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1. INTRODUCTION

a. Subject and Purpose

- (1) This report presents the findings of a historical records search and site inspection for presence of ordnance and explosives (OE) located at the former Victorville Precision Bombing Range #9 (PBR #9), (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) The investigation focused on approximately 657.28 acres that were identified as the former Victorville PBR #9 (see plates 1 and 2). The former PBR was used by the nearby Victorville Flying School to train bombardiers the art of aerial bombing. Initial activation of the site was approximately 14 April 1942 and was declared surplus by the Army Air Corps on 20 April 1945.
- (3) The purpose of this investigation was to characterize the site for potential OE presence, to include conventional ammunition and chemical warfare material (CWM). Experienced ordnance experts conducted the investigation through thorough evaluation of historical records, interviews, and on-site visual inspection results.

b. Scope

- (1) This report presents the site history, site description, real estate ownership information (see plate 3), and confirmed ordnance presence (prior to and after site closure), based on available records, interviews, site inspections, and analyses. The analyses provide a complete evaluation of all information to assess current day potential ordnance presence, where actual ordnance presence has not been confirmed.
- (2) For the purpose of this report, OE presence consists of live ammunition, ammunition components, 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. Such ammunition/components are no longer under

accountable record control of any DOD organization or activity.

(3) Expended small arms ammunition (caliber .50 or smaller) is 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 percent or more by weight of secondary explosives in a soil mixture is considered explosive soil.

2. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS

a. 1991 Preliminary Assessment

- (1) A Preliminary Assessment (PA) of the former Victorville PBR #9 was authorized under DERP-FUDS. The PA was conducted by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District. The Findings and Determination of Eligibility (FDE), dated 19 December 1991 concluded that this site (Site Number J09CA069400) was found to have been formerly used by the Department of Defense (DOD), and was therefore eligible for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (see document E-1).
- (2) The INPR recommended an OE investigation at the former Victorville PBR #9, which is the subject of this report. Table 2-1 represents the overall assessment of the site.

		TABLE	2-1	
	DERP-FUDS PR	ELIMINARY	ASSESSMENT PROJEC	TS
Project	DERP	Present	Comments	Location
Number	Category	Phase		
J09CA069401	. OE	SI	Ordnance and Explosive Presence	See plate 1 & Document L-1
	CON/HTRW		None Recommended	
	BD/DR		None Recommended	
	HTRW		None Recommended	

b. Additional Investigations

There were no other previous investigations found during this site assessment team's investigation of the subject location.

3. SITE DESCRIPTION

a. Existing Land Usage

- (1) The former Victorville PBR #9 is located approximately 36 miles east of Victorville, San Bernardino County, California (see plate 1). The former site is in Township 6 North, Range 2 East, Sections 34 and 35 and Township 5 North, Range 2 East, Sections 2 and 3 (see plate 3).
- (2) The land is currently maintained by the Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management. The land is open to recreational use (see document G-1 and plate 4).
- (3) Table 3-1 shows how this land is currently utilized.

	TABLE 3-1				
	CURRENT LAND USAGE				
AREA	FORMER	PRESENT	PRESENT	SIZE/	COMMENTS
	USAGE	OWNER	USAGE	ACRES*	
A	Target Area	Department	Public Use	20	See
		of	Recreation		plates 3
		Interior,			and 4
	+	Bureau of			i
		Land			
		Management			,
В	Buffer Area	Department	Public Use	130	See
		of	Recreation		plates 3
		Interior,			and 4
		Bureau of			
		Land			
		Management			
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C	Remaining Land	Department	Public Use	507.28	See
		of	Recreation		plates 3
		Interior,			and 4
		Bureau of			-
		Land			
# 70 acc	Management				
^ App	* Approximate Acreage Total 657.28				

b. Climatic Data

(1) The subject site is located between Victorville and Barstow. Due to this fact, the climatic data of both cities will be referenced because of the similarities and proximity of both cities (reference B-6). This area has long and very hot summers and the winters are quite warm despite an occasional series of days when the nightly minimum temperatures fall below freezing. Winter

temperatures average 47 degrees Fahrenheit at Barstow and 45 degrees Fahrenheit at Victorville. The average daily minimum temperature is 33 degrees Fahrenheit at Barstow and 30 degrees Fahrenheit at Victorville. The summer average temperature is 82 degrees at Barstow and 77 degrees Fahrenheit is at Victorville.

(2) Annual precipitation is very small with an average of three inches annually at Barstow and five inches at Victorville. Approximately thirty percent of the annual rainfall occurs during the months April through September. The average snowfall at Barstow is one inch and two inches at Victorville (reference B-6).

c. Topography

The former site is 3,300 foot above sea level and is centered on an alluvial plain. There is less than 20-foot relief on the former site. The southern edge of site has one small rock outcrop and to the east of the site is the Fry Mountain chain that has an elevation of a little more than 4,000 feet above sea level (reference B-7).

d. Geology and Soils

According to the General Soils Report of the Southwestern Desert Area of San Bernardino County, the types of soil on the subject site are the Adelanto-Mohave association and the Mohave-Adelanto variants association. Bedrock is at a depth of 60 feet or more.

- (1) The first type of soil is the Adelanto-Mohave association, which has 0 to 9 percent slopes. This association consists of well-drained, moderately permeable loams developed from sand alluvium. These soils support desert shrubs, with some annual forbs and grasses. Use of these soils is mainly recreation (document E-2).
- (3) The second type of soil is the Mohave-Adelanto association. The difference between the two soils is the Adelanto-Mohave association contains a higher percentage of Adelanto soils. The Mohave-Adelanto association consists of brown, granular, soft, moderately alkaline, sandy loam surface soils. Sandy subsurface soils are reddish brown, blocky slightly hard and moderately alkaline.

e. Hydrology

(1) Due to the desert climate and rapid permeability of the soil, there are no streams on the site. No dry streams, gullies or rills were noted during the site inspection. The Mojave River is the only watershed in the area. Due to the remoteness of the former site there are no reports indicating the depth of ground water in the

immediate area. However, other former Victorville PBR sites in the vicinity have reported ground water depths of approximately 250 feet.

- (2) The United States Geological Survey describes the area where the former range is located as a Basin and Range area. The Basin and Range area is in individual basins or in two or more hydraulically connected basins through which ground water flows to a terminal discharge point or sink (see document F-16.
- (3) The sinks have essentially the same characteristics. Impermeable rocks of the mountain ranges serve as boundaries to the flow systems. The majority of the ground water flows through basin-fill deposits.
- (4) In the areas where carbonated rocks underlie the basins, substantial quantities of water can flow between the basins through the carbonated rocks and into the basinfill deposits. This water is ultimately discharged by evaprotranspiration.
- (5) Where possible recharge to the basin-fill deposits originates in the mountains as snow melt, and where the streams emerge from the bedrock channels, the water infiltrates into the alluvial fans and replenishes the basin-fill aquifer. Intense rain may provide some direct recharge to the basin-fill deposit, but, in most cases any rainfall that infiltrates the soil is immediately evaporated or taken up s soil moisture.

f. Natural Resources

- (1) According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service there is one endangered species in the area (see document F-1). The California Fish and Wildlife Service also lists species, however the list is countywide and does not specify any species in the immediate area of the former site (see document F-2).
- (2) If actions should proceed further regarding the former Victorville PBR #9 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the California Fish and Wildlife Service should be contacted prior to any actions (see documents F-1 and F-2).

g. Historical/Cultural Resources

- (1) There are no known cultural resources, historic or prehistoric resources recorded in their inventories.
- (2) If actions should proceed further regarding the former Victorville PBR #9 the California Archaeological Information Center, telephone (909) 792-1497 prior to any actions (see document F-3).

TABLE 3-2 Natural, Historical and Cultural Resources					
	HISCOLICAL AND CULC	Ital Resources			
Resource Classification	Type	Comments			
Wildlife	Desert Tortoise	Endangered Species Contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service			
Vegetation	None Known	Contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service			
Historical	None Known	Contact Archaeological Information Center			
Cultural	None Known	Contact Archaeological Information Center			

4. HISTORICAL ORDNANCE PRESENCE

a. Chronological Site Summary

- (1) Public Land Order (PLO) 125, transferred 657.28 acres of land from the Department of the Interior to the War Department on 20 May 1943. Victorville PBR #9 was one of approximately twenty precision bombing ranges constructed for the Victorville Army Airfield to support its bombing and gunnery training mission (see document F-7).
- (2) A letter dated in April 1942 from the Victorville Army Flying School stated the requirements and locations for construction of eighteen precision bombing ranges. No buildings or towers were constructed on the former Victorville PBR #9. Improvements to the site consisted of frame butts, appurtenances, and possibly a fence (see document F-6).
- (3) The former precision bombing range was completed in April 1942 and turned over to the Victorville Army Flying School for use at that time (see document F-5).
- (4) The former bombing range, along with numerous others, were declared excess and slated for abandonment at the end of WWII by the Department of the Army on 2 October 1945 (see documents F-8 and F-9). Additionally, Headquarters, San Bernardino Air Technical Service Command, sent out an additional letter to insure all auxiliary installations assigned Victorville Flying School were declared excess and that disposition actions were being taken. This letter identified Victorville PBR #9 and the remaining ranges and installations individually by exact property descriptions (see document F-11).

- (5) The final land appraisal of the former Victorville PBR's was performed in February 1947. This appraisal provided an assessment on the lands value and potential for resale. Victorville PBR #9 was valued at \$1.25 per acre and considered of little value for grazing (see document F-14).
- (6) The land was formally returned in its entirety to the U.S. Department of Interior on 9 July 1945. The official transfer from the Department of the Army to the Department of Interior was in 30 January 1948 (see document G-1).
- (7) Currently the entire site, is controlled by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (see documents G-1 and G-2).

b. Review of Ordnance Related Records

- (1) Research efforts began with a thorough review of all reports, newspaper articles, historical documents and reference material gathered during the archival records search. During this review, an effort was made to focus on areas of potential OE presence as described in the Inventory Project Report (see document E-1).
- (2) A letter written in February, 1942 to the Commanding General at Moffett Field, California, revealed pertinent information on the construction and end usage of the former Victorville PBR #9. The letter states the target center would be marked with a wooden pyramid. It also stated that the target would be used for training aerial bombardiers using one hundred pound (100 lb.), sand filled, practice bombs (see document F-6).
- (3) A letter dated April 1945 declared the Victorville PBR #9 as no longer necessary for current requirements. This letter listed the improvements to the range. These improvements were a three strand barbed wire fence and target outlines marking the center of the target (see document F-8).
- (4) The 65th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad was requested to neutralize the subject area. An endorsement to this request dated 20 August 1945 stated that the subject target had been cleared of all "live bombs" (see document F-10). However, these documents do not define the meaning of "live bombs". Also, this document does not specify if the subject site was one of those cleared.
- (5) A questionnaire from the Commanding General, San Bernardino Air Material Area, provided additional confirmation on the type of ordnance used on the ranges. This document stated that only 100 lb. practice bombs were

used on targets No. 1 through No. 13. Additionally the document stated that no clearance certificate had ever been received by Victorville Army Air Field (see document F-12).

- (6) A Headquarters Air Material Command document indicates the concern of declaring excess land surplus. The letter stated that when such ranges are declared surplus the commanding officer had the responsibility with resources at hand to police and decontaminate range lands (see document F-13).
- (7) A second and final dedudding document from the War Department, Office of the Chief of Engineers stated that the 9800th TSU-CE Detachment #14, Bomb and Shell Disposal Team was assigned to clear the Victorville Bombing Targets. The former Victorville PBR #9 was included in this clearance operation which started on 7 July 1947 and completed on 18 October 1947. This final dedudding report stated the manhours, costs, types and quantities of ordnance destroyed. The report stated, "All of the dedudded land covered by this report is suitable for grazing and/or mining only, with the possible exception of targets 8, 9 and 15 which are potential agricultural areas depending on adequate water supply". That statement indicates the Bomb and Shell Team, Commanding Officer was very positive that no hazardous ordnance was left on these targets (see document F-15).

c. Interviews With Site-Related Personnel

- (1) Personal interviews were conducted with officials, local citizens and land managers to help in the investigation for the presence of ordnance and explosives (OE) on this site, and to gain further knowledge about the former Victorville PBR #9.
- (2) Detective Bill Myers and Bob Hall from San Bernardino Sheriff's Department were shown a map of the Victorville PBR targets. They did not have any knowledge of ordnance being discovered on the subject site. They stated that they normally received 200 calls a year on military ordnance because of the large military presence in the area. They said most of the ordnance had been moved numerous times and thus could not say for sure where it was originally discovered (see document I-1).
- (3) Mr. Bronson, supervisor for the Law Enforcement Rangers of the Bureau of Land Management, commented that when ordnance was found they notified Ft. Irwin EOD for removal actions. He did not pinpoint any specific areas with the exception that he thought ordnance items had been found near Target N-3 (see document I-2).
- (4) Personnel from the U.S. Army EOD Team at Fort Irwin and the U.S. Air Force EOD Team at Edwards AFB were

also interviewed. They had no knowledge of any OE being discovered on any of the Victorville PBRs (see documents I-3 and I-4).

- (5) Interviews from two former military personnel that were stationed at Victorville Flying School both stated that they had only seen 100 pound sand filled practice bombs dropped on the PBRs. However, they could not identify the specific targets (see documents I-5 and I-6).
- (6) The only interviewee with any knowledge of the PBR #9 site was Mr. Dick Whitbeck. Mr. Whitbeck was a former Huntsville Corps of Engineers employee and he had written a report on the subject site. He said there were small pieces of scrap metal from M-38 practice bombs around the target center, however he did not see any energetic material (see document I-7).

5. Site Eligibility

a. Confirmed Formerly Used Defense Sites

- (1) Former land usage of Victorville PBR #9 by the Department of Defense has been previously confirmed for this site (see document E-1).
- (2) All information obtained during the archives search, site visit, and personal interviews has verified that the former Victorville PBR #9 is a confirmed site under the FUDS program.

b. Potential Site for OE Project

No potential FUDS sites were discovered during site inspection visit.

6. VISUAL SITE INSPECTION

a. General Procedures and Safety

- (1) During the period of 26 to 30 January 1998 the site inspection (SI) team traveled Victorville California. Victorville is the closest city to the former site known as Victorville PBR #9. The primary task of the SI team was to assess the presence or potential presence of OE on the subject facility. The site inspection was limited to non-intrusive methods, i.e., subsurface sampling was neither authorized nor performed at this location.
- (2) Traveling east on U.S. Highway 18 to Lucerne Valley can make access to the former site. Approximately two miles past the town of Lucerne Valley, U.S. Highway 247 intersects. At this intersection turn left and travel approximately eight miles north on Camp Rock Road. Shortly

after the road turns to gravel, a Bureau of Land Management sign designating the area open to off road use will be seen. The sign also marks the location of the Anderson Dry Lake bed. Using a compass travel due east for one and one-third mile to the approximate target center (see documents K-1 and L-1).

- (3) Real Estate rights-of-entry were not necessary to gain entry to the former Victorville PBR #9. The Bureau of Land Management gave the SI team permission to enter the property at any time.
- (4) A site safety plan was developed and utilized by the SI team to assure safety from injury to all personnel during the site inspection of this facility (reference B-2). A briefing was conducted prior to the inspection, at which time it was stressed military EOD personnel should only handle OE. During this on-site inspection, the site inspection team maintained site safety at all times.
- (5) 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 of the ASR was made, to ensure awareness of potential ordnance types and hazards.

b. Area A: Target Area

- (1) This area is approximately in the center of the former Victorville PBR #9. The three concentric asphalt circles that denoted the bombing target were easily identifiable. The center of the target was marked with white crushed rock which still remains (see photograph J-1 and plate 4) Even after fifty years the asphalt was in fair condition. The asphalt lines that transect the circles were also evident (see photographs J-2, J-4 and plate 4).
- (2) The SI team noted that the area has been used for off-road driving of motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (see photograph J-3 and plate 4). Small amounts of trash had accumulated from this type of usage.
- (3) The SI team further noted minor amounts of scrap metal generated from the original bombing operations with sand filled practice bombs. None of the OE debris was found containing energetic material.
- (4) There were no craters discovered in the target area (see photograph J-5 and plate 4).

c. Area B: Buffer Area

- (1) This area is comprised of the land immediately surrounding the Target Area. It was defined as an area due to its proximity to the target center.
- (2) The SI team noted that the area has also been used for off-road driving of motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (see photograph J-3 and plate 3). Small amounts of trash had accumulated from this type of usage. No ordnance related scrap was observed in this area (see photograph J-6 and plate 4).
- (3) No craters or unusual features were noted in this area.

d. Area C: Remaining Land

The SI team walked over some of this area and drove a vehicle over much of the remainder of the area (see photograph J-7 and plates 3 and 4). No OE was discovered in any of this area. Like the two above areas, off-road vehicle tracks were evident.

