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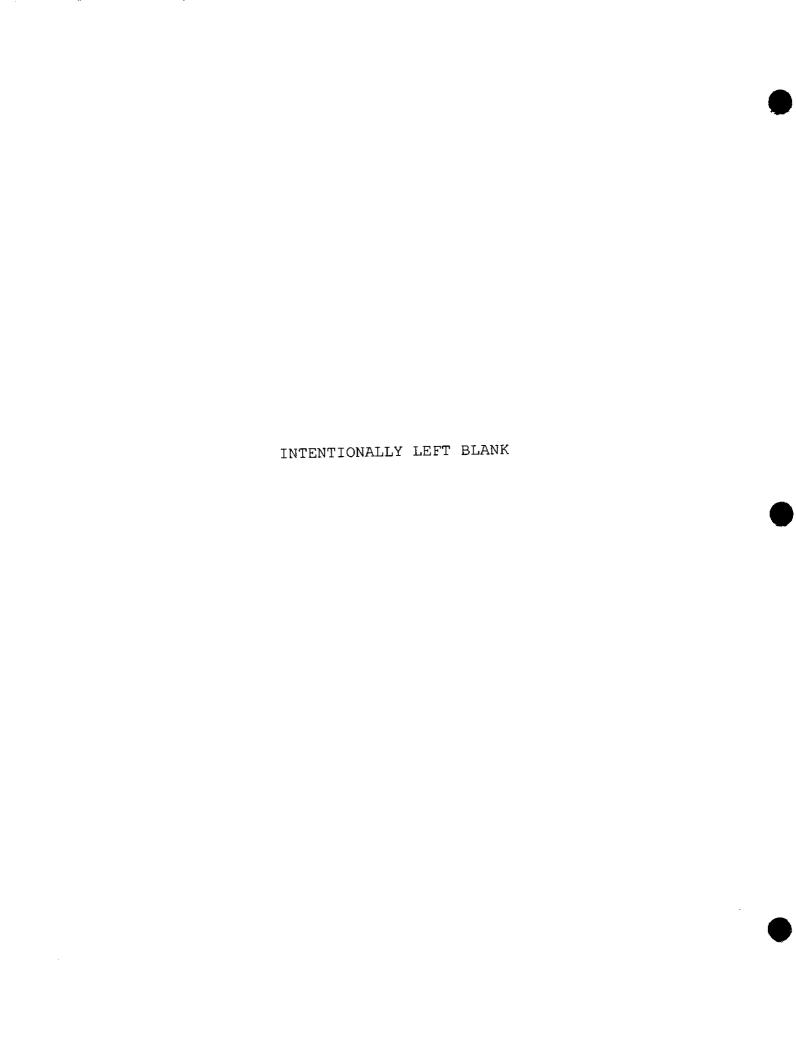
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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### a. Subject and Purpose

- (1) This report presents the findings of a historical records search and site inspection for ordnance and explosives (OE) presence located at the former Victorville Precision Bombing Range NO. 11 (PBR NO. 11), Victorville, California (see plate 1 for general location map). The investigation was performed under the authority of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS).
- (2) This investigation focused on approximately 640 acres of land that were used by the War Department. The site was used as a precision bombing range from 1943 to 1948.
- (3) The purpose of this investigation was to characterize the site for potential OE presence, to include conventional ammunition and chemical warfare material (CWM). This investigation was conducted by experienced ordnance experts through thorough evaluation of historical records, interviews and an on-site visual inspection results.

#### b. Scope

- (1) This report presents the site history, site description, real estate ownership information, 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 potential ordnance areas where ordnance presence has not been confirmed.
  - (2) For the purpose of this report, OE presence consists of live ammunition, live 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 (.50 cal or smaller), is **not** considered OE presence. OE further includes "explosive soil" which refers to any mixture in soil, sand, clay, 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

A Preliminary Assessment of Victorville PBR NO. 11 was conducted under the DERP-FUDS by the US Army Corps Of Engineers, Los Angeles District (CESPL) in 1991 (see document E-1). The Findings and Determination of Eligibility, dated 3 July 1991, concluded that the 640 acres located in San Bernardino County, California, had been formerly used by the War Department/Department of Defense. That report recommended referral to CEHND, now CEHNC, for an evaluation of possible ordnance presence. Table 2-1 represents an overview of the PA phase. Headquarters, Corps of Engineers, authorized an OE project, number J09CA067701. No other projects were recommended at this site.

		TABLE 2	-1		
	DERP-FUDS PREL	IMINARY A	SSESSN	MENT PROJECT	S
Project Number	DERP Category	Present Phase	С	Comments	Location
J09CA067701	OE	SI	- 1	Ordnance or Explosives	Entire site See Plate 2
	HTRW			No projects recommended	
	BD/DR			No projects recommended	

#### b. Other Investigations

There were no other investigations brought to the attention of inspection team during the investigation of this site.

#### 3. SITE DESCRIPTION

#### a. Existing Land Usage

(1) The former Victorville PBR No. 11 is located approximately 42 miles east of Victorville, California and 32 miles southeast of Barstow, California in San Bernardino County (see plate 1 and 2). The area consists of approximately 640

acres. Table 3-1 and Plate 5 contains information for current property ownership and usage. See Table 3-1 below.

(2) The area is used for Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation, and camping, by the public. The 640 acres that made up the former target area is government owned and is managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

	TABLE 3-1 LAND USAGE						
AREA	FORMER USAGE	PRESENT OWNER	PRESENT USAGE	SIZE/ ACRES	COMMENTS		
A	Bomb Target	Federal Government	Recreational	37	See Plate 5		
В	Safety Zone	Federal Government	Recreational	306	See Plate 5		
С	Remaining Land	Federal Government	Recreational	297	See Plate 5		
			TOTAL	640			

#### b. Climatic Data

- (1) Rainfall is sparse in all months based on the climatology data for Barstow and Victorville, California. Precipitation is rare in the summer months and occurs mainly in the winter. Measurable rain occurs one day in four from late October to early April. In three years out of four, traces or less are reported for the entire months of June, July and August. June is usually the month of minimum rainfall (0.04 inch) on the average. January is usually the month of maximum rainfall (1.01 inch) on the average. The total annual precipitation is about five inches. Very small amounts of snow are recorded during the winter months. The average seasonal snowfall is about two inches. Snow on the ground is rare and the number of such days varies from year to year.
- (2) The desert type climate is normally mild during the winter months and summers long and hot. Winters are quite warm despite an occasional series of days when the nightly temperature drops below freezing. In winter, the average temperate is 45 degree Fahrenheit with an average daily minimum during the winter months of 30 degrees Fahrenheit. In 1949 a temperature of 17 degrees Fahrenheit was recorded. In summer, the average temperature is 77 degrees Fahrenheit. The average daily maximum temperature is 97 degrees Fahrenheit. The highest recorded temperature in San Bernardino County was 116 degrees Fahrenheit on July 11, 1972 at Barstow.

- (3) The average relative humidity in midafternoon is about 20 percent. Humidity is higher at night and the average at dawn is about 50 percent. Percentage of possible sunshine is 90 percent of the time in summer and 60 percent in winter. The mean annual temperature is 62 degrees Fahrenheit.
- (4) The prevailing wind is from the west with an average windspeed, eight miles per hour, in the summer. The highest recorded windspeed is 87.4 miles per hour.

#### c. Topography

- (1) The site is located in the Mojave Desert near Johnson Valley between small mountain masses that are part of the Fry Mountains. The area is nearly level to strongly sloping terraces with approximately a 0 to 15 percent slope, with elevations from approximately 2,000 feet to about 4,000 feet.
- (2) The area is characterized by the many gullies and channels leading from the mountain ranges to the playas on the desert floor. The vegetation consists of mostly desert shrubs, annual forbs, and grasses (see document F-3).

#### d. Geology and Soils

- (1) The area in which the former range lies is made up from only one soil association. The Mohave-Adelantovariants association consists of a well drained, moderately slowly permeable, sandy loams, moderately deep to deep caliche, developed in stratified clay loam alluvium.
- (2) The 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.
- (3) The adelanto variant soils have brown, granular, soft, moderately alkaline, sandy loam surface soils and reddish brown, blocky, slightly hard, moderately alkaline, sandy loam subsoils.
- (4) These soils overlie grayish brown massive, very hard and extremely hard, moderately alkaline, calcareous, clay loam (caliche) substrata (see document F-3)

#### 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 groundwater in the immediate area of PBR NO. 11. However, other former Victorville PBR sites in the vicinity have reported groundwater depths of approximately 250 feet. The area in which the former range was located is in the groundwater flow systems of the Basin and Range area. The Basin and Range area is in individual basins or in two or more hydraulically connected basins through which groundwater flows to a terminal discharge point or sink.

- (2) These sinks have essentially the same characteristics, the impermeable rocks of the mountain ranges serve as boundaries to the flow system, and the majority of the groundwater flows through the basin-fill deposits.
- (3) 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 basin-fill deposits. This water also is ultimately discharged by evapotranspiration.
- (4) Where possible recharge to the basin-fill deposits originates in the mountain 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 rains 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 as soil moisture (see document F-4).

#### f. Natural Resources

The letter from the US Fish and Wildlife Service indicates that the threatened desert tortoise may be found in the area of the Victorville PBRs. Contact should be made with the above mentioned department if any projects are warranted. This information is provided in Table 3-2 (See document F-1).

#### g. Historical/Cultural Resources

There are no recorded historical sites in the area that made up the former PBR No. 11, however, there are rock arts recorded in the vicinity. Coordination should be done with the California Archaeological Information Center if any project are recommended in this area (see document F-2 and table 3-2).

TABLE 3-2 NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES					
Resource Classification	Туре	Federal Status*			
Wildlife	Reptiles Desert Tortoise	Threatened			
Vegetation	None	None Listed			
Cultural/ Historical	None	Coordinate with SHPO			

#### 4. HISTORICAL ORDNANCE PRESENCE

#### a. Chronological Site Summary

- (1) In 1943 approximately 640 acres, was transferred from the Department of Interior to the War Department by Public Land Order #125 (see document F-5). The land was located approximately 36 miles southeast of the town of Barstow, California in San Bernardino
- (2) The land was to be used as a precision bombing range for training pilots stationed at Victorville Army Air Base (see document G-1).
- (3) In 1948 it was determined by the War Department that no further need exists for the real estate of PBR NO. 11 (see documents G-2).
- (4) The site was transferred by letter to the Department of the Interior in 1948 with custody assumed in 1954 (see documents G-2).

#### b. Ordnance Related Records Review

- (1) An historical documents search was conducted by the site inspection (SI) team to obtain ordnance related records relevant to the former Victorville PBR NO. 11. Research sites included, but were not limited to, the National and State Archives; state, county, and local libraries; historical centers and societies; local newspapers; state, county, and local law enforcement agencies; and current owners of the former site (see Appendix A for a complete listing of contacts).
- (2) Document F-5 was Public Land Order #125 withdrawing lands used by the War Department for bombing targets. This document has attached a clearance certificate dated 22 March 1948 and a dedudding report dated 4 February 1948 for 11 of the Victorville Bombing Targets. These reports indicates that M38A2

practice bombs, 32 dud M26 flare bombs and aircraft parachutes were found and destroyed during this dedudding action.

