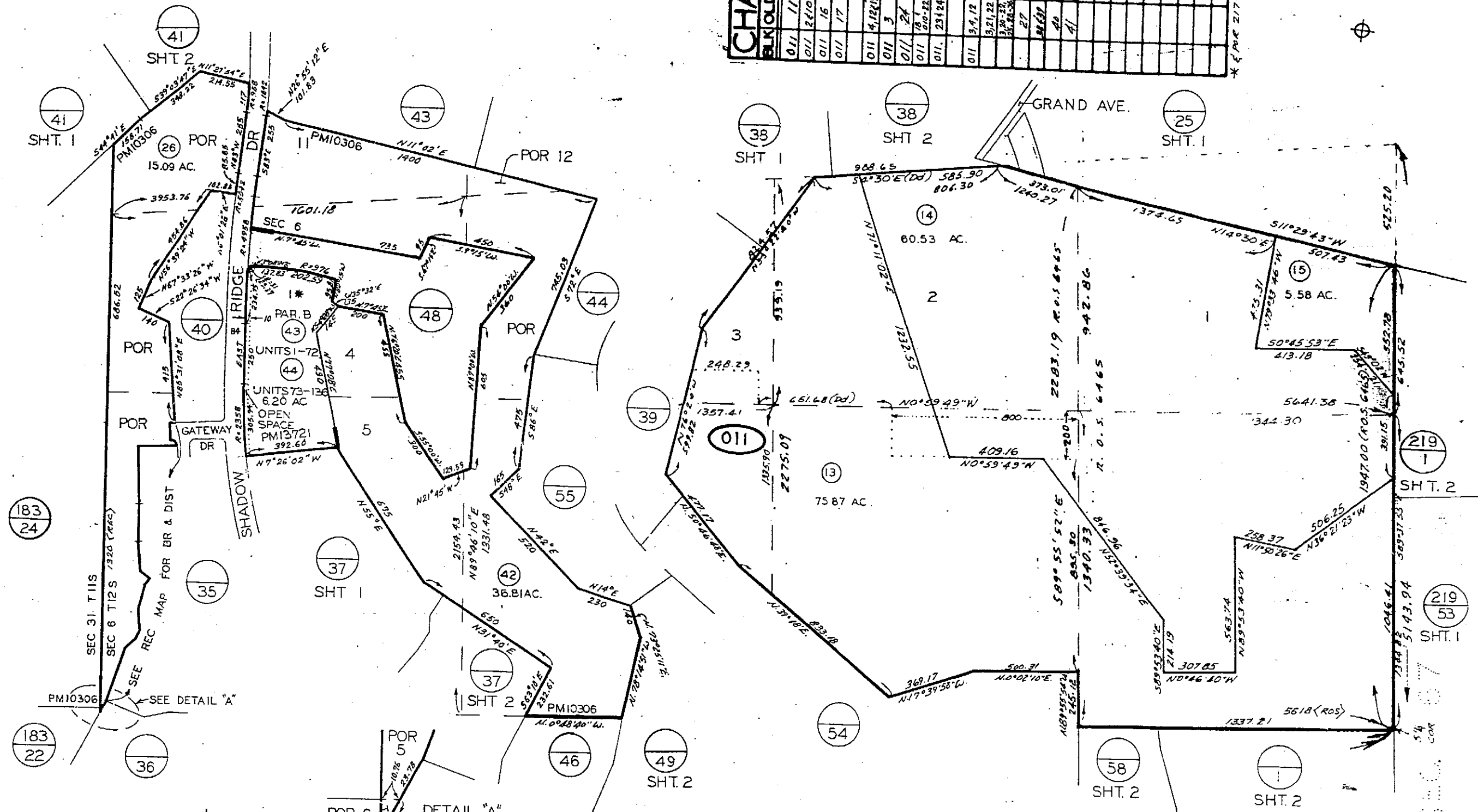
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ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

WHEREAS, VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, heretofore the owner of the land described for convenience as Vista Irrigation District Parcels Nos. 16 and 30, situate within Block 92, Rancho Los Vallecitos de San Marcos, has recently sold the said parcels to FRANK THIBODO; and .

WHEREAS, there exists a lease, on and affecting said premises, entered into by VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, dated October 6, 1942, and extending to June 30, 1947, and if the present war be not then ended, to 6 months after the termination of the present emergency, at an annual rental of \$1.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the fact of the sale of said lands to the said FRANK THIBODO, the said lease with the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is hereby sold, assigned and transferred to the said FRANK THIBODO.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, as authorized and directed by RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District adopted November 21, 1944, this Assignment is duly executed on behalf of said District by the President and Secretary thereof, this Seventh day of December, 1944.

VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By \_\_\_\_\_  
President

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
                          ) ss  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 1944, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, personally appeared JAMES W. SUTTON, President, and CHAS. H. MULL, Secretary, of VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, personally known to me to be the said respective officers of VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT and whose names are signed to the foregoing document on behalf of such District, and acknowledged to me that such District executed the same.

Witness my hand and notarial seal the day and year herein first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for  
said County and State.



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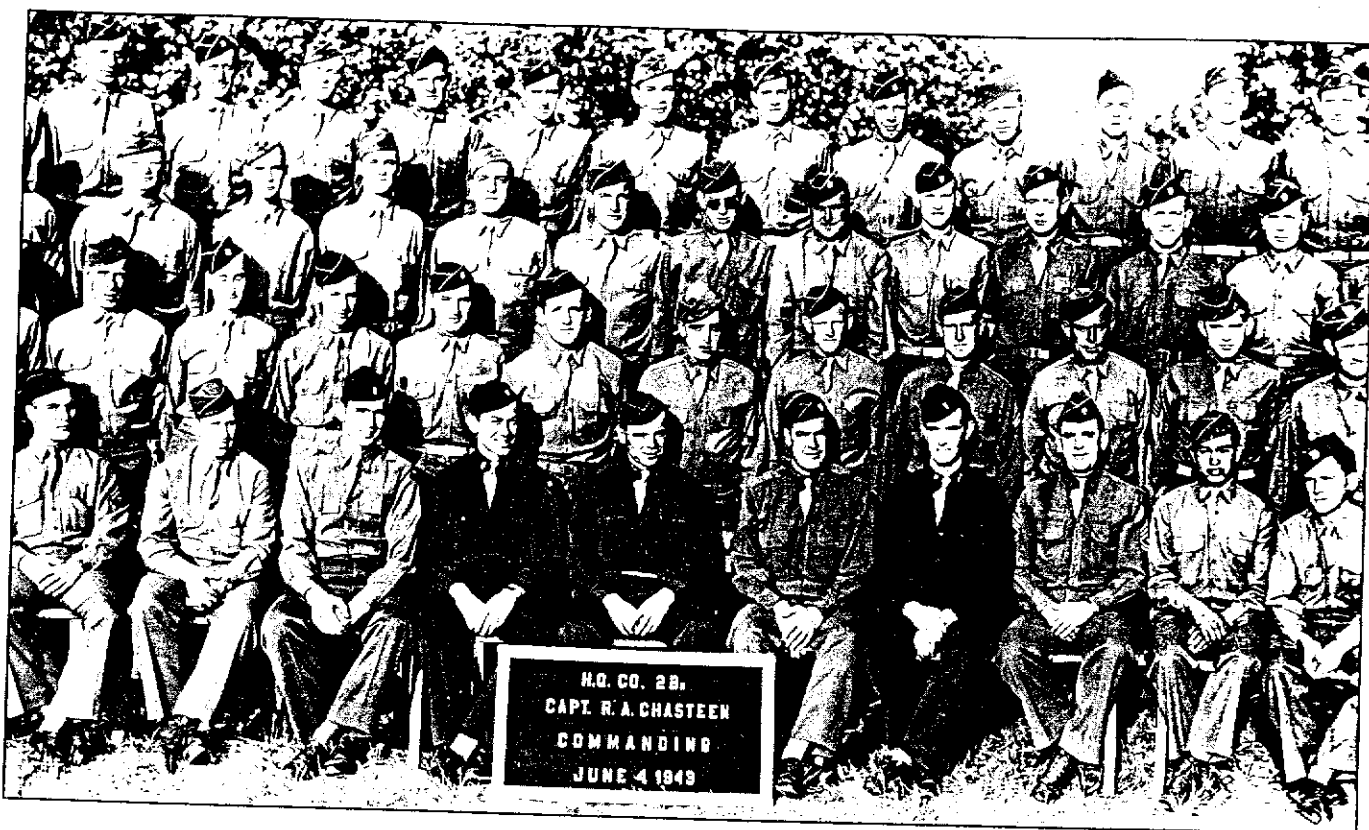


Photo Courtesy Col. Dave Morgan

Lt. Dave Morgan, fourth from right, joins his company of the 140th Infantry Regiment for a photo in June 1943.

# The Army: San Diego's silent guardian

## 140th Regiment set up camps throughout the county during WW II

*Jim W. Hinds*

Traditions Adviser

**A**s the Japanese attacked on all fronts in the Pacific in the days immediately following Pearl Harbor, American forces on the West Coast braced for a Japanese aircraft carrier onslaught, or an amphibious landing.

In response to the attack on Pearl Harbor, the War Department, stripping eastern and midwestern commands of men, almost immediately began reinforcing the West Coast. Six infantry divisions, one cavalry regiment, approximately 14 anti-aircraft regiments, and the equivalent of three Army Air Corps pursuit and three bombardment groups were ordered westward.

San Diego in December 1941, with its vast military-industrial complex, was a prime target. Naval air and sea forces, plus the entire local Navy infrastructure, constituted the largest service concentration in San Diego.

The Marine Corps in its post-Pearl Harbor and pre-Camp Pendleton days had major infrastructure and forces already in place in San Diego. And its 2nd Marine Division with its three organic infantry regiments and one artillery regiment constituted the largest single ground combat force in the county.

The Navy and Marines dominated San Diego during World War

II, overshadowing memories of another guardian — the Army.

The Army played several roles. There was an anti-aircraft training facility at Camp Callan in La Jolla, and coast artillery forces manned guns at Fort Rosecrans and Fort Emory. But the 140th Infantry Regiment of the 35th Infantry Division was the predominant Army mobile ground combat force in San Diego.

It's no wonder these soldiers are all but forgotten. While Navy bases blossomed in San Diego during the war and have continued to grow since, the Army's footprints have largely faded from the scene.

But some, like retired Army Lt. Col. Dave Morgan, still remember. A combat infantryman during World War II and Korea, Col. Morgan's last tour of duty was as a member of Gen. William Westmoreland's staff in Vietnam.

He has a doubly good reason for wanting to preserve the history of the 140th Regiment in San Diego.

Col. Morgan was a 23-year-old lieutenant fresh out of officers' candidate school when he joined the 140th Infantry Regiment in 1942. The regiment, more than 3,000 men strong, was stationed at several camps in the county.

In addition, the colonel's family came to San Diego when he was an infant in 1919 and settled near downtown. At age 75, Col. Morgan is active in promoting downtown, volunteering more than 50 hours a month for the Centre City Development Corp.

In a letter to Traditions, Col. Morgan writes, "Army infantry has been a rare commodity in San Diego's military history, so I believe the 140th (Regiment's) time in San Diego is worthy of note."

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At the beginning of the war, Army ground combat forces in San Diego County were limited to a cavalry regiment stationed at Camp Lockett in Campo, 60 miles east of San Diego.

Army reinforcements started arriving on the West Coast from the east, and initially were for air defense, consisting of one coast artillery anti-aircraft brigade and two coast artillery anti-aircraft regiments. Their mission was to protect San Diego's defense industries, particularly the aircraft production facilities that were paramount to the U.S. war effort.

Drawing from West Coast units in an almost stop-gap fashion, the Army moved units into San Diego, bringing a tank destroyer battalion from Camp San Luis Obispo to Camp La Mesa, a former Civilian Conservation Corps camp in Fletcher Hills overlooking the El Cajon Valley.

