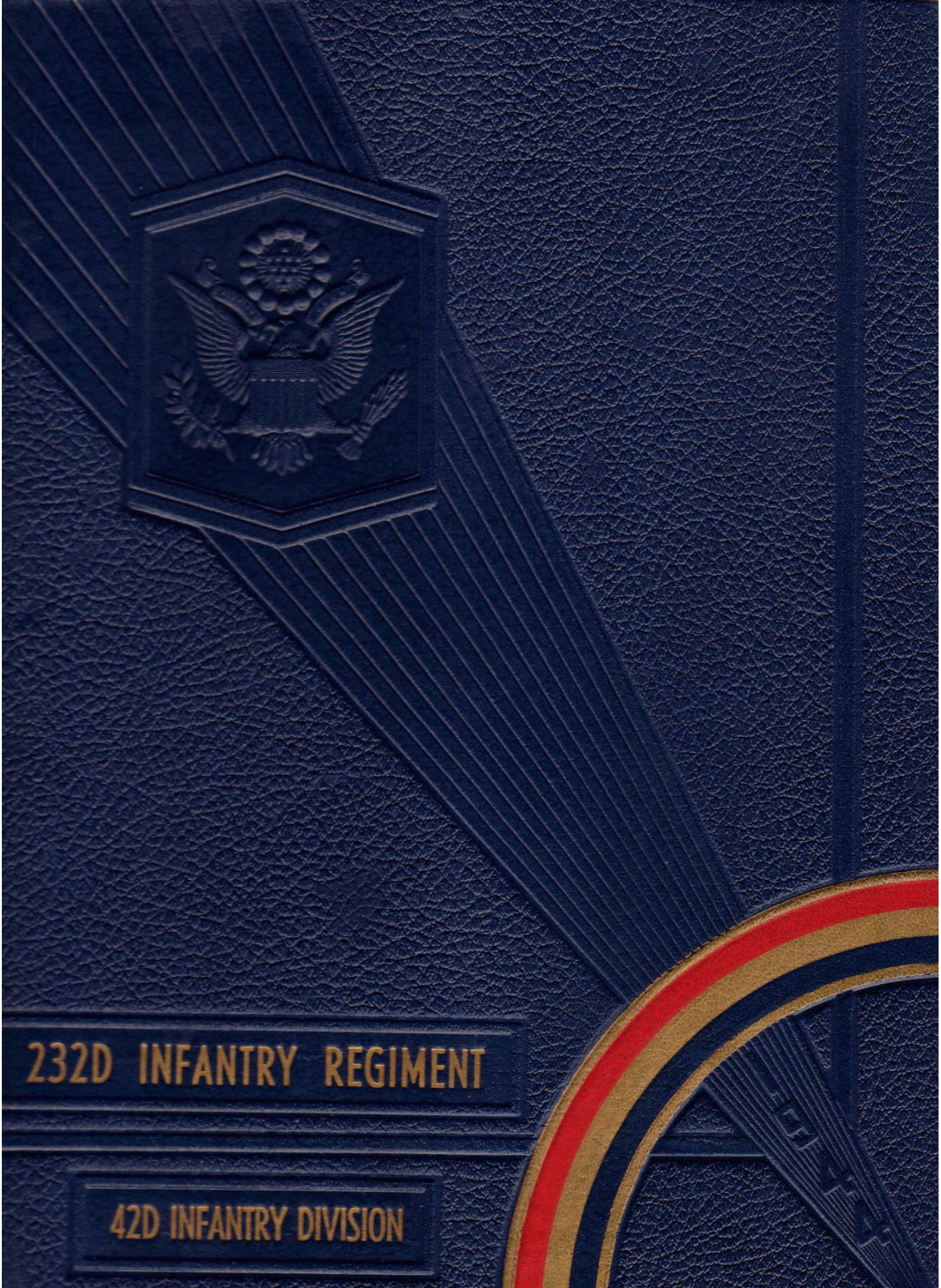
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