7. EVALUATION OF ORDNANCE HAZARDS

a. General Procedures

- (1) **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.
- (a) 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 local law enforcement agencies/bomb squads, military Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) units, newspaper articles, photographs, or maps.
- (b) Direct witness of OE items consists of the site inspection team(s) and other credible witnesses as determined by the ASR Research Team Leader (landowners, workers on-site, soldiers who served there, etc.) verifying that they have seen OE presence on the surface or subsurface since site closure. Area A is considered to have OE presence although no live ordnance was discovered.
- (2) **Potential** ordnance and explosive presence is based on a lack of confirmed OE presence. Potential OE presence is inferred from records, present day site features, non-verifiable direct witness, or indirect

witness. Additional field data are needed to confirm potential OE sites.

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Indirect witness would be people who have stated that they have heard of OE presence on-site (hearsay evidence). Area B is considered to have potential OE presence.
- (3) Uncontaminated ordnance subsites are based on a lack of confirmed or potential ordnance evidence. All evidence found in historical records and present day site inspections do not indicate confirmed or potential ordnance presence. There is no reasonable evidence, either direct or inferred, to suggest present day ordnance presence. Additional field data are not needed to assess uncontaminated ordnance areas. Area C is free of OE presence.

b. Target Area (Area A)

- (1) The **Target Area**, **Area A** has confirmed ordnance **presence**. The SI team walked all parts of Area A. The greatest part of the area was free of OE presence however; there were small quantities of non-energetic OE scrap at various intervals. The scrap was from M-38A2 sand filled practice bombs and also from the spotting signals associated with the bombs.
- (2) While it is evident that this was the target, it is also evident that the great majority of any OE residue has been cleared off the target. There were no sightings of any craters from high explosive bombs or rockets and no live signals from the sand filled practice bombs.

c. Buffer Area: Area B

(1) The **Buffer Area**, **Area** B may have **potential** ordnance presence due to its proximity to Area A, the Target Area. There is a slight possibility of subsurface OE in this area.

(2) No craters or OE residue was observed in this area.

d. Remaining Land: Area C

(1) Area C, Remaining Land is considered uncontaminated. No ordnance or ordnance related scrap was discovered on this area. There was no evidence of any craters from ordnance impacts.

8. SITE ORDNANCE TECHNICAL DATA

a. End Item Technical Data

Table 8-1 has been developed for reference purposes only to establish a list of potential ordnance items and their explosive/chemical fillers that would have most likely been used at this of site. It is based upon knowledge of training doctrine, and available documentation (see documents D-1, D-2, D-3 and D-4).

TABLE 8-1 SUMMARY OF SITE-SPECIFIC ORDNANCE					
ITEM	MODEL/TYPE	FILLER/WEIGHT	FUZE		
Practice Bomb 100 Pound	M-38A2	Sand/80 Pounds	None		
Spotting Charge	M-1A1	Black Powder/3 Pounds	See document D-4		
Note: Data is based on typical ammunition of the period. No live OE has ever been attributed to this site.					

b. Chemical Data of Ordnance Fillers

Table 8-2 has been developed to provide information on some of those items listed on Table 8-1 (see document D-4).

TABLE 8-2 CHEMICAL DATA OF ORDNANCE FILLERS				
Filler	Synonym(s)	Chemical Formula		
Black Powder 72% Sodium Nitrate 12% Sulfur 16% Charcoal	Salt Peter	NaNO ₃ S C		
* Most Common Compounds Used.				

9. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

No environmental hazards were noted.

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Defense Technical Information Center 8725 John J. Kingman Rd Suite 0944 Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6218	Computer Search (DTIC)	(703) 427-8274	No relevant information found on this site.
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Building 520	1SG Fortney	DSN 470-4092		
Fort Irwin, CA 92310	SFC Woods			
IOC Historical Office Attn: AMSIO-EAH Building. 390 Rock Island, IL 61299	Tom Slattery	(309) 794-1450	No relevant information found on this site.	
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AN	Army Navy
AR	Army Regulation
BD/DR	Building Demolition/Debris Removal
CEHNC	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army and
051/515	Engineering Center
CEMVR	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island
	District
CESPL	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles
	District
CON/HTRW	Containerized Hazardous, Toxic
	and Radiological Waste
DA 	Department of Army
DERP	Defense Environmental Restoration Program
DLA	Defense Logistics Agency
DOD	Department of Defense
DOI	Department of Interior
EE/CA	Engineering Evaluation Cost Analysis
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FDE	Findings and Determination of Eligibility
FUDS	Former Used Defense Site(s)
HTRW	Hazardous, Toxic and Radiological Waste
HTW	Hazardous and Toxic Waste
INPR	Inventory Project Report
IRA	Interim Remedial Action
MSGT	Master Sergeant
NARA	National Archives Records Administration
NPRC	National Personnel Records Center
OE	Ordnance and Explosives
PA	Preliminary Assessment
PBR	Precision Bombing Range
P.N.	Project Number
QASAS	Quality Assurance Specialist Ammunition
RA	Remedial Action
RAC	Risk Assessment Code
RD	Remedial Design
RG	Record Group
RI	Remedial Investigation
RI/FS	Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
SFC	Sergeant First Class

SGT Sergeant

SHPO State Historic Preservation Office

SARA Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

SI Site Investigation or Site Inspection

TM Technical Manual TSGT Technical Sergeant

USA U.S. Army

USAF U.S. Air Force

USACE U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

USADACS U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center and School USATCES U.S. Army Technical Center for Explosives Safety

UXO Unexploded Ordnance

WAA War Assets Administration

WD War Department

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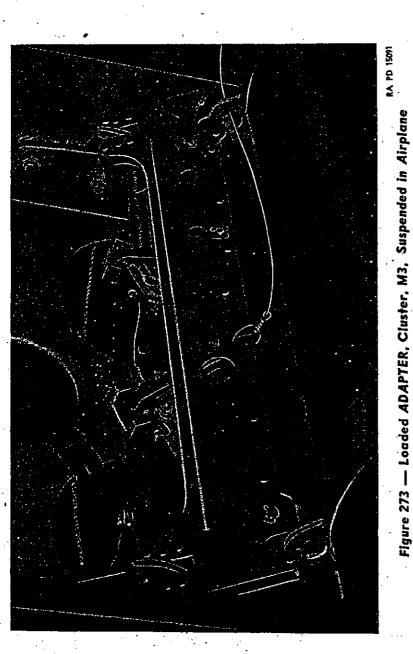
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Chapter 8

Practice and Drill Bombs

GENERAL.

Practice Bombs. Practice bombs are used during both peacetime and wartime. Their chief function is to enable Air Corps bombardiers to practice their marksmanship with bombs which resemble real bombs closely enough to assure that a hit with a practice bomb would be a hit with a real bomb. A secondary function is to give ordnance personnel practice in assembling, fuzing, and handling bombs.

Development. Practice bombs in contrast to other practice ammunition are not made by using the same case as the H.E. round and filling it with a spotting charge. Obviously it would be too expensive to drop large GP bombs, sand filled with a spotting charge and fuze added for practice. Therefore, the search for a cheap bomb was initiated.

The first real practice bomb used by the Army was water filled. This bomb had no spotting charge but depended entirely upon the resultant splash to inform the bombardier of his accuracy. This type was unsatisfactory for the following reasons:

The water froze at high altitudes.

The water moved and caused the bomb to waver in flight.

The splash could not be seen from high altitudes.

Another bomb was developed using sand and water as the filler. This gave the bomb added weight and prevented the water from swishing around during flight. To increase its visibility at the point of impact, a spotting charge was added in the tail end of the bomb. This was in the form of a smoke compound confined in a glass bottle. This compound on exposure to air immediately formed a cloud of smoke. However, it was found unsatisfactory because of the following:

The glass bottle burst at high altitudes.

The cap loosened under high pressure or temperatures.

The contents froze and broke the bottle at high altitudes.

In any of these cases, the plane became filled with smoke.

At this point, it was decided to use the empty bomb bodies of the Mark series from the first World War as practice bombs and at the same time to continue the search for a satisfactory cheap bomb. The Mark series used, consisted of bombs 17, 25, 40, 50, 100, and 300 pounds in weight. Sand, a spotting charge, a fuze (either nose or tail) and a primer detonator wherever necessary were added to the bomb body to make for a practice bomb.

Finally the 100-pound M38, later modified in several respects so as to become the M38A2, was developed as the standard practice bomb for demolition bombing. In the subsequent pages, the bomb

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discussed are those which are in use at the present time and were developed for practice in the use of specific types of service bombs.

Drill Bombs and Gage Bombs. Drill bombs are provided for training and practice in assembling, fuzing, handling, and loading on planes, and for the study of logistics. They are fitted with adapters to receive inert fuzes of standard models. Drill bombs are of the same size, shape, and weight as the corresponding service bombs. These bombs contain no explosive and are painted black or olive drab with black bands and are appropriately marked to distinguish them from explosive bombs.

Manufacturers of the various types of bombers and manufacturers of bomb racks are chiefly interested in gage bombs. These are either empty standard bombs or wooden forms used in the testing of planes for clearances, or in testing racks for capacity or proper function.

BOMB, PRACTICE, 100-POUND, M38A2.

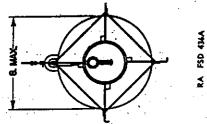
General. This bomb is used to give practice in demolition bombing. It is a thin case bomb, easy to manufacture, cheap in cost, and accurate in use. The bomb case cannot be reused after it has once been dropped in practice.

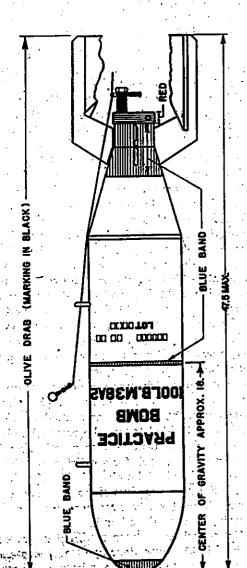
Body Description. It is constructed of light sheet metal, approximately 22 gage. The body is formed by rolling a rectangular sheet of metal into the form of a cylinder 8 inches in diameter, and spotwelding the seam at 2-inch intervals. The rounded nose is pressed from the same metal, as is the tail which is formed in the shape of a cone. Inside of the smaller end of the conical tail section is welded the spotting charge receiver. It extends about 7 inches into the cone and projects about 2 inches out of the tail end. The inner end of this receiver is fitted with a shoulder which supports a thin metal cover which is inserted after sand loading to protect the spotting charge from the sand in the bomb. At the outer end of the receiver are two projecting ears which serve to lock the spotting charge in place.

The receiver may be equipped with a cover cap. This is sometimes removed because it tends to stick tightly and make insertion of the spotting charge difficult in the field. Since the bombs are protected from the elements by at least a tarpaulin, this procedure does not appreciably harm the bombs.

Two suspension lugs are bolted to the bomb body during fabrication. The tail portion ends in a box type tail fin which has one blade in line with the suspension lugs. The over-all length of the bomb body is 47¼ inches. When empty, the bomb body weighs approximately 14 pounds. When completely loaded with sand (approx. 80 lb) and spotting charge, the weight of the bomb is approximately 100 pounds. The cost of the empty bomb body is approximately \$1.50. When

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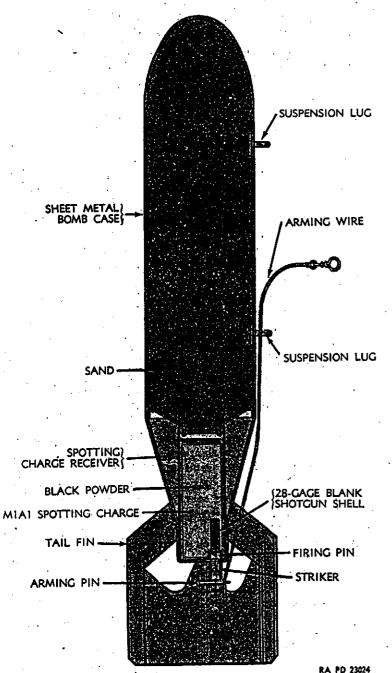






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completely loaded, the cost of the complete round is approximately \$3.00. It receives the M1A1 Spotting Charge which houses both the spotting charge and firing mechanism. The Suspension Band M1 is provided for single suspension. The band is a separate component.

CHARGE, Spotting, M1A1. The M1A1 Spotting Charge is used to provide a charge and a firing mechanism. It is made from a large size tin can which has 3 pounds of black powder assembled loosely within. At the top of the can is a cover which has a hole in it for the insertion of a 28-gage blank shotgun shell and firing mechanism. The blank shotgun shell serves as a primer and igniting charge.

The firing mechanism consists of a fuze housing which has within it a striker held in position by an arming pin. Below the striker is a separate firing pin. The arming pin is always being forced outward by its spring but it is held in position by a cotter pin or arming wire located in one of the two eyelets in the small end of the arming pin. A small freely fitting sleeve is assembled over the end of the arming pin which is held in place by a cotter pin in the outer of the two holes. This sleeve makes the cotter pin more accessible and provides for proper arming wire resistance. It is important that this sleeve is always in place and that it is a loose fit on the arming pin. An inner hole through which the arming wire is threaded is exposed by a slight pressure on the head of the arming pin. The complete assembly is moistureproof and must not be disassembled under any circumstances. It is painted red with black stencil.

To assemble the spotting charge, about 80 pounds of sand is first added to the bomb. This requires filling to within 1/4 inch of the receiver with sand. No water is ever to be added to the sand. The receiver cover disc is then inserted and the spotting charge is placed in the receiver so that the cotter pin is alined with the two suspension lugs. The two holes in the spotting charge cap are alined with the two ears projecting from the receiver sleeve. A slight force will cause the spotting charge cap holes and receiver ears to engage. A wooden tool is used to facilitate this action. This prevents longitudinal or rotational motion of the spotting charge in the receiver. The arming wire is placed through the inner hole of the arming pin after being threaded through the rear suspension lug. The arming wire is adjusted so as to protrude 2 to 3 inches beyond the arming pin. No safety clip is to be used.

Function. The bomb is dropped and the arming wire is retained in the plane. The arming pin ejected by its spring allows the striker to move down and come to rest on the firing pin.

On impact, the force of inertia causes the striker to move down against the firing pin. The firing pin strikes the primer of the 28-gage blank shotgun shell, igniting it. The flame produced ignites the igniting charge in the blank shotgun shell which in turn ignites the black



powder spotting charge. The black powder produces a puff of white smoke at the point of impact to indicate where the bomb has struck. The bomb body is not reusable after dropping.

Packing. The bombs are packed 1 per cardboard container, empty. The spotting charges are packed 20 to the box. They are shipped separately.

Complete Round Components. Components necessary for a complete round consist of the following:

BOMB, practice, 100-pound, M38A2, less spotting charge CHARGE, spotting, assembly M1A1, Practice Bomb, 100-pound, M38A2

Wire, arming, type A

BOMB, PRACTICE, 20-POUND, M48.

General. This bomb is designed to give practice in high-altitude fragmentation bombing. The bomb body may be reused after it has been dropped in practice unless it is badly damaged.

Description. The bomb body is cylindrical in shape and is made of heavy cast iron. To the rear of the bomb body, a hole in the side of the bomb, covered by a sheet metal disc is provided to allow for the escape of smoke. Opposite the hole on the other side of the bomb body is a lug for horizontal suspension. The nose is threaded to receive the M110 or the AN-M110A1 Bomb Nose Fuze. The body is hollow and receives a spotting charge of 0.13 pound of black powder. The rear of the bomb body is closed by means of a threaded cap. The cap is also threaded to receive the fin assembly. The fin assembly is bladed and the same as that of the 20-pound AN-M41 Fragmentation Bomb. Attached to the fin assembly is a lug for vertical suspension of the bomb. The fin is held securely to the threaded cap by means of a set screw. The over-all length is 21.7 inches. The total weight with spotting charge (no inert filler is used) is 20.5 pounds

Function. In function, it acts exactly as the 20-pound AN-M41 High-altitude Fragmentation Bomb using the same fuze. The cluste is dropped and the arming wire is retained in the plane. The cluste opens and the bombs drop out. After several hundred revolutions o the vane, the fuze will arm. Upon impact, the fuze will function th black powder spotting charge. The smoke produced will blow out th metal disc and will show a white puff at the point of impact. Th bomb body may be reused although the other components, fuze an spotting charge, must be replaced.

