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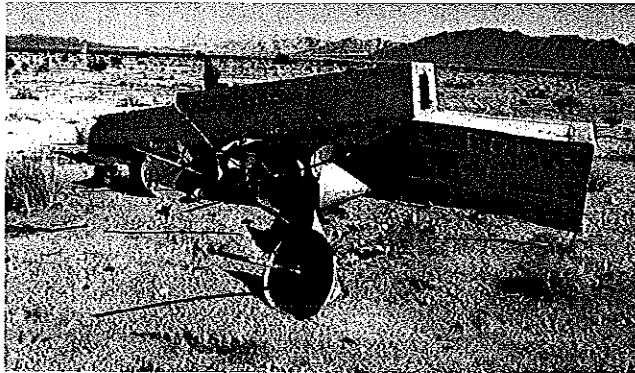
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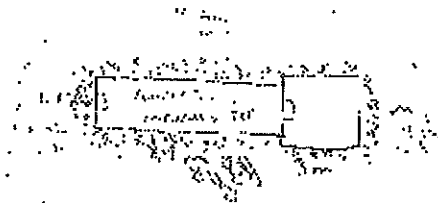
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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #3

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Foundations

B3. Original Use: Building support

B4. Present Use: None

\*B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructures is unidentified.

\*B7. Moved? ☒No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: N/A

Original Location: N/A

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-2 and 4-23

B9a. Architect: Unidentified

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #3 consists of four square, concrete foundation piers with a short metal stud protruding from the top of each. Each pier measures 60 cm by 60 cm. The four piers are positioned at the corners of a square area measuring 6.5 m by 6.5 m. A large metal pipe protrudes from the ground in the center of the 6.5-m-by-6.5 m foundation area. On the south side of the pier-outlined foundation area is a small, square foundation outlined with horizontal, thick wooden boards and with a square wooden post in each corner. The wooden foundation measures 2.5 m by 1.5 m. The ground level inside the wooden foundation is lower than the adjacent ground level. The area of the foundations is scattered with clear and blue glass.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP1, HP34, AH2, AH4

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

B13. Remarks:

The location of the small, wooden foundation adjacent to the larger, concrete pier foundation suggests the possibility of a filled-in latrine and barracks.

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\*B14. Evaluator: E. Yarbrough and M. Wetherbee

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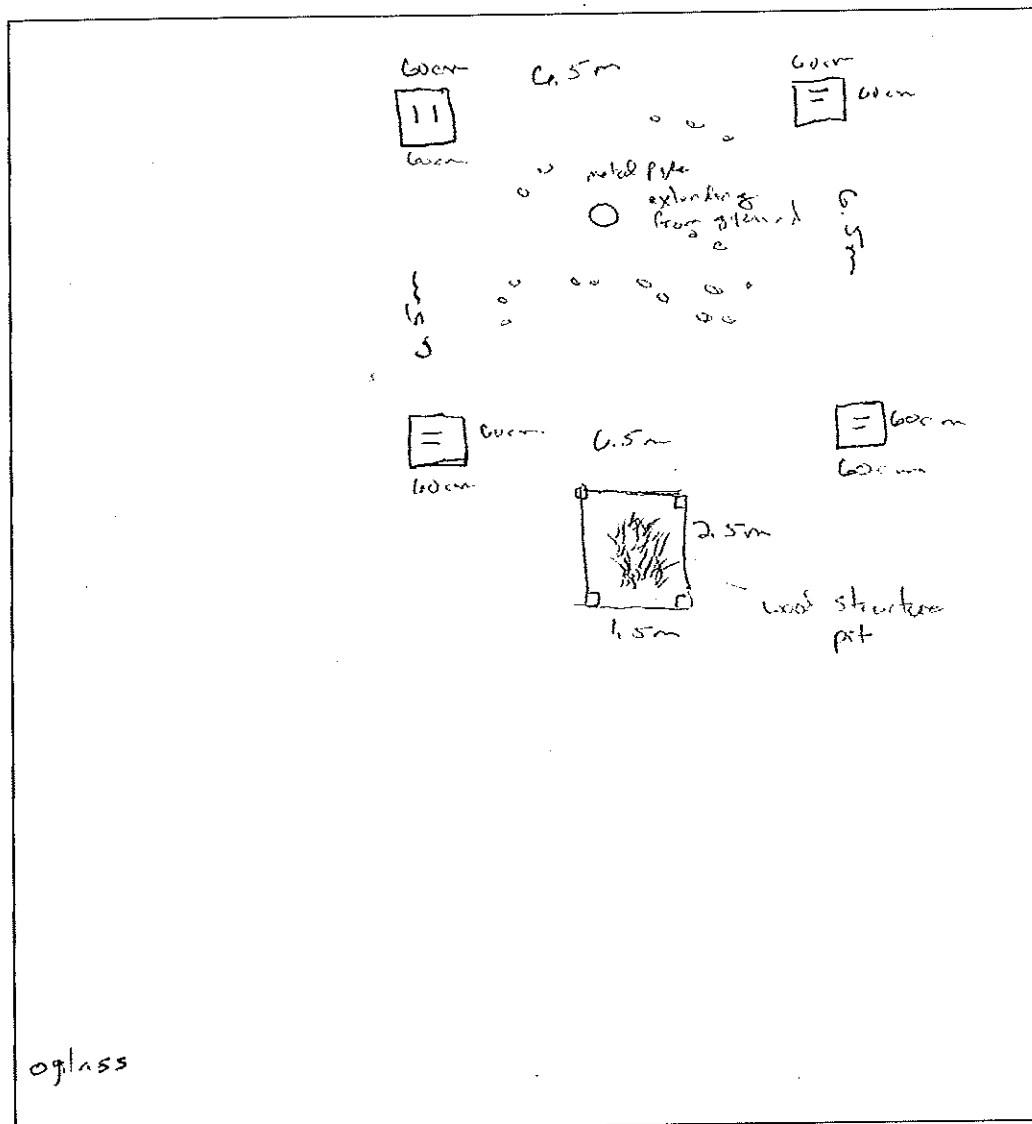
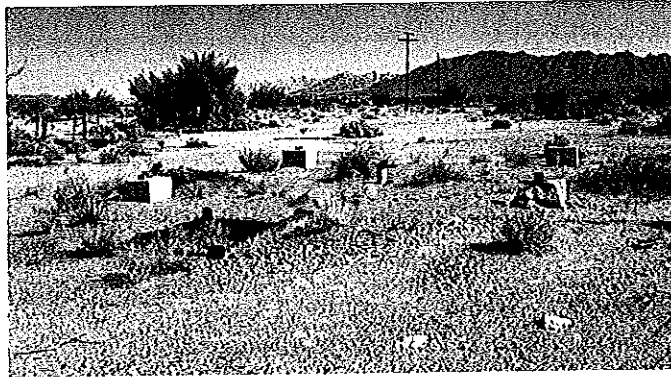
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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #4

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Concrete pad

B3. Original Use: Building/structure floor?

B4. Present Use: None

\*B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructure is unidentified.

\*B7. Moved? ☒No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: N/A

Original Location: N/A

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-3 and 5-23.

B9a. Architect: Unidentified

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #4 is a concrete pad measuring 25.5 m by 6.5 m. A wooden utility pole lies on the pad along the south side and a concrete rubble pile is located just off the east end of the pad. There is no other refuse on or around the pad.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP4?, HP34, AH2

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

B13. Remarks:

The pad probably served as the floor of a light-weight building/structure such as a shed, garage, or hangar.

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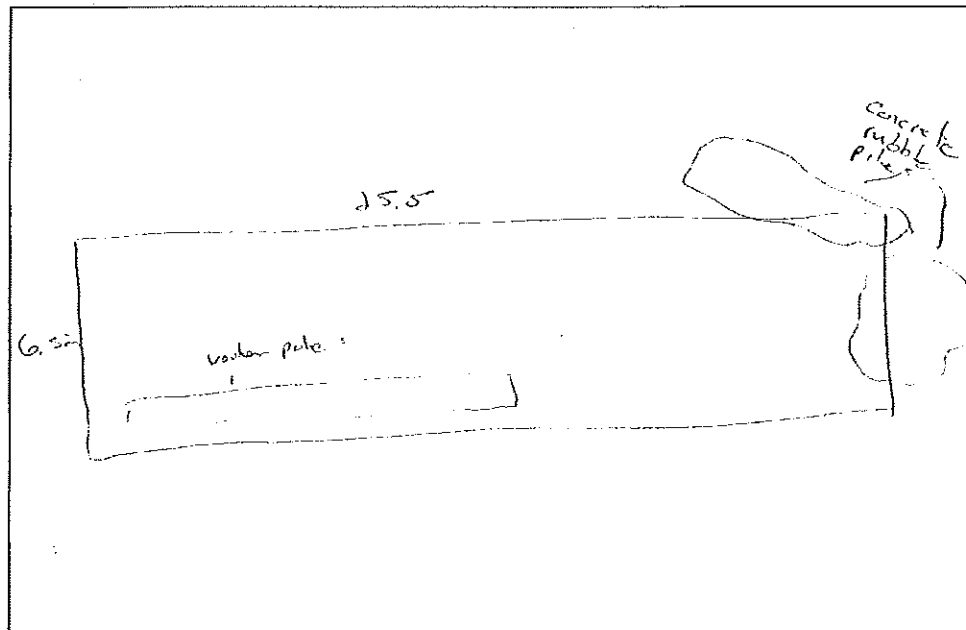
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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #5

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Concrete slab.

B3. Original Use: Building/structure floor

B4. Present Use: None

\*B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructure is unidentified.

\*B7. Moved? ☒No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-4 and 6-23

B9a. Architect: Unidentified

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training.

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #5 is a concrete pad measuring 22 m by 6 m and with short metal studs in the concrete around the edges. A concrete walkway from the pad is located at the middle of the east side. The walkway measures 80 cm wide and 8 m in length. A 60 cm by 2 m doorstep is located on the west side near the north end. A upright wooden utility wood pole with an attached circuit box is located on the west side near the south end. There is no other refuse on or around the pad.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH2

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

B13. Remarks:

The walkway and doorstep, indicating a front and back door, and the adjacent pole and circuit box, indicating electrical hookup, suggest a barracks or office building.

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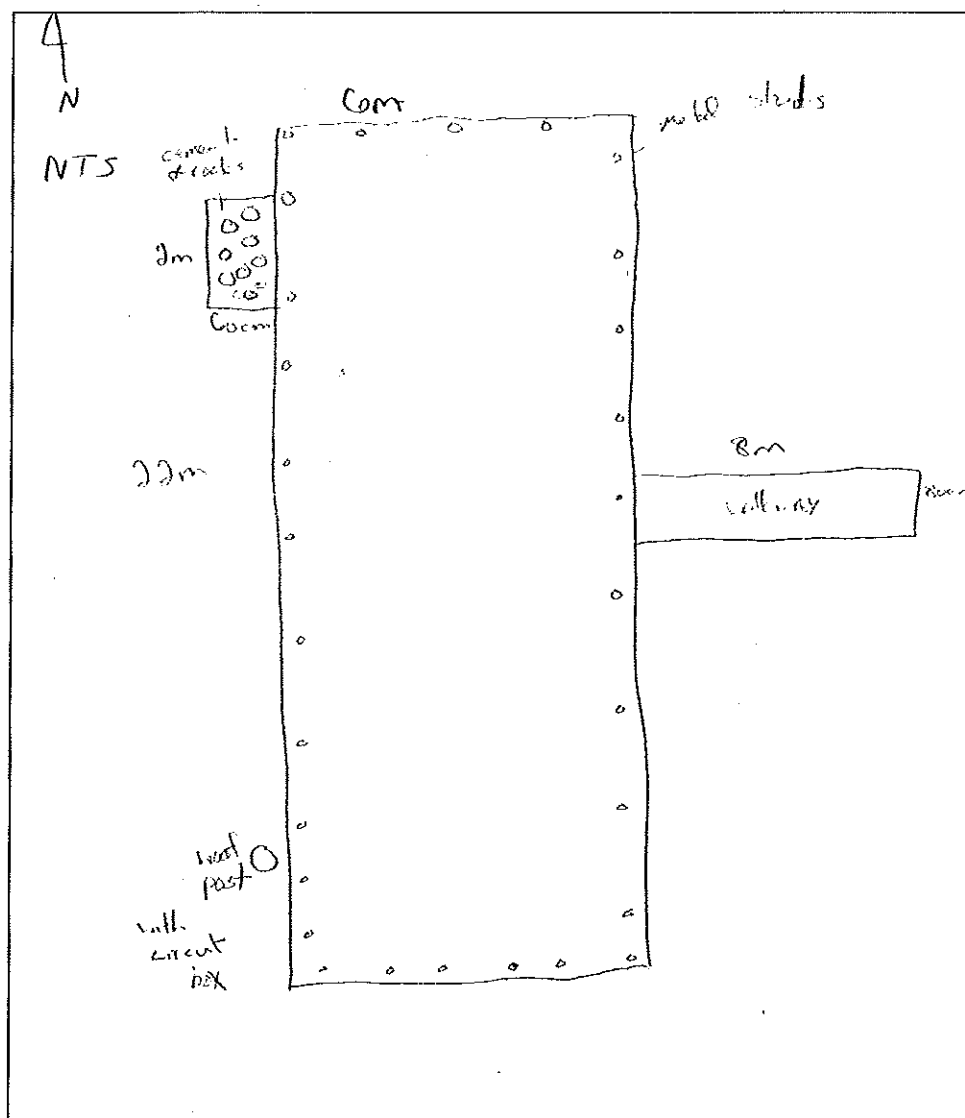
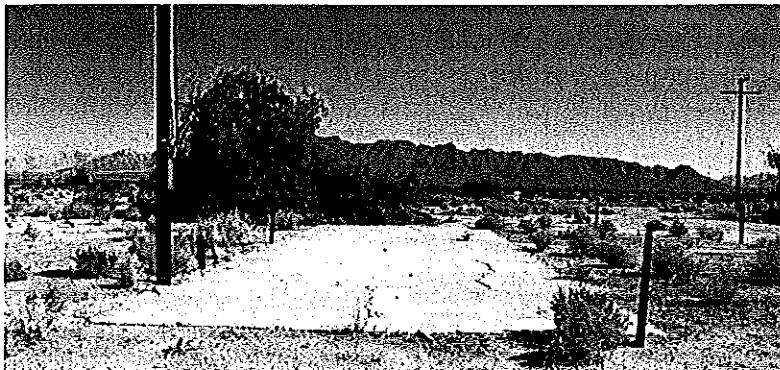
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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #6

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Concrete pad

B3. Original Use: Building/structure floor

B4. Present Use: None

\*B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructure is unidentified.