- (3) Document F-6 is the history of Victorville Army Air Field for November and December 1944. This document shows that the Army airfield maintained M38A2 practice bombs, M47 series bombs, M85 concrete bombs and various calibers of small arms ammunition.
- (4) Document G-1 and G-2 are land acquisition and real property management property documents. These documents verify acquisition, acreage location and the surplus date of the property in question.
- (5) Document K-1 is a 1989 aerial photo that has been computer enhanced to show the approximate layout of the Victorville PBR NO. 11.
- (6) Document L-1 is a drawing of the Victorville Army Air Field Bombing Ranges dated September 1945. This map was utilized for the in the drafting of the plates in this report.

#### c. Interviews With Site-Related Personnel

- (1) Efforts to locate individuals who had served or had first hand knowledge of the Victorville Bombing Ranges; including PBR NO. 11, were unsuccessful. Personal interviews were conducted with local individuals that had worked at the Victorville Army Air Force Base during the war years, but the individuals did not know of the bombing ranges. Bureau of Land Management representatives, US Fish and Wildlife Service employees, and local law enforcement were also interviewed to obtain information about PBR NO. 11.
- (2) There were interviews with persons that had knowledge of all the Victorville PBRs as a bombing range or if ordnance had ever been found in the area (See documents I-1 through I-7).
- (3) Detective Bill Myers and Bob Hall from the 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).
- (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 PBR (see documents I-2 and I-3).

- (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-4 and I-5).
- (6) 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-6).

#### 5. SITE ELIGIBILITY

#### a. Confirmed Formerly Used Defense Site

Former land usage by the War Department was previously confirmed for the entire site as summarized in section 4a of this report. The 640 acres of the former Victorville PBR NO. 11 was used by the War Department/Department of Defense as a Practice Bombing Range. Historical documents and personal interviews confirm this finding. No ownership or usage of any part of the Victorville PBR NO. 11 remains with the Department of Defense (DOD) (See documents E-1, G-1, G-2, plate 1 and 2).

#### b. Potential Formerly Used Defense Site

(1) There are no additional acres found during this investigation that were utilized to support this target.

#### 6. VISUAL SITE INSPECTION

#### a. General Procedures and Safety

- (1) During the period of 20 January through 28 January 1998, members of the Assessment Team traveled to the former Victorville PBR NO. 11 area. The primary task of the team was to assess OE presence and potential, due to its former usage as a precision bombing range by the War Department/Department of Defense, as stated in the INPR. Site inspection was limited to non-intrusive methods; i.e. subsurface sampling was not authorized nor performed.
- (2) Real estate rights-of-entry were not obtained nor deemed necessary, as the land in question is public land and accessible to the team.

- (3) A site safety plan was developed and utilized by the assessment team to assure safety from injury during the site inspection of this facility. Prior to the inspection, a briefing was conducted which stressed that OE should only be handled by military EOD personnel (Reference B-1).
- (4) Prior to the site visit, a thorough review of all available reports, historical documents, texts, and technical ordnance reference materials gathered during the historical records search portion was made to ensure awareness of potential ordnance types and hazards.
- (5) The team traversed the target area first in a vehicle and then on foot. The team stopped at various points in the PBR NO. 11 to observe fragments of bombs within the target area.
- (6) The site is being broken down into sub-sites for this report: i.e., Area A is Target Area, Area B is a Buffer Zone, and Area C is additional acreage (see Plate 4).

#### b. Area A: Target Area

- (1) This area is approximately 37 acres in size. This area was designated as a practice bombing range in 1943 and relinquished in 1948 to the Department of the Interior. This area is BLM properties. The general vicinity entering the target area is used at the present time for recreational camping, and OHV for the public during the springtime of year (see photos J-1, J-2 plate 3 and plate 4). The actual area of this target is rugged terrain not suitable for camping and therefore, is not likely to be a popular site to set up camp, although the possibility remains for campers. Usage of this area by the public falls off drastically (minimal to no usage) during the summer with temperatures exceeding 100 degrees Fahrenheit and then the cool temperatures and rainfall of the fall and winter.
- (2) There was visual evidence of a target, three target rings and the center of the target as shown in document K-1, photos J-1, J-2, and J-3 (see plate 3).
- (3) As shown in photos J-2 and J-4 (see plate 3) there was a burster tube from M47 series incendiary bombs and a piece of a M85 cement bomb found in area A. There were only a couple of pieces of OE found in Area A indicating that this site had been dedudded in accordance with document F-5.

#### c. Area B: Buffer Zone

(1) This area consists of approximately 306 acres that surrounds the original target area. This area is BLM property.

This area is also used at the present time for recreational camping, and OHV for the public.

(2) There were no OE items or debris found in area B during this investigation. Once again this indicated that this area had been dedudded in accordance with document F-5.

#### d. Area C: Remaining Land

This remaining 297 acres surrounds the outside of the buffer area and the target (see photos J-5 and J-6 and plate 4). This area is BLM properties. This area is also used at the present time for recreational camping, and OHV for the public. There was no residue found in this are by the SI team during this inspection

#### 7. EVALUATION OF ORDNANCE HAZARDS

#### a. General Procedures

- (1) This land was evaluated to determine confirmed, potential, or uncontaminated ordnance presence. Confirmed OE presence is based on verifiable historical records evidence or direct witness of OE items (with explosive components and/or inert debris/fragments) since site closure. Additional field data are 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 law enforcement agencies/bombs 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.
- (2) Potential OE 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).
- (3) Uncontaminated ordnance areas are based on a lack of confirmed or potential ordnance evidence. All historical records evidence 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 site.

#### b. Area A: Target Area

- (1) Based on material collected during the ASR and the definition of OE, Area A is considered a **Confirmed** area of OE presence. This is based on historical documentation and visual evidence. The OE SI team found ammunition items within the target area.
- (2) The ordnance found in this area was expended debris from M85 practice bombs, and a expended buster tube from an M47 series incendiary bomb found during this investigation. There were no complete rounds found during this investigation. There were no reports of any complete items ever being found in this area. The items were inert and were not hazardous, they appeared to have already functioned as intended (See documents D-1 through D4 plate 3 and plate 4).

#### c. Area B: Buffer Zone

- (1) Area B is a **potential** area of OE presence based on historical documentation, visual evidence and the definition of OE. The OE SI team found no ammunition items within Area B during this investigation.
- (2) This area does have the possibility to have OE underground due to the closeness to the target center.

#### d. Area C: Remaining Lands

The outer area shown in plate 4 is an **uncontaminated** area based on no visual evidence and the definition of OE. The OE SI team found no ammunition items or parts within this area.

#### 8. SITE ORDNANCE TECHNICAL DATA

#### a. End Item Technical Data

- (1) While no comprehensive list of the exact types of ammunition used at the former Victorville PBR NO. 11 could be located, the range was a practice bombing range. The general fillers of the munitions used on the target area were sand or water filled. No evidence exists that chemical warfare materials were used at this site.
- (2) Table 8-1, has been developed to establish a list of potential ordnance items and their filler that could exist at surface or sub-surface levels within the former site. This table has been developed based on historical documentation and circumstances under which this area was used. The model numbers used to delineate possible types are speculative and are based on common models that existed during the time period the site was in existence.

	AMMUNITION US	TABLE 8-1 ED AND EXPLOSIVE/CHEMICAL	FILLER
ITEM	MODEL/TYPE	FILLER/WEIGHT	FUZE/TYPE
Bomb, practice, 100 pound	M38A2	Body - sheet metal Filler - sand Spotting charge - M1A1	Mk 247 (inert)
	м85	Body - concrete with sheet metal tail assembly Spotting charge - M1A1	None
Bomb, chemical, 100 pound (metal parts)	M47A1*, M47A2*	Body - sheet metal Filler* - sand	Unknown*
Charge, spotting	M1A1	Filler - 3 lbs black powder	N/A

<sup>\*</sup> The M47A1 and M47A2 chemical bombs used at Victorville PBR NO. 11 were configured as practice bombs and inertly filled with sand. It is unknown if inert fuzes were used in this configuration.

#### b. Chemical Data of Ordnance Fillers

Table 8-2, has been developed to provide information on the explosive/chemical compounds used in the ordnance cited in Table 8-1.

TABLE 8-2				
	CHEMICAL DATA OF ORDNANCE	FILLERS		
FILLER	SYNONYM(S)	CHEMICAL FORMULA		
Black Powder	Saltpeter, Niter			
75% Sodium Nitrate		NaNO <sub>3</sub>		
10% Sulfur		S		
15% Charcoal		С		

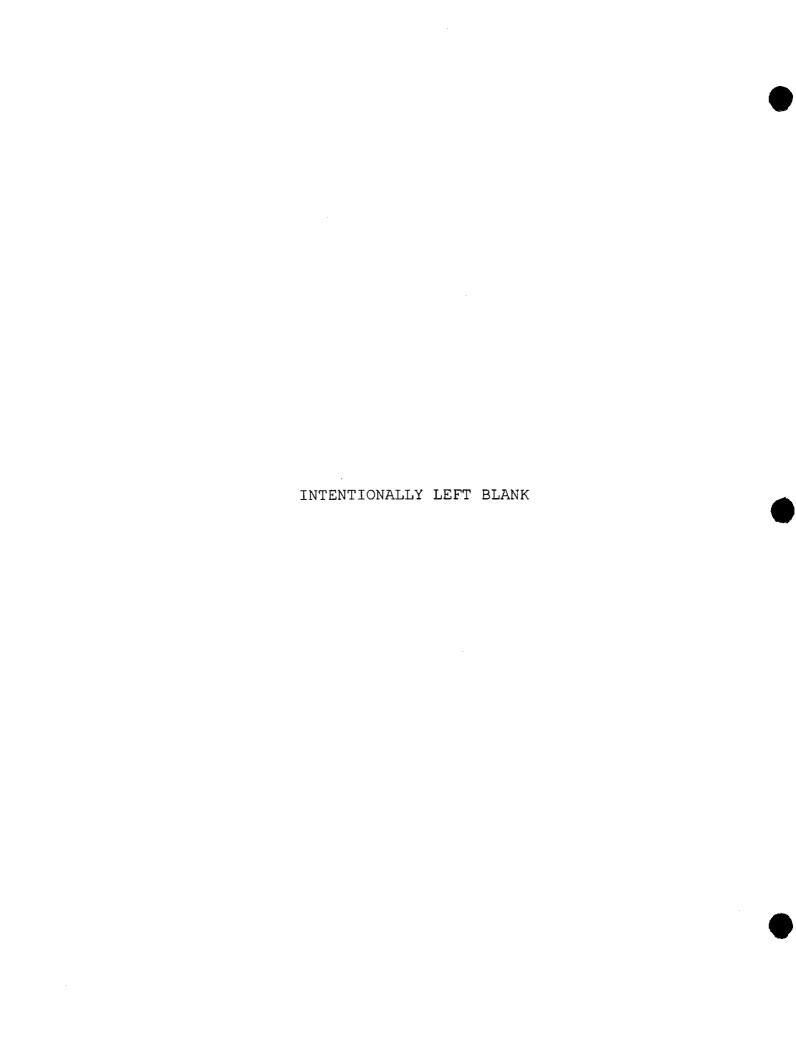
#### 9. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

#### a. Hazardous, Toxic, and Radiological Waste

There was no evidence found to suggest the presence of any HTRW which could be attributed to Department of Defense usage. It is therefore recommended that no HTRW project be pursued for this site.