Two companies of the 160th Infantry arrived and were assigned to guard El Capitan Reservoir. Later they were joined, apparently in rotation in early 1942, by the 164th and 213th Field Artillery Battalions, which were stationed in El Cajon.

Both the infantry and artillery units were from the 40th Division, later redesignated the 40th Infantry Division, which was deployed at Los Angeles on Dec. 9.

Correspondingly, arriving quartermaster and ordnance units took up station as supporting units in El Cajon, Lakeside and Santee.

When activated on Dec. 8, the Army's Southern California Sector was organized as a corps headquarters, with liaison with the Navy's Joint Operations Center at the 11th Naval District Headquarters in downtown San Diego and the Air Force through the Information Center of the 4th Interceptor Command. The Sector headquarters moved to San Bernardino east of Los Angeles from Fort Ord in Northern California, where it had been activated.

The defense of the country at the outbreak of the war was based on a plan called Rainbow 5. It relied on naval coastal lookout stations, Army outposts, beach patrols by Coast Guard and Army personnel, motor reconnaissance patrols along the coast, the location of small local reserve units near the coast, and larger mobile reserve units well back from the coast, backed up by Army ground force divisions available for short-notice emergency deployment.

The mission of the Army's Southern California Sector was to organize and defend against attack by land, sea and air in cooperation with the Pacific Southern Naval Coastal Frontier (later designated Southern California Sector, Western Sea Frontier); and to support the operating forces of the 11th Naval District.

In case of invasion, the Army would attack the enemy before he could land, defending the beaches. If that didn't stop the invasion, the Army would resort to delaying action in successive positions, withdrawing to a final position for the defense of critical areas. All these actions would use reservists in each successive step.

In late April 1942, the Army's 35th Infantry Division, moving south from Camp San Luis Obispo, replaced the 40th Infantry Division, and the 35th's commanding officer took charge of the Southern California Sector, establishing division headquarters at the Huntington Hotel in Pasadena. Its three infantry regiments were deployed in Los Angeles, San Diego and Ventura counties. The 40th Infantry Division was sent to Fort Lewis, Wash.

The 35th Infantry Division was a National Guard division federalized in December 1940 at Lincoln, Neb., and was composed of elements of the Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska National Guards. The

division had just been reorganized from four regiments to the Army's new three-regiment configuration.

The 35th Infantry sent its 134th Regiment to Ojai southeast of Santa Barbara; its 137th Regiment to Long Beach; and its 140th Regiment to San Diego.

Prior to its induction into federal service on Dec. 23, 1940, at Sikeston in southeastern Missouri, the 140th had been a component of the Missouri National Guard. As part of the 35th Infantry Division the regiment was stationed at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark. (outside of Little Rock) from January through December 1941, where it participated in maneuvers.

The regiment transferred to California with the division in December 1941 and was successively deployed at Fort Ord, San Francisco and San Luis Obispo, before being sent to San Diego.

Col. Oliver E.G. Trechter established his regimental headquarters in a residence on Fort Stockton Drive in San Diego's Mission Hills. From there, Col. Trechter would exercise control over his dispersed 3,340-man regiment that would be spread over 125 miles of San Diego and Orange County coastline.

The regiment's headquarters and service companies occupied the Indian Village in Balboa Park that had been set up for the 1915-1916 Panama-California Exposition, where the War Memorial Building is today. It had been used by the Army during World War I as well.

While deploying companies of each battalion to forward camps near the coast, the main regimental strength was dispersed to three battalion camps from which their forces would constitute a large mobile reserve that could react rapidly to any threat.

The regiment's three battalions were dispersed to: Camp La Mesa, a 1938 CCC camp in Fletcher Hills 15 miles east of San Diego, replacing the earlier tank destroyer battalion; Camp Vista, a 1935 CCC camp on Vista Irrigation District property four and a half miles south of Vista and 45 miles north of San Diego; and at Irvine Park at Orange in Orange County. The Orange County location was initially designated Camp Irvine, then subsequently renamed Camp George Rathke. The former CCC camps had structures. At Camp Rathke, the soldiers lived under canvas in a tent camp.

The battalion at Camp La Mesa maintained a company at Camp Otay (now Otay Park and Otay Elementary School in Chula Vista).

The battalion occupying Camp Vista maintained a company camp at Rancho Santa Fe (north of S-8 and off of Calle Corte) and one at San Clemente (at Doheny Park Palisades). And the battalion at Camp Rathke maintained a company camp at Huntington Beach.

Col. Morgan recalls that the battalions were rotated through the camps approximately every six months. And the companies occupying the forward camps were rotated approximately every two months.

Within the 140th Infantry Regiment, its three battalions were identically organized. Each battalion consisted of a headquarters company and four lettered companies. Three of the lettered companies were rifle companies and the fourth was a weapons company armed with .30-caliber water-cooled machine guns and 81mm mortars. The three rifle companies each had three platoons of infantry with each having three squads of riflemen armed with M-1 rifles and one squad with Browning Automatic Rifles. They also contained a weapons platoon armed with .30-caliber air-cooled machine guns and 60mm mortar. In August 1942, the 2nd Battalion contained 28 commissioned officers and 869 enlisted men.

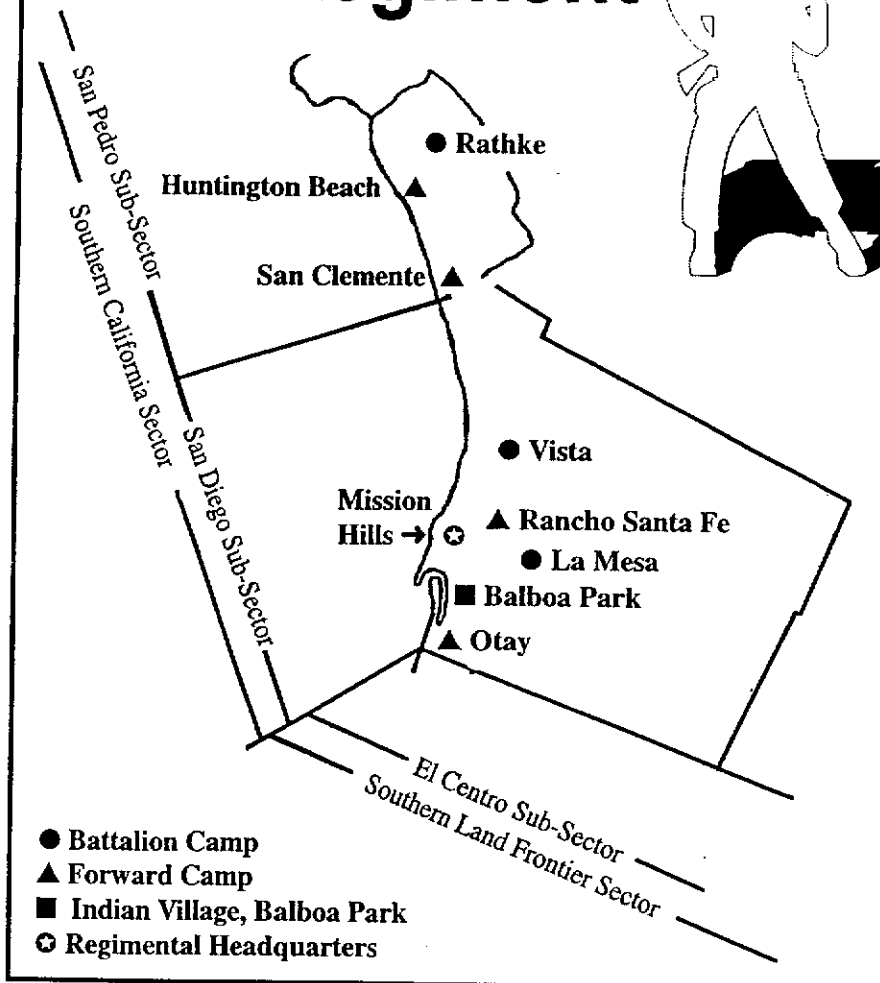
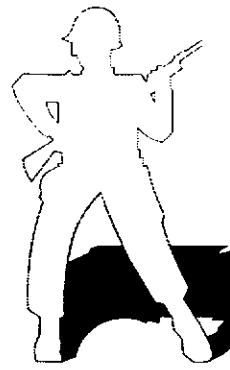
The mission and the intensity of training kept the men busy from the time of the regiment's arrival in San Diego.

In his monthly report for July 1942, Catholic Chaplain Vincent L. Cottam left this telling comment on the 140th Infantry Regiment: "... It is difficult to contact the men since their day is taken.

"... a rout ensued with several hundred horses bearing down on the infantry, and all pandemonium broke loose."

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# 140th Regiment



Map by Jim W. Hinds

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up with training schedules, guard duty, problems, marches. The officers have no interest in religion and therefore will give me no time with the men. The Protestant chaplain gets little cooperation and although 85 percent are Protestant, he has been unable to have a Sunday service for the last three weeks in the 3rd Battalion, due to lack of interest."

The forward companies were kept constantly busy manning observation posts and conducting beach patrols. Col. Morgan recalls three of the observation posts as being at: Border Field State Park just south of Imperial Beach on a bluff overlooking the beach and the ocean; a tower atop the Hotel del Coronado; and at the northern end of the Torrey Pines cliffs. Foot patrols were con-

ducted along the beach in areas considered vulnerable to enemy infiltration. And the Mission Beach Lifeguard Station was used as a coordinating center for beach patrols in the area and was manned at night.

The remainder of the regiment conducted routine training at their respective camps. Lacking weapons ranges, the battalion at Camp La Mesa conducted routine infantry training, such as classes in tactics and maneuvering and training in weapons use.

At Camp Vista, a temporary rifle range was established, and the companies there were able to fire the range.

While at Camp Rathke, the regiment established an infiltration course approximately 100 yards long that was interspersed with barbed wire, trenches, booby traps, cactus, etc. While the infantrymen were negotiating the course on their bellies, a machine gun was steadily firing over their heads.

The regiment also established a squad combat course in which the men employed live

fire as they negotiated the course. In early June 1943, a member of Company H, 2nd Battalion, was shot and died within three minutes while negotiating the course, according to Col. Morgan.

In late fall of 1942, maneuvers conducted in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park (about an hour's drive from San Diego) pitted the 140th against the Buffalo Soldiers of the 10th Cavalry, an old line Regular Army cavalry regiment stationed at Camp Lockett.

Recalling the maneuvers in a 1989 letter, retired Army Col. William L. Hastie, then a platoon leader in Troop F, 2nd Squadron, 10th Cavalry wrote: "We marched up through Cameron Corners to Highway 80-Pine Valley-Guatay, to Highway 79 thence north to south of Lake Cuyamaca. We were then deployed on both sides of Highway 79 and began an exercise with the 140th in which our squadron would fight a delaying action, moving to the south for that first afternoon, night, and most of the next day."

Continuing, Col. Hastie described the conduct of the infantry. "I remember the slow-moving infantry being required to often stop in its tracks upon reaching one of our delaying forces composed of about a platoon, forcing them to send their forces up the rugged and steep slopes to flank the delaying force. Just when it appeared they would be in a position to capture our men, our horse soldiers would mount up and clatter back down the road where at the next curve there would be another horse cavalry platoon to meet the infantry aggressors."

Retired Army Lt. Col. Hal Gambrell was a platoon leader in Troop A, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry. In a 1989 letter, he also recalled that the infantry got the worst of the encounter.

"The 10th Cavalry did maneuver against the 140th Infantry in Cuyamaca Park. The infantry came from San Diego (the 2nd Battalion was then stationed at Camp La Mesa) and the cavalry from Camp Lockett.

"The cavalry worked around the hills keeping out of sight and spotted some infantrymen in an open field. The cavalry worked its way down through the forest, spread out in a line, drew pistols and charged. Needless to say, a rout ensued with several hundred horses bearing down on the infantry, and all pandemonium broke loose.

"The maneuver was terminated on the eve of the second day with the cavalry having delayed back to Green Valley Falls."

