

FORT HUACHUCA - 1947

REPORT OF DISPOSITION BOARD
COVERING
FORT HUACHUCA MILITARY RESERVATION
FORT HUACHUCA, ARIZONA
12 JUNE 1947

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The following representatives of the Agencies concerned were present at the Board Meeting held at Fort Huachuca, Arizona on 12 June 1947:

SIXTH ARMY, PRESIDIO

William H. Peterson, Major, CAC, Assistant G-4
E. L. Kemp, Sixth Army Engineer
Reginald F. Stirk, Captain, F.A., G-1
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L. A. Thomas

COMMANDING OFFICER, FORT HUACHUCA MILITARY RESERVATION:

W. L. Roberts, Colonel, Infantry
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John S. Davis, Captain, C.E.
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Mr. Kunkle

DIVISION ENGINEER, SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

R. L. Solomon, Supply Division

DISTRICT ENGINEER, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Harold E. Spickard, Chief, Real Estate Division
W. H. Spear, Military Works Branch
John J. Shipley, Real Estate Division
L. E. Wilson, Property Disposal Officer
George W. Bauske, Surplus Facilities Branch
Loy G. Stover, Surplus Facilities Branch
Arvid Backlund, Zone Supervisor
Donald L. Williams, Real Estate Division

PHOENIX REAL ESTATE FIELD OFFICE, PHOENIX, ARIZONA:

Ed Atkinson, Chief, Phoenix Field Office, Real Estate Division
Lannas S. Henderson, Phoenix Field Office, Real Estate Division

ARIZONA NATIONAL GUARD:

John T. Zellars, Colonel
Frank E. Fraser, Colonel
C. O. Brunner, Lt. Colonel
M. E. Curry, Major, QMC
R. Lush, Major

WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Mark A. Kerst, Real Property Disposal
E. J. Husted, Real Property Disposal
S. V. Owen, Zone VI, Property Management Division

SECTION I - GENERAL

- A. Authority: Pursuant to instructions contained in Surplus Real Estate Directive, South Pacific Division No. 4805, Los Angeles District No. 2321, dated 23 May 1947, Office, South Pacific Division Engineer, which refers to Disposition Form from Director of Service Supply and Procurement, to Office, Chief of Engineers, dated 8 May 1947, Comment No. 1, File WDGSP/C2 19539, Subject: Disposition of Fort Huachuca, Arizona, copy attached, District Engineer convened Disposition Board Meeting 1000 hours, 12 June 1947, at Fort Huachuca, Arizona to arrange details and procedure for transfer of Fort Huachuca Military Reservation, Arizona from Commanding Officer, Fort Huachuca to District Engineer, Los Angeles, California.
- B. Date of Transfer: It is recommended that tentative date of transfer of subject installation shall be as of 0001 hours, 15 September 1947, said date to be subject to change. If it be found necessary to establish a different date, said date is to be set by mutual concurrence between Sixth Army; Commanding Officer, Fort Huachuca; and District Engineer, Los Angeles. Upon the said agreed on date, pursuant to directive listed in Paragraph A. above, the District Engineer will take over necessary property accountability, maintenance and protection of the premises of Fort Huachuca Military Reservation, Arizona, except as referred to in Section II, Paragraph A.
- C. Agencies Involved: Commanding General, Sixth Army, South Pacific Division Engineer, District Engineer, Los Angeles, Commanding Officer, Fort Huachuca Military Reservation, and War Assets Administration.
- D. General Description: Fort Huachuca Military Reservation, located in Cochise County, Arizona, approximately 45 miles Northwest of Bisbee, Arizona, consists of approximately 76,500 acres of land owned in fee by the United States, together with numerous licenses and permits, divided into Artillery Range of 31740 + acres and main military reservation of 44760 + acres, all hereinafter specifically described in Tract Register, Section II, Paragraph B. of this report.
- E. Disposal: It is understood and agreed that War Assets Administration will not withhold disposal action, pending withdrawal from surplus status, items covered by requests to be prepared by owning agency.

SECTION II - REAL PROPERTY

- A. General: The facilities of Fort Huachuca, Arizona, consisting of that portion of Huachuca Field Artillery Range not already declared surplus, accountability of which has been previously assumed by the District Engineer, and Fort Huachuca Military Reservation, together with property accountability, maintenance and protection of said premises will be

transferred to and assumed by the District Engineer, Los Angeles, as provided for in Section I, Paragraph B. of this report, except as follows:

1. Sixth Army will take necessary action to remove bodies from the Post Cemetery or request that the Post Cemetery and access thereto be withdrawn from surplus status. Sixth Army will furnish the District Engineer adequate description of cemetery and right of access thereto if cemetery is withdrawn from surplus status.

