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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL MONUMENT
TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIF.

November 13, 1947

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region Four.

The writer recently had occasion to pass the proposed Patton National Monument, S. 1363 and H.R. 4085, in T.1 S., R.17 E., in San Bernardino County, mentioned in your memorandum dated July 1, 1947. Attached are pictures and a brief resume of the writer's observations.

Both altars are nicely done, are impressive and in a good state of preservation. The altars are about one mile apart and they are located in an uninteresting area except that the mountains in the distant background are impressive but not more so than the many other mountains in Southern California.

The relief map covers the maneuver area used by the Desert Training troops. It shows existing roads, mountain ranges, rivers, etc., and was accurately done. It was apparently used for studying field problems. The relief map is not in good repair. Obviously the terrain was built up with sand, then covered with one inch of stabilized material and then painted. This stabilized surfacing has broken in many places and may soon be beyond repair.

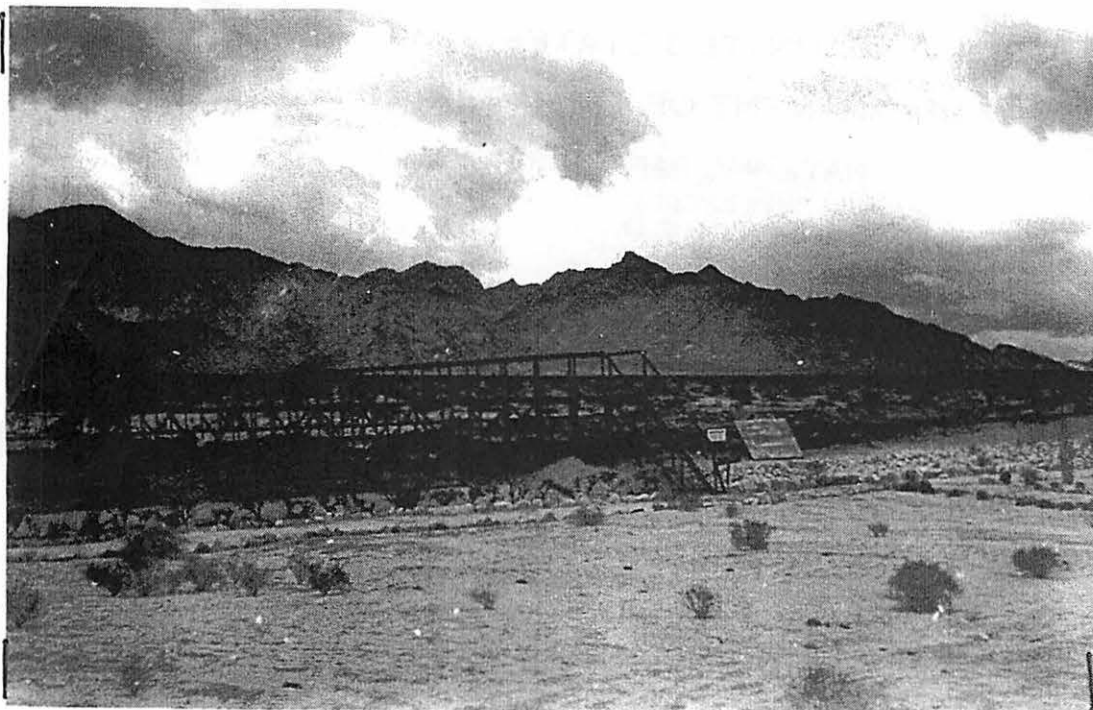
The area that is proposed as a Patton Memorial is approximately three miles north of the Desert Center-Parker road. The road is mainly used by residents of Southern California who drive to the Colorado River to go fishing. It does not appear likely that the road will ever be heavily traveled.

Discussions with local residents indicate that General Patton did not have his headquarters in the above-mentioned location. His headquarters were at Camp Young which is just south of Joshua Tree National Monument. There is some doubt that the two altars and relief model were constructed at the time of Patton's assignment in this area.

We thought you might be interested in the pictures and the above information.

