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NEW BARSTOW ARMORY

40th ARMORED DIVISION
Indio and the Coachella Valley have to be seen to be believed. Stretching some 48 miles northwest from the Salton Sea to the San Gorgonio Pass, with an average width of 11 miles, this scenic desert oasis is one of the most famous winter resort areas in America.

But this is only half the story. Because of its rich, productive soil, ample irrigation water, and unusual climatic conditions, the variety and extent of its agricultural development are almost unlimited. While dates and citrus fruits are probably its best known products, there is a long list of other million dollar crops.

That the area is growing rapidly, is illustrated by a few fast figures covering Indio, Coachella, Thermal, Mecca, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage, and Cathedral City:

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Bearing mention is Indio’s live-wire Chamber of Commerce, sparked by Secretary-Manager Lucile E. Carnes, who supplies an avalanche of help—not to mention the facts and figures—to prospects looking for a place to live, to locate an industrial plant or business, or to farm. For instance:

On both the agricultural and industrial sides, uninterrupted operations can be maintained without shutdowns due to inclement weather. No smog, snow, freezing, blizzards, hurricanes, tornados, or thunderstorms hamper productivity of workers.

With plenty of water from the All-American Canal, annual crop values now exceed $35,000,000—with a record $823 average yield per acre—highest of reclaimed, irrigated land in the country.

Since the tremendous Westward surge of population has every indication of continuing, it is obvious the rapid development of Indio and the Coachella Valley will continue.

Deep thinkers calculate that agriculture will continue to be one of the area’s primary assets. But the rapidly growing importance of its status as a commercial, wholesale, and distribution center serving between 25,000 and 30,000 people adds immeasurably to its stability.

It is preparing for an orderly, steady expansion of its present industrial activity, with the wholehearted cooperation of the Chambers of Commerce making up the Coachella Valley Industrial Committee, through proper zoning and by making available strategically located industrial sites.

On the lighter side, the Indio Chamber points to tourist attractions, with the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival, a mid-February event, rating high because it is unique. Not the least of its pulling power is the nightly Arabian Nights Pageant. The show draws 150,000 visitors to Indio every year.

Among other points of interest, easily accessible from Indio, are Idyllwild, Palm Springs, Tahquitz and Palm Canyons, the Palms to Pines Highway, Desert Art Museum, Hot Mineral (the miniature Yellowstone of the Desert), the Salton Sea, Eagle Mountain Iron Mine, Painted Canyon, Joshua Tree National Monument, et cetera.

See the table of contents for the rest of the fabulous Indio story!
THIS ISSUE of The Grizzly marks the completion of many 1957-58 one-year subscriptions. All such subscriptions will have been completed with the July-August issue, as will all of the original (1955) three-year subscriptions. And when the July-August Grizzly comes off the press, your 40th Armored Division Magazine will have enjoyed three years of life and of striving to:

Help to weld the tankers, infantrymen, gunners, and specialists of the 40th into the most competent ... and toughest and roughest ... fighting machine ever developed in the National Guard or any other Reserve Component of the Armed Forces.

Enhance the reputation of the 40th.

Be of material assistance in the never-ending recruiting campaign.

Inform and entertain readers on both military and non-military subjects.

We have done and are doing our best to live up to both the spirit and letter of the contract under which the magazine is produced for you. In truth, we have consistently gone beyond the requirements of the contract, and, we trust, have come up with a lively, entertaining, and informative product. Yes, we've had our growing pains. Still have some, but the greatest pain of all was exercised at the end of The Grizzly's first year. Meanwhile we hope that the flow of ideas and specific pictures and news coverage from individuals and units will continue to grow. Obviously we are dependent upon readers and their units for a large proportion of our news coverage.

Now we are in the process of wending our way among 105 or so units in 50 or so communities throughout Southern California in search of that which is required to make The Grizzly growl: subscriptions! This search involves neither tin cups nor blackjacks—to re-use one of our favorite phrases. But the consideration under which the job of producing a magazine for the 40th was undertaken was (and is) this: in return for subscription support, we deliver a magazine.

General Eaton recently told us: "I think that the growth and development of The Grizzly is magnificent. I think it is doing a wonderful job for the Division, the units that make it up, and the individuals in it. Moreover, it pleases me greatly that the 40th is unique for I know no other Division able to boast that it has a publication of the caliber of The Grizzly. I assure you that every step possible is being taken to give The Grizzly the subscription support it requires."

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In spite of the Resolution Subcommittee No. 1, House Armed Services Committee, of 4 March 1958 it appears that the proposal to cut the number of National Guard infantry divisions from 21 to 15 is going to be pushed through by Department of Army. With the unanimous passage of the resolution by the Subcommittee it appeared for a time that the reduction in the number of divisions would not be made. But the Pentagon planners have done a good job of selling their program to people in high places.

The fact that two very senior officers, one Army and one Air Force, have requested early retirement would indicate that there is not complete unanimity on the part of those charged with the over-all planning for the effective defense of our country. In view of the methods of operation and the so-called “troop structure” of our potential enemy it is difficult to understand how those responsible for war plans would feel justified in recommending the elimination of any combat elements of our most Ready reserve force—the National Guard. I sincerely hope that our “space experts” have not sold our defense planners on the concept that the next “police action” will be over in six months or less! Many of us recall a similar statement made by sea-going experts just prior to Pearl Harbor and it was three years and more for many of us of island-hopping and slugging it out with the enemy on the ground, in close combat, before that “hassle” was resolved.

We in the Guard know that change is inevitable. As a matter of fact, we are now eagerly awaiting the next change before us—that of conversion to ROCAD and ROCID. We welcome this change that will more adequately enable us to fulfill our mission if the threat of nuclear conflict should become a reality. But to jeopardize our none too strong defense posture by elimination of combat divisions when, in fact, the ROCAD and ROCID conversion will result in a reduction both of units and personnel, is hard for us to accept—unless more definite and specific information is made available that will enable us to see the soundness of the proposed elimination of divisions. In the meantime—be lean and mean, keep your powder dry, but don’t shoot ‘til you see the whites of their eyes.

HOMER O. EATON, JR.
Major General, CalARNG
New T/Os

A new set of Tables of Organization & Equipment have gone into effect, Divisionwide but don't call for any significant changes. A few slots are dropped here and there and a few men added or subtracted.

But strengthwise, there is a new kick. All units—if they haven't already done so—will have to reach 50 per cent of the “reduced” strength authorizations shown in the T/Os for officers, warrants, and EM by next October 10.

Some 35 companies and batteries will have to hustle in the recruits to maintain federal recognition.

On the other hand, seven units, previously authorized to go to full strength shown in T/Os, will have to drop back to “reduced” strength by July 1. They are:

- Med Det, 132nd AEB
- Hq & Hq Co, CCA
- Hq & Hq Co, CCC
- Med Det, 133 TB
- Co C, 134th TB
- Btry B, 214th AFAB
- Svc Btry, 241st AFAB

In the Dept of Changes, Co A, 40th Armd Med Bn, was dropped from Division rosters.

The strength picture for the Division is reflected in the Comparative Strength Chart shown on following pages.

Top Drill Attendance

Units maintaining drill attendance records of 85 per cent or more during the last quarter of 1957 were:

- Div Hq 92.7
- 133r TB 88.42
- 160th AIB 96.42
- Co C 88.42
- Hq & Hq Co, CCC 88.91
- Band 88.42
- Svc Btry 88.42

which might lead to echelonment of Division units into training areas for SFT in 1959 and later.

Lt Col Jean C Peterson, Div G3, reported, for example, that units of the Montana and Idaho Guard did their WFT (Winter instead of Summer Field Training) at Camp Irwin.

In short, it is conceivable that it may be necessary for the Division to train two, three or four battalions at a time—all summer long.

Space requirements, too, have given rise to a Division request for 338 acres of land—formerly an air base—in Santa Ana. This would be used, year round, for unit training of all kinds.

New Tanks

Withdrawal of M47 tanks—mounting 90 mm guns—in favor of M48 vehicles is scheduled for the near future. The M48 has a lower silhouette and heavier armor than the earlier model, carries a four-man instead of five-man crew, but mounts a 90 mm gun too. Five M48’s is the maximum authorized per unit.

New PIO

Capt Berger E Nielsen, CO of Hq Co, 40th Armd Ord Bn, has succeeded Maj W D McGlasson as Div PIO. Nielsen was PIO of the 44th Inf Div (Illinois) for five years and also did a trick as PIO of the Military District of Illinois. He’s the same age as Jack Benny and hails from Waukegan too. Recently Nielsen became secretary of the Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce.

Summer Camp

Summer Field Training dates are being sought as follows:

- 140th Tank Bn, Camp Irwin, July 5-19.
- 134th Tank Bn & 217th AAA Bn, Camp Irwin, Aug. 9-23.

Which serves as a reminder of sorts that Grizzlies are to start basic unit training on Oct 1. And this leads into the observation that more ground space than ever before will be needed

The Muster Day operation apparently was well worth the effort, for 331 individuals were recruited for a Division-wide net gain of 126.

