

14 Interesting construction detail of great importance. Three arches built at different angles from one column.

15&16 This is the old warehouse used now for classrooms and convent.

17 Ruins of tallow vats. This section of the old mission contained all the work shops. Tallow for mission use and for barter was made in these old vats, and hides were tanned near by. Dyeing, weaving and candle making shops were built in this area.

18 Smelter where metal was prepared for making old locks, keys, iron bars or any other needs of the time.

19 Little kitchen used by Indians.

20 Recent excavations show the foundation outlines, all that remain of the hospital, work shops and storehouse of early mission days.

21 Calabozo where unruly Indians were put as punishment.

22 Kitchen of Padres living quarters where meals were prepared for the Padres and any travelers who visited the mission. Note the interesting old Indian chimney on the roof above. This is the original chimney, and dates to earliest building days.

23 Note old hewn shelves, and the small piece of adobe and reed ceiling. This was the old store room for kitchen supplies.

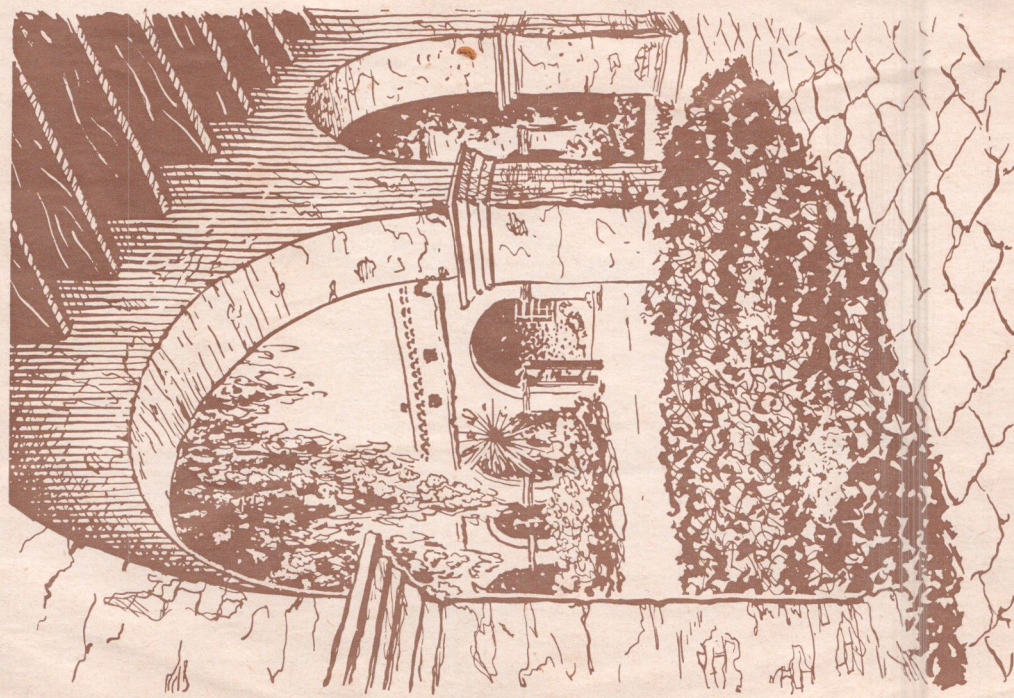
24 Note the erosion of time and weather on these old columns, and the holes in pavement caused by the dripping of the rain for over a century and a half.

25 The Padres living quarters. The fireplace was put in in 1866.

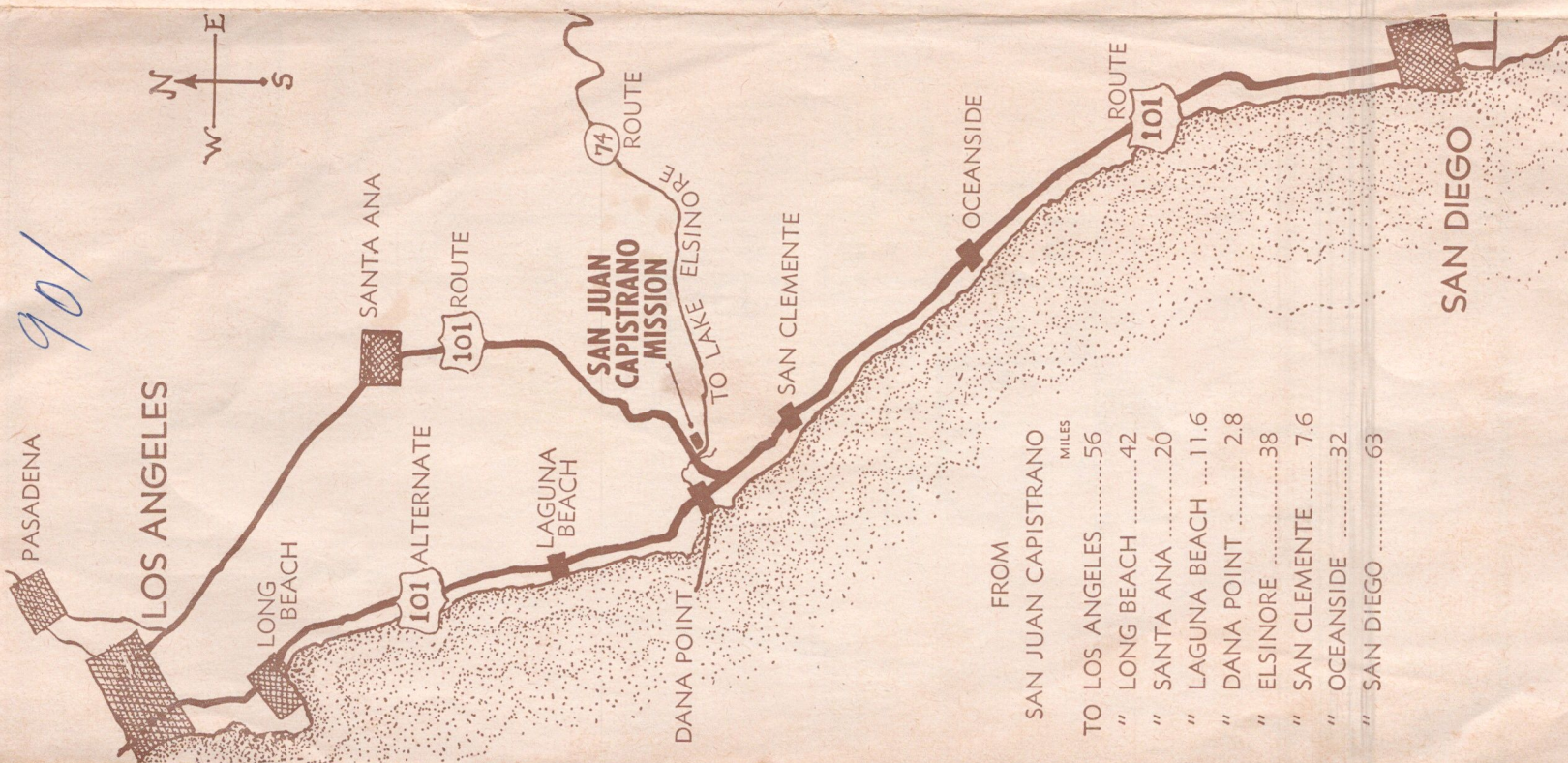
26 Old olive and grain crusher. Olive oil was made here during mission days, and was used in sanctuary lamp, in the mission kitchen for cooking purposes, and as an article of trade with other missions and with the outside world.