Frank R. Givens
Custodian

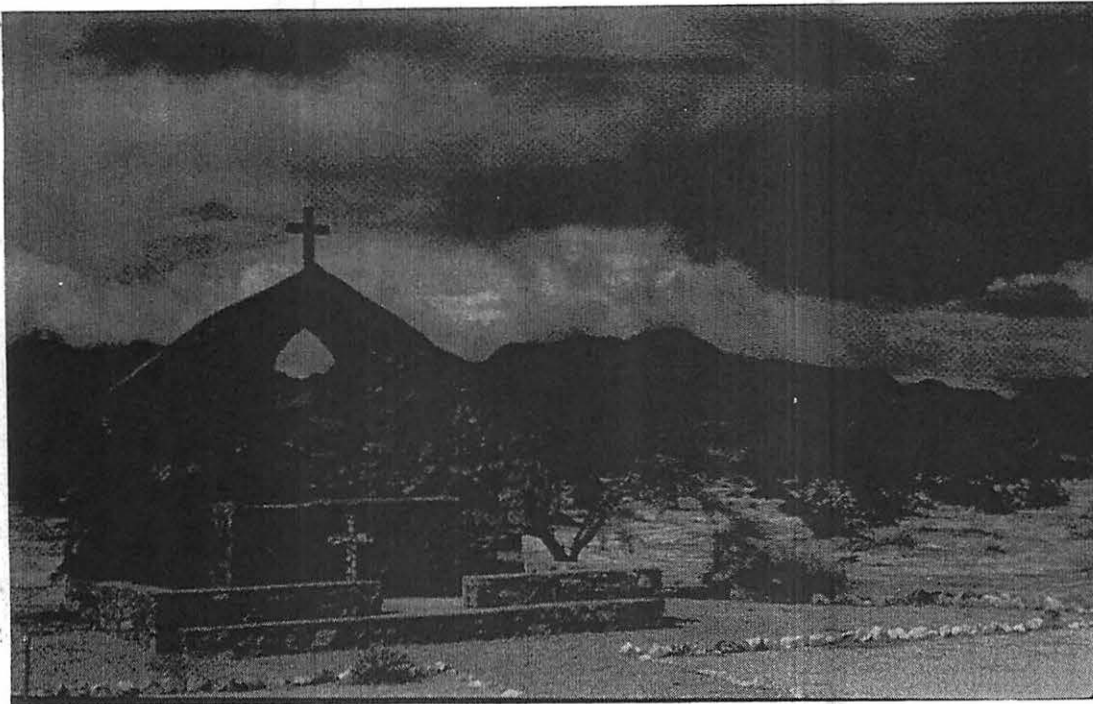
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Approaching the relief map which was evidently used in studying field problems and planning maneuvers



Part of the relief map showing the mountains, deserts, roads, rivers, Army camps, etc., throughout the maneuver area



Two altars at which members of the armed forces of the Desert
Training Group worshiped

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BOULDER DAM NATIONAL RECREATIONAL AREA

BOULDER CITY, NEVADA

March 26, 1947.

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region Four.

✓ This morning, enroute from Los Angeles to Boulder City, I stopped at Indio, and while there met Mr. Donald F. Green, of Indio. Mr. Green is an official of the county, and when he learned that I was with the National Park Service, he brought up the question of a Joshua Tree National Monument and of a proposed monument in a territory which lies east and north of Indio. Mr. Green said that at a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting in Indio there had been a good deal of discussion concerning a proposal, which he presumed had originated with the National Park Service, to create a national monument north and east of Indio. Mr. Green stated that the information was rather sketchy but it was his understanding that the monument was to be dedicated to General Patton and to the divisions which he commanded during the recent World War.

I explained to Mr. Green the procedure which the National Park Service usually follows in investigating national monuments upon a request or approval to do so through the Secretary's office, and suggested that he write your office for more information and a clarification of the connection, if any, which this proposal had with the National Park Service. Mr. Green said there was considerable local opposition and that the land in the general territory of the proposed monument was widely divided in ownership; some in private and state ownership, some owned by the Southern Pacific, interspersed with Federal lands.

Mr. Green did not have a very strong feeling either for or against the proposal but wished to obtain complete information on it. I thought I would pass this information on to you for whatever use it may be. ✓

/s/ George F. Baggley
George F. Baggley,
Superintendent.

cc: Region Three.

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THE DATE PALM

"WHERE DATES GROW"

INDIO, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1946



Shown inspecting the proposed site of the new General George Patton Memorial park at old Camp Young are left to right: Ralph Crom of the American Legion; R. L. McKenzie of the State Highway department; G. Stanley Wilson, architect; Robert Dillon and Walter Pittman, of the County Board of Supervisors; Harry Diamond, Indio City council candidate; and Walter Irving, of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Committee Chooses Patton Park Site

Plans are underway to convert 320 acres surrounding the old headquarters building at Camp Young where the Third Armored Division trained, into a memorial park commemorating the campaigns of General George S. Patton and his gallant corps.