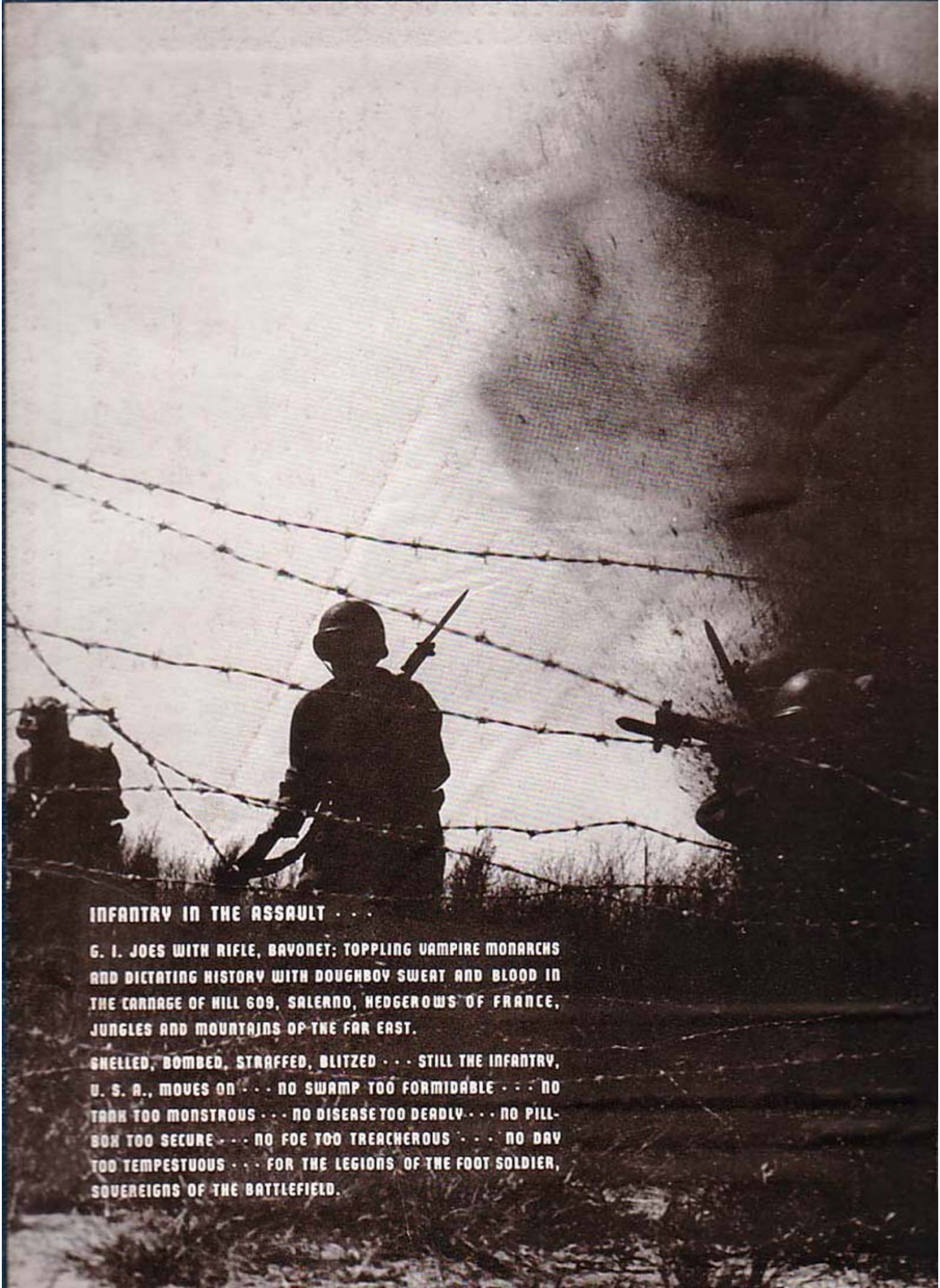
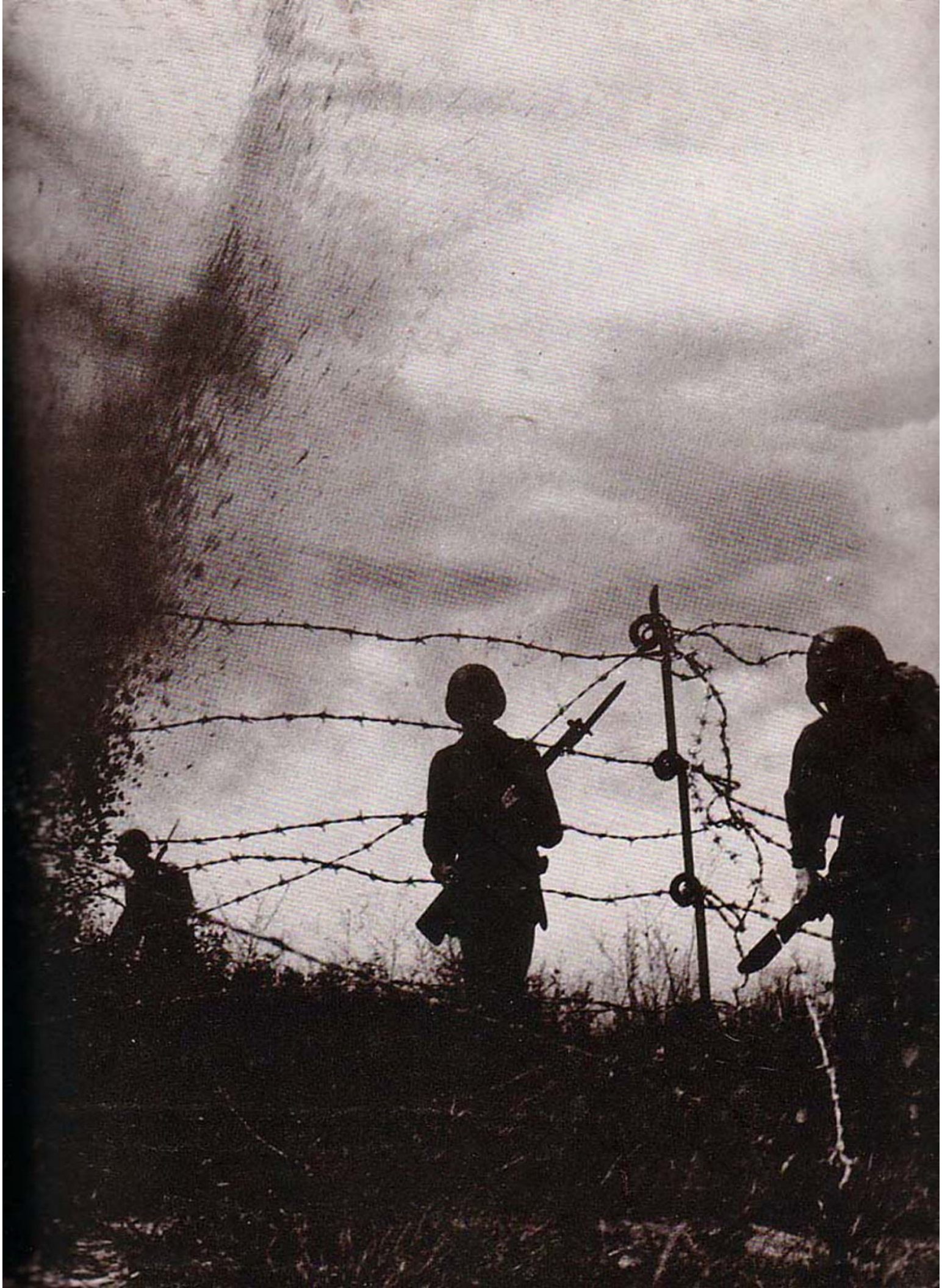