\*B7. Moved? ☒No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: N/A

Original Location: N/A

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-5 and 7-23.

B9a. Architect: Unidentified

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D:

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #6 is a H-shaped concrete pad with outside dimensions measuring 23.2 m by 18.9 m. The larger portions measure 23.2 m by 6.3 m. the connecting portion measures 6.3 m by 2.6 m. Small protruding portions on the north and south sides each measure 3.9 by 3.9 m. Short metal studs protrude from the concrete pad along most sides of the pad (see sketch map). There is no refuse on or around the pad.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH2

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

B13. Remarks:

The probable function of the superstructure is undetermined.

\*B14. Evaluator: E. Yarbrough and M. Wetherbee

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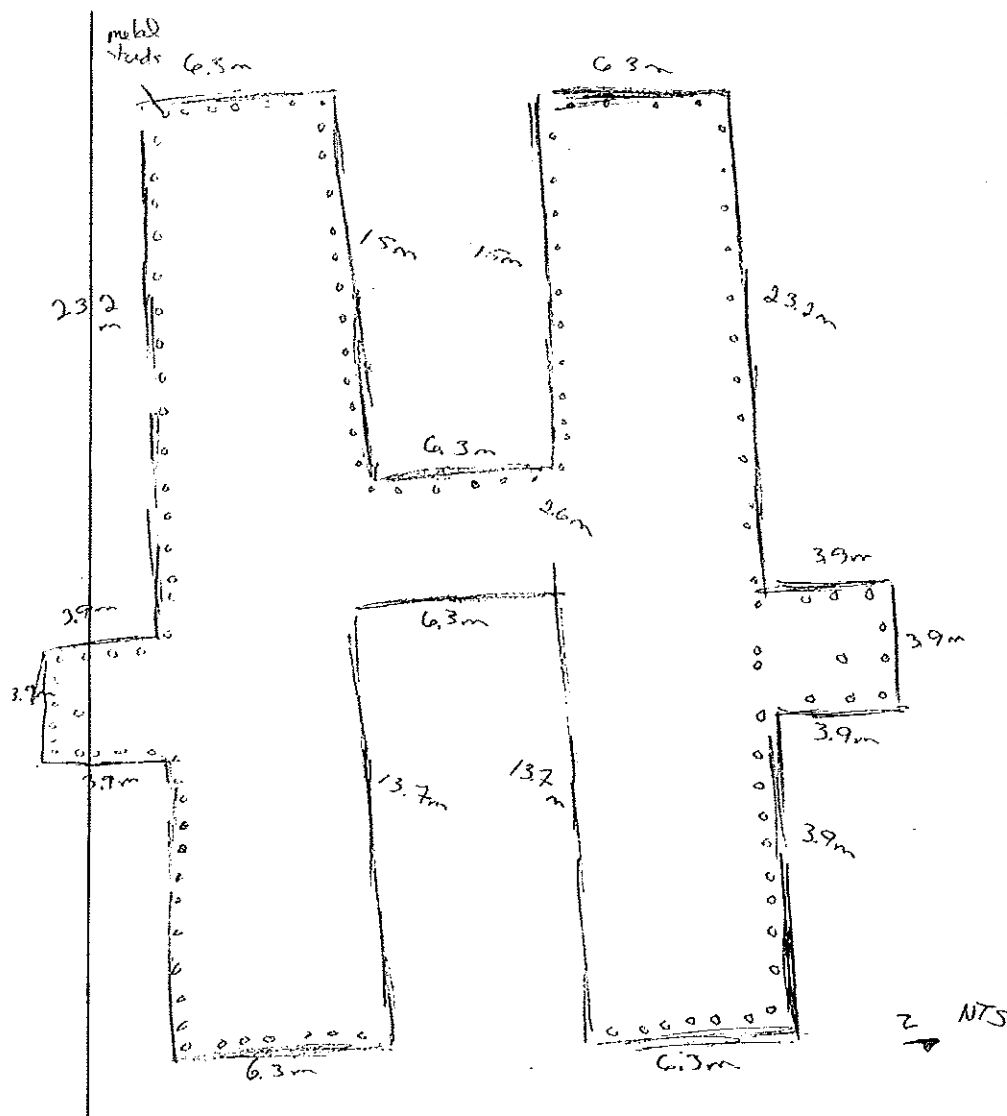
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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #7

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified  
B2. Common Name: Concrete pad  
B3. Original Use: Field showers

B4. Present Use: None

\*B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructure is undetermined.

\*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: N/A

Original Location: N/A

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-6 and 8-23

B9a. Architect: Unidentified

b. Builder: U.S. Army

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D:

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #7 is a concrete pad measuring 6.7 m by 5.1 m. Short metal studs protruding from the concrete outline the demolished exterior and interior walls/partitions. The northeast and southeast rooms measure 4.0 m by 2.8 m. A 2.3-m-long partition, partially enclosing a 2.6 m by 2.3 m space in the southwest corner, extends from the west wall of the largest, 5.1 m by 3.9 m room. 1-m-wide gaps in the exterior walls, on the north and east sides, suggest doors in the largest room and the northeast room. The southeast room may have been entered over a low, interior partition. The northeast room includes a floor drain, hot and cold water pipe hookups, and an exhaust pipe. The partitioned space in southwest corner includes two floor drains, and a larger floor drain is located near the center of the largest room. A 2.3-m-diameter concrete disk with a large center hole, 2.1 m outside of the south side of the pad, suggests the top of a septic or other tank. There is no refuse on or around the feature.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, H39, AH2

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

B13. Remarks:

The configuration of the floor plan, and the drains and water hookups, suggest a field showers building. The possible septic tank suggests a field latrine.

\*B14. Evaluator: E. Yarbrough and M. Wetherbee

\*Date of Evaluation: 9/10/2008

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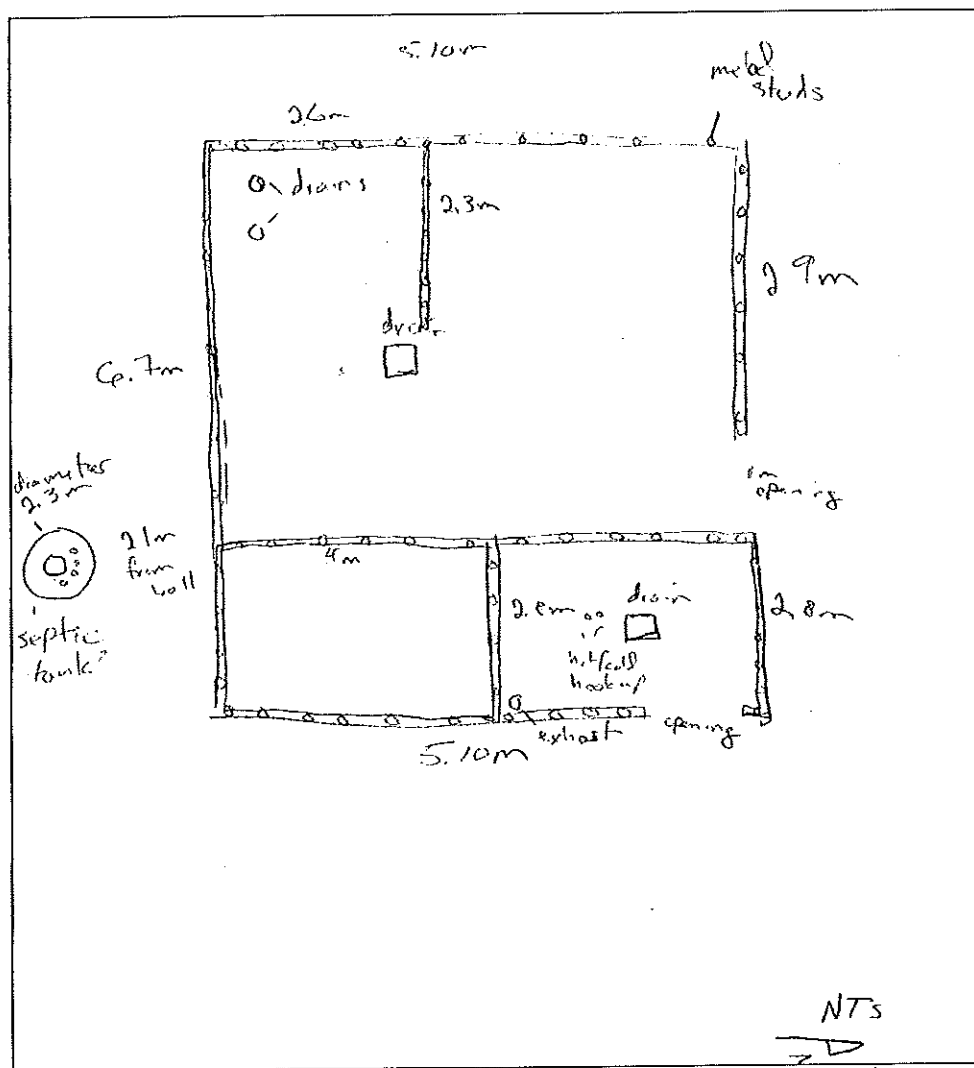
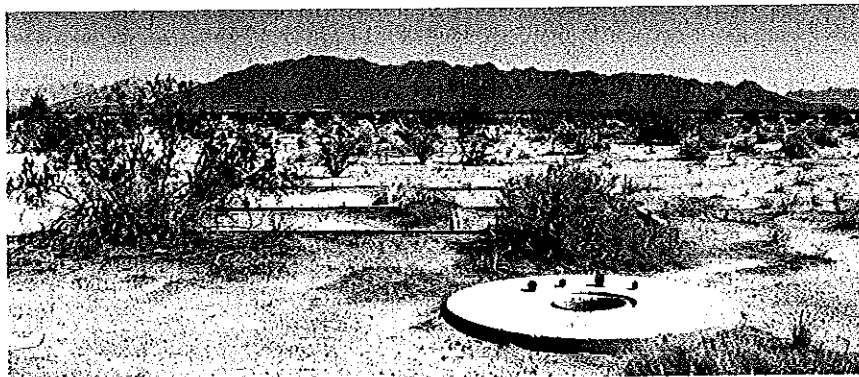
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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #8

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Foundation

B3. Original Use: Possible kitchen or laundry

B4. Present Use: None

\*B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructure is unidentified.

\*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: NA

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-7 and 9-23

B9a. Architect: Unidentified

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

A concrete foundation made up of three distinct sections. The raised, southeast section, measuring 12.3 m by 3.2 m, is topped with a concrete slab. The southeast section, measuring 3.7 m by 3.2 m, has low foundation walls on a pad. The section on the north side, measuring 11.3 m by 3.3 m, is pad with a surface lower than that of the raised portion and higher than that of the walled portion. The raised portion includes a floor drain and six water pipe hookups. There is no refuse on or around the feature.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH2

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

B13. Remarks:

The raised portion with a floor drain and several water pipe hookups, and with two adjacent, ancillary portions, suggest the possibility that the building served as a kitchen or laundry.

