

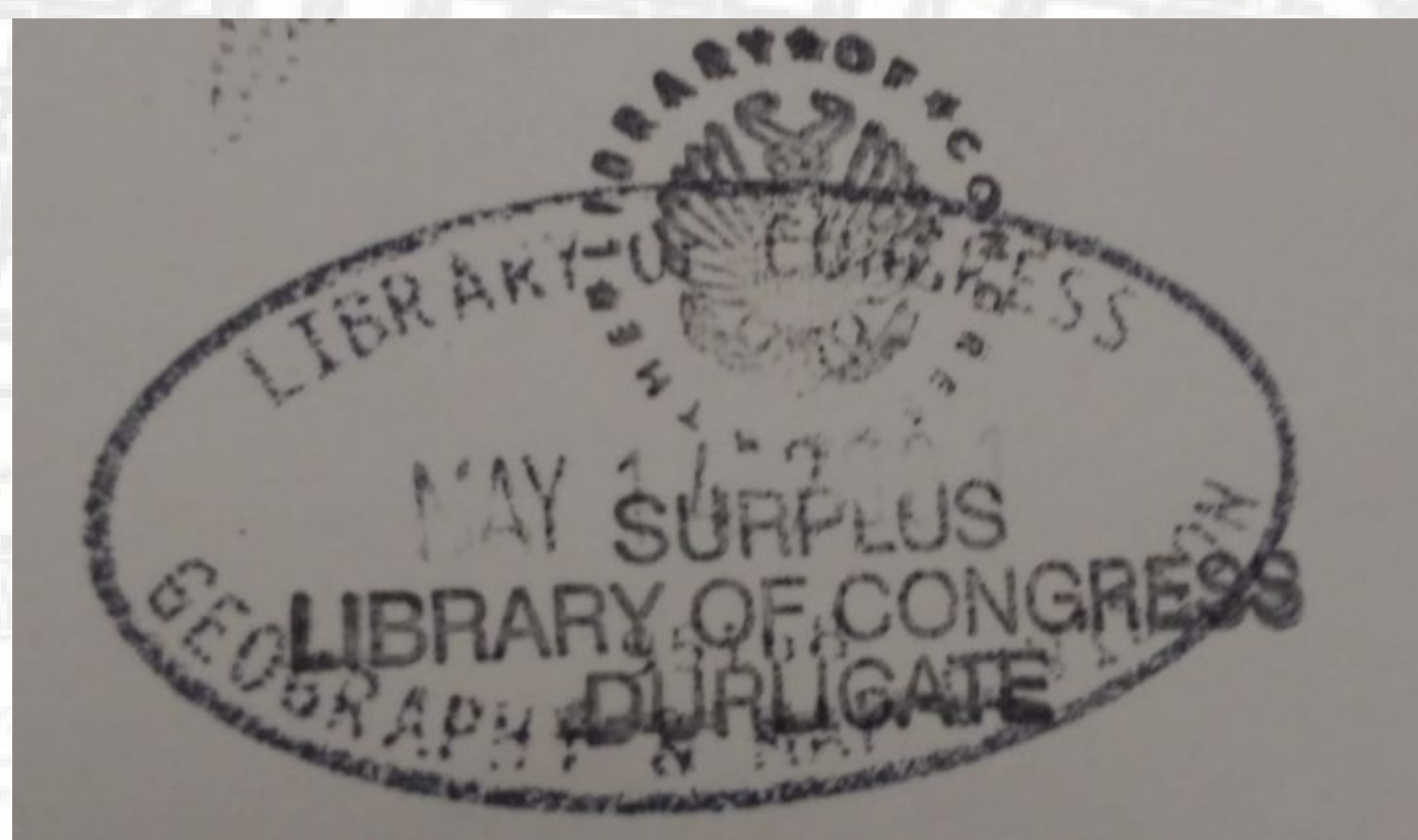