INFANTRY IN THE ASSAULT . . .

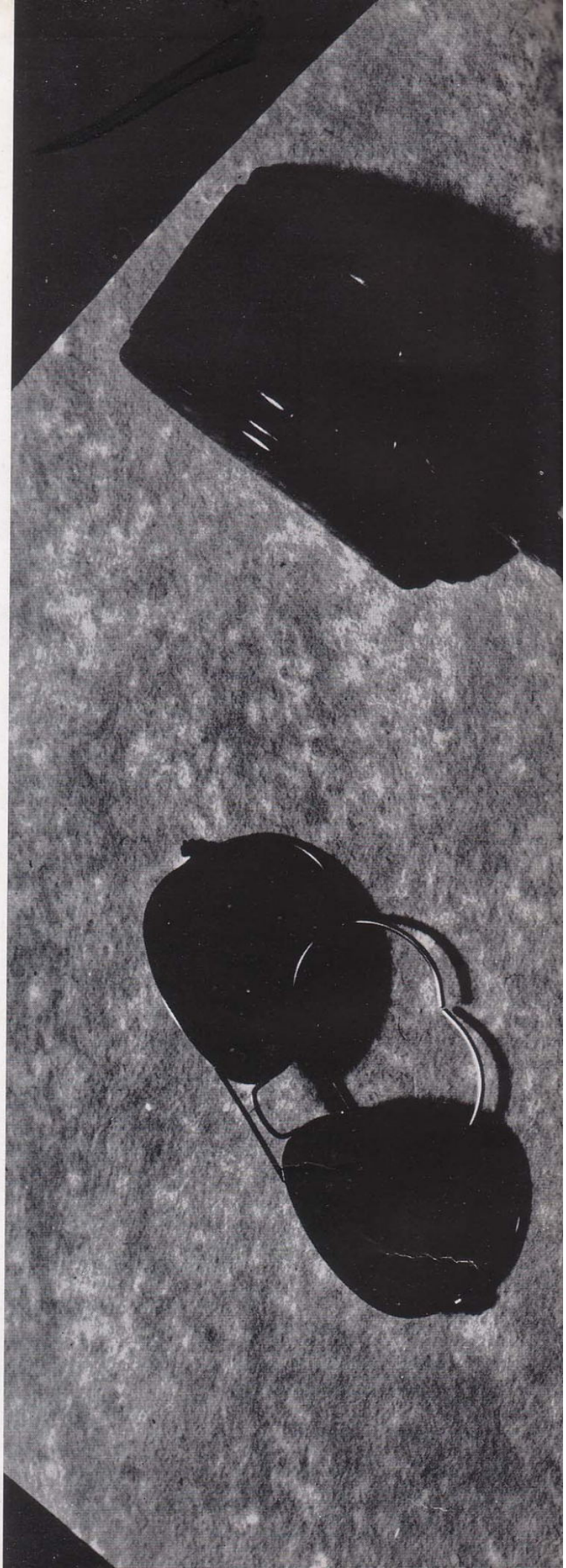
G. I. JOES WITH RIFLE, BAYONET; TOPPLING VAMPIRE MONARCHS AND DICTATING HISTORY WITH DOUGHBOY SWEAT AND BLOOD IN THE CARNAGE OF HILL 609, SALERNO, HEDGEROWS OF FRANCE, JUNGLES AND MOUNTAINS OF THE FAR EAST.