Brown Joins New Firm

Maj Arvin H Brown Jr, former 40th JAG, has joined the law firm of Luce, Forward, Kunzel & Scripps in San Diego, where he will specialize in the trial of cases.
Trains units made three drills in two months to Lone Pine.

Train Bivouac

Some 50 individuals in Division Trains units made three drills in two days by standing a motor march, last month, to Lone Pine.

Lt Col Stevenson, CO, reported 20 vehicles carried personnel of Train Hq & Hq Co, Repl Co, Band, and the Qm, Ord, and Med Bns. Starting out with full tanks and 1,000 gallons in five-gallon cans in a 2½-ton truck, the march ended with 15 (fifteen) gallons remaining in reserve.

The march placed training emphasis on convoy control, mess management on the move, and area reconnaissance for future operations scheduled for April 26-27.

The move was executed with no accidents, no injuries, no illness. Although the snow line was low, there was no snow or rain. Four hot meals were provided—three at the bivouac site (221 miles from Train Hq on Hope Street in LA), eight miles west of Lone Pine, and one at Palmdale on the return trip.

Toys for Children's Hospital

Plastic models of all kinds of military vehicles—guns, trucks, tanks, aircraft, etc., are being assembled by men of Div Hq Co for the Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital in Los Angeles.

Coordinating the project, designed to cheer the kiddies, is Sgt William Leizear.

160 Aids USS Arizona Shrine

Autographed by World War II hero Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, USN, USS Arizona Honor Certificates have been received by H&S Co, 16th Arm Inf Bn.

Mailed from Pearl Harbor, the Certificates are acknowledgements of appreciation to donors of $10 or more to the current nationwide drive for funds to rehabilitate the sunken memorial and shrine.

Photos of the Arizona in her prime and also as she exploded at Pearl Harbor, 1941—illustrate the certificates.

Admiral Nimitz is honorary chairman of the organization sponsoring the campaign—the Pacific War Memorial Commission, an official agency of the Territory of Hawaii. Other commission members include Maj Gen F W McKinney, adj gen of Hawaii, and Duke Kahanamoku, Olympic swimmer and internationally known sportsman.

The parchment scroll certifies that the recipient, “by helping make possible the erection of a permanent shrine on the submerged hull of the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor, has honored the 1,202 Naval heroes of 7 December 1941 who lie entombed there that we the living may glorify the sacrifice of those who died for the peace and security of mankind.”

Downey for 160?

The possibility of establishing a unit in Downey is being studied by Lt Col John C Evleth, CO of the 160th Arm Inf Bn, and CCA staff—availability or non-availability of state and federal funds being the governing factor.

Women’s Auxiliary

In a letter to the Division commander, Mrs Vernon D Smith, corresponding secretary, reported:

“We, the wives of Battery A, 215th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, Arcadia, wish to inform you that we have organized a group known as DLA (continued on page 8)
CONSTANT—Her name used to be Kathryn Crosby; today it's Mrs. Bing Crosby. She used to be a good looking gal. She still is!

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(Devil's Little Angels) Women's Auxiliary.

"To date we know of no other organization of this kind in the 40th Armored Division or in the state of California. We felt we should inform you of our organizing.

"We are a small organization but hope to grow soon as Battery A has reached 92 men in strength. Our main purpose in organizing was to promote unity among the wives of the members of the Battery. We also support all outside activities of the Battery such as dances, sports, and parties.

"We are a non-profit organization and such funds as we may raise will go to the City of Hope.

"We have written to the Adjutant General for state recognition. We hope through you we may obtain recognition in the 40th as the first of its kind, and hope to promote interest throughout the Division in similar organizations."

Rifle Team Active

The Division Rifle Team, under the leadership of Lt Col William L. Geissert, CO of the 132nd AEB, is triggering its M-1's at an increasing speed.

40th shooters were defeated by the Valley Sportman Club of Fontana but, on the other hand, they trounced a USAR team in a match at Irvine Range in February.

Top score was 928 out of 1000. The 40th's Red Team—Capt Bernard Balough, 215th AFAB; Capt D F Black, 16th AIB; M/Sgt Gordon W Rose, 224th AIB; and Geissert scored 917 points for second place.

High individual 40th scorers (250 possible) were:

Balough — 238
Black — 234
1st Lt Richard W Kramer, Ord Bn — 232
Rose — 227

A match, to be held on the second Saturday of every month, has been arranged with the Fontana Sportsman Club and will be fired on the group's range at Fontana.

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"Shooting," Geissert reported, "continues to improve. A new, promising group of shooters is being developed under Capt Bernard Balough, 215th AFAB, and should bolster Division shooting in the very near future."

Geissert has asked for scheduling of two additional shoots between summer Rifle Teams. He reported it is tentatively planned to place a 40th team in the State Matches at Camp Mathews next month and one in the Regional Match at Camp Pendleton in July.

Rifle shooting enthusiasts interested in participating in Div Rifle Team activities should get in touch with Geissert, at Hq, 132nd AEB, 533 36th St, Manhattan Beach, or 1st Lt James Dunham at Div Train Hq, 3440 S Hope St, LA.

Makes Full Circle

Capt Garner L Thurman has now completed a full circle, thanks to changes in his employment picture. He served with the 223rd Infantry Regiment during the Korean War, transferred to the 225th Armored Field Artillery, transferred to the 140th Tank Bn, and is now back with the 223rd.

Gets Radio Operators Ticket

Sp3 Edward Darley, Div Hq, was recently ticketed by the Federal Communications Commission as a 1st Class General Radiotelephone Operator—which authorizes him to go on the air with any type of voice transmitter.

Darley, who expects to be licensed shortly as a 2nd Class Radio Telegrapher and as a 1st Class Radar Operator, is shooting for a master's degree in electronic engineering.
**Commander Changes**

Capt Edward F Johnson, former CO of Co D, Baldwin Park, has been assigned as CO, Co C, Monrovia, succeeding 1st Lt Wm L Schwinghamer, transferred to H&S Co as Tank Sec leader. Lt James W Fitzgerald, former XO of Co D, has been assigned as CO.

Capt Robert F Brainard, late of the Washington NG, replaced Capt Gardner L Thurman as CO of H&S Co. Brainard had served with the Oregon and Washington NG since 1947, being commissioned in 1950. He was a unit commander for four-and-a-half years and is a graduate of the Infantry School, Fort Benning, and the Associate Officers’ Advance Course at the Armor School, Fort Knox.

He was a Navy man during World War II.

**Good Conduct Ribbon**

The Good Conduct Ribbon, for demonstrated fidelity, exact performance of duty, and conduct deserving emulation, was presented at a ceremony staged by H&S Co on March 16, to:

- O/C Shigeru Kinoshita
- M/Sgt Benino C Martinez
- M/Sgt Thomas C Ormes
- Sfc Joseph Beime
- Sfc Thomas C McKinney
- Sfc Richard P Whitehead
- Sfc Ronald P Sharpless
- Sp2 Frank R Varela
- Sp2 Edmund E Zigurs

**Promotions**

Recently promoted to the rank of corporal was Pfc William R Ashway, H&S Co. Also enjoying new rank in H&S Co were:


**Postal Matches**

All units of the 140th participated in the CNG Small Bore Postal Matches, in February, and Co B came through as Battalion Champs for the second year with an aggregate score of 1721. Other scores were:

- H & S Co 1471
- Co C 1341
- Co A 1341
- Co B 1083

Certificates of Achievement went to Sgt Jim B Honey, Co B; O/C Edwin E Cruikshank, Co C; and Sp3 Eugene H Kam, H&S Co, for their high scores —359, 328, and 304 respectively.

**Silver Bars**

2nd Lt Wm C Spinks, a Co D platoon leader, is now 1st Lt Spinks. He has been with the 140th since 1953, earning his commission in February, 1955. His home is in Norwalk, where he is employed at the Metropolitan General Hospital.

**Muster Day**

On Muster Day, the Thunderbolt Bn racked up a total of 21 new enlistees. Hq & H&S Co brought in 5, Co A 2, Co B 7, Co C 3, and the Med Det 2.

**Mars Station**

The Thunderbolts are on the air new with a BC669 MARS radio station. The set, obtained through the hard work and efforts of Maj Donald McClanahan, Div Sig O, began operation in February. Lt Lester H Whiting, Bn CommO, is arranging an operating schedule and other units in the Division are invited to call on a frequency of 3175.

**Jokes**

As submitted by Sgt. Joe Schrick:

A fellow back East lost his glasses while deep sea fishing about 5 years ago. Last week, while cutting into a tuna, his knife struck something hard. Sure enough, it was his thumb.

Then there were the two bugs who crawled into bugle at Camp Roberts last year and went out on a toot together.

**132nd AEB Notes**

**What's a Little Weather?**

A little (little?) rain doesn’t seem to bother pick & shovel experts of Co B, 132nd Armd Engr Bn of Manhattan Beach.

It seems the company, commanded by Capt Frank J Scano, as a weekend training exercise undertook to build a road and grade a ball diamond for a Little League club near Rolling Hills General Store.

Although heavy rains made the mud very deep even for a tall Indian, Scano & Co hove to and worked on schedule to grade the field and gouge out a one-and-a-half mile road connecting the field with an extension of Crenshaw Blvd.

