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7 January 1985

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SUBJECT: Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) FY 85
Site Surveys

Commander, Huntsville Division
ATTN: HNDOD-PM

1. Reference HNDOD-PM message 021900Z Oct 84, subject: Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) FY 85 Survey Message No. 1.
2. In accordance with instructions in referenced message, inclosed are four copies each of Findings of Fact and backup materials prepared by Charleston District for three (3) formerly-used DOD properties in South Carolina: Fort Sumter (104SC002700); Fort Madsouth (104SC003200); and Fort Sevier (104SC002800).
3. We concur in the findings of Charleston District in these reports. ~~Further~~ action is proposed for Fort Madsouth or Fort Sevier at this time. The removal of Battery Huger at Fort Sumter appears to be an appropriate DERP undertaking, although there are constraints which could potentially delay project implementation beyond the current fiscal year. If further work is approved at Fort Sumter, please advise us as soon as possible so that we can proceed.
4. Any questions should be directed to Mr. Dennis Barnett (FTS 242-4630) or Mr. Marc Rucker (FTS 242-6043).

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FOR THE COMMANDER:

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DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM

FINDINGS OF FACT AND DETERMINATION OF

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RESPONSIBILITY

FORT WADSWORTH, SPARTANBURG, S.C.

Project No. I04SC003200

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Synopsis. Based on information now available, no project is proposed for the main camp site of Camp Wadsworth. Nor, at this time, it does not appear that there are any problems at the Rifle and Artillery Range 20 miles northeast of the main camp. More detailed investigations by Real Estate, SASRE-MC, may uncover structures or potential areas where unexploded ordnance may exist in this very large, remote artillery range. The camp contained mainly simple wooden buildings or temporary wood and canvas structures, most of which have been torn down. A number of Spartanburg City and County officials, local historians, and former landowners were questioned; none knew of any structures, debris, chemicals, or unexploded ordnance left by DOD that were causing a problem or were a potential hazard.

2. Former DOD Interest. Camp Wadsworth, located about 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Spartanburg, was used as a World War I training camp from July 6, 1917 when it was acquired from the City of Spartanburg until it was closed on March 25, 1919. No records of the transfer of lands, to or from the U. S. Government, were filed with the Spartanburg County Register of Mesne Conveyance, and the specific terms under which the lands were acquired and later released are not known.

3. DOD Usage. A number of maps and drawings were found which fix the camp boundaries and the layout of the camp. In all, 915 buildings were constructed as well as 10 large store houses, a hospital unit of 65 buildings, a remount station, and six large YMCA buildings. The cantonment was arranged in rectangles of 416 tents each. There were mess halls, a church and library, a post office, and a field bakery. Except for the post office and bakery the buildings were made from lumber. A rifle and artillery range was located about 20 miles north~~west~~^{west} of the main camp, about three miles west of the Town of Landrum, South Carolina. The exact types of ordnance employed on this roughly 2 mile by 7 mile mountainous area is not known.

4. Post-DOD Ownership History. After the closure of Camp Wadsworth, the land and buildings were acquired by Frank and Sue Hodges, whose properties had been leased to form a major portion of the camp. Mr. Hodges then sold most of the land and buildings. Today the land is occupied by portions of I-26 and Highway 29, the Westgate Shopping Center, other commercial development, and residential housing. The few warehouses and other structures that remain have been used for many years for commercial or other purposes. Most of the buildings were torn down or removed.

5. Extenuating Circumstances and Other Considerations. A number of sources were checked for the acquisition and disposal records for Camp Wadsworth, but at the time of report preparation they had not been located. Additional leads are being pursued by SASRE-MC, whose findings will be forwarded. OCE is checking their files and the National Archives. Mr. Frank Hodges of Spartanburg (the son of the original property owner) is very familiar with the land and had worked with his father in its sale and development after World War I. Neither he nor any of the other persons contacted knew of any structures that could be considered problems, except possibly 2 remaining warehouses that have been used commercially for many years. Because of this "beneficial use," these warehouses would not qualify for the DERP. Nor did anyone know of any chemical or unexploded ordnance problems.

DETERMINATION

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the present condition of the former Camp Wadsworth area, as described above, has been determined not to be the result of a prior DOD ownership, utilization, or activity in connection therewith. Rather, the present condition is the result of 65 years use by others after DOD disposed of the property. Moreover, it is determined that an environmental restoration project is not an appropriate undertaking within the purview of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for the reasons stated above.

SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET
FOR
PROJECT NO. I04SC003200
SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

SITE NAME: Camp (Fort) Wadsworth

LOCATION: Spartanburg, South Carolina

DESCRIPTION OF PROBLEM: Investigations to date have uncovered no problems with former DOD structures, substances, or conditions left at the site that qualify for the DERP.

SITE HISTORY: The site was used as a cantonment area from 1917 to 1919, to train U. S. Army troops for World War I. A roughly 2 mile by 7 mile Rifle and Artillery Range was located about 20 miles northwest of the main camp. Control and ownership of the property was returned to local landowners after the War.