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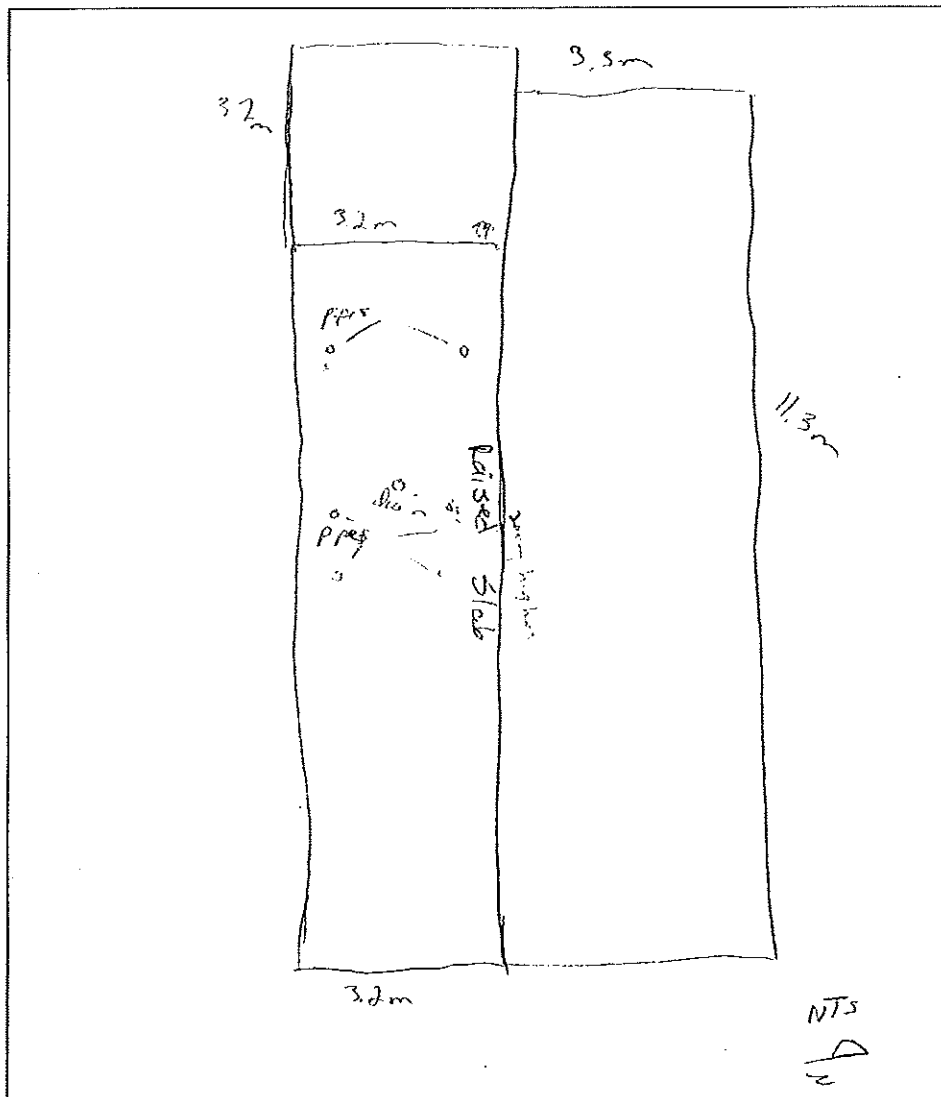
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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #9

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Foundation

B3. Original Use: Unidentified

B4. Present Use: None

\*B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructure is unidentified.

\*B7. Moved? ☒No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: NA

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-8 and 10-23

B9a. Architect: Unidentified

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #9 is a concrete foundation made up of two distinct portion. Both portions, measuring 36.8 m by 7.6 m and 5.6 m by 3.8 m, are concrete pads with low exterior foundation walls. Short metal studs protrude from the tops of the foundation walls. The smaller abuts the north side of the larger portion on the east end. A 1.5-m-wide gap in the east wall of the smaller portion, and one 1-m-wide and two 1.7 m wide gaps in the east wall of the larger portion indicate the locations of entrances. There is no refuse on or around the feature.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH2

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

B13. Remarks:

The probable function of the superstructure is undetermined.

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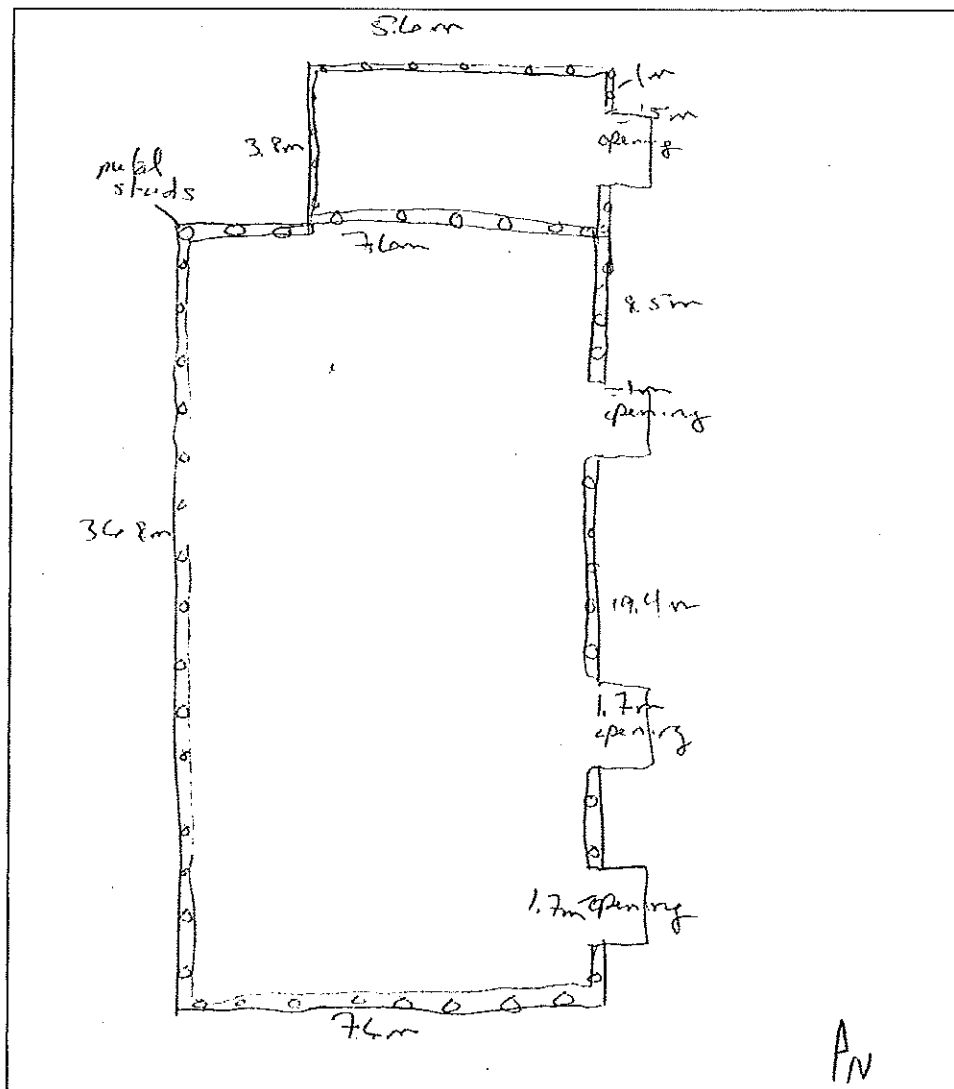
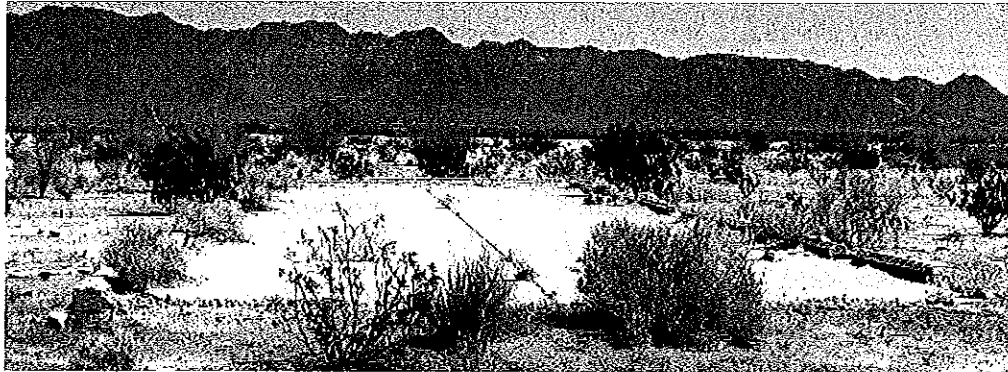
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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #10

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Unidentified

B3. Original Use: Concrete pad

B4. Present Use: None

\*B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructure is unidentified.

\*B7. Moved? ☐No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-9 and 11-23.

B9a. Architect: Unidentified

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #10 is a rectangular, concrete pad measuring 30.7 m by 6.2 m. Short metal studs protrude from the concrete along all four sides of the pad. There is no refuse on or around the feature.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH2

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

B13. Remarks:

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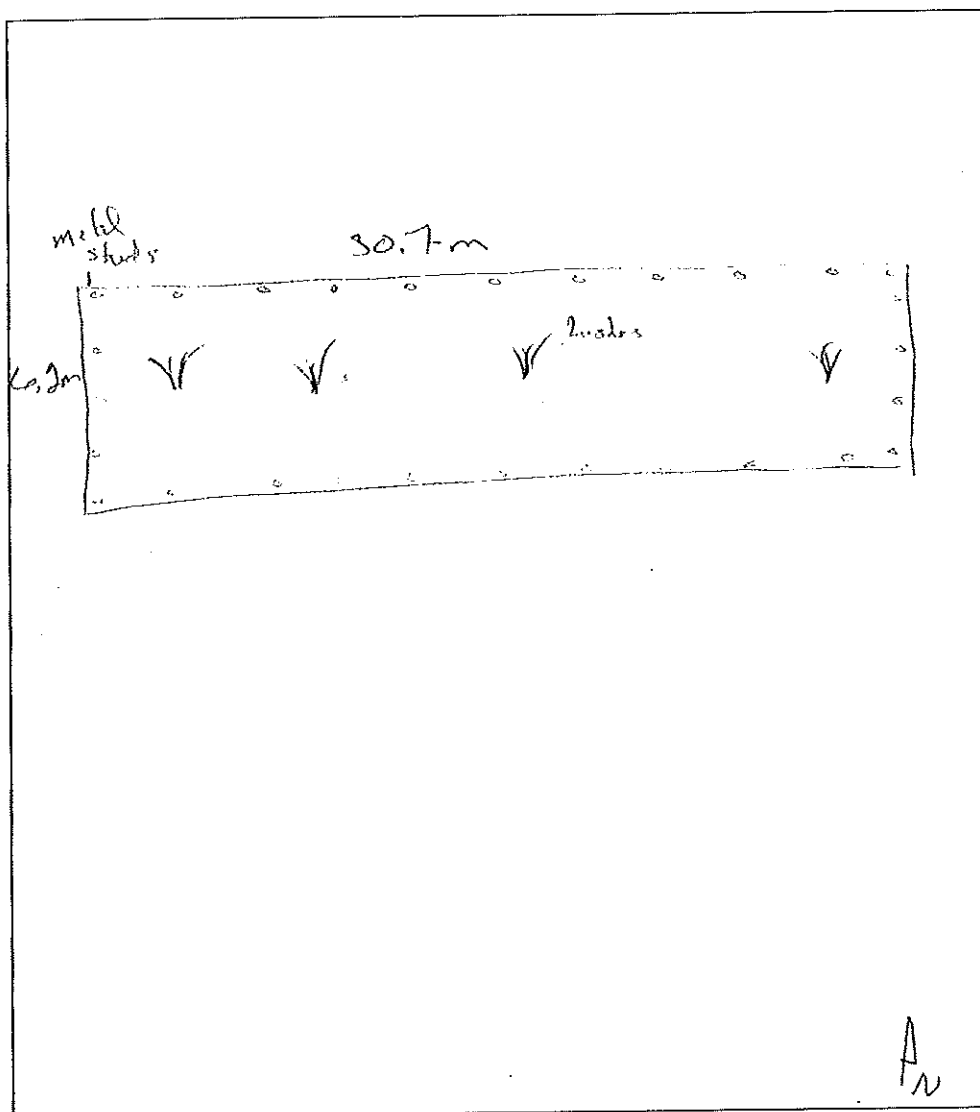
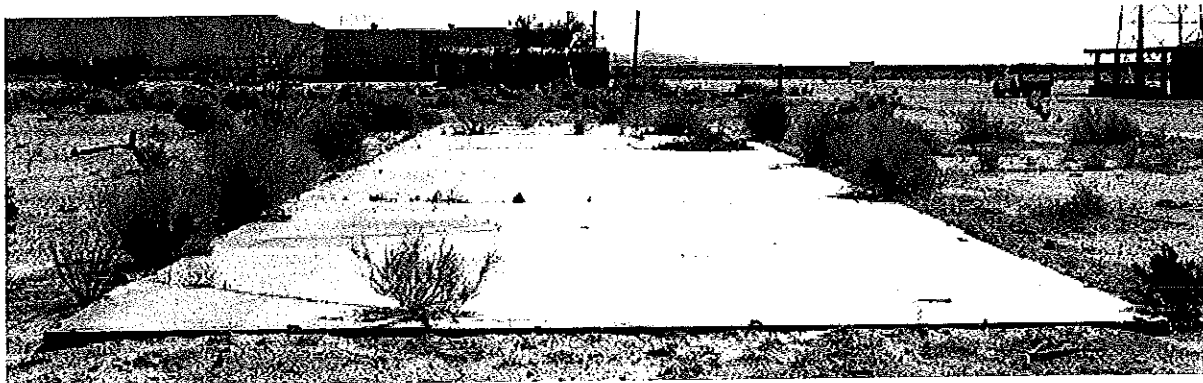
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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #11

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Concrete pad

B3. Original Use: Unidentified

B4. Present Use: None

\*B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructure, if any, is unidentified.

