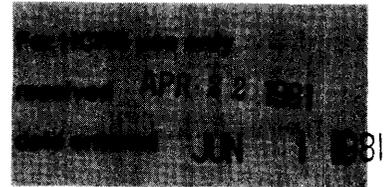


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic Fort Randolph

and/or common

2. Location

OK U.S. 165
at foot of O. K. Allen Bridge inside grounds of Central
street & number La. State Hospital (Hwy. 165) not for publication

city, town Pineville vicinity of congressional district 8th--Gillis Long

state IA code 22 county Rapides Parish code 079

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: none

4. Owner of Property

name Department of Health and Human Resources

George Fischer, Secretary

street & number P.O. Box 106

city, town Baton Rouge vicinity of state IA 70821

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Rapides Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Alexandria vicinity of state IA 70821

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title La. Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records La. State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge vicinity of state IA

7. Description

Condition n/a

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one n/a

unaltered

altered

Check one n/a

original site

moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Fort Randolph is located on the Pineville side of the Red River at the foot of the O. K. Allen Bridge and inside the grounds of the Central Louisiana State Hospital. (See attached map.)

Located on a promontory overlooking the river, Fort Randolph is a roughly circular earthwork surrounded by a moat. It is approximately 35 feet high and 150 feet in diameter. The once excellent view that it provided of the river is now obscured by vegetation.

Fort Randolph has remained largely inaccessible to the public because of its distance from the highway and the fact that it is located within the hospital grounds. Therefore, it is better preserved than nearby Fort Buhlow, which is being nominated separately.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1864–65 **Builder/Architect**

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion A

Fort Randolph is significant in the area of military history because it represents a last desperate Confederate attempt in late 1864/early 1865 to defend the Red River against an anticipated Union invasion. Of course, no such expedition took place. In fact, by the time Randolph and nearby Fort Buhlow were completed in early 1865, the war in Louisiana was for all practical purposes over. Although the forts were manned and fortified, they never saw any action. In a sense then Fort Randolph is significant because of what did not happen.

Acting upon the belief that the Union might launch an invasion up the Red River in the spring of 1865, Confederates began late in the summer of 1864 to plan for the construction of two earthen forts, one to be named Fort Randolph and the other Fort Buhlow. Construction began in late 1864 and was completed in early 1865. As the forts neared completion there was a growing concentration of troops in Alexandria to fortify the area against the expected Union attack. Late in April the river was further fortified by the appearance of the Confederate ironclad "Missouri."

Even as these events were occurring, the end of the Confederacy was at hand. Word of Lee's surrender reached Louisiana by April 15, and on May 26, General Simon B. Buckner, acting for General Kirby Smith, surrendered the Confederate forces west of the Mississippi. Forts Randolph and Buhlow were occupied by Union forces without opposition on June 2.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bailey's Dam State Commemorative Area Feasibility Report. Prepared by Charles M. Hubbs Associates, Baton Rouge, for Office of State Parks, October 1, 1980.

Oral Interviews with Dr. Arthur Bergeron, State Archivist and Civil War Historian.

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property approx. 1/4 acre
 Quadrangle name Alexandria, IA.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1:62,500

UMT References

A

1	5	5	5	2	5	0	0	3	4	6	4	4	2	5
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

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C

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G

Zone				Easting				Northing							

H

Zone				Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached map.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff nomination sponsored by Peg Bolton
3200 Parkway Drive
Alexandria, IA 71301

organization Division of Archaeology and Historic Preservation date March 1981

street & number Box 44247 telephone 504-342-6682

city or town Baton Rouge state IA 70804

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Robert B. DeBlieux*
 Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer date April 16, 1981

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Thomas Alan Dwyer date 4/17
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Patrick Anderson* date 6/1/81
 Chief of Register

FHR-8-300A
(11/78)

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Paper prepared on Forts Buhlow and Randolph by Dorinda Jane Cooper and Bobbie C. Kimball for Professor William Haag, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. This paper is on file at the Louisiana Historic Preservation Office.

FORT RANDOLPH IN JUN 1 1981

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O.K. Allen Bridge

Fort
Buhlow

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Red River

Pierson
Lake

Fort
Randolph

Bailey's Dam

Spain

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