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214th ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BN
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111 Bridgewell St—CL 7-2278

Btry B, L. A.
111 Bridgewell St—CL 7-2278

Btry C, Burbank
3200 Valhalla—TH 5-5996

Svc Btry, Van Nuys
6031 Kester Ave—ST 0-1604

215th ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BN

Cooper, who furnished the “low boy”

Therodore Harth and Sp2 Terrell J

honored for his leadership and com-

Theodore Harth and Sp2 Terrell J

missioned on the scene were representa-

Scano, who has had plenty of prac-

some 40 Engineers of Co B, among

them 1st Sgt Charles Hart, Sfc Howard

Brown and Philip Farrell, were on

job. Also on the scene were repre-

sentatives of Bridge Co—Pfc

Theodore Harth and Sp2 Terrell J

Cooper, who furnished the “low boy”

to move the “cat” to the area, and

and now managed equipment, and WO

George Smith, who tuned the grader.

Scano, who has had plenty of prac-
tice in heavy construction projects,

admitted that although the mud made

the job dirtier, it gave the project tie

the flavor of a real field operation.

HORLANDER HONORED

Capt Douglas J Horlander, CO of
Co E (Bridge), Torrance, has been
honored—for his leadership and com-
munity service—by the state legis-
lature.

Horlander’s unit performed exten-
sive rescue and relief work during the

damaging floods of January, 1955. He

was also cited for his efforts in coor-
dinating civil defense exercises, for

being named “Outstanding Young

Man in Torrance” in 1956, and for his

nomination for Torrance for the All-

America City” award.

“By his actions, Captain Horlander

has established himself as a true lead-
er and has furnished an example of
dedicated service to community and

state worthy of emulation,” the reso-
lution stated.

Adopted unanimously by the lower

house, the resolution was introduced

by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas on

information supplied by the Torrance

Chamber of Commerce.

Well Qualified Instructor

A reasonably well-qualified instruc-
tor recently purveyed pearls on safeg-
uarding of military information—one

of the factors in winning of any war

to Bridgemen of Co E.

Robert K Rogers, a former counter-
intelligence officer and now adminis-
terative assistant to the Torrance city

manager, gave a two-hour lecture on

safeguarding of information and on

prisoner-of-war interrogation.

Rogers served with Army CIC in

four campaigns in Europe during

World War II.

CCC NOTES

By Capt M L Crawford

For the third successive year four

officers of CCC participated in a tradi-
tional ceremony at St. Paul’s Cathed-
ral in LA honoring the birthday of

the first president of the Republic.

At the invitation of Lt Col Harcourt

Hervey Jr, a former Grizzly battalion

commander, Capts James J Lilly and

Richard Sylvester and Lts John R

Freeman and Philip F X O’Connor

represented the 40th in the colorful

processional and service late in

February.

A number of other patriotic organi-

zations also participated.

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Radio Notes
CCC Hq Commo Sec was among the five units in Southern California participating in a recent State Disaster Radio Net Test. In mid-March section operators were able to contact the testing station at Alameda and made air-ground contacts as well.

The Commo Sec has moved into larger and more convenient quarters in the Raymond Ave (Pasadena) armory and is establishing an excellent center for future activities.

Keep Learning
Always keep learning! That’s the motto of CCC—at least it definitely holds true for Chap. (Maj) James O Henry, who is spending a year at the U of Maryland working on an advanced degree. Chaplain Henry is on leave from the Bible Institute of LA, where he is a history instructor.

Top Recruiter
Co A, 223rd Armd Inf Bn has a letter from the State Military Dept it has been flashing around. It said:

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a letter from the Commanding General, Sixth US Army, relative to the record of outstanding recruiting by members of Co A, 223rd Armd Inf. Bn.

2. M/Sgt THEODORE W BRANDES, who personally recruited 62 new men, is to be commended for the efforts he made in behalf of his unit.

3. The Adjutant General desires to extend to Co A and M/Sgt Brando his appreciation for their efforts in behalf of the National Guard.

CARL H. AULICK
Colonel, GS, GA
Deputy Adjutant General
Army Division

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Sergeant Greer looked like anything but a soldier. His baggy field trousers clung tightly against his pot belly and billowed out over his short legs. Long strands of black hair fell wildly over his pudgy face, covering horn-rimmed glasses that guarded his blue eyes. His voice was coarse, scratchy and without much expression.

There was no moon when he led his patrol through the safe-lane to the floor of the valley. The men moved silently, listening for some sound of the enemy, but they heard only the swirling Korean wind. They spread out and moved in a diamond formation across the snow toward Hill 399.

The loudspeaker on the hill started on schedule. Sergeant Greer winced as the rasping notes of an American march struck his ear. He continued moving toward the hill, while behind him, the entire MLR turned an interested ear to the music that floated across the valley. When the record had played itself out, a soft woman's voice came on, purring smoothly against the night wind.

"Good Evening, G.I.'s. How are you. I know that you're going to like our music. We have a fine program for you."

A disgusted scowl formed on the Sergeant's face as he gave the signal for the patrol to halt. He stuck his head back into the hood of his parka, trying to deaden the noise from the loudspeaker. He waited, listening, and then heard the sound of footsteps on the snow behind him.

"What's up?" the radioman asked.

"Call the C.P. and tell them we're at Checkpoint Able," Greer answered.

"Okay, Sarge."

The rushing noise of the radio provided a choppy background for the cooing female voice that poured out from top of the hill. When the radioman had finished his call, he turned back to the Sergeant. "All set."

"Then, let's go."

A record came on as the patrol started forward. Half way through the second chorus, the woman cut in again. "How was that, fellows? Did you like it? Did it remind you of home? Anybody thinking about the Wall Street boys back home that are running around with your wives and girlfriends?"

The patrol reached the base of the hill. "That babe needs some new material," the radioman said, making a sour face. "That line she's hanging out is as old as her records." The Sergeant grinned his answer and then looked up the slope of the hill to where he could see the crest outlined against the sky. He watched the dark figures on both sides of him begin to make their way up the slope, and then started climbing.

"Don't worry, fellows. The Chinese People's Volunteers aren't angry with you. We know how you were duped and made to fight. But did you ever think that while you are freezing here in Korea, all the money boys are down in Florida? Think about it fellows, while I play a tune that I'm sure you'll like."

Sergeant Greer stopped a few yards below the crest of the hill. A dance tune vintage 1945 pounded in his ears as he made a quick inspection of the ground above him.

His grenade made a graceful arc against the sky and then disappeared. The loudspeaker echoed an explosion and went dead. Orange flashes of light came to life along the slopes of the hill and were answered by the hammering of high-pitched burp-guns. Red tracers zipped into the top of the hill as the deep-throated BAR's opened up.

Sergeant Greer let out a howl and cleared the top of the hill. He raced forward, emptying his carbine at the scurrying figures in front of him. In a matter of seconds the entire patrol was on the hill throwing a steady curtain of fire. Dirt kicked up, grenades exploded, and then the hill was quiet.

At 0200 the patrol came through the safe lane and was received by the friendly MLR. No one spoke. The medics hurriedly carried the wounded away. The rest of the men made their way up the winding trench to the Company C.P. where they huddled on the floor sipping coffee and staring blankly at the glowing pot-bellied stove. Their clothes were crusted with snow, and a film of ice covered their charcoaled faces. Everyone was accounted for—everyone except Sergeant Greer.

It was almost daylight when the Chinaman came stumbling up the safe lane. The man on guard levelled his rifle, sighted and then slowly brought it to the ground. Behind the Chinese soldier, with his stomach out in front of him, his hair over his face, and his carbine pressed against his hip, waddled Sergeant Greer. A wide smile split his dirty face, and under his left arm he carried a battered loud speaker.
LITERALLY leading the parade for Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival, at Indio, is Co A, 134th Tank Bn, left, Unit, one of 40th's Desert Rat outfits, presents sharp appearance and drew hearty applause from crowd. Right is Grizzly Band, busy, at Indio, in playing one of its many engagements throughout Division area—despite traffic jam which slowed its appearance in parade.

INDIO

Date Festival and Armor Dedication for Co A, 134th Tank Bn

Water, Desert Lifeblood

Water, obviously, is the lifeblood of the Indio-Coachella Valley area, and a pillar in the field of water development is C W Woodhouse . . . who has been such since 1910.

It was in 1910 the Woodhouse family homestead 320 acres on Avenue 50, near Indio. In 1913, when C W was 21, he filed for 160 acres and drilled a water well on the property to a depth of 120 feet.

Being mechanically inclined and having a working knowledge of gasoline engines—there was no electric power whatever in those days—C W hired out to repair pumping engines at the rate of 40 cents an hour— "On my time 'til I got there." He rode to his jobs on a horse, bareback, with a hackamore, because, as he reminisces now, "I couldn't afford a saddle and bridle."

The company which now bears the Woodhouse name is still engaged in all phases of water development, being exclusive distributors for the Fairbanks line of pumps, engines, electric motors, water systems, softeners and heaters for the Coachella and Imperial Valleys. Headquarters are at Highway 99 and Sage Street, in Indio.