2. Ordnance Shop Building, Type B, Number 199, it is understood, will be transferred to the Arizona National Guard for removal, under subsequent direction of the Chief of Engineers.

Prior to the date of transfer, in accordance with War Department Circular 195, June 1945, a statement of decontamination and neutralization will be furnished by the Commanding Officer of Fort Huachuca to the District Engineer.

B. Tract Register:

1. Huachuca Field Artillery Range

<u>Tract Number</u>	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
2	Isabel S. Hunt	160.00
3	Wm M. Carmichael	296.11
3A	Wm. M. Carmichael	2657.75
6	May L. Smith, Executrix	560.00
6A	May L. Smith, Executrix	1760.00
6B	May L. Smith, Executrix	1129. 52
7	Henry Ward	160.00
8	J. F. Fleming	320.00
9	Harry W. Wilcox	640.00
10	Oliver Fry	160.00
11	Renee S. Lonnett	640.00
11A	Renee S. Lonnett	154.19
12	Norman B. Cozby	160.00
13	John F. Ross	320.00
15	R. N. Fourn	160.00
19	State of Arizona	
	Isabel S. Hunt, Lessee	3308.40
20	State of Arizona	
	Harry W. Wilcox, Lessee	694.16
20A	State of Arizona	
	Harry W. Wilcox, Lessee	160.00
21	State of Arizona	
	May L. Smith, Executrix	6052.87
22	State of Arizona	
	R. N. Fourn, Lessee	3838.64

<u>Tract Number</u>	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
23	State of Arizona	
	Renee S. Donnett, Lessee	640.00
25	Charity Pugh, Dec	
	Roxie Williams, Adm	147.50
26	Della Williams Hutton	2.00
27	Armelia Williams	1.00
28	Alverse Williams	1.00
29	Exie Thurmond Toliver	1.50
30	Virginia and Marion Green	2.00
31	Mrs. Ada Franklin, Dec	1.00
32	Margaret Cullins	1.00
33	Anna Johnson, Dec	1.00
34	I. W. Richard	
	Elnora Small	2.00
39	Roxie Kirkpatrick	1.00
40	State of Arizona	
	John L. Parker, Lessee	305.67
42	Van W. Wetter	27.29
43	Ernest Sulger	121.80
44	Herbert Brown	1.00
45	Public Domain	
	R. N. Fourr, Lessee	640.00
	Public Domain	<u>3293.18</u>
	Artillery Range Total, this report	28,521.58
	Boquillas Land and Cattle Company Leade (not a part of this report)	<u>3,219.92</u>
	Total	31,741.50

2. Fort Huachuca Military Reservation

Executive Order GO 35, headquarters Department of Arizona 1881, and Executive Order Number 36, Headquarters Army AGO 1883 (which enlarged area to its present size) established this reservation on unsurveyed Public Domain.

Military Reservation Total	44,760.00
Grand Total	76,501.50

Whereas a metes and bounds description of the boundary of Fort Huachuca Military Reservation, issued by the War Department 10 January 1939, gave an acreage of 44,800 acres, a map issued by the War Department, Washington, D.C., Construction Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, "Fort Huachuca, Arizona, Reservation May 19 March 1936 - No. 6203-100", bears

the notation "Exception: 40 acres transferred to the Department of Agriculture 9 July 1935". A description in a square in Section IV in Township 22 South, Range 20 East is as follows: East half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; West half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter.

C. Disposal: In accordance with existing regulations the District Engineer will prepare Form WAA-1005 and WAA-1001 covering surplus real and personal property, respectively, on the aforementioned facilities of Fort Huachuca, Arizona, for transmission and certification to War Assets Administration for disposal.

D. Outleases and Licenses:

1. Huachuca Field Artillery Range

- a. WO4-193-eng-6678, John P. Hunt, grazing cattle on Area "C".
- b. WO4-193-eng-6673, Isabel Starrett Hunt, grazing cattle on Area "C".
- c. WO4-193-eng-6674, W. M. Carmichael, grazing cattle or horses on Area "C".
- d. WO4-193-eng-6675, Renee S. Donnett, grazing cattle or horses on Area "C".
- e. WO4-193-eng-6676, Thomas G. Hunt, grazing cattle on Area "C".
- f. Supplementary Agreements for increase in stock allowed, is pending in all grazing licenses.

