

APPENDIX C
HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS FOR THE SADVA AND AOC 2

1964 AUTO TOUR BROCHURE FOR STOP AT SADVA

JULY 64

ALBANY COUNTY DRIVE-IT-YOURSELF TOUR

This form must be completely filled out before you can enter STOP 2. Fill out now before you start your trip. It entitles you to a very special Stop including - exhibits - a special 25 minute program with colored pictures - and a special short Bus Tour.

ENTRANCE PERMIT FOR STOP 2

DATE - CHECK ONE:

July 12

July 19

NAME HANS KAPPEL

TOTAL NUMBER OF
PERSONS IN CAR

ADDRESS BOX 14 ALTAMONT

N. Y.

NOT VALID AFTER 4 P. M. - EITHER DATE

JULY 1964

Read this to get
the most out
of this tour!

1. YOUR BROCHURE GIVES YOU COMPLETE DIRECTIONS. ALWAYS READ AHEAD SO YOU WILL KNOW WHAT TO WATCH FOR AND THE STORY ABOUT THE THINGS YOU WILL SEE.
2. AT THE STOPS - READ THE SHEET ABOUT THAT STOP, BEFORE DRIVING ON. IT POINTS OUT MANY THINGS YOU CAN SEE BEST FROM THE STOP ITSELF.
3. TAKE YOUR TIME. - YOU WILL SEE AND ENJOY THE TRIP MORE.
4. REST ROOMS AVAILABLE AT STOP 2.
5. FOOD AND REST ROOMS BETWEEN STOPS 5 and 6. WATCH FOR SIGN IN VILLAGE.
6. AT 4 STOPS THERE ARE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, EXHIBITS, THINGS TO SEE BEST IF YOU GET OUT OF YOUR CAR. THESE ARE NOTED IN YOUR BROCHURE OR ON THE STOP SHEETS. OTHERWISE PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THE MAIN ROAD.
7. DRIVE CAREFULLY AND SAFELY - WATCH THE CHILDREN! DON'T CLIMB FENCES OR TRESPASS ON OTHER PEOPLES' LAND.
8. ENJOY YOURSELF!

WELCOME TO
VOORHEESVILLE AREA
SCHENECTADY ARMY DEPOT

INTRODUCTION

You are going to visit the Voorheesville Area of the Schenectady Army Depot. This area was originally constructed as a Holding and Reconsignment Depot for the Transportation Corps. In 1945 it became the Voorheesville Storage Area of the Schenectady Army Depot. All headquarters and service activities are administered at Schenectady. Since its consolidation with the Schenectady Army Depot the Voorheesville Area has been used for the storage and maintenance of heavy engineer-type equipment.

PROGRAM

As you come through the main gate, please drive to the parking area. After parking your car, make sure that you lock your doors. The government cannot be responsible for articles which are lost or stolen.

Walk to Building 5 where you will see a display of items used by our Armed Forces. You will be surprised at the number of items you will recognize. Many of these items are used on your farm.

Beyond the display area, you will be given a short welcome speech, and shown narrated color slides describing our depot. This will take approximately 25 minutes. When the slides are over, please proceed quickly, but carefully, to the waiting busses. Once on the bus, there will be no smoking. The bus will take you on a tour of the area, including a ride through three warehouses.

HISTORY

The Schenectady General Reserve Depot was constructed during World War I. It was conceived, designed and built for the purpose of storing war supplies, over and above the immediate needs of our fighting soldiers. Schenectady was selected as a site because of its nearness to the Atlantic Coastal ports, and the availability of good rail, truck and water transportation.

Construction began the 10th of April 1918, and the first warehouse was completed and in service, in August of the same year. During the following years, additional land was purchased and new buildings erected,

until today, now known as the Schenectady Army Depot, it consists of 305 acres of owned and 7 acres of leased land at Schenectady, and 595 acres of owned and 2 acres of leased land in Voorheesville. There are 93 buildings in the Schenectady Area and 51 buildings in the Voorheesville Area. The cost of real property in the two areas combined was \$37,000,000 with a current replacement cost of more than \$82,000,000. Each warehouse in the Voorheesville Area is approximately 900 ft. long and 200 ft. wide.

TOUR

As you approach the first open storage area, you will notice large quantities of structural steel. These are components of the Bailey Bridge. This bridge was designed and developed by Sir Donald Bailey of the Bridge Ministry Supply. Soon after the United States entered World War II it became evident to the Corps of Engineers that a new type of fixed bridge was needed. The versatility, transportability, and simplicity of construction of the Bailey Bridge made it ideal for tactical warfare. This bridge has been used repeatedly with excellent results. It was later modified to support heavier armored vehicles. Today it is considered to be an important item both for the Department of the Army and for civilian use in flood areas. This type of bridge is loaned to Flood Disaster Areas, and was used exclusively by the states of Connecticut and Massachusetts where floods created a national emergency. Each group of steel structures that you see so compactly stored, is a complete bridge assembly. It is stored in this manner so that it can be shipped on a moment's notice anywhere in the United States or overseas.