At the present time, C W is in an advisory capacity, and William B Elliott is the active manager. An ardent gun hobbyist, C W custom builds rifles in a wonderfully equipped workshop behind his unusual "Hopi House" residence, constructed by Bryan Haywood, 32 years ago.

Back in 1948, Elliott was en route to Los Angeles, where he had been operations manager for a flying school at Douglas. He drove all the way through Indio, then turned around and came back. A few days later he went to work for the Department of Agriculture, as an inspector. He became in-
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With The Old Timer

Automotive History
Headed south on 99 to view the first self-storing third seat in automotive history now at Imperial Motors. The 17½-foot long Plymouth Custom Suburban, seating nine people, has a rear seat facing the rear for happy, relaxed viewing. No back seat drivers here or you make all the seats disappear! Kay Olsen is proud of his Dodges, Chryslers, and Imperials... but quiz him at 7-3311 about this fabulous Forward Look Suburban, or drop in and see it. It's a dream.

Elevator Rises to Sea Level
The Hotel Potter is Indio's tallest building and boasts the only elevator in the world where you ride up past sea level.

Plumber Handles Hardware
On my way to our “spankin' new” Armory turned left on 44 to say “howdy” to “Vic” Vickrey to find out why a plumbing contractor has gone into the hardware biz as well. His reaction showed his faith in the continuing progress of Indio. “There’s no hardware store on this side of town. This way I can be of service to the area and grow with it,” smiled Vic.

Flexible Operation
Visited the Massey Rock & Sand Co on Monroe and was impressed with their civic-minded plan to anticipate the needs of the growing Coachella Valley. According to Tom Carter, aside from their permanent plant locations, portable plants are available for producing asphalt and ready-mix concrete as well as rock and sand. One semi-portable asphalt plant turns out as much as 1,800 tons a day with no strain! This flexibility of operation enables ‘em to be “fustest with the moitest” whenever indicated—a constructive outlook indeed.

Everything for Sportsmen
Headin' south a couple of miles on 99 landed me at Don Hughes Sporting Goods where the slogan “Everything for the Sportsman, including information” proved to be true. Don showed me a dilly for Salton Sea water skiing
FRANK Mendoza, driven out of Vernon by industry, since 1941 has successfully farmed corn, spinach, and dry onions in the Indio district. He now specializes in growing tomato plants.

Home of Success Story

Percentagewise, the Coachella Valley area is probably the home of more success stories than any place in the state. Vital, "new," it is a land of opportunity and men with vision have seized it with both hands.

Frank Mendoza, for instance. Until 1941 Mendoza lived in Huntington Park and grew corn, cauliflower, and cabbage in Vernon — where today hardly a square foot of ground is not covered by warehouses or factories.

Back in 1937 Mendoza, who raised four sons who went into the Army and Air Force and who now farm with him, had driven around the Indio area and noticed corn growing. He was favorably impressed.

In 1941 when industry pushed him out of Vernon, he loaded an old International tractor and a team of mules on a ton-and-a-half truck and returned to Indio, where he leased 80 acres and planted corn.

The next year he tried carrots, spinach, and dry onions to see how they would do—and they did well. In 1946 wind beat down his experiment with tomato plants, but the breeze only made him more determined to try again and he has been succeeding ever since.

Growing of tomato plants is a ticklish business—and one of the most expensive of farming operations, requiring:

- Scientific seed selection.
- Soil that is disease free, of correct texture and warmth, and protected against unseasonable winds or frosts.
- Fumigation of soil to afford protection against undetected disease organisms.
- Specialized for planting, fertilizing, and topping of plants.

What the Mendozas start—in the tomato line—others finish. His young plants are shipped to major tomato counties in California where they are transplanted—ideally within 24 hours of being pulled from the Mendoza fields.

Present Mendoza farming activities extend over a 20-mile radius and contact is maintained between the office and field operations by means of two-way radios.

How's Your Home?!

As an indication of Indio's and the Coachella Valley's growth, last year Coachella Valley Lumber & Supply Co. sold 6½-million board feet of lumber. We suggest that if you comparison shop you'll end up here because if you figure the cost of your wanderings, you just can't beat the CVL&S Co. Be sure to check into the $125,000 "How's Your Home?" contest. This is a sensible, easy-to-enter contest, with no tricks or gimmicks, sponsored by the famous Home Improvement Council. The first prize is $25,000. That'll buy a lot of lumber, hardware, pipe & fittings, electrical supplies, roofing materials & paints—all available here! In fact there are about 22,000 priced-right items. If you have problems in building, modernizing, or repairing, there's no obligation or charge—just ask 'em. There's a courteous branch on 111 in Palm Desert too!

Great Prime Rib

Moseyed into the Plaza Hotel where Roy Sheeley prepared me a wondrous prime rib dinner. The cocktails and service were super, too.

Bob Casteel

Wandered into Bob Casteel's completely re-built Shell Station at 99 and Smurr where I was treated promptly (please turn page).
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and courteously. Made a great buy in Goodyear Tires, too. Try Bob's ultra-modern lubrication equipment. It'll make your car purr like a happy kitten!

Precision Hardware

Saw Fred Williams, the precision hardware expert, at Jenning's Hardware & Supply Co on Smurr in downtown Indio. We had quite a discussion about modern day schooling, pension plans, and politics in general. Fred has some sound ideas for Republicans and Democrats alike. Fred also has riding equipment, plumbing and electrical supplies, garden and farm tools & paints. If Fred is busy, his daughter, Lucille, will be pleased to help you.

New Edsel

Turned off 99 onto 111 to meet General Manager Dick Appodak at Ben Cowan Ford for a ride in the new Edsel. Was pleased & amazed to find you shift without taking your hand from the wheel as the TeleTouch Drive is in the center of the steering wheel! Have Dick take you for a ride.

Bees to Electric Organs

Right here in Indio there are over 100,000 items from honeybees to electric organs you can order and get delivery on—within two days! Last year more than 9,000 catalogs were given out from, yep, you guessed it, the Sears Catalog Sales Office on Miles.

Gas or Trailer?

Drove out 111 headed for the Fair. Gassed up at Dick Wright's Texaco Station just this side of the Fair Grounds. Dick's been here five years and has increased his biz tremendously. There must be a reason. By the way, if you need to rent a trailer, he's got 'em from 4'x5' to 6'x16' for local or one way trips.

Thanks, Y'all

Alert, progressive, constructive, courteous—what we're trying to say is . . . the Indio Chamber of Commerce certainly is on the proverbial ball. Thanks y'all . . . While we're tossing desert wildflowers, our sincere thanks to Roy and Hellen of the Gillman Studios. Even while under pressure, with the Festival and all, they've

Dance Recital

Don't miss the annual recital for Trixie's Dance Studio, which specializes in tap, ballet, jazz, and modern steps for boys and girls of all ages, at 7:30 p.m., May 23, at Coachella Valley Union High School.

Devotees of the dance will be delighted that no tickets are necessary as there is no admission charge.

Trixie's was the organization which provided exciting dances for the Arabian Nights Pageant at the National Date Festival. Starring were 16-year-old Gay Noffsinger and 10-year-old Frances Romero. Other participants were Sandy Gentry, Karen Wheeler, and Judy Arnsen.

Trixie Jarrette, a true artiste with extensive experience in the field, maintains studios at 45-089 Clinton Ave., Indio, and on Calle Palo Fierro in Palm Springs. She plans to enlarge enrollments for the new season starting in September. Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Lav-aughn Hokey, Miss Jarrette's business manager, at Diamond 7-5717.

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From Denmark to India

Jens Harboe came to the United States in 1950 from Denmark, after having completed a course in agriculture at Dalum Agricultural College. He came as an immigrant planning to spend one year working his way around the United States.

Upon landing in New York, Jens worked for several weeks and with the money he saved took a bus to Los Angeles. In L. A. he heard that the Janss Investment Corp. was developing the Coachella Valley, applied for a job, came here, received 65 cents an hour doing irrigation work.

Jens supplemented his income by playing piano in and around Indio.

After a year he became foreman of certain phases of Janss farming operations. The following year, Jens became manager of all the corporation’s farming operations!

In the spring of 1955 he started his own management service. Then in 1957 Jens incorporated and the Harboe Management Service, Inc., moved into modern offices at 82-491 Highway III in Indio just west of the Fairgrounds.

Jens’ organization has shown a steady growth till at present it includes a field superintendent, four field foremen, an office manager, secretary, and 25 field workers.

As The Grizzly went to press, Mr. Harboe was managing a total of 2,500 acres... about 16 different ranches ranging in size from 20 to 400 acres as well as another 800 acres partly Harboe owned but some leased.

The acreage farmed is about 20 per cent in citrus, 20 per cent cotton, and 20 per cent in alfalfa, and includes cattle, watermelon, grapes, field corn and other grain crops as well.

Harboe Management provides all phases of management for absentee owners including purchasing, growing and marketing crops, and thorough accounting. One of Jens’ clients for the past six years has only seen him once but gets a check yearly! Another phase is managing real estate investments for clients through valley brokers.

Strict, sound management and top cultural practices make for high yields. Timing is most important; the proper combination of use of irrigation, insecticides, and fertilizers is the greatest single factor in successful cotton production.