Packing. The bombs are packed in clusters, six bombs per cluste Cluster Practice Bomb M2 is similar to the Fragmentation Bom Cluster M1 except that six practice bombs replace the six fragment.

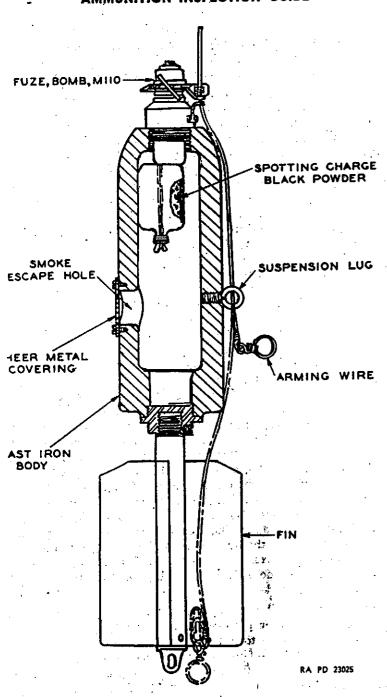
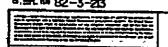
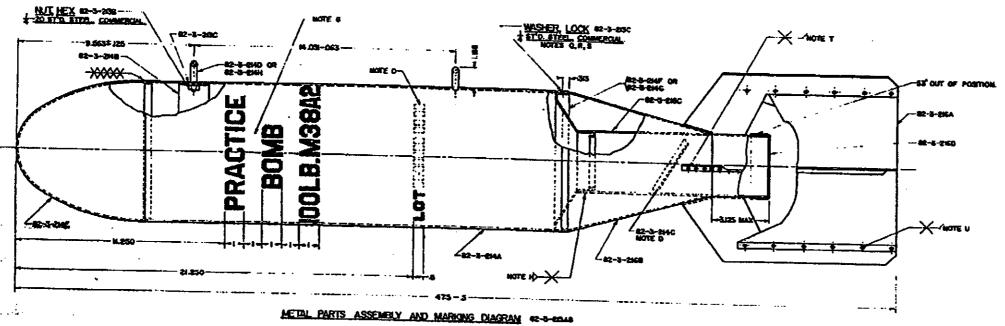
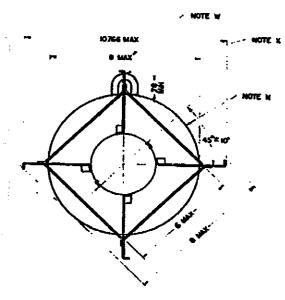


Figure 276 — BOMB, Practice, 20-pound, M48







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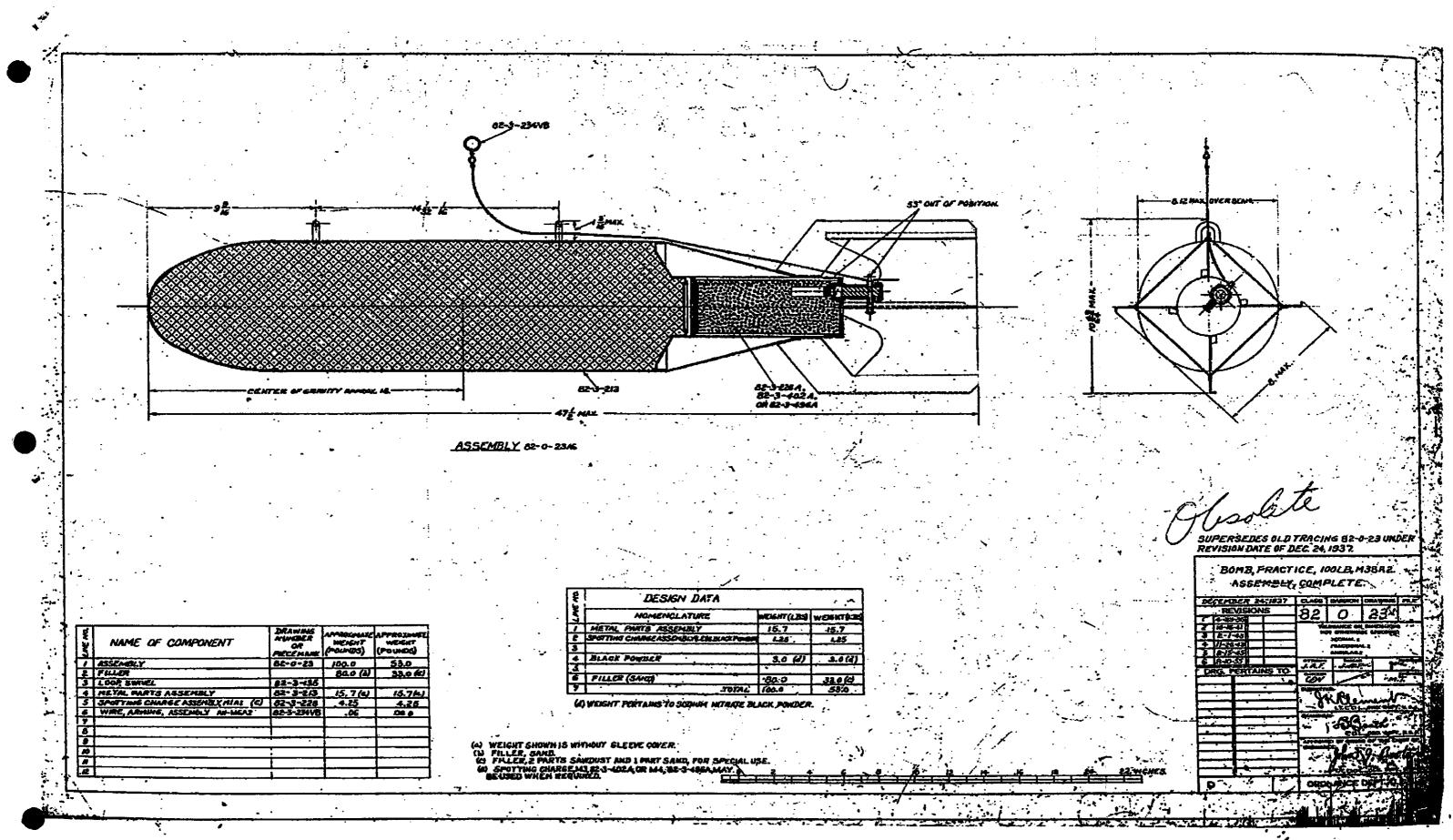
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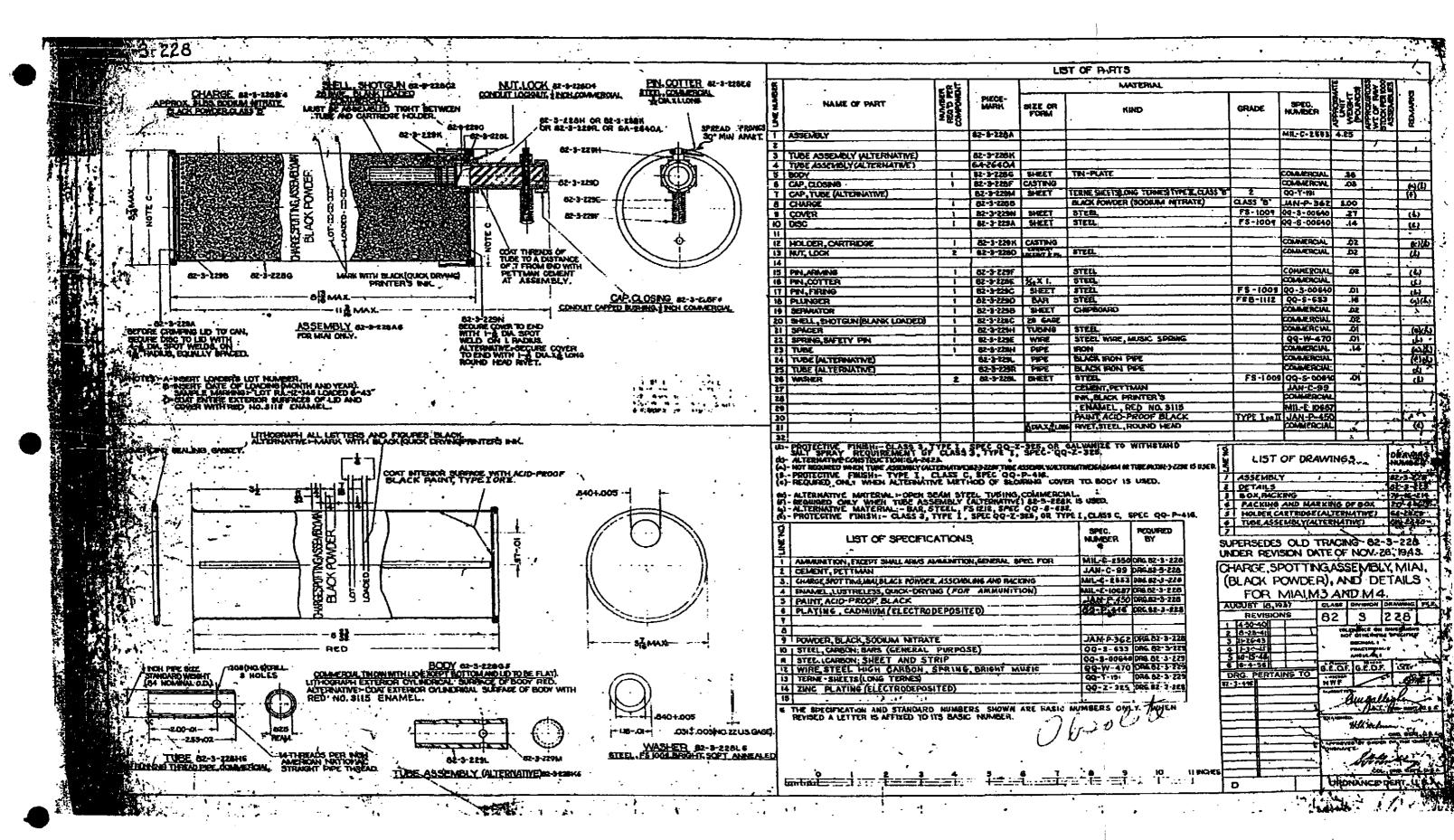
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

HUNTSVILLE DIVISION, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35807-4301

P.O. BOX 1600

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

CEHNC-OE-PM (200-1c)

3 May 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, HQUSACE, ATTN: CEMP-RF,

20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC

20314-1000

SUBJECT: DERP-FUDS Inventory Project Report (INPR) Requiring an

Ordnance and Explosives (OE) Engineering Evaluation and Cost

Analysis (EE/CA)

The enclosed INPR has been submitted for further investigation or action by the Huntsville Engineering and Support Center. We have reviewed the INPR and recommend a phased EE/CA be scheduled for the following site:

DIVISION	PROJECT NO.	RAC	SITE NAME
SPD	J09CA069400	4	Victorville PBR #9 (encl)

2. A completed DD1391 cost estimate and risk assessment code score is included with the enclosure. The POC is Ms. Carrie Douglas at 205-895-1465 or Mr. Bill McPherson at 205-895-1595.

FOR THE DIRECTOR, ORDNANCE AND EXPLOSIVES TEAM:

Encl

KARO E. BLANKINSHIP, P.E. Group Leader, Design Management Group

Commander, U.S. Army Engineer Division, South Pacific, ATTN: CESPD-ED-G, 630 Sansome Street, Room 720, San Francisco, CA

Commander, U. S. Army Engineer District, Los Angeles, ATTN: CESPL-ED-MI, P.O. Box 2711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

630 Sansome Street, Room 720 San Francisco, California 94111-2206



CESPD-ED-MH (200-1c)

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commander, U.S. Army Division, Missouri River, P.O. Box 103 Downtown Station, Omaha, NE 68101-0103

Commander, U.S. Army Division, Huntsville, P.O. Box 1600, Huntsville, Alabama 35807

Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20314-1000

SUBJECT: DERP-FUDS Inventory Project Report for Various Locations in the South Pacific Division Area

I have determined that the below listed sites are eligible for DERP-FUDS under the law.

SITE NUMBERS	SITE NAME	LOCATION	
J09CA067400 J09CA067700 J09CA067800 J09CA068000 J09CA068100 J09CA068200	Victorville, PBR No. Victorville, PBR No. Victorville, PBR No. Victorville, PBR No.	Barstow, California 11 Barstow, California 12 Barstow, California 14 Barstow, California 15 Barstow, California 16 Barstow, California 9 Barstow, California	(Encl 1) (Encl 2) (Encl 3) (Encl 4) (Encl 5) (Encl 6) (Encl 7)

2. I recommend that Huntsville Division determine if further study is needed with respect to an OEW project at these sites.

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ROGER F. YANKOUPE

Brigadier General, U.S. Army

Commanding

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET FOR

DERP-FUDS OE PROJECT NO. J09CA069400 VICTORVILLE PRECISION BOMB RANGE NO. 9 BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA SITE NO. J09CA069400

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Victorville Precision Bombing Range (PBR) No. 9 was used by the U.S. Army Air Corps as a practice bombing target for aircraft from the Victorville Army Air Field (now George AFB).

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY: The property has formerly been used by the U.S. Army Air Corps. No military improvements are known to have occurred. The site is nearly flat with about 24 feet of relief and is covered with light brush, and grass. The site is remote, undeveloped desert, covered with brush and visited by off-road vehicles.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS: N/A

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

RAC: Attached

DISTRICT POC: Request CEHNC inform Ms. Debra Castens at (213) 894-2865 when a determination is made regarding project status.

SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET FOR SITE NO. J09CA069400

SITE NAME: Victorville Precision Bombing Range No. 9

LOCATION: Barstow, California

DESCRIPTION OF PROBLEM: None

SITE HISTORY: In 1943, the DOD acquired a total of 657.28 acres of Public Domain from the Department of Interior (DOI) through government agency transfer by means of Public Land Order No. 125. Custody of the land was relinquished to DOI in 1945. Before disposing of the property, DOD removed all detachable improvements. The site remains as Public Domain and Is vacant of structures or inhabitants. Tire tracks throughout the site indicate heavy off-road vehicle use and recreational activities. Current evidence of DOD use consists of remnants of practice bombs; however, this debris does not constitute an unsafe condition of hazard. There is no evidence of unsafe debris, hazardous or toxic waste, or unexploded ordnance resulting from DOD use of the site. State, county, and local agencies were contacted and have no records of any hazardous or toxic waste sites that are co-located or adjacent to the Victorville PBR No. 9 site.