\*B7. Moved? ☒No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-10 and 12-23

B9a. Architect: Unidentified

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature 11 is a rectangular, 30.7 m by 6.2 m concrete pad. Two tracks of metal rails run parallel along the full length of the pad. Long, sub-rectangular concrete blocks, some with metal center poles, are scattered along the east and west sides of the pad. The concrete blocks were formed in the holes in the ground, once held their poles vertical, and have been unearthed. Gravel is spread on the pad and tracks. There is no refuse on or around the feature.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH2

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

B13. Remarks:

The unearthed clocks with poles suggest that the pad was once covered by a ramada or other superstructure. The tracks suggest that the pad was used to house, maintain or repair track-using vehicles or equipment.

\*B14. Evaluator: E. Yarbrough and M. Wetherbee

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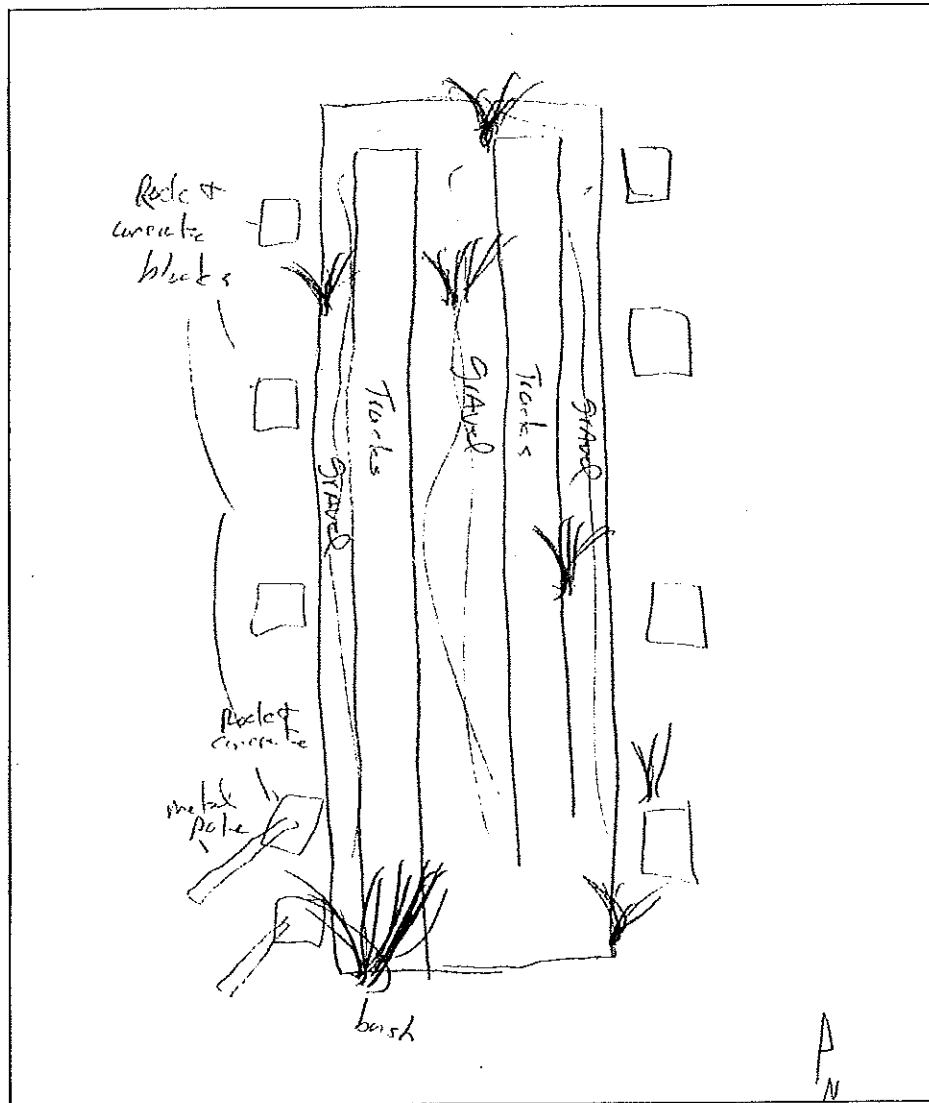
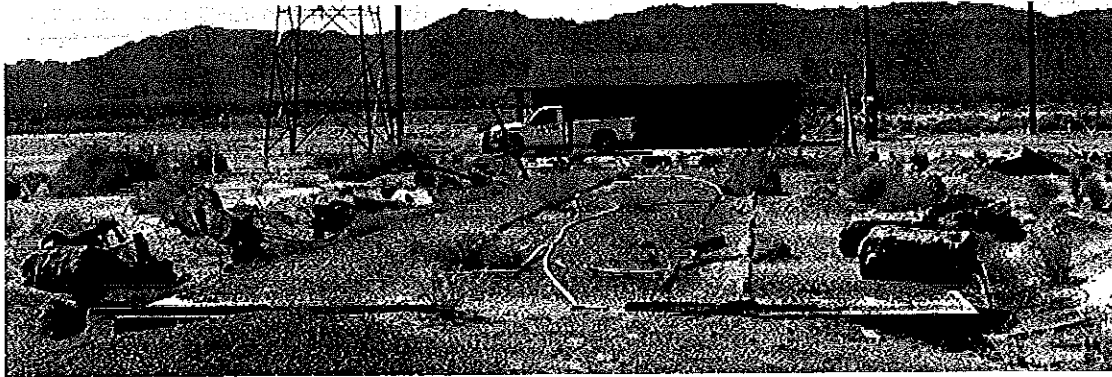
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\*NRHP Status Code 4X

\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #12

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Cistern

B3. Original Use: Water storage

B4. Present Use: None

\*B5. Architectural Style: N/A

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944, Unaltered

\*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes Unknown Date: Original Location: Yes

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-11 and 13-23

B9a. Architect: N/A

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #12 is a cistern lid and entry. The circular lid is concrete with a metal handle and is inscribed:

ADAMS BROS  
CONCRETE TANKS  
LOS ANGELES

The collar of the circular entry is concrete with an inner metal rim. The interior of the entry is mortared, red fired brick with metal ladder rungs. The entry and presumably the tank below are filled with sand. There is no refuse on, in or around the feature.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, AH5

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Ared, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

B13. Remarks:

There are no buildings, structures or other objects in the immediate vicinity.

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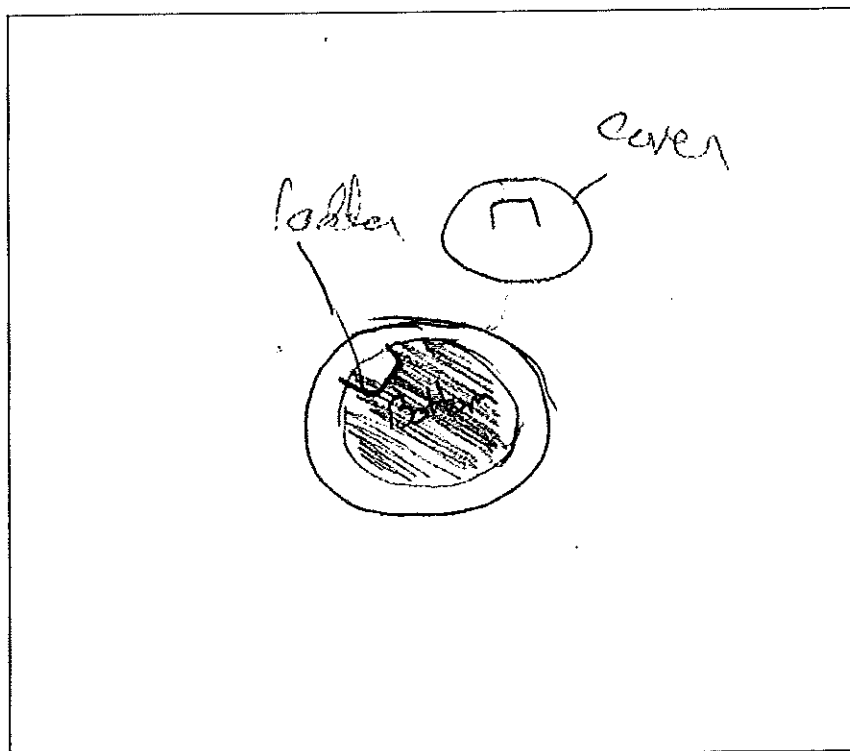
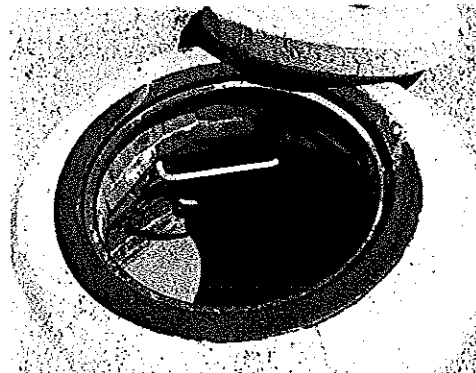
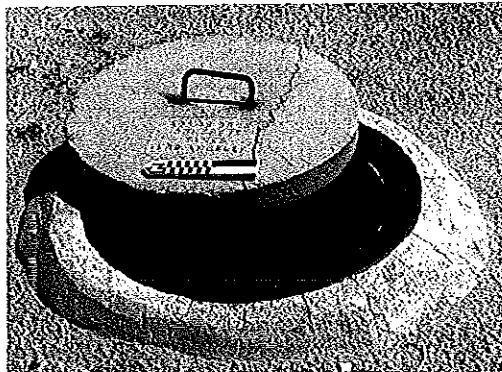
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\*NRHP Status Code 4X

\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #13

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Tank

B3. Original Use: Probably water storage

B4. Present Use: None

\*B5. Architectural Style: N/A

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The tank was probably moved, and was refitted for agricultural irrigation purposes with a spigot and pipe, some time after the air field was decommissioned in 1944, but the date is unidentified.

\*B7. Moved? ☐ No ☒ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: Unidentified Original Location: No

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-12 and 14-23

B9a. Architect: N/A

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #13 is a cylindrical tank (11.2 m long and 3.2 m in diameter), probably used for water storage 1942-1944. It is made of riveted steel plates and has an orifice for filling on top. The tank rests on a cradle of four concrete blocks. It was probably moved, and was refitted for agricultural irrigation purposes with a spigot and PVC pipe, some time after the air field was decommissioned in 1944, but the date is unidentified. The tank is rusty and the area is strewn with modern trash.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH5, AH6

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

B13. Remarks:

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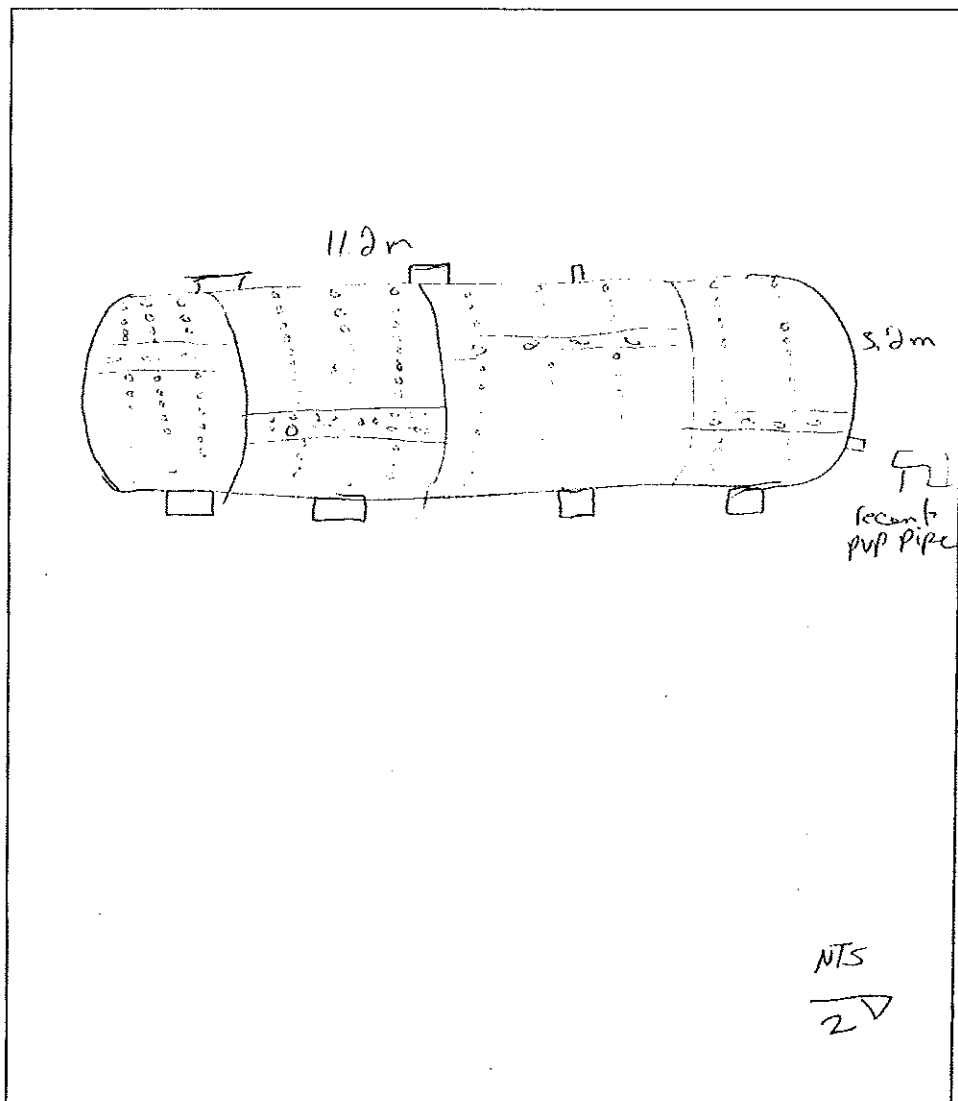
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\*NRHP Status Code 4X

\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #14

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Beacon light tower

B3. Original Use: Air field signal

B4. Present Use: None

\*B5. Architectural Style: N/A

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. Unaltered.