Jens’ thorough knowledge and careful planning has resulted in maximum returns and record yields. Harboe Management Service had the first seasonal bale of cotton in the C. V. three years running and has attained as high a yield as five bales to the acre—probably the highest in the world.

Asked how he felt about allocation in cotton, Jens quietly remarked, “I feel it would be healthier to grow cotton on a competitive basis so I’d prefer allocations be lifted. It’s my belief the quality of cotton and productivity of the Coachella Valley is superior to any other area in the U.S.A.”

HARBOE Management Service, Inc, of Indio, had first seasonal bale of cotton west of the Rio Grande for three years running. Photo taken at start of 1956 season, with, left to right, Tony Salvador, Jens Harboe and Dan Connelly. Yield per acre in the Coachella Valley, as high as five bales to the acre, is probably the highest in the world.

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been super... Might as well break down and thank all we've met in Indio, the truly friendly city.

Lipp Lodge

Headin' north on 99 turned left on Palm one block to Lipp Lodge. (It's quieter off the highway.) Indio's newest motel is cooled by refrigeration or heated by pind-ray as you may desire. Mr and Mrs Lipp made me feel right at home. It's sure decorated pretty, too.

Caskey's Super Service

Caskey's Super Service on 99, handling Tidewater Oil Products, features the only 100 octane plus gasoline in Indio! See Jim for that extra power.

Try a Real Movie!

It's so much easier on the eyes and really worth the effort to get up and go out and see a moving picture properly presented in all its strength and magnitude! If you're lazy drive a mile south on 99 to Indio Drive In. (For night owls there's a late show here.) If you're in the mood to discount from your auto, right here in town is the Aladdin Theatre for American movies and the Desert for Spanish shows.

Pan Fried Chicken

Out on 111 to dine at Okerlund's Desert Vendome Restaurant, where the pan-fried chicken is truly delicious. Our congratulations to you, Mr. O., on your tenth anniversary of serving fine food... Many More!

Desert's Largest Nursery

On Jackson down the avenue from our new armory, saw Bert Hill, proprietor of Hill's Valley Nursery. This "desert's largest nursery" can solve all your problems, be it need for ornamental shrubs, bedding plants, trees, seeds, fertilizers, or insecticides. Bert also has a lawn planting and maintenance dept.

Stable Money Crop

D D Dunlap of Coachella Valley Ginning Co was telling us that even though there've been cutbacks in acreage due to government quotas, cotton is still one of the valley's most stable money crops." Cotton returned a gross... (please turn page)
income of $414 per acre last year. Separate from ginning operations, the company's fertilizer and insecticide division specializes in products especially adapted for use in the area—for all crops from tomatoes to citrus. And—in the face of rising costs—the Coachella Valley Ginning Co was able to reduce ginning charges to growers this year!

Bakery Products
When you talk about home baking consider the Bacons, who at the Valley Bakery on Towne have been creating delicious baked goods for Indio for the past three years. This is strictly a family affair, so save your time and effort and go see 'em. For that next celebration see Bob, he'll decorate a truly original cake for you.

Home Style Cooking
Had lunch at the newly decorated Potter Coffee Shop on 99 which has been re-opened by Mrs. Sydney G Madden, who greeted me. A look-see into the kitchen's new equipment found Josephine P Crockett presiding. Home style cooking is featured here and be sure to try the home-made pies or cakes.

Organic Grower
Starting with 66 date off-shoots in 1920, Lee Anderson, owner of the Covalda Date Co, cultivated a 184 acre date garden by 1943! Lee is a firm believer in organically grown dates and pecans, using natural predators and natural fertilizers, thus eliminating chemical fertilizers and insecticides. His operation, on 99 in Coachella, now includes gift packs, shipped all over as well as wholesale shipping of dates and pecans primarily to health food stores.

Salton Sea Regatta
Last year more than 10,000 people viewed the exciting 17th annual International Salton Sea Regatta. Don't miss the 18th, sponsored by the Indio Jr. Chamber of Commerce on Sept 27 and 28. Being below sea level and buoyant, the Salton Sea is the fastest race course in the world!

Union Oil Distributor
John Dickman, in the petroleum biz for 35 years and with Union Oil Pro-
ducts for the past 14 years, requested to open a distributorship in the C.V. because "it is my opinion that there's a great future and more rapid growth in the valley, besides I just plain enjoy living here!" Go say hello to John. He's in the new Union Oil Bldg. at Ave 50 and 99.

Date Packing
Saw Albert P. Keck at his packing house on Madison. It's interesting to watch the dates being sorted, packed & shipped. Indio is certainly a bit of exotic Arabia transplanted to this productive Coachella Valley.

Economy Champion
Sales went up 81% on America's all-time economy champ. Just think, in the age of rising costs, less than a penny a mile for gasoline! I'm talking about the smartly styled Rambler, with its big car room and comfort & small car handling ease. Cecil Head's got 'em out on 99. See him and drive one—they're fun! While there take a gander at the versatile 4-wheel drive Jeep, too.

Unusual Gifts
If you're looking for an unusual gift don't miss The Seven Seas on Miles. Effie Thompson is always on the lookout for original items be they unique handbags, imported costume jewelry, sunning belts, golf caps, sweater guards & many kinds of hats—just hundreds of unusual buys. When you go in don't miss her new line of comic cards—you'll be amused as well as pleased.

Standard Oil Distributor
Henry J. Escher, with Standard Oil Co of Calif for the past 36 years, is distributor for the entire C.V., covering Palm Springs to the Riverside county line. Starting here in 1941, Mr E has seen and foresees tremendous growth for the valley.

S & E Auto Service
Celebrating their 4th anniversary is the S & E Auto Service & Union Oil Station next to the Brite Spot Cafe on 99. If you have any automotive problems see Clarence Lawson, he knows his business . . . having been in it since 1942.

Indio Cleaners
Went through Ed Wills' modern dry cleaning plant on Jackson where it's easy to park. The Indio Cleaners has a fine laundry service, too, & specializes in alterations, drapes, and rugs.

New Date Shop
On the way to the Salton Sea, a mile or so southeast of Thermal, is Laflin's new Ranch Date Shop carrying many rare date varieties grown on one of Coachella Valley's pioneer ranches. They have grapefruit and tangerines, too. If you're a stay-at-home, write Box 757, Thermal, California, and they'll send you free literature.

Nor-Bett's Snack Bar
For that quick bite to eat there's Nor-Bett's Snack Bar on Miles where your cordial host Norman and hostess Betty will serve you your choice of pizzas, hamburgers & hot dogs as you like 'em, home-made chili, dates shakes & other beverages. They're open Saturdays 'til 8.

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Johnson Retires
After nine years with Co A, 134th Tank Bn, Sfc Earl E. Johnson, supply sergeant, was forced to retire because of physical disability, according to 1st Sgt Felix Duck.

Coachella Valley Grape Grower & Shipper
In 1931 Harry Carian Sr. was a grape grower, packer, and shipper in Arvin, near Bakersfield. At that time he heard that the Coachella Valley shipped earlier so he investigated.

After due deliberation, Mr. Carian opened a shed here in the Coachella Valley in 1937 where, with his son Harry Jr., he is busily engaged in carrying on the tradition of the proper growth, handling, and shipping of girdled Thompson seedless grapes.

In fairness to nature, it is then important to thin the vines about half, the result being fewer and firmer grapes of increased size and quality. Often thinning must be accomplished several times before the harvest in June or July. Carian's Perlettes (also seedless) are harvested earlier, usually late in May.

Another interesting fact is that the Carians field pack rather than house pack. This packing in the field directly into shipping boxes means less handling of grapes and a better store-delivered product.

The open shipping boxes are immediately taken to the packing shed and re-inspected on a conveyor, weighed twice, carried along to the lidding machine which secures the box covers, then to the pre-cooling room.

Then, thanks to a new cooling room—developed by University of California researchers—introduced to Coachella by Mr. Carian, within three hours the grapes are in a 40-45 degree temperature which properly maintains freshness and flavor.

Shipped out in refrigerated cars or trucks, the grapes arrive in the markets field fresh.

The Carians now live and concentrate their grape growing and shipping efforts in the Coachella Valley, making their home in the Rancho de Oro, which is the name of their top brand. They are one of the major shippers of grapes from the Coachella Valley.
Ice A Big Factor

The role of ice—for agricultural, commercial, and domestic purposes—is of first rank importance to the Coachella Valley.

Each year millions of dollars worth of fresh fruits and vegetables from the Indio Area travel by air, rail, and truck to markets throughout the United States and into Canada.

Ice keeps this produce fresh until it reaches the consumer. From the time it is picked until it arrives at its destination careful refrigeration of these perishables is a must.

In 1957, the Coachella Valley Ice Co., with plants in Indio and Coachella, supplied 40,000 tons of ice to protect table grapes, tomatoes, sweet corn, carrots, and other farm products shipped from Coachella Valley.

As more and more land goes into cultivation, increasing demands for ice are made. Constant strides are being made at Coachella Ice Co. to meet these demands.

Careful study of the requirements of Valley agriculture and the addition of the most modern equipment as it becomes available keeps Coachella Valley Ice Co. always ready to serve.