In January 1943, additional field artillery arrived in the county, staying only a few weeks. To El Cajon came the 35th Infantry Division's 219th Field Artillery Battalion. It was also accompanied by Company C, 110th Medical Battalion, which went to Camp La Mesa. The 130th Field Artillery arrived and was stationed at Escondido, where it would remain for nine months.

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As the war progressed favorably in the Pacific and the threat of enemy action against the West Coast decreased, both the Army and Navy started withdrawing combat troops from the Southern California Sector under a calculated-risk policy started in 1943. While there was still a chance of the enemy initiating some form of action, the war had progressed so favorably the threat itself did not warrant the retention of these forces in the sector.

On Jan. 27, 1943, the regiment, along with the 130th Field Artillery, was separated from

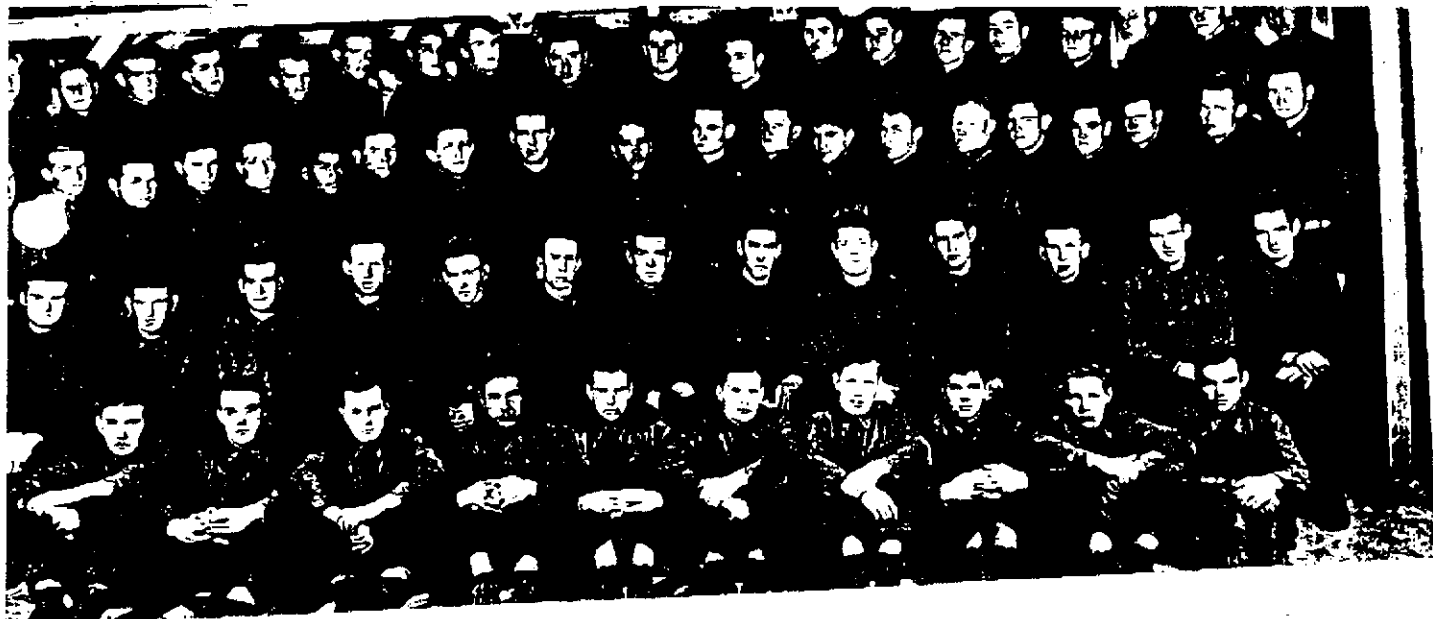
the 35th Infantry Division and was assigned to the Southern California Sector. Its mission remained unchanged. At the same time, the remainder of the division was withdrawn from San Diego and moved with the division back to Camp San Luis Obispo. The regiment was now a separate infantry regiment.

Col. Morgan, who served as both a platoon leader and as the 2nd Battalion's S-2 (Intelligence) officer, described briefly several of the activities conducted within his battalion in 1943.

On one occasion, he laid out a 25-mile, two-company training march whose route just happened to pass through Lakeside, where his parents lived. On another occasion, the reserve companies at Camp La Mesa were deployed

by truck to Hollister Road southeast of Imperial Beach, where they formed to practice defense against a coastal assault.

In February 1944, the 140th Infantry Regiment, coming under the calculated-risk policy, was transferred to Camp Howze, Texas (Gainsville). While at Camp Howze, according to Col. Morgan, most members of the regiment were sent overseas as replacements, with several actually being assigned to their old 35th Infantry Division in Europe. The regiment was then transferred to Camp Swift, Texas (Bastrop), in December 1944. Then, in a final move, the regiment transferred to Camp Rucker, Ala. (Ozark), in February 1945, where on Sept. 20 it was deactivated without ever having fired a shot in anger.



## Members

Reading from left to right—

FIRST ROW: Roy H. Bruce, Jr., Arno G. Pachert, William D. Kennedy, Alvin E. Nylander, Gerald F. Page, Douglas F. Leonard, Jerry Flanagan, Walter E. Harper, George D. Bruce.

SECOND ROW: Victor A. Miller, Raymond L. Stewart, Leo D. Crawford, Lawrence G. Jackson, William Miller, Jr., Philip E. Hosner, John R. Von Schiltz, Alfred M. Von Schiltz, Antonio M. Gutierrez, Harley L. Minyard, Fred R. Armstrong, Leland W. Gitchel.

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## Officers

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 SECOND LT. JOHN R. TAYLOR, 30th Inf. . . . . Adjutant  
 CAPT. HAROLD R. HENNESSEY, 15th General Hospital . . . . . Camp Surgeon  
 JOHN J. DOYLE . . . . . CE-1  
 CLINT MILLER . . . . . Senior TNS

## Technical Personnel

WILLIAM B. SALISBURY . . . . . Project Superintendent  
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## History

COMPANY 2948 of Camp Vista, Vista, California, was organized April 9, 1936, under the command of Lieut. Emery Hyde, with Capt. Harold Hennessey as Camp Surgeon. Mr. Joseph Carmody skippered the original Technical Service.

The new Company moved onto the present camp site on the heels of Company 2518, an Ohio outfit which was moving back to its home corps. This foreign Company was the first to occupy the camp site, moving on November 15, 1935.

The camp is located on the property of the Vista Irrigation District. The locale is about four and one-half miles from the town of Vista and forty-five from San Diego, lying about a mile off Highway 395. This Dis-

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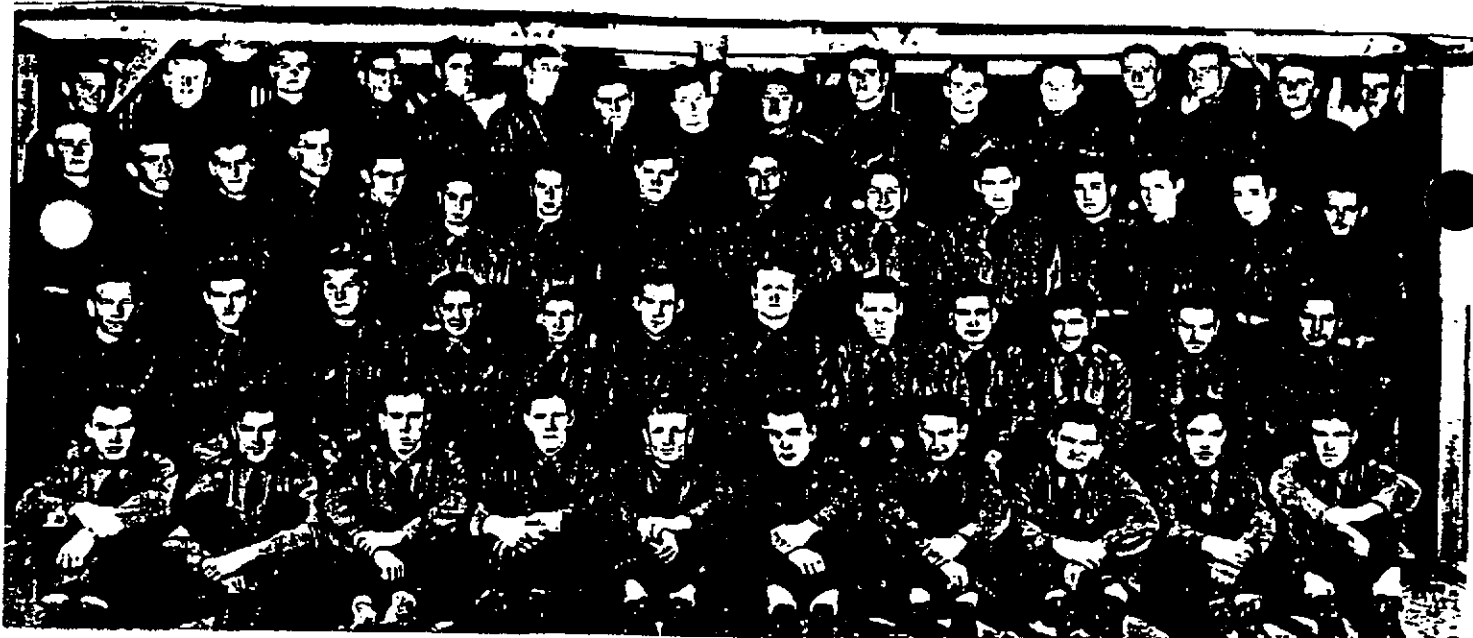
Camp Vista

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trict is one of the richest avocado and citrus areas in California. The proximity of the camp to the larger towns in this section has made the camp very popular with the boys and made possible social and cultural contacts not available to the majority of the camps.

The fortunes of the Company are, at present, ably directed by Capt. Joseph E. Benoit, who took over the tiller October 2, 1937. Lieut. John R. Taylor is the Company's Junior Officer, and Capt. Harold Hennessy still retains the office of Camp Surgeon, of which post he has been the able incumbent since the Company's organization. This trio of officers has by its untiring work, lively interest and understanding of the men stimulated a high morale. The Company has enjoyed the privilege of working under a succession of fine officers. Capt. Benoit succeeded Capt. Clement Lang in command, the latter having taken over the Company from Capt. Lee B. Stanton, March 27, 1937. Capt. Stanton had replaced Lieut. Norman Dole as skipper November 7, 1936, which officer had superseded Lieut. Hyde, the original C. O., on April 25, 1936.

Camp S. C. S. 11, which Company 2948 occupies, is a Soil Conservation Camp. The projects on which the men are employed involve the installation of concrete-lined drainage ditches, concrete wing walls, terrace outlets, and check dams. Terraces are constructed and many trees and grasses planted to check erosion. Although not a fire camp, Company 2948 has hung up an excellent record in fire-fighting man hours.

The technical personnel of the company is headed by Supt. William B. Salisbury ("Bill" to his host of friends). Mr. Salisbury's efficiency and popularity are no small factors in explaining the high morale found among the boys "on the job."

Mr. Salisbury's staff consists of Mr. B. R. Mock,

## Members

### Reading from left to right—

First row: Grady Sims, William A. Dodd, Jr., William Blumberg, Richard P. McDonald, John L. Dewdney, Rex W. Allen, Estel H. Chamberlain, Richard C. Hasler, Robert R. Potes, James H. Wheeler.

Second row: Harold L. Baker, Leroy E. Sands, Danny W. Watson, Louis M. Gonzalez, Ralph L. Cordura, Harold R. Boyd, Virgil W. Wagster, Harvie Goff, Willie Manzo, Elmer P. Salgado, Tony L. Rodriguez, Antonio Oruna.

Third row: Forest D. Storey, Walter U. Mitchell, James G. McAdams, Roy C. Keit, William A. Harris, Manuel Monteverde, Shelby J. Schonover, Bill Proctor, Augustine S. Diaz, Max V. Razo, Thomas Belamquez, Thomas A. Tucker, Robert H. Connell, Ivan M. Hamilton, Samuel Cooper.