AVAILABLE STUDIES AND REPORTS: None

CATEGORY OF HAZARD: Not applicable

BASIS FOR DETERMINATION OF DOD RESPONSIBILITY: Not applicable

POC/DISTRICT: Debra Castens, (213) 894-2865, Los Angeles District

STATUS: The property is currently maintained by the DOI Bureau of Land Management as Public Domain.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION: Not applicable ESTIMATED COST: None

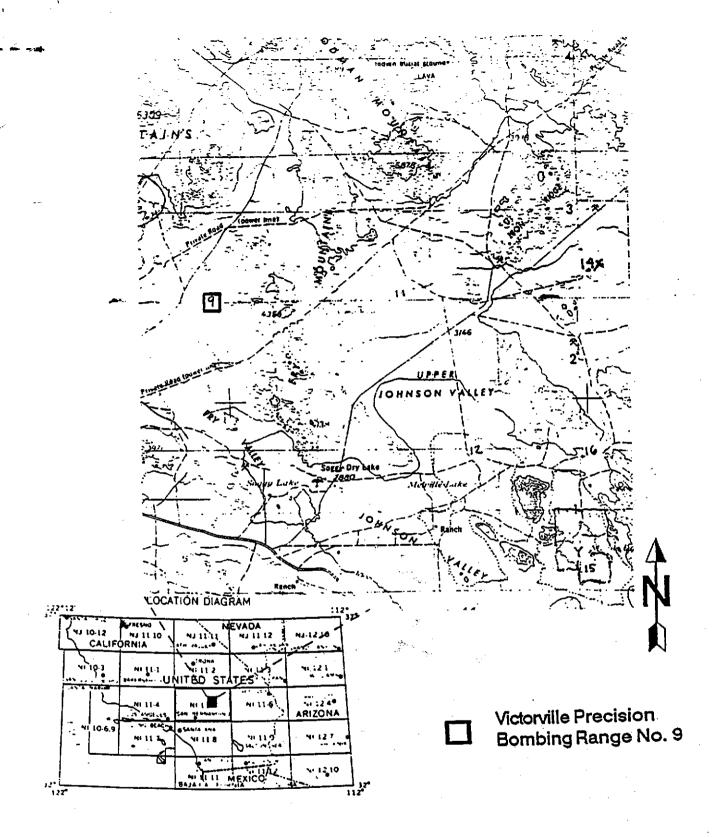


Figure 1 - Site Map of Victorville Precision Bombing Range No. 9
(Project No. J09CA069400)

Source: USGS Scale 1: 250,000 Map, San Bernardino, California

FOR FORMERLY USED SITES
FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY
VICTORVILLE PRECISION BOMBING RANGE NO. 9
BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA
SITE NO. J09CA069400

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On May 20, 1943, the Department of Defense (DOD) acquired a total of 657.28 acres of Public Domain from the Department of Public Land Order No. 125.
- 2. Victorville Precision Bombing Range (PBR) No. 9 was used by the U.S. Army Air Force as a practice bombing range. This site was used in conjunction with the Victorville Army Air Field (now the George Air Force Base). Site improvements consisted of the light oil on grade target outlines, frame butts and appurtenances, fences, and gates. There were no government buildings or auxiliary facilities on-site.
- 3. On June 22, 1945, DOD declared the Victorville PBR No. 9 site, totaling 657.28 acres, as surplus to the War Assests Administration (WAA). The WAA authorized the retransfer of the property to DOI on June 22, 1945, and custody was relinquished by letter on October 2, 1945. Public Land Order No. 422 dated January 30, 1948, partially revoked Public Land Order No. 125, thereby allowing DOI to officially assume custody of the property. The site was cleared of explosive ordnance, and all detachable improvements were removed. The oiled target outlines were allowed to deteriorate by weathering. DOD made no provisions for restoration. Currently, the property is maintained by the DOI Bureau of Land Management.

<u>DETERMINATION</u>

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the site has been determined to be formerly used by DOD. It is therefore eligible for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program - Formerly Used Defense Sites established under 10 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.

Date

ROGER F. YANKOUPE Brigadier General, U.S. Army Commanding DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM FOR FORMERLY USED SITES FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

VICTORVILLE PRECISION BOMBING RANGE NO.9
BARSTOW CALIFORNIA
SITE NO. J09CA069400

FINDINGS

- 1. The Victorville Precision Bombing Range (PBR) NO. 9 was used by the Army Air Corps as a practice bombing target for aircraft from the Victorville Army Air Field (now George AFB). The PBR was DOD property from 1942 to 1948, where it was returned to the Department of Interior.
- 2. A survey of the PBR NO. 9 was accomplished on 10 Dec 91. Evidence of ordnance items was M38A2 sand filled and M85 concrete filled (100 Lb.) practice bombs. Ruminates of the bombs and M1A1 fuze (to ignite a 3Lb. black powder spotting charge) were evident in the area. Checked several fuzes and bomb parts, fuzes had functioned and no evidence of spotting charges were discovered. The ruminates were mostly rusted out and decomposing. No evidence of High Explosive items used in this area.
- The primary land use is for off road vehicles and camping. There are several mining claims with in the area.

DETERMINATION

Based on the findings, the site meets the requirements of a formerly used DOD Site, and is there-by eligible for the Defense Environmental restoration Program - Formerly Used Defense Sites under 10 U.S.C. 2701.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommend that no further action be taken on PBR NO. 9. Survey indicates no risk to the public. (Note: If site is to be cleared, it would take about 5 working days on site.)

Rehard Whether RICHARD D. WHITBECK

DATE

19 Dec 91

Natural Resources Conservation Service 18484 Highway 18, Suite 195 Apple Valley, California 92307 (760) 242-2906 ◆ Fax: (760) 242-0203

November 17, 1997

Mr. Larry M. Daupin Director, DAC 3700 Army Depot Road Savanna, IL 61074-9639

Dear Mr. Daupin:

In response to your FAX requesting soils and aerial photography information for various PBR's I have enclosed individual map sheets and soils data for each. You were correct in that PBR's N-3, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are within the Mojave River Area Soil Survey which was issued in February 1986. I have enclosed the map sheets and soils descriptions for each of the soils within the PBR.

For the other PBR's, we do not have detailed soils data. The soils information for PBR's, nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 19 was obtained from the General Soils Report of the Southwestern Desert Area of San Bernardino County, which was issued in June of 1970. Please keep in mind that the soils information from this survey is for general planning purposes and is not site specific. I've attached narrative soils descriptions for each of the PBR's noted on the soil survey map sheet for the General Soils Report.

As for aerial photography, we do have some photos which are infrared photos. These do not photocopy very well and I can not lend these photos out. However, you may want to contact the Mojave Desert RCD who has a color scanner which may be able to scan these photos for you at a nominal cost. Please contact Jackie Lindgren, District Coordinator, to find out cost information for scanning these photos.

Should you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Rick Aguayo

District Conservationist

Enclosures

Group III - Areas dominated by brown to reddish brown soils with slight to moderate clay increases in the subsoil.

Ternital and Monave association, Onco Popercent slopes

This association consists of well drained, moderately slowly permeable, very deep, sandy loams developed from sandy alluvium. These are nearly level to moderately sloping soils on slopes of 0 to 9 percent on alluvial fans and terraces. Vegetation consists of desert shrubs, with some annual forbs and grasses. Elevations range from 1,200 to about 4,000 feet. Mean annual precipitation is 3 to 7 inches, mean annual air temperature is 66° F., and the frost-free season is 220 to 300 days. This association comprises about 11 percent of the Desert Area.

Adelanto soils make up about 50 percent and Mohave soils about 35 percent of the association. Cajon and Arizo (5 percent) and soils of the Mohave-Adelanto variants association (10 percent) comprise the remaining 15 percent.

Adelanto soils are well drained and have brown, granular, soft, moderately alkaline, fine sandy loam surface soils and reddish brown, blocky, slightly hard, moderately alkaline, sandy loam subsoils. Mohave soils are well drained and have platy, soft, mildly alkaline, sandy loam surface soils and reddish brown, prismatic, very hard, slightly acid, sandy clay loam subsoils. These soils overlie brown, massive, slightly hard and hard, moderately alkaline, calcareous, stratified coarse sand and gravelly loamy coarse sand.

These soils are used mainly for recreation, cropland, and urban. Limited grazing in some areas is possible when there is sufficient rainfall to produce forage. In limited areas where irrigation water has been developed, pasture, field crops, and row crops are being grown. Onions and potatoes were once grown on these soils in the Apple Valley and Hesperia areas but have been replaced by urban expansion in recent years. Subdivisions are also expanding on these soils near Adelanto and Barstow.

8 Adelento-Hesperia association, 2 to 9 percent slopes.

This association consists of well drained, moderately slowly to moderately rapidly permeable, very deep, sandy loams developed in sandy loam alluvium. These gently to moderately sloping soils be in slopes of 2 to 9 percent on alluvial fans and terrain in the northwestern portion of the Desert Area. Verstation consists mostly of desert shrubs with some annual forbs and grasses. Elevations range from 2,400 to about 3,000 feet, Mean annual precipitation is 3 to 5 inches, mean annual air temperature

is 7° F., and the frost-free season 180 to 260 days. This isociation comprises about 1 percent of the Desert Area.

Adelanto soils make up about 75 cercent and Hesperia soils about 20 procent of the association. Adelanto-Mohave association and Mohave-Adelance variants association comprise about 5 arcent.

Adelanto soils have brown massive, soft, moderately alkaline, loamy coarse say surface soils and brown, blocky, hard, moderately alkaline, sandy loam subsoils. Hesperia soils have like brownish gray, massive, slightly hard, mildly alkaline, saidy loam surface soils and light brownish gray, massive slightly hard, moderately alkaline, calcareous, sandy loam subsoils. These soils overlie brown and brownish yellow, massive, slightly hard, calcareous, moderately alkaline, sandy loam substrata.

These soils are used mainly for recreation and wildlife. In limited areas where irrigation water has been developed, pasture, field crops, and row crops are being grown. Limited grazing in some areas is possible when there is sufficient rainfall to produce forage. Urban expansion is taking place on these soils in some areas near Kramer Junction.

Group IV - Areas dominated by soils that have restricted depth.

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This association consists of well drained, moderately slowly permeable, sandy loams, moderately deep to deep to caliche, developed in stratified clay loam alluvium. The soils are on nearly level to strongly sloping terraces on slopes of 0 to 15 percent. Vegetation consists mostly of desert shrubs, annual forbs, and grasses. Elevations range from 2,000 to about 4,000 feet. Mean annual precipitation is 3 to 7 inches, mean annual air temperature is 66° F., and the frost-free season is 220 to 300 days. This association comprises about 16 percent of the Desert Area.

Mohave variant soils make up about 45 percent and Adelanto variant soils about 35 percent of the association. Sunrise (10 percent) and Cajon and Arizo (10 percent) soils comprise the remaining 20 percent.

Mohave variant soils have brown, platy, soft, mildly alkaline, sandy loam surface soils and reddish brown, prismatic, very hard, slightly acid, sandy clay loam subsoils. Adelanto variant soils have brown, granular, soft, moderately alkaline, sandy loam surface soils and reddish brown, blocky, slightly hard, moderately alkaline, sandy loam subsoils. These

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United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Ecological Services Ventura Field Office 2493 Portola Road, Suite B Ventura, California 93003

January 30, 1996

Shirley Daniels

Information Management Specialist

Attention: SIOAC-ESL Department of the Army

U. S. Army Technical Center for Explosive Safety

Savanna, Illinois 61074-9639

Subject:

Species List for Specified Areas near Victorville, San Bernardino County, California

Dear Ms. Daniels:

This letter is in response to your facsimile transmission, dated and received on January 8, 1996 requesting a compilation of listed and candidate species that may occur in the following specific areas near Victorville, California.

PBR Y- Township 4N, Range RE, Sections 24 and 25

PBR 1- Township 6N, Range 5E, Sections 19 and north ½ of 30

PBR 13 - Township 3N, Range 4E, Section 6

These areas may contain unexploded ordnance and explosive wastes. The U.S. Army Technical Center for Explosive Safety (USATCES) is preparing to survey the above areas for unexploded ordnance. The information enclosed in this letter will be used by the USATCES in preparation for the survey.

Our records indicate that the federally listed desert tortoise (Gopherus agassizii) is likely to occur within the survey area.

This letter fulfills the requirements of the Service under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). If the subject project may affect a listed species, the Department of the Army (Army) has the responsibility to prepare a biological assessment if the project is a construction project which may require an environmental impact statement. If a biological assessment is not required, the Army still has the responsibility to review its proposed activities and determine whether the listed species will be affected.

During the assessment or review process, the Army may engage in planning efforts, but may not make any irreversible commitment of resources. Such a commitment could constitute a violation of section 7(d) of the Endangered Species Act. If a listed species may be affected, the Army should request, in writing through our office, formal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Act Informal consultation may be used to exchange information and resolve conflicts with respect to listed species prior to a written request for formal consultation.

Should you have any questions regarding the species listed, or your responsibilities under the Act, please contact Doug Laye of my staff at (619) 255-8844.

Sincerely,

Diane K Mode

Diane K. Noda Field Supervisor

Enclosure

[&]quot;Construction Project" means any major Federal action which significantly affects the quality of the human environment designed primarily to result in the building or erection of man-made structures such as dams, buildings, roads, pipelines, channels and the like. This includes Federal actions such as permits, grants, licenses, or other forms of Federal authorizations or approval which may result in construction.

NDDB Notice

The Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) is constantly being updated and expanded. All locational data entered into the NDDB are based on actual field sightings. The absence of a listed species from the following county accounts does not necessarily mean it is absent from the county, only that no occurrence data are currently entered into the NDDB.

Data from the Data Base does not constitute an official response from a state agency, will not in itself meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act and does not replace the need for conducting field work.

There are several categories of endangered species. Both federal and state categories are defined.

The data is available via a clickable map or a text list.

State of California, Department of Fish & Game 1416 9th Street Sacramento, Ca 95814

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Listed Species in SAN BERN	NARDINO County	FEDERAL STATUS	STATE STATUS
COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	FEDERAL STATUS	
COMMON NAME BALD EAGLE SWAINSONS HAWK YUMA CLAPPER RAIL WESTERN SNOWY PLOVER WESTERN YELLOW BILLED CUCTOR ELF OWL GILA WOODPECKER WILLOW FLYCATCHER CALIFORNIA GNATCATCHER ARIZONA BELLS VIREO LEAST BELLS VIREO MOHAVE TUI CHUB UNARMORED THREESPINE STICE MOHAVE GROUND SQUIRREL STEPHENS KANGAROO RAT DESERT TORTOISE SOUTHERN RUBBER BOA ARROYO SOUTHWESTERN TOAD CALIFORNIA RED-LEGGED FRO	HALIAEETUS LEUCOCEPHALUS BUTEO SWAINSONI RALLUS LONGIROSTRIS YUMANENSIS CHARADRIUS ALEXANDRINUS NIVOSUS KOO COCCYZUS AMERICANUS OCCIDENTALIS MICRATHENE WHITNEYI MELANERPES UROPYGIALIS EMPIDONAX TRAILLII POLIOPTILA CALIFORNICA VIREO BELLII ARIZONAE VIREO BELLII PUSILLUS GILA BICOLOR MOHAVENSIS EXLEBACK GASTEROSTEUS ACULEATUS WILLIAMS SPERMOPHILUS MOHAVENSIS DIPODOMYS STEPHENSI XEROBATES AGASSIZII CHARINA BOTTAE UMBRATICA BUFO MICROSCAPHUS CALIFORNICUS OG RANA AURORA DRAYTONII	Threatened None Endangered Threatened None None None None Threatened None Endangered Endangered Endangered Sp of Concern (C2) Endangered Sp of Concern (C2) Endangered Threatened Sp of Concern (C2) Endangered Threatened	Endangered Threatened Threatened None Endangered Endangered Endangered Endangered Endangered Endangered Endangered Threatened Threatened Threatened Threatened Threatened Threatened None None
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San Bernardino County Museum 2024 Orange Tree Lane Redlands, California 92374 (909) 792-1497

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11 November 1997

Larry Dauphin, SIOAC-ESL Defense Ammunition Center 3700 Army Depot Road Savanna, IL 61074-9639

Dear Mr. Dauphin,

Here is your record search for the formerly used defense sites in order of request. I checked the whole sections of all the areas even if your mapped APE did not cover it so that you would have a better idea of any cultural resources nearby. For a complete bibliography listed by NADB numbers, see the enclosed bibliography.

- 1) PBR N-3/PBR #44 USGS Hinkley 7.5' Quad There are no recorded sites within T10N R3W Sec 8, however, there are two reports covering that area numbered NADB 1061035 & 1061479 in the bibliography. There are many prehistoric sites in the vicinity including Black & Inscription Canyon Rock Art District which is currently being nominated to the National Register.
- 2) PBR #3 USGS Fairview Valley 7.5' Quad There are two lithic reduction sites in T6N R2W Sec 27, 28, 33, 34 designated SBR-2132 & SBR-2135. There are no reports recorded within the project area.
- 3) PBR #4 USGS Apple Valley South & Fifteenmile Valley 7.5' Quads There are no recorded sites in T4N R2W Sec 5, 6, 7, 8. Two reports, 1060629 & 1062515, are inside the APE and four reports, 1060240, 1060900, 1060901 & 1062158, skirt the SE corner of Sec 8.
- 4) PBR #5 USGS West Ord Mtn 7.5' Quad (APE is not on USGS Stoddard Well) There are no sites and no survey reports for T6N R1W Sec 4.
- 5) PBR #6 USGS Lucerne Valley & White Horse Mtn 7.5' Quads There are no sites recorded For T5N R1W Sec 22, 23, 26, 27. One pipeline report, 1060046, passes through the APE.
- 6) PBR #9 USGS Fry Mtn & Grandview Mine 7.5' Quads There are no sites and no surveys recorded for T5N R2E Sec 2, 3 & T6N R2E Sec 34,
- 7) PBR #10 USGS Old Woman Springs 7.5' Quad There is one lithic scatter, SBR-1883, and no reports recorded in the T4N R2E Sec 1, 12 & T4N R3E Sec 6, 7.
- 8) PBR #11 USGS Fry Mtn & Iron Ridge 7.5' Quads There is one isolate on the Fry Mtn Quad and three isolates on the Iron Ridge Quad. All are flakes. Two reports cross the APE, 1060240 & 1063065.