AVAILABLE STUDIES AND REPORTS: Official records of property transfer to and from the U.S. Government have not been found; however, OCE is searching for these documents, and, if found, they will be sent to SASRE-MC. Information acquired to date is from local and regional libraries, histories, and public officials, and landowners. The Spartanburg County Library is the single best local source.

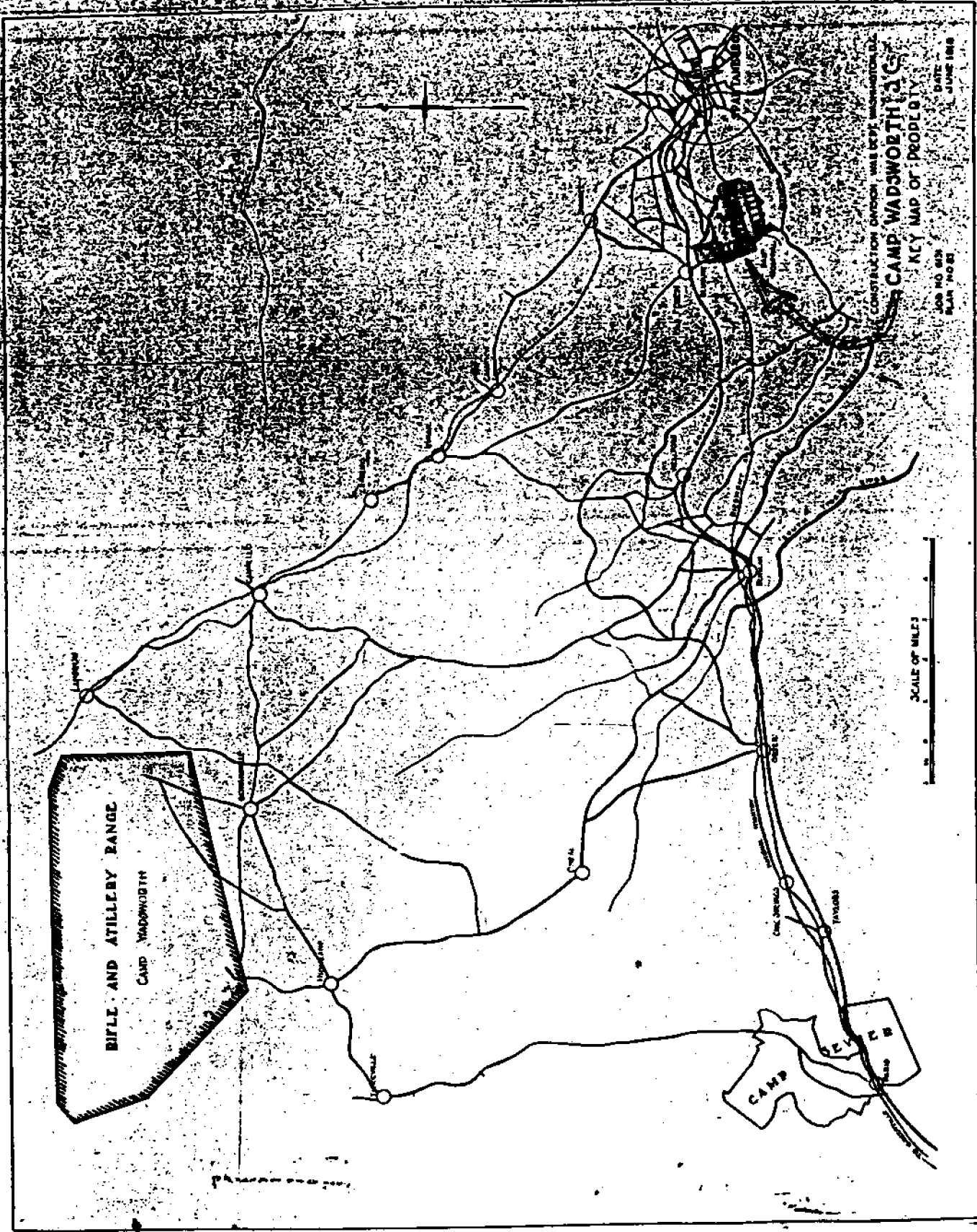
CATEGORY OF HAZARD: None

BASIS FOR DETERMINATION OF DOD RESPONSIBILITY: The few items located as part of this survey have been used for many years as homes or warehouses and do not qualify for DERP due to the "beneficial use" restriction.

POC/DISTRICT: Steve Morrison (FTS 677-4614) Charleston

STATUS: The site is currently heavily developed for residential housing, shopping centers, and other commerce.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION CONTRACT: No action proposed.