There will be an area set aside for display of heavy equipment. Items you see are typical of the material which is maintained and stored in the warehouses. The items you see going through this area are:

- Generators, fire fighting units with accessories
- Water Purification Set
- Tractor Mounted Tree Feller
- Electric Repair Van
- Bucket Loader
- Wheeled Tractor
- Road Graders
- Crawler Tractor with armored cab and bulldozer, commonly known as the "Snow Cat".

As you leave the open display area, you will go through facilities which are used for the preservation of large type equipment. This building is

divided into four sections and is completely equipped with electrical doors for the even flow of equipment. It is also equipped with two floor-mounted chain conveyors which pull the equipment through the building, thus eliminating the necessity of starting any of the equipment engines. The first section you go through is used to clean and prepare the equipment for painting and preservation. The second and third sections are used for painting and drying the equipment. The fourth section is used to reassemble any components that may have been removed during the operation.

As the bus turns onto the road, the building on your right is shed storage.

The area on the left is used as a central loading area. All heavy equipment stored under cover is moved to this area for loading. It has been found that centralized loading saves money.

On the right you see that heavy equipment, such as: crawler cranes, crawler tractors, and many other pieces of heavy equipment are stored within the shed. By having facilities such as this, the equipment's life is extended, and again results in a considerable savings to the government.

On the left, is an area in which we temporarily store heavy equipment, which has been returned by our troops stationed in the United States and overseas. Many of these items are repaired and put back into service by our Depot Maintenance Shop, which you will see later. Items which are not repairable are turned over to the Property Disposal Division and any money realized, thru their sale, is returned to the government. In some cases, even though the item is determined to be economically repairable, we are not allowed to perform repairs, because the item is beyond its age limit.

On the left is the second of our sheds. This shed contains items similar to those you saw in the first shed.

The steel fabrications you see in front of you to the right are used for the storage of gas cylinders. Beyond these sheds is stored critical and strategic material for the General Services Administration. Items which are stored here include zinc, copper, aluminum, etc. This area can be seen better from the main road.

Going through the warehouse area, you will notice two different types of buildings. As a point of information, the cement block warehouses which are painted yellow were built in 1952 at a cost of approximately \$1,131,000.00 per building. There are five such buildings at this installation. The other type of buildings are constructed of brick, and were

completed in 1942 at a cost of approximately \$870,000.00 per building. There are six of these buildings in this area. The area consists of 595 acres of land. Facilities and services are representative of a small city which include: 30 miles of railroad tracks, 12 miles of paved roads, fire department, police force, power houses, motor repair shop, locomotive house, dispensary, sanitary sewer, storm water draining system, water supply, etc. Government-owned trackage serving this activity connects with the New York Central System at Guilderland Center, New York.

The two warehouses you see in front of you, standing apart from the others, were used exclusively for the storage of highly inflammable items, such as thinners and lacquers. It is a safety requirement that items of this nature be stored separate from all other materials.

You will go through two warehouses to give you some idea of the size of each warehouse, the type of material stored and the method of storage.

Remember, there is no smoking in the bus.

The last building you go through is the Heavy Equipment Repair Shop. You will actually see the rehabilitation of stocks which are undergoing major repair. Many of these items were seen in the open area in the condition that they were returned to us from Army and Air Force installations.

DEPARTURE

The bus will let you off at the flag pole. The parking lots are to your right. We hope you enjoy yourselves and what you see is interesting, educational and informative. Please be careful leaving the depot. Turn right at the gate to continue your tour.

