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MEMORANDUM FOR Hafterson - O'Donnell

I found that the safety rules for transporting explosives are being disregarded at the Camp F-181 spike camp. I found electric caps being transported in truck seat with driver and dynamite in rear of same truck. Electric caps was not in wooden container.

I suggest that Camp Sup't. fully explain rules for transporting and handling powder and enforce rules regarding same. Page S-21 - ECW Handbook.

More frequent inspections and servicing of truck C-178 at spike camp. Dry battery and loose rack bolts.

Securely fasten stove pipes of spike camp stoves and other necessary measures for fire protection.

Copy of Memo To Hafterson + O'Donnell  
Hodberg



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Camp No. F-181  
July 12-1935  
Date of Report

GENERAL INSPECTION REPORT

(To be prepared IN INK by Inspector and mailed to R.O. promptly  
for typing or photostating. Technical inspections of projects  
to be treated in separate or supplemental report)

Superintendent Al. Hapterson Commander Capt. John Bell  
Title Name

Inspector Herbert Fladberg accompanied by Hapterson - Trumbull

Date of Inspection July 10-11-12 Period Spent in Inspection July 10 AM - July 12 AM  
From To

Date of Last General R.O. Inspection \_\_\_\_\_ By Whom \_\_\_\_\_

Activities or Projects Inspected: Blister Rust Control  
Road Construction

FINDINGS

(If space provided is insufficient, use additional sheets, referencing to  
topic by key number, as "A-1", etc.)

A. QUALITY OF ORGANIZATION:

1. Has the Supt. an adequate work program  
for the season? yes
2. Does it define priorities of jobs? yes  
Are the priorities observed? yes
3. Does the Supt. have well-developed  
"plans ahead" for each job? yes
4. Do these plans "work out"? yes
5. Has the Supt. a thorough grasp of all  
phases of his job? yes
6. What success has the Supt. in his deal-  
ings with Army officers? Fair
7. What is the Supt's attitude toward  
the job? Very Good
8. What % of the Supt's time is spent  
"on the job" away from camp? 70%



9. Are foremen and facilitating personnel thoroughly competent to direct or accomplish the jobs to which assigned? yes  
If misfits exist who are they and upon what jobs?
10. Are foremen, leaders and asst. leaders adequate in numbers to get reasonable production from unskilled, untrained workers? yes
11. Are they distributed properly over the working forces? yes  
If not, what adjustments are recommended?  
None at present.

12. Are foremen on the job and assertive in directing work? yes
13. Is clerical work well organized and handled effectively? yes
14. How many inspections of field work have Supervisor or staff made since opening of camp? (List dates, length of visit and names of officers)  
Hodberg 2 days June 26-27  
Nelson 1 day June 12  
Guernsey 1 day June 20  
Haynes 1 day July 3-nd
15. How many purely "camp visits" have been made by Supervisor and staff? (List dates and names of officers)  
Simpson - June 27
16. Do Supervisor and staff men make it a practice to leave with the Supt. definite written memoranda covering instructions or suggestions made as a result of inspections? No

#### B. QUALITY OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED:

1. Do Supt., foremen, leaders and skilled workers fully understand the specifications and standards applicable to the work upon which engaged? yes  
List any exceptions:
2. Are these standards and specifications adhered to? yes
3. If deviations from standards or specifications are found, what are they and upon what jobs?  
No deviation from standards
4. Are written specifications lacking for any of the jobs under way? No
5. What changes in plans, locations or specifications, if any, do you believe advisable and upon what jobs?  
Changes in road const. plans may be made at a later date.



6. Are foremen active in teaching CCC men how to improve their skill? Yes - Very Good.
7. Is the force of skilled workers, including skilled CCC men, adequate to insure proper accomplishment of the work planned for? Yes.
8. If not, how many men and of what skills are lacking? ✓

For what jobs are they needed? ✓

9. Has the Supt. recognized the need for more skilled workers, what action has been taken to secure them and with what results?  
None needed for work planned.
10. Which foremen have made noticeable progress in improving the skillfulness of their crew men? Howard Strandy - Blister Rust  
James Trumbull Road Const.
11. What steps has the Supervisor taken to impress Supt. and foremen with their responsibility for the training of workers? Discussion and instructions prior to arrival of camp.  
Instructions by Supervisors staff.