#### b. Building Demolition/Debris Removal

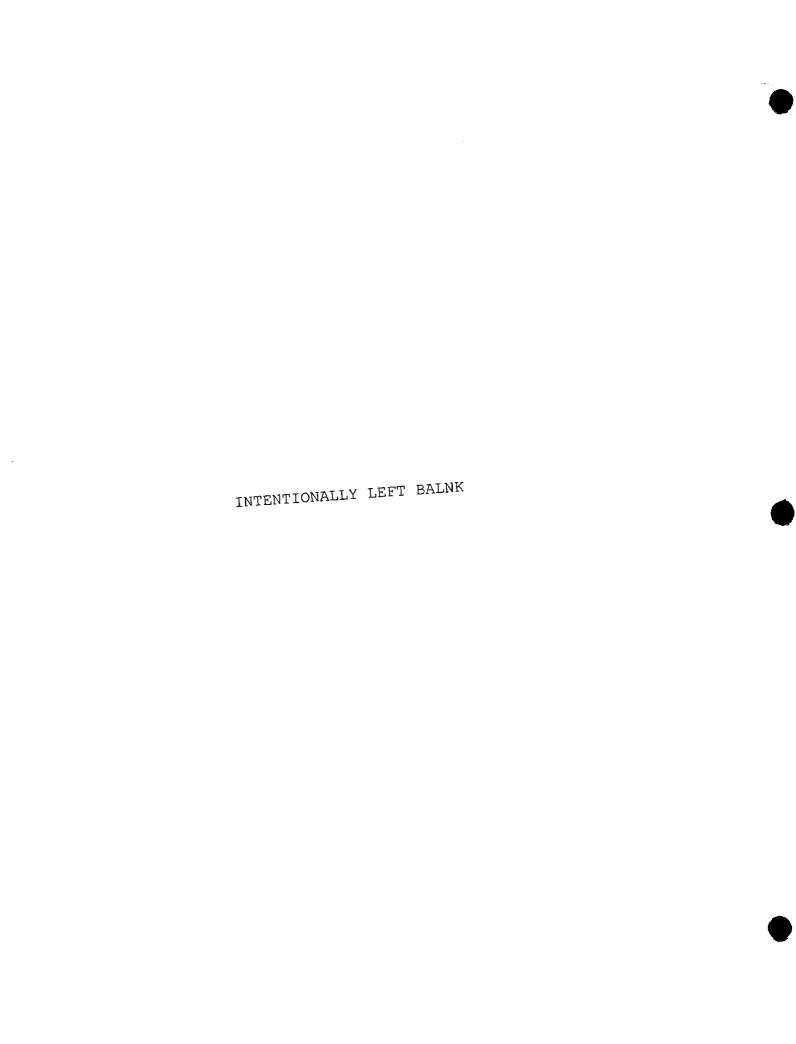
There was no evidence found to suggest the presence of any building or debris presence which could be attributed to Department of Defense usage. It is therefore recommended that no BD/DR project be pursued for this site.



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APPENDIX A

REFERENCE SOURCES



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Organizations	Name	Telephone	Nature of Support	
FEDERAL AGENCIES Department of Defense	GOVERNMENT SOUR	CES		
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Defense Library on Disk (DLOD) Pentagon Library, RM 1A518 Washington, DC 20301-6000	Computer Search	(703) 697-4658	No Information	
Defense Technical Information Center. (DTIC) 8725 John J. Kingman Rd. Suite 0944 Fort Belvoir, VA 22304-6145	Computer Search	(703) 427-8274	No Information	
Center of Military History ATTN: DAMH-RAS 1099 14th St. N.W. Washington, DC 20005-3402	Staff	(202) 761-5416	See Appendix B, Section II, Parts A and B	
Department of the Army				
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US Army Chemical & Biological Defence Command Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5423	Kathleen Ciolfi	(410) 679-4430	No Information	
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California State Library Government Documents Section 914 Capital Hall Library and Court Bldg. Sacramento, CA 94237-0001	Brent Murphy	(916) 654-0069	No Information
State of California Department of Fish and Game 1416 9 <sup>th</sup> Street Sacramento, CA 95814	Internet		Endangered Species Information

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San Bernardino County Flood Control 825 East 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. San Bernardino, CA 92415	Gary Duncan	(909) 387-2529	No Information	
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San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept. Barstow Station 225 E Mountainview Barstow, CA 92311	SGT. Jecusco	(760) 256-4841	No Information
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Victorville Chamber of Commerce 14174 Greentree Boulevard Victorville, CA 92392	Sally Martinez	(760) 245-6506	No Information	
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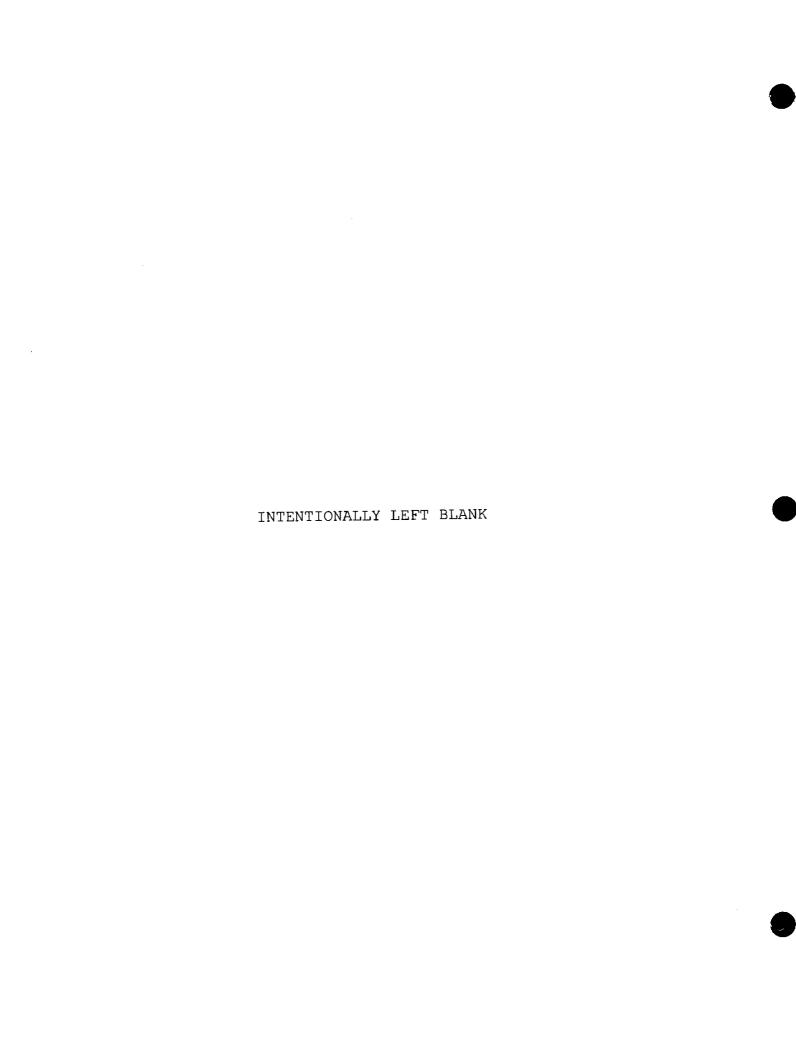
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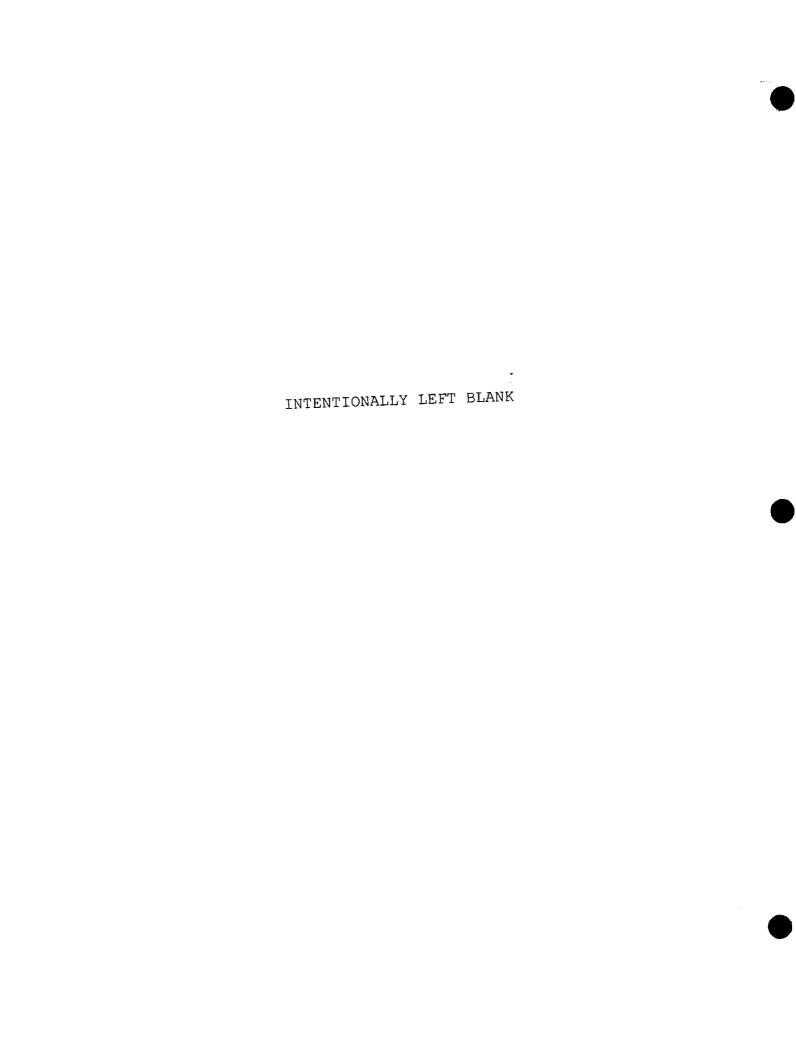
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GLOSSARY



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AR Army Regulation Air to Ground Gunnery Range AGGR Building Demolition/Debris Removal BD/DR CAL Caliber CEHNC U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville U.S. Army Engineer, Mississippi Valley Division CEMVD U.S. Army Engineer, Rock Island District CEMVR Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and CERCLA Liability Act CESAJ U.S. Army Engineer, Jacksonville District CON/HTW Containerized Hazardous and Toxic Waste CWM Chemical Warfare Material DA Department of Army Defense Ammunition Center and School DACS DERA Defense Environmental Restoration Account DERP Defense Environmental Restoration Program DMACSC Defense Mapping Agency Customer Service Center Department of Defense DOD Department of Interior DOI Engineering Evaluation Cost Analysis EE/CA Explosive Ordnance Disposal EOD FDE Findings and Determination of Eligibility Field Manual FΜ Formerly Used Defense Site(s) FUDS GSA General Services Administration High Explosive HEHTRW Hazardous, Toxic and Radiological Waste Hazardous and Toxic Waste HTWINPR Inventory Project Report Industrial Operations Command IOC Installation Restoration Program IRP National Archives Records Administration NARA National Geographical Service NGS OΕ Ordnance and Explosives Preliminary Assessment PA Precision Bombing Range PBR PDPoint Detonating Project Number PNPrivately Responsible Party PRP Project Summary Sheet PSS