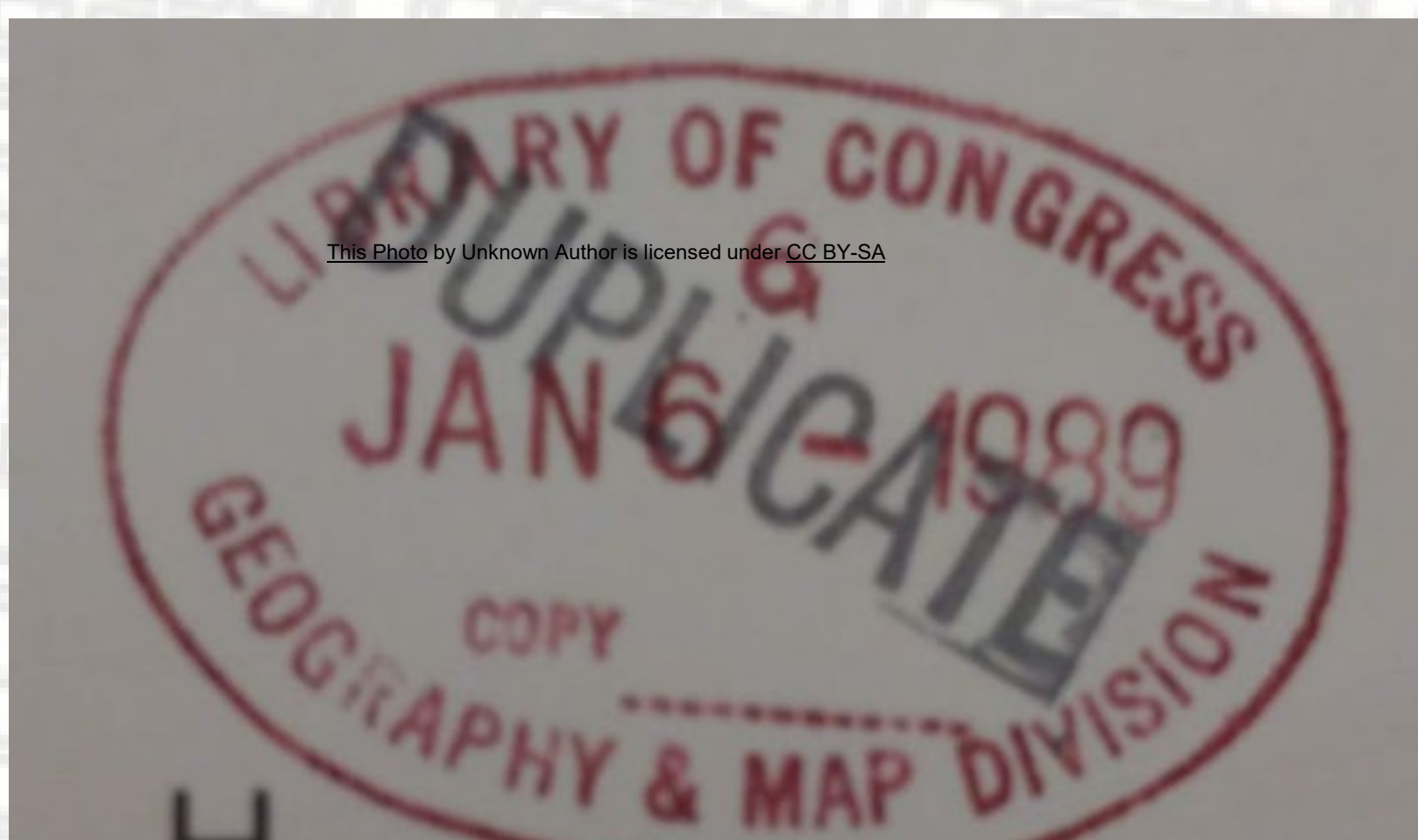