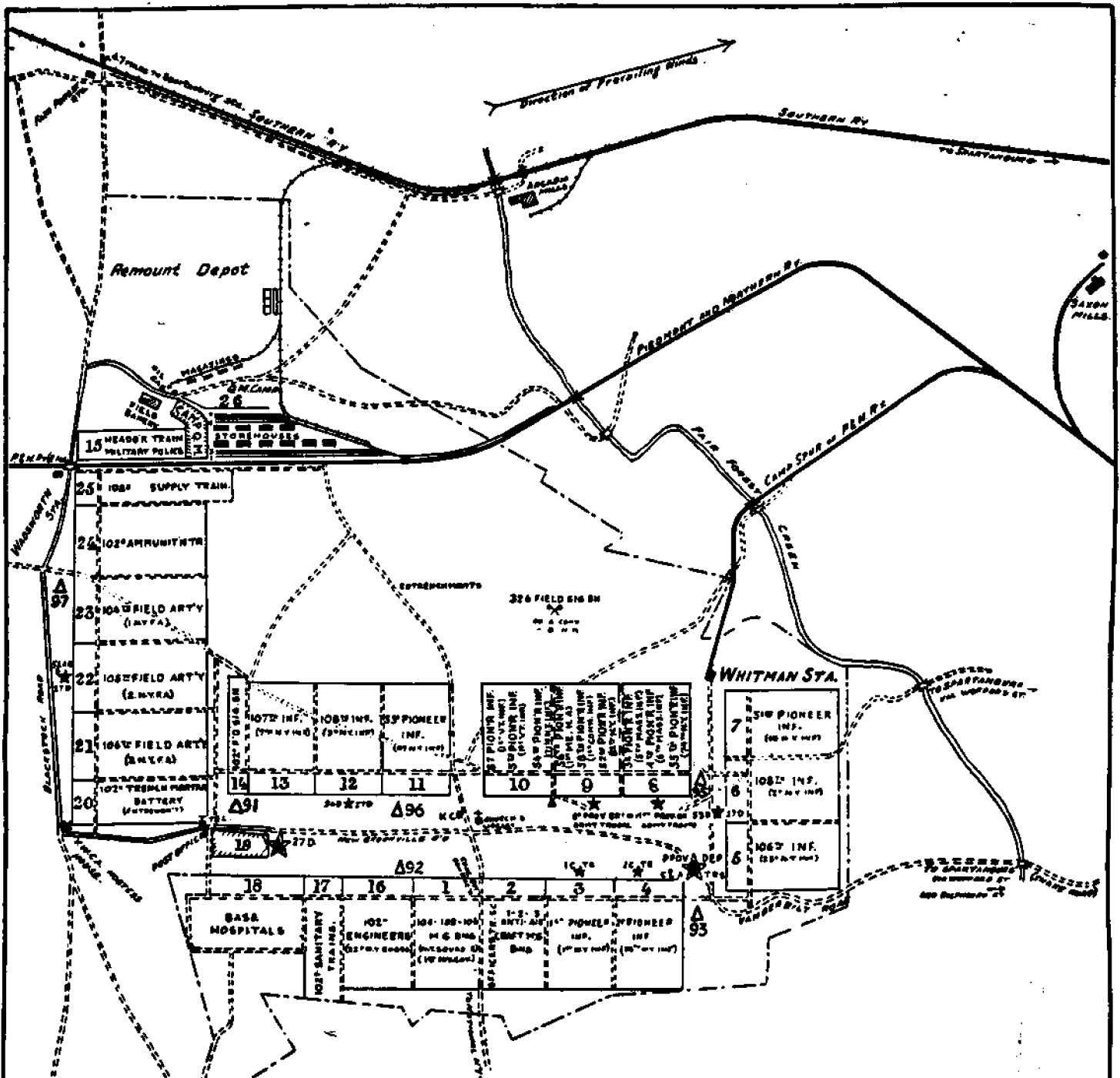


CONSTRUCTION DIVISION, MILITARY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
CAMP WADSWORTH, GA.

KEY MAP OF PRODEST

PLAN NO. 623
DATE: JUNE 1942

SCALE OF MILES
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MAP
OF
CAMP WADSWORTH
SPARTANBURG, S. C.

FOR
BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS
FIRST CORPS TROOPS, U.S.A.

BY
JOHN F. PATRICHILD, C. E.
MAJOR, U.S.A.
QUARTERMASTER FIRST CORPS TROOPS
MARCH, 11, 1918.



SCALE OF MILES.



NOTE.
THIS MAP IS COMPILED FROM ORIGINAL "LAYOUT OF CAMP WADSWORTH SPARTANBURG, S.C. BY LIEUT. COL. JOHN D. RYLANDER, JR. CONSTRUCTION QUARTERMASTER, WITH ADDITIONAL DATA FROM RECONNAISSANCE.
THE CAMP IS DIVIDED INTO BLOCKS OR RESERVATIONS, EACH WITH A DISTINCTIVE NUMBER (®); THE RESERVATION NUMBER IS PALED ON THE END OF EACH PRESS SHACK FACING THE REGIMENTAL STREETS, WHICH ARE THE STRAIGHT ROADS PASSING THROUGH CONSECUTIVE RESERVATIONS.
THE GENERAL ELEVATION IS 825 TO 875 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.
Ⓐ: YMCA. Ⓒ: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS