

# MANZANAR SENTRY

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## Camp Welcomes New Commander Lt. Robert Bartelt

A new Company Commander has taken over the 747th Military Police Battalion. He is 1st Lt. Robert H. Bartelt, born in Brookings, S.D., on July 10, 1914. After completing grade school and high school in Brookings, he attended South Dakota State college, along with Lt. Severson.

Lt. Bartelt majored in science and mathematics in Black Hills, S.D., until Jan. 5, 1941, when he was called to active duty with the 701st Military Police Battalion, with which he has been for one year.

He was then transferred to the Ninth Corps Area, and assigned to the 747th and 748th Military Police Battalions, and was a member of the staff until the time he was transferred to Company B. Our new commander has been with the military police movement since its origin.

For relaxation he loves to hunt and fish, but being an excellent golfer, he likes nothing better than to tee off with the best of them. Lt. Bartelt is very pleased to be with us and we are very pleased to have him. Mutual cooperation will continue and so it is quite obvious that conditions will be improved. But according to the statement of our new commander, no immediate changes will go into effect. To him go the best wishes of Company B for his success in his new command.

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## Valley Libraries Extend Invitation

One of the institutions of which residents of Inyo county are proud, and justly so, is the Inyo County Free Library, located in the county courthouse at Independence.

The shelves of the main library are well stocked with the best in both new and old books of all classes. The library also has the privilege of service from the large state library at Sacramento. Branches of the county library are maintained in nearly all of the towns throughout Inyo county, even in Death Valley.

Miss Anne Margrave, county librarian, extends a cordial invitation to the members of the military police stationed at Manzanar to use either the main library at Independence or the branch library at Lone Pine. The main library is open every day, except Sundays and holidays, from 9 to 12 in the morning, 1 to 6 in the afternoon, and 6 to 9 in the evening.

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## Meet Inyo County's Sheriff—Sam Spear

Men of Company B—meet the sheriff of Inyo county—Sam Spear.

Sheriff Spear was born in Juneau county, Wisc., July 9, 1884. In 1889 he left Juneau and came to Inyo county where he has resided since.

He has held various jobs in the valley, most of which were connected with the mining industry.

In 1928 he was appointed a deputy sheriff and became undersheriff last year. He was appointed sheriff last April 7, upon the death of Sheriff T. F. Hutchison.

His hobbies are fishing and going to movies, although he admits that his work keeps him so busy he had little time to devote to either hobby. Being sheriff of the second largest county in California keeps him busy travelling across the 10,000 square miles of his district. At present he has three deputies under his command.

He is a candidate for reelection in the forthcoming August primary, and from the very good reports we hear, his chances of retaining the job are excellent.

## Forever and Ever



"The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation under God, shall have new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, for the people, by the people, shall not perish from the earth."—From Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.



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## Give Credit to Those Aiding in Completion of New Barracks

Credit should be given all agencies who cooperated toward the rapid completion of our new barracks.

U. S. Engineers laid out the plot. Newberry Electric put up 500 poles and 50 transformers and miscellaneous electric work. Department of Water and Power aided considerably in handling of other details as to water and power facilities. We take this occasion to commend Fred C. Rotsel, age 60, general line foreman for guiding the work. He will retire Aug. 1, and said he was particularly pleased to end his career of 30 years with the City of Los Angeles on this government job. Mr. Rotsel will go to his ranch in Washington upon retirement. He has a boy in the Navy.

Credit is also due Edward L. Ringo and C. D. Stone of the Department of Water and Power for their valuable assistance.

The water and power facilities were rushed to completion by the above mentioned, even before services were actually needed.

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Lest Ye Forget: The weapon with bayonet fixed, does not make a very good leaning post and is as dangerous as the loaded weapon itself. . . . A slight slip may mean a patch-up job for the surgery. . . . Take care.

## Notice to Readers

Due to the alert which kept all men on duty, this publication is late. Special attention is called in this edition to the significance of our flag, in accordance with Memorial Day and Flag Day, which just passed. As a patriotic number, this issue appears in red, white, and blue colors.

Due to the busy routine of affairs, this paper will be discontinued until further notice.

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## New Barracks Area To Be Landscaped

### Three Still Missing In Tragic Army Transport Crash

Search is continuing this week for the three remaining bodies of the nine Army Air Corps men who lost their lives in the transport crash Dec. 12 southwest of Big Pine, near Birch lake.

