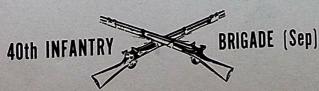


## ANNUAL FIELD TRAINING 1968



Camp Roberts, California



## INDEX





SECTION	A E
HISTORY	A
KEY PERSONNEL	B
ORGANIZATION FOR TRAINING	C
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES	D



ntral ntry Battalion ry and t mission.

Division



On the 29th day of January 1968, and in accordance with General Order 25, Office of the Adjutant General, State of California, the 40th Infantry Brigade (Sep) was organized. Officers and men were selected from numerous California Army National Guard Organizations with the majority coming from the 40th Armored Division. Many of these were past veterans of reorganization in the conversion of the 40th from Infantry to Armor, subsequent reorganization under ROCAD in 1959 and ROAD in 1963. In addition to the vast amount of administration and training effort required for reorganization, the Brigade was also given a Selected Reserve Force assignment with increased personnel strengths and vastly increased equipment allocations. Upon completion of training requirements the Brigade will be a flexible, efficient, combat-ready force capable of immediate deployment.

Under the command of Brigadier General Robert G. Elder, the Brigade has moved quickly to meet its goals and will enter into its first period of Annual Field Training in June 1968.

Covering a large area of Southern California with units extending north into Central California Valley, the Brigade has its Headquarters in Long Beach. The Infantry Battalions are located in Fresno, Glendale and Inglewood, with the Artillery Battalion in Van Nuys. To complement this combat force, Aviation, Engineer, Cavalry and Administrative and Logistical elements are located nearby in their support mission.

The Brigade carries on the proud name and tradition of the 40th Infantry Division and wears the distinctive "Sunburst" shoulder insignia.

PERSONNEL

"GADE (Sep)





n in

Egan shner enport massoi L. Davis

C. Condon E. E. Main . Rodriquez tain J. Garay E. Tomlinson

R. Temple, Jr.
Ain D. E. Losson
tain J. P. McLain
ptain R. H. Sulzen
aptain H. N. Hansen

## KEY PERSONNEL



INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS
Brigade Commander Brigadier General Robert G. Elder Deputy Brigade Commander Colonel Charles H. Starr, Jr. Brigade Executive Officer Lt Colonel Robert S. Ford Brigade S1 Major Oran Y. Pearson Brigade S2 Major Henry A. Compton Brigade S3 Lt Colonel James D. Benson Brigade S4 Major John W. Sampson, Jr. Headquarters Company Commander Captain F. M. Latchford, Jr.
OOP E, 140th CAVALRY Troop Commander1Lt. Robert Norton
Oth AVIATION COMPANY Company Commander
Oth ENGINEER COMPANY Company Commander
Oth SUPPORT BATTALION  Battalion Commander
BATTALION, 144th ARTILLERY Battalion Commander
BATTALION, 160th INFANTRY Battalion Commander
BATTALION, 160th INFANTRY Battalion Commander
BATTALION, 160 INFANTRY Battalion Commander



DE (Sep)





'h (1) (1) (2)

Ta

(18) d (19) ano (20)

glewood (21) Gardena (22) Fullerton (23) Inglewood (21)

## ORGANIZATION FOR TRAINING



UARTERS, 40th INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEP) Long Beach HHC (-) 40th Inf Bde Long Beach	(1)
Commo Plat HHC 40th Inf Bde Long Beach	(2)
ROOP E, 140th CAVALRY Long Beach	(2)
40th AVIATION COMPANY Long Beach	(3)
40th ENGINEER COMPANY Manhattan Beach	(4)
IEADQUARTERS, HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 540th SUPPORT BATTALION . Long Beach Co A 540th Support Battalion . Long Beach Co B 540th Support Battalion . Pasadena Co C 540th Support Battalion	(1) (5) (6) (1)
IQ, H & S BATTERY, (-) 3d BATTALION, 144th ARTILLERY	(8) (8) (9)
IQ & HQ CO, 1st BATTALION, 160th INFANTRY.       Glendale         Co A (-) 1st Battalion, 160th Infantry.       Redlands         1st Rifle Platoon, Co A, 1st Battalion, 160th Infantry.       Colton         Co B 1st Battalion, 160th Infantry.       Ontario         Co C 1st Battalion, 160th Infantry.       Glendale	(11) (12) (13)
IQ & HQ CO, 2d BATTALION, 160th INFANTRY.  Co A (-) 2d Battalion, 160th Infantry  1st Rifle Platoon, Co A, 2d Battalion, 160th Infantry  Co B (-) 2d Battalion, 160th Infantry.  1st Rifle Platoon, Co B, 2d Battalion, 160th Infantry  Co C (-) 2d Battalion, 160th Infantry.  Bakersfield  1st Rifle Platoon, Co C, 2d Battalion, 160th Infantry  Delano	(15) (16) (17) (18) (19)
Inglewood Sep Det, HHC, 3d Battalion, 160th Infantry Co A 3d Battalion, 160th Infantry Co B 3d Battalion, 160th Infantry Co C 3d Battalion, 160th Infantry Inglewood Co C 3d Battalion, 160th Infantry Lynwood	(22) (23) (21)