The company has truck icing, blower, and vegetable ice service. The company purchased its Plant No. 2—on Highway 99 in Coachella—in 1955 to enable it to better serve the area. The main plant is located in Indio at 83-827 Highway 99.

Grapefruit Rancher in Coachella Valley

Born and raised in San Francisco, W. W. “Bill” Kelly, who was a partner and handled sales for a produce house there, came to the Coachella Valley to check on a business deal in 1939 and stayed.

“I just couldn’t believe or understand why the sun shone every day,” reminisced Bill. “I still wore my business suit, white shirt, and tie even when it was hot, but this was, and is, the place for me.”

Upon his settling here, Bill opened a packing shed in Coachella where he packed and shipped carrots, grapes, corn, and spinach. The second year he opened a second shed at Mecca, packing and shipping grapefruit. In 1946 Bill built Shed No. 3 in Indio for corn, carrots, bell peppers, hot peppers, spinach, squash, turnips, beets, onions, parsley, persimmons, and figs.

In 1948 Bill bought the 175-acre ranch he and his charming wife Gertrude live on and in. He subsequently gave up the packing sheds to concentrate on cultivating the famous Coachella Valley grapefruit and is still doing so with a sincere belief and enthusiasm.

Just 100 acres of the ranch is in grapefruit, the other 75 acres in corn. The Kelly Ranch, part of which is within the Indio city limits, ships anywhere from 50,000 to 93,000 boxes a year. That’s from 2½ to 4,650,000 lbs. of grapefruit a year!

“Nature and man together have made this valley a real paradise—where just last year more than $35,000,000 in agricultural products were raised and shipped,” concluded W. W. Kelly, who just happened to come here 19 years ago.
Coachella Valley has been greatly due to this plentiful water supply.

The Kent Ranch, the Kennedy Bros., and the Rummonds Bros. are pioneers in some of the best cotton produced in the world. The long growing season, heat, and little rain are primary factors in causing the Acala 442 variety of cotton to grow shoulder high with heavy foliage.

Acala 442 was selected by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture as the only cotton to be grown in California due to its superior qualities. George Harrison's continuous experiments throughout the years are a major factor in the development of improved 442. As far back as 1923 cotton was the principal crop here in the Coachella Valley with 4,500 acres under cultivation.

Prior to 1953 the Kents farmed 700 acres. In 1953, before a governmental allocation curtailed production, cotton was fast becoming the most important cash crop in the valley. Regardless, last year 5,568 acres were farmed.

Mel and Rheta Kent came here from San Jose in the Santa Clara Valley. Mel, who had no farming experience, was a sergeant in the California Highway Patrol. In 1943 he was transferred and placed in charge of the Banning to Blythe area. At first Mel was unhappy, feeling he had been exiled to a desolate place.

After being here a while he had a complete change of feeling so in 1945 bought a 80-acre ranch with no house and no well. With the help of two braceros, Mel and Rheta built their own home utilizing 9x33 wood blocks used by General Patton's division while here in training.

These blocks have been hand set in concrete and reinforced with steel, creating a home quite unlike any other in the world.

James E. Wright Jr. then brought in a well dug to 360 ft. At this time Mel was told $100 an acre was an excessive price for land. The same land is valued at $1000 or more per acre now and "is taxed accordingly!"

The increased price is actually justified by the productivity of and return from the fertile soil. According to Mel, Jens Harboe, and other cotton farmers, the present cotton yield is as high as four bales per acre.

Jack Benny, George Burns, and Leonard Firestone have recently bought in this immediate area and are in the process of developing large citrus groves.

In 1917 the California Cotton Oil Corp of Los Angeles was operating a cotton gin here. Now, 41 years later, the same corporation has constructed a new gin and is still competently servicing the C. V. farmers.

The cooperation among the cotton farmers here to achieve a mutual objective has been outstanding throughout the years and has been proven out by the results achieved.

If you're thinking this is the leisurely life for you, bear in mind the anecdote told me by Rheta Kent, mother of Katherine Ann, 9, and Cynthia, 6, as related to her by Ed Holcomb, an old timer recently retired. When approached with an inquiry about what's involved in growing cotton, Ed deadpanned, "Cotton's easy— just plantin' and pickin'. Yep, it's an easy growing crop—you just work 13 months a year; 12 months days and one month nights!"
Concrete Pipe Manufactured

In the Coachella Valley for 30 years—for the past 11 under its present name—C. V. Concrete Products annually turns out hundreds of miles of concrete pipe of all sizes for irrigation and drainage systems.

Possessing one of the largest drainage tile machines in the desert area—designed and built by owner "Bud" Swindler and suitable for big jobs for water districts—C. V. Concrete Products also operates smaller rigs for subdivision and domestic work.

The company, according to Murray Moore, specializes in concrete drain tile which is alkaline resistant—made of a new cement that will not deteriorate.

"More than ever before," Moore said, "concrete products are coming into their own in the agricultural, industrial, and construction activities of today. Strength, durability, and economy inherent in concrete is, indeed, becoming increasingly recognized.

"In few other manufacturing enterprises does the factor of exacting handling and processing technique contribute so directly to the quality of the product. Rigid control of batch characteristics and mixing period are assured through the use of modern equipment in the hands and under the direction of men that are long experienced in the business.

"The management here, having dedicated their business to the people of the Coachella Valley, is always glad to discuss means of handling particular irrigation or construction problems.

"Very frequently it is found the company's extensive experience is invaluable in solving particular problems along these lines.

"In reviewing the business progress of the valley, we hasten to point to this firm as a truly necessary factor in the business and agricultural life of the community," Moore said.

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Maynard and Betty Burg have been partners in the Desert Sign Corp since 1955. Maynard has been in the sign business for 22 years. He came to Indio from South Dakota in 1923. Betty is a native daughter of California.

Desert Sign Corp. is the only complete neon and outdoor advertising manufacturer in the Coachella Valley.

Your original thoughts are taken and incorporated in color sketch form, and when all concur the sketch goes back to the art dept and is drawn into a full-scale layout. One copy goes to the sheet metal department, where the sign is manufactured. One copy goes to the glass blower for neon tubing. One copy goes to the paint department where it is painted with the various colors indicated.

Signs Assembled

Then the sign is assembled right here in the plant and is assigned to a hanging crew which takes it out and installs it.

The same procedure is followed on billboards, except, of course, no glass blowing is involved. Billboards, by the way, are all custom designed and are done on steel with special paints and then are coated to protect them against desert sun and sand.

Preparation and maintenance is an important facet of the Desert Sign operations.

Started As Branch

Starting out as a branch office of another sign company, with just Maynard and Betty and one service man, the Corp now has 20 employees.

Here is a truly home-owned and operated organization with an annual payroll of close to $100,000 with 7 of the employees owning their own homes and all living here in Indio.

Some of the outdoor spectacular signs done by the Desert Sign Co. are Desi Arnaz Western Hills Hotel, Chi Chi in Palm Springs, and let’s not forget the exotic three-dimensional Chamber of Commerce sign on 99 just south of Indio.

In 1955 Desert Sign had one small building, now the company has the entire block on Beach from Calhoun to the end of the street.
143 IS a designation going "way back when." The "Old Guard" photos show Film Star Mary Pickford—only girl ever to earn title, "America's Sweetheart," greeting lads of 143rd Field Artillery Regiment—which she served as Honorary Colonel—at Oakland on return from France in 1919 after World War I. LEFT, waving greeting with Mayor John L Davie. LOWER LEFT, highballing a section or two. BELOW, pinning rose on Col Ralph Faneuf, CO.
CNGR TRAINING

A Case History?

By Lt Col Sherman L Lowe

When, during the “Korea Action”, the 1st Div, California National Guard Reserve (then called California Defense and Security Corps) was first organized, the Adjutant General of the State had reason to believe that the Federal government would soon provide small arms and ammunition, personal equipment, and training aids for such Internal Security Units as were being organized under recently enacted Federal legislation. However, it soon became evident that the Dept of Defense was not prepared or disposed to issue anything, although the enacted legislation gave them authority to do so.

The failure to obtain assistance from the Dept of the Army struck a serious blow to morale in the CNGR which was feverishly enlisting personnel and swelling the ranks of the units which were destined to serve as replacements for the Cal NG units then in final training for shipment overseas.

It was necessary for newly appointed unit commanders to obtain the matériel for equipping and training their troops from whatever source could be tapped. Hence uniforms and personal accouterments were furnished by individual enlistees. Rifles were borrowed from the many posts and chapters of the several veterans organizations in the Southland. Ammunition had to be scavenged from many sources and by often devious means. Yet despite such handicaps, enthusiasm ran high, determination stood firm, and the arms, equipment, and training aids magically appeared and were put to energetic use.

The commanding general and his staff, and commanders and staffs of lower echelons immediately faced a training dilemma. As prescribed by OTAG, the California National Guard Reserve was organized on a semi-infantry T/O which, during World War II, had formed the framework for the State Guard. But the actual anticipated functions of the Reserve were not those of combat troops, but primarily of internal security, the type of function carried out by Military Police in the Zone of the Interior.