Quality Assurance Specialist Ammunition Surveillance

OASAS

#### GLOSSARY (CONT.)

RA Remedial Action

RA Remedial Action
RAC Risk Assessment Code
RD Remedial Design
RD/RA Remedial Design/Remedial Action
RE Real Estate

RE Real Estate

Small Arms Ammunition SAA

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act SARA

SFC Sergeant First Class

SSG Sergeant

SI Site Inspection

SIOAC-ES Army Material Command Ammunition Center for Explosive

Safety

SSS Site Summary Survey

USA U.S. Army

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers USACE

USATCES U.S. Army Technical Center for Explosives Safety

United States Department of Agriculture USDA

UXO Unexploded Ordnance

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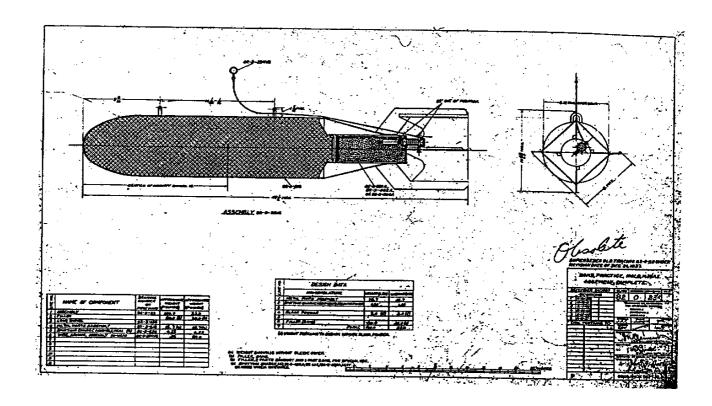
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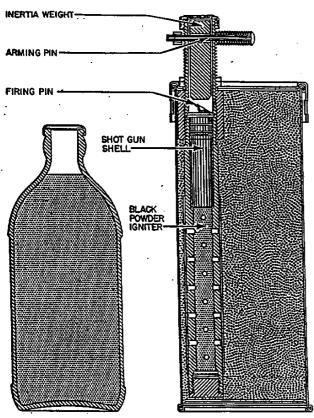
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#### 100-pound M38A2

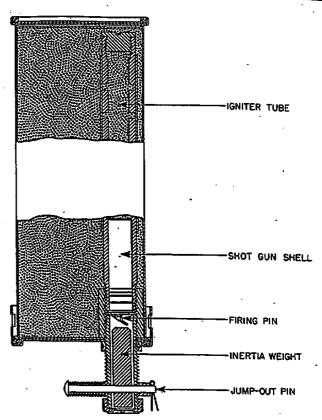
Over-all length, inches	47.5
Diameter, inches	
Weight, empty, pounds	15.7
Weight, sand-loaded and spotting	g charge,
pounds	100

This bomb simulates a G.P. bomb of the same size. The spotting charge is assembled in a sleeve at the base of the bomb, within the fin box. Authorized spotting charges are M1A1, M3, and M4.

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re 216. Spotling Charges M3 (right) and M5 (left)



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#### Spotting Charges (Army)

#### MIA1 Diameter, inches......8.43 Weight, pounds......4.25 Black-powder charge, pounds......3.0 Fuze......Integral inertia-type

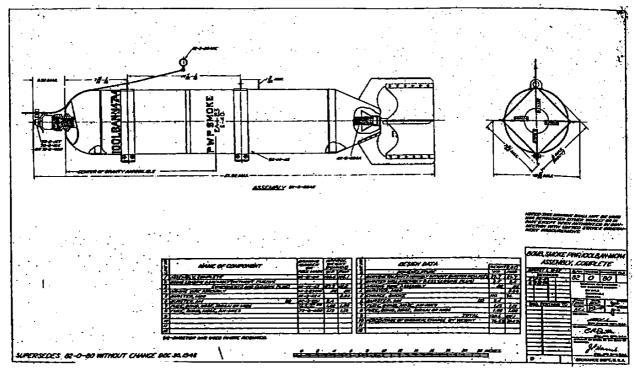
This type of spotting charge fits in the after end of the 100-pound Practice Bomb M38A2. It produces a flash of flame and white smoke for observation of bombing accuracy. When assembled in the bomb, the can of the charge protrudes two to three inches out of the bomb body.

The fuze is an integral part of the spotting charge assembly. When the arming wire is pulled, the spring-loaded arming pin jumps out, leaving the inertia weight supported only by the combination firing pin and creep spring. On impact, the inertia weight drives this firing pin into the shotgun-type primer, which, in turn, ignites the black powder.

M3: The Spotting charge M3 has a 21/4-pound dark smoke filling and a black-powder igniter. It is 5/8 inch longer than the Spotting Charge M1A1, but otherwise is like it. The M8, with its dark smoke filler, is well adapted for bombing practice over snow-covered terrain. The black-powder igniter charge contains approximately 425 grains. It is used in the Practice Bomb M38A2.

M5 -	
Over-all length, inches	7.87
Diameter, inches	2.95
Material	
FS filler, fluid ounces	14.4

The Spotting Charge M5 consists of a glass bottle filled with FS smoke mixture. An ordinary bottle cap seals the mixture. The bottle is held to the Practice Bomb M38A2 by a wire twisted around the neck of the bottle and attached to the tail vanes. The charge assembly weighs 2.54 pounds.



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The AN-M69X incorporates a 4.5-ounce charge of tetryl to produce an anti-personnel effect. Over-all dimensions of the AN-M69X duplicate those of the AN-M69, but the amount of incendiary mixture is reduced (0.4 pound less). Operation of the Fuze M1 ignites a safety fuse lead terminating in the Detonator M106, which explodes the tetryl, fragmenting 65% of the bomb case after ejection of the incendiary material, following a pre-determined time delay of 0.5 to 6 minutes (30%-12 minute; 30%-2 minutes; 30%-6 minutes). The time delay is varied by adjusting the length of the safety fuse.

#### 100-pound Incendiary AN-M47 Series

	AN-M47A2
Over-all length, inches	
Body length, inches	
Body diameter, inches	8.1
Wall thickness, inch	9.06
Tail length, inches	12 9
Tail width, inches	10.9
Filling	Mustard one W.P.
	or gasoline gel
Fuzing	
	N-M147

Construction: The bomb body is a sheet-steel tube with a longitudinal seam weld. The nose end is hemispherical. A base plate at the rear end is welded to the tube. Several bursters may be used interchangeably. The burster runs the length of the bomb. The Burster AN-M12 is a tube containing a 50-50 mixture of black powder and magnesium. The Burster AN-M13 is a tube containing TNT and tetryl pellets at each end, and is used in conjunction with the Igniter AN-M9 (WP or Na). The Na igniter will permit use over water. Four vanes are welded to a truncated cone with box-type interior struts to form the tail.

Suspension: Horizontal suspension is provided by two eyebolts formed by holes in each half of the two suspension bands, the haives then being crimped together to form a complete band. The bands are secured to the bomb body by tightening the bolts on the underside of the body. One of the bands can be loosened and slipped to the center of gravity if single suspension is desired.

Two clusters are now standardized to provide single suspension for four to six bombs. The Cluster Adapter M24 holds six AN M47's, and the M22 has a capacity of four AN M47's.

M47A2—Gas: Loaded with 68.5 pounds of mostard gas. Complete round weighs 98 pounds Inside of body is chated with oil. Equipped with Eurster M4.

M47A1—Gas: Differs from the M47A2 only in that the interior is coated with black acid-proof paint instead of oil.

M47—Chemical: Original dosign, has wall thickness of only 1/32 inch. Not used for 11 filling.

M47A2—Smoke: Main filling is 100 pounds of white phosphorus, and total weight is 127 pounds. Burster M4 is authorized for high-altitude bombing; Burster M18 is authorized for low-altitude bombing. Burster M7 may be substituted for either.

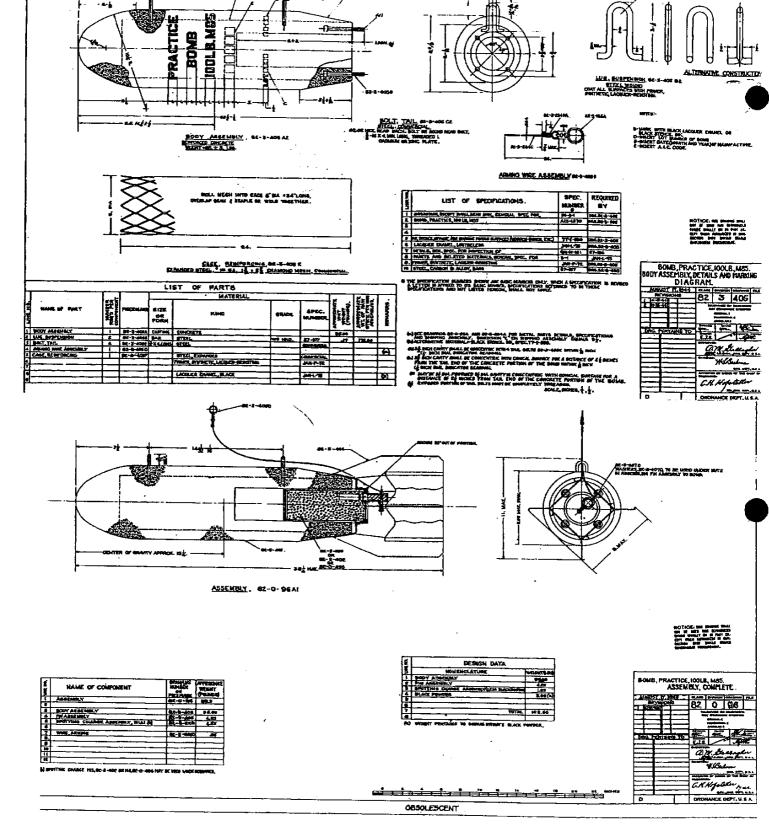
-M47A1—Smoke: Like M47A2—Smoke, with charge of 103 pounds WP and total weight of 129.5 pounds, and interior coated with black acid-proof paint.

AN-M47A2 -- Incendiary: Loaded with 40-pound charge of gelled gasoline, either IM or NP, with total weight of 68.6 pounds. Burgter AN-M13 and Igniter AN-M9 (WP or Na) authorized for this bomb.

M47A1—Incendiary: Like AN-M47A2, with interior coating of acid-proof paint instead of dil.

AN-M47A3 — Incendiary: Identical to AN-M47A2, except that tail assembly is three inches longer.

AN-M47A4—Incendiary: On this modification, the suspension lugs are strengthened.



#### 100-pound M85

This model is a reinforced concrete design ordered to relieve a temporary shortage of the Practice Bomb M88A2 during the war.