A committee of seven, headed by Walter V. Pittman, president of the Highway 60 Association, visited the site last Friday on an inspection tour.

Included in the party were Ralph Crom, of the American Legion; R. L. McKenzie, of the State Highway department, G. Stanley Wilson, architect; Robert Dillon, of the county board of supervisors; Harry Diamond, city council candidate and VFW representative; and Walter Irving, district deputy grand president of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Wilson has been commissioned to draw plans for a shaft to be constructed of native desert materials on the site. The memorial will contain a room and it has been suggested that all the members of the Armored Division which trained there be placed on a plaque in the room.

The original suggestion for a memorial shaft was made by the Highway 60 Association as a point of interest along that scenic route but local groups have suggested that a 320-acre strip of the former army camp be secured from the federal government as a park.

Future action on the project is expected to be taken by local civic groups and the Highway 60 Association in the near future. No federal agency has yet been contacted concerning the availability of the site at Camp Young.

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March 31, 1947.

MEMORANDUM for the Superintendent,
Boulder Dam National Recreational Area.

Thank you very much for your memorandum of March 26 reporting on a meeting you had with Mr. Donald F. Green of Indio regarding a proposed national monument east and north of Indio.

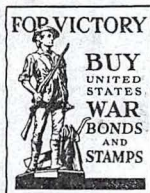
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We thank you for calling this matter to our attention. We shall keep Custodian Givens informed of any additional information which may come to our attention.

(SGD) HERBERT MAIER:

Herbert Maier,
Acting Regional Director.

cc Director w/c Mr. Bagglely's memo.
Director (Wash.) " "
Region Three.
Joshua Tree " "



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Director Drury.

May 19, 1947

Mr. Richey.

Memorial to General George Patton (near Joshua Tree National Monument).

March 28, 1946. Clipping from The Date Palm:
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April 17, 1947. Custodian Givens to Region Four, in a memorandum discussing activities in connection with acquisition of tax delinquent lands at Joshua Tree, relative to Givens' discussion with Mr. Walter V. Pittman, Chairman of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. Givens reports Mr. Pittman's proposals as follows:

- "1. Extend our south boundary to include the area between the aqueduct and Highway 60-70. The reasons why this was impractical, from the Monument's viewpoint, brought forth the proposal to:
2. Establish a National Monument, to memorialize General George Patton, including an area from Highway 60-70 north to the Monument boundary and about three miles long from east to west. This request was countered with a proposal to exchange the government-owned lands, within the area desired as a Patton Memorial, for the tax-deeded lands in Pinto Basin so Riverside County could establish any type of Memorial within their ability.

The above discussion was understood to be just between the writer and Mr. Pittman with no definite commitments on the part of either. Mr. Pittman invited the writer to appear before the Board of Supervisors and present our request. A tentative date was set for April 28.

In searching the records of land ownership we find that a very small amount of the land, desired for the Patton Memorial, is public land. Therefore we have little to offer, but the writer feels that the exchange should be offered.

Of course we can assume no active support in their efforts to establish a memorial. It will be suggested that, if they can acquire the desired lands, they should direct all action through their Congressman.

We should appreciate receiving your views and any suggestions that you may offer regarding our approach to the problem.

If we could go along with them on the Patton Memorial we would gain favor with various Riverside County areas and officials which is greatly needed. We should appreciate particularly your views on this matter."

May 1, 1947. Regional Director Tomlinson to Custodian Givens:

" You also discuss the suggested monument to memorialize General George Patton, which would be south of the present Monument boundary and about three miles long from east to west.

The Director has requested that no new areas be investigated or discussed unless prior approval is given by him. It is assumed that the proposed Patton memorial is to be wholly a Riverside County monument and that we are not involving the Service in any way whatsoever as possible administrators thereof. We understand from your memorandum that the only reason the Park Service is involved is that the County is willing to give the Government title to tax delinquent lands in Pinto Basin in exchange for present Government land where the County wishes to establish the memorial monument."