The above outgrants will be transferred by the District Engineer to War Assets Administration and any pending outgrants will be completed and transferred to War Assets Administration.

2. Fort Huachuca Military Reservation

- a. Easement granted by Act of 27 April 1912 (37 Stat. 92) to El Paso and Southwestern Railroad Company (now Southern Pacific Company) for right of way for railroad, telegraph, and telephone lines across reservations, and for station, station grounds, and stockyards.
- b. License granted 4 November 1913 to El Paso and Southwestern Railroad Company (now Southern Pacific Company) for spur tract 905 feet long.
- c. License granted 23 June 1914 to El Paso and Southwestern Railroad Company (now Southern Pacific Company) for spur tract to hayshed.
- d. License granted 1 February 1916 to El Paso and Southwestern Railroad Company (now Southern Pacific Company) for spur tract to oil line of Electric Power Plant and Ice Plant.

e. Transportation license, granted 8 October 1943 to Thomas E. Morgan, d.b.a. Nogales-Bisbee Stage for motor bus and express stage service through said reservation.

f. License granted 7 June 1943, to Pacific Motor Transport Company for transportation of passengers and their baggage, U. S. Mail, express and newspapers.

g. License for a period of five years from 10 March 1942, to Louis Washington to operate bus and taxi line.

h. License for a period of five years, granted 7 June 1943, to Pacific Motor Trucking Company to operate a truck service.

i. License for a period of five years, granted 15 August 1946, to Paul W. Keating to operate a motor bus and taxi service.

j. License No. WO4-193-eng-6658 for a period of five years, granted 7 February 1946 to Mar H. Kim to operate restaurant.

k. Lease No. W766-qm-1483, for a period of five years, granted 9 February 1940 to Van W. Wetter, to operate a garage.

l. License No. W49-040-eng-2096, for a period of five years, granted 14 April 1944 to the American Red Cross, to erect and maintain temporary structure to be used as Administration Building.

m. Permit for road for Pomona Mining Company.

n. WO4-193-eng-6677, C. M. Gross, License for grazing on Area "A".

o. WO4-193-eng-6679, Midvale Farm Company, License for grazing on Area "B".

p. Pending License to Renee S. Donnett for grazing cattle on unit D-1.

q. Pending license to Renee S. Donnett for grazing cattle on Unit D-2.

The transportation and truck service licenses, listed in Paragraphs e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l and m above, will be terminated prior to the effective date of transfer of the installation to the War Assets Administration unless written request for prior cancellation is made by the District Engineer.

The outgrants listed in Paragraphs a, b, c, d, n and o will be completed and transferred to the War Assets Administration.

SECTION III - PERSONAL PROPERTY

Prior to the date of transfer of fort huachuca to the District Engineer, personal property of all War Department Technical Services will be removed from the installation except as hereinafter stated:

- a. Controlled or critical items, all attached or installed property such as plumbing, lighting, heating and ventilating system will not be removed from locations in which installed but will be left in place and transferred with the installation.
- b. Personal property essential for the protection and maintenance of the installations will be transferred concurrent with the transfer of the installation. Such property will be as shown on list dated 27 May 1947 and supplemental list to be submitted within 10 days from this date. This transfer will be made in accordance with Paragraph 15, TM 38-319, dated March 1947.
- c. Surplus laundry, baker and mess equipment having been declared to and accepted by the disposal agency for disposal in place and remaining on the installation at date of transfer of the installation to the District Engineer, may remain in place and will not have to be removed at that time. The accountability for such property will remain with the Sixth Army Surplus Property Officer.
- d. Prior to date of transfer, representatives of the District Engineer and the Post Commander will make a joint inventory of real and personal property to be transferred. At this time a joint inspection will be made to assure that all property has been removed except as stated herein, and also to determine that the provisions of T. B. Engr 66 have been complied with to the satisfaction of the District Engineer. The removal of such property will include improvised or local fabricated items, salvage, scrap, small lots surplus or any other non-installed property whether a matter of record with the accountable officer or not.
- e. The District Engineer will furnish the Sixth Army Surplus Property Officer with the necessary warehousing and storage space for declared surplus personal property remaining on the installation at date of transfer. Housing facilities necessary for housing Sixth Army Surplus Property personnel, will be made available by the District Engineer. The District Engineer will made available the landing strip for use of the Sixth Army Surplus Property Officer for carrying out Surplus Personal Property Disposal Activities.