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DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM
FOR FORMERLY USED SITES
FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY
VICTORVILLE PRECISION BOMBING RANGE NO. 11
VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA
SITE NO. J09CA067700

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. In the 1940's, the Department of Defense (DOD) acquired a total of 640 acres in two 320-acre parcels. On May 20, 1943, the Department of Interior (DOI) transferred 320 acres of Public Domain to DOD by means of Public Land Order No. 125. In addition, DOD acquired in fee 320 acres from the State of California under Directive No. RE-D 1554, dated September 2, 1942. Subsequently, Directive No. RE-D 4199A (general) dated June 16, 1945, amended Directive No. RE-D 1554 in order to acquire a leasehold interest in lieu of a fee simple title.
- 2. Victorville Precision Bombing Range (PBR) No. 11 was used by the U.S. Army Air Force as practice bombing range. This site was operated in conjunction with the Victorville Army Air Field (now the George Air Force Base). Improvements placed on the property consisted of concentric rings of light oil, frame butts and appurtenances, fences, and gates. No buildings or auxiliary facilities were constructed on-site.
- On August 13, 1947, DOD declared the Victorville PBR No. 11 site, totaling 640 acres, as surplus to the War Assests Administration (WAA). Also, on August 13, 1947, the 320 acres of former Public Domain were authorized for retransfer to DOI. On November 1, 1948, DOD relinquished custody to DOI. On March 29, 1954, Public Land Order No. 948 partially revoked Public Land Order No. 125 thereby allowing DOI to assume custody of the 320 acres. DOD's interest in the remaining 320 acres of leasehold property was relinquished upon termination of the lease effective August 18, 1948. In a letter to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) dated November 1, 1948, DOD indicated that the site was visually inspected and certified it to be free and clear of explosive ordnance. The improvements were removed, with the exception of the concentric oil rings that were allowed to deteriorate by weathering. DOD made no further provisions for restoration. The property retransferred to DOI is currently maintained by the DOI BLM. The 320 acres of leasehold property are currently owned by Southern California Edison, which purchased the land from private parties in 1974.

## **DETERMINATION**

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.

ROGER F. YANKOUPE

Brigadier General, U.S. Army

Commanding

# SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET FOR SITE NO. J09CA067700

SITE NAME: Victorville Precision Bombing Range No. 11

LOCATION: Victorville, California

DESCRIPTION OF PROBLEM: None

SITE HISTORY: The Department of Defense (DOD) acquired the land from the Department of Interior (DOI) by means of Public Land Order No. 125 in 1943 (320 acres) and from the State of California under Directive No. RE-D 1554 (320 acres). Custody of the land was relinquished to DOI in 1948. Both the BLM Public Domain and the Southern California Edison land remain vacant. Tire tracks indicate the area is used for off-road motorcycle riding. Current evidence of DOD activities consists of fragments of concrete-filled practice bombs, an oiled-ring target, and a pile of oiled dirt assumed to be surplus from target construction. This debris does not constitute an unsafe condition or 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. 11 site.

AVAILALBE STUDIES AND REPORTS: None

CATEGORY OF HAZARD: Not applicable

BASIS FOR DETERMINATION OF DOD RESPONSIBLITY: Not applicable

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

STATUS: The land acquired from the DOI is currently maintained by the DOI Bureau of Land Management. The remaining 320 acres are now owned by Southern California Edison.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPSED REMEDIAL ACTION: Not applicable

ESTIMATED COST: None

# PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET FOR

DERP-FUDS OE PROJECT NO. J09CA067700 VICTORVILLE PRECISION BOMB RANGE NO. 11 BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

SITE NO. J09CA067700

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Victorville Precision Bombing Range (PBR) No. 11 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.

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LETTERS/MEMORANDUMS/MISCELLANEOUS

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# LETTERS/MEMORANDUMS/ MISCELLANEOUS

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# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office 2493 Portola Road, Suite B Ventura, California 93003

December 19, 1997

Director
Defense Ammunition Center
Attn: SIOAC-ESL (R.Hale)
3700 Army Depot Road
Savanna, Illinois 61074-9639

Subject:

Species List for the Former Victorville Precision Bombing Range, San Bernardino

County, California

Dear Mr. Hale:

This letter is in response to the Department of the Army's (DOA) request, dated November 10, 1997 and received by us on November 17,1997, for information on listed, proposed, and candidate species that may occur in the vicinity of the former Victorville Precision Bombing Range in San Bernardino County, California. The Army's Defense Ammunition Center is assisting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in assessing formerly used defense sites for potential contamination by ordnance and explosives.

The threatened desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) occurs in the vicinity of the Victorville Precision Bombing Range. Critical habitat for the desert tortoise has been designated and portions of the bombing range occur within the Ord-Rodman critical habitat unit. No species proposed for listing or candidate species occur within the area of the bombing range.

This letter fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (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 DOA 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 DOA 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 DOA 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 Act. If a threatened or endangered species may be affected, the DOA should request, in writing through our office, consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Act.

Richard Hale 2

Informal consultation may be used to exchange information and resolve conflicts with respect to threatened or endangered species prior to a written request for formal consultation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Denise Washick of my staff at (805) 644-1766.

Sincerely,

Diane K. Noda Field Supervisor

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<sup>&</sup>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.

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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, 35.
- 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.

- 9) PBR #12 USGS Melville Lake 7.5' Quad There are no sites recorded for T4N R4E Sec 5 & T5N R4E Sec 32, however, ther are two reports, 1062257 & 1060956.
- 10) PBR #14 USGS Galway Lake & Iron Ridge 7.5' Quads There are no recorded sites in T6N R5E Sec 30, however, there is rock art recorded in the vicinity. Two reports, 1060701 & 1062257, are in the APE.
- 11) PBR #15 USGS Emerson Lake & Melville Lake 7.5' Quads
  There are no sites or surveys within T4N R5E Sec 30, 31. Report 1062257 is adjacent to the APE on the west.
- 12) PBR #16 USGS Emerson Lake & Melville Lake 7.5' Quads
  There are no sites in T4N R5E Sec 6 & T5N R5E Sec 31. There is one report, 1060956, on the Emerson Lake Quad.
- 13) PBR #19 USGS Joshua Tree North 7.5' Quad

  There is one pending military site dead center of T2N R6E Sec 26, 27 designated P10311H. A pending site is one that has not been formally recorded, but we have some information on. One report, 1061724, in in the APE.

None of these areas has been well surveyed, however, I noted "abandoned target" on some of the maps within the APE. Also, you might check the old George AFB records (previously known as Victorville Army Airfield) for more information. Someone talked to my father-in-law last year about some of the areas. He was stationed there in 1945-7.

If you have any further questions, please, call me at (909) 792-1497 Tuesday through Friday between 8 AM & 4 PM. Have a great day!

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Sincerely,

Robin E. Laska Acting Coordinator



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 IV - Areas dominated by soils that have restricted depth.

Carolaye Adelanto variants association, 0 to 15 percent slopes.

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

soils overlie grayish brown, massive, very hard and extremely hard, moderately alkaline, calcareous, clay loam (caliche) substrata.

These soils are used mainly for recreation, urban, and wildlife. Limited grazing in some areas is possible when there is sufficient rainfall to produce forage. Urban uses are rapidly expanding around Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstow, Hesperia, and Victorville.

# **USGS**

# 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 basinsthrough 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.

# **EXPLANATION Basin-fill deposits** Playa that receives groundwater discharge Dry playa Phreataphytes—Plants with roots that extend to water remy drained dozed besin Low-permeability bedrock Permeable bedrock Direction of ground-water movement Eakin, T.E., Price, Don, and Harrill, J.R., 1975, Summary appraisals of the Nation's ground-water Pault-Arrows show resources—Great Basin region: U.S. Geological relative vertical Survey Professional Paper 813-G, 37 p. movement

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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# WAR DEPARTMENT AS BOUSING TARGET SITES

Executive Order No. 9357 of april 24, 1945: IT IS ORDERED, As follows:

Subject to valid existing rights, the public lands in the following-described 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. 1 W.,
                                        T. 5 N., R. 2 E.,
    Sec. 22, E1/25W1/4 and SE1/4:
                                          Sec. 2, lot 4, 51/441/4:
    Sec. 25, W1/25W1/4:
                                           Ses. 3, lots 1, 2, 3, S1/2HE1/4, and SE1/ANTV1/4
                                        C. Ś V., R. 2 B.,
    Sec. 27, ME1/4 and E1/2H.71/4.
                                          Sec. 34, E1/2571/4 and SE1/4:
 T. 6 N., R. 1 W., Sec. 4.
                                          Sec. 35, W1/25W1/4.
  T. 4 H., R. 2 H.,
                                        T. 4 II., R. 3 B.,
                                          Sec. 6, S1/2SW1/4 and SW1/4SE1/4:
    Sec. 5, SW1/4:
                                          Sec. 7, W1/2 NE1/4, NW1/4, M1/25W1/4, and NW1/LSE1/4.
    Sec. 6, SE1/4:
    Sec. 7, NE1/4:
    Sec. 3, M1/4:
                                        T. ć N., R. 3 E.,
                                          Sec. 35, E1/2:
Sec. 36, W1/2.
* T. 6 N., R. 2 W.,
    Sec. 27, 81/25W1/L:
    Sec. 28, S1/25E1/4:
                                         T. 3 N., R. 4 E., Sec. 6
                                         T. 4 N., R. 4 E., Sec. 5, N1/2.
    Sec. 35, NEI/4 and NI/2SEI/4:
Sec. 34, NNI/4 and NI/2SWI/4.
                                        T. 5 N., R. 4 S., Sec. 32, S1/2.
T. 4 H., R. 5 E.
  T. 5 U., R. 3 W., Sec. 12.
  T. 6 N., R. 3 W., Sec. 21.
                                           Sec. 30, $1/2, unsurveyed.
  T. L H., R. 1 E.,
                                           Sec. 31, M1/2, unsurveyed.
    Sec. 21, E1/2:
                                         T. 6 N., R. 5 E., Sec. 30.
                                         T. 2 N., R. 6 E,
    Sec. 22, W1/2.
                                           Sec. 26, W1/2:
  T. 5 N., R. 1 E.,
    Sec. 4, SEL/4:
                                           Sec. 27, E1/2.
                                         T. 4 H., R. 6 D., Sec. 29.
    Sec. 9, ME1/4:
                                         T. 3 N., R. 6 E.,
                                           Sec. 24, SEI/4:
    Sec. 10, HV1/4.
  T. 4 N., R. 2 E.,
                                           Sec. 25, NE1/4.
    Sec. 1, SE1/4SE1/4:
                                         T. 3. N., R. 7 E.,
    Sec. 12, El/2:El/4 and HEl/4:SEl/4. Sec. 19, SMI/4:
                                           Sec. 30, HW1/4.
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\* Lands covered by this report.

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 rewoke, 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.

ABE FORTAS, Acting Secretary of the Interior

May 20, 1943.

(F. R. Doc. 43-8566; Filed, May 27, 1943; 9:34 2.m.)

CERTIFICATE OF CLEARANCE VICTORVILLE BOMBING TARGETS NOS. 3,7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, AND 20

22 March 1948

This is to certify that the areas known as Victorville Bombing Targets Nos. 3, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19 and 20, as shown on Real Estate Map of Victorville kray Air Force Bombing Ranges, Drawing No. 65-FF, were completely dedudded during the period from 20 October 1947 to 24 January 1948.