It seemed clear that training in extended order, combat formations, and all other types of combat infantry training should be cast aside and the training objective be confined to basic infantry, interior guard duty, traffic control, chemical-bacteriological-radiological, and administration, with frequent command post exercises, and specialist schools on division and group levels.

Within the period of a few months, the 6220th ORASU school at Ft. MacArthur was organized and officers and noncommissioned officers of CNGR were invited to attend. Some of the courses at Ft. MacArthur were set up on a three year basis. Others were to be completed within one year.

The personnel of CNGR, all former service men, enthusiastically registered for the several courses, which included Command & Staff, Infantry, Military Police, Anti-Aircraft, Quartermaster, Adjutant General, Finance, and finally, Chaplain. So enthusiastic was the response, in fact, that within a relatively short time, in several courses, the CNGR students outnumbered the Army Reservists. By the end of the third year of the longer courses, although a few had fallen by the wayside, about seventy percent of the initial registrants remained to win their Certificates of Training—Advanced Course.

The end of the “Korea Incident” saw the California National Guard returned to State control and the statutory end of the CNGR through the terms of the Federal enabling act. Borrowed arms and equipment had to be returned to their owners and all training was supposed to terminate.

Fortunately, OTAG found a way to hold together the membership of CNGR as “unofficial” units until new Federal legislation, later supplemented by State legislation, could be enacted to preserve at least a cadre of trained personnel against the day when perhaps, again the National Guard might be removed from State control and placed in Federal service.

Within the past few weeks an entirely new concept of the training for our mission has developed. A few months ago, the Texas State Guard tried out a training concept based entirely on the idea that as Internal Security Units, their State Guard should essentially break away from infantry training other than basic subjects and channel all training into military police work.

Although their T/O for all other units would remain as it had been in the past, one trial battalion was unofficially set up on a new Internal Security Battalion basis. Even the uniform was changed to distinguish the personnel as Internal Security police. This worked out so well that at the present time, steps are being taken in Texas to change all units to Internal Security units, with a change in uniforms and a new T/O.

An essentially similar concept has been under study by members of the staff of the 1st Brig, CNGR for several months, and more recently a staff study was prepared in Brig Hq and forwarded to OTAG by Maj Gen Ivan L Foster, Brig commander. After close scrutiny, OTAG has approved the major portion of the plan, with prospects bright that the suggested changes will soon be authorized.

Under this plan, CNGR will channel all training toward the objective of becoming Internal Security Police, with the most essential subjects becoming traffic control, riot control, survival from atomic/hydrogen attack, interior guard duty, road-blocks, and close association with Civil Defense, to furnish military protection and control wherever such may be needed. By such training, it is not presumptuous to think that a time may come when our big brothers of the 40th Arm Div, Cal NG, may call on the 1st Brig, CNGR to furnish military police as an assist to some phase of their operations.

If the training now in the planning stage pays off, as we doubt it will, then it will be comforting to both the 40th Arm and to ourselves to know that the 1st Brig will not fail since it will have been properly indoctrinated, trained, and otherwise prepared.
BARSTOW

Hails New Armory

For Co B, 140th Tank Bn

CO B, 140th Tank Bn, with open spaces stretching for 120 miles straight out the back door of new armory, will have few training area problems, as demonstrated in this Camp Irwin photo.

NEW BARSTOW Armory of Co B, 140th Tank Battalion. Standing in front doorway are 1/sqt L H Witte, AST, and Miss Barstow—18-year-old Jacque Funderburg. Boondocks are nothing but available to Co B, for Tanks can roll out the back door and stay on government land for the next 120 miles!

Provided there is no flood damage (which at press time was possible) Barstow, home of the 40th's newest armory, was due to be cheering the wet weather that has put water onto the surface of the Mojave River for the first time since 1943.

Flood damage aside, rain and snow gave promise of restoring underground water tables and, in addition, of providing a beautiful array of desert wildflowers.

Meantime, facts and figures supplied by the Chamber of Commerce show the city has had the most rapid growth of any town in San Bernardino county—rising 500 per cent since 1950. At the moment Barstow claims 10,017 and is the trading center for some 35,000 persons.

The area was first known as a junction point on Indian foot trails used by early explorers—Padre Garces in 1775 and Jedediah Smith in 1826, and the first settlement was known as Waterman Junction.

The town of Barstow was created in 1886, thanks to establishment of a junction by the Santa Fe railroad. Motorists were next to follow, braving dangers of the desert after 1910 and driving over wagon roads used in railroad construction. Completion of Highways 66, 466, and 91 brought new income to Barstow in the form of tourist dollars.

World War II wrought a few changes:

1. The Marine Corps established a supply depot east of town—the Corps' largest supply operation west of the Mississippi and now Barstow's largest employer.

2. Camp Irwin, which was established 38 miles northeast of Barstow.
So, with the USMC payroll of $16,000,000, the Santa Fe payroll of $6,000,000, and Camp Irwin’s $5,000,000, it is easy to see what a large part of Barstow’s economy swings on. Agriculture swings a large share too—with poultry and dairy products rating high.  

Tourism accounts for some $10,000,000 a year, and mining throughout the Mojave Desert accounted for $85,000,000 in 1950. Retail trade in 1956 was to the order of $27,000,000.

In the educational department there are four elementary schools, one junior high, and one senior high school plus a Roman Catholic parochial school and a Seventh Day Adventist institution.

Nearby points of interest include Odessa Canyon and Doran Drive, Mule Canyon, Rainbow Basin, Pisgah Crater, Sunrise Canyon, Death Valley, Calico Ghost Town, and the Big Bear recreation area.

Barstow’s Co B is part of the oldest tank battalion in the Grizzly Div—the 140th. As a matter of fact the 140th was the only tank battalion when the 40th was an infantry div. As such it participated in brisk skirmishes and plenty of shooting during the Korean War.

For the second year running, Co B scored highest in the annual CCC Small Bore Rifle Match, with Sgt Jim B Honey, Sp 3 Wayne H Pylant, Sp 3 Walthall L Spink, and Sp 3 Sid Harris rating as the four highest individual scorers.

Co B’s Barstow Thunderbolts were runners-up in CCC basketball competition this year.

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SIX MILLIONTH PHONE in the Pacific Coast area! Wes Taylor, now a plant superintendent shown connecting six millionth service back in 1953 for the California Interstate Telephone Co. Recipients of the service were Marine M/Sgt & Mrs Lionel F Williams, who still have the same phone number. Then there were 2,121 telephones in Barstow. Now there are 4,269, better than double in just five years. Note Barstow, looking east on Route 66, in background. Further progress reported by District Manager Bob Brown involves plans for a micro-wave system to be in operation by summer. This is a new method of transmitting long-distance telephone conversations without wires. This will add 32 long distance channels between Barstow and Los Angeles and San Bernardino. California Interstate Telephone Co, the third largest independent in California, will thus be able to better serve this growing city.
EVERYBODY LOOKED happy when ground was broken for Barstow’s new armory. Wielding shovel were Capt Robert D Blackwell, CO of Co B, 140th Tank Bn and former Mayor Leonard Zagortz. Among other participants were, from left, Gilbert Johnson, City Clerk Earl Stanton, Councilman Jim Gilliam, Maj James D Bates, Maj Robert Stapp, 1st Lt J B Speed, Vic Smith, Maj Carlos Fraser, Ash Myers, Mayor George Oakes, and 1st Sgt L H Witte, AST of Co B.

New Job

Bill Headrie, popular manager of the Barstow Chamber of Commerce, was presented with a beautifully engraved gold watch at a farewell testimonial luncheon. Bill, who won the William Hammond Memorial Scholarship in 1957 for being the outstanding manager of all the California Chambers of Commerce, heads for Fresno, where he will manage the Research Dept of the Fresno County Chamber of Commerce.

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DESK WORK. This is Desk Work? 1/Sgt L H Witte, AST of Co B, 140th Tank Bn. seems somewhat bemused while gazing at Jacquie Funderburk, Miss Barstow, instead of the papers he probably should be shuffling on his desk.

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THE ECONOMIC life of Barstow pretty well swings around the Marine Depot, Camp Irwin, and the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway. Photo above gives a thumb-nail history of Camp Irwin, facilities of which have been made available to Grizzly Tank Bns and the 517th AAA Bn.

--- Photo Courtesy Art Doran

THE ECONOMIC life of Barstow pretty well swings around the Marine Depot, Camp Irwin, and the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway.

How Camp Irwin Happened

In 1900 Art Doran was in Kansas City, Mo., at which time Fred Harvey’s Restaurants fed railroad personnel. Mr. Harvey offered him free transportation to Barstow with the proviso that Art work for him for six months.

Mr. Doran came here, worked 10 months, then took a position as bookkeeper and took care of the Post Office for the Gooding Mercantile Co.

In 1928, having lived here many years and knowing the area and its problems quite well, he became a County Supervisor, having been recommended by his predecessor. Through the years Mr. Doran accomplished many worthwhile projects too numerous to enumerate here and now.

In 1930, when the Beacon Hotel opened, Frank Moretti instituted a plan that showed great civic pride and community interest. He invited delegations from other cities as their guests.