\*B7. Moved? ☒No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: N/A

Original Location: N/A

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-13 and 15-23

B9a. Architect: N/A

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: Cand D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #14 is a still beacon light tower, painted orange and white, with a steel ladder on one side and a beacon light fixture on top. The tower measures 4.4 m by 4.4 m at the base and is an estimated 30 m in height.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH15

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

B13. Remarks:

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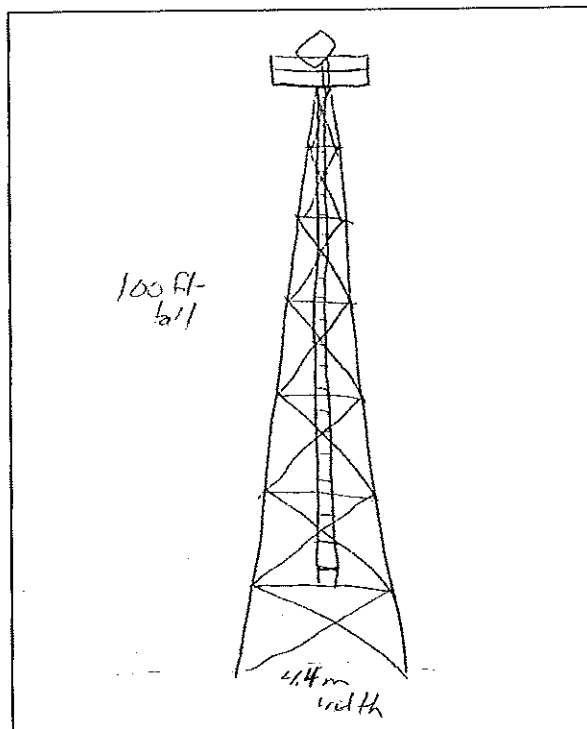
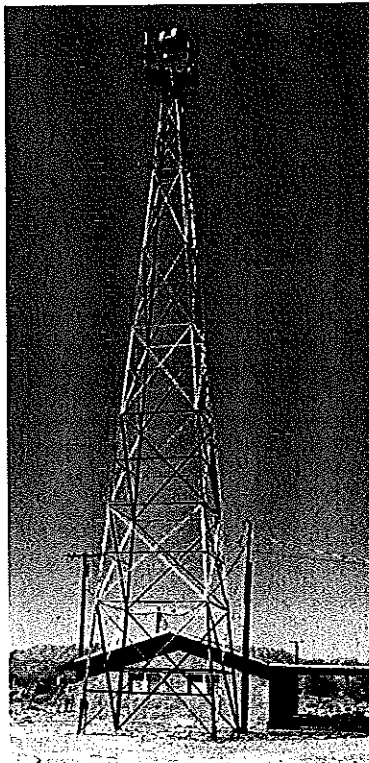
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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #15

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Cul-de-sac

B3. Original Use: Vehicle driving and parking

B4. Present Use: None

\*B5. Architectural Style: N/A

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. Unaltered.

\*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: N/A

Original Location: N/A

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-14 and 16-23

B9a. Architect: N/A

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #15 was not visible on the ground, but it is visible on a recent aerial photograph. It is an unpaved cul-de-sac with a 10-15-m-wide street and a roughly 25 m diameter, tear-drop-shaped terminal turn-around area.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH7

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #16

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Airfield ramp

B3. Original Use: Aircraft parking and maintenance

B4. Present Use: Aircraft parking and maintenance

\*B5. Architectural Style: N/A

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. A modern, in-use garage was built on the ramp, but the date of construction is unidentified.

\*B7. Moved? ☒No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-15 and 17-23

B9a. Architect: N/A

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #16 is an aircraft ramp adjacent to the west side of a taxiway (Feature 18). The ramp and taxiway continue in use. Oriented north-northeast-south-southwest, it measures about 250 m long and 45 m wide. The ramp is built of numerous large, square concrete pads. "DESERT CENTER" is painted on the ramp in large, capitol letters. Air field ramps are used to park and maintain aircraft.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP11; HP34; AH16

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

B13. Remarks:

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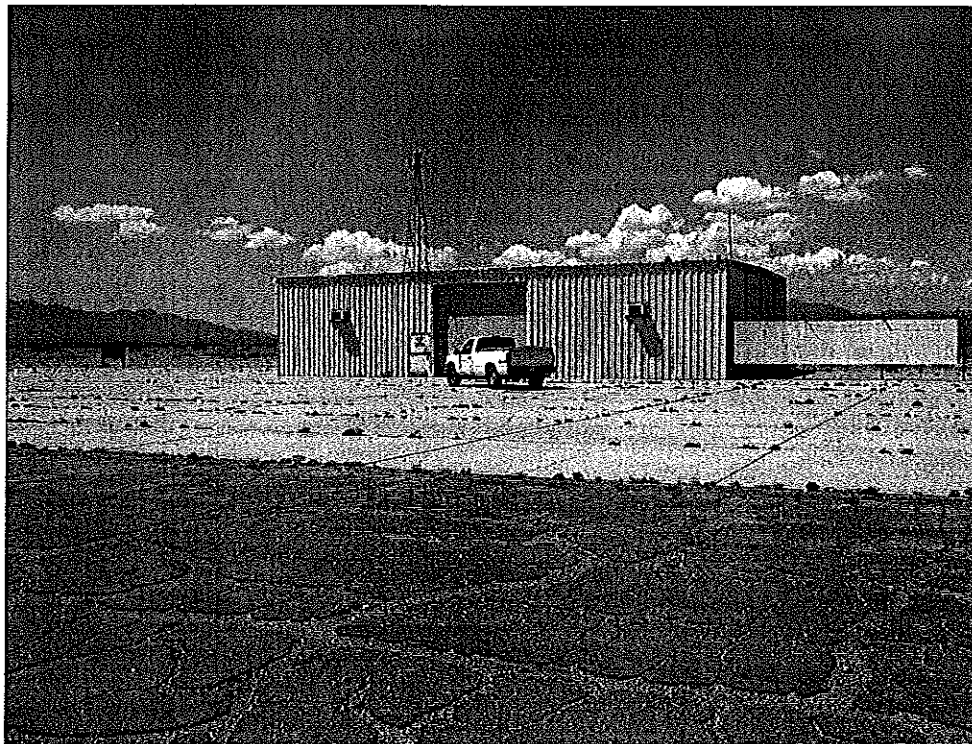
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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #17

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Concrete pad

B3. Original Use: Unidentified

B4. Present Use: None

\*B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. Unaltered.

\*B7. Moved? ☒No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-16 and 18-23

B9a. Architect: Unidentified

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #17 is a large concrete pad. Oriented north-northeast-south-southwest, it measures about 100 m long and 35 m wide. Similar to the ramp (Feature #16) it is built of numerous large, square concrete pads, but there is a 25-30-m-wide gap between the east edge of Feature #17 and the west edge of the taxiway (Feature #18).

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP11, HP34, AH2

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #18

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Airfield taxiway

B3. Original Use: Aircraft taxiing

B4. Present Use: Aircraft taxiing

\*B5. Architectural Style: N/A

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. Modern re-surfacing, possibly more than once, but the date(s) of re-surfacing are unidentified.

\*B7. Moved? ☐No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-17 and 19-23

B9a. Architect: N/A

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #18 is the primary aircraft taxiway of the airfield. The southern half of the taxiway continues in use. It is 10-15 m wide runs about 1800 m from north-northeast to south-southwest with a dogleg turn at each end. The short southwest-northeast and northwest-southeast segments at the ends run about 170 m and each connects with a runway. The primary airfield ram, Feature #16 is at the mid-point of the taxiway on the west side. The in-use southern half is paved with asphalt. The abandoned north half is unpaved.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH16

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #19

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Taxiway

B3. Original Use: Aircraft taxiing

B4. Present Use: None

\*B5. Architectural Style: N/A

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. Unaltered.

\*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-18 and 20-23.

B9a. Architect: N/A

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #19 is an aircraft taxiway with the main alignment parallel to one of the two runways at the airfield and with 90 degree turns and short segments at each end which connect to the northwest-southeast runway (Feature #21). It measures about 10-15 m wide, the main segment is about 1500 m long, and the lateral segments are each about 200 m long. The asphalt surface is highly deteriorated. If this taxiway included secondary, lateral taxiways with terminal ramps like Feature #20, they are no longer visible on the ground or a recent aerial photograph.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH16

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #20

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Taxiways and ramps

B3. Original Use: Aircraft taxiing, parking and maintenance B4. Present Use: None

\*B5. Architectural Style: N/A

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. Unaltered.

\*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-19 and 21-23

B9a. Architect: N/A

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #20 is a system of taxiways and ramps on the south side off and connected to the northeast-southwest runway (Feature #22). The main taxiway is similar to the taxiway (Feature #19) connected to the northwest-southeast runway (Feature #21). The main taxiway is 10-15 m wide, has a 1500-m-long alignment parallel to the runway, and has 90 degree turns and 200-m-long segments at each end which connect to the northeast-southwest runway (Feature #22). Connected to the main taxiway on the south side are 12 lateral taxiways of various lengths (60-320 m), seven of which have short branch taxiways (see sketch map, page 6 of 48). The terminus of each lateral and branch taxiway probably served as a ramp (i.e. parking and maintenance place) for one aircraft (such irregularly spaced ramps were designed to reduce the number of aircraft destroyed by systematic bombing). The asphalt surfaces of the taxiways and ramps are highly deteriorated.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH16

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #21

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Runway

B3. Original Use: Aircraft takeoffs and landings

B4. Present Use: None

\*B5. Architectural Style: N/A

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. Unaltered.

\*B7. Moved? ☒No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: N/A

Original Location: N/A

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-20 and 22-23

B9a. Architect: N/A

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #21 is on of two runways at the airfield. Oriented northwest-southeast, it is 2000 m long and 125 m wide. On the west side near the north end, it connects to the main taxiway (Feature #18) to the principal ramp (Feature #16). On the east side near each end it connects to a secondary taxiway (Feature #19). The south end connects with the east end of the other runway at the airfield (Feature #22). The asphalt surface is highly deteriorated.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP11, HP34, AH16

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

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\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #22

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Runway

B3. Original Use: Aircraft takeoffs and landings

B4. Present Use: Aircraft takeoffs and landings

\*B5. Architectural Style: N/A

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. Resurfaced, possibly multiple times, by the date(s) is(are) unidentified..