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### Members Not in Picture

Earl A. Wolfe, Melvin H. Uphall, Albert O. Arce, Forrest D. Humphrey, Harold M. Rist, George D. Rathburn, Raymond A. Graham, William A. Thompson.

Engineer; Mr. N. A. Petetson, Senior Foreman; Mr. R. E. Easling, Senior Foreman; Mr. C. C. Brington, Senior Foreman; Mr. G. R. Everett, Senior Foreman; Mr. L. C. Eberwein, Agronomist; Mr. Victor Stone, mechanic; Mr. Clarence Olds, junior soil surveyor; Mr. Eugene Ford, blacksmith; Mr. E. S. Dennis, junior assistant to the Technician; and Mr. Douglas Radeke and Mr. Sam Johnson, junior assistants.

The educational program is directed by Mr. John J. Doyle, Educational Adviser. He is ably assisted by Mr. Clint Miller, Artcraft Instructor, the Technical Staff, the officers and a group of enrollees of special ability.

The Company enrollment is made up largely of local men drawn in the main from Orange and San Diego Counties.

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**Chronology**

1935

June 12.—Start oil erosion project . . . CCC camp being established.

Oct. 17.—CCC camp enrollees arrive.

1944

Dec. 14. — Supervisors order moving some of CCC buildings to Wildwood Park for recreational uses, following local request . . . Vista Masons apply for Lodge charter.

12/4/41

## Troops Arrive For Duty Here

Several hundred soldiers are located in this vicinity after arrival Tuesday and have the duty of manning observation posts for defense purposes. Troops are located in strategical locations along the entire length of California, giving the civilian population a feeling of protection.

Locally, efforts are being made to make the stay of the troops here as comfortable as possible. Already various agencies are working out plans for providing recreation for the soldier boys, books and magazines are being supplied and public facilities are being placed at their disposal so far as is practicable.

In addition to the Army troops, the local company of California State Guards is on the alert and subject to call to duty on emergency.

## American Legion Opposes Objectors Camp Here

5/7/42

After a canvass made of the Vista business section and many of the residents here the Vista Post American Legion went on record as opposing the establishment of a Conscientious Objectors camp here.

Government agencies a few weeks ago wrote to several local organizations requesting their reaction as to the locating of such a detention camp at the Civilian Conservation camp on Buena creek. The first reaction received was favorable to the project, but the Legion made a survey which found a majority of the community opposed to its establishment here.

A copy of the resolution is being sent to the commander of the Ninth Corps Area.

7/13/42

## Dance for 3rd Battalion Men Next Tuesday

The Canteen Corps of the Vista Branch of the American Red Cross will give a dance for the men of the 3rd Battalion next Tuesday evening in the High School auditorium. The music will be furnished by the Battalion band which is considered one of the best in the entire Army.

This dance is for the 3rd Battalion only and no other service men will be admitted. Due to the large number of men present more girls are needed and invitations have been sent to the Junior Woman's Clubs of Escondido and Oceanside. They will be brought to Vista in Army trucks with chaperones. The same rules governing the regular Tuesday and Friday night dances will be maintained and semi-formals or formals will be in order for the girls.

The Canteen Corps are making elaborate plans to give the men a good time but it is a big undertaking and they are asking the community to help. Donations of cookies, oranges and lemons will be greatly appreciated and may be left at the Vista Woman's Club house Tuesday afternoon. Please call Mrs. Ed. Lackerman, Vista 5417 and tell her how many cookies you will send.

8/22/42

## ARMY MEN ENTERTAINED AT DANCE

The 3rd Battalion of the 140th Infantry were given a dance Tuesday evening by the Vista Branch of the Red Cross in the auditorium of the High School. The music was furnished by the regimental band and delighted both listeners and dancers. This band ranks among the finest in the Army and is the pride of both officers and privates.

Local Red Cross officials received and the refreshments served were under the direction of the Canteen Corps. Parties of young ladies with chaperones were brought by Army trucks from Oceanside and Carlsbad to help supply the men with dancing partners. Formal evening frocks mingled with the dress uniforms of men and officers, giving a true military note to the affair and reminding one that America can still be happy in spite of the war.

2/3/43

## ROTARIANS AID RECREATION HALL AT CAMP VISTA

Standing committees of the Vista Rotary Club reported their activities during the past six months to President Ambrose DeBard and other Rotarians at their semi-annual assembly meeting last Thursday evening.

A letter was read from Chaplain Naylor thanking the Rotary Club for the benches which the club had presented to the recreation hall of Camp Vista. Action was taken by the club to purchase a pool table and lend it to Camp Vista, with the understanding that at the close of the war emergency the table would be installed in the local recreation center.

The financial report indicated that club finances were in a healthful condition. A communication regarding a Victory Garden campaign was referred to the Coordinating Council, since that organization had already initiated such a community activity.

8/3/44

## COUNTY SEEKS VISTA CCC BUILDINGS FOR YOUTH CAMP

R. W. Parks, county property department head, and Verne O. Gehringer, county purchasing agent, are studying the possibility of acquisition by the county of the government buildings at the old CCC camp on Buena Creek, in the Vista district.

The two officials have been instructed by county supervisors to look into feasibility of taking over the buildings and converting them into a camp for delinquent youths.

The War Department's division real estate officer recently wrote the board of supervisors that the proposed transfer of leases stipulate that the government shall not permit the use of the premises by anyone other than the government and that the county must negotiate new leases with the owners, the Vista Irrigation District.

If the people of the Irrigation District adjudge the proposed use to be objectionable in the community, it is expected protests will be made against renewing the lease.

Following the vacating of the property by the CCC camp, the Army used it, adding several new buildings, which now are stated to comprise about 40,000 square feet, and worth approximately \$60,000.

5/4/44

## Citizens Oppose Delinquent Camp Location Here

More than 100 Vista and San Marcos property owners filed a petition with the county supervisors Monday protesting against the proposed establishment of a juvenile camp in the former CCC camp at Vista.

"We demand that this site be not used for this purpose, temporary or otherwise," the petition stated. The board filed the petition.

The report that the CCC camp-site might be used for the purpose originated in Washington, D. C. The Vista Irrigation District owns the property and it was leased to the government, with the proviso that it was to be used for certain purposes. The board of directors of the Vista District, it is officially declared, has never had any intention of renewing the lease for any purpose that would not be in harmony with the wishes of the people of the district, and therefore its use as a juvenile delinquency camp is out, so far as the board is concerned.

12/14/44

## Building to Be Moved to Vista Park

On motion of Supervisor Dean Howell and seconded by Dan Rossi, county supervisors Monday instructed the county property department to move part of the Vista CCC camp buildings to Wildwood park, near Vista, and to Glen park, in Cardiff.

Before granting the petitions of recreational and Boy Scout committees of Ramona, San Marcos and Escondido, that the three remaining CCC buildings at Vista be moved to those communities, the supervisors ruled that the request should be submitted in writing.

The building to be located in Wildwood park will be reconstructed and used as a Scout headquarters and for other public uses.

10/18/45

## Legion Post of Vista Wants CCC Lumber

Washington, Oct. 10. — Vista's American Legion Post 365 today asked Sen. Sheridan Downey (D-Calif.), to find out whether the post could obtain lumber from a former civilian conservation corps camp to be used in construction of a new Legion club house.

The camp near Vista is being used temporarily by the navy, post officials told Downey, but is to be abandoned soon. Downey telegraphed to army engineers in Los Angeles to determine the status of the camp.

## Vista Rod and Gun Club Has Work Session 1/22/48

The Vista Rod and Gun Club held its first Sunday work session with over forty-five members turning out to help.

This being the first opportunity many members had had of seeing the club site most of the work session was devoted to planning. Ernest Imboden, owner of the home of the Gun Club, was present and pointed out the boundaries of the very ample grounds. Several committees were appointed to co-ordinate the location of the various activities.

The pistol range committee is Al Louerman and Frank Parker. Appointed to locate and lay out the rifle range were Clarence Erotzman, "Cap" Walters, Don Harvey and Bill Rickman. The skeet and trap committee, consists of Bert Baietto, Ray Beck, Gina Mora and Bill Ragsdale. To locate the building and assist in its moving are C. L. Olding, E. M. Oimstead, Don Fiegley, Frank Parker and Dean Brotzman. All the plans of the various committees will be co-ordinated and drawn up by Ernest Pechstein and Bill Bobbett.

After the work and planning session was concluded, the members had refreshments donated by Bert Baietto and held an informal trap-shoot, using Arville Williams' traps and pigeons and a new "foot" trap brought out by Bub Williamson. Sunday, Jan. 25, beginning at 10 a. m., the building will be moved and other work necessary to the future completion of the club site will be started.

All members are urged to attend and bring either a rake or shovel and gun and ammunition. The location of the site is the old CC camp on Buena Creek.

3/18/48

## Rod and Gun Club Site Declared to Be Outstanding

The site for the location of the Vista Rod and Gun Club is the best in San Diego county and one of the finest in California, is the consensus of opinion by the many officials who have looked the property over. The fact that it is also one of the safest has also been remarked on. All shooting will be toward embankments or hillsides where there is no possibility of bullets ricocheting. Present plans call for shooting of small arms only.

Before signing a lease on the Club grounds, opinions of representatives from the Board of Supervisors, County Recreation Department, the National Rifle Association, the Fish and Game Commission, Southern Council of Conservation Clubs, the Sheriff's office, and field representative of Remington Arms Co., were asked as to safety and practicability of the location. They were all enthusiastic in their approval.

The purposes of the Vista Rod and Gun Club, a corporation, as set up in their by-laws are as follows:

### Article II (Purpose)

"Sec. 1. The purpose of this non-profit organization shall be: to conserve and urge wise use of our natural resources which include stable soil, unpolluted waters, perpetual forests, vegetation, fish, wild life, scenic and recreational reservations; to improve and restore fish, game, and its habitat; to study local resource conditions and to cooperate with the proper authorities in securing conservation plans and measures for betterment to the benefit of all the community; to support sound conservation, and to oppose anti-conservation legislation; to promote good sportsmanship afield, and to conduct ourselves so as to be an example of good and safe sportsmanship; to respect the property rights of others; to pass on to our heirs, the joys and privileges of a better outdoors.

"Sec. 2. To stimulate and encourage sportsmanlike hunting and fishing, target shooting and trap shooting; to give instruction to youth and beginners in safe use of firearms, and proper conduct in the field and on the range; to oppose all restrictive legislation which would deny the possession or use of firearms and tackle to legitimate sportsmen.

"To provide and encourage the provision of safe, well-managed ranges for the development of marksmanship.

"To serve as a medium of exchange of ideas and information on sporting subjects among members."

Recreational activities will include playgrounds for children, volley ball, archery, badminton and tennis for families of members.

Memberships are still available at the original price of \$5. Beginning April 1, the membership fee will raise to \$25. Application blanks may be secured at Bubs, Bert's, or The Vista Press.

2/17/49

## Rod and Gun Club Plans Tourney Four Sundays

Members of the Vista Rod and Gun Club will compete in an interclub shoot four consecutive Sundays, starting Feb. 20, at the club's range at old Camp Vista. Both skeet and trap-shooting are scheduled.

Firing will start at 10 a.m. and continue all days each Sunday. Members may shoot at any time and their scores will be recorded from targets afterwards.

All members of the club have been classified and handicapped according to their present shooting ability.

Non-club members are invited, but their scores will not count in the interclub shoot. Shells will be available at the range.

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<b>SUBJECT</b> Camp Vista			

**SUMMARY**

Mr. Hinds was interviewed concerning his knowledge of possible ordnance, explosives, or HTRW presence on lands associated with the former Camp Vista. Jim was associated with a magazine called "Traditions - San Diego's Military Heritage". He was in charge of archives and records management and also served as a technical adviser/writer.

He is not specifically aware of much military activity associated with Camp Vista. However, he did write an article titled 'The Army: San Diego's Silent Guardian' which was published in the June 1995 issue of Traditions magazine. There was some mention of Camp Vista in his article. This article was based on several interviews of soldiers that were assigned to various camps being used to support coastal defense in California. All the soldiers he interviewed have since passed away.

