

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS
9800 TSU DETACHMENT NO. 14
BOMB AND SHELL DISPOSAL TEAM

6 June 1947

SUBJECT: Report of the Dedudding of the Spillane
Property, Vidal, Calif.

TO: Division Engineer
South Pacific Division
PO Box 3049
San Francisco 19, Calif.

1. The 9800th TSU-CE Detachment Number 14, Engineer Bomb & Shell Disposal Team, was assigned the clearing of the Spillane Property, Vidal, California.

2. The dedudding of subject property, as directed by Surplus Real Estate Directive SPD No. 4772, began 28 May 1947 and was completed 6 June 1947.

3. The entire property (approximate section) was inspected for land mines and other dangerous objects. Various logical contaminated areas, comprising approximately 120 acres, were swept with detectors by the personnel of Detachment #14 and one Engineer from Los Angeles District Engineers. The total man hours to complete the work was 2160 and the total field cost was \$762.00.

4. The area was cleared by the use of three detectors, two men operating each. The work of the two-man detector team was one man operating the detector and the other marking the boundary of each sweep and inspecting all indications of the detector. The detectors were operated at least twenty feet apart to avoid radio waves from one detector interfering with the waves of another.

5. Four, M1, Practice, Anti-tank, Mines with fuses containing black powder and red phosphorus, were found and destroyed by placing a large charge of Composition C-3 on them.

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6. I believe the Spillane Property covered by this report to be free from explosives for the purpose of grazing and cultivation.

7. The location of the Spillane Property is designated by the enclosed map of:

Blackburn's Map of Riverside County, California
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6400 West Blvd.
Los Angeles, California
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Bomb & Shell Disposal Team
Commanding



Mine Detector

Dedudding of
the Spillane Property,
Vidal, Calif.



Assembling the Detector



Ready for Work



Operating the Detector



The Location of a
Mine



Clearing the Soil
from Around the
Mine.



Total Miners Found.