SHELLED, BOMBED, STRAFFED, BLITZED . . . STILL THE INFANTRY, U. S. A., MOVES ON . . . NO SWAMP TOO FORMIDABLE . . . NO TANK TOO MONSTROUS . . . NO DISEASE TOO DEADLY . . . NO PILL-BOX TOO SECURE . . . NO FOE TOO TREACHEROUS . . . NO DAY TOO TEMPESTUOUS . . . FOR THE LEGIONS OF THE FOOT SOLDIER, SOVEREIGNS OF THE BATTLEFIELD.





SPIRIT OF THE RAINBOW



HEADQUARTERS 42ND (RAINBOW) INFANTRY DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
Camp Gruber, Oklahoma

To: The Officers and Men of the Rainbow Division.

In the Cookson Hills of Oklahoma, your Division was reborn on the 14th of July, 1943, under the fatherly auspices of thousands of Rainbow Veterans (World War I Rainbow Division) from every State in the Union. From its inception, your Division has been extremely proud of its heritage and equally determined to add honor and glory to its already lustrous record.

Prior to its departure for overseas, your Division trained and sent to the various fighting fronts around the world a division and a half of fine, fighting men who, in the words of General McCoy, Rainbow Veteran, "were like a shot in the arm to the battle worn divisions in combat". And equal to this accomplishment, your Division, after each loss of its trained personnel, regrouped again and again and drove ahead in its training, never faltering for a moment in its determination to become again a fine, organized fighting team.

What you will do in combat is a foregone conclusion and presents no problem to me. Soldiers imbued with the spirit of the Rainbow, alert, proud, aggressive, disciplined and well-trained need but the chance to show their mettle. I have every faith and confidence in you.

Soldiers of the Rainbow, carry on! The eyes of the world are upon you.

HARRY J. COLLINS
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

HARRY J. COLLINS

MAJOR GENERAL

Commanding General, 42d Infantry Division

Major General Harry J. Collins has commanded the 42d (Rainbow) Infantry Division since its activation July 14, 1943. He was its original commanding general, having been chosen to take command in April, 1943.

General Collins was born December 7, 1895, at Chicago, Illinois, the son of John Charles Collins of El Paso, Illinois, and Margaret Theresa Coyle Collins of Bloomington, Illinois. He was educated at the Western Military Academy, Alton, Illinois, and the University of Chicago, leaving the University in May, 1917, to attend the First Officers' Training Camp. Upon graduation from the OTC, he was commissioned Provisional 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, August 15, 1917, and 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Regular Army, October 26, 1917. His chronological list of rank held follows:

First Lieutenant, 1919; Captain, 1920; Major, 1935; Lieutenant Colonel, 1940; Colonel, 1941; Brigadier General, 1942; Major General, 1943.