He reviewed his files to see if he may have had any additional information relating to Camp Vista. The only items he located relating to Camp Vista were some pages from a CCC yearbook. He faxed me copies of four pages. He couldn't provide any further leads.

**ACTION REQUIRED**

None

**ACTION TAKEN**

None

<b>NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION</b> Eric A. Aubrey	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> CEMVR-ED-DO	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> 309-782-7082
<b>SIGNATURE</b> <i>Eric A. Aubrey</i>	<b>TITLE</b> QASAS	<b>DATE</b> 8 Aug 01

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<b>SUBJECT</b> Camp Vista			

**SUMMARY**

Sgt. Grayson is in charge of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad and has worked there since 1977. He is not familiar with Camp Vista and has no knowledge of any O/E ever being found in the area nor ever heard of any rumors of O/E being reported from that site.

He thinks it is unlikely that there would be an O/E problem from its usage during WW II.

**ACTION REQUIRED**

None

**ACTION TAKEN**

None

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<b>SUBJECT</b> Camp Vista
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**SUMMARY**  
Ms. Jean Bice was interviewed concerning her knowledge of possible ordnance, explosives, or HTRW presence on lands associated with the former Camp Vista. Ms. Bice moved to Vista in 1935 and has lived there for 66 years now.

She was aware of the facility as a civilian conservation corps camp but does not recall any Army activity there. She did state that the camp was not near her part of town and didn't have any reason to visit it. She does remember a lot of military activity associated with Marines in the area when Camp Pendleton was constructed. She is not aware and hasn't heard of any OE ever being found in the former Camp Vista. She provided a referral to Rosemary Conway, (760) 724-2933.

<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b> None
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<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> None
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<b>SUBJECT</b> Former Camp Vista			

**SUMMARY**

Ms. Emily Sexsmith was interviewed concerning her knowledge of possible ordnance, explosives, or HTRW presence on areas associated with the former Camp Vista.

Ms. Sexsmith has been a resident of Vista since 1932. She came there as bride after her husband established a grocery store there in 1929. She vaguely remembers Camp Vista and that it became the Green Oaks Ranch. She stated that they converted the upstairs of their store to apartments and leased them out to local service members. She attended local dances that were given for the military but doesn't recall much else about the military that was associated with Camp Vista.

She has no knowledge of any Army training occurring on the camp nor has any knowledge of OE ever being found on the camp.

**ACTION REQUIRED**

None

**ACTION TAKEN**

None

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<b>SUBJECT</b>  Former Camp Vista
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**SUMMARY**  
Mr. Luz Duran was interviewed concerning his knowledge of possible ordnance, explosives, or HTRW presence on lands associated with the former Camp Vista. Luz Duran has lived in Vista since 1927.

Luz worked at Consolidated Aircraft starting in 1939 and worked the night shift. He lived nearby the former Camp Vista but doesn't recall much of the Army presence there. He thought there may have been a rifle range on the former camp but wasn't positive. He has no knowledge of any OE ever being used or found in the Camp Vista area.

<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b> None
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<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> None
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<b>NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION</b> Eric A. Aubrey	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> CEMVR-ED-DO	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> 309-782-7082
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<b>SUBJECT</b>  Former Camp Vista			

**SUMMARY**

Mr. John Cosh was interviewed concerning his knowledge of possible ordnance, explosives, or HTRW presence on lands associated with the former Camp Vista. John has lived for 75 years in the Vista area.

John doesn't remember much specifically about the military being in or using Camp Vista. He said the Navy was in the area in the 1940's or 50's when putting in an aqueduct in the area. He also stated that he used to go to the Vista Rod & Gun Club to use their skeet range but doesn't recall if they had a small arms range. He has no knowledge of any OE ever being used or found on Camp Vista.

**ACTION REQUIRED**  
None

**ACTION TAKEN**  
None

<b>NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION</b> Eric A. Aubrey	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> CEMVR-ED-DO	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> 309-782-7082
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<b>NAME OF PERSON CONTACT WITH</b> Jim Huber	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> Green Oak Ranch 1237 Green Oak Rd Vista, CA 92084	<b>TELEPHONE NO.</b> (760) 727-0251
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<b>SUBJECT</b> Former Camp Vista
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**SUMMARY**  
Mr. Jim Huber was interviewed concerning his knowledge of possible ordnance, explosives, or HTRW presence on lands associated with the former Camp Vista. Jim has been the director of the Green Oak Ranch for the past 9 years.

He isn't knowledgeable about the history of the Army's use of the former camp. He believed that a AAA battery was stationed there but doesn't recall how he came to hear that. Jim stated that a camp counselor found an empty shell casing several years ago at a dump area for "green" waste. Based on his description it may have been a 40mm shell casing. He believes it was brought in from the outside the ranch and thrown on the dump. He is not aware of any other OE related findings during his time there and has not heard of any discoveries that took place prior to his arrival. There were no military improvements remaining on the property. There was only one "original" building left that had been there well prior to the CCC camps. He does not know where the military or Rod and Gun club shooting ranges were located. The original property purchase occurred in 1949 with additional acreage being purchased in 1952 bringing the ranch to its current size of 142 acres.

<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b> None
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<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> None
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<b>NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION</b> Eric A. Aubrey	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> CEMVR-ED-DO	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> 309-782-7082
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NAME OF PERSON CONTACT WITH CWO4 Paul Spencer SSGT Steve Darrow	ORGANIZATION HQ & Spt Bn (EOD) Camp Pendleton, CA	TELEPHONE NO. (760) 725-6325
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SUBJECT Former Camp Vista
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**SUMMARY**  
CWO4 Paul Spencer and SSGT Steve Darrow were interviewed concerning their knowledge of possible ordnance, explosives, or HTRW presence on lands associated with the former Camp Vista. CWO4 Spencer has been the commander of the EOD unit at Camp Pendleton since Jul 99 and had also previously been stationed there from Nov 83 - Dec 86. SSGT Darrow has been in the unit since Jan 99 and had also been previously stationed there from Dec 85 - Jan 96.

Both men are unaware of any OE findings related to the former Camp Vista. They reviewed their records and could not find any calls or responses to the former camp. Based on the camp's history, they both believe that it is highly unlikely that anything other than small arms residue would be found there, if even that.

ACTION REQUIRED None
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ACTION TAKEN None
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NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION Eric A. Aubrey	ORGANIZATION CEMVR-ED-DO	TELEPHONE NUMBER 309-782-7082
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<b>NAME OF PERSON CONTACT WITH</b> Mr. Bill Bobbett	<b>ORGANIZATION</b> Vista, CA 92085	<b>TELEPHONE NO.</b> (760) 724-4548
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<b>SUBJECT</b> Former Camp Vista
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**SUMMARY**

Mr. Bobbett said he was born in 1923 and has lived less than a mile from Camp Vista since 1935. He was there during WWII and does not recall hearing any firing at all. During the war, he worked at home for the 11<sup>th</sup> Naval District and doesn't remember any Navy people at the site. He does not think there was a range at all, and guessed maybe 200 soldiers were stationed there at any one time.

A few years after the war, he helped form the Vista Rod & Gun Club that used one of the old barracks buildings. He does not remember any existing range there, as he and others cut down some trees to establish a 50-yard range. Had there been a range already, they would not have had to build their own. Mr. Bobbett recalled teaching marksmanship to youngsters firing .22 rifles, which shot from to the south on the 8-lane range. There was also a separate trap and skeet range, which fired south to north. He said the club was more of a social activity, and estimated there might be 100 lbs of lead remaining from their firing.

Mr. Bobbett theorized that the Camp Vista soldiers did their shooting at nearby Camp Callan, as that post had established ranges. He is certain there were no Army ranges at Camp Vista.

<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b> None
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<b>ACTION TAKEN</b> None
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J-1. Entrance gate off Green Oak Road.



J-2. The only original structure (pre-WW II) remaining on the ranch, currently used as an office.



J-3. Dump area which currently receives only green waste. A large shell casing was found in this area in the past.



J-4. Possible rifle/pistol range area.



J-5. A 180 degree view of the site below, looking from left (NNE) to right (SSW). There are no large level areas as hills surround most of the site.



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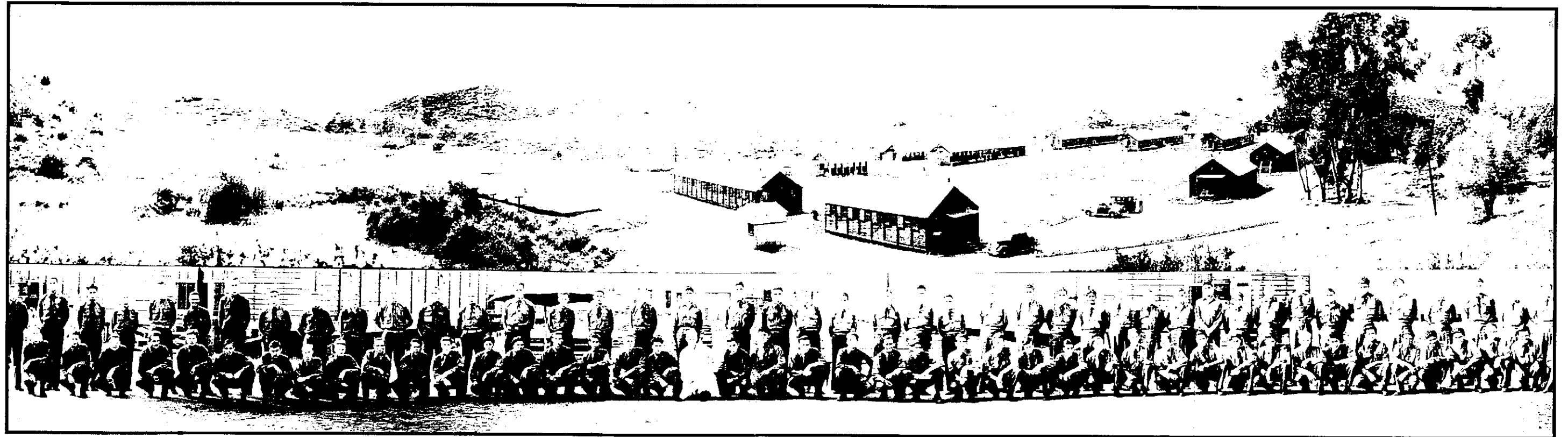
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North

March 1990 aerial of Green Oak Ranch with the boundaries marked in yellow.



Former  
Site  
Location

Extract of Infrared Aerial Photo of Site and Surroundings.