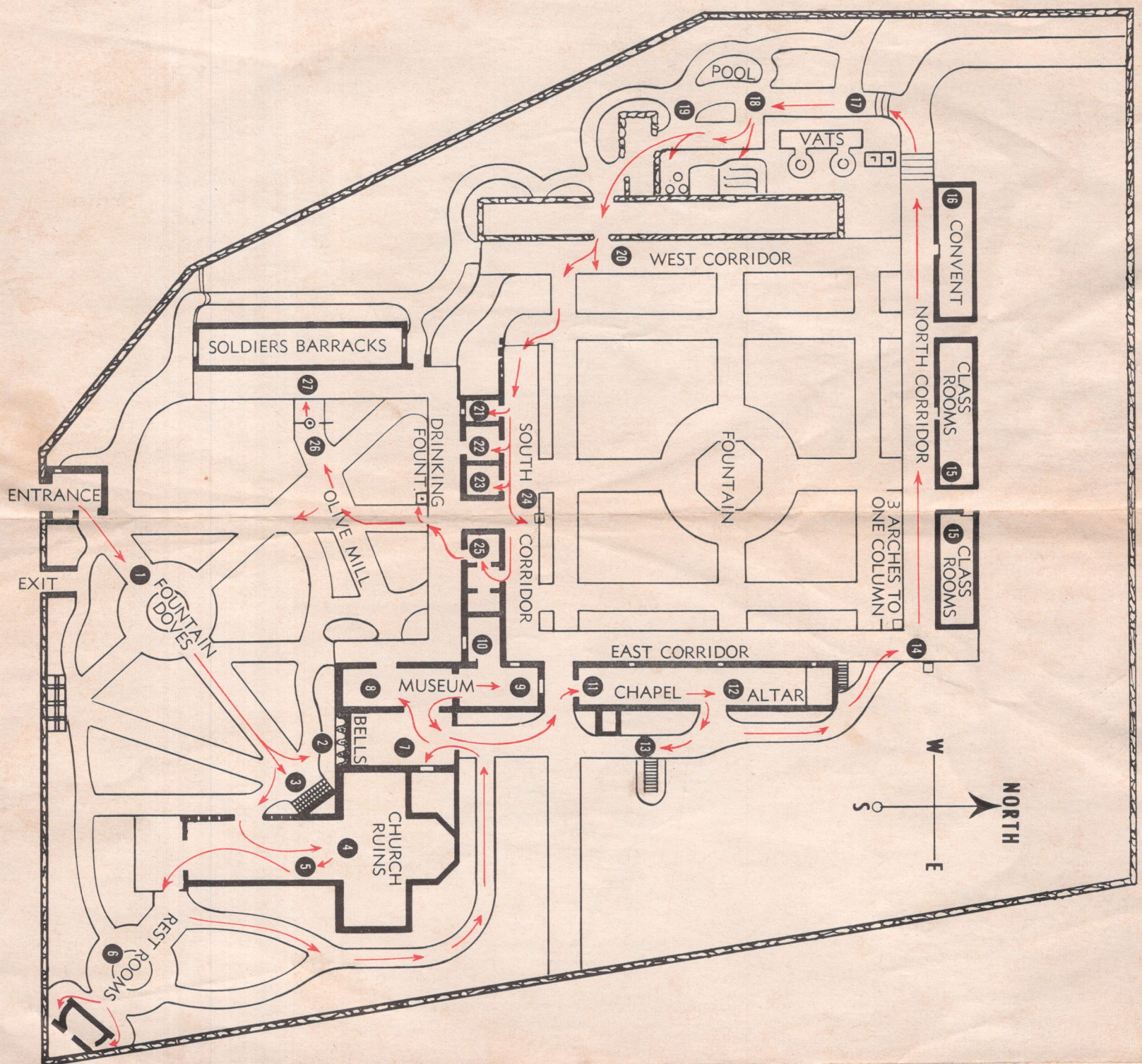
27 Soldiers Barracks. Each group of missionaries were assigned a small troop of foot soldiers to protect them on their travels through the wilderness and to serve as guards once the mission was built.

Old Mission San Juan Capistrano



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1 Fountain and the famous white doves of San Juan Capistrano who will greet you and eat from your hand.

2 Bells have hung in this Campanario since 1813. Originally, they were in the bell tower of the great stone church which was destroyed in 1812.

3 This statue is in honor of the founder of the missions, Junipero Serra.

4 Ruins of the great stone church. Construction was begun in 1797, and work continued for nine years. It was dedicated in 1806. The beautiful building was destroyed by earthquake just six years later.

5 Many of the nests of the famous swallows are to be seen on the side arch of the ruins of the great stone church. The swallows return from the southward every year on St. Joseph's Day, March 19th, and repair or rebuild these nests. They remain until late Summer when they leave for an unknown destination to the South.

6 Public Rest Rooms.

7 Sacred Garden. Note two fine old doorways opposite each other at this point. One opens into museum; the opposite one leads into the vestry of the old stone church. This is kept locked for the safety of the public.

8 Sales room for articles of devotion, ceramic souvenirs, pictures and post card view of the mission, and Indian jewelry. Proceeds of sales help to repair and maintain the old buildings and the gardens of the Mission.

9 Exhibit room. Formerly the community room where travelers of early mission days were entertained. Note unique ceiling of tile laid on beams, the deep recesses, barred windows, old tile floor, and great thickness of walls.

10 Vestment room. Old brocaded vestments, bell wheel, mad-raca, the hand carved wooden statues and other objects belonged to the original church.

11 This is the oldest building in California. The only remaining church in the State used by Junipero Serra. Contains one of two original confessionals, the old stations of the cross, the candlesticks, torches, processional cross, altar card frames, statues and pictures saved from the earliest days of the Mission. Original Indian decorations are preserved wherever possible. Building is narrow because no longer beams were obtainable in this area.

12 The beautiful Spanish altar, over 300 years old, came from Barcelona, Spain.

13 Old Indian cemetery.

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