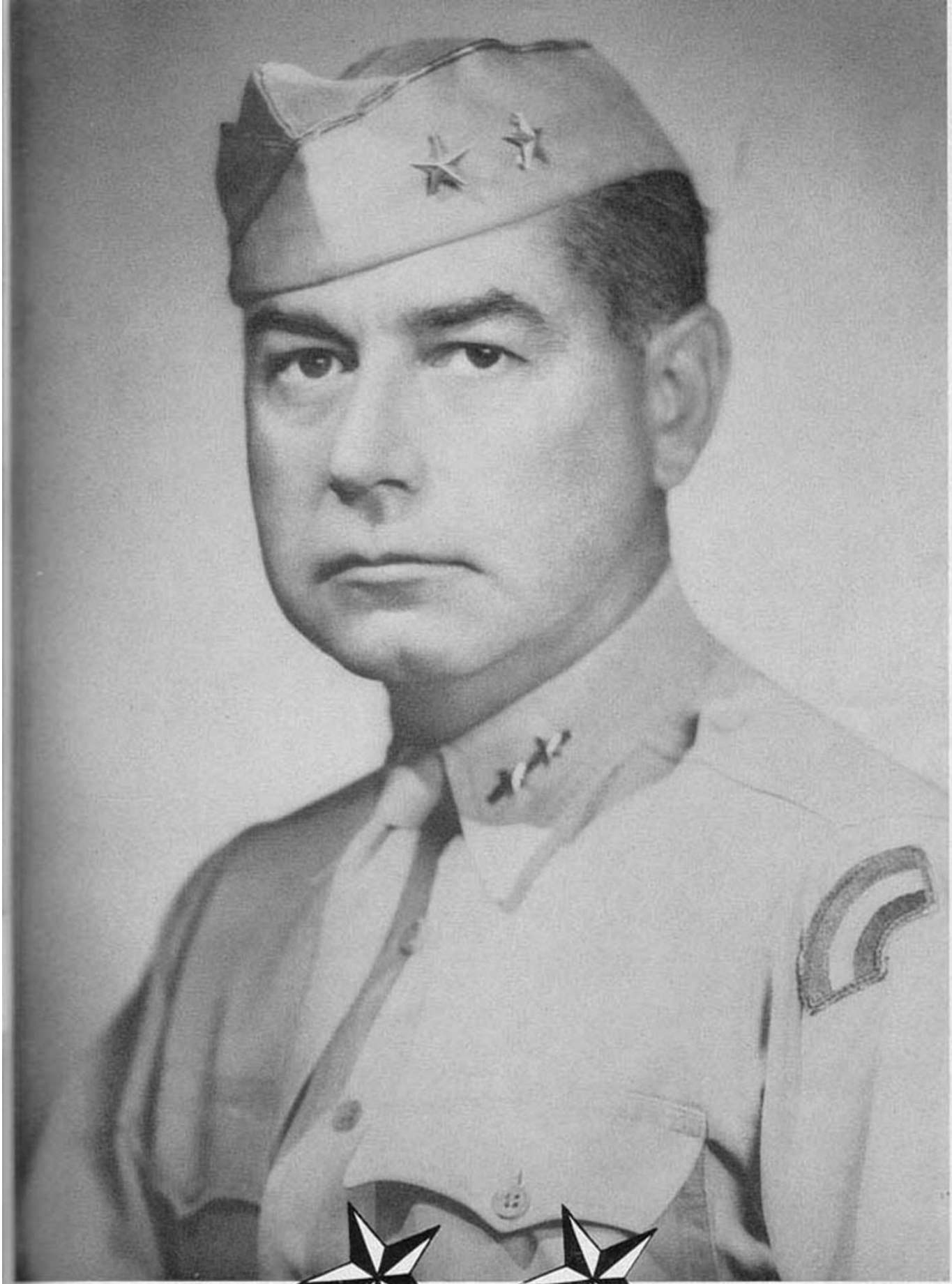
Among duties performed by General Collins during his service are the following:

Company Officer and Staff Officer, 3d U. S. Infantry, 1917-1922; Company Commander, 19th Infantry, 1922-1925; Instructor, The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, 1926-1927-1928-1929; Senior Instructor, First Corps Area, Machine Gun School, 1929; Senior Instructor, Second Division (3d Brigade) Machine Gun School, 1931; Senior Instructor, Second Division (4th Brigade) Machine Gun School, 1932; Commanding Officer, Hawaiian Department Service Command (Maui District) 1936-1937; Commanding Officer, Hawaiian Department Service Command (Hawaiian District) 1937-1938; Battalion Commander and Executive Officer, 7th U. S. Infantry, 1939; Reconnaissance of Alaska, 1939; General Staff (Assistant G-3) 6th Infantry Division, 1939-1941; temporary duty, GHQ, 1940; Military Observer with British Army in United Kingdom, 1941; General Staff (G-2) IV Army Corps, 1941-1942; Commanding Officer, 354th Infantry, 89th Infantry Division, 1942; Assistant Division Commander, 99th Infantry Division, 1942; Commanding General, 42d Infantry Division, 1943.

