

Appendix A: Unit Histories

The following is a unit history excerpt from Colt Denfeld's study, *Nike Hercules in Alaska* (p. 9, 10). It details the activities of Alaska's two Nike battalions from their activation, through Alaskan Nike service, and beyond.

“In CONUS as well as Alaska the development of Nike brought back to life many former coastal or other artillery battalions. The 43d Air Defense Artillery in Anchorage traced its lineage back to August 14, 1901 and the founding of the 107th Company of the Coast Artillery, Artillery Corps. In 1918, the 107th was redesignated Battery E of the 43d Artillery and on August 7, 1918, organized at Haussimont, France. Returning to the United States after World War I it was inactivated on August 17, 1921 at Camp Eustis, Virginia. Three years later, on February 20, 1924, it was redesignated Battery E, 43d Coast Artillery.

During World War II the 43d earned 11 campaign streamers to add to the three earned for World War I campaigns. Following distinguished World War II service the 43d was disbanded on June 14, 1944.

The 43d was reconstituted on June 28, 1950 in the Regular Army and broken up into various units with the 1st Battalion consolidated with the 43d Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 8th Infantry Division. During the Korean War, another 6 campaign streamers would be credited to the 43d. The 1st and 3rd Battalions were again deactivated on February 1, 1957.

On August 12, 1958 the 43d was redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Missile Battalion, 43d Artillery, and activated 20 days later at Fairchild AFB, Washington. In 1958-1959 the 43d Field Artillery was reorganized under the Combat Army Regimental System with the 1st Missile Battalion assigned to Fort Richardson in 1958. The 1st was redesignated the 4th Battalion, 43d Air Defense Artillery, in 1971.

Throughout its service in Alaska until its inactivation on July 31, 1979 at Fort Richardson the 1st Battalion worked to fulfill its motto of, “Sustenimus” or “We Support”. The 1st Battalion, 43d ADA was again activated on May 1, 1982 at Fort Bliss, Texas.

The 2d Battalion of the 562d Air Defense Artillery assigned to the Fairbanks area batteries traced its lineage back to September 5, 1928 and the formation of Battery B, 562nd Coast Artillery of the Organized Reserves. Later, in 1928, the battery was redesignated as Battery B, 917th Coast Artillery until its inactivation and reassignment to the Regular Army on October 1, 1933. The Regular Army redesignated and activated the unit as Battery B, 70th Coast Artillery at Fort Monroe, Virginia on November 4, 1939.

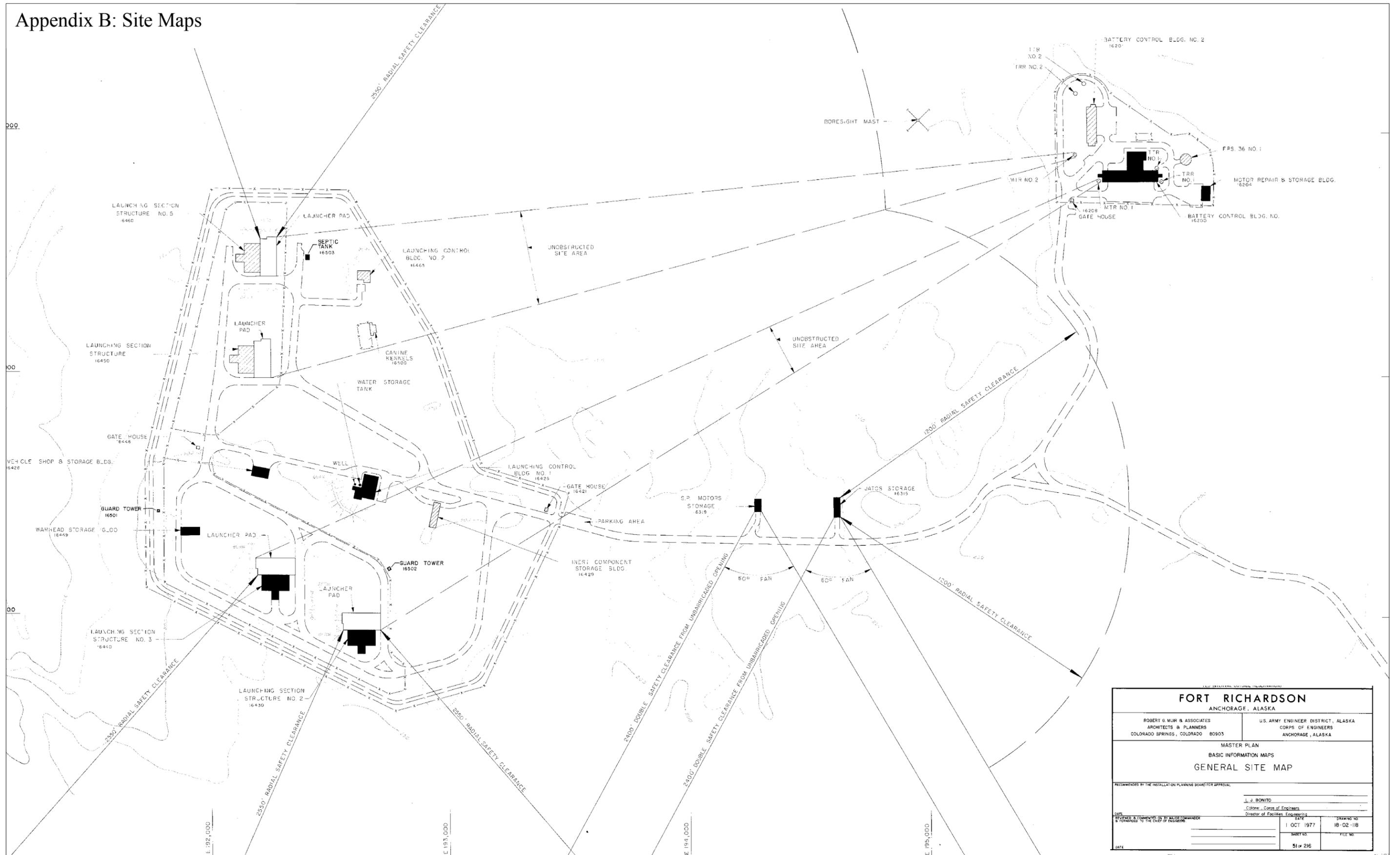
In World War II the battery was credited for campaign service in the Northern Solomons, Bismarck Archipelago, Leyte, and Luzon. In November 1943, the battery was reorganized and redesignated as Battery B, 70th Anti-aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion. Battery B would be inactivated in 1947 and activated January 15, 1949. For service in Korea eight campaign streamers were awarded. Battery B was again inactivated December 20, 1957.

