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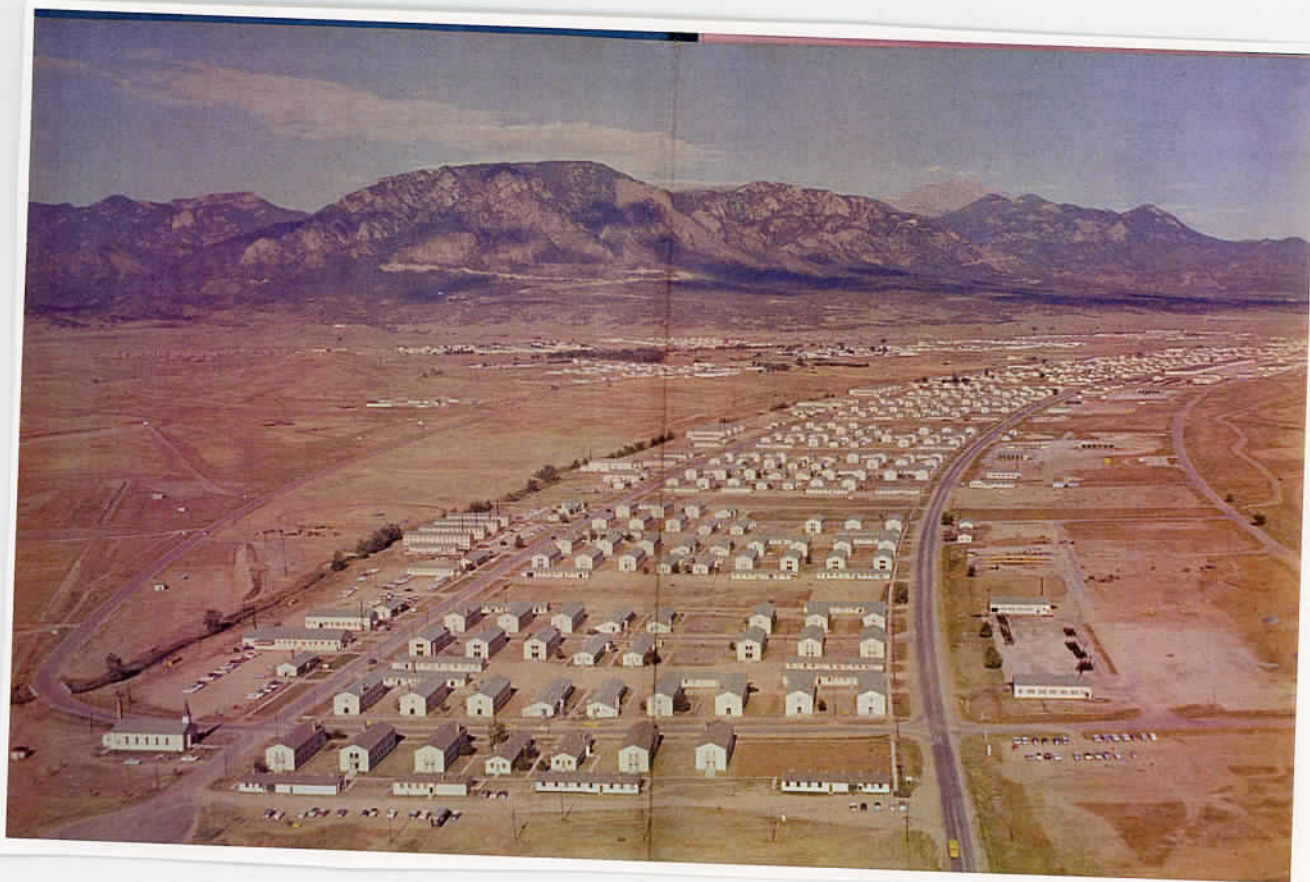
CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN  
FROM 1ST BN AREA



SERGEANT STRONG & MY "OFFICE"  
ON A FIELD MANEUVER



DICK BARNARD  
1962.



## Indian Bones In Foxhole

Two soldiers digging a foxhole at Fort Carson unearthed part of a human skeleton recently.

Pvt Richard I. Bernard and Lester R. Hardy were digging between two cedar trees on Horseshoe Hill when they found what appeared to be a piece of a skull about 15 inches below the surface. Further excavation uncovered more bone fragments and several teeth. The largest bone was a nine-inch section of forearm.

Dr Robert Z. Brown, professor of zoology at Colorado College, tentatively identified the bones as those

of a middle-aged female Indian about 5 feet, 3 inches tall. He said more of the skeleton would have to be recovered before an authoritative decision could be made.

Brown is seeking permission to go to the site with military help and recover the rest of the bones which he believes must still be in the area. He is conducting a carbon test on the bones to determine their exact age.

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HOUSTON: Here is the information I have on those bones that are human.

The bones were found 4 Sep 62 at the start of Battalion ATT. They were found at the following location. This may not be exact but Sergeant Abbadusky will know. General location is Horseshoe Hill generally west of Garrison. More specifically, the bones were located on the west side of horseshoe hill about 100 feet below the crest. The hole in which they were found has not been covered and lies in almost a direct line with the main hangar at Butts AAF on the east, and what appears to be a landslide of red sand or rock near the top of the escarpment to the west. The hole itself has a very old cedar tree very near to it to the front (facing west); and another cedar tree about 3 feet behind it. It is longest from north to south, about one foot deep, and has an indentation at the bottom front of the hole where the bones were found. This should generally locate the place of discovery.

The following few sentences will describe how we found the bones: After moving out Tuesday morning to start our Battalion ATT, Company C set up a CP on Horseshoe Hill. After camouflaging vehicles, Private Lester Hardy and myself were told to dig in. Hardy chose the spot a short ways up the hill and began to dig. We had been digging about an hour and were about a foot and a half down when the pick I was using came up with a piece of material that looked very similar to a piece of human skull. I showed the piece to Hardy and we both started to dig in earnest, not for the purpose of completing the hole but to see if we could find more bones.

Hardy went to work first, and we started to uncover many more bones, all of which were brown and very brittle. Some of them virtually turned topowder at touch. But we did recover several. Neither of us are very familiar with anatomy, but two of the teeth we uncovered bore a striking resemblance to human teeth. Also, we uncovered some ball and socket joints that were roughly the same size as we thought human bones would be. After digging for about one-half hour we stopped to eat some chow. During the interval, I showed the bones to several people, among them 1Sg Strong, SFC Coleman, and Sgt Abbadusky. All agreed that the teeth did look human. Sgt Abbadusky was very interested and he began to dig again with SFC Coleman looking on. He came up with more bones and would have continued but for an order to move out to a new location.

From all indications we did not uncover nearly all the bones as it appears that the bones we uncovered were only those from the upper part of the body. It appears that the body was facing towards the west with the head higher than the feet. As I said before, we uncovered the bones better than a foot below ground level. All the bones we uncovered were below the roots of a cedar tree and the remaining bones are almost directly under the tree.

From this point on Sergeant Abbadusky will be of more help to you than I can be. After we got back into Garrison, he took the two teeth to a dentist friend of his who told him the teeth were the first and third molars of a human being. He was then referred to a Professor of Archaeology at Colorado College, and, on showing the bones to this man, learned that the bones were human and at least 500 years old. This is the extent of my information. Sergeant Abbadusky can furnish you with more information and the names of the people who identified the "find". The bones are now in the top drawer of the Company file cabinet if you want them. Let me know what you find out, and if the story is published I would appreciate getting a few copies.