When I was in Washington last week, information was received from Senator Knowland's Office to the effect that the lands proposed to be included in the legislation the Senator has in mind were Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, T. 1 S., R. 17 E. The lands just described lie east of Joshua Tree and in no wise check with the locations near Indio, about which Region Four informed us. Since the data from the Senator's Office was received via telephone ^{by Mr. Donahay}, it may have been erroneously recorded. I suggest that the matter be checked with Senator Knowland's Office. Approximate locations of the conflicting site descriptions (no scale) are shown on the attached rough map.

CHARLES A. RICHEY

Acting Chief of Lands.

Enclosure 711.

cc: Mr. Wirth (Washington).
Mr. Diederich.

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May 20, 1947.

Memorandum

To : Mr. Thomas C. Havell, Bureau of Land Management.
From : The Associate Director, National Park Service.
Subject: Status of lands in San Bernardino County, California.

We have a request from Senator Knowland's Office of California for the status of Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, in T-1-S, R-17-E, in San Bernardino County, California. The Senator is interested in the introduction of a bill which would establish a monument in honor of General Patton. This is territory in which General Patton's headquarters were located while training his troops.

An early reply concerning the status of these lands will be very much appreciated.

(SGD.) A. E. DEMARAY

Associate Director.

cc: Director
Branch of Lands
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Mr. Wirth

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

ADDRESS ONLY
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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May 21, 1947,

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region Four.

As I was leaving Washington last week, information was received from Senator Howland's office by Mr. Demaray that the Senator is considering the introduction of legislation to authorize establishment of a national monument in honor of General George S. Patton.

The partial information received from the Senator's office places the location of the proposed area at variance with several locations in the vicinity of Joshua Tree National Monument, mentioned in copies of correspondence you have provided to this Office. We shall advise you as soon as any additional information is available and as to whether the Director will wish to have the area investigated if legislation is introduced.

Two copies of my memorandum of May 19 for the Director, summarizing the information currently available, are enclosed.

(SGD) CHARLES A. RICHEY

Acting Chief of Lands

Enclosure 237.

cc: Mr. Drury.
Mr. Demaray.
Mr. Wirth (Washington) with copy of enclosure.
Mr. Diederich " " "

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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To: Director, National Park Service.

From: Director, Bureau of Land Management.

Subject: Status of Lands in California.

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Reference is made to the request of Associate Director Demaray addressed to Mr. Havell of this Bureau, dated May 20, 1947, for the status of the lands in secs. 11, 12, 13 and 14, T. 1 S., R. 17 E., S.B.M., California, which Senator Knowland of California has requested in connection with the introduction of a bill to establish a monument in honor of General Patton, whose headquarters were located in this area.

These sections, comprising 2,560 acres, are unentered public lands included in a first form reclamation withdrawal for the Colorado River Storage Project.

The NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 11, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 12, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 14 are crossed by the right-of-way of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles 052056, approved September 22, 1934, for the construction, operation and maintenance of transmission lines and for roads and switch station to be used in transmitting electrical energy from the Boulder Dam Project.

The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 13 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 14 are also crossed by a right-of-way of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles 051324, approved December 2, 1933, and are used for its electrical transmission lines appurtenant to the Colorado River Aqueduct Project.

The E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 13 are crossed by a right-of-way of the Southern California Telephone Company, approved April 5, 1945, Los Angeles 055615, for a telephone and telegraph line.

On May 23, 1947, the Bureau of Reclamation submitted to this Bureau for concurrence an order revoking the reclamation withdrawal affecting 364,156.87 acres, including the lands in sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, above described. In the event we concur in the proposed revocation, an order providing for the opening of the lands to entry will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management. Such an order will not become effective until 63 days from the date it is signed.

If, in the meantime, the Congress establishes a national monument involving the lands in sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, the order providing for the opening of the lands to disposition will be superseded, or rendered ineffective, to that extent. However, in view of the above enumerated rights-of-way granted, any bill providing for the establishment of the

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national monument should contain a provision making it subject to the rights-of-way above indicated.

L. W. Johnson
Director.

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June 30, 1947.

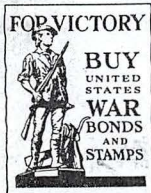
MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region Four.

An informational communication from the Secretary to Senator Butler, Chairman, Committee on Public Lands, U. S. Senate, concerning S. 1363 entitled "A Bill to provide for the establishment of the Patton National Monument in the State of California" has just come to my attention. We have not as yet received a copy of the above bill. However, from our personal knowledge the statement contains two errors.