2860 dud practice bombs 138-A2 and 32 dud flare bombs, aircraft parachute 126, were found and destroyed during the course of the dedudling.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, the entire area covered by these 11 bombing targets is clear of all explosive or dangerous material and the land is safe for the purpose of grazing, mining or other agricultural purposes.

Engineer, Civil
Los Angeles District

JUSSPH P. SAIMARO
let Lt., C. E.
9800th TSU-CE Det. #14
Tone & Shell Disposal Team
Commanding

# WAR DEPARTMENT Office of the Chief of Engineers 9800 TSU DETACHMENT NO.14 BOMB AND SHELL DISPOSAL TEAM

4 February 1948

SUBJECT: Report of the deducding of Victorville Bombing Targets, San Bernardino County, California.

To: Division Engineer
South Pacific Division
Corps of Engineers, War Dept
Oakland Army Base
Cakland 14, California.

- 1. The 9800th 1SU-CE Detachment #14, Bomb & Shell Disposal Team was assigned the clearing of the Victorville Bombing Targets, Victorville, California under Surplus Real Estate Directive, South Pacific Division Number: 4892-3 and Los Angeles District Number 2364-3. This directive covers the dedudding of target Numbers: 3,7,10,11, 12, 13, 11, 15, 17, 19 and 20, a total of 7,022 acres. The dedudding of said targets began 20 October 1947 and were completed 24 January 1948.
- 2. Six 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, were 7175 hours. The total civilian field cost (salary, per diem and vehicle repairs) was \$7,547.
- 4. A team made up of one Project Engineer and one Sergeant from the Detachment surveyed and marked the boundaries of each range ahead of the search crew. The other Project Engineer, in conjunction with a Detachment Sergeant, controlled the search crew.
- 5. It is estimated that there is approximately 840 tons of scrap on subject targets.
- 6. The method of searching was as it has been 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 several passes of the search crew and considerable excavating. The excavating was done with non-sparking picks cutting down the danger of setting off a bomb by accidently digging into one.
- 7. All blasting was done after the searchers were out of the range or at a later date. The dud bombs were rid of by placing a sufficient size charge of Composition C-3 on them so as to explode the bomb or completely demolish it. After detonation the demolition men checked the surrounding area to see that the object in question had been destroyed.

- 8. A list of duds found and destroyed are given below:
  - (a) 2,860 Bombs, Practice, M38-A2
  - (b) 32 Bombs, Flare, Aircraft, Parachute, M26
- 9. I believe the 7,022 acres covered by this report to be free from explosive material for the purpose of grazing, mining and/or agricultural purposes.
- 10. The location of this area is designated by the enclosed map of:

Real Estate

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

JOSEPH P. SAINATO
lst Lt., CE
9800th TSU CE Det #14
Bomb & Shell Disposal Team
Commanding

HISTORY

OF

VICTORVILLE ARMY AIR FIELD VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA

FROM

1 NOVEMBER to 31 DECEMBER 1944

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addition should enable the personnel to perform their duties at a higher 39 standard.

A great many combat returnees have been assigned to the Motor Repair Shop and Special Purpose Motor Pool. On-the-job training is being conducted for these men, as, in most cases, their previous experience was not in line with the functions of these departments.

# Bombing Range Maintenance

From 1 January 1944 to 31 December 1944, the Range Crew drove a total of 147,754 miles on VAAF target maintenance, with only one minor  $\frac{41}{100}$ 

Use of the series "N" targets has been discontinued, due to the completion of the Bombardier Training Program at this station.

# Field Lighting

There was no change of any kind in this department during the period .

1 November 1944 through 31 December 1944.

- 39. Reminiscence, Major W.P. Maynard, Automotive Officer, VAAF, Victorville, Calif., 1 Jan 1945.
- 40. Reminiscence, Major W.P. Maynard, Automotive Officer, VAAF, Victorville, Calif., 1 Jan 1945.
- 41. Daily Report, Bombing Range Maintenance Office, VAAF, Victorville, Calif., 1 Jan 1944 to 31 Dec 1944.
- 42. Reminiscence, Capt. B. F. Magnusson, Bomb. Range Maintenance Officer, VAAF, Victorville, Calif., 1 Jan 1945.

# Section 3

# Supply

# Supervisor of Supply

During the months of November and Discember normal operations were maintained by all departments. Two major changes were effected, the first of which was the new exchanging procedure of worn out clothing and equipage. After muck discussion between the Supervisor of Supply, Air Inspector Administrative, and the Commanding Officers of the several Sections, it was deemed advisable to set up a procedure whereby the individual enlisted man could turn in his worn out clothing and equipage direct to Classification for Army Replacement. It is believed that this method of salvaging clothing and equipage will result in a considerable saving of manpower, as well as providing much quicker replacement of clothing which cannot be repaired.

Change of type of airplane used for the training program necessitated a complete new stock of parts. To accomplish this, personnel was sent to other stations having this type plane to study the supply problem so that proper stock level and suitable parts would be available when needed. Progress has been very satisfactory as a whole and very few planes have been grounded for lack of parts.

A few minor changes were made, the most important of which was the

43. Reminiscence, Capt. Joseph H. Berg, General Supply Officer, VAAF, Victorville, Calif., 1 Jan 1945.

change of supply point of quartermaster supplies. Under the provisions of Supplement #5, 0.Q.M.G. Circular letter #84, dated 10 September 1944,

Mira Loma Quartermaster Depot ceased operating as a supply point for this station and was replaced by Utah Army Service Force Depot, Ogden, Utah.

Although Ogden is approximately 550 miles from this base, in comparison to the 60 miles to Mira Loma, this department experienced no great inconvenience to date insofar as supplies are concerned.

Change in the procedure of individual issue record, as outlined in 45

AAF Regulation 15-121 was made to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The establishment of the Preventive Line Maintenance in the Motor Repair Shop necessitated the remodeling of the Parts Supply Room. New and larger parts binswere built, enabling parts personnel to give more efficient service.

The Chemical Warfare Department was transferred from the jursidiction of the Supervisor of Supply to the Deputy for Administration and Services, and the Base Chemical Officer was placed under the jurisdiction of the Deputy for Supply and Maintenance for supply purpose only. This change became necessary in order to effect closer co-ordination with Troop Training, since the bulk of work of the Chemical Warfare Service Department lay in that field.

Training and Operations Supply was transferred from the jurisdiction

<sup>44.</sup> Ltr, QMSO, Utah ASF Depot, Ogden, Utah, 400.302, 15 Nov 1944, Subj: Quartermaster Supply, To: CO, VAAF, Victorville, Calif.

<sup>45.</sup> AAF Regulation 15-121, Hq AAF, Washington, D.C., 9 Nov 1944, Subj: Individual AAF Issue Record:

<sup>46.</sup> VAAF Policy No. 20-4, VAAF, Victorville, Calif., 23 Nov 1944.

of the Deputy for Training and Operations to the Deputy for Supply and 47
Magntenance, inasmuch as it was considered to be more closely related to supply functions rather than training.

Supply problems were met and overcome with a minimum of confusion. Among these problems is storing of classified radar equipment in the Communications Supply Warehouse. This necessitated a complete remodeling of the Communications Supply Warehouse to store the many items of this equipment. Armed guards have been placed on duty 24 hours a day to safeguard this equipment. A very serious storage problem is now in existence, and can only be remedied by the building of additional warehouse facilities. Work orders have been submitted to overcome this problem and have been forwarded to higher headquarters for approval. To date, no action has been forthcoming. With the inauguration of the new training program, a problem was encountered by the Training and Operations Supply in setting up and equipping a number of new offices due to the shortage of office equipment. The situation was met by improvising and redistribution as much as possible. The replacement of obsolete gas masks for the Chemical Warfare Service Supply is being made. A survey of all personnel revealed that certain officers and enlisted personnel lacked this protective equipment, due to the fact that since they returned from theaters of operations many had their masks taken away from them.

<sup>47.</sup> Par 3, Memo Order No. 128, VAAF, Victorville, California, 28 Nov 1944.
48. Ltr, ASF Depot, Ogden, Utah, 31 Oct 1944, Subj: Obsoletion and Disposal of Stockinette Gas Masks and Component, To: All Posts, Camps and Stations.

Requisitions for equipping and replacement has been made, and back orders 49 are currently being filled.

The Quartermawter Department was subjected to three inspections during the period. On 31 October 1944, under the provisions of AAF Regulation 120-6, an administrative inspection was made of the Quartermaster clothing section. The rating given was very satisfactory.

The records of this department were audited by the Ninth Service

Command District Auditor during the first week of November. No discrepancy was found. The only irregularity discerned was the fact that postage stamps were being issued on property issue slips instead of on memorandum receipts. This was corrected during the audit, and the report sent forward stated that internal control was satisfactory. The stock record section was inspected by the Quartermaster Control Officer, AAFWFTC,

Santa Ana, California, on 16 and 17 November 1944. This inspection was completed with a report to AAFWFTC, which evidenced that this section was operating in accordance with prescribed procedure.

Listed below are the statistics for the various departments.

50. Ltr, Air Inspector, VAAF, Victorville, Calif., 3 Nov 1944, Subj: Administrative Inspection of QM Clothing, to: CO, VAAF.

51. Certificate of Audit, 682-45, ASF NSC District Auditor, Los Angeles, Calif., 15 Nov 1944, To: CO, VAAF, Victorville, Calif.

52. Ltr, General Supply, VAAF, Victorville, Calif., 16 Nov 1944, Subj: Quartermaster Stock Control Inspection at VAAF, To: CG, AAFWFTC, Santa Ana, Calif.

<sup>49.</sup> Requisition from Chemical Warfare Office, VAAF, Victorville, Calif., To: CW Supply, Utah ASF Depot, Ogden, Utah, Property Files CWS, 24 Nov and 8 Dec 1944.

# Air Corps Supply

- 1. Received 892,000 pounds of supplies.
- 2. Shipped 557,531 pounds of supplies.
- 3. Received and issued 1,890,123 gallons of gasoline.
- 4. Received and issued 24,174 gallons of oil.
- 5. Maintained approximately 15,000 stock record cards.
- 6. Processed 472 debit memorandum receipts.
- 7. Processed 405 credit memorandum receipts.
- 8. Initiated 40 purchase requests.
- 9. Submitted 1162 requisitions.
- 10. Processed 4,925 wouchers to the S/R account.
- Average number of airplanes grounded daily for parts -November, 11; December, 16.