C. QUANTITY OF WORK AS COMPARED TO MAN-POWER AVAILABLE:

1. Average turnout for work past 30 days 108
2. Into how many working groups was this turnout divided? Seven
3. Which crews, if any, seem overly large for economical accomplishment of the job at hand? None
4. Upon what jobs does output for past 30 days impress you as being too low? Satisfactory
5. In your judgment what are the reasons for low output? ✓
6. What jobs require more than 2 hours per day travel time? None
7. How many men are engaged upon these jobs? ✓
8. What might be done to reduce travel time on these jobs? ✓



9. Are trucks operated on a double-shift basis? No.
10. If double-shifting of trucks is not practiced, is it feasible and what reduction in numbers of trucks could be effected through its practice? No reduction feasible at this time.
11. Is maximum service efficiency being obtained from trucks?
- (a) Capacity loads Yes - 25 men
- (b) Staggering crew hauling trips in and out to work Yes
- (c) Is use of trucks for recreational purposes interfering with use for material and laborer hauling? If so, cite instances: No.
- (d) Any instances of avoidable duplication of truck use by traveling Forest officers: No duplication in evidence
- (e) Any instances of trips on petty errands that could have been attended to in some other fashion: Use of trucks well planned
12. Are bulldozers triple-shifted? No.  
If not, why? (See note last page)
13. Are jackhammers triple-shifted? None on job.  
If not, why? ✓
14. Are grading outfits double-shifted?  
If not, why? None at this camp.
15. What additional machines, if any, could be used to advantage and where? Adequate machinery for jobs now started.
16. What machines, if any, are out of commission, for how long, and for what cause? 1933 Chev. 1 1/2 ton truck. Two days - Needs minor repairs - Brakes, steering, motor tune up (See note last page)  
How much of this time loss was preventable and how might it have been prevented? None as I can see.



17. Are these idle machines on the job?  
List number, type and cause of idleness: None.
18. Do foremen have "plans ahead" for each day's work? yes.
19. Are foremen active in keeping crews balanced and fully equipped with necessary tools? yes.
20. Are tools properly conditioned for use? yes.
21. Do foremen see to it that necessary materials and equipment are at hand for workers use? yes.
22. If material or equipment delays have occurred, what caused them? No delays of consequence.
23. How many spike camps are out? One now being put out.  
How many of the working force are in such camps? 30
24. Could the number of spike camps be increased to advantage? No.  
On what jobs? -

D. USE AND CARE OF EQUIPMENT:

1. Are blasting machines in use on all jobs requiring explosives? yes
2. Are shop facilities adequate for sharpening, fitting and repair of all tools? yes.  
If not, what is lacking? -
3. How many power-operated machines on the job?  
(a) Trucks 4 1½-ton; 1 Pick-up;  
✓ Dump; (b) Bulldozers 1;  
(c) Tractors ✓; (d) Compressors ✓;  
(e) Jackhammers ✓; (f) Shovels ✓;  
(g) Graders ✓.
4. Are the mechanic services assigned to the camp adequate to keep in condition the number of machines working? Satisfactory  
If not, how many additional days of mechanic service per month are required? ✓



5. (a) Do all drivers have permits? yes  
 (b) Are speed and driving rules pasted in truck cabs? yes  
 (c) Any evidence of violation of speed and driving rules? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) Any evidence of overloading? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Are trucks properly maintained?  
 List exceptions (Give truck No.) 6-680  
 (a) Lubrication Good  
 (b) Brakes Poor  
 (c) Lights Good Fair  
 (d) Tires Poor  
 (e) General Needs repair - motor - brakes - general.
7. Are servicing facilities adequate? yes.  
 (a) Is camp equipped with grease rack? One now being constructed  
 (b) Is check on gasoline and oil issues adequate? Satisfactory  
 (c) What provision is made for current servicing of trucks? Traveling mechanic - Greasing done by drivers - General weekly inspection by truck foreman.  
 (d) Are all trucks equipped with service cards and are they used? yes.  
 (e) Are Drivers Report-Accident (Form 26) provided in all trucks? yes - One short - C-232