While my son was hospitalized in Indio due to his automobile accident, I spent six days there, from June 4 to June 10. While there it became known to several of the local people that I was connected with the National Park Service, and on several occasions the matter of the proposed General George E. Patton Monument was brought to my attention. At that time I did not know that any bill had been introduced. Previously however Mr. Cole had driven me over the area which he stated we would eventually hear about in connection with this memorial.

The area in question is not in San Bernardino County but rather in Riverside County, and it is not 10 miles east of Joshua Tree National Monument but rather two miles south on the Cottonwood Pass Road. It is possible, however, that the area referred to in the above Bill could be located as stated in the memorandum as the Division which trained under General Patton used many square miles of area both south and east of the monument.

The monument which the local people have in mind should, in their opinion, be administered by Riverside county. They have an active local committee working which claims it has considerable backing for the obtaining of a great deal of equipment such as tanks, guns, trucks, and ^{the} bazooka. It is their hope that a memorial shaft can be erected on the exact location of the General's headquarters and that adjacent thereto will be erected a museum housing the specialized equipment used in connection with the training. This is to be just off U. S. Highway 60 which is one of the principal east-west transcontinental highways. Their committee has also communicated with many of the states which had men serving in this Division. They intend to erect memorials to all of the men who belonged to the Division and who were killed or wounded. The purpose of this, I was informed, was to make the monument of special interest to people from other states.



The main point however is that the local people appear to be definitely of a mind that the monument should be administered by the County and that the only action that they wish from the Federal Government is the donation of the land and possible assistance from the War Department in getting the museum pieces.

Raymond E. Hoyt,
Regional Chief of Lands.



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MEMORANDUM for the Director, Washington.

Reference is made to the proposed letter of the Secretary to Senator Hugh Butler concerning Senate Bill 1363 entitled "A Bill to provide for the establishment of the Patton National Monument in the State of California"

While Regional Chief of Lands Hoyt was in Indio, California, recently he had occasion to discuss the proposed monument with the local people. Mr. Hoyt's memorandum to the Regional Director is enclosed.

Leonard L. Hohl,
Acting Regional Director.

Enclosure 99

cc: Director, Chicago w/c encl

Custodian, Joshua Tree NM w/c encl



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July 1, 1947.

MEMORANDUM for the Custodian, Joshua Tree NM.

Reference is made to our memorandum of June 30 to the Director, copy of which was sent you, transmitting a memorandum from Regional Chief of Lands Hoyt concerning Senate Bill 1363 entitled "A Bill to provide for the establishment of the Patton National Monument in the State of California."

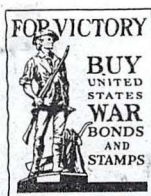
This afternoon Mr. E. I. Rowland of the Regional office of the Bureau of Land Management called at the office to discuss with us a possible recommendation from that office toward the bill. It appears that the bill calls for four sections, namely, 11, 12, 13, and 14 in T. 1 S., R. 17 E. These sections are in San Bernardino County and are approximately 10 miles east of the monument. Apparently, there are at least two areas which General Patton established as Headquarters; the one Mr. Cole took us over was the one adjacent to the south boundary of the monument at the Cottonwood Pass entrance.

It is suggested that you advise this office immediately if there are two areas in question and whether there may be two local groups making recommendations for a General Patton Memorial. We also would appreciate any other comments you may wish to make concerning the bill. We do not as yet have copies of it, but have requested them from the Director and will send you one immediately upon receipt.

Raymond E. Hoyt,
Regional Chief of Lands.

cc: The Director, via Air Mail

The Director, Washington, via Air Mail



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July 2, 1947.

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THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

MEMORANDUM for Mr. Demaray.

This refers to your memorandum of May 20 to Mr. Thomas C. Havell of the Bureau of Land Management, requesting the status of Secs. 11, 12, 13, and 14, T. 1 S., R. 17 E., in San Bernardino County, California. Senator Knowland had asked for this information in connection with his proposal to establish a monument in honor of General Patton.

We are enclosing two copies of a memorandum of June 18 from Mr. Fred W. Johnson, Director, Bureau of Land Management, which gives the requested information.

(SGD) CHARLES A. RIGNEY

Acting Chief of Lands.

In duplicate.
Enclosure 445.

cc: Regional Director, Region Four (2).

Mr. Sanders.

Mr. Kahler.

Mr. Siler.

Each with copy of Mr. Johnson's
memorandum of June 18.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL MONUMENT
TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIF.

July 8, 1947

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region Four.

