

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
ORIGINAL DATE: 01/20/94
TAG REVIEW DATE: 3 FEBRUARY 1998**

1. SITE NAME: Rosecrans Army Air Field
and Rosecrans Field Rifle Range

SITE NUMBER: B07MO016100 and B07MO025300

LOCATION:

City: St. Joseph
County: Buchanan
State: Missouri

PROJECT NUMBER: B07MO016103 and B07MO025300

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4 & 4

ASR RAC: 1 & 4

TAG RAC: 5 & 5

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION:

a. Rosecrans Army Air Field, located approximately three miles west of St. Joseph, Missouri, is situated on approximately 1251.44 acres of land on the Kansas-Missouri border. The Army

first occupied the existing Rosecrans Field on 6 July 1942 and commenced flying operations three days later.

b. The U.S. acquired 764.84 acres by fee, 469.17 by lease, and 17.44 acres by easement. Improvements made by the DOD included ammunition storage, non-ordnance storage, and chemical warfare facilities. All acreage except 132.9 acres was reported surplus in 1946. They were then assigned to the Department of the Army. In 1961, 78.75 of these acres were conveyed to the City of St. Joseph. The remaining 54.15 acres is an active DOD site used for Air National Guard Training.

4. SITE HISTORY:

a. Rosecrans Field was named to perpetuate the memory of Sergeant Guy Wallace Rosecrans, the first man from St. Joseph to die in the Army Air Service during World War I.

b. An INPR dated 12 October 1993 states that the land comprising the former Rosecrans Army Air Field was used as an operation training air field for the Army Air Force Air Transport Command between 1942 and 1945. In 1946 the site was declared surplus and 132.90 acres were transferred to the Army, National Guard in 1948. The Missouri Air National Guard now uses some of this property. The remainder of the land was conveyed to the City of St. Joseph.

c. The Rosecrans Field Rifle Range began in 1942 with 59.3 acres located on the bluffs of the Missouri River. The Field Rifle Range, also known as Camp Petree, was used as an overflow camp and training grounds for the Rosecrans Army Air Field. Camp Petree was originally constructed during the depression and had served as a transient camp.

d. The Air Field was used primarily for the training of cargo pilots. Stationed at the field was the First Operational Training Unit. Training also consisted of firing practice and chemical warfare training.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area A:

Size, Acres:	Approximately 50
Former Use:	Chemical Storage Area
Present Use:	Overgrown Burial Area
Probable End Use:	Airport Buffer Area
Ordnance Presence:	Potential
Type:	M1, Gas ID Kits

Area B:

Size, Acres: Approximately 1272
Former Use: Army Air Field
Present Use: Municipal Airport
Probable End Use: Same as above
Ordnance Presence: None

Area C:

Size Acres: Approximately 59.3
Former Use: Rifle Range
Present Use: Local Gun Club
Probable End Use: Same as above
Ordnance Presence: None

6. CURRENT STATUS:

The Archives Search Report (ASR) for the Rosecrans Army Air Field and Rosecrans Field Rifle Range was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in December 1993.

7. STRATEGY:

Area A: NOFA
Area B: NOFA
Area C: NOFA

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

b. The RCWM Team reviewed this ASR for the Rosecrans Army Air Field (B07MO016103) and the following is their comment: "I do not concur with the RAC score as determined. The ASR reports that Chemical Agent Identification Sets were on hand on the site and that chemical warfare training was conducted on the site. This does not in and of itself justify calling the site a chemical site. As the ASR reports that there has been no CWM or OE contamination found on the site. Based on the information provided this site is considered to be a no further action required and a new RAC form is included."

a. The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group has reviewed this ASR and has determined that NOFA is required for either site. A revised RAC form is attached for the Rosecrans Field Rifle Range (B07MO025300). Nothing larger than .50 caliber rounds were ever stored or fired in Area C.

c. There are known Federally- and State-listed species occurring in the site area. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the

presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: NOFA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: NA