

II. DESCRIPTION

The depot is located approximately in the geographical center of the United States equidistant by air from both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, in Adams and Clay Counties, Nebr. (latitude 40°35'04" N., longitude 98°21'07" W.), approximately 4 miles east of the city of Hastings, Nebr. (population 22,000) and 99 miles southwest of the city of Lincoln, Nebr. (population 100,200). It has as its northern boundary the transcontinental U.S. Highway No. 6. It is served by three major railroads, Union Pacific, Burlington, and Missouri Pacific, the first two of which has transcontinental connections. The land is flat and well suited for economical construction. Elevation is 1,901 feet.

The area of the site is 48,753 acres (approximately 76 square miles) and is entirely Government-owned, being purchased at a cost of approximately \$2,800,000. Construction of depot facilities cost approximately \$62,495,000.

Of the 48,753 acres of land occupied by the depot, approximately 97 percent of the land is leased for agricultural use. The rent paid by lessees during fiscal year 1959 was \$260,000, and the value of the services rendered by lessees, i.e., maintenance of roads, firebreaks, etc. was valued at \$300,000.

At the present time, Detachment 10, 10th Radar Bomb Scoring Group, U.S. Air Force, occupies three buildings and a surrounding area of 40,000 square feet. This area is leased to the Air Force until December 1, 1961.

The jurisdiction over the Naval Ammunition Depot, Hastings, Nebr., was assumed on March 17, 1943, and acknowledged by the government of Nebraska, March 20, 1943. Jurisdiction is exclusive with the exception of a reservation of concurrent jurisdiction in the State for civil and criminal process. However, this right to serve civil and criminal process, which is the sole exception to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States conferred by the Nebraska statute, is itself limited by the words: " * * * except so far as such process may affect the real and personal property of the United States."

Most of the buildings on the depot are of brick, tile, or reinforced concrete construction. The facilities of this station include approximately 1,800 buildings and magazines. The estimated total floor space is 6,700,000 square feet.

III. WORKLOAD BY PROGRAMS

Segregation.

Maintenance and modification.

Receipt, stowage, and issue.

Material disposal.

BRIEF OF U.S. NAVAL AMMUNITION DEPOT, ST. JULIENS CREEK, VA.

I. MISSION

The mission of the station is to receive, renovate, maintain, store, and issue ammunition, explosives, expendable ordnance items and/or weapons and technical ordnance material and to perform additional tasks as directed by the Bureau of Naval Weapons.

In accomplishing its mission the station is concerned almost exclusively with gun type ammunition and pyrotechnics. It provides berthing and security for district craft assigned by commandant, Fifth Naval District for ammunition services. A quality evaluation laboratory is established at the activity. The station also is charged with disposal of unserviceable and/or dangerous ammunition and explosives.

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The Naval Ammunition Depot, St. Juliens Creek, is located in Norfolk County on the west bank of the Elizabeth River and borders on St. Juliens Creek on the south and southwest. It comprises 490 acres adjacent to the naval shipyard. The area immediately adjacent is moderately populated. From the standpoint of combined physical characteristics, it is the smallest of the 10 ammunition type activities now in active status.

The station has a 1,520-foot pier capable of accepting and servicing modern LST's, Coast Guard ships, and various small vessels. It does not receive destroyers nor larger combatant ships. Servicing of these ships is accomplished by barges which are under the control of the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk. Ammunition is barged to and from an anchorage in the area harbor. A destroyer offload can normally be done within a single workday. A carrier, which is