Contract No. W-509-Eng-2051, Auxiliary Fields No. 3 & 4.18

- Contractor Basich Brothers, Torrance, California.
- 2. Construction of 8 runways, four to each field, drainage facilities, fencing and access roads. Aux. #3 located approximate ly 11 miles East VAAF; Aux. #4 located approximately 15 miles East VAAF.
- 3. Date of commencement 7 Feb 1942 Date of completion - 14 Jul 1942 Date of acceptance - 15 Aug 1942
- 4. Total extensions of 112 days due to unsuitable weather and non-delivery of essential materials.
- 5. Total cost - \$385,040.00.

Contract No. W-509-Eng-2196, Bombing Targets (18). 19

- 1. Contractor - George Herz Co., San Bernardino, California.
- 2. Targets within radius of 5 to 75 miles from VAAF. Eighteen targets constructed--cleared and grubbed approximately 26.4 acres at each site. Shacks (pyramidal). 242 miles of access road to connect various targets to existing roads. Fencing.

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- Date of commencement 11 Mar 1942 Date of completion - 1 May 1942 Date of acceptance - 1 May 1942
- Total Cost \$73,171.21.
- 18. Completion Report, Contract No. W-509-Eng-2051. (Contract No. 2051, VAAF Post Engineer Files).
- 19. Completion Report, Contract No. W-509-Eng-2196. (Contract No. 2196, VAAF Post Engineer Files)

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Address Reply To "The District Engineer, U. S. Engineer Office. 751 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, Galif."

UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE 751 SOUTH FIGUEROA STREET LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

April 13, 1942.

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Headquarters, Victorville Army Flying School, Victorville, California, 15 May 1942. To: The District Sigineer, C. S. Engineer Office, 751 South Pigueroa Street, Los Angeles, California.

Hereby accepting Bombing Targets 7, 9, and 11, for this Station.

For the Commiding Officers

THOMAS J. CHRT. JR. Lt. Col., Air Corps Executive

HEADQUARTERS AIR CORPS ADVANCED FLYING SCHOOL Victorville, California GFH: KSW:gr

February 13, 1942

SUBJECT: Information Pertaining to Bombing Ranges, ACAFS, Army Air Base, Victorville, California.

TO: Commanding General, WCACTC, Moffett Field, California.

- 1. Reference WC684, letter dated February 9, 1942, subject, Request for Information Pertaining to Bombing and Gunnery Ranges, West Coast Air Corps Training Center, and letter, Office Chief of the Air Corps, dated January 31, 1942, same subject, paragraph 1, a, of the latter, there are no bombing ranges in operation at this station.
- 2. Reference paragraph 1, b, no bombing target sites have been acquired.
- 3. Reference paragraph 1, c, all bombing target sites are in the process of being acquired. A plat of each site is inclosed.
 - a. The range will be known as the Victorville Bombing Range.
 - b. Its location and approximate size are shown on the accompanying map. It is situated east of Victorville, California, and is comprised of a strip approximately twenty (20) miles wide and sixty-five (65) miles long.
 - c. The targets will be used for training aerial Bombardiers using one hundred pound (100 lb.), sand loaded, practice bombs.
 - d. There are no existing facilities.
 - e. Sites are being acquired for eighteen (18) targets to be located as shown on the plats. Plat number sixteen (16) will not be used. The targets will be of the type used for solid ground with wooden pyramids for centers. It is believed that both the photographic and triangulation methods of spotting will be used.
 - f. Approximately ten (10) of the targets will be lighted for night bombing.
 - g. The range will be used by the ACAFS, Victorville, California.



- 4. Reference paragraph 1, d, the flying field at the Victorville Military Airport will be used as a base formall bombing operations on the range. Its location is shown on the accompanying map.)
 - 5. No additional Ordnance storage facilities will be required for range operation.

/s/ Donald B. Phillips
DONALD B. PHILLIPS
Lieut. Col., Air Corps
Commanding

3 Incls.
19-Plats
1-Map
1-List of target sites

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VICTORVILLE MILITARY AIRPORT SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

No.	Township	Range	Section
:1 (√2 6N	3W	All of Section 21, S.B.B.&.M.
(2	5N	3W	All of Section 12. S.B.B. &.M.
3	6N	2W	$S_{2}^{1}SE_{4}^{1}$ Sec. 28; $S_{2}^{1}SW_{4}^{1}$ Sec. 27; NW_{4}^{1} , $N_{2}^{1}SW_{4}^{1}$ Sec. 34; NE_{4}^{1} , $N_{2}^{1}SE_{4}^{1}$ Sec. 33. S.B.B.&.M.
4	4N	2W	$SE_{\frac{1}{4}}^{1}$ Sec. 6; $SW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{1}$ Sec. 5; $NW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{1}$ Sec. 8; $NE_{\frac{1}{4}}^{1}$ Sec. 7. S.B.B.&.M.
5	6N .	1W	All of Sec. 4, S.B.B.&.M.,
<u>6</u>	5N	18	E½SW½SE¼ Sec. 22; W½SW¼ Sec. 23; W½NW¼ Sec. 26; E½NW¼NE½ Sec. 27. S.B.B.&.M.
7	5N	1E	$SE_{\frac{1}{4}}^{1}$ Sec. 4; $SW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{1}$ Sec. 3; $NW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{1}$ Sec. 10; $NE_{\frac{1}{4}}^{1}$ Sec. 9. S.B.B.&.M.
8	4N	1E	$E_{\mathbb{Z}}^{1}$ Sec. 21; $W_{\mathbb{Z}}^{1}$ Sec. 22. S.B.B.&.M.
9	5 & 6N 4N	2E 2& 3E	E\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}Sec. 34; W\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}Sec. 35; SW\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}Lot 4 Sec. 2; S\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}\$ Lots 1, 2, 3, Sec. 3, S.B.B.&.M. SE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}Sec. 1; S\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}Sec. 6; SW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}Sec. 6; E\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}\$, N\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}Sec. 7; E\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{2}Sec. 12 S.B.B.&.M.
11	6N	3 E	E_{2}^{1} Sec. 35; W_{2}^{1} Sec. 36. S.B.B.&.M.
12	4 & 5N	4E	$S_{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ Sec. 32; $N_{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ Sec. 5; S.B.B.&.M.
13	3N	4E .	All of Section 6 S.B.B.&.M.
14	6N 4	& 5 E	$SE_{4}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ Sec. 25; $SW_{4}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ Sec. 30; $NW_{4}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ Sec. 31; $NE_{4}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ Sec. 36 S.B.B.&.M.
15.	4N	5 E	$S_{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ Sec. 30; $N_{2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ Sec. 31 S.B.B.&.M.)
16	्रो का	5 & 6 E	$S_{2}^{1}SE_{4}^{1}$ Sec. 12 Lot 3 & 4; SW_{4}^{1} Sec. 7; NW_{4}^{1} Sec. 18; W_{2}^{1} NE_{4}^{1} Sec. Lot 1 & 2 S.B.B.&.M.
(17	4N	6E-	All of Sec. 29, S.B.B.&.M.
18	3N (6 & 7E	$SE_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ Sec. 24; $SW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ Sec. 19; $NW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ Sec. 25. S.B.B.&.M.
19	2N	6E	E_{2}^{1} Sec. 27; W_{2}^{1} Sec. 26. S.B.B.&.M.)

WITHDRAWING PUBLIC LANDS FOR USE OF THE

WAR DEPARTMENT AS BOMBING TARGET SITES

By virtue of the Authority vested in the President and pursuant to Executive Order No. 9337 of April 24, 1943: IT IS ORDERED, As follows:

Subject to valid existing rights, the public lands in the followingdescribed areas are hereby withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public-land laws, including the mining and mineral-leasing laws, and reserved for the use of the War Department as bombing target sites:

San Bernardino Meridian

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T. 5 N. R. 2 E.,
T. 5 N., R. 1 W.,
  Sec. 22, E1/28#1/4 and SE1/41
                                        Sec. 2, lot 4, SWI/4MI/4:
                                        Sec. 3, lots 1, 2, 3, S1/2NEI/4, and SEI/
  Sec. 23, W1/25W1/4:
                                      T. 6 N., R. 2 E.,
  Sec. 26, W1/2MV1/4:
                                        800. 34. E1/28#1/4 and SE1/4:
  Sec. 27. HEL/L and HI/2NHL/L.
                                        Sec. 35, W1/28#1/4
T. 6 N., R. 1 W., Sec. 4.
                                      T. 4 N., R. 3 E.,
T. 4 H., R. 2 W.,
                                        50c. 6, 81/2871/4 and 581/45E1/4:
  Sec. 5, 881/41
                                        Sec. 7. WI/2 MEI/L. MVI/L. MI/25WI/L. and MMI/LSEI/L.
  Sec. 6, 851/4:
  Sec. 7. MEL/4t
                                      T. 6 N., R. 3 B.,
  Sea. 8, MM1/4:
                                        Sec. 35. E1/2:
T. 6 N., R. 2 N.,
  8ec. 27. SI/25WI/Lit
                                        sec. 36, W1/2.
  Sec. 28, 81/2881/4:
                                      T. 5 H., R. 4 E., Sec. 6
                                      T. 4 No. R. 4 E., Sec. 5, M1/2.
  Sec. 33, NEI/4 and NI/28EI/4:
                                      T. 5 M., R. 4 E., Sec. 32, 81/2.
  Sec. 34, M1/4 and N1/28W1/4.
T. 5 N., R. 3 W., Sec. 12.
T. 6 N., R. 3 W., Sec. 21.
                                      T. 4 No. R. 5 No. 800. 30, $1/2, unsurveyed.
                                        Sec. 31, R1/2, unsurveyed.
T. 4 N., R. 1 E.,
                                      T. 6 H., R. 5 E., Sec. 30.
  Sec. 21, E1/2:
                                      T. 2 H., R. 6 B.
  Sec. 22, W1/2.
                                        Sec. 26, W1/2:
T. 5 N., R. 1 E.,
                                        Sec. 27, E1/2.
  Sec. 3, 8W1/4:
  Sec. 4. SEL/4:
                                      T. 4 N., R. 6 E., Sec. 29.
                                      T. 3 N., R. 6 B.,
  Sec. 9, NEL/4:
                                        Sec. 24, SEL/4:
  Sec. 10, 18/1/4:
                                        Sec. 25, NEI/4.
T. 4 H., R. 2 B.,
  Sec. 1, SEL/LEEL/Lt
                                      T. 3 N., R. 7 B.,
  Sec. 12, E1/2MSI/4 and HE1/4SE1/4. Sec. 19; SW1/4:
                                        500. 30, NW1/4.
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The areas described, including both public and non-public lands, aggregate 11,560.08 acres.

This order shall take precedence over, but shall not rescind or revoke, the withdrawal for classification and other purposes made by Executive Order No. 6910 of November 26, 1954, as amended, so far as such order affects the above-described lands.

It is intended that the public lands described herein shall be returned to the administration of the Department of the Interior, when they are no longer needed for the purpose for which they are reserved.

ARE FORTAS, Worting Secretary of the Interior

May 20, 1943.

(F. R. Doc. 43-8566; Filed, May 27, 1943; 9:34 a.m.)

HEADQUARTERS VICTORVILLE ARMY FLYING SCHOOL

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In reply refer to: VICTORVILLE CALIFORNIA

13 April 1945

SUBJECT : Abanderment of Target Re. 9.

TO

Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Mashington 25, D. C. , (THRU: Commanding Constal, Army Air Forces, Western Flying Training Command, 1104 West 6th Street, Sente Ans, California).

- 1. In ecupliance with Mar Department Circular No. 306, dated 18 July 1944, Boshing Target No. 9, Victorville Army Air Field is hereby reported as no longer necessary for correct requirements.
- 2. The following information is submitted in accordance with Paragraph 12, Wer Department Circular No. 306, dated 18 July 1944.
- a. Bomb target No. 9 is located approximately 35 miles east of Vistorville army Air Pield on property lecated as follows:

Bi of 5% of Section 34 and 5% of Section 34 and 1% of SW of Section 35, THP 6M, ROE, SEB & M, and We of HE of Section 2, and HEL of Section 3 and El of HEL of Section 3, THP 5H, REE, EBB & E, San Bernardine County, California. This target comprises approximately 640 acres of Public Domain that has been transferred to the War Department by Public Land Order No. 125.

- b. The property is desert land and the improvements consist of a three strand barbed wire fence and target outlines marked on the ground with black reed mir: Since the target outlines require periodical maintenance, it is believed that the site can be shendoned without under loss,
- e. Site has been used for bombing target, but is no longer required due to a change in training progress.
 - d. Surplus status is recommended.
 - e. Property could be used by other Yederal Agencies.
 - f. Is available for surplus status as of 18 Jammary 1945.
 - g. Site is on government land, therefore there are no commitments.

Basis: LAr, VAAF, Sub: Abandonment of Target No. 9, 13 April 1945

- h. There are no sumilliary facilities.
- i. There are no consistments to other Army or Federal Agencies.

 For the Commanding Officer:

ROBERT C. DAVIDSON Captain, Air Corps Adjutant

APDIN 3C/f

WAR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON. D. C.

11 June 1945

Abandonment of Targets Nos. 6, 9, and 15, and Y and Z, Victorville Army Air Field, California.

Commanding General, Army Service Forces, Washington 25, D. C. TO: Attn: Director of Plans and Operations.

- There are inclosed communications from the Commanding General, Army Air Forces Training Command, reporting as surplus five targets, enumerated below, at Victorville Army Air Field, California. The designation of the targets and the nature of the interest acquired by the United States are as follows:
- Target No. 6, comprising 240 acres, acquired in fee, 320 acres of public domain, 80 acres under Lease No. W-04-193-eng-5550.
- Target No. 9, comprising 640 acres of public domain, transferred to the War Department by Public Land Order No. 125.
- c. Target No. 15, comprising 640 acres of public domain, transferred to the War Department by Public Land Order No. 125.
- d. Traget "Y", situated 50 miles ESE of Victorville Army Air Field, in Sections 24 and 25, TWP 4N, R4E, and Section 19 and RE of Section 30, TSP 4N, Range 5E, San Bernardino County, California, Acreage not known. Land owned in fee by the government.
- Target "Z", comprising 2,560 acres of public land which has not been withdrawn for use by the War Department, and approximately 1,449.12 acres held under Lease No. W-04-193-eng-4536.
- The Basic communications from the Commanding Officer, Victorville Army Air Field, together with indorsements, set forth the information required by paragraphs 12 and 13, Cir. 89, MD, 1945. It is requested that the aforementioned installations be declared surplus in accordance with the referenced circular.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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1. Ltr fr CO, V. AAFId to CG,AAF, 12 Apr 45, w/2 Inds

2. Ltr fr CO, V. AAFld to CG, AAF, 13 Apr 45, W/2 Inds

- Ltr fr CO, V. AAF to CG, AAF, 12 Apr 45, w/2 inds.
 - 4. Ltr fr CO, V.AAF, to CG,AAF, 26 Apr 45, w/2 Inds.
 - 5. Ltr fr CO, V/AAF, to CG/AAF 26 Apr 45, W/2 Inds.

