

RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
SEPTEMBER 1995
TAG REVIEW DATE: 5 FEBRUARY 1997

1. **SITE NAME:** Stanton Low Altitude Precision Bombing Range

SITE NUMBER: B07NE006900

LOCATION:

City: Stanton
County: Stanton
State: Nebraska

PROJECT NUMBER: B07NE006901

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:** The former Stanton Low Altitude Precision Bombing Range (PBR) is located approximately two miles southeast of Stanton, Nebraska in Stanton County. The site consisted of 2,484.47 acres. The site is gently rolling land used for cattle grazing. The nearest residence is about one mile from the target

center. There are three residences with farm buildings within a two mile radius of the target center. Access to the site is provided by a minimum maintenance county dirt road(trail). A four wheel drive vehicle is recommended.

Runoff from the site flows into Sand, Cedar, and Wells Creeks and into the Elkhorn River which is located northwest of the site area. Topographic features include small knolls and depressions. Maximum relief between the ridgetops and drainage-ways in the site area is 100 feet.

4. SITE HISTORY: The Army Air Forces acquired 2,484.47 acres (240 acres fee acquired by purchase and seven leaseholds for 2,244.47 acres by lease and condemnation) in 1943 for the Stanton Low Altitude Precision Bombing Range. Other names for the site were: Scribner Bombing Range, Sioux City Precision Bombing Range No. 1 and Stanton Precision bombing Range No. 1.

The site was initially acquired to support training at Scribner Army Air Field. Later, it also supported Sioux City Army Air Field in Iowa. Historical documents and the property owners confirm that practice bombs were used at the site. Improvements included aiming circles, an observation building, a generator house, an E-1 sonic bomb scoring target, and a fence. The site was declared surplus 10 January 1946. Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation assumed accountability of the fee acreage and all Government improvements 8 May 1946. Three leases, totaling 866.67 acres, were cancelled on 31 March 1946. Four leases, totaling 1,377.80 acres, were cancelled on 15 May 1946.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

AREA

Size, Acres:	2,484.47
Former Use:	Low Altitude Precision Bombing Range
Present Use:	Cattle grazing
Probable End Use:	Same as present
Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
Type:	Practice Bombs, 100 lb., M38A2

6. CURRENT STATUS: The Archives Search Report (ASR) for Stanton Low Altitude Precision Bombing Range was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in September 1995.

7. STRATEGY: EE/CA;(RAC 4)

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS: The site is a RAC 4 with a low priority EE/CA. Based on historical research, interviews and on site observations, only practice bombs were used at the site.

The target circles are still visible and there is practice bomb debris scattered within the circles. Practice bomb debris is also scattered over the entire bombing range. There is a cattle watering tank on the west side of the bombing range where practice bomb debris has been placed. No craters or HE fragments were found during the site inspection and there are no reports of OE incidents or use of HE bombs on this site.

CWM Activities: Correspondence was found indicating that CWM might have been located at the parent base, Scribner AAF. No evidence of CWM at the site was noted.

Other OE Activities: A building list for Scribner AAF was found which indicated that there was a skeet range and a rifle range at the site. However, other evidence shows that these facilities were located at the air field. The building list indicating the site as the location is likely to be in error. A certificate of decontamination dated 18 December 1945 was found. Additionally, a memorandum from the War Assets Administration to the Farm Credit Administration state that the land was completely decontaminated and was safe for resale to the general public.

Natural Resources: There are known Federally listed species occurring in the site area. Listings are provided in the ASR Findings, page 3-4, paragraph 3.5. 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.

Historical Resources: No cultural or historical sites associated with this site are reported in the ASR. However, any intrusive measures taken within the area will require oversight by the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) and/or other like organizations.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only