\*B7. Moved? ☒No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-21 and 23

B9a. Architect: N/A

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #22 is on of two runways at the airfield. Oriented northeast-southwest, it is 1700 m long and 125 m wide. On the north side near the west end, it connects to the main taxiway (Feature #18) to the principal ramp (Feature #16). On the south side near each end it connects to a system of secondary taxiways and ramps (Feature #19). The east end connects with the south end of the other runway at the airfield (Feature #21). The runway has been resurfaced with asphalt at least once since construction and the runway continues in use.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP11, HP34, AH16

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

B13. Remarks:

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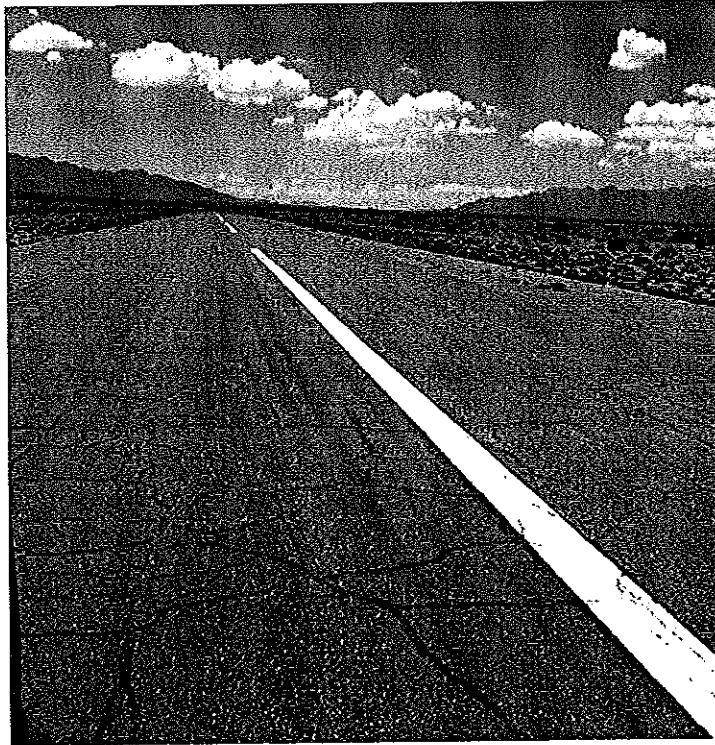
\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #22

\*Recorded by: E. Yarbrough and M. Wetherbee

\*Date: 9/10/2008

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**BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD**

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\*NRHP Status Code 4X

\*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #23

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Airfield access road

B3. Original Use: Vehicular access to the airfield

B4. Present Use: Vehicular access to the airport

\*B5. Architectural Style: N/A

\*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. Unaltered.

\*B7. Moved? ☒No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: N/A

Original Location: N/A

\*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-22

B9a. Architect: N/A

b. Builder: U.S. Army

\*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #23 is a 1500-m-long, unpaved access road from Rice Road (Highway 177) to the airfield. It runs 700 m northwest-southeast from Rice Road, makes a dogleg turn, and runs 800 m west-northwest to east southeast where it connects with the primary ramp (Feature #16). The road splits 390 m from the ramp, the two branches enclose an oval area, and the two branches re-join 210 m from the ramp where it intersects with a cul-de-sac (Feature #15). The oval area contains two former buildings (features #6 and #7). The road continues in use as an access road to Desert Center Airport.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, AH7

\*B12. References: Yarbrough, E., M. Wetherbee, and G. Archer (2008) *Phase I Archaeological and Historical Assessment for the Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Unincorporated Area, County of Riverside, California*. Stantec, Irvine, California. Prepared for Chuckwalla Valley Associates, Palm Desert, California. Submitted to County of Riverside, Riverside, California.

B13. Remarks:

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)

See sketch map, page 6 of 48.

\*B14. Evaluator: E. Yarbrough and M. Wetherbee

\*Date of Evaluation: 9/10/2008

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Resource Name or #: Desert Center Army Airfield

Year 2008

Camera Format: Digital

Lens Size: 7.4-22.2 mm 1:2.8-4.9

Film Type and Speed: 4.0 mega-pixels

Negatives Kept at: Stantec, 19 Technology Drive, Irvine, CA, 92618 (IMG files)

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Sept.	2		284	Site overview	E	R. Taft
Sept.	2		285	Site overview	S	R. Taft
Sept.	2		286	K. Griffith on site	E	R. Taft
Sept.	3		287	F 22 (runway)	SW	R. Taft
Sept.	3		288	F 22 (runway) and K. Griffith	SSW	R. Taft
Sept.	3		289	Site overview	S	R. Taft
Sept.	3		290	Site overview	S	R. Taft
Sept.	3		291	Site overview	N	R. Taft
Sept.	3		292	Site overview	N	R. Taft
Sept.	3		293	Site overview	S	R. Taft
Sept.	3		294	Gopher snake on site	Plan	R. Taft
Sept.	3		295	Gopher snake on site	Plan	R. Taft
Sept.	3		296	M. Wetherbee on site	SW	R. Taft
Sept.	3		297	K. Griffith on site	NW	R. Taft
Sept.	3		298	Site overview	S	R. Taft
Sept.	3		299	Site overview	E	R. Taft
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Sept.	3		301	Site overview	S	R. Taft
Sept.	10		302	Isolate 1 (ceramic mug)	N	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		303	F 2 (incinerator)	N	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		304	F 2 (incinerator)	W	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		305	F 2 (incinerator)	S	K. Griffith
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Sept.	10		307	Former agricultural field overview	NE	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		308	Former agricultural field overview	NW	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		309	F 3 (foundation)	N	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		310	F 3 (foundation)	S	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		311	F 4 (foundation)	N	K. Griffith
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Sept.	10		313	F 5 (foundation)	N	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		314	F 5 (foundation)	W	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		315	F 5 (foundation) - walkway	W	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		316	F 6 (foundation) - south side	W	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		317	F 6 (foundation) - middle	W	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		318	F 6 (foundation) - north side	W	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		319	F 6 (foundation) - northeast side side	SW	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		320	F 6 (foundation) - middle	S	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		321	F 6 (foundation) - northwest side	SE	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		322	F 6 (foundation)	E	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		323	F 7 (foundation)	E	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		324	F 7 (foundation and septic tank)	N	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		325	F 7 (septic tank)	Close up	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		326	F 8 (foundation)	E	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		327	F 8, (foundation)	NE	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		328	F 9, (foundation)	N	K. Griffith
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Sept.	10		330	F 9 (foundation and septic tank)	S	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		331	F 9 (septic tank)	N	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		332	F 10 (foundation)	E	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		333	F 10 (foundation)	NE	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		334	F 11 (foundation)	S	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		335	F 11 (foundation)	SW	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		336	F 12 (cistern)	E	K. Griffith

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**PHOTOGRAPH RECORD**

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Film Type and Speed: 4.0 mega-pixels

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Sept.	10		337	F 12 (cistern)	Close up	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		338	F 13 (water tank)	SE	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		339	F 13 (water tank)	S	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		340	F 13 (water tank)	W	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		341	F 13 (water tank)	N	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		342	F 14 (beacon tower)	S	K. Griffith
Sept.	10		343	F 14 (beacon tower)	W	K. Griffith
Sept.	4		3112	F 1 (garage) & F 16 (ramp)	W	E. Yarbrough
Sept.	4		3115	F 22 (runway)	W	E. Yarbrough

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. 33-2239-4  
HABS \_\_\_\_\_ HAER \_\_\_\_\_ NR 5 SHL \_\_\_\_\_ Loc \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM: A 654900/3737300 B 656200/3735800  
C 654650/3734950 D 654250/3736150

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Desert Center Airport
2. Historic name: Desert Center Army Air Base
3. Street or rural address: NW corner sec. 8 T5S R16E  
City Desert Center Zip 92239 County Riverside
4. Parcel number: 811-142-016-2
5. Present Owner: County of Riverside Address: Riverside  
City Riverside Zip 92501 Ownership is: Public ☒ Private \_\_\_\_\_  
M/T Clerk of the Board
6. Present Use: Airfield Original use: Army base and airfield

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style:
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition: With all of the buildings at the Desert Training Center having been either destroyed or moved to Desert Center, what remains are the concrete slabs of these buildings and the airfield which is still in use.

The concrete slabs include that of the link trainer building, T-shaped; the headquarters building, H-shaped; the flagpole stump and cement foundation, a square yard; the officers' showers and washroom, square; and a circular cement cistern near the showers and washroom slab.

The two landing strips are each about a mile-and-a-quarter long, about twenty yards wide, and, with taxi ways from the central parking area, form a triangle; one runway running from NW to SE and the other from SW to NE.



Cement slab  
by the photo

Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1942

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Builder United States Army

1. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
or approx. acreage 424.44 acres

2. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
March 27, 1982

8-110-11-11, 18-110-12-12,  
8-110-13-13, 18-110-14-14,  
8-110-15-15

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_\_ Destroyed, moved

14. Alterations: Buildings moved

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5. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ☒ Scattered buildings \_\_\_\_ Densely built-up \_\_\_\_  
Residential \_\_\_\_ Industrial \_\_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_\_ Other: Open space

16. Threats to site: None known \_\_\_\_ Private development \_\_\_\_ Zoning \_\_\_\_ Vandalism \_\_\_\_  
Public Works project \_\_\_\_ Other: Deterioration

17. Is the structure: On its original site? ☒ Moved? \_\_\_\_ Unknown? \_\_\_\_

18. Related features: Link trainer & other buildings now at Desert Center

#### SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This airfield was part of the Desert Training Center, more than 55,000 square miles of training area extending into Arizona and Nevada. The United States Army trained more than a million men for combat-readiness in World War II from 1942 to 1944. General George S. Patton, Jr., was the first commander. The program and area were expanded under General Walton H. Walker. Many of the buildings formerly at this air base are now used in Desert Center.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)

Architecture \_\_\_\_ Arts & Leisure \_\_\_\_  
Economic/Industrial \_\_\_\_ Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_\_  
Government \_\_\_\_ Military ☒  
Religion \_\_\_\_ Social/Education \_\_\_\_

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

County historical records.

22. Date form prepared July 26, 1982

By (name) Jim Warner

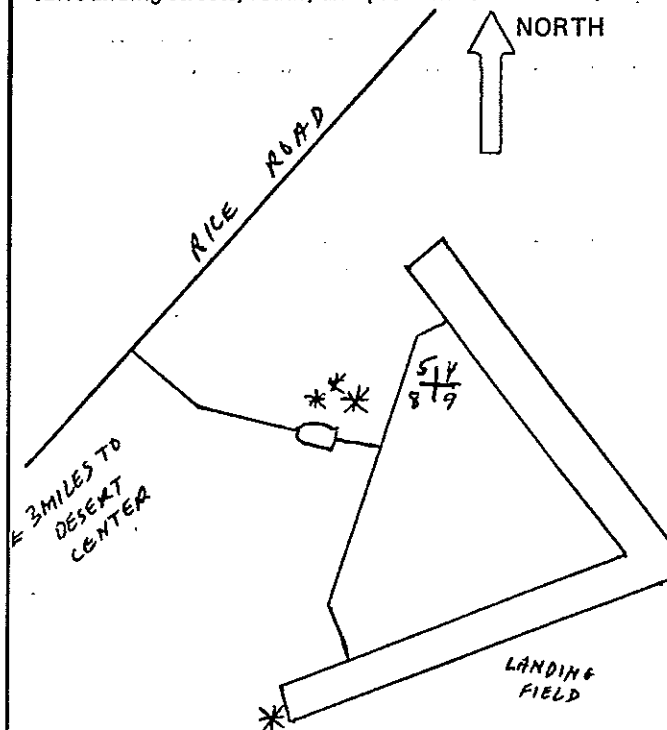
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City Rubidoux Zip 92519

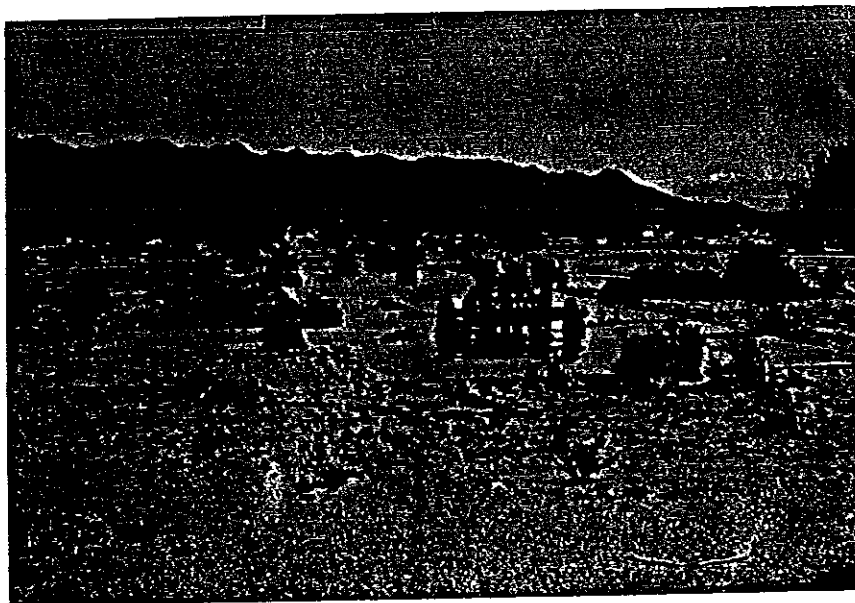
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