## APHICAL SKETCH

RY BRIGADE (Sep)



ENERAL





40th INFANTRY BRIGADE (Sep)



COMMANDING GENERAL



#### BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT G. ELDER

General Elder enlisted in the Army in November 1940, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Armor School Officer Candidate Course on 2 January 1943. Assigned to the 48th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division, he served as platoon leader, company commander and battalion staff officer through training and into the European Theater of Operations. During three campaigns in Europe, he was decorated with the Silver Star and Bronze Star.

He joined the 40th Infantry Division in December 1946 and served as Assistant G3 through activation for the Korean emergency in 1950 and to duty in Japan, where he became executive officer of the 223d Infantry Regiment in September 1951. He served in that post during two campaigns in Korea and returned to the United States in May 1952. Assigned as Division G3 in March 1953, he was named Chief of Staff in 1957, and Assistant Division Commander in March 1964.

General Elder was assigned as Brigade Commander of the 40th Infantry Brigade when it was organized on 29 January 1968.

His decorations and awards include, in addition to the Silver Star and Bronze Star, the Commendation Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge and the State of California Medal of Merit.

He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, U.S. Navy Amphibious Warfare School, and various orientation and refresher courses at the major service schools.

General Elder is married, has two children, and resides at 2611 Rainier Way, La Habra. He is employed by the Military Department, State of California.



## RINGRAPHICAL SKETCH

40th INFANTRY BRIGADE (Sep)



DEPUTY BRIGADE COMMANDER



#### COLONEL CHARLES H. STARR, JR.

Colonel Charles H. Starr, Jr. was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon his graduation from Pennsylvania Military College in 1940. During World War II he served as Assistant S2 and Assistant S3 of the 967th Field Artillery Battalion with the 9th Army.

In 1946 he went to the USAR and was subsequently assigned as S3 of the 756th Field Artillery Battalion. He was called to active duty with the battalion as Executive Officer in 1950, and served with the 756th in Europe for two years.

Colonel Starr left the Reserve in 1955 to join the Pennsylvania National Guard. He served as Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, 107th Artillery, 28th Infantry Division, and joined the 40th Armored Division in October 1960.

With the 40th, Colonel Starr has served as S3 of Division Artillery, Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion, 144th Artillery, Division G1 and Executive Officer of Division Artillery. He was promoted to his present rank on 31 May 1966 and assumed command of the Division Support Command on 1 June 1966. In May 1967 he was appointed as Division Artillery Commander. He was named to his present assignment on 29 January 1968.

Among his awards and decorations are the Bronze Star and the Air Medal.

In addition to his Bachelor of Science degree from Pennsylvania Military College, he holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Pittsburgh Law School, and an Honorary Bachelor of Military Science degree from PMC.

He has attended the Basic Artillery Officers Course, Field Grade Officers Refresher Course and is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College.

In civilian life, Colonel Starr is a Vice President of United California Bank. He resides at 3264 Wrightwood Drive in Studio City.



40th INFANTRY BRIGADE (Sep)



BRIGADE EXECUTIVE OFFICER



#### LT. COLONEL ROBERT S. FORD

Lieutenant Colonel Robert S. Ford started his military career in September 1943, when as a Navy enlistee, he served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater with the Navy's Amphibious Forces.

