



GETTING READY—Maj. David Pierson of Torrance, with crew chiefs, Sgt. Bediansol (right) and SP-5 Paul Conser (top), preparing helicopter OH-23C for flight, during Air National Guard training at Camp Roberts.

Rotor Blades Replace Wings in 40th Armored Guard Unit

Wings have given way to rotor blades in the 40th Armored Division, now at Camp Roberts for summer training. The division is authorized 97 helicopters and six six-winged aircraft.

"Forty-five aircraft are actually assigned the new 140th Aviation Battalion," said Maj. David R. Pierson, division aviation officer and battalion commander, 3520 W. 187th St. "Twenty-four were assigned the unit during summer training."

In recent tactical developments the Army has found the helicopter capable of playing a vital role in combat. Units operating in Viet Nam have learned after experiencing losses in conflict that armed helicopters, used as a protective, covering force, can accomplish outstanding combat feats.

A new tactical operation is the use of the helicopter in vertical envelopment. This method differs from dropping armed paratroops by enabling the battalion to land a fully-armed infantry company behind enemy lines with minimum of casualties and confusion.

With the battalion's force of helicopters, numerous opportunities exist for men to

become aviators if physically qualified.

Training for helicopter pilots is a 10-month program. Maj. Pierson urges any man interested to contact the unit for information.

The aviation battalion, with units in Oxnard and Long Beach, plays an important role in civilian search and rescue operations. In 1961, men of the unit rescued a tourist from the Santa Clara River after his boat overturned.

During summer training the unit serves not only Camp Roberts and Hunter Liggett Military Reservation, but manages the aviation role at three Fort Irwin Camps. At a recent encampment, Maj. Pierson flew a man to Ford Ord for an emergency appendectomy.

"The 11 full-time personnel assigned the battalion including mechanics and technicians, are second to none, and surpass the mechanics whom I have seen on active duty," stated Maj. Pierson. "These men are supervised by Maj. James Flockhart, Capt. Ray Evans and Warrant Officer Richard Burt."

Two brothers, Captains Donald and Sandy Ross, both holders of the Distinguished Flying Cross, each have over 20 years military service. They have been pilots in the same organizations since joining the Army Air Corps in World War II. Maj. Pierson lives with his wife, Joy, and two sons and two daughters. He operates his own manufacturing business, known as Spacecraft Machine Products, which turns out military precision parts.

RESEARCH GRANT
The National Science Foundation has granted \$1,100,000 for development of permanent research and teaching facilities at UC's Bodega Marine Research Laboratory.



TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL AWARD — The Torrance-Lamita Board of Realtors at a breakfast meeting honoring members of community who have contributed to community welfare present

Mrs. Roy Apsey with award for her efforts as chairman of Torrance City Beautiful Committee. Presentation is being made by board president Kenneth Peters.

Deputy Takes Leave From Chace Office

Supervisor Burton W. Chace today announced that he has granted a temporary leave of absence to his chief deputy, Ernie Winter, who has managed the supervisor's office for more than ten years.

According to the supervisor, Winter, in addition to doing consulting work for several large business firms, will also be available as a consultant to the law firm of Musick, Peeler & Garrett.

Winter joined Chace's staff in 1953, and, in addition to his district-wide duties as chief deputy, personally represented the Harbor area.

He resides with his wife, LaVone, and three children, in San Pedro.

Chace indicated he will not make an interim appointment of chief deputy in his office during Winter's absence.

Secretaries to Hear Talk on Mental Health

Kurt Kurdi, president of Psychiatric Club of America, will address the South Bay Chapter, National Secretaries Association at their regular dinner meeting tomorrow.

A noted authority on mental health, Kurdi is the author of "How Great Is That Darkness," a novel based on his own personal experiences and observations.

Kurdi became interested in becoming a psychiatric nurse following the confinement of his terrified 15-year-old brother in a mental hospital.

In addition to writing and lecturing, Kurdi starred in the TV program, "The Untouchables." He played the lead in the show entitled, "I Was a Mental Patient for the FBI."

Donor of the John Kurdi Memorial Scholarship for outstanding psychology students, Kurdi believes that "the mentally healthy individual experiences fear, love, hate, jealousy, guilt, and worry, but he isn't overcome by them."

All secretaries in the South Bay area are invited to attend and may make reservations by calling Patt Bennett, Program Chairman, at 477-2051, or 671-8341.

The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Plush Horse Inn, 1700 South Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach, tomorrow.

YOUTH PROBLEMS

A long-range attack on the problems of underprivileged youth has been launched by Richmond, the UCB Survey Research Center and the Contra Costa Council of Community Services.

Witnesses to Convene

Russell D. Cantwell, who serves the Torrance congregation as circuit minister, has been called to assist in advance preparations for the "Everlasting Good News" assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses, to be held at Pasadena Rose Bowl Sept. 1-8.

Cantwell, former member of the Watchtower Society's headquarters staff, has been in the ministry 37 years. A veteran organist, Cantwell took an active part in the

administrative affairs at the New York international convention held at the Yankee Stadium and Polo Grounds in 1958, where a quarter of a million persons attended.

At the Pasadena assembly Cantwell will supervise the mass feeding of 70,000 delegates from 50 states and 34 countries.

"This will mean preparing some 400,000 meals during the eight days of the convention and will require 3000 volunteers to accomplish the task," he said.

Dick Woodward Drills in Summer

Cadet Richard D. Woodward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean D. Woodward, 21624 Madrona, is engaged in field training at Camp Buckner, N.Y. Cadet Woodward is a member of the Class of 1965 at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

During the summer training session, the cadets receive first hand knowledge of infantry skills needed for future military leadership.

The 18-year-old cadet is a 1962 graduate of Torrance High School.

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