As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, IV Army Corps, General Collins was intelligence officer for IV Corps during its maneuvers against First Army in the Carolina Maneuver Area in the fall of 1941.

General Collins is a graduate of the following Service Schools and institutions: The Infantry School, Basic and Advanced Courses, Fort Benning, Georgia; Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; The Chemical Warfare School, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland; and the Army War College, Washington, D. C.

He married Maudie Alice McAlpin of Eagle Pass, Texas. They have one daughter, Patricia Coyle Collins Berg, whose husband, Captain M. Griffith Berg, Infantry, of the Regular Army, took part in the defense of Bataan and is now a prisoner of the Japanese.



Headquarters

42d Infantry Division

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To My Staff Officers:

The basis of dependable staff work is neither magic nor airy "big picture"-dreaming; nor is it tremendous genius or brilliance of mind; it is simply plugging at the job until every conceivable circumstance has been foreseen and examined—not by guess work—not by a "rough estimate"—but by careful, detailed checking, and by laborious, precise calculations.

It is bad for a staff officer to make an error in his estimates: it is practically unforgivable if he fails to use enough initiative or foresight to be ready for whatever happens; but the staff officer who fails most miserably is the one who "dabbles". Anyone can dive into the pool and come out wet, but I want staff officers who dive in and stay in until they are SATURATED, until they know all that anyone else knows and a large percentage more to boot.

HARRY J. COLLINS,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.



HENNING LINDEN

BRIGADIER GENERAL

Assistant Division Commander



GILES R. CARPENTER

COLONEL, F. A.

Division Artillery Commander

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BURNS BEALL

COLONEL, G. S. C.

Chief of Staff

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ROY N. WALKER
LIEUTENANT COLONEL

FREDERICK W. COLEMAN, III
LIEUTENANT COLONEL



JOHN C. F. TILLSON, III
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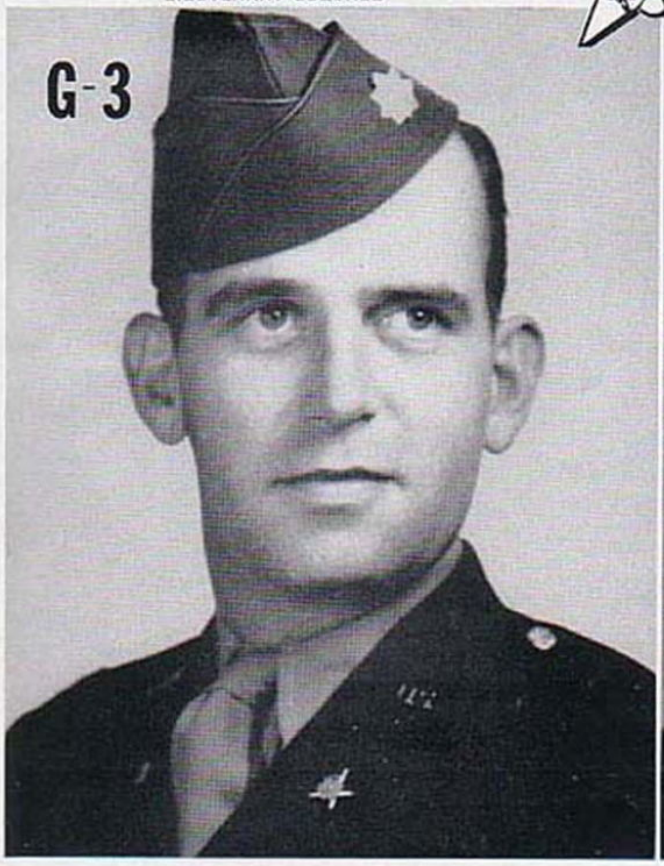
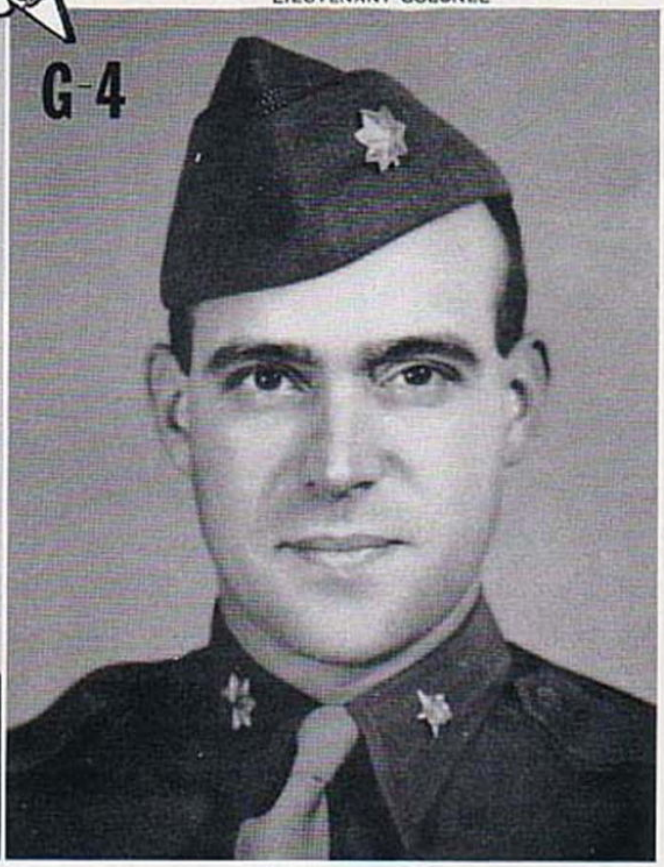
LIEUTENANT COLONEL