LOCKSS (of maps): The Library of Congress Geography and Map Division Duplicates Program

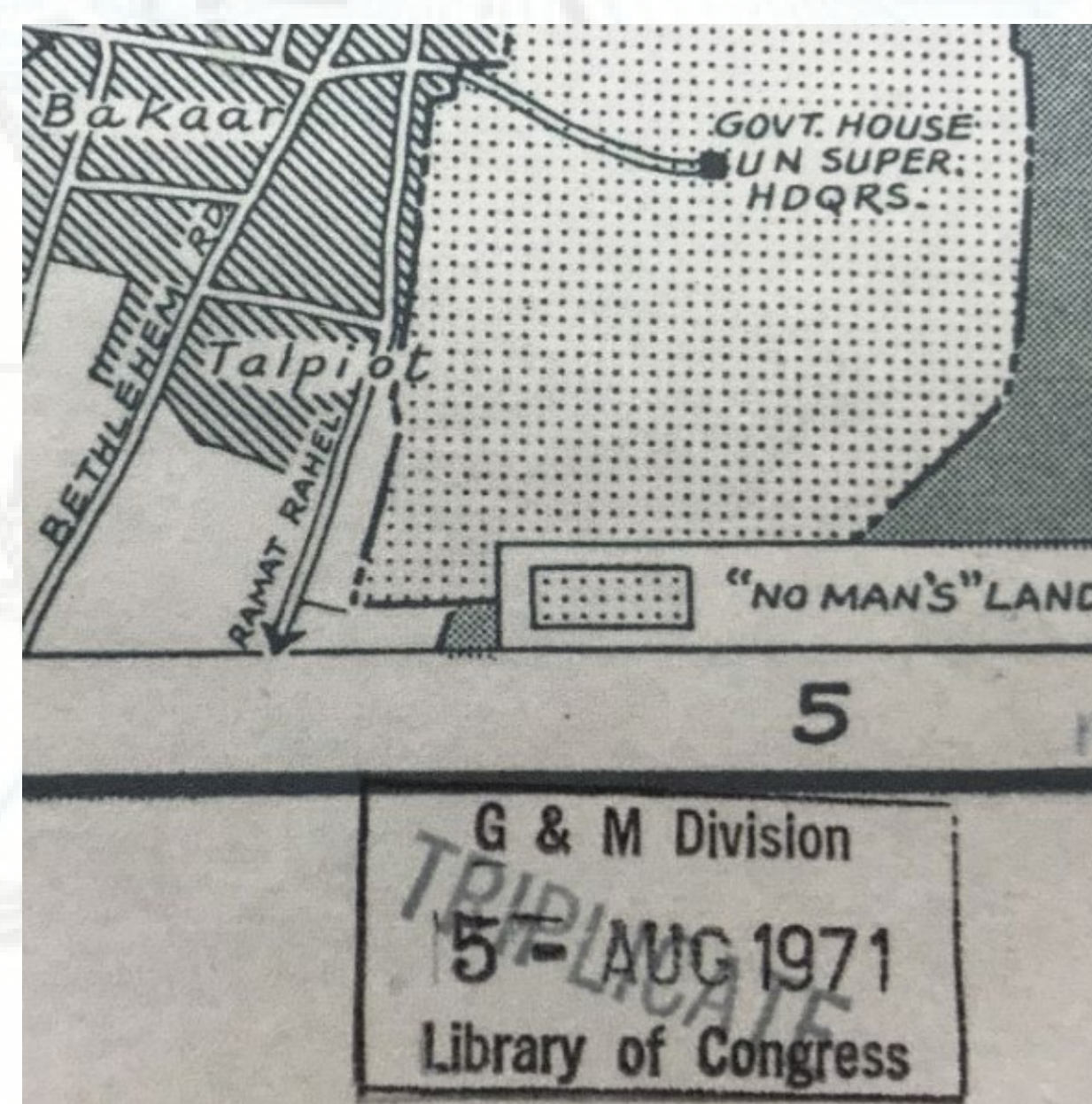
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"Librarians, Students Complete 32nd Annual Map Project." *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*, vol. 42, no. 40, Oct. 1983, p. 340.



Examples of stamps on maps acquired via the LC G&M summer projects.

History of the LC G&M Special Maps Processing Project:

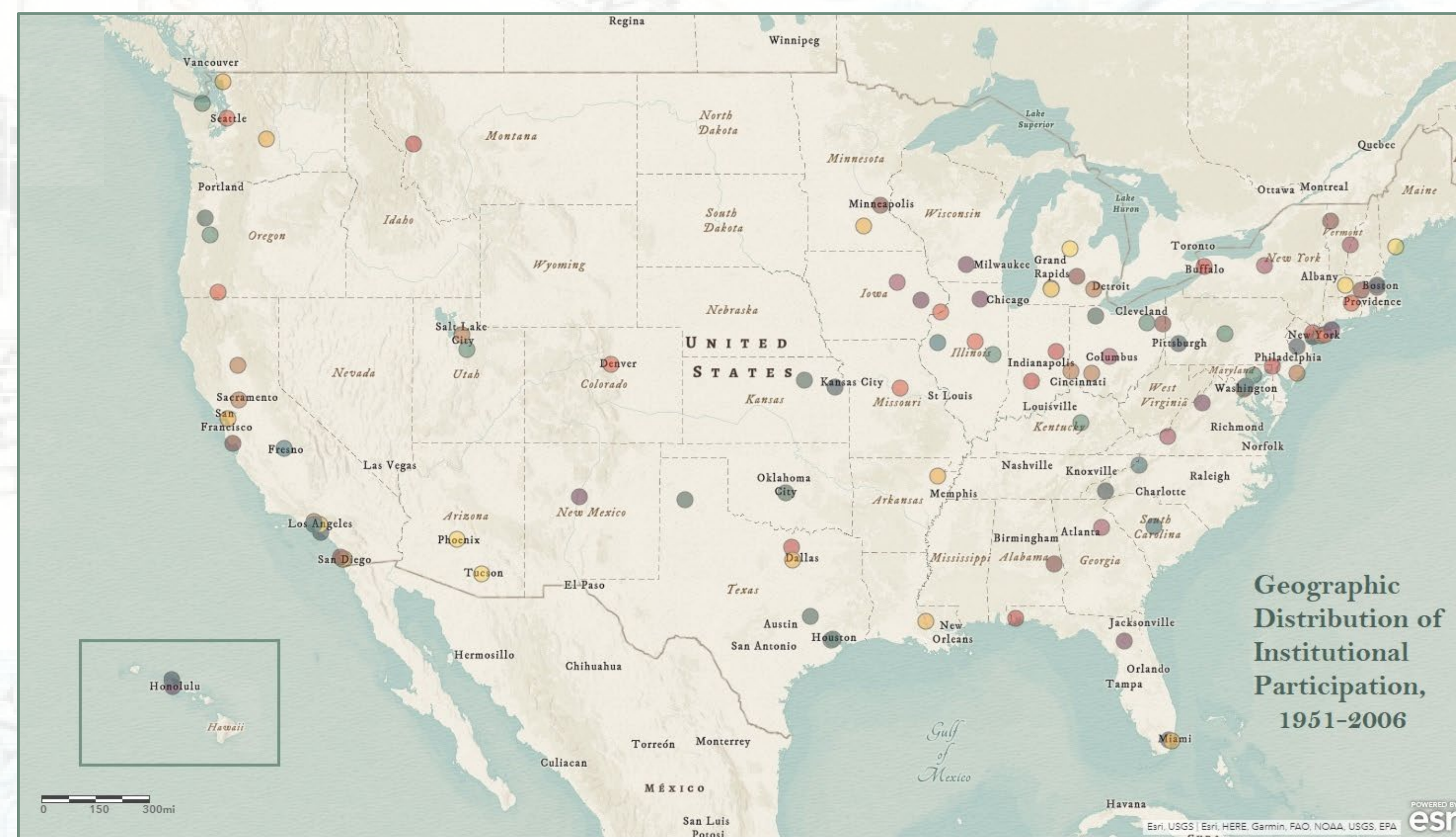
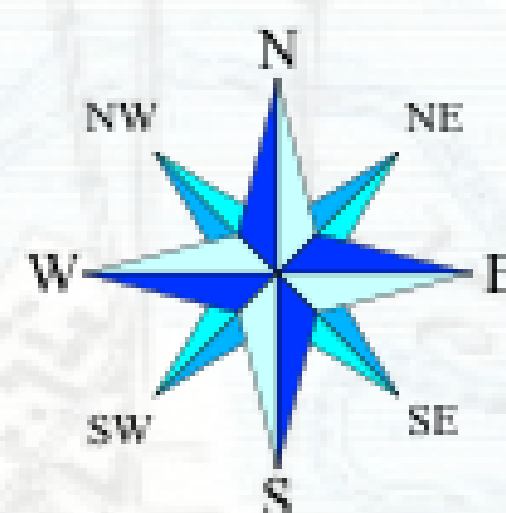
Begun in 1951 to help deal with the backlog of maps received from post World War II military and other agencies, the LC Geography and Map Division exchanged maps from its stockpile of duplicates in return for the donated labor of project participants. Projects initially involved sorting and filing and later included support in the creation of indexes and other tools. Over the next 50 years, about 435 "summer project" participants selected more than 2 million maps and atlases for their home institutions' map collections.

Held during the summer, approximately 135 colleges and universities sent participants, who were primarily geography graduate students at the beginning. Later geography faculty then map librarians and staff became involved. Materials distributed included topographic/thematic map sets (many incomplete), Sanborn fire insurance maps, and individual thematic maps and atlases from regions around the world.

These resources helped build map collections across the United States and the distributed maps played key roles in a variety of digital projects over the years, including:

- Digitized Sanborn fire insurance map collections at various institutions
- "Captured German Military Map of WWII" McEathron, 2005 (University of Kansas) [[link](#)]
- "Capture and Release: the Story of the Russian Military Topographic Map Collection" Quill and Dalmau. 2019 (Indiana University) [[link](#)]

Did you or your institution participate? If so, we'd like to hear your story.



Geographic Distribution of Institutional Participation, 1951-2006

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