SECTION IV - PERSONNEL

- A. Civilian: Subsequent to 1 July 1947, the Commanding Officer, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, will furnish the District Engineer a list of personnel available for transfer to the District for maintenance, guarding, fire protection, and administration after date of transfer. The list will give name, payroll designation, rate of pay, type of appointment, and veteran's preference of each employee available for transfer.

The Sixth Army will provide, administer, and pay four guards for protection of declared surplus personal property and to control ingress and egress to the surplus property area.

The Sixth Army will provide, administer, and pay the necessary personnel for care and handling of declared surplus personal property.

The District Engineer will provide, pay, and administer four guards and the additional personnel necessary for fire and security protection and maintenance of the surplus installation.

- B. Military: No military personnel will be transferred to the District Engineer.

SECTION V - ENGINEER FUNCTIONS

- A. Utility Functions: The following utility contracts will be transferred to District Engineer by the Commanding Officer, Fort Huachuca, effective the date of transfer of subject installation:

Gas Contract II W7033-qm-60 with the Fort Huachuca Gas Company, El Paso, Texas.

Electrical Contract No. W7033-qm-57 with the Tucson Gas and Electric Company of Tucson, Arizona, provides for a minimum payment of \$27,500.00 per year by the War Department and also provides for a 90 day written notice of termination. The aforementioned minimum charge greatly exceeds the reasonable costs of electrical energy which will be used by the District Engineer after date of transfer to the District Engineer. It is therefore recommended that the Commanding Officer, Fort Huachuca, Arrange for a modification of subject contract reducing the minimum charge to a lower cost subject to the approval of the District Engineer. In the event such modification can be consummated, the revised contract will be transferred to the District Engineer effective date of transfer of subject installation. If negotiations for decreasing the minimum charges can not be accomplished the existing contract will be terminated by the Commanding Officer and the District Engineer will negotiate a new contract for electric service with the Tucson Gas and Electric Company, if possible, or will operate the installation power plant.

The power plant will be transferred to the District Engineer in operable condition for future use as stand by and/or for operational purposes.

Commanding Officer, Fort Huachuca, will notify utility companies of the effective date of transfer, request read-outs and furnish to the District Engineer copies of all letters of notification. Copies of contracts, together with certified, true copies of the last pay voucher prepared will be furnished as soon as possible after date of transfer.

- B. Telephones; Present fire reporting system (Government-owned) will be transferred to District Engineers.

Signal Officer, Fort Huachuca, will terminate the presently installed telephone system, prior to the effective date of transfer.

District Engineer will arrange with Signal Officer, Sixth Army, for installation of one direct trunk line to be located in Fire Station Building No. 39 with one extension to be located in Fire Station Building No. 70, also one trunk line required by the Surplus Property Officer to be located in Building No. 154 with one extension to be located in Buildings No. 9. War Department will be reimbursed by War Assets Administration for phones required by the Surplus Property Officer.

- C. Railroad Operations: Any Costs for operation of railroad facilities required by the Surplus Property Officer at subject installation will be paid by the Sixth Army.

Concurred in and submitted by all members of this board this
12th Day of June 1947.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, SIXTH ARMY:

/s/William H. Peterson
/t/WILLIAM H. PETERSON, MAJOR, CAC,
(G-4 IRE)

FOR THE DIVISION ENGINEER, SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION:

/s/R. L. Solomon
/t/R. L. SOLOMON, Supply Division

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, LOS ANGELES:

/s/Harold E. Spickard, Chief
/t/HAROLD E. SPICKARD, Chief
Real Estate Division

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER, FORT HUACHUCA MILITARY RESERVATION, ARIZONA:

/s/W. L. Roberts
/t/W. L. ROBERTS, Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

FOR WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION:

/s/Mark A. Kerst
/t/MARK A. KERST
Los Angeles Regional Office

FOR PHOENIX FIELD OFFICE, DISTRICT
ENGINEER:

/s/Ed Atkinson
/t/ED ATKINSON

1 ATTACHMENT
Ltr dtd 8 May 47

DISTRIBUTION:

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