Last week searchers located the bodies of Major Hugh F. MacCaffery and Lt. Homer Burns, whose father and relatives had started the search more than a month ago in the High Sierra region.

Three bodies, those of Maj. Gen. Herbert A. Darague, Capt. J. G. Leavitt and Staff Sgt. Hoffman, remain hidden in the snow banks. Major William Evans and his detachment of soldiers, who are conducting the search, believe that melting snows will soon reveal the remaining bodies.

Both the bodies of men located last week were shipped to Riverside and will await burial arrangements by families of the dead men.

Geo. B. Burns, father of Lt. Burns, will accompany his son's body to Spokane for burial. "I've found my long lost boy and now I can rest," said the 61-year-old realtor after the body of his son had been located last week by Albert H. Bergen, Lt. Burns' brother-in-law.

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### "MISTAKES"

The entire nation has steeled itself to the hard and bitter task of making this war a short and victorious one. The differences in government parties have been forgotten. All "peace at any price" organizations died on Dec. 7, 1941. Of course we still have a few Mr. Shouldofs and Mr. Couldofs and right they are: our government has made mistakes, but ours are not the only ones—no indeed.

As France fell, Mussolini, thinking that world victory for the Axis was certain, rushed in only to get the booby prize. Now they are slaves of the greedy Nazi machine. And Japan, thinking they would have a new and unlimited source of war materials from their fellow rats, the Nazis, declared war on the U. S. a few days before Russia fell. But ah!—another slight error—so solley, Russia didn't fall. And Germany, "Seventy days! I promise you, My people, seventy days and all Russia will be ours." Another little error—the Nazis forgot their long underwear.

Yep! We all make 'em.

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## Ball Team to Get New Uniforms

New uniforms for the baseball team are expected to arrive soon, it was learned this week.

With the new athletic field in operation, it won't be long before Co. B athletes will reach top shape.

To date Speed Baller Sgt. Raute and his men have mowed down all opposition in Owens Valley including three triumphs over the Lone Pine town team.

Considerable credit is due Lt. Durbin, who is doing a fine job in organizing athletics here in camp.

It was reported that attempts to line up a game with the Japanese have been ruled out.

New barracks for Co. B 747th Military Police Battalion, were recently completed just south of the Manzanar reception center.

Painted an attractive off-white color, the 11 buildings give the company a well-rounded camp in which to operate. Included in the group are four barracks, guard house, medical department, officer's quarters, day room, mess hall and garage.

Trees are being planted and landscaping of the camp proper is being carried out. The entire premises have been graded and leveled and the athletic field laid out.

Landmark of the camp is the huge white flagpole. White-washed rocks help decorate the premises, but it is planned to plant shrubs in the shape of a huge star to encircle the flagpole and add to the general attractiveness.

The entire project was rushed to completion in quick order, and is a great relief from the dust and wind which battered our tents in the early period of our camp here.

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## Company Wishes Best of Luck To Lt. Severson

First Lt. Harvey H. Severson has been relieved as Commanding Officer of Company B, 747th Military Police Battalion (Z-D) and has returned to his parent organization, the 32nd Infantry Regiment. He has joined 2nd Lt. Hensley, also a former officer of this unit.

Lt. Severson was assigned to Company B at the time the battalion and company were activated and has nurtured and brought the company up from its inception. Under his command this company has functioned efficiently and has weathered the wind and dust storms for which this valley is at present so famous. Under his leadership morale has been maintained at a high point due to his ever cheerful attitude at the different assignments that arose. The achievement of bringing the company to its present high standards both on duty and off duty, is entirely due to the patient and indulgent way in which Lt. Severson commanded the company. The men of Company B extend their heartfelt appreciation for all he has done for them and wish him God-speed in his new assignment.

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## Men Grateful for Red Cross Aid

The boys of Company B are enjoying many pleasant hours of recreation in their newly completed day room and recreation hall. The American Red Cross has furnished it with plenty of good books and magazines, several nice easy chairs, a radio, a phonograph, reading lamps, and many games of all kinds. We, the men of Co. B, are more than grateful to you, Red Cross, yours is a great cause. You have boosted our morale 100 percent and when the men of Co. B return to civilian life they will always be members of your great organization.

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The army vehicles used by the Japanese, really keep the boys on the old "hop" . . . The green command car similar to the one used by our company is really a sticker . . . Why not use some form of identification?