General Supply

- 1. Received 122,733 pounds of freight.
- 2. Shipped 20,048 pounds of freight.
- 3. Processed 929 Property Issue Slips.
- 4. Processed 136 property turn-in slips.
- 5. Issued 227 debit Memorandum Receipts.
- 6. Issued 188 credit Memorandum Receipts.
- 7. Submitted 96 requisitions for supplies.
- 8. Initiated 26 Purchase Requests, amounting to \$18,888.08. 54

Ordnance Supply

- 1. Bombs practice 100 #M38a2: Received 18,000.
- 2. Boms chemical 100 #M47a2; Received 10,000.
- 3. Bombs concrete 100 #M85; Received 18,879. 55
- 4. Duds reported: .02% .
- 5. Expended 1500 Bombs practice 100  $\frac{m}{4}$ M38A2.
- 6. Expended 8500 Bombs chemical 100 #M47A2. 57

7. Small Arms Ammunitions:	Received 58	Expended 59
Cartridge, ball, cal.22 IR	0 ,	13,500
Cartridge ball, cal.45 M1911	3,500	29,710
Cartridge, ball, cal. 30 Ml	2,581	4,800

- 53. Stock Records, Vouchers, Requisitions and Purchase Request Files, Air Corps Supply, VAAF, Victorville, Calif., 1 Nov thru 31 Dec 1944.
- 54. Vouchers to General Supply Stock Record Account, Requisition File, and Purchase Request File, VAAF, Victorville, Calif., 1 Nov to 31 Dec 1944.
- 55. Ordnance Debit Voucher File, VAAF, Victorville, Calif., 1 Nov to 31 Dec 1944.
- 56. Squadron Operations Forms, VAAF, Victorville, Calif., 1 Nov to 31 Dec 44.
- 57. Certificate of Expenditure, Bombs, Ordnance Office Credit Voucher File, VAAF, Victorville, Calif., Nov and Dec 1944.
- 58. Ordnance Debit Voucher File, VAAF, Victorville, Calif., Nov. and Dec; 194
- 59. Property Issue Slip, Certificate of Expenditure, Ammunition, VAAF, Victorville, Celif., Nov and Dec 1944.

7. Small Arms Ammunitions (cont'd)	Received	Expended
Cartridge, ball, cal.50 M2	10,528	0
Shell shotgun, No.00 buckshot, 12ga		0
Shell shotgun, No.72 buckshot, 12ga.	3 <b>,</b> 500	0
Shell shotgun, No.8 chilled shot	35,000	53,000
Ammunition, blank, dbl. pellet,		
charge for 75 mm	10	37

8. Received sixty carloads of Ordnance Supplies.

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	Subsistence	October	Movember
1. Rations i	ssued	101,201	86,847
Value		\$ 50,590.22	\$ 55,677.03
2. Cash Sale	s	9,419.45	7,571.17
3. Charge Sa	les	43,422.71	44,519.19
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State Tax	-	625.92	744.21 <u>61</u>

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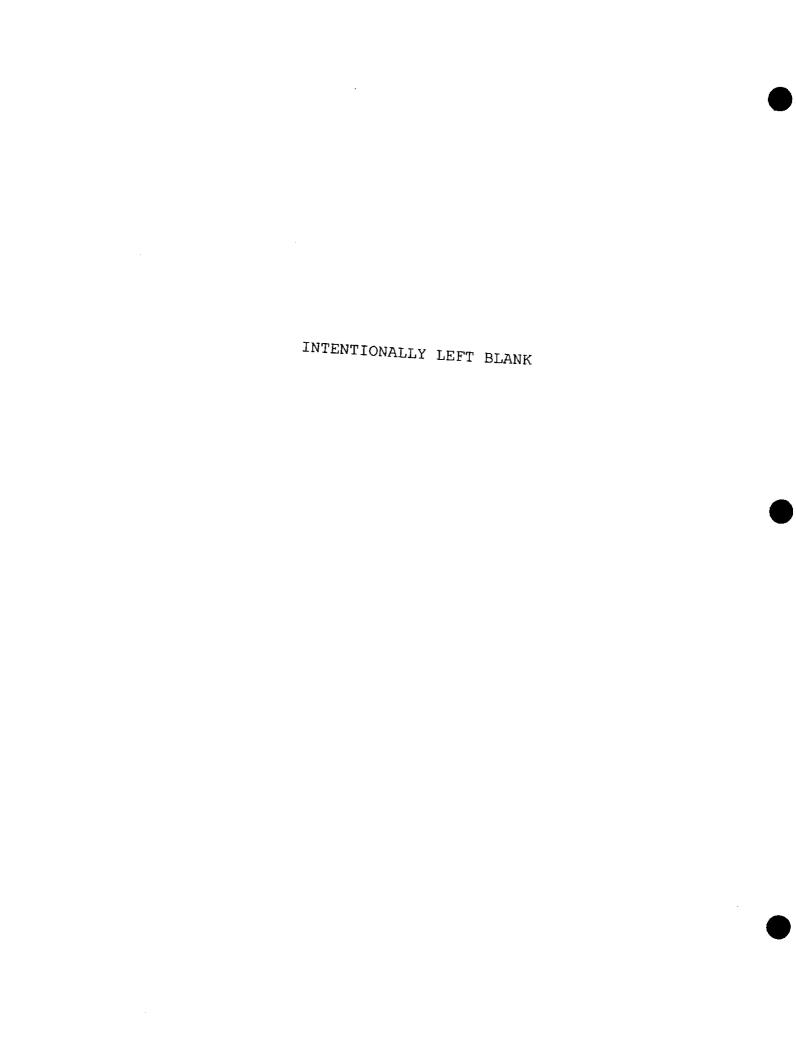
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1.	Shipments received on Govt B/L	439	493
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3.	Carloads Received	17	44
4.	Shipments made on Govt G/L	202	154
5.	Total weight of outgoing shipments	540,647	- 371,309
6.	Carload shipments made	8	- 3
7.	ATC Air Freight shipments received	8,591	15,039
8.	ATC Air Freight shipments made	2,485	5,328
9.	Transportation requests issued	241	256
10.	Army meal tickets issued	324	. 465
11.	OFA Forms 594 and 595 issued	2,716	613 <u>62</u>

Note: Reference is made to history for the period September and October; the statistics for Rail Transportation were for the months of August and September, instead of September and October.

<sup>60.</sup> Ordnance Debit and Gradit Voucher files, VAAF, Victorville, Calif., Nov and Dec 1944.

<sup>61.</sup> Youchers to the General Supply Subsistance Section Account, (Add), Victorville, Calif., 1 Oct to 50 Nov 1944.

<sup>62.</sup> Govt. B/L Files, Demurrage Files, Weal Ticket File, Air Transport Command Feeder Air Freight Service Files, and Transportation Request Files, VAAF, Victorville, Calif., 1 Oct to 30 Nov 1944.



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APPENDIX G

REAL ESTATE DOCUMENTS

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# REAL ESTATE DOCUMENTS

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- G-1 Land Acquisition and Disposal Report, Not Dated (B-16).
- G-2 Real Property Management and Disposal Report, dated June 1954 (B-17).

REALTY CONTROL FILE SUMMARY (Land Acquisitions and Disposals Subsequent to ! July 1940)

# RESERVATION NAME

1878

Victorville Precision Bombing Range No. 11, California

OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED BY:

LOCATION:

In San Bernardino County, 32 miles Southeast of Barstow.

TYPE:

Auxiliary to Victorville Army Air Field

LAND OWNERSHIP AND COST DATA

ACQUISITION ACTIONS

Exhibits "A"

DISPOSAL ACTIONS

Exhibits "B"

NET AREA LEASED ACCEAGE NOT INCLUDED

SEE TRACT REGISTER AND BAP

GROSS COST

320.00 acres, total area acquired 320.00 acres, \*

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JURISDICTION

RELOCATIONS

FINAL PROJECT MAP

. Exhibit "F"

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS:

## REMARKS:

- \*\* Public Land Order No. 125, dated 5-20-43
- \* Relinquished to Dept. of Interior, 11-1-48. and retransferred by PLO #948, 29 Mar. 1954.

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APPENDIX H

NEWSPAPERS/JOURNALS

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INTERVIEWS

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## INTERVIEWS

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- I-2 Conversation With MSGT Hepner and TSGT Glinka dated 29 January 1998.
- I-3 Conversation with CPT Grimes, 1SG Fortney and SFC Woods, dated 28 January 1998.
- I-4 Conversation with Glenn Brook, dated 2 March 1998.
- I-5 Conversation with Owen Cooper, dated 4 March 1998.
- I-6 Conversation with Jerry Bronson, dated 23 January 1998.

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NAME OF PERSON CONTACT WITH Bill Myers Bob Hall	Bill Myers San Bernardino							
SUBJECT Victorville Precision Bom	bing Ranges							
SUMMARY Messrs. Hall and Myers are special detectives assigned to the San Bernardino Sheriff's Bomb Squad. Members of the assessment team met with the detectives at the Sheriff's Department. The detectives were shown a map of the Victorville bomb targets and were asked if any they had any knowledge of ordnance being discovered at these sites.  They explained that they receive over 200 calls per year regarding military munitions due to the large military presence in San Bernardino County. Most the munitions recovered have been moved a number of times before they are notified, so the is no way of determining the origin location of the ordnance.								
vicinity of bomb target 6, 7 or 8	Mr. Myers stated that a 5-inch rocket had been recovered in the vicinity of bomb target 6, 7 or 8. He was unable to identify which target contained the rocket, but he recalled seeing a number of fins sticking out of the ground.							
He stated that a 100-1b. pra about seven years ago.	ctice bomb was re	cover	ed from target 14					
Mr. Myers stated that he had hunted in the area surrounding target $N-3$ , but he did not notice any ordnance in that area.								
ACTION REQUIRED								
ACTION TAKEN								
NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION	ORGANIZATION		TELEPHONE NUMBER					
George Ofslager SIGNATURE	CEMVR-ED-DO TITLE QA Spec (Ammo	>)	(309) 794-6024 DATE 22 January 1998					

CONVERSATION RECORD	TIME	DATE
	0845	Thu 29 Jan 1998
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X VISIT	CONFERENCE	TELEPHONE
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NAME OF PERSON CONTACT WITH	ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE NO.
MSGT Hepner	95 <sup>th</sup> CEG/CED	(805) 277-2162
TSGT Glinka	Edwards AFB, CA	
SUBJECT	<u> </u>	
Victorville Precision Bomb Target	:s	
SUMMARY		
MSGT Hepner and TSGT Glin	ka have been wi	th the 95 <sup>th</sup>
CEG/CED for a few months and	d 5 ½ years res	spectively.
Although they have responded		
(formerly Victorville AAF),		
responding to OE incidents		
Neither had any knowledge of	<del>_</del>	
the Victorville PBRs. Both		
would normally respond to a		
PBRs.		
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Christopher J. Churney	CEMVR-ED-DO	(309) 794-6011
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CPT Grimes, 1SG Fortney	759 <sup>th</sup> EOD		(760) 380-4092
SFC Woods	Ft. Irwin, CA		
SUBJECT			
SUBULET Victorville Precision Bomb Target	·e		
SUMMARY			
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CPT Grimes, 1SG Fortney as		_	-
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CONVERSATION RECORD	TIME	DATE
	11:00 AM	2 March 1998
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VISIT	CONFERENCE	TELEPHONE INCOMING X OUTGOING
NAME OF PERSON CONTACTED Glenn Brooks	ORGANIZATION Former Airman	TELEPHONE NO. (405) 732-8877
SUBJECT Victorville PBRs		
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.