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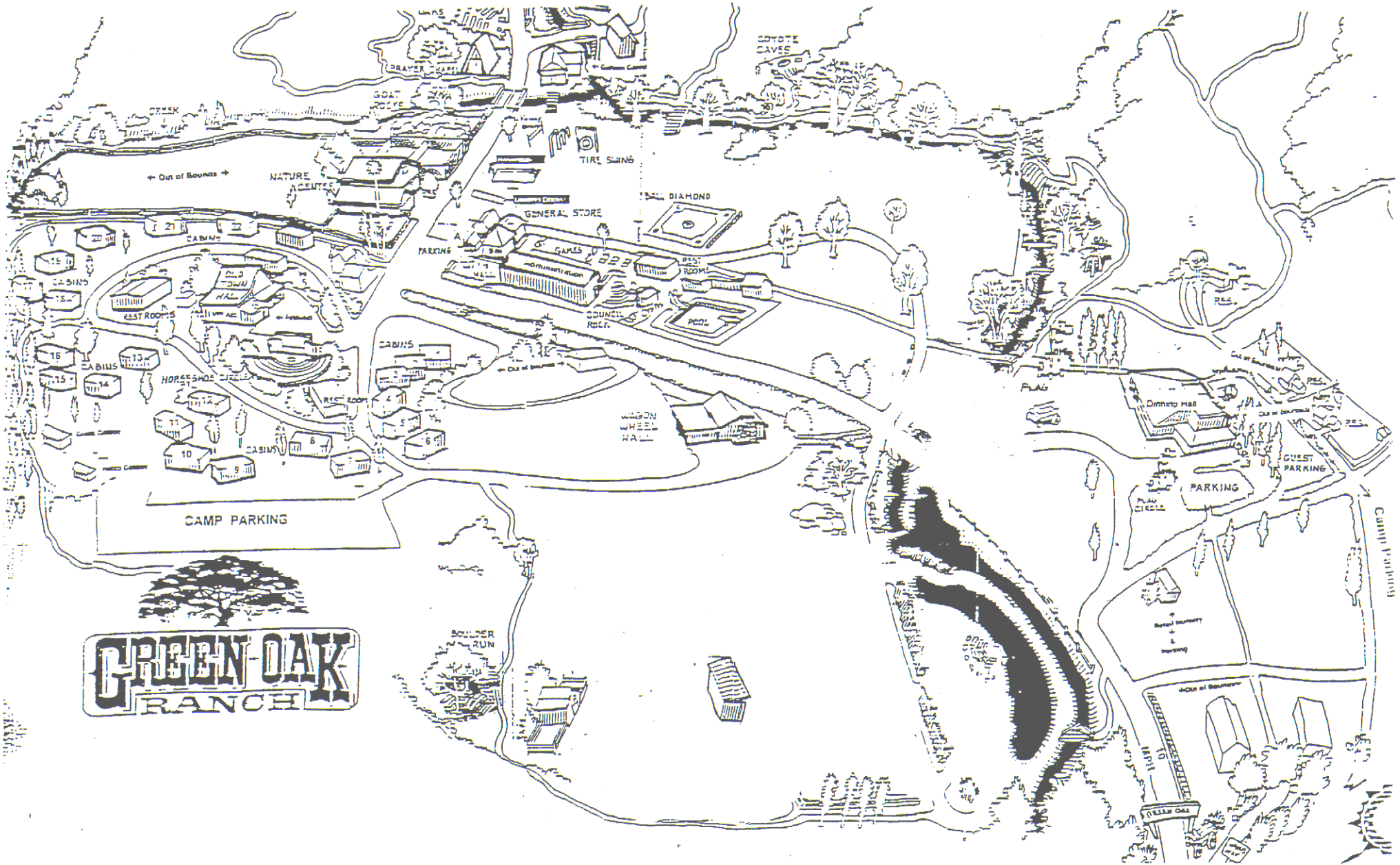
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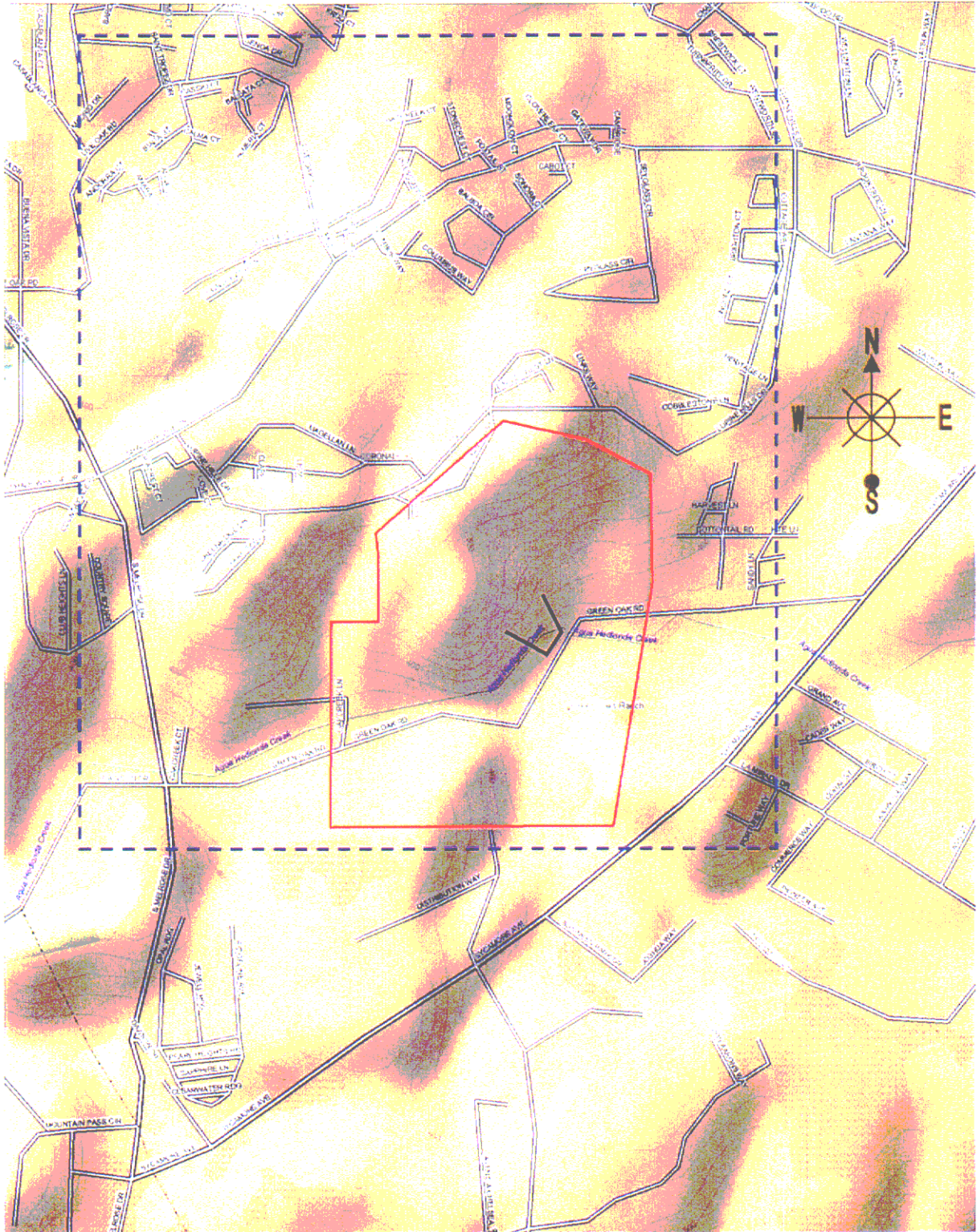
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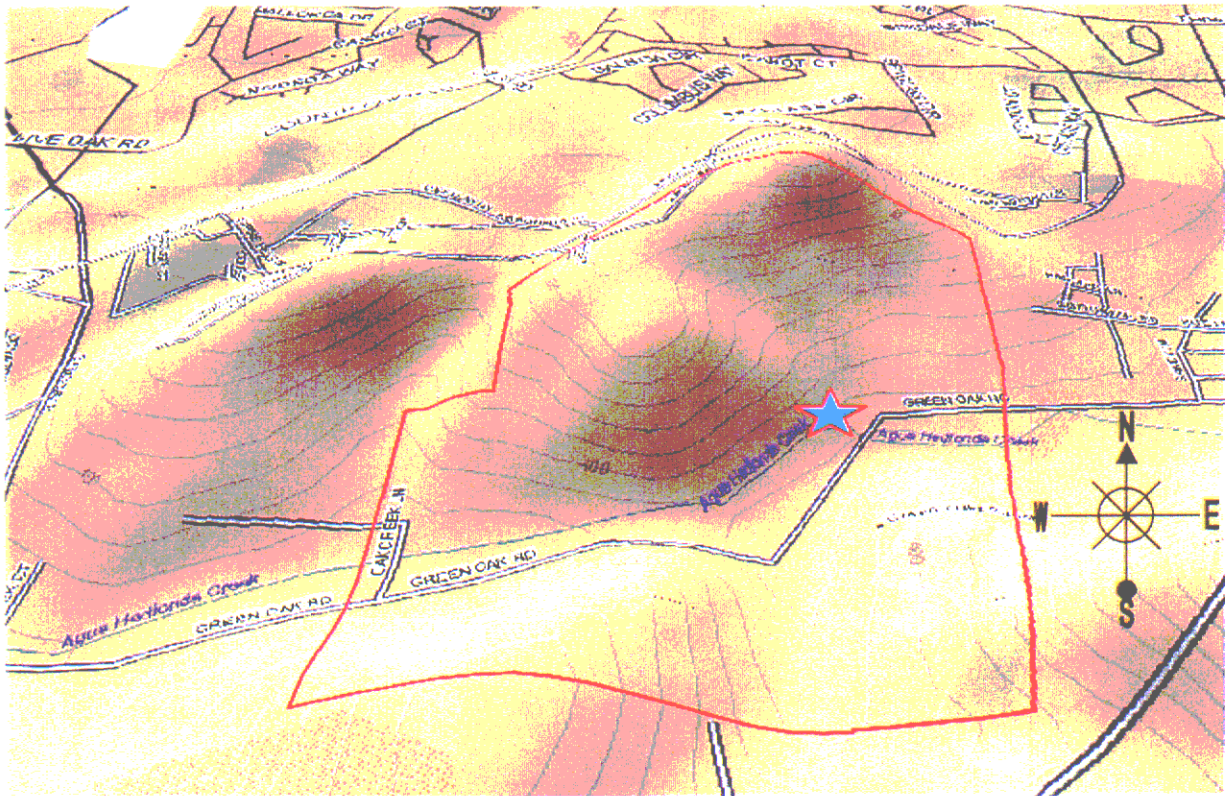


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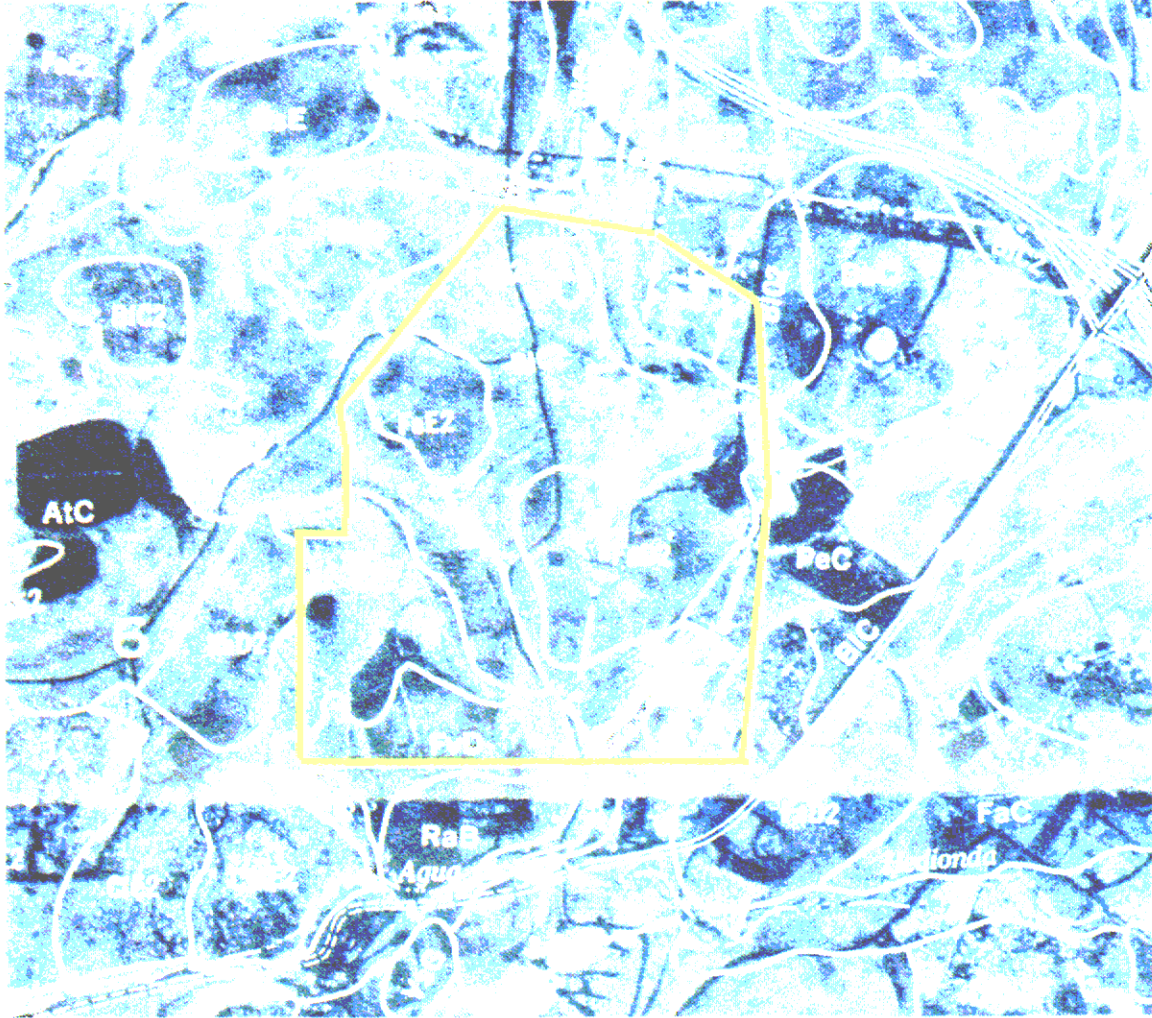
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-  Approximate Area Depicted on 3D map
-  Possible Rifle Range Location