/s/ Lucius M. Sergent, Lt. Col., A.C., LUCTUS M. SARGENT, LT. COL., A.C., Assn't Chief. Air Installations Div Office of Ass't Chief of Air Staff, Material and Services

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ASF, HQ NINTH SERVICE COMMAND, Fort Douglas, Utah, 21 August 1945 42
TO: Commanding Officer, Camp Haan, California

- 1. Reference is made to basic communication and inclosures thereto.
- 2. It is desired that you issue the necessary orders to move the 65th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad from your station to Victorville, California for the purpose of neutralizing the area as set forth in basic communication.
- 3. It is suggested that you attach enough enlisted men from your station complement to the 65th Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squad in order to accomplish this mission at the earliest practicable date.
- 4. It is further desired that you contact the Commanding Officer, Victorville Army Air Field for the purpose of housing and rationing this squad, plus the attached men during the period this area is being neutralized. In event there is any difficulty in arranging for housing, advise this headquarters.
- 5. The necessary motor vehicles for the accomplishment of this mission will be furnished by your headquarters.
- 6. Upon completion of this mission it is desired that a statement to the effect that the area has been neutralized be forwarded to this headquarters by indorsement hereon attention: Plans and Operations Division.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SHEDD:

H. S. WHARFIELD

Lt. Col., FA

Executive . Plans and

Operations Division

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SPHCO 3rd Ind.
ASF, HEADQUARTERS CAMP HAAN, Riverside County, California 20 August 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah.
Attention: SPRVO.

- 1. Disposal of unexploded bombs, Victorville Army Air Field Targets has been accomplished as far as the live bombs are concerned.
- 2. If it is desired that the sand loaded practice bombs be removed from the targets it is requested that the Victorville personnel be used to perform the work. Victorville is a long distance from this camp and there is a shortage of personnel here.

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G. B. APPELMAN Colonel, Infantry Commanding

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ASF, HQ NINTH SERVICE COMMAND, Fort Douglas, Utah, 23 August 1945

To: Division Engineers, Pacific Division, San Francisco, California

- 1. Your attention is invited to paragraph 1, 3rd Indorsement to basic communication, which indicates the area in question has been cleared of all live bombs.
- 2. This headquarters concurs in the recommendations set forth in paragraph 2.3rd Indorsement to basic communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

Incls: n/c

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Major, A.G.D.

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> Basic: Itr frm SBATSC to CG, ATSC dtd 7 Dec 45, subj: "Declaration as Excess, Auxiliary Installations of Victorville Army Air Field, Victorville, California"

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HQ ATSC Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio

DEC 28 1945

- TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C., ATTN: Office, Assistant Chief of Air Staff-4, Air Installations Division
- This Headquarters approves request contained in preceding basic communication to the effect that the auxiliary installations of Victorville Army Air Field, Victorville, California, consisting of auxiliary landing fields, bombing targets, demolition targets, and the Mirage Lake Glider School, as specifically described therein, be declared excess to the needs of Air Technical Service Command, effective 7 December 1945.
- It is noted that certain auxiliary landing fields to Victorville Army Air Base were declared excess to the meds of the Army Air Forces to the Commanding General, Army Service Forces, under date of 3 November 1945. This correspondence is forwarded to insure that the balance of the auxiliary facilities described in the basic communication tion be declared excess to the reeds of this Command.
- Information in accordance with paragraph 12a, War Depart ment Circular No. 89, dated 20 Harch 1945, and paragraphs 10 and 111,6 % AMF Regulation No. 85-3, dated 12 May 1945, is submitted in basic letter.
- It is requested that this Headquarters be advised of the action taken in this matter.

FOR THE COMMANDING CONFRAT.

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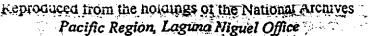
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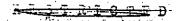
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HEADQUARTERS SAN BERNARDINO AIR TECHNICAL SERVICE COMMAND

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

SAN BERNARDINO ARMY AIR FIELD, CALIFORNIA.

SBATSC 601.53

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SUBJECT: Declaration as Excess, Auxiliary Installations of Victorville

Army Air Field, Victorville, California

TO:

Commanding General

Air Technical Service Command Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: Air Installations Division, TSCON

1. In accordance with War Department Circulars No. 89, dated 20 March 1945, and No. 326, dated 25 October 1945, the auxiliary installations of Victorville Army Air Field, Victorville, California, consisting of a. Auxiliary Landing Fields, b. Bombing Targets, c. Demolition Targets, d. Mirage Lake Glider School, all as described below, are no longer required and are declared excess to the needs of this Command. It is requested that appropriate action be taken to dispose of the Government-owned facilities, to cancel all pertinent leases and transfers and to restore the original premises to the respective lessors or to the Public Domain.

- a. Auxiliary Landing Fields: (Regional Map VAAF File No. 256, revised 8 March 1945, inclosure No. 1).
 - (1) Field No. I, located approximately 21 miles North of VAAF in T 10 N, R 5 W, SB B&M, comprising 640 acres Public Domain; Government-owned facilities include 4 field mix surfaced runways, 3 buildings and 4 miles of 4-strand barbed wire fence.
 - (2) Field No. 2, located 15 miles North of VAAF in T 9 N, R 4 W, SB E&W, comprising 640 acres in fee; Government-owned facilities include 4 field mix surfaced runways, 3 buildings, skeet range, and 4 miles of 4-strand barbed wire fence.
 - (3) Field No. 3, located 11 miles west of VAAF in T 6 N, R 7 W, SB EAM, comprising 640 acres in fee; Government-owned facilities include 4 field mix surfaced runways, 3 buildings and 4 miles of 4-strand barbed wire fence.

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- (8) Target No. 8, located 29 miles Southeast of VAAF in T 4 N, R 1 E, SB B&W, comprising 640 acres Public Domain; Government-owned facilities include 3 circular areas surfaced with field mix.
- (9) Target No. 9, located 34 miles East of VAAF in T 5 & 6 N, R 2 E, SB B&H, comprising 657.28 acres Public Domain.
- (10) Target No. 10, located 38 miles Southeast of VAAF in T 4 N, R 2 & 3 E, SB B&M, comprising 649.54 acres
 Public Domain; Government-owned facilities are the same as Target No. 2.
- (11) Target No. 11, located 42 miles East of VAAF in T 6 N, R 3 E, SB B&M, comprising 640 acres, 320 acres Public Domain and 320 acres leased—Lease No. W 04-193-Eng-5327, lessor, State of California; Government-owned facilities are the same as Target No. 2.
- (12) Target No. 12, located 45 miles East of VAAF in T 4 & 5 N, R 4 E, SB B&M, comprising 617.12 acres Public Domain; Government-owned facilities are the same as Target No. 2.
- (13) Target No. 13, located 45 miles Southeast of VAAF in T 3 N, R 4 E, SB B&H, comprising 636.30 acres Public Domain; Government-owned facilities are the same as Target Eo. 2.
- (14) Target No. 14, located 49 miles East of VAAF in T 6 N, R 5 E, SB B&M, comprising 640.46 acres Public Domain; Government-owned facilities are the same as Target No. 2.
- (15) Target No. 15, located 51 miles Southeast of VAAF in T 4 N, R 5 E, SB B&M, comprising 640 acres Public Domain (surplus).
- (16) Target No. 10, located 50 miles East-Scatneast of VAAF in T 4 & 5 N, R 5 E, SB B&W, comprising 640 acres Public Domain; Government-owned facilities same as Target No. 2.

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- i. Auxiliary Facilities: As described in preceding paragraph l.
- j. Commitments to Other Army or Federal Agencies: Records of the Air Installations Office, SBATSC, disclose no commitments to other Army or Federal agencies.
 - k. Necessity for Service Detachment: Not applicable.
- 3. It is requested that this declaration of excess be processed as soon as practicable in order that appropriate directives may be published authorizing the Division Engineer, to take over disposal of the property.

4. It is further requested that this Headquarters be advised of action taken on this declaration of excess.

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HQ, VAIF, Victorville, California, 23 September 1946

- TO: Commanding General, San Bernardino Air Materiel Area, San Bernardino, Galifornia.
- l. Attached hereto is completed questionnaire relative to Bombing Targets formerly assigned Victorville Army Air Field.
- 2. All Bombing Targets were transferred to the Los Angeles District Engineer, 30 April 1946. It is understood that certain of the Bombing Targets were transferred to the Air Tactical Command, March Field.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HAROLD G. SMITH 2nd Lt, Air Corps Asst. Adjutant

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DEDUDDING REPORT ON BOMBING TARGETS FORMERLY ASSIGNED TO VICTORVILLE ARMY AIR FIELD

- 1. Victorville Army Air Field
- 2. Victorville Bombing Targets
- 160 Acres Target No. 14 - 640 Acres 3. Target No. 1 Terget No. 15 - 640 Acres Target No. 2 - 640 Acres Target No. 16 - 640 Acres Target No. 3 - 640 Acres Target No. 17 - 640 Acres Terget No. 4 - 640 Acres Target No. 18 - 640 Acres Target No. 5 - 640 Acres Target No. 19 - 640 Acres Target No. 6 - 640 Agres Target No. 20 - 640 Acres Target No. 7 - 640 Acres Target No. N-1 - 640 Acres - 640 Acres Target No. 8 Target No. N-2 - 640 Agree Target No. 9 - 640 Agres Target No. 10 - 640 Acres Target No. N-3 - 640 Acres Demolition Target 7 - 2240 Acres Target No. 11 - 640 Acres Demolition Target Z - 4009 Acres Target No. 12 - 640 Acres Target No. 13 - 640 Acres
- 4. Torrain is flat desert land with sparse vegetation and brush.
- 5. Period between first March and first December would be most suitable for search and demolition crews. Temperatures of 100 and over will be normal from the middle of June to the middle of September. Rain and cold weather would hamper operations during December, January, and February.
- 6. Victorville, Galifornia is the only town from which the area is readily accessible. Disposal teams could be billeted at Victorville Army Air Field while clearing targets nearest to field. Field camps would be legical for the outlying targets. Distances from Victorville to the Bombing Targets range vary from 10 miles to over 100 miles by road. Reference is made to attached vicinity map.
- 7. One hundred pound sand filled practice bombs were used on all targets except Demolition Targets Y and Z. Five hundred pound demolition were used on Targets Y and Z.
- 8. (a) No information is available at this station as to which targets are now in use since all remaining targets were transferred to the Los Angeles District Engineer as surplus. It is believed that some targets were cleared by a detachment from Camp Hahn on orders from Minth Service Command.
 - (b) There has been no certificate of clearance submitted to Victorville Army Air Field.
- 9. Major Paul Bidwell, now located at 610 North Richmond Street, Albuquerque, New Mexico, was Assistant Post Engineer and Range Officer at Victorville Army Air Field during 1944 and 1945.
- 10. Lt. Robert E. Myers, Air Corps, is now Post Engineer at Victorville Army Air Field.

- 11. A vicinity map showing Bombing Target locations outlined in red is attached hereto.
- 12. There are no personnel available at Victorville Army Air Field for search parties.
- 13. There are no vehicles available at Victorville Army Air Field for transportation of search parties.



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In Reply Address Both Communication and Envelope to Attention of Following Office Symbol:

TSCON3C/DFO/jll Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio Oct. 10, 1946

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SUBJECT: Decontamination of Bombing and Gunnery Ranges.

TO:

Commanding General
San Bernardino Air Materiel Area
San Bernardino Army Air Field
San Bernardino, California

ATTN: Air Installations Office

- 1. Attention is invited to the contents of paragraphs 3 and 4 of War Department Circular No. 195 relating to statements concerning decontamination action required in connection with all declarations of excess covering Bombing and Gunnery Ranges.
- 2. For your information, advice is informally furnished that the War Department General Staff will declare surplus army Air Forces Bombing and Gunnery Ranges even though same have not been policed and all unexploded "duds" thereat have not been disarmed. It is, therefore, requested that any of subject ranges which are under your jurisdiction and are excess to the needs of your Command be so reported to this Headquarters together with all information regarding such policing and decontamination action as already may have been accomplished or remains to be accomplished. In the event that such ranges are thereafter determined to be surplus to the needs of the War Department, the appropriate Division Engineer then will assume responsibility for such further policing and decontamination as may be feasible and warranted.
- 3. In this connection it is understood that funds available to the Chief of Engineers for decontamination of surplus lands are extremely limited. It is, therefore, imperative that the Commanding Officer of each installation, or the tactical commander having responsibility for the operation of an area for which an installation commander is not otherwise responsible, make persistent and continuous effort with the means at hand to police and decontaminate range lands to the maximum extent possible.

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BASIC: Ltr fr AMC subj: "Decontamination of Bombing and Gunnery Ranges."

4. In view of the foregoing, all declarations of excess covering bombing and gunnery ranges should be submitted to this Headquarters in accordance with the provisions of War Department Circular No. 89, dated, 20 March 1945, and also include the information required by paragraph 2 above.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TWINING:

/s/Kirk H. Scott, Lt. Col.C.E.
for: JOHN G. GRIGGS
Colonel, Air Corps
Chief, Air Installations Division

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0 P Y 601. (Victorville Bombing Targets Nos. 1 to 9 inc., 11, 13 and 19)

Los Angeles, California 3 February 1947

SUBJECT: Short Form Appraisal.

TO:

The Chief of Engineers

War Department Washington 25, D. C.

Purpose of the Appraisal:

To state an opinion of the fair market value of 12 bombing sites formerly used by Victorville Army Air Field and located near Victorville, San Bernardino County, California, as of 22 January 1947.

Certification:

Pursuant to authorization from the Chief Appraiser of the Los Angelos Sub-Office, the undersigned has examined the above referred to premises and made an investigation for the purpose of determining the above desired valuations. By virtue of examination and investigation made, and by virtue of my experience as an appraiser, I have formed the valuation opinions as set forth on the recapitulation sheet attached hereto and made a part hereof.

I certify that I have no present or intended future interest therein.

A description of the property and details as to the basis for the above valuation opinions follow in the attached sheets.

F. L. Blacai Land Appraiser

APPROVED:

Reviewing Appraiser

Date Fig 14 mg

Victorville Bombing Targets Nos. 1 to 9 inc., 11,13 & 19

Location and Legal Description:

See recapitulation sheets attached hereto and made a part hereof.

General Description of Eurrounding Area:

All of subject bombing targets are located in the Mojave Desert. This is an arid region with only about one or two inches of rainfall per year. Common desert plants such as mesquite, cactus and sagebrush prevail on subject tracts.

Water was reportedly developed on Tracts 35 and 41 when acquired by the Government, and it is stated said wells were covered by sandbags to protect them from bombing. The present condition of these two wells is not known. Both 12-inch wells were supposedly drilled for purposes of irrigation which project was later abandoned because it proved unprofitable. On other tracts in Apple Valley it is reported water is available at a depth of from 150 to 400 feet. However, on most tracts the water table is much lower and the soils are so sandy, gravelly and rocky that the only use of water, if obtained, would be for household or livestock purposes.

Much of the land in this area is public domain which is indicative of its general small economic value. Many homesteads in this general area have been abandoned.

Most target areas lying within their respective sections of land were cleared of brush when acquired. Most target sites each have a large circle estimated at 600 feet in diameter and two smaller circles on either side estimated to be 500 feet in diameter. The remainder of each target area has usually not been cleared of brush.

Most targets are accessible by automobile whereas a few are accessible by jeep or truck only.

Limited grazing is available in this area for about two or three months in late winter. Where grass exists the carrying capacity is estimated to be from two to five animal units per section per year. (Same as 2 to 5 cow-year-long-or CYL.)

Highest and Best Use:

The highest and best use of Targest Nos. 1, 2, 4, 8, 19 and possibly 13 is for desert homesites to be inhabited for health purposes. Water is reportedly obtainable at depths varying from about 150 to 400 feet on these tracts.

The highest end best use of the remainder of the targets including Nos. 3, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 11 is for cattle grazing purposes to be used as a portion of the surrounding areas since a number of sections are required to comprise an economic grazing unit.

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Victorville Bombing Targets Nos. 1 to 9 inc.,11,13 & 19 General Description of Subject Properties (Cont'd): (6) Target No. 6: Is located on a dry lake bed and is level in topography. It is entirely barren, being composed entirely of sand, and has no grazing value whatscover. (7) Target No. 7: Is undulating in topography. It has some small brush. The soil is sandy, gravelly loam with very little grass. The grazing capacity is estimated to be about two or three CML per section. A small homesite is located about one mile southeast of this property. (8) Target No. 8: Is generally level to undulating in topography. It is located about four miles southeasterly from Lucerne and about one-half mile south of a grayel surfaced highway. The grazing capacity is estimated to be about four CYL per section. (9) Target No. 9: Is gently rolling in topography. The soil is quite gravelly with an average growth of brush and little grass. The grazing capacity is estimated to be about two CYL per section per year. (10) Target No. 11: Very similar to Target No. 9 described above. (11) Target No. 13: Is undulating in topography with a slope to the north and has a moderate coverage of brush. Its grazing capacity is estimated at four animal units per section per year.