ACTION REQUIRED None

NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION	ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE NUMBER		
Ronald Plante	CEMVR-ED-DO	(309) 782-1481		
SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE		
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CONVERSATION RECORD	TIME	DATE
	1:00 PM	4 March 1998
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VISIT	CONFERENCE	TELEPHONE INCOMING X OUTGOING
NAME OF PERSON CONTACTED Owen Cooper	ORGANIZATION Former Bombardie Cadet	TELEPHONE NO. (410) 747-5991
SUBJECT Victorville PBRs		
SUMMARY:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

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<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group.

ACTION REQUIRED

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Jerry Bronson	BLM, Barstow Fig	TELEPHONE NO.
OGITA BIOHSON	Office	eld (760) 252-6075
	Office	
SUBJECT Former Victorville Bomb	oing Ranges.	
SUMMARY		
Mr. Bronson is the North	Zone Superviso	r for the Law
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Enforcement Rangers for the	DLM, Barstow	rield Office.
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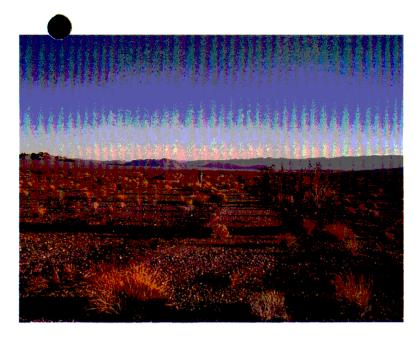
PRESENT SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

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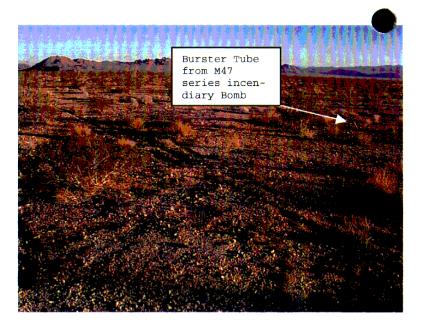
- J-1 Looking eastward across the south part of target ring #3, Area A, as shown the site is pretty well free of debris.
- J-2 Looking at a M47 burster tube protruding from the ground, one of the few pieces found in area A.
- J-3 Looking at the center of the target, as shown the area there is very little debris in area A.
- J-4 Looking at a piece of an M85 concrete bomb, in area A.
- J-5 Looking eastward across areas B and C, there was no debris or OE found in these areas..
- J-6 Looking north eastward across area B and C, there is no debris or OE found in these areas.



**J-1** Looking eastward across the south part of target ring #3, Area A, as shown the site is pretty well free of debris.



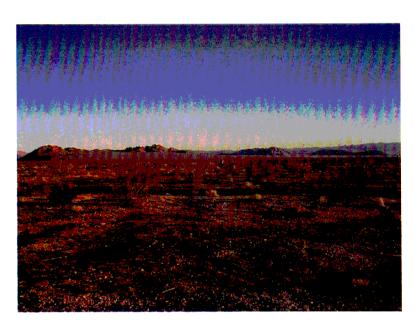
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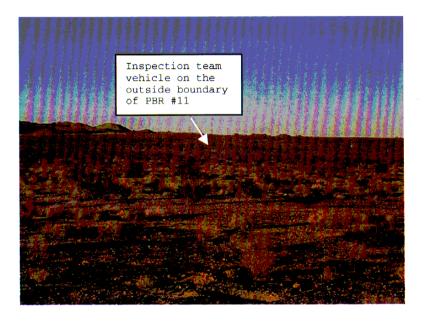
**J-2** Looking at a M47 burster tube protruding from the ground, one of the Few pieces found in area A.



**J-4** Looking at a piece of an M85 concrete practice bomb, in Area A.



**J-5** Looking eastward across areas B and C, there was no debris or OE found in these Areas.



**J-6** Looking north eastward across area B and C, there was no debris or OE found in these areas.

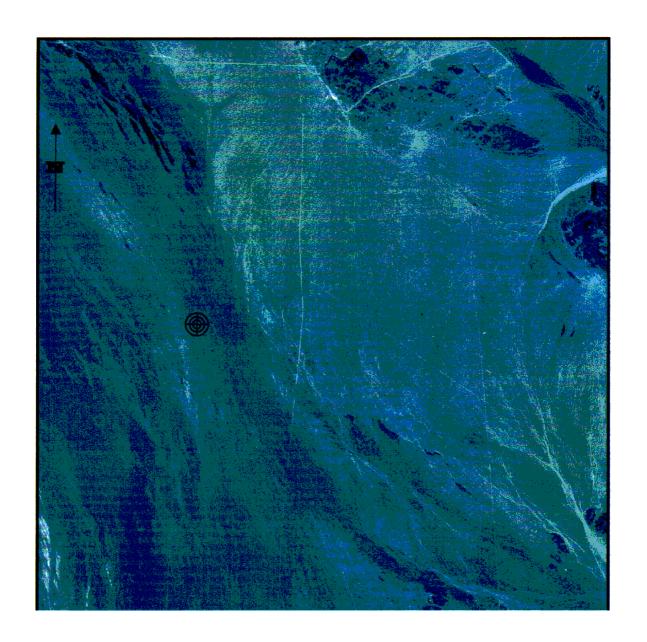
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K-1 Computer enhanced aerial photograph of PBR #11 date 1989 (B-18).



### VICTORVILLE PRECISION BOMBING RANGE #11

The above 1989 aerial photo has been enhanced to show the former precision bombing target #11 layout.

Precision bombing range #11 is located approximately 42 miles east of the town of Victorville, Ca. Located an additional 18 miles north east of state hiway 247 on gravel roads.

The former PBR lies in township 6 north, range 3 east, Approximately centered on section 35 and 36 and consists of approximately 640 acres.

APPENDIX L

REFERENCE MAPS/DRAWINGS

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# REFERENCE MAPS/DRAWINGS

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L-1 Drawing, Real Estate, Victorville Army Air Field bombing Ranges, dated September 1945 (B-19).

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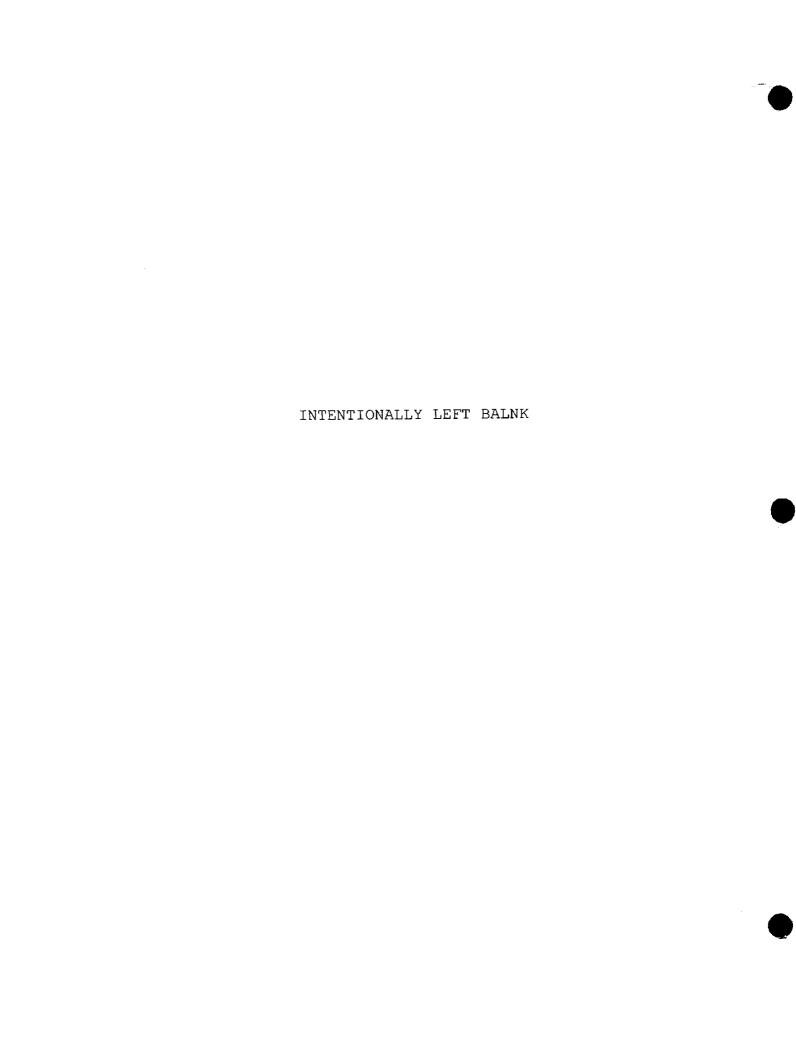
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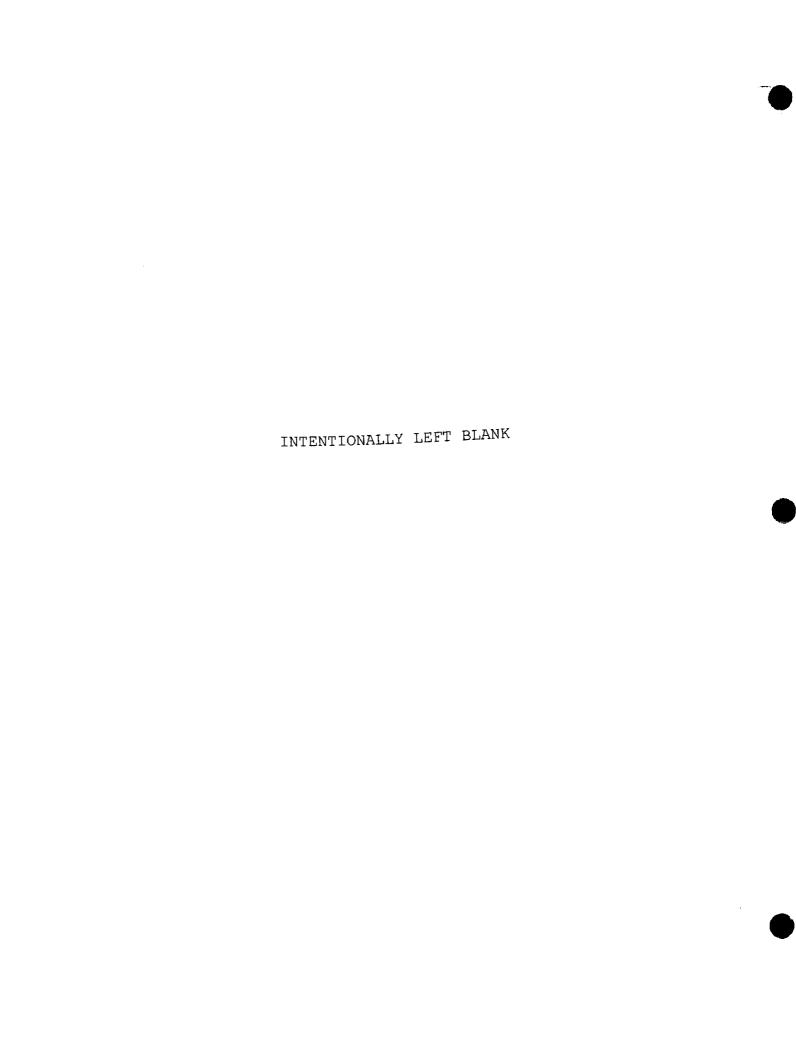
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