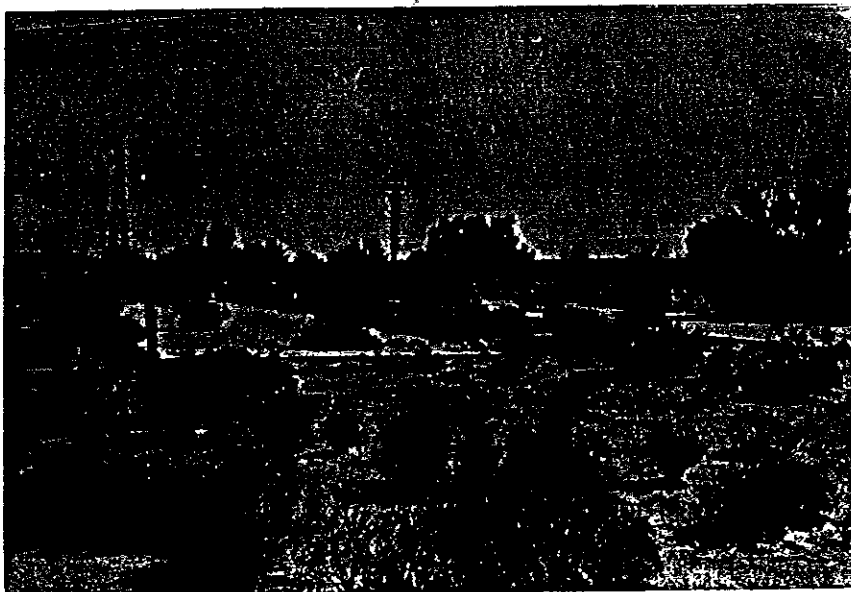


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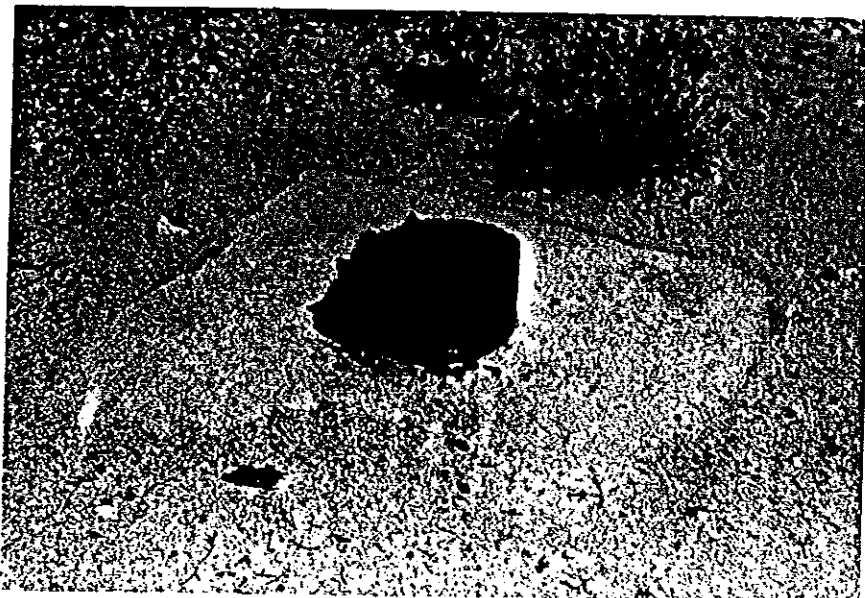
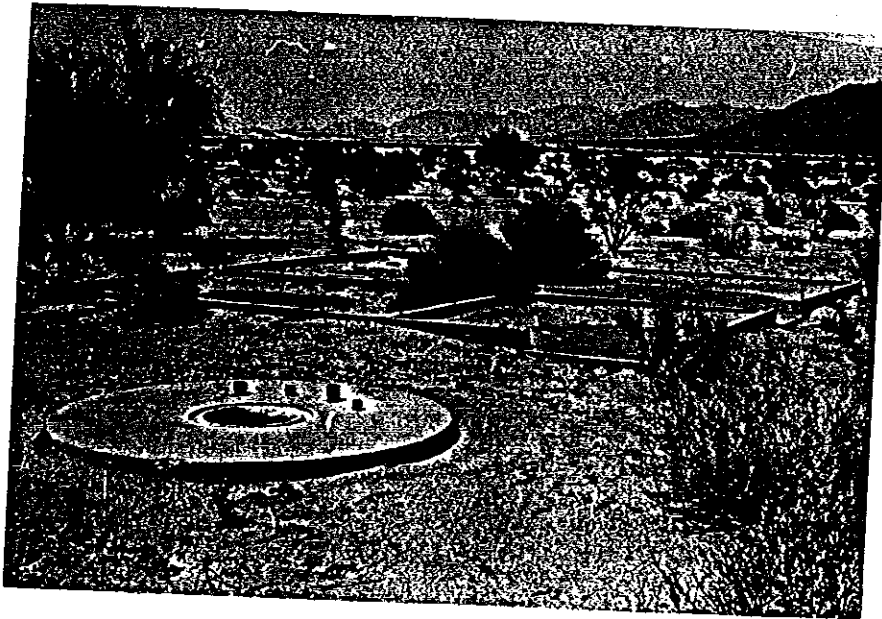


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Desert Center 92239



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\*Resource Name or # Eagle Mountain

\*Recorded by: AECOM

\*Date: August 9, 2013

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☒ Update

Eagle Mountain does not appear to meet the criteria for the NRHP or CRHR due to lack of integrity. Eagle Mountain was previously recorded in 1982 by the Riverside County Historical Community. An attempt to revisit the property was made on July 10, 2013. The majority of the property has been abandoned, and is currently fenced. There was no access to the site, although a few peripheral buildings were observed from outside the fence. Apparently, there is one residence inhabited, and the Eagle Mountain school is still in limited use. Based on the field observation and aerial mapping, the buildings and structures within the complex appear in an advanced state of deterioration.

In 1947, Henry J. Kaiser was building a portion of the Colorado River Aqueduct in the vicinity of Desert Center and established the Eagle Mountain Iron Ore Mine located 11 miles north from Desert Center. The mine included a company town that featured 10 dormitories, two bath houses, a mess hall, staff buildings, a dozen two-to-three bedroom residences as well as a post office and school for the employees and their families. The mine, which began operation in September 1948, was one of the largest iron mining operations in the world. The location of the mine near Desert Center proved beneficial to the desert enclave, as during the years of the mine's existence, Desert Center saw the establishment of the Desert Center Unified School District; the growth of the Desert Center Community Church; and the arrival of commercial electricity. By 1950, nearly half a million people lived in the greater Desert Center area and the settlement continued to serve travelers for many years (The Desert Magazine 1948, 1950; Chamber of Commerce 2010).

Because of its widespread importance in industry, commerce, and community development, Eagle Mountain made a significant contribution to the history of the region. The complex meets NRHP Criterion A and CRHR Criterion 1. Although founded by Henry J. Kaiser, an important historical figure, the association is not specific enough to qualify under NRHP Criterion B or CRHR Criterion 2. As a mining town complex, the property is a unique type, but the architecture and type of construction of the buildings observed does not appear unique in the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. Because of restricted access, it is not possible to complete an evaluation under NRHP Criterion C or CRHR Criterion 3. However, from the peripheral observation of the site and knowledge of vandalism and abandonment, the property does not appear to retain sufficient integrity of feeling to convey its significance as a mining company town and community. Despite its widespread importance in regional history, based on lack of integrity, the property does not appear eligible for listing in the NRHP or CRHR.

**Evaluator:** M.K. Meiser, AECOM

**Date:** August 9, 2013

**References:**

1963 USGS Chuckwalla Mountains Topographic Map

Desert Center Chamber of Commerce 2010

The Desert Magazine

1948. October, Volume 11:12.

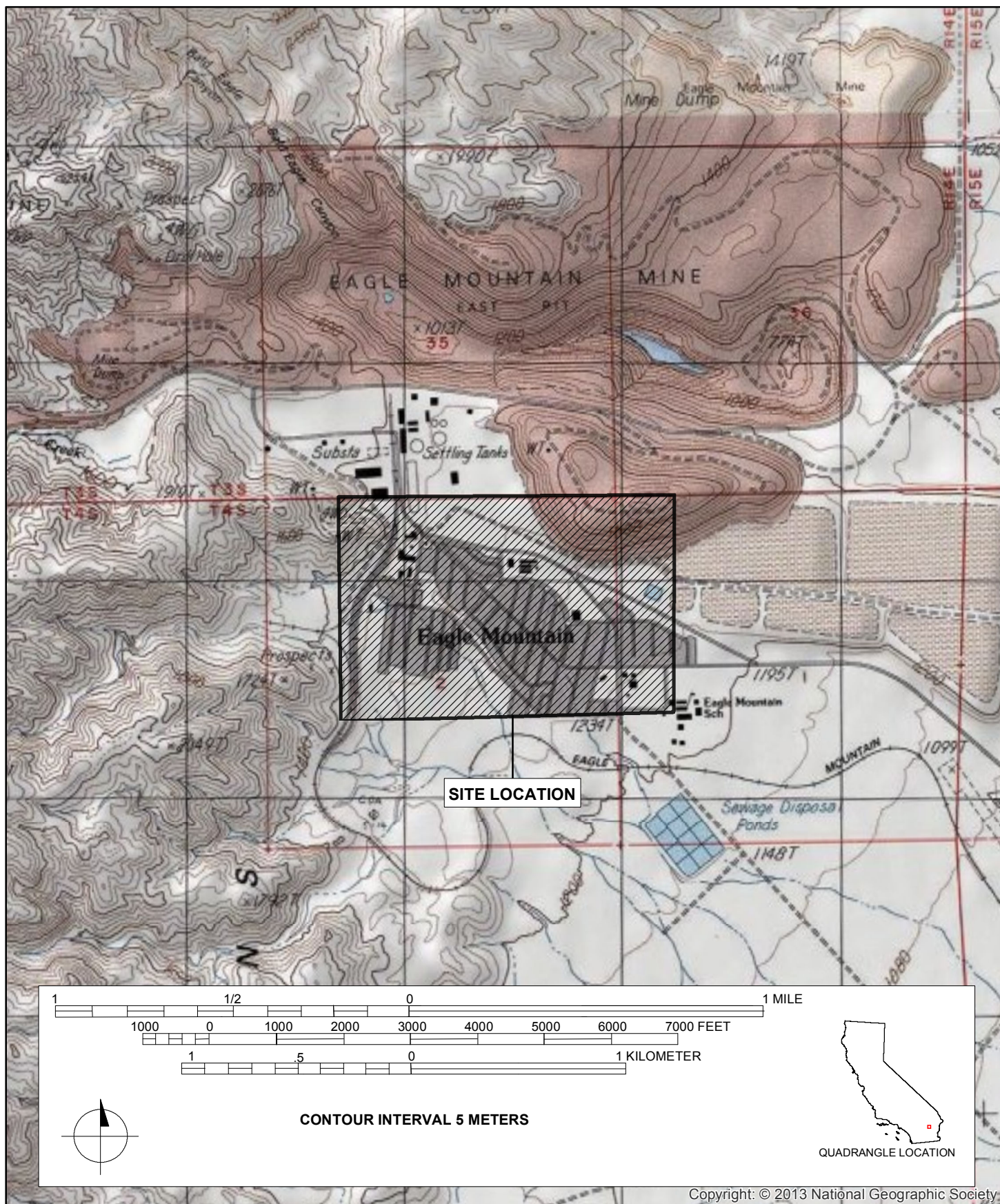
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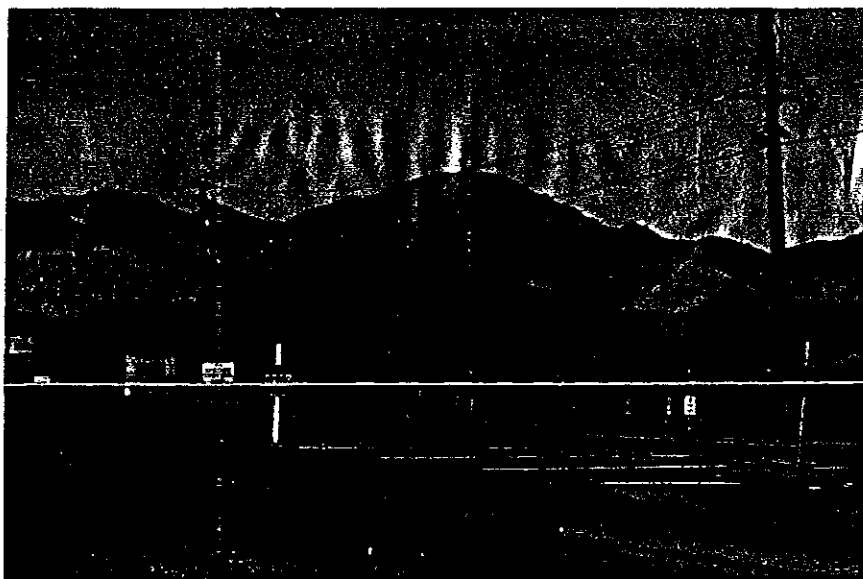
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Eagle Mountain
2. Historic name: None
3. Street or rural address: Kaiser Steel Office  
City Eagle Mountain Zip 92241 County Riverside
4. Parcel number: 807-030-004-4
5. Present Owner: Kaiser Steel Corp. Address: 300 Lakeside Dr.  
City Oakland Zip 94666 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private ☒ X
6. Present Use: Iron ore mine Original use: Gold mine

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style:
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

An iron ore mine with offices, mining equipment, railroad yard, residential community, stores, school, and playground.



Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1881

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Builder \_\_\_\_\_

1. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
or approx. acreage 56.92 acres

2. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
March 27, 1982  
18-110-01-01

13. Condition: Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ No longer in existence **33-6913**
14. Alterations: None
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ☐ Scattered buildings ☒ Densely built-up ☐  
Residential ☐ Industrial ☒ Commercial ☐ Other: ☐
16. Threats to site: None known ☐ Private development ☐ Zoning ☐ Vandalism ☐  
Public Works project ☐ Other: Abandonment
17. Is the structure: On its original site? ☒ Moved? ☐ Unknown? ☐
18. Related features: None

#### SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

From historical marker: "The Iron Chief, Black Eagle and other mines produced gold at Eagle Mountain between 1881 and 1900 from ores containing as much as 54 per cent iron. L. S. Barnes secured options and sold the mines to Southern Pacific Railroad in 1909. Kaiser Steel Company bought them in 1944, built a feeder railroad, and began shipping Eagle Mountain iron ore to its Fontana plant in 1948." Today, 1982, Eagle Mountain is the last development of the area in mining and represents a "company town". The playground in the community was made by the miners out of old mining equipment.

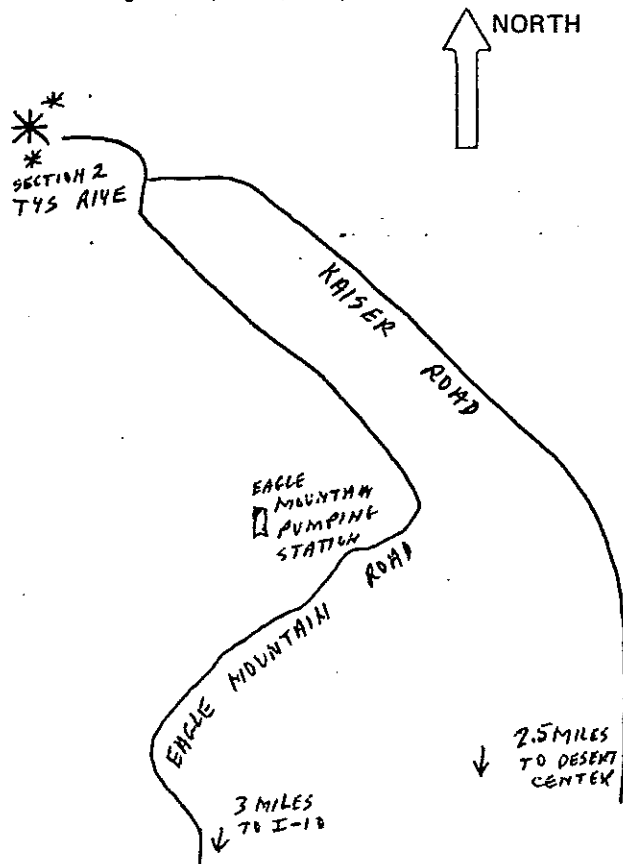
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Architecture ☐ Arts & Leisure ☐  
Economic/Industrial ☒ Exploration/Settlement ☐  
Government ☐ Military ☐  
Religion ☐ Social/Education ☐

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

County historical records.

22. Date form prepared July 26, 1982  
By (name) Heather Metcalfe  
Organization Riv. Co. Historical Comm.  
Address: 4600 Crestmore Rd.  
City Rubidoux Zip 92519  
Phone: (714) 787-2551

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):



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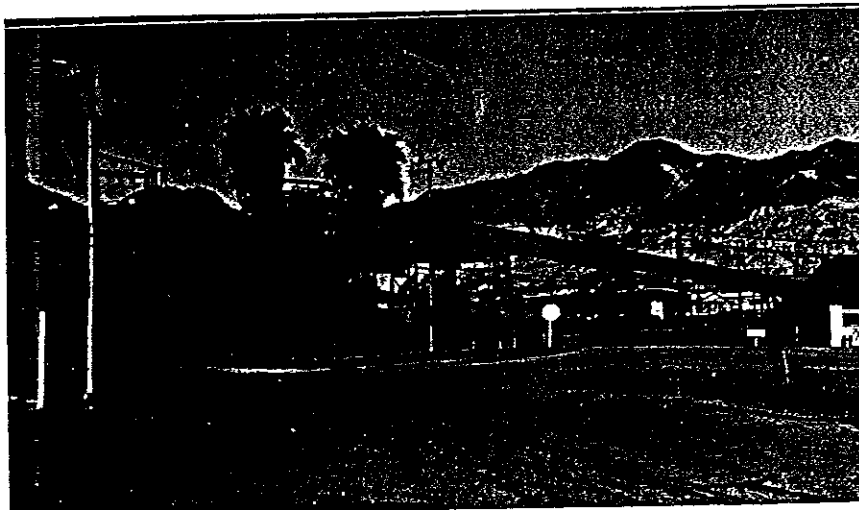
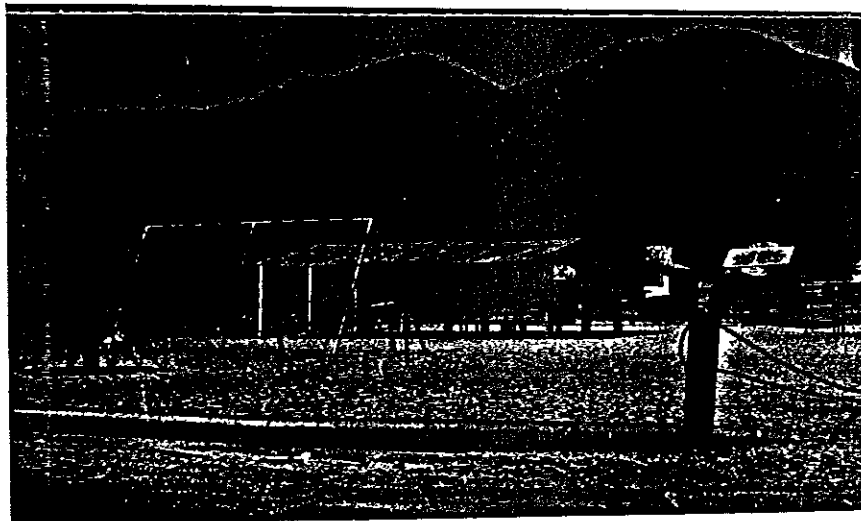
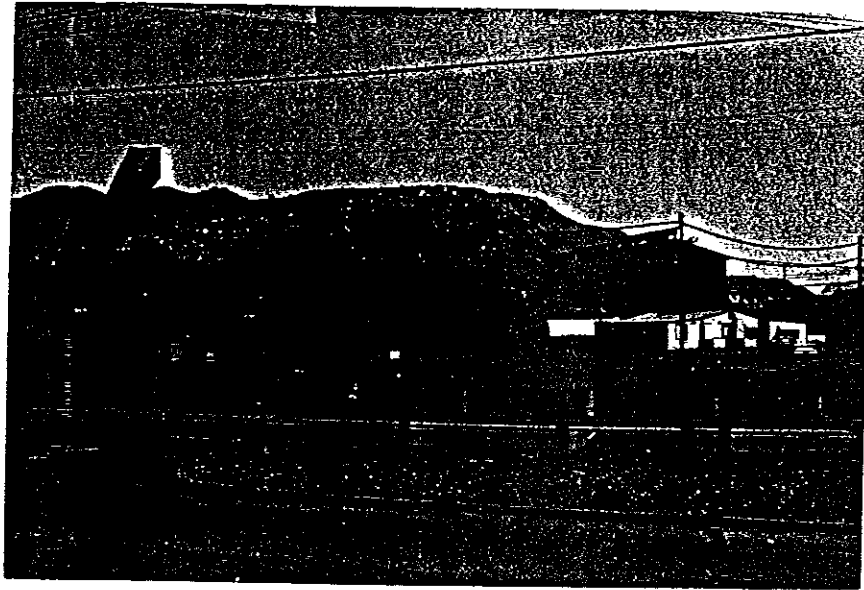


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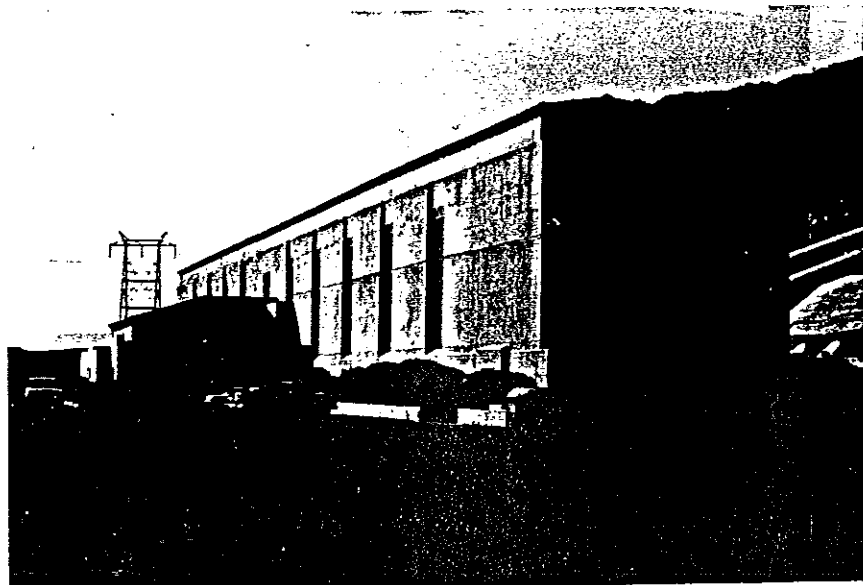
THE IRON CHIEF BLANK, EAGLE AND OTHER MINES PRODUCED GOLD AT EAGLE MOUNTAIN BETWEEN 1881 AND 1909 FROM ORES CONTAINING AS MUCH AS 34 PER CENT IRON. L. S. BARNES SECURED OPTIONS AND SOLD THE MINES TO SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD IN 1909. KAISER STEEL COMPANY BOUGHT THEM IN 1924, BUILT A FEEDER RAILROAD AND BEGAN SHIPPING EAGLE MOUNTAIN IRON ORE TO ITS FONTANA PLANT IN 1948.

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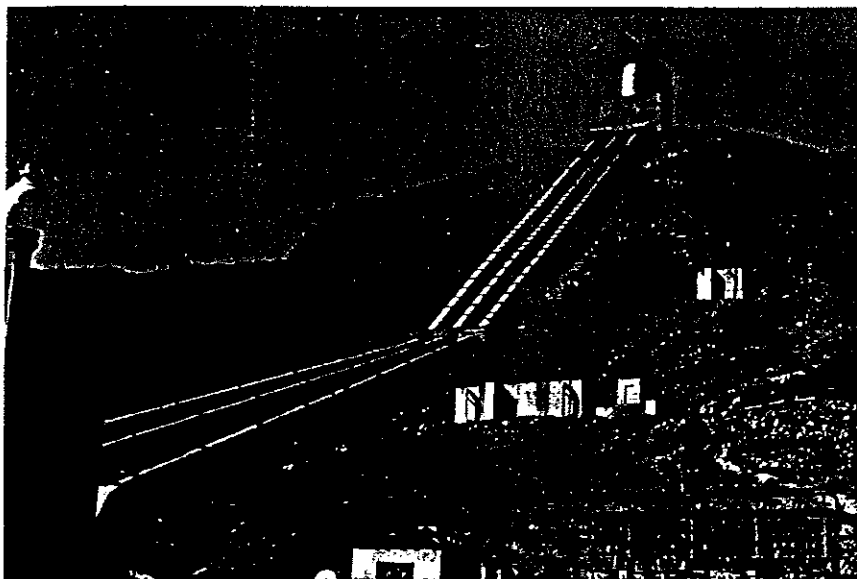
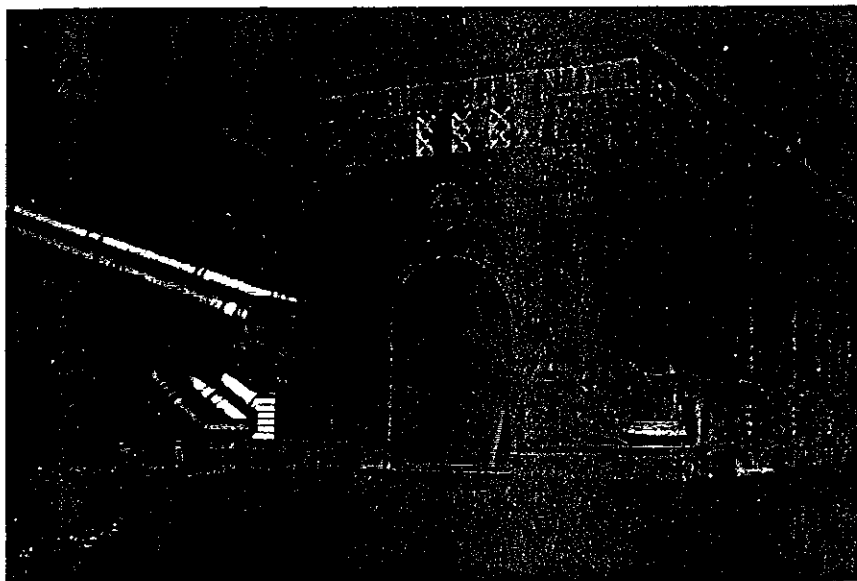






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