One evening a group of officers from Fort MacArthur arrived for the weekend. After dinner, one of the officers—in Mr. Doran’s presence—expressed a desire for an area where it would be possible to shoot guns 20 miles in any direction without need of posting an outer perimeter patrol.

The following day Art’s showed ‘em an area, taking them over wagon trails ‘cause there were no roads and reassured them that there would be a road to transfer the guns out on and that plentiful water supply was available.

As a County Supervisor, far-sighted Art Doran saw that the road was constructed. This was the beginning. Some time later he met a surveyor who said he was surveying for the Army. Then a test well was drilled successfully, next three big wells, and subsequently Camp Irwin was installed.
NEW BARSTOW post office. Modern and necessary for a growing city. Note landscaping which was accomplished on a weekend last month by the Rotary Club. Structure is the first unit of a planned, integrated civic center.
GHOSTTOWN COMES BACK—California's greatest historic silver mining town of the 1880's lives once again! $86,000,000 in silver was produced here from 1881 to 1886. When silver prices dropped Calico declined and died. To left of picture is the original Maggie mine with tunnels and shafts still intact.

HISTORIC SITE—Walter Knott, who homesteaded near the colorful Calico Mountains, obtained employment at Calico when he was a young man. His dream of recreating this authentic town is now a reality open to the public with no charge for parking or admission. It's located just 9 miles from Barstow. Knott, incidentally, operates the world famous Knott's Berry Farm in Orange county.
BARSTOW MIRACLE BLOCK—Just completed, and a true indication of the trend toward the desert, showing portion of Barstow's Miracle Block. Note Anita Shop, Teplow Drugs and Rude's Department store on right.

—Photo Courtesy Barstow Chamber of Commerce

TAKEN IN THE 1890's, steam tractor and ore wagons hauling silver ore from the Calico mines to rail-head at Daggett, just seven miles from Barstow.

—Photo Courtesy 1st Thrift of California
YUCCA BLOOMING in the desert at Barstow. While in Barstow area see colorful fossil cacti, mastodons, three-toed horses, and even dog and cat-like animals mostly from the Miocene Age (which ended about 11,000,000 years ago!) beds just 12 miles northwest of Barstow.

BUILT IN THE DESERT—Mike Vitucci of Barstow and Miss Las Vegas on Lake Mead in 16-foot Flamingo Fiberglas boat designed and built by Mike in Barstow. Forward keel and extra large aft planing surface permits speeds to 45 MPH and more with twin Mercury 45 HP motor mountings.

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BARSTOW AREA NEXT!—Pictured is California Electric Power Co's new San Bernardino steam electric generating plant. It presently consists of two 60,000 kw units, the second of which is scheduled to be in commercial operation next June. Calectric's faith in the continuing progress of the Barstow area has necessitated installation of local facilities here. Twelve million dollars will be spent the first year on the Coolwater Ranch site near Barstow. It is estimated a total of $40,000,000 will be spent on this project.

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THE GRIZZLY for March - April, 1958
TWO FIRSTS!—Winner of first prize in the commercial division of the Mojave Trail Exposition and Panorama, Galyean’s Music and Camera Store was the first store of its kind in Barstow.

NEW BARSTOW HOSPITAL—Just completed and landscaped—by the Rotary Club, with an able assist from the Lions, Kiwanis, & Barstow’s Women’s Club—since above photo was made. Bill Hendrie of the Barstow Chamber of Commerce obtained national publicity in Life Magazine for this half-million dollar institution, a triumph of civic spirit and determination.

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Dear Grizzly:

I am sending some photographs you may find suitable for publication in your Old Guard section.

They have to do with one of the greatest thrills of my life: my appointment as Honorary Colonel of the 143rd Field Artillery Regiment during World War I. My eagles were presented at a most impressive ceremony at Camp Kearney.

While I am certain the fine young men of the regiment had a more aggressive nickname, I trust it will not be considered immodest of me to confess they also became known as “Mary’s Little Lambs.”

The Little Lambs went to France and other fine young men succeeding them in the 143rd Field Artillery have been on many a battlefield since then. We pray they will not be needed again!

Sincerely yours,
Mary Pickford

See Old Guard Section

Dear Grizzly:

As a rather faithful reader of the American Legion magazine and as a former student of journalism, I was much interested in The Grizzly. I thought your handling of the Salutes to Torrance and Ventura was excellent.

Being in the oil business, naturally I was intrigued by the oil activity you described in Ventura county.

However, I didn’t really write to say nice things. What about our ad? What appeared in print described our heaters as “flowing,” the word should be “flowline.”

Mrs. George S Monks
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Please see page 6 for correction.

Dear Grizzly: Many thanks for the quick change of address! I arrived in Washington only a few days ahead of your January-February issue.

While personally not a part of either community, I was particularly pleased with your Salutes to Torrance and Ventura. The value is obvious: such articles as these in The Grizzly, the 40th’s voice, are another step, however small, toward greater cooperation between 40th units and the leadership of their hometowns. If, as a secondary result, they strengthen The Grizzly through the increased advertising revenue they generate, then not only the magazine but the entire Division has gained.

May I also utilize a small chunk of your always-scarce “white space” to say “sayonaru” to my many friends throughout the 40th? As you know, I have accepted an editorial position with the National Guardsman Magazine in Washington and it was not possible for me to write or visit each of the many fine friends I had made in the Division prior to my departure from the West Coast.

Practitioners of the art (?) of military public relations are normally never quite sure whether they are tolerated as just another armchair commando or accepted as an important, though comparatively new, part of the Army structure.

In the many years I served as a public information officer with the 40th, I dealt personally with hundreds, perhaps thousands of people—everyone from recruits up to the commanding general—and only rarely were my dealings unproductive or unpleasant.

The necessity of good public relations between National Guard units and the communities they serve has become more vital to us since WWII than at any previous time in our history—and in the 40th I found more widespread recognition of this fact of modern military life than in any other unit which I have been associated.

Thanks again to each and every Guardsman who listened patiently to my constant preaching of the community relations gospel. I valued your help, even though it may have been no more than your having the patience to listen.

Sincerely yours,
W D McGlasson
Maj, CE, CalNG

Here’s a time saving method of handling DA Form 20, which are to be partially typed and partially pencilled. By taking a Form 20 and cutting it out properly and placing it on top of filled-out forms, one can immediately see all the spaces that are to be pencilled.

A second cut-out form shows all the spaces to be typed. Get the razor blades out, men!

Sincerely yours,
Felix Duck
1st Sgt, Co A, 134 TB
Indio

I enjoyed my last Grizzly very much. Maybe you’ll like some more jokes & also a few old proverbs & I really mean old:

Unsteadily he stood before the mirror & surveyed his bloodshot eyes.

“That settles it,” he muttered. “I’ve gotta stay out of those bars. My eyes are being ruined by television.”

She was only an insurance man’s daughter, but I liked her policy.

A husband is a man who lost his liberty in the pursuit of happiness.

Medic Mike says a wedding is like a tourniquet. It stops your circulation.

THE GRIZZLY for March - April, 1958
No one is a fool always, everyone sometimes.

Fools build houses and wise men buy them.

Better pass a anger once than be always in fear.

Better a bare foot than no foot at all.

Do not trust or contend, nor borrow or lend, and you'll gain in the end.

In a thousand pounds of law there's not an ounce of love.

Manners often make fortunes.

Well this is all I have to submit, so hope after censorship that some may be published for what good or laughs others may get.

Yours Truly,
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By Chap (Maj) James R Davis
Headquarters, CCB

The saga of the peopling of the American West is a fascinating subject to many people, and some of us find ourselves attracted to the subject of our early history whenever we find something written on the matter.

One such story I ran across some time ago has struck me through many years, and it is a good one to remember.

It seems that a father went West to seek his fortune in the middle of the last century, as did thousands of other Americans in that day, yes many people of all races and nations also.

He left behind at his former home his wife and teenage son, hoping to send for them when he made his fortune and when the West was more civilized. Before he could accomplish that noble purpose, his wife died, leaving the young son more or less alone in the East.

The boy's natural desire was to join his father, and much correspondence passed between father and son. The father finally agreed to the boy's desire, the family goods were sold, a wagon and team were purchased with the proceeds, and the boy started West.

He joined up with an emigrant party at Independence, Missouri, the usual jumping off place on the Oregon Trail.

As the party moved mile after mile over the dusty trail, along the Platte River, past Scott's Bluff, Fort Laramie, Split Rock, South Pass, and on into Fort Bridger, the rest of the emigrants noticed that the lad was always happy, singing and sining in the face of every hardship and disappointment that the journey had to offer in abundance.

They were naturally curious, and upon seeking the cause, the boy simply replied, as though it were the most natural thing in the world, "Why, Dad is going to meet me at the end of the trail."

Life is a good deal like that! It can be tough, rough, and can pack a real wallop at times that knocks us down for the proverbial ten count: In other words, life is no bed of roses for the most of us, but at the end of the trail we will be met by a loving Father, of that we can be sure.

How well will we have driven the journey? With a smile, a song, a helping hand along the way, a contentment in the knowledge that He is our Father, or defeated, dejected and glum?

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