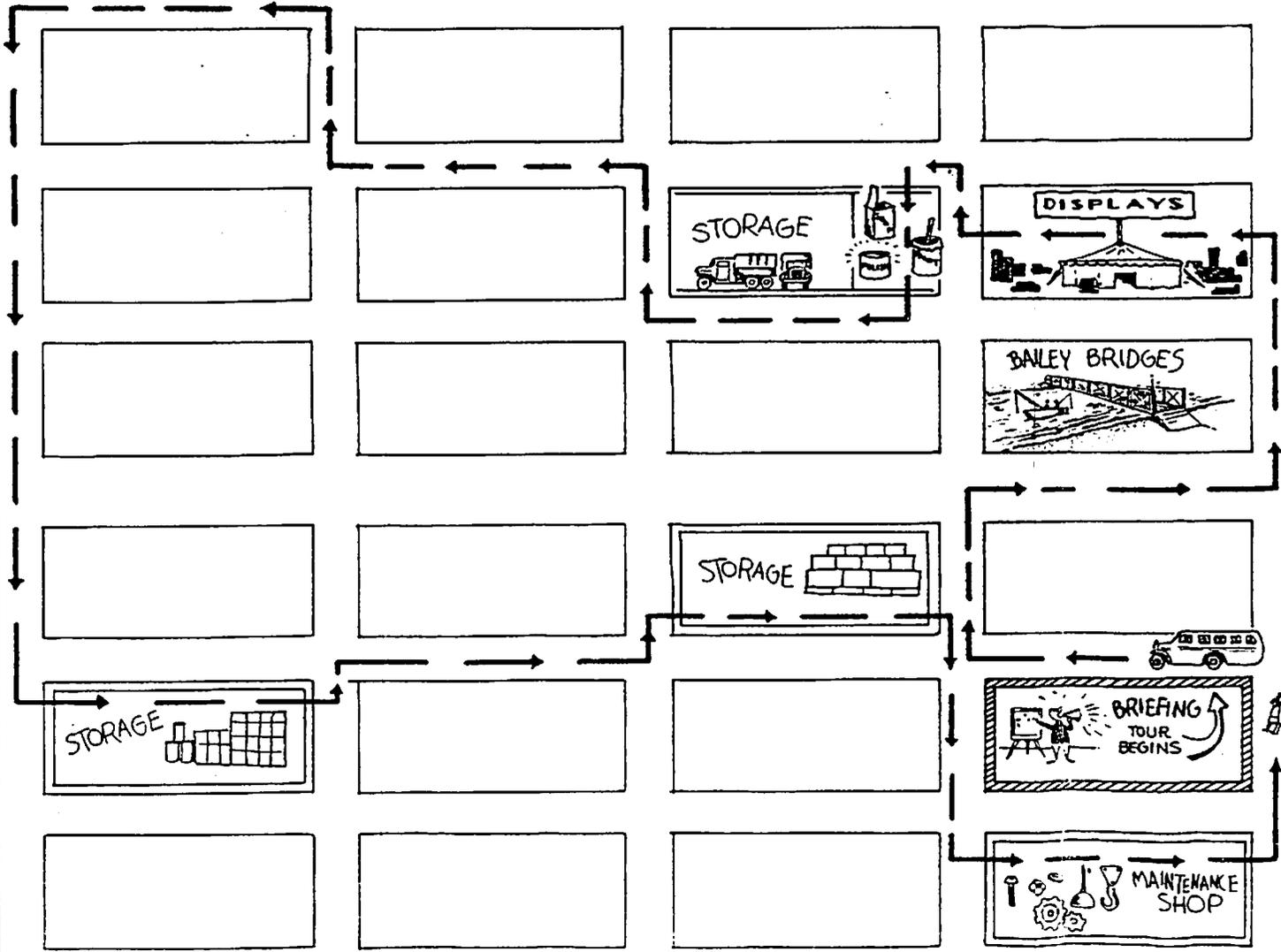
ROUTE 201

ENTER

VOORHEESVILLE AREA
SCHENECTADY ARMY DEPOT



STRATEGIC &
CRITICAL
Materials



PARKING AREA

NO SMOKING
FLAMMABLE STORAGE

BLACK CREEK

**ALBANY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT LETTER ON CONTAMINATION
AT AOC 2 AND THE NEIP**



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
COUNTY OF ALBANY
SOUTH FERRY AND GREEN STS.
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12201

William A. Grattan, M.D.,
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COMMISSIONER

January 10, 1983

Mr. Kevin A. Moss, Supervisor
Town of Guilderland - Town Hall
Guilderland, NY 12084

RE: HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE INVENTORY
BURNS PROPERTY & NORTHEASTERN INDUSTRIAL PARK
TOWN OF GUILDERLAND

Dear Mr. Moss,

In response to your recent letter regarding the above, I have attached copies of pertinent information from our files regarding this Department's investigation of these two (2) potential sites. Both sites were included on the recently published N.Y.S. Superfund list of sites in an attempt to confirm previously obtained information, (indicating that no hazardous waste burial site(s) exist), through detailed site investigation. Unfortunately, both these sites have such low ratings, due to the lack of environmental and health impacts, that it may be several years (if ever) before monies are allocated for investigation.

The Burns property has been sampled by the N.Y.S.D.E.C. Bureau of Hazardous Wastes and Region #4, D.E.C. The results of these samplings indicate that priority pollutants are not a concern and that the unknown pills found at the site were identified as salt tablets. Additionally, the United States General Services Administration and the Department of Army were contacted relative to their records on disposal activities in this area. Their findings were negative, and to their knowledge, no disposal activities were performed at this location.

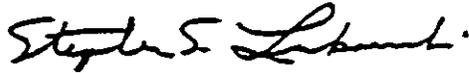
The Northeastern Industrial Park has been surveyed by this Department and the N.Y.S. D.E.C. with no apparent environmental or health problems being noted. Again, the General Services Administration and the U.S. Department of Army indicate that no toxic and/or hazardous waste material was ever dumped on this property.

Mr. Kevin A. Moss, Supervisor
Town of Guilderland

1/10/83

I hope that above mentioned information clarifies the current status of these 2 sites. If you should require further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Stephen S. Lukowski, P.E., Director
Division of Environmental Health Services

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enclosures

cc: Mr. Irving Bonsel, P.E., Region #4, DEC