Commissioned in the California National Guard in September 1951, Lieutenant Colonel Ford has had assignments in the 111th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 40th Quartermaster Battalion, Combat Cammand A and the 3d Reconnaissance Squadron, 185th Armor. In September 1964, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and assumed command of the 4th Battalion, 160th Infantry, headquartered in Long Beach. He served as Battalion Commander until October 1965, when he was appointed the G4 for the 40th Armored Division. In May 1967 he was assigned as G5. Upon reorganization of the National Guard on 29 January 1968 Lieutenant Colonel Ford was appointed as G4 for the Southern Emergency Operations Headquarters in Los Angeles. On 29 March 1968 he assumed his present assignment as Executive Officer with the 40th Infantry Brigade.

Lieutenant Colonel Ford is a graduate of the Armored Company Officers Course, the Armored Officers Career Course and the Command and General Staff College.

He holds the Victory Medal, the American and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medals and the California Medal of Merit and Commendation Ribbon with Pendant.

Lieutenant Colonel Ford attended the University of California at Los Angeles, Whittier College and Cal State at Long Beach where he majored in Business Administration. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. In civilian life Lieutenant Colonel Ford is the general sales manager for Hunt Process Co., Inc. in Santa Fe Springs.

Lieutenant Colonel Ford is married and he, his wife and four children reside at 12138 East Beverly Drive in Whittier.







BRIGADE S1



#### MAJOR ORAN Y. PEARSON

Major Oran Y. Pearson entered military service in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and served in the South Pacific with the Fleet Marine Force.

In 1950 he transferred services and was subsequently commissioned a Second Lieutenant at the Army General School, Fort Riley, Kansas. He served as a Platoon Leader, Company Commander and Battalion Operations Officer while assigned to the U.S. Army First Corps in Korea and with the Ryukyus Army Command on Okinawa.

Upon separation from active duty in 1954 he served with the USAR in the military intelligence field and as personnel officer of the Army Reserve School, Presidio of San Francisco.

Major Pearson joined the California Army National Guard and the 40th Armored Division in 1956 as an Assistant G-2 and has had assignments in the 1st Squadron, 18th Armored Cavalry, First Brigade, and Second Battalion, 160th Infantry. Upon reorganization of the National Guard in January 1968, he was assigned as Brigade Inspector General and assumed his present assignment in May.

He has completed the Armored Officers Career Course and special courses from the Special Forces School.

He holds the Bronze Star Medal, State of California Medal of Merit and other service awards.

In civilian life Major Pearson is a Medical Business Administrator. He is married, has three children, and resides at 2916 Midwick Drive, Alhambra.







BRIGADE S2



#### MAJOR HENRY A. COMPTON

Major Henry A. Compton enlisted in the California Army National Guard in January 1952 and joined the 40th Infantry Division as operations sergeant of the 223d Infantry Regiment in May 1953.

In September 1956 Major Compton was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant from the California Military Academy and was assigned as a tank platoon leader. He has had assignments as a company commander, battalion S-2, and battalion executive officer.

Major Compton's decorations and awards include the California Medal of Merit, California Commendation Ribbon with Cluster, and California Service Medal.

In civilian life Major Compton owns and operates his own credit bureau and collection services. He is married, has 10 children and resides at 1901 Parkdale Place, Montrose, California.



40th INFANTRY BRIGADE (Sep)



BRIGADE \$3



#### LT. COLONEL JAMES D. BENSON

Lieutenant Colonel James D. Benson received his commission through the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia in June 1945. He was called to active duty with the 40th Infantry Division on 3 March 1941, having been a member of Company K, 185th Infantry Regiment since his enlistment in November 1939.

During World War II, he served with the 40th Infantry Division, 323d Military Police Escort Guard Company and went to the Southwest Pacific with the 353d Engineer Regiment. He returned from overseas to attend OCS and was assigned to Camp Roberts upon commissioning.

Following World War II, Lieutenant Colonel Benson rejoined the 40th Infantry Division as a platoon leader in Company H, 160th Infantry, and later commanded the Medium Tank Company of the 160th Infantry. Called to active duty again with the Division for Korean duty, he served as the executive officer of Company E, 160th Infantry, Company Commander of Company H, 160th Infantry and as operations officer in the 40th Division Provost Marshal's office. He went to Korea with the Provost Marshal's office and later served a short period with the Tank Company of 160th Infantry prior to returning to the United States.