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 Possible Rifle Range Location

CAMP VISTA SOIL MAP



Approximate Site Location

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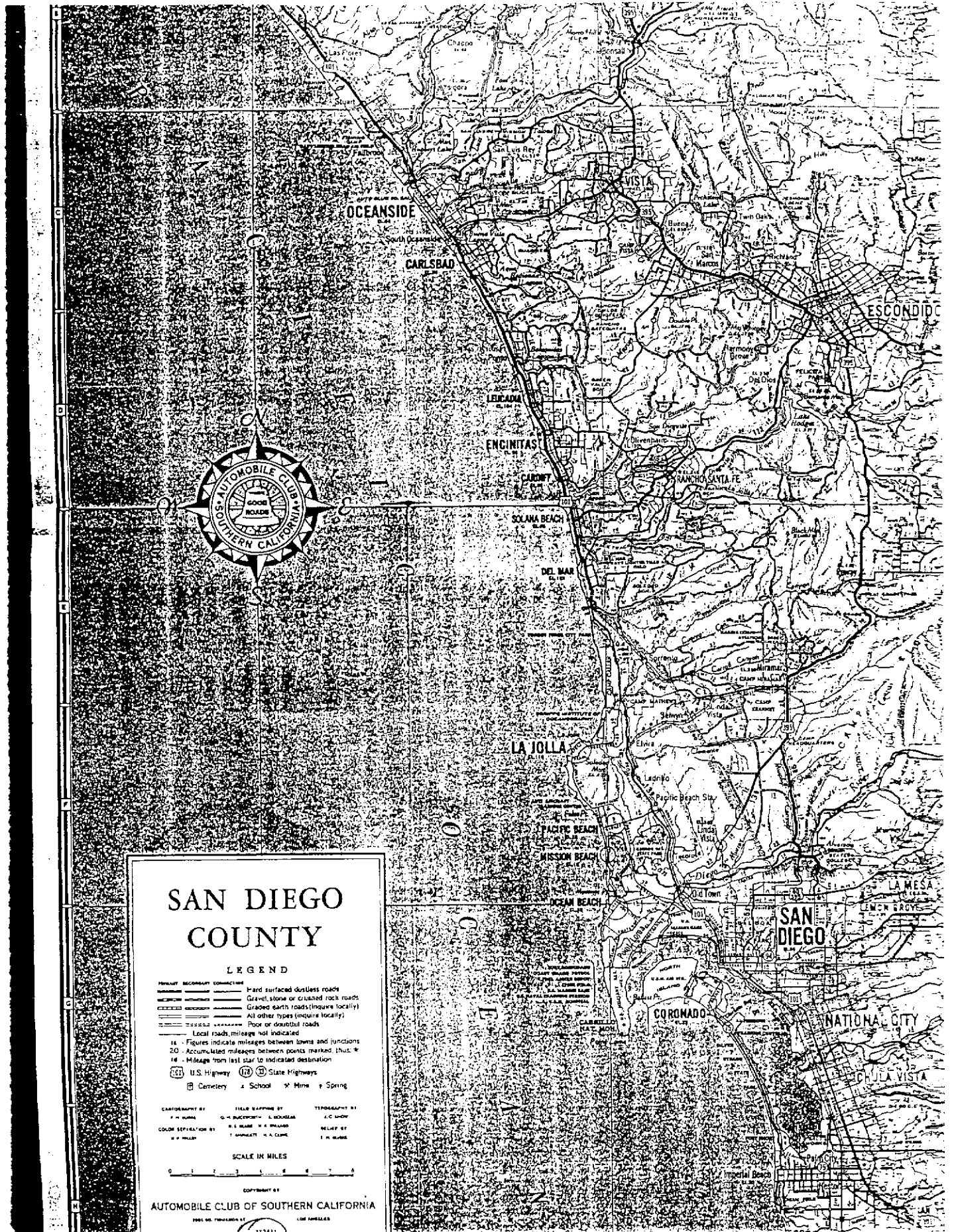
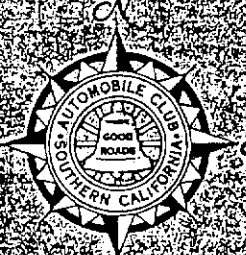
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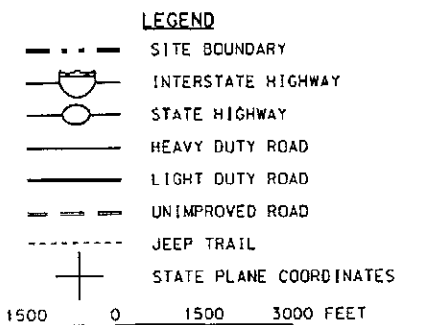
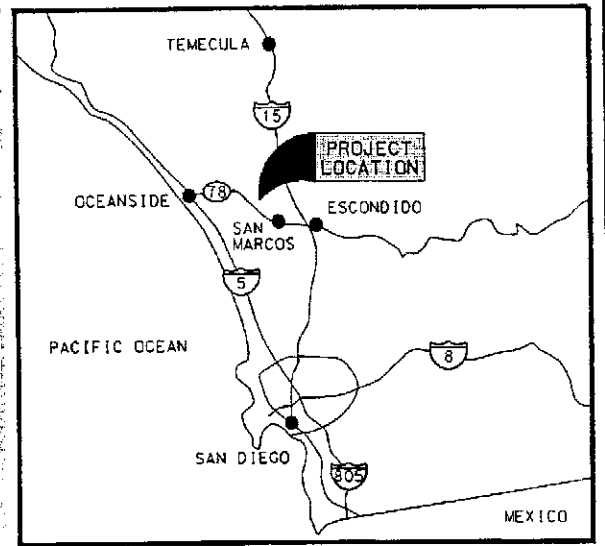
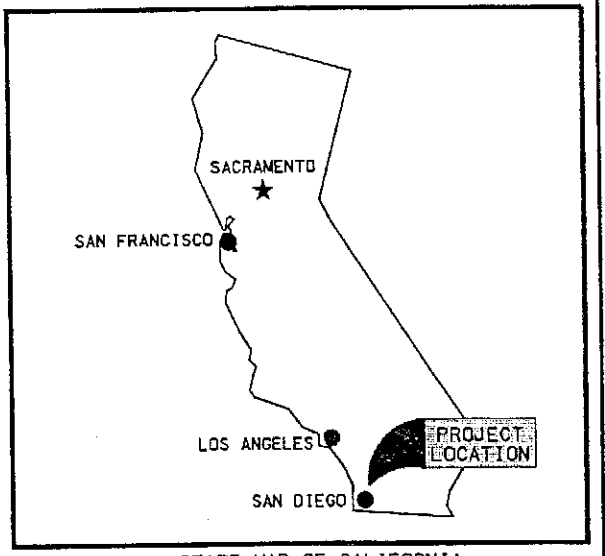
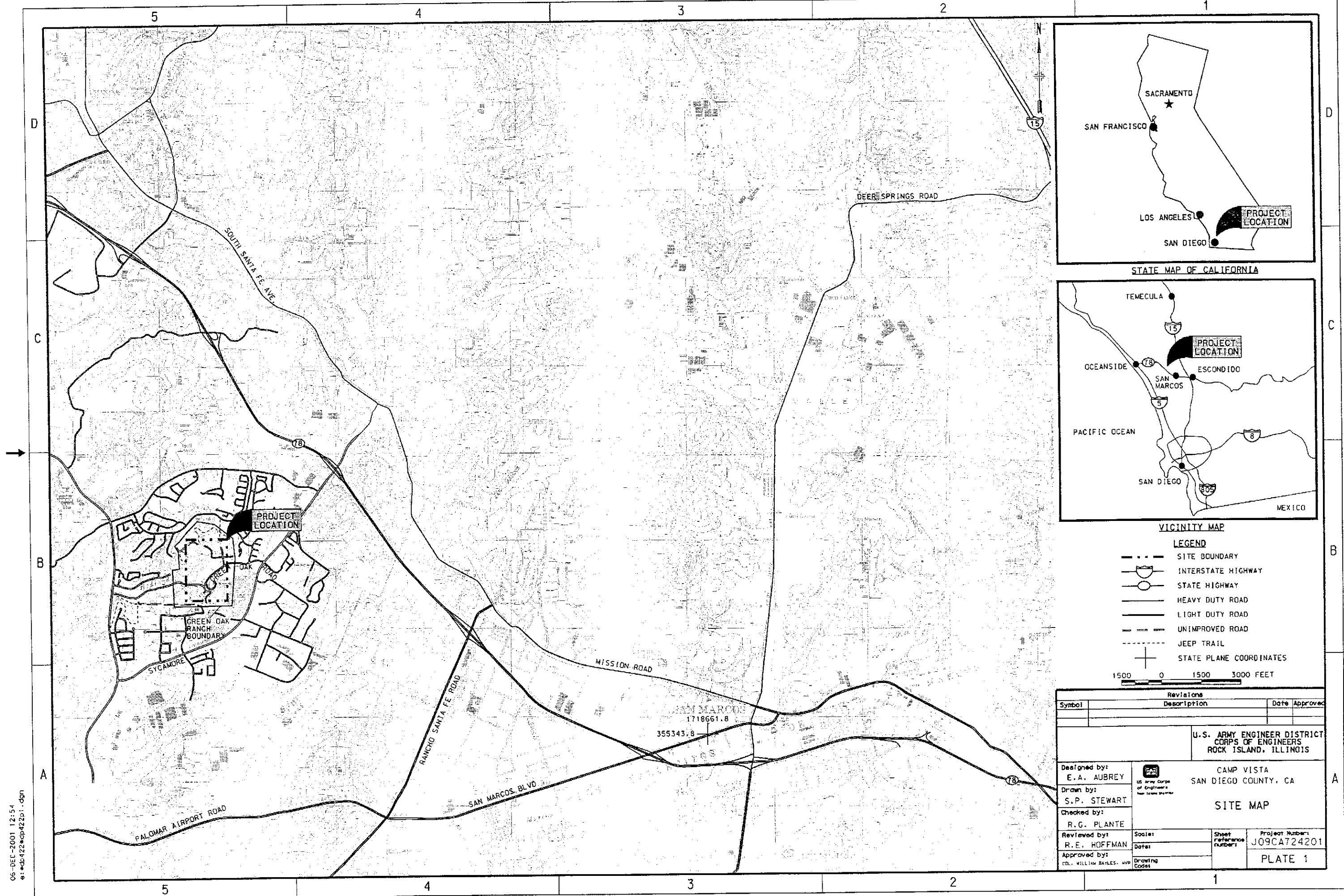
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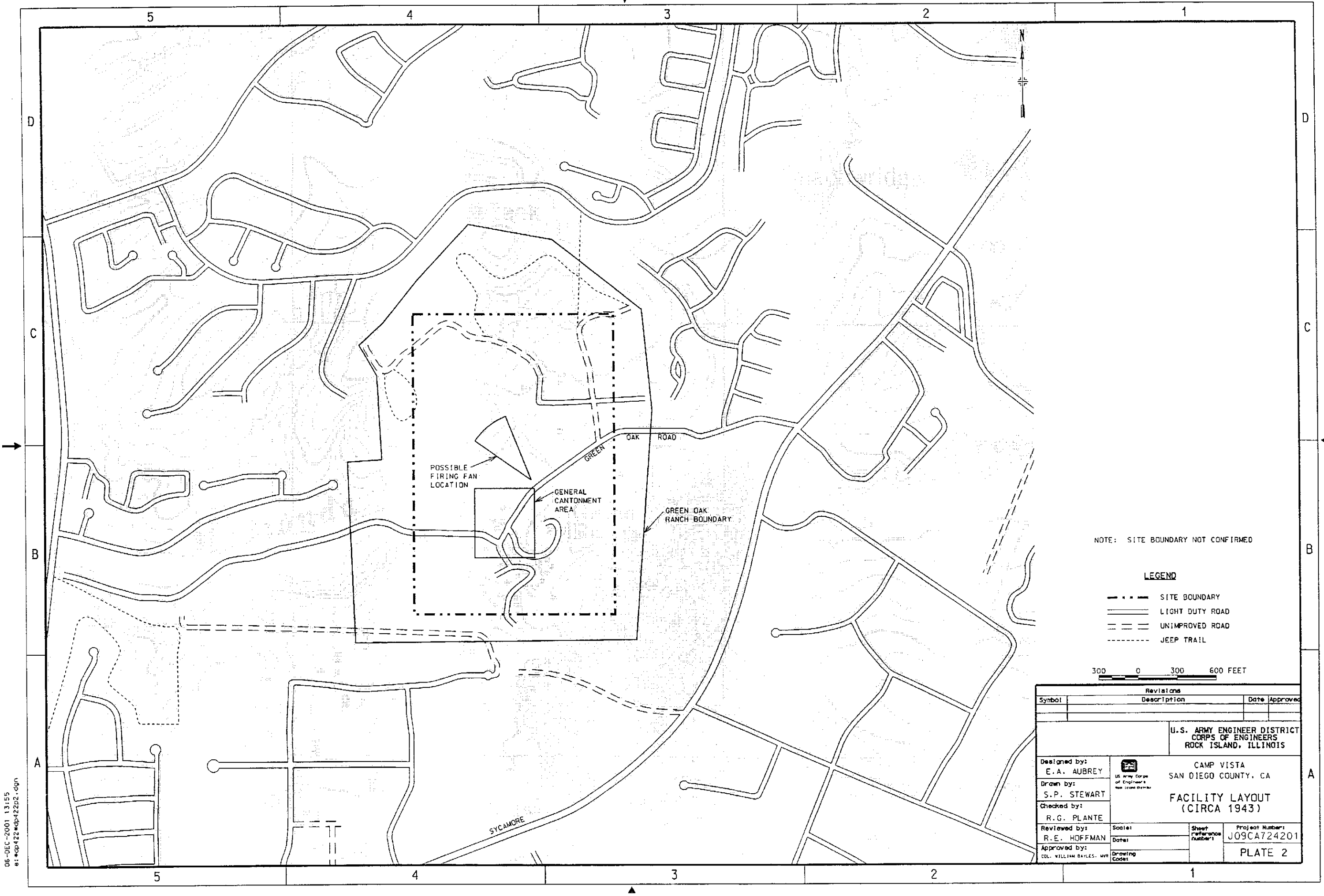
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SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
PROJECT NUMBER J09CA724201