FREDERICK B. ALEXANDER, JR.
Captain
Assistant G-2



CLYDE M. DILLENDER, JR.
Major
Assistant G-3



DONALD W. SWIHART
Major
Assistant G-4



ALBERT J. KITZ
Captain
Liaison Officer, G-3 Section



KENNETH W. SMITH
Captain
Assistant G-1



FRANCIS H. GREGG
First Lieutenant
Assistant G-2



JOHN F. KUZNICKI
Captain
G-3 Section



NEWMAN R. DONNELL
Captain
Assistant G-2



D. M. ANDREWS
Captain
Assistant G-3



VAUGHN E. EVANS
Major
G-3 (Air)

GENERAL STAFF SECTION

SPECIAL STAFF



THEODORE C. ARGUE
Lieutenant Colonel
Division Ordnance Officer



WILLIAM S. BAGNALL
Lieutenant Colonel
Division Surgeon



ELLIS O. DAVIS
Lieutenant Colonel
Division Engineer



LYMAN S. GARDNER
Lieutenant Colonel
Division Signal Officer



JAMES D. TANNER
Lieutenant Colonel
Division Adjutant General



GLENN E. TURNER
Lieutenant Colonel
Division Finance Officer



EDGAR M. ALSTAD
Major
Division Inspector General



AUBREY E. AUSTIN, JR.
Major
Division Maintenance Officer



LISLE BARTHOLOMEW
Major
Division Chaplain



JACK L. CHUMLEY
Major
Division Neuropsychiatrist



JOHN W. DENNY
Major
Assistant Adjutant General



JAMES GARNETT, JR.
Major
Division Judge Advocate



HARVEY H. GRICE
Major
Division Chemical Officer



STANLEY A. McHUGH
Major
Division Provost Marshal



ORVILLE H. RIGGS
Major
Division Dental Surgeon

SECTION ★ ★



HOWARD SLADE
Major
Division Special Service Officer



WILLIAM E. BERGFELDER
Captain
Assistant G-1



JAMES A. CONNETT
Captain
Assistant Chaplain



ROGER W. CUTLER, JR.
Captain
Aide-de-Camp



MORRIS FITERMAN
Captain
Division Medical Inspector



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Assistant Quartermaster



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TURNER C. McNEESE
Captain
Assistant Finance Officer



JOHN N. EMBLER
First Lieutenant
Assistant Judge Advocate



GEORGE F. HOWE
First Lieutenant
Assistant Adjutant General



ROLAND A. LeMAY
First Lieutenant
Division Classification Officer



RODERICK A. STAMEY, JR.
First Lieutenant
Executive Officer, Division Surgeon's Office



ROBERT B. WOODWORTH
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Assistant Chemical Officer



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Assistant Adjutant General



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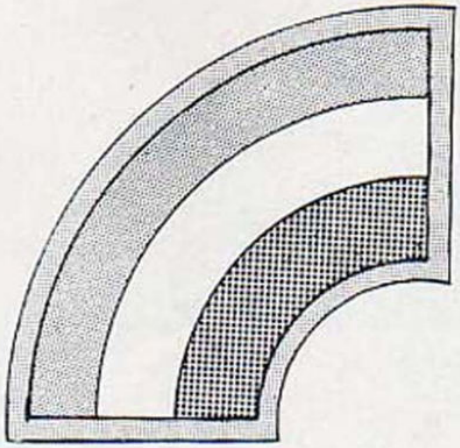
★ History of the 42d



In the spring of 1917, the War Department authorized the formation of the 42d Infantry Division composed of National Guard units from 26 States and the District of Columbia. The concentration of these units was accomplished during the period from the 20th of August to the 13th of September, 1917, at Camp Mills on Long Island. The War Department's plan was to form a truly representative American Division and to "bring the war home" to people all over the country.