Reference is made to the Regional Chief of Lands memorandum dated July 1 relative to a clarification of the sites of the proposed Patton National Monument.

This office is not aware of any proposal to establish a Monument in Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, T.1 S., R.17 E., which location is east of our east boundary. From our knowledge and a study of our aerial photographs we know that a large camp was in this exact location. The photographs clearly indicate a very large camp.

We do not know if two local groups are making recommendations for a General Patton Memorial. During a discussion with Mr. Pittman, Chairman of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors (see our memorandum dated April 17), it was learned that Riverside County wanted a Monument adjacent to our south boundary at the Cottonwood Pass entrance. We are quite positive that the Riverside County Supervisors are not advocating a site in San Bernardino County.

We will attempt to obtain the requested information if we can do so without violating the policy of not discussing proposed areas without instructions from the Director.

Without having seen a copy of the Bill or having heard mention of the proposal to the east of the Monument, we are unable to make any comments. However, at this time we feel that the site to the east of the Monument has nothing in its favor. The area to the south of the Monument, being on a through highway, and for other reasons, appears more desirable.

Frank R. Givens
Custodian



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July 8, 1947.

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Air Mail

MEMORANDUM for the Director.

Reference is made to the matter of the Proposed Patton National Monument in the general vicinity of the Joshua Tree National Monument. In this connection there is now attached copy of Custodian Givens' reply of July 8 to our memorandum of July 1. You have already received copy of the latter.

We believe this requires no particular comment. It is clear that two separate areas are being proposed, one in San Bernardino County and the other in Riverside County. We are inclined to believe the residents of neither county would wish to support a location in the other county. We take it that in this instance San Bernardino got in ahead of Riverside. The site to the east, which is described in Senate Bill 1363, is outside the lands withdrawn under E. O. 6361.

O. A. Tomlinson
O. A. Tomlinson,
Regional Director.

Enclosure 447

cc: Director, Wash., w/c encl

Director Drury, San Francisco

Custodian, Joshua Tree NM

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL MONUMENT
TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIF.

July 9, 1947

MEMORANDUM for the Regional Director, Region Four.

This has further reference to the Regional Chief of Lands' memorandum dated July 1 and our memorandum dated July 8 relative to sites, proposed by various groups, of the proposed Patton National Monument.

On July 9 the writer called on Harold Zenz, Planning Director, San Bernardino County Planning Commission, relative to a record of survey which is being conducted by Mr. Whitehorn on his land within the Monument. The matter of the Patton Memorial happened to be mentioned.

Mr. Zenz advised that the proposal in Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, T.1 S., R.17 E., is sponsored by the Chino Post of the American Legion, the San Bernardino County Council and the County Chamber of Commerce. He is under the impression that the State of California submitted a resolution memorializing Congress to establish the Monument.

The proposed area contains an altar in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 14, an altar in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12 and a relief map in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11. The altars are made of stone and appeared, in the photographs, to be about twenty feet wide by ten feet high. They were made of stone by the soldiers. The relief map appeared to be several hundred feet across and with a pathway constructed around the outside permitting study of the terrain from this vantage point. The altars and the relief map appeared to be very well done.

In the event that our official duties necessitate a trip to this vicinity we will make in unofficial observation of the proposed area.

Frank R. Givens
Custodian

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

July 11, 1947.

MEMORANDUM for the Director.

The enclosed copy of a memorandum from Custodian Givens, Joshua Tree National Monument, dated July 9, concerning the proposed General Patton National Monument, is forwarded to you for your information.

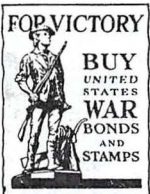
(SGD) HERBERT MAIER

Herbert Maier,
Associate Regional Director.

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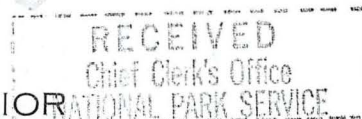


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MEMORANDUM for the Director.

The enclosed copy of a memorandum from Custodian Givens, Joshua *File*
Tree National Monument, dated July 9, concerning the proposed General
Patton National Monument, is forwarded to you for your information.

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Herbert Maier,
Associate Regional Director.

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Hon. William F. Knowland,
U. S. Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Knowland:

It is noted you have introduced a Bill (S. 1363) in the Senate to provide "for the establishment of the General George S. Patton National Monument in the State of California." I believe Congressman Sheppard has introduced a companion bill in the House.