Returning to National Guard status he again assumed command of Medium Tank Company, 160th Infantry and held that command until he became a full-time technician with the National Guard. During his tenure as a technician, he has been Assistant S3, 981st Field Artillery Battalion, S3 of the 140th Tank Battalion and Combat Command C, S3 with the 3d Brigade, 40th Armored Division, Battalion Commander of the 6th Battalion, 185th Armor and 111th Reconnaissance Squadron, and Executive Officer of the 3d Brigade, 40th Armored Division. He assumed his present position on 29 March 1968.

He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, having completed the course in December 1963.

He has been the Captain of both the State and former 40th Armored Division Pistol teams since 1959 and holds the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge.

He and his wife Marjorie, with their two daughters now reside in Huntington Beach. Their two sons are residents of San Diego.







BRIGADE S4



MAJOR JOHN W. SAMPSON, JR.

Major J. W. Sampson, Jr. joined the Army in July 1944 and completed his basic training at Camp Roberts, California. Upon completion of basic training he was assigned as an instructor in Chemical Warfare at the Infantry Replacement Training Center. Following this assignment, he served in the Post G4 office assisting in the deactivation of Camp Roberts until his release from active duty in June 1946.

Major Sampson joined the 40th Infantry Division in April 1948. In June of that year he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. Infantry, and assigned to Company L, 223d Infantry Regiment. Activated with the Korean Conflict he served as Company Commander of L Company and S4, 1st Battalion, 223d Regiment. Returning from Korea Major Sampson assisted in the reforming of the 40th Infantry Division, California National Guard and served as S4 of the 223d Infantry Regiment.

With the redesignation of the 40th Division to armor, he served as the S4 of the 160th Infantry Battalion, Company Commander of the 40th Armored Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Assistant Provost Marshal, Transportation Officer, Assistant G5, and Assistant G4, 40th Armored Division. Major Sampson has served as the 40th Infantry Brigade S4 since its organization on 29 January 1968.

His decorations include the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, Korean Service Medal, and the State of California Medal of Merit.

Major Sampson has attended the Infantry Officer Career Course, Special Troop Transport and Embarkation Loading School, the Military Police Officer Career Course and the Nuclear Weapons Employment Refresher Courses. In addition to his other duties, Major Sampson is an instructor in tactics at the California Military Academy.

In civilian life, Major Sampson is associated with the Southern California Rapid Transit District. His tenure with them dates back to 1942.

He and his wife Juanita reside at 4058 North Bresee, Baldwin Park.



40th INFANTRY BRIGADE (Sep)



BRIGADE ADVISOR



#### LT. COLONEL CARLOS L. FRASER

Lieutenant Colonel Carlos L. Fraser enlisted in the Wyoming National Guard in May 1939. He was called to active duty with the 115th Cavalry Regiment in February 1941. After graduation from the Cavalry School Officer Candidate Course in October 1942, he was assigned to the Staff and Faculty of the Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kansas. Later he was assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific Theater where he commanded the 81st Reconnaissance Troop, 81st Infantry Division, in the Philippines and Japan.

During the first year of the Korean conflict, Lieutenant Colonel Fraser participated in five campaigns with the 1st Cavalry Division. His service in Korea took him from the initial withdrawal to the Pusan Perimeter, through the consolidation and exploitation to Unsan, North Korea, near the Yalu river, and then the subsequent withdrawal to the south when the Chinese Communists entered the conflict.

Lieutenant Colonel Fraser has completed two tours in Europe, the first being with the Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, United States Army Europe in Heidelberg, Germany, and the second with the 3rd Armored Division.

Lieutenant Colonel Fraser's last overseas tour prior to reporting to the 40th Armored Division in 1967, was as the Armor Advisor to the Army Commander, Turkish Second Army, with headquarters in Konya, Turkey.

Lieutenant Colonel Fraser served a previous tour with the 40th Armored Division during the period 1956-1959 as the Army Advisor to the 140th Tank Battalion in Pasadena, Calif.

His decorations and awards include the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal and Korean Presidential Citation.

Lieutenant Colonel Fraser, his wife and their two children reside at 15 Paradise Valley South, in Wilmington, California.