(12) Target No. 19: Is undulating to gently rolling in topography and has moderate brush covering. The grazing capacity on said target is estimated to be five CML per section per year.

Supporting Data:

(1) Target No. 1: (a) In 1945 the State of California sold about 205 acres located about two or three miles northerly of subject property to Earl R. Mixon and E. W. Tucker for about \$5.00 per acre. The legal descriptions include SW: SW: SW: Section 5; S\dark Section 5; S\dark Section 7; S\dark Section 4; E\dark SW: Section 5; E\dark Section 7, all in Township 6 North, Range 3 West. These tracts are located at a lower level than subject property on slightly heavier soil with more grass.

Victorville Bombing Targets Nos. 1 to 9 inc., 11,13,2 19

Supporting Data (Cont'd):

- (9) Target No. 9:
- Most land in this area is public domain and has little value; this is true of subject target.
- (a) The Southern Pacific Railroad Company is listing Esctions 21 and 33, lying to the west and northwest, at \$2.00 per sore. These sections are similar to subject.
- (b) Southern Pacific Railroad Company is listing Section 29 for \$1.25 per acre. It is located one and one-half miles northwest of subject section and is slightly inferior.
- (10) Target No. 11: No sales or listing were found in this area but it is similar to Target No. 9.
- (11) Target No. 13: No sales or listings were obtained in this area. It has potential value for homesites.
- (12) Target No. 19: No sales were obtained in this area, however the following listings were obtained from the Southern Facific Railroad Company:
 - (a) W2 Section 9, T2N, R6E, asking \$4.70 per acre for 320 acres.
 - (b) Sky Section 29, T2N, R6K, asking \$6.25 per acrefor 160 acres.
 - (c) All of Section 13, T2H, R6E, asking \$5.50 per acre for 640 acres.

General Conclusions:

It is the opinion of the undersigned that those target areas suitable for desert homesites have a value greater than for grazing purposes yet smaller than the values for which scattered selected small 20-acre tracts are selling. Said small tracts have generally been sold by brokers who have been buying larger tracts over a period covering the past two or three years and who are now re-selling this land in smaller tracts to individual buyers at a much greater figure than acquisition cost.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHEFF OF ENGINEERS

9900 TSU DETACHMENT NO. 14

80M8 AND SHELL DISPOSAL TEAM

20 October 1947

SUBJECT: Report on the dedudding of Victorville Bombing Targets, San Bernardine County, California.

TO: Division Engineer
South Pacific Division
Corps of Engineers, War Dep't.
Oakland Army Base
Oakland 14, California

- 1. The 9800th TSU-CE Detachment #14, Bomb & Shell Disposal Team, was assigned the clearing of the Victorville Bombing Targets, Victorville, California under Surplus Real Estate Directives, South Pacific Division Numbers: Z-2571-5, X-3019-4, Z-302C-4, Z-3021-4 and Los Angeles District Numbers: Z-1264-3, X-1480-4, Z-1431-4, 1432-4. These Directives cover the dedudding of target Numbers: 6, 8, 9, 15, Y, 1-Z and 2-Z, a total of 9,029.35 acres. The dedudding operations of said targets began 7 July 1947 and were completed 18 October 1947.
 - 2. Five laborers, hired through the Los Angeles District Engineers, and the personnel of the Detachment made up the searching party. Two Project Engineers were also furnished by the Los Angeles District Engineers.
 - 3. The total man-hours, including Civilian and Detachment labor, was 3200 hours. The total Civilian field cost (Salary and For Diem) was \$8166.00.
 - 4. A team made up of one Project Engineer and one Sergeant from the Detachment surveyed and marked the boundaries of each range shead of the search crow. The other Project Engineer, in conjunction with a Detachment Sergeant, controlled the search crow.
 - 5. Targets 6, Y and 1-Z are located upon dry lake beds. Targets 8, 9, 15 and 2-Z are located on level desert land. Except for immediate center of the targets which have been cleared of vegetation, the areas are covered with a growth of sage, chapparal and other desert grasses and shrubs.

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- 6. All of the dedudded land covered by this report is suitable for grasing and/or mining only, with the possible exception of targets 8, 9 and 15 which are potential agricultural areas depending on adequate mater supply.
- 7. It is estimated that there is approximately 236 tons of scrap on subject targets. The los Angeles District Engineers has submitted an estimate for scrap removal on these targets to the Division Engineers for further action.
- 8. The method of searching was as it was in similar reported jobs. However, the immediate target areas were more heavily impacted and a large percentage of the bombs were buried or partially buried necessitating three passes of the search erew and sonsiderable encayating. The adjacent areas, being alightly impacted and the nature of the terrien, permitted the specing of the search erew at wider intervials than in previous reported jobs.
- 9. All blasting was done after the searchers were cut of the range or at a latter date. The dud bombs were rid of by planing a sufficient size charge of Composition C-3 on them, so as to explade the bomb or completely demolish it. After detenation the demolition man checked the surrounding area to insure that the object in question had been destroyed.
 - 10. A list of duds found and destroyed are given below:
 - (a) 2 Bomb, 2,000-pound, Light Case, H. R.,
 - (b) 13 Romb, 100-yound, H. E.
 - (c) 1 Romb, Flame, Mireraft, Parachute, M26
 - (d) 629 Romb, Practice, M38-A2

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- 11. I believe the 9,029.35 acres covered by this report to be free from emplosive material for the purpose of grazing, mining and/or agricultural purposes.
 - 12. The location of this area is designed by the enclosed map of:

Real Estate Victorville Army Air Field-Bombing Ranges Drawing No. 65-FP State: California County: San Bernardino

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9800th TSU-CE Det #14
Bomb & Shell Disposal Team
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Ground Water Atlas of the United States - Segment 1 California Nevada

##GROUND-WATER FLOW SYSTEMS

The ground-water flow systems of the Basin and Range area are in individual basins or in two or more hydraulically connected basins through which ground water flows to a terminal discharge point or sink. Except for relatively small areas that drain to the Colorado River, water is not discharged to major surface-water bodies but is lost solely through evapotranspiration. Each basin has essentially the same characteristics--the impermeable rocks of the mountain ranges serve as boundaries to the flow system, and the majority of the ground water flows through basin-fill deposits. In the areawhere carbonate rocks underlie the basins, substantial quantities of water can flow between basins. through the carbonate rocks and into the basin-fill deposits, but this water also is ultimately discharged by evapotranspiration. Most recharge to the basin-fill deposits originates in the mountains as snowmelt, and, where the mountain streams emerge from bedrock channels, the water infiltrates into the alluvial fans and replenishes the basin-fill aquifer. Intense thunderstorms may provide some direct recharge to the basin-fill deposits, but, in most cases, any rainfall that infiltrates the soil is either immediately evaporated or taken up as soil moisture; little water percolates downward through the unsaturated zone to reach the water table in the valleys. In mountain areas underlain by permeable carbonate rocks, most of the recharge may enter the carbonate rocks and little water remains to supply runoff.

Figure 25. Four types of basins have been identified in the Basin and Range area and are classified on the basis of differences in ground-water flow.

Basin-fill deposits Playa that receives groundwater discharge Dry playa Phreatophytes—Plants with roots that extend to water table Low-permeability bedrock Permeable bedrock Direction of ground-water movement

Fault-Arrows show

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relative vertical

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Survey Professional Paper 813-6, 37p.

Because regional aquifers are not continuous within the Basin and Range area, the individual basins, which are encircled by topographic drainage divides, have been classified as one of four types based on similar recharge-discharge relations (fig. 25 and table 1). The simplest type is the "undrained, closed basin," a single valley in which the underlying and surrounding bedrock is practically impermeable and does not allow interbasin flow, and all recharge is discharged at a sink represented by a playa near the center of the basin. Basins underlain by permeable bedrock commonly are hydraulically connected as multiple valley systems. The "partly drained, closed basin" is underlain or

surrounded by bedrock that is moderately permeable and allows some ground water to flow out of the basin. In this type of basin, some water is evaporated or transpired at the upgradient side of a playa, but most of the water continues to flow past the downgradient side of the playa and leaves the basin. The "drained, closed basin" has a deep water table that prevents evapotranspiration. The bedrock is sufficiently permeable to allow all recharge to flow through it and out of the basin. The "terminal sink basin" is underlain or surrounded by bedrock that is sufficiently permeable to conduct flow into the basin, and the playa in the basin is the discharge point for recharge from several connected basins.

In some places, an existing or ancestral stream course connects several basins that are not closed. The individual basins connected by such streams can also be classified as partly drained, drained, or terminal sink.

Examples of the individual type basins follow, except for the drained closed basin. With the exception that the water table in the drained closed basin is far below the playa, the partly drained and drained closed basins are sufficiently similar that discussion of each type is not warranted.

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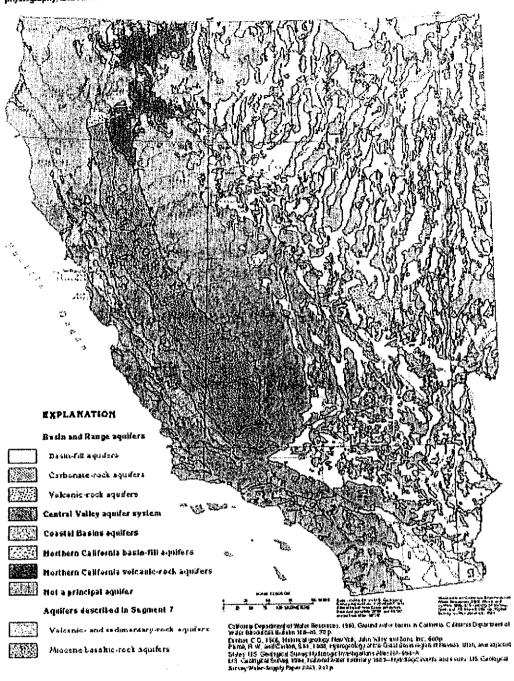
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Figure 11. The aquitors in Segment 1 have been grouped into the major aquitors or aquitor systems. Addingly four of the aquitors consist of basin till deposits, the characteristics of these deposits vary, depositing on differences in goology, physiography, and officials.



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Since the discovery of gold in the mid-1800's, California has experienced a population, industrial, and agricultural boom unrivaled by that of any other State. Water needs in California are very large, and the State leads the United States in agricultural and municipal water use. The demand for water exceeds the natural water supply in many agricultural and nearly all urban areas. As a result, water is impounded by reservoirs in areas of surplus and transported to areas of scarcity by an extensive network of aqueducts.

Unlike California, which has a relative abundance of water, development in Nevada has been limited by a scarcity of recoverable freshwater. The Truckee, the Carson, the Walker, the Humboldt, and the Colorado Rivers are the only perennial streams of significance in the State. The individual basin-fill aquifers, which together compose the largest known ground-water reserves, receive little annual recharge and are easily depleted. Nevada is sparsely populated, except for the Las Vegas, the Reno--Sparks, and the Carson City areas, which rely heavily on imported water for public supplies. Although important to the economy of Nevada, agriculture has not been developed to the same degree as in California due, in large part, to a scarcity of water. Some additional ground-water development might be possible in Nevada through prudent management of the basin-fill aquifers and increased utilization of ground water in the little-developed carbonate-rock aquifers that underlie the eastern one-half of the State. The potential problem of withdrawals in excess of natural recharge, however, will require careful management of ground-water withdrawals.



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FOR
THE FORMER
VICTORVILLE PBR #9
BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA
PROJECT NUMBER J09CA069401

APPENDIX G

REAL ESTATE DOCUMENTS

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CONVERSATION RECORD	TIME	DATE
	0930 PST	22 January 1998
TYPE		
X VISIT	CONFERENCE	TELEPHONE
X VISIT	CONFERENCE	INCOMING
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NAME OF PERSON CONTACT WITH	ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE NO. (909) 387-3598
Bill Myers Bob Hall	San Bernardino Sheriff's	(909) 367-3396
BOD Hall	Department	
OVER TROP Wink and Man Burning Design		
SUBJECT Victorville Precision Bom	oing kanges	
SUMMARY Messrs. Hall and Myers a	ro special detect	ives assigned to the
San Bernardino Sheriff's Bomb Squ	re special decect	he assessment team met
with the detectives at the Sherif	f's Department	The detectives were
shown a map of the Victorville bo	mb targets and we	ere asked if they had
any knowledge of ordnance being d	iscovered at thes	e sites.
They explained that they rec	eive over 200 cal	ls per year regarding
military munitions due to the lar	ge military prese	ence in San Bernardino
County. Most of the munitions re	covered have been	n moved a number of
times before they are notified, s	o there is no way	of determining the
original location of the ordnance		
Mr. Myers stated that a 5-in	ch rocket had bee	en recovered in the
vicinity of bomb target 6, 7 or 8	He was unable	to identify which
target contained the rocket, but	he recalled seei	ng a number of fins
sticking out of the ground.		,
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He stated that a 100-lb. pra	ctice bomb was re	ecovered from target 14
about seven years ago.		
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NAME OF PERSON CONTACT WITH Jerry Bronson	ORGANIZATION BLM, Barstow Fie Office	TELEPHONE NO. (760) 252-6075
SUBJECT Former Victorville Bom	bing Ranges.	
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NAME OF PERSON CONTACT WITH CPT Grimes, 1SG Fortney SFC Woods							
SUBJECT							
Victorville Precision Bomb Targe	ts						
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Chem Engineer

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MSGT Hepner	95 th CEG/CED	((805)	277-	-2162
TSGT Glinka	Edwards AFB, CA				
SUBJECT					
Victorville Precision Bomb Target	S				
SUMMARY				44	
MSGT Hepner and TSGT Glinl	ka have been wi	th th	ıe 9	95 th	
CEG/CED for a few months and					
Although they have responded	_	_			e AFB
(formerly Victorville AAF),					
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		X OUTGOING			
NAME OF PERSON CONTACTED	ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE NO.			
Glenn Brooks	Former Airman	(405) 732-8877			
SUBJECT Victorville PBRs	1				
SUMMARY:					

Mr. Brooks said that he was part of the initial enlisted cadre and arrived at Victorville AAF in September of 1941. He was in the aircraft maintenance branch and remembered working on the Beechcraft AT-7 and AT-11 as well as the Lockheed P-38. He said the P-38s arrived straight from the plant in early 1942. The P-38 pilots carried both .50 caliber and 20mm machine guns, but these were fired only at the Muroc Dry Lake range near what is now Edwards AFB.

He knew specifically of 4 Victorville AAF bombing ranges that were in dry lakes. He said there were large circles around the target center to assist the bombardier cadets. Mr. Brooks said the AT-11s were used for this training, and all they ever dropped were 100 lb sand filled bombs with a small smoke charge. As a maintenance man, he used to go up on some of the training missions. He was certain there were never any HE bombs or any kinds of rockets used when he was there. He added that the 100 lb practice bombs were stored out in the open, and that small arms and spotting charges were the only items stored in one small igloo on the AAF.

Mr. Brooks left Victorville AAF as a 2LT in April of 1943 and went on to spend an additional 30 years in the Air Force.

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NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION	ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE NUMBER
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CONVERSATION RECORD	TIME	DATE
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NAME OF PERSON CONTACTED Owen Cooper	ORGANIZATION Former Bombardie Cadet	TELEPHONE NO. (410) 747-5991
SUBJECT Victorville PBRs		

Mr. Cooper said that he joined the Army Air Forces as an aviation cadet but washed out of flight school and then trained as a bombardier. He was in class 43-3 at Victorville Army Air Field, graduating in March of 1943. He trained in the AT-11 and flew practice bombing missions to ranges all around the Victorville area, including some on the dry lake bed of Lake Lucerne (PBR #6). Mr. Cooper said all he ever dropped were 100 pound sand filled bombs with a spotting charge. He never saw an HE bomb at Victorville and was unaware of any other cadets dropping HE bombs. He recalled that the standard procedure was to drop one practice bomb on a target, and then follow specific compass headings to other targets to drop additional practice bombs one at a time.

After completing bombardier training, Mr. Cooper joined a B-17 crew for further training in Utah and eventually flew missions over Germany as a lead bombardier with the $91^{\rm st}$ Bomb Group.