The battery was redesignated on August 5, 1958 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2d Gun Battalion, 562d Artillery and activated September 15, 1958, in Alaska. The next year, on May 15, 1959, it was reorganized and redesignated the 2d Missile Battalion, 562d Artillery. On March 31, 1968, it became the 2d Battalion, 562d Artillery and remained that until inactivation on Fort Wainwright on June 30, 1971.”

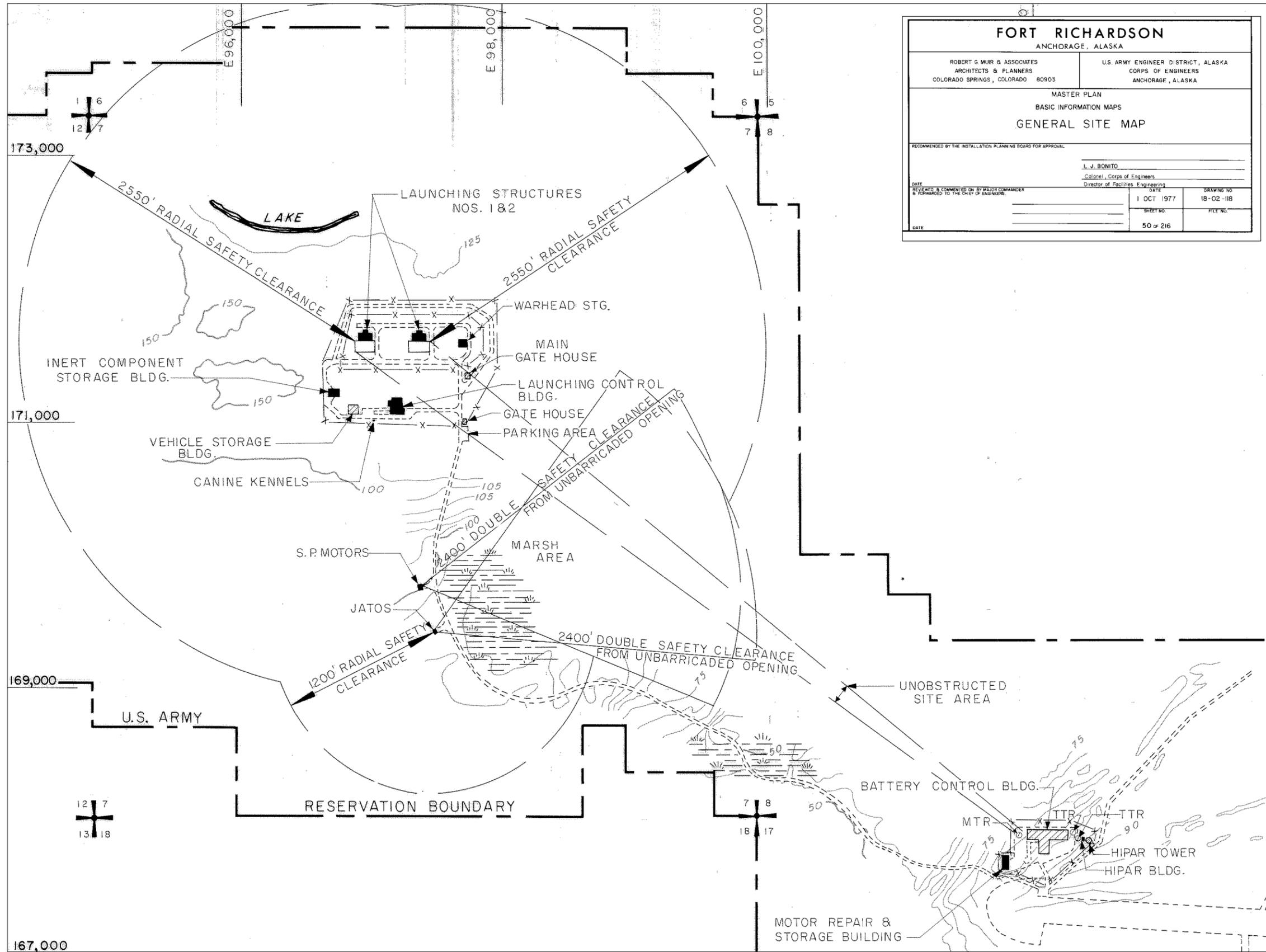




Appendix B: Site Maps



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