You no doubt are aware of the local activity in connection with the proposed monument and that there appear to be two interested groups, one representing San Bernardino County which is sponsoring the site established by your Bill, and the other group representing Riverside County which has a site in mind immediately south and adjacent to Joshua Tree National Monument and extending to U. S. Highway 60-70 at the junction of the Cottonwood Pass road (Sections 1 and 2, T. 6 S., R. 11 E., and Sections 5 and 6, T. 6 S., R. 12 E.).

The latter group, which is headed by Walter V. Pittman, Chairman of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and also president of the Highway 60 Association, has we believe a different conception of the memorial from that of the San Bernardino County group. Mr. Pittman, we understand, is more interested in the establishing of a county or state-administered monument, and his committee is reported to be active along this line.

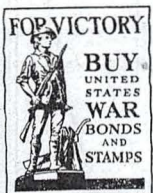
I feel the state of California should very properly take the initiative in this monument and create for itself a fitting memorial to General Patton and to the men of his command who trained in the southern California district. The government no doubt should lend encouragement by making it possible for the state to acquire the Federal land, altars, relief map and the desert army field equipment for exhibits.

My purpose in bringing this matter to your attention is that you might wish to check with Mr. Pittman to get the views of the people of Riverside County before your Bill is discussed by the Committee on Public Lands.

Sincerely yours,

Newton B. Drury,
Director.

cc: Director
Director (Washington)
cc: Sen. Knowland, C/o Oakland Tribune, Oakland, Calif.



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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

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My dear Senator Butler:

Your Committee has requested a report on S. 1363, entitled "A Bill To provide for the establishment of the Patton National Monument in the State of California." The proposed national monument would comprise an area of four square miles of desert land situated in San Bernardino County, California, approximately 10 miles east of Joshua Tree National Monument, and would commemorate the late General George S. Patton and the men who trained under him or his successors in command of the Southern California Desert Training Area, of which such lands were a part. The bill provides that the monument would be administered by the National Park Service of this Department.

This Department understands and appreciates the important contribution that General Patton made to victory in World War II; however, we are constrained, for the reasons hereafter stated, to recommend that this proposed legislation be not enacted in its present form.

The interest of this Department in S. 1363 is based upon the possibility that the land affected may, with the passing of time, become of national historical importance. In that event, the area would be subject to consideration for preservation by the Federal Government as a national historic site pursuant to the Historic Sites Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666). At present, however, we believe the bill is of special interest to the American Battle Monuments Commission because it involves the establishment of a World War II memorial to General Patton and his men. Under the terms of the act of June 26, 1946 (Public Law 456--79th Cong.), that Commission was granted broad powers relating to the establishment of memorials of World War II. We suggest, therefore, that your Committee may wish to afford the Commission an opportunity to submit a report on the bill.

Insofar as this Department is presently concerned, we consider the site described in this bill as not now eligible for establishment as a national historic site. The Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments, created by the Historic Sites Act, has recommended, and the Secretary of the Interior has approved, a definite policy with respect to the character of the historical areas selected for preservation pursuant to the act. One

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cardinal feature of this policy is not to consider the establishment under the act of new historical areas until sufficient time has elapsed to permit an impartial and scientific appraisal of the historical persons or events to be commemorated. Without the historical perspective that time alone can give, it is not possible, in our opinion and in the opinion of the Advisory Board, to determine the relative importance of the many historical figures of this country who participated in World War II, nor is it possible to gauge impartially the relative merits of particular places and sites in this country associated with the historical personages and events of that war.

Because we believe that the proposed monument project is not yet eligible for consideration under existing authority and policies governing historical projects, we feel that this Department should not be charged with the development or administration of the proposed area. It would appear, however, that the proposed commemorative project could properly be considered by the American Battle Monuments Commission in connection with the program and activities being conducted by that agency pursuant to the act of June 26, 1946.

We recommend, accordingly, that the bill be amended to eliminate all reference to administration of the proposed area by this Department. Also, in order to avoid confusion in terminology, the proposed area, in our opinion, should not be designated as a "national monument" since a class of Federal areas is already being administered by the National Park Service of this Department under the designation "National Monuments." We suggest that the designation "National Memorial" would be more appropriate for the type of area proposed.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised me that there is no objection to the submission of this report to your Committee.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) J. A. Krug

Secretary of the Interior.

Hon. Hugh Butler, Chairman,
Committee on Public Lands,
United States Senate.

cc: Regional Director, Region Four (2) (by NPS).
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