ACTION REQUIRED
None

NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION	ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE NUMBER			
Ronald Plante	CEMVR-ED-DO	(309) 782-1481			
SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE			
nea Pate	QASAS	4 March 1998			

X VISIT	CONFERENCE	TELEPHONE INCOMING
		OUTGOING
NAME OF PERSON CONTACT WITH Dick Whitbeck	ORGANIZATION Victorville California	EPHONE NO. .9) 386-2127
SUBJECT Former Victoryille Bomb	sing Pango #0	

SUMMARY

Mr. Whitbeck was a COE employee and wrote the INPR for the Victorville PBR #9. He stated that from what he could remember of the particular site there was very little evidence of any type of OE presence. He stated that he did not find any live OE and only small amounts of metal pieces from the old style M-38 practice bombs. Mr. Whitbeck stated that he did not find evidence of any burial sites on the former site.

ACTION REQUIRED		
NONE		
ACTION TAKEN		
NONE		
NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING COVERSATION	ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE NUMBER
James L. Aschnewitz	CEMVR-ED-DO	(309) 782-1490
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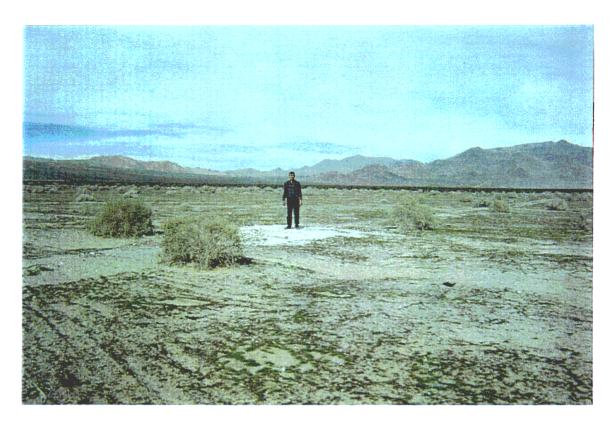
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J-1. Target Center with white crushed rock still remaining, photo taken facing north (Area A).



 ${\tt J-2}.$ Target ring comprised of asphalt like material (Area A).



 $\mbox{\it J-3.}$ Off road vehicle trail (original access trail), photo taken facing West (Areas B and C).



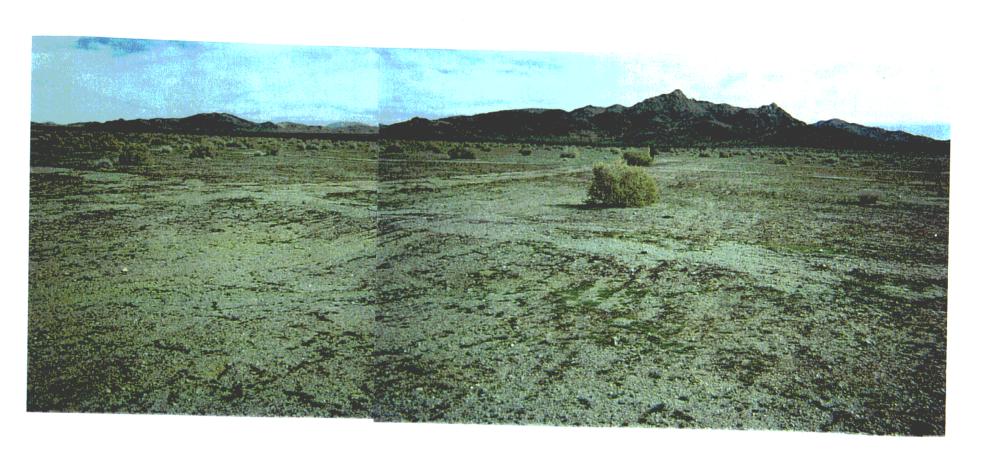
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J-5. Outside the target circle facing inward toward target center (Area A).



J-6. Buffer Area (Area B) and outlying Remaining Land (Area C), photograph taken facing Northeast.



J-7. Edge of target area facing east/southeast (Area C).

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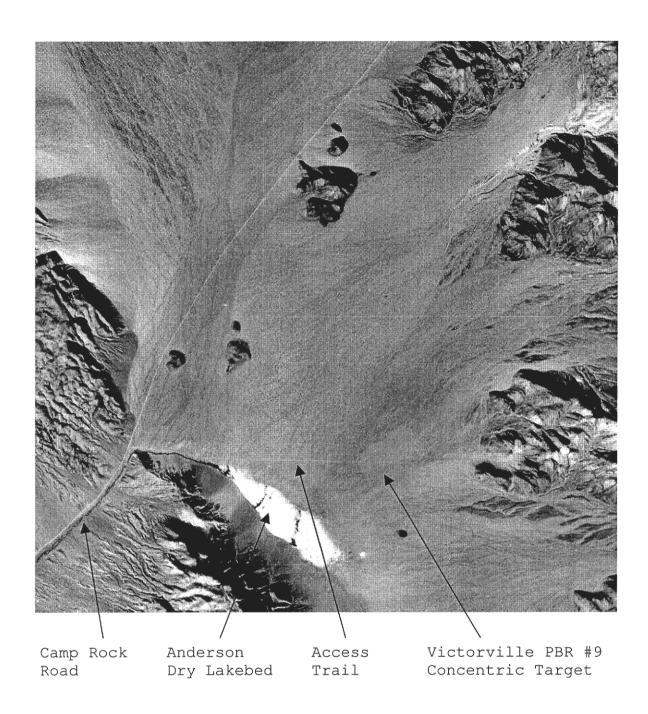
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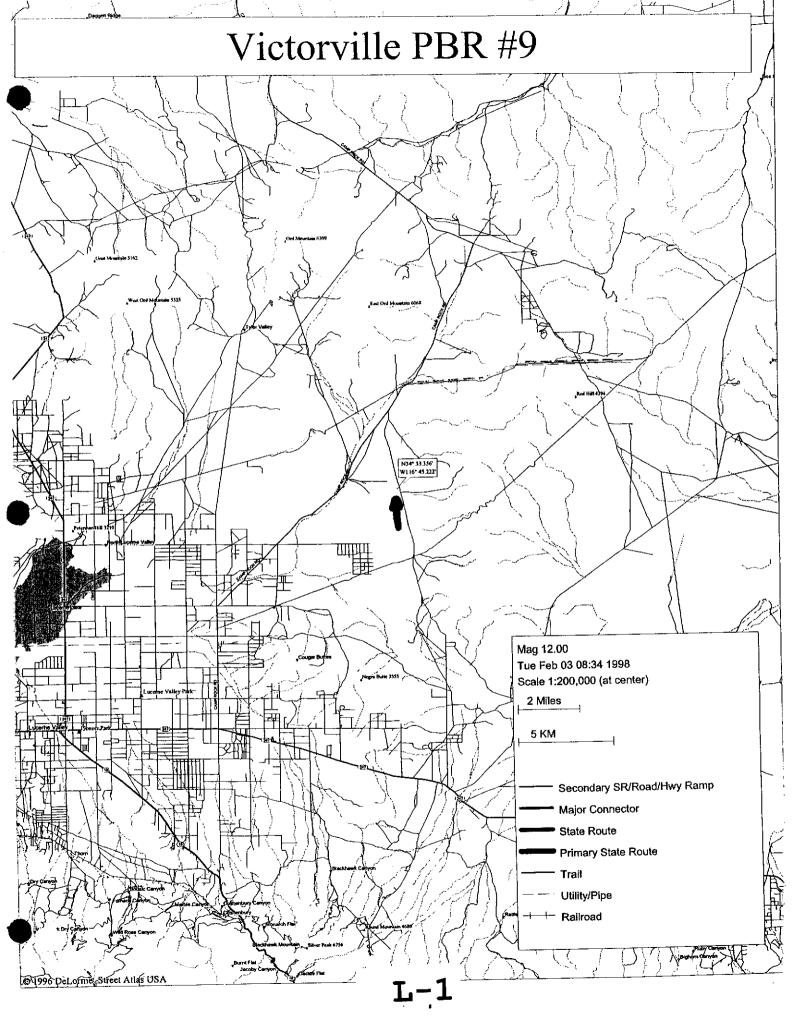
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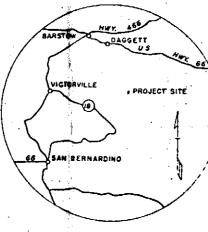


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PROJECT OWNERSHIP MAP STATE CALIFORNIA OF MAPI COUNTY SAN BERNARDINO DIVISION SOUTH PACIFIC DISTRICT LOS ANGELES SIXTH ARMY AREA USING AGENCY W.F.T.C. 28 MILES S.E. OF BARSTOW 31 MILES E. OF VICTORVILLE

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

A. T. & S. F.

---- ACQUISITION -

TOTAL ACRES ACQUIRED 657. 21 ACRES OWNED BY W.D. ACRES LEASED BY W.D. ACRES LEASED FROM W.D. ACRES TRANSFERRED TO W.D. 657.28

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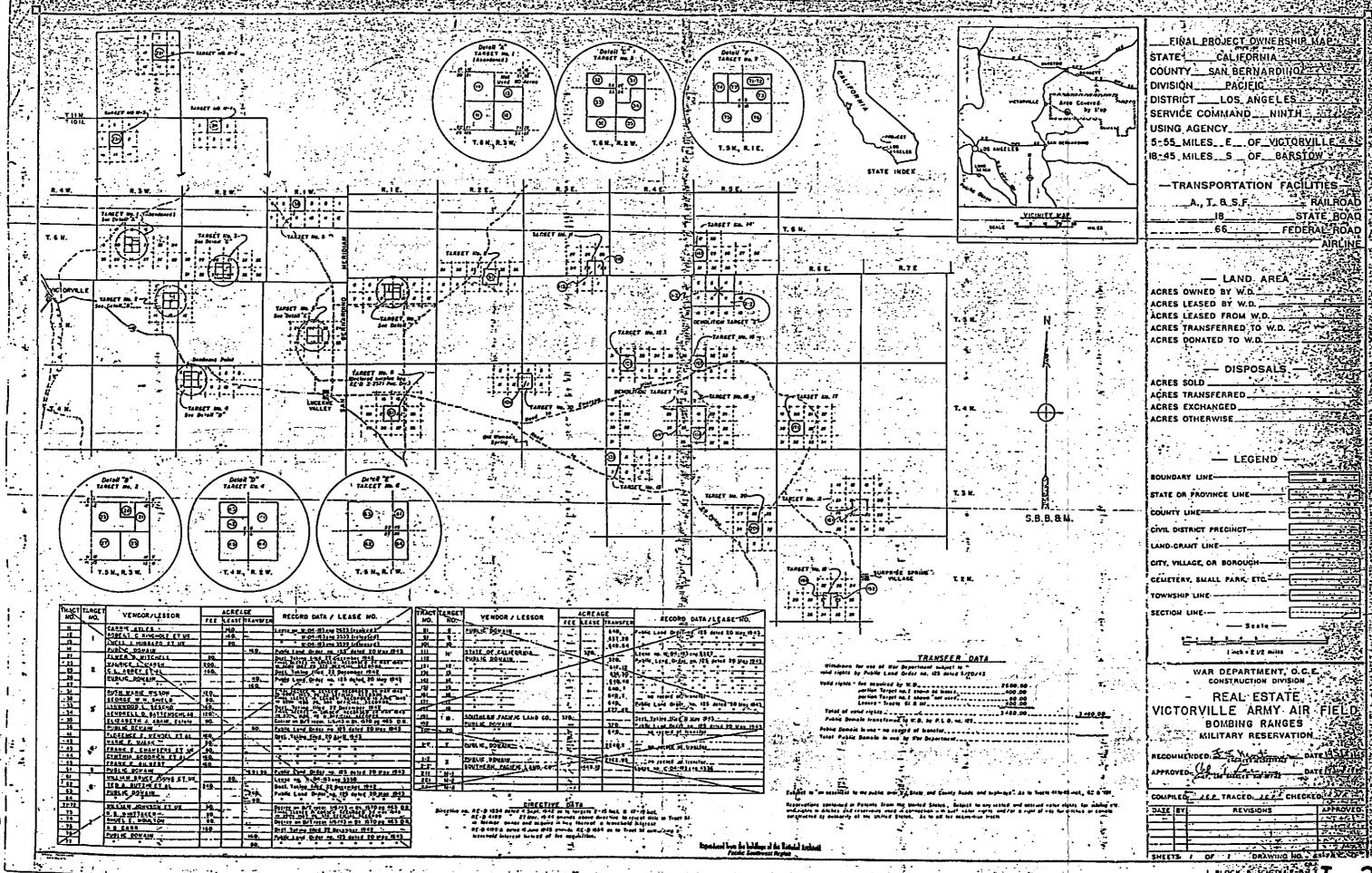
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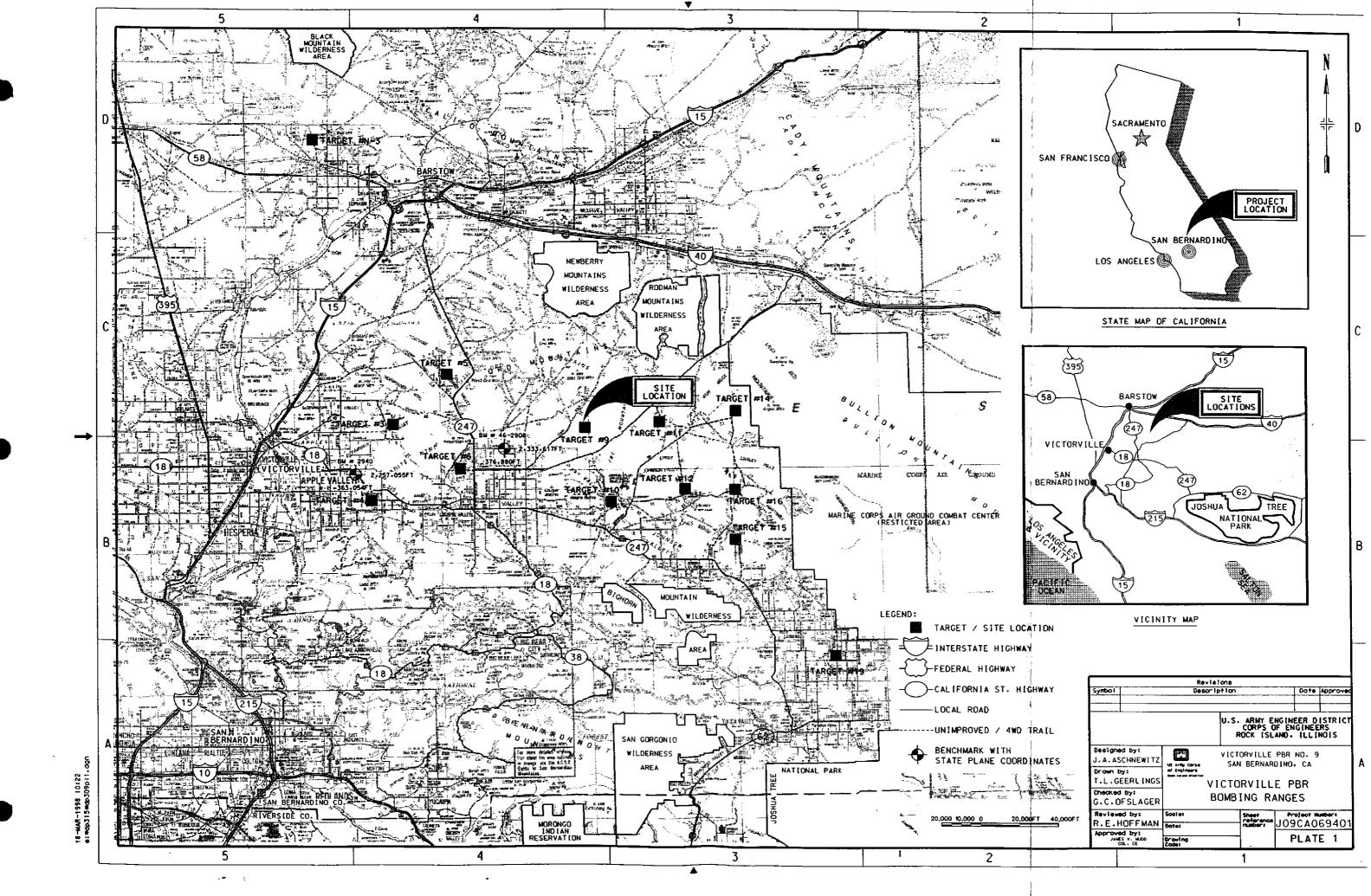
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