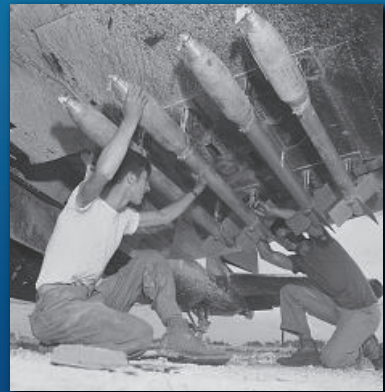


BORREGO MANEUVER AREA HISTORY



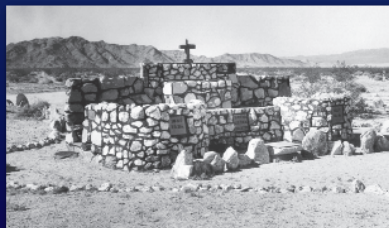
Borrego Maneuver Area

BMA land was obtained by the Department of the Army from the State of California by use permit around 1942. The Borrego Maneuver Area was active from 1942 until 1944, with the primary documented user being the Army Anti-Aircraft Training Center (AARTC) at Camp Callan, California, from 1943 to 1944. The Borrego Maneuver Area was declared excess to the needs of the AARTC and returned to the State of California in 1944.



Desert Training Center

General Patton created and commanded the largest training area ever in the USA, the Desert Training Center (DTC). The DTC was an 18,000 square-mile Army training ground used from 1942-1944. The DTC was also called the California-Arizona Maneuvers Area (CAMA). The DTC was initially established to train troops in desert survival and warfare, in anticipation of a battle with General Rommel's Africa Corps. During its brief history, over a million U.S. troops trained for combat here. Tanks were a primary fighting tool used at the DTC, and tanks tracks still mark much of today's landscape.



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