#### E. FIRE CONTROL PREPAREDNESS:

1. What is the standard of preparedness set-up for the camp? (See ECW Handbook): 15 man unit - 4 smokechasers
2. Is equipment to this standard at hand? yes  
 Is it in proper condition? yes
3. Is the prescribed flying squadron selected, overhauled and trained for its job? yes
4. Do the selected smokechasers understand their job? yes - Need follow up training.
5. Are the overhead men assigned to the flying squadron the most competent fire bosses available in the camps? yes
6. What preparedness measures have been lined up in addition to the prescribed standard? Additional 15 men and 4 smokechasers selected as second crew.
7. Are adequate arrangements agreed upon with the Commander for holding men in camp in cases of impending need? Satisfactory
8. Are available transport facilities adequate for quick movement of 75 men? yes
9. What additional measures other than increasing size of squadron might be taken to improve adequacy of firefighting preparedness? Training of men at spike camp. Additional tools other than fire equipment in readiness for equipping larger crews (saws, axes grub hoes) Note - Such tools now on hand



10. What general instructions have been promulgated by the Camp Commander relative to smoking and use of fire in the Forest by CCC men? *Instructions to abide by forest rules as to smoking etc.*
11. Is the camp itself adequately fire-proofed? If not, what needs to be done? *Camp now under construction - Needs spark protectors for stove pipes.*

F. CO-ORDINATION WITH ARMY:

1. Is camp construction completed? *No.*
2. If not, what remains to be done? *The only buildings completed are Forest Service quarters. Construction is not progressing as fast as could be expected.*
3. When is it expected to finish this? *Can make no estimate*
4. How many men are engaged in camp construction work? *20 men*
5. Is camp construction over-refined? *No.*  
Cite instances: *None*
6. If Army overhead, aside from construction forces, consists of more than 23 men, list the uses to which the surplus is being put: *32 men are being used on camp. Army overhead - 1 assistant educational advisor. Kitchen force increased.*
7. Are Forest employees and Army co-operating effectively? *Yes*
8. Do Army officers understand the needs of the work being done by Forest Service? *Yes*
9. Does Commander switch men without consulting Supt.? *Yes*
10. Is mess satisfactory? *Yes*
11. Are arrangements for lunches and "extra shift" meals satisfactory? *Yes*
12. Is camp discipline such as to strengthen the disciplinary measures required on the job by the work agency? *Yes*
13. Are men interested in their work? *Yes*
14. Is selection and use of leader and asst. leader positions satisfactory to both agencies? *Yes*



15. Are housing facilities for work agency employees commensurate with those occupied by Army men of similar rank? *yes -*  
If not, what is needed?

16. Educational activities, (a) What is being carried on? *No educational activities as yet.*

(b) Are work agency employees co-operating? *Foremen active in training men in field work, general forestry etc.*

G. GENERAL: (Comments on any pertinent features not covered in the regular report)

*Refer to C-12 - Spike camp is now being established and men moved in today (July 12). Clearing on this job is not far enough ahead to work bulldozer more than one shift at present.*

*Refer C-16 - Mechanic and shop truck now in camp. Will do necessary repair work on C-680.*

*Refer to F-6 - Expect to decrease army overhead to 24 men as soon as mess hall can be used.*



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MEMORANDUM FOR

July 12, 1935

Simpson

I believe the proper care of the trucks has been slightly neglected at F-181 in the past. After talking this over with Hafterson a shop truck and mechanic was called and a complete servicing will be given. The truck foreman was also instructed as to his responsibilities, inspections etc. Greasing facilities will be improved at once. I believe better care will be given to trucks in the future —

Flodberg





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July 31, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR OPERATION

Reference is made to Mr. Spitzer's memorandum of July 20, and to Mr. Nagel's memorandum of July 25.

I have taken up with Colonel Farrell the points commented on in the last three paragraphs of the inspection memorandum. Colonel Farrell informs me that about a week ago an Army Inspector came to the conclusion that Camp Commander Bell was mentally deranged and he has been brought to Fort George Wright and held at the hospital there for observation. A new Camp Commander is being assigned and the question raised in regard to Lieutenant Best is being investigated. Therefore, I assume that the troubles at F-181 will be straightened out at an early date.

Incidentally, the one referred to above is the only ECW inspection report that I have received this season. If there are others in which complaint or suggestions appear that have a bearing on administration of the camps from Fort George Wright, it will be helpful if I have copies of the inspection memoranda promptly.

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Regional Forest Inspector.

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