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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES MAY 15 1988 REGISTRATION FORM

OMB No. 1024-0018

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property historic name Bridge No. 5265 other names/site number N/A 2. Location street & number U.S. Hwy. 169 not for publication N/A city or town Garrison vicinity N/A state Minnesota code MN county Crow Wing code 035 zip code 56450 3. State/Federal Agency Certification
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide x locally. See continuation sheet to additional comments.
State or Federal agency and bureau Minnesota Historical Society
In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Signature of commenting or other official Date

4. National Park Service Certification
I, hereby certify that this property
\ entered in the National Register \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
See continuation sheet.
determined eligible for the $6/29/9$
National Register
See continuation sheet.
determined not eligible for the
National Register
removed from the National Register
other (explain):
5. Classification
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply) private public-local _X_ public-State public-Federal
Category of Property (Check only one box) building(s) district site _X structure object
Number of Resources within Property
Contributing Noncontributing 0 0 buildings 0 sites 1 0 structures 0 0 objects 1 0 Total
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register $\underline{N/A}$
Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Historic Iron and Steel Bridges in Minnesota

6. Functi	ion or Use
	Functions (Enter categories from instructions) TRANSPORTATION Sub: road-related (vehicular)
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7. Descri	iption
	cural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) [HER: Multi-Plate arch
fo	s (Enter categories from instructions) pundation (Substructure) STONE
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ot	cher (Superstructure) METAL; CONCRETE; STONE: Granite

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement o	f Significance
	cional Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more criteria qualifying the property for National ng)
A	Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
В	Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
<u>X</u> C	Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D	Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.
Criteria Consi	derations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)
A	owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
В	removed from its original location.
C	a birthplace or a grave.
D	a cemetery.
E	a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F	a commemorative property.
G	less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.
Areas of Signi	ficance (Enter categories from instructions) ENGINEERING
Period of Sign	ificance <u>1938</u>
Significant Da	tes <u>1938</u>

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
Cultural Affiliation
Architect/Builder <u>Contractor/Builder: Civilian Conservatin Corps</u> <u>Designer: National Park Service</u>
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)
9. Major Bibliographical References
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)
Previous documentation on file (NPS) preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested. previously listed in the National Register previously determined eligible by the National Register designated a National Historic Landmark recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #
State Historic Preservation Office _X_ Other State agency Federal agency Local government University Other Name of repository: Minnesota Department of Transportation
10. Geographical Data
Acreage of Property <u>less than one acre</u> UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation
Sheet) Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing 1 15 436480 5126240 3 2 4

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By
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date <u>deptember 1997</u>
Additional Documentation
Submit the following items with the completed form:
Continuation Sheets
Maps
A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.
Photographs
Representative black and white photographs of the property.
Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)
Property Owner
(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)
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telephone
city or town state zip code
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Description

Standing on U.S. Highway 169, Bridge No. 5265 overlooks what was once the north end of a picnic area on the shore of Mille Lacs Lake in Garrison. The bridge is two-tiered on a masonry substructure. The bottom tier, hidden from sight below grade, consists of two concrete-roofed box culverts, each approximately six feet in span. These openings carry drainage beneath the highway. The upper tier is a concrete-floored, semi-circular, multi-plate arch with a 14foot span and a 125-foot barrel. It was designed as a pedestrian underpass to provide access to the lakeshore. Carrying the roadway slab on a layer of earth fill, the arch has granite-faced headwalls that extend along the roadway to serve as retaining walls. masonry is neatly worked, rock-faced, random-coursed ashlar. stonework extends above the roadway in the form of railings, ornamented with evenly spaced, square openings that resemble arrow loops on a fortress. The fortress motif is continued by massive buttresses that gird the headwalls/retaining walls at regular intervals and frame the arch opening, which is further accented by pentagonal-shaped ringstones and oversized keystones. Plans for Bridge No. 5265, prepared by the National Park Service in January 1938, are on file with the Minnesota Department of Transportation These drawings indicate that the bridge retains its (MNDOT). original design.

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Summary of Significance

In January 1938, the National Park Service completed final drawings for Bridge No. 5265 as part of an extensive wayside development project that was constructed along U.S. Highway 169, in the vicinity of Mille Lacs Lake, by the Civilian Conservation Corps during 1935-1940. The bridge itself was completed in 1938. Aesthetically, it is one of Minnesota's best examples of a multiplate arch bridge. Introduced by the Armco Culvert Manufacturers Association in 1931, multi-plate was a galvanized, corrugatediron product fabricated in curved segments to facilitate shipping in "nested" position. For bridge construction, the segments were bolted together in the field to form an arch, which was typically anchored by concrete headwalls and abutments. Frequently, the concrete work was ornamented with stone facing in order to simulate a stone-arch bridge. On occasion, as in the case of Bridge No. 5265, the abutments and headwalls were pure masonry. The new bridge type found ready acceptance with work-relief planners of the 1930s, for the masonry-decorated, multi-plate arch bridge was highly compatible with the New Deal's agenda of promoting highway beautification, local craft skills, and laborintensive public works projects.

With its well-crafted stonework and fine architectural detailing, Bridge No. 5265 is eligible for the National Register for its design and workmanship under Criterion C, within the historic context of "Iron and Steel Bridges in Minnesota, 1873-1945." The Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) associated with this context presents the following registration criteria for the multi-plate arch type:

Since the multi-plate arch bridge is most notable for its modular corrugated-metal construction and stone headwalls and spandrels, these features should be clearly visible and relatively unaltered. And since the multi-plate arch bridge enjoyed its vogue at least partly because of the New Deal's encouragement of roadside beautification, the bridge's

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workmanship and design should be on the original site, harmonious with the general setting, of high aesthetic quality, and of New Deal vintage.

Bridge No. 5265 satisfies all of these criteria.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The general area of the nominated property is a rectangle approximately 40 feet wide, whose long center axis parallels the centerline of the bridge. The property is bounded at each end by the outer edges of the abutments.

Boundary Justification

Based on measurements provided by the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the boundaries enclose the entire historic resource.