REPORT PLATES



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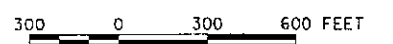
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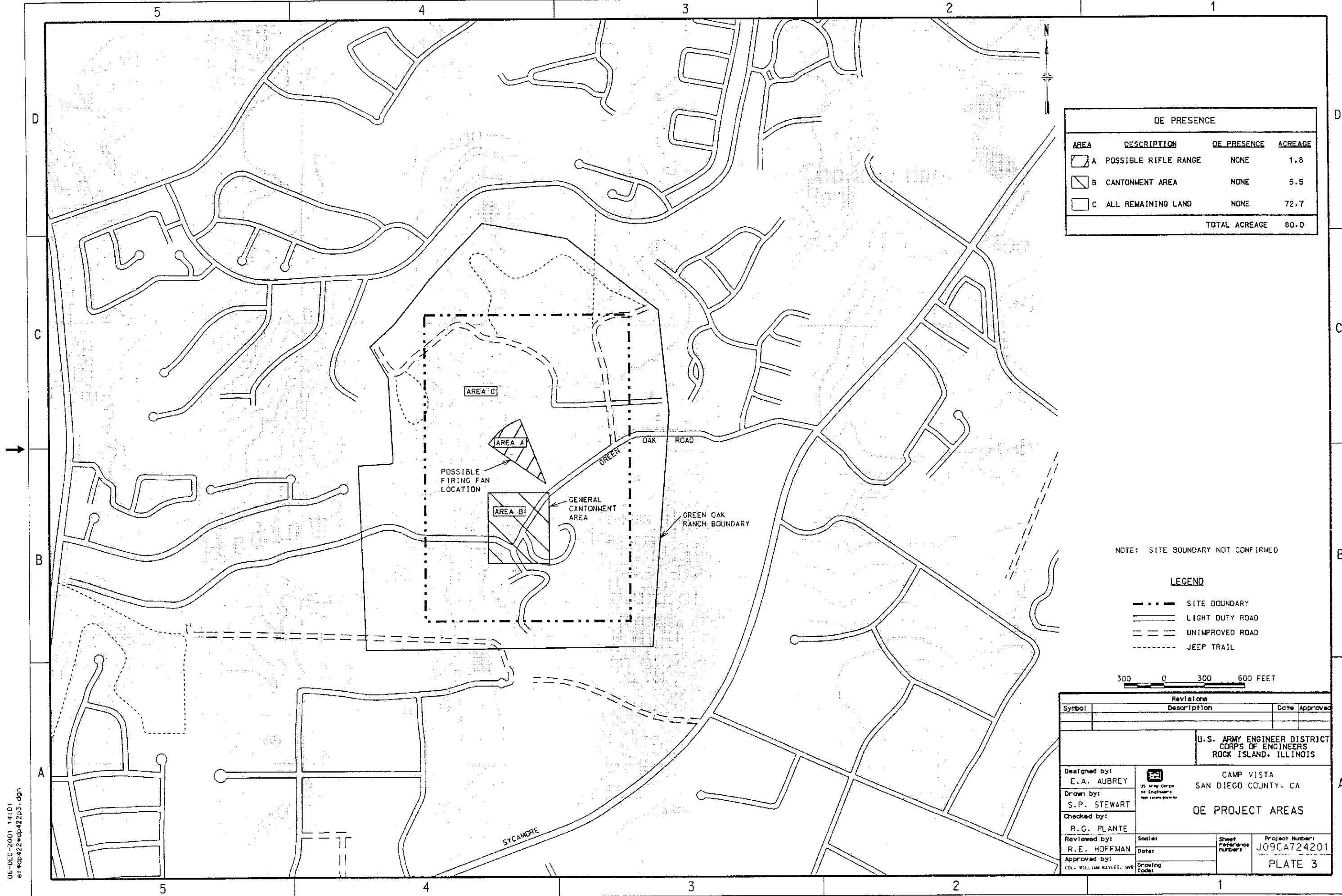
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- SITE BOUNDARY
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- ==== UNIMPROVED ROAD
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OE PRESENCE			
AREA	DESCRIPTION	OE PRESENCE	ACREAGE
□ A	POSSIBLE RIFLE RANGE	NONE	1.8
□ B	CANTONMENT AREA	NONE	5.5
□ C	ALL REMAINING LAND	NONE	72.7
TOTAL ACREAGE			80.0

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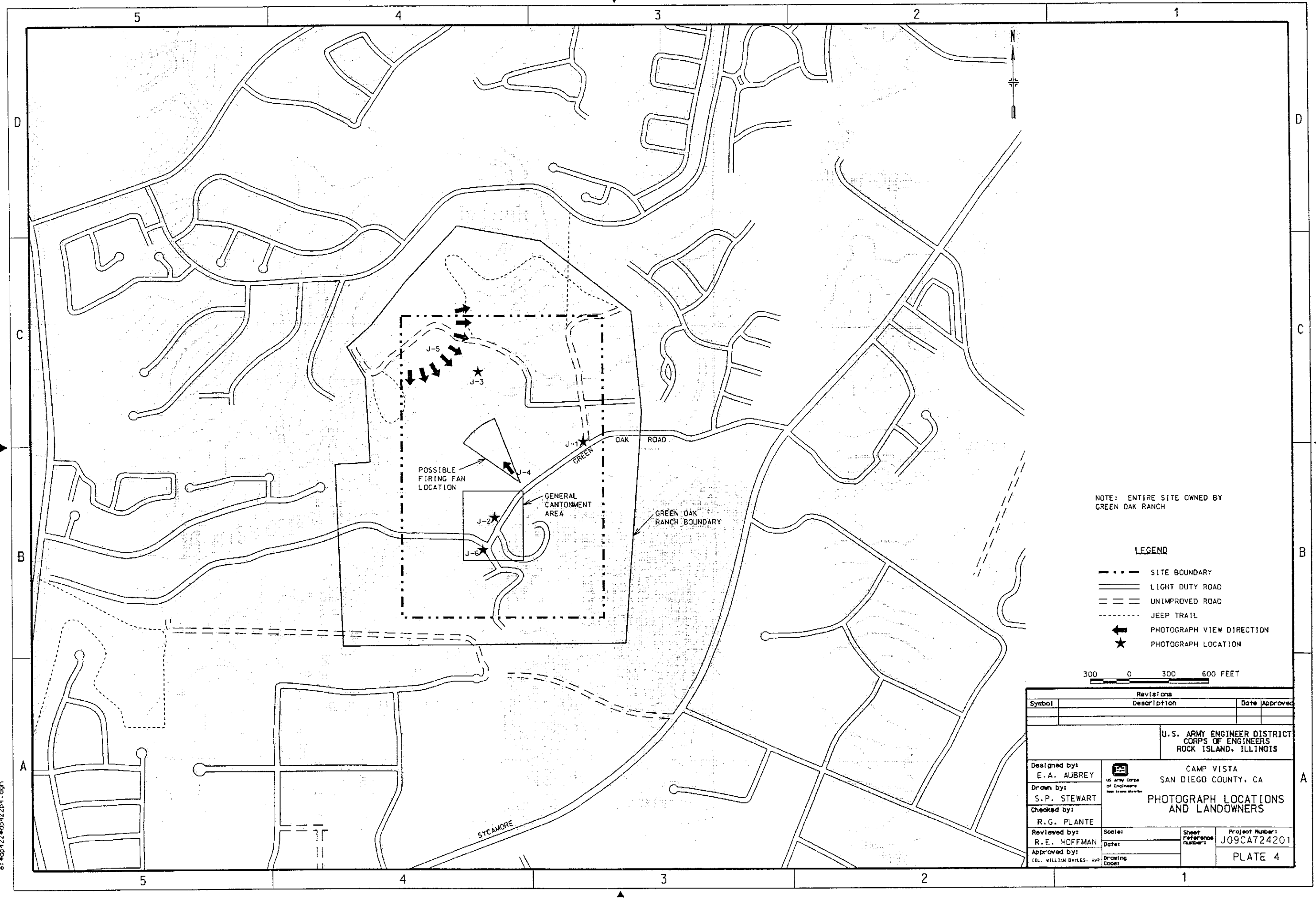
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NOTE: ENTIRE SITE OWNED BY GREEN OAK RANCH

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- ← PHOTOGRAPH VIEW DIRECTION
- ★ PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION

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