It was Douglas MacArthur, then Colonel, and newly appointed Chief of Staff of the Division, who inspired the name of "Rainbow" when he said it would span the nation like a rainbow. The Rainbow Division it became. More than that, its quickly kindled spirit of comradeship and valor became a flame of encouragement to the waning allied cause in early 1918.

The Rainbow was one of the first American divisions to be sent to France, and its record in battle stood second to none by the time the pomp of Prussia had been smashed in November of 1918.

The first units of the Rainbow Division sailed from Hoboken, N. J., on the 18th of October, 1917, arriving in France November first. In late February, 1918, the Division entered the trenches in a quiet sector—to finish its training under battle conditions. The sector did not remain quiet for very long.

But it was in the great Champagne-Marne defensive that the Rainbow met its first real test. It was there, in a bitter and merciless struggle that began just before midnight on the night of 14-15 July, 1918, that the last great German offensive was beaten back, the attacking power of the Hun crippled beyond repair for the duration of hostilities. And in that epic battle, the Rainbow played perhaps the most important role of its existence. For green American soldiers had proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that they could more than hold their own

General Douglas MacArthur, now Commander in Chief of the Southwest Pacific Area, First Chief of Staff, later Commander of the 84th Infantry Brigade, and for a short time Division Commander.



Infantry (Rainbow) Division ★

against the veterans of the Kaiser's vaunted army. The tide had turned!

From that time forward, the battle of the trenches became a thing of the past; it was open warfare, driving, offensive, American-style warfare from then until the climax in November. And throughout those relentless months of smashing attack the Rainbow was always in the van; across the Ourcq, into the St. Mihiel Salient, and then the unbelievable cracking of the massive Kriemhilde Stellung in the Meuse-Argonne offensive, and on to the gates of Sedan. That is the battle record, and that and the lists of casualties tell the story.

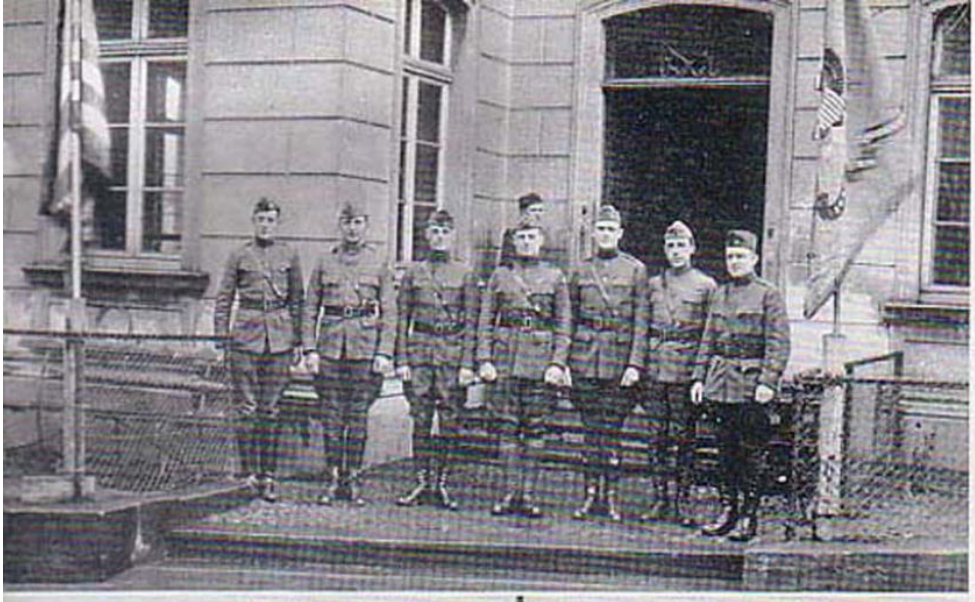
The authorized strength of the division was approximately 28,000 and 20,000 replacements were required to maintain that strength. Of the total of 48,000 men and officers who served in the Rainbow, 2,810 were killed or died of wounds, and 11,873 were wounded in action; a total of 14,683 casualties, over half of the authorized strength of the division, and roughly 1/16 of all the casualties received by the American Army overseas.

The division was 176 days in the face of the enemy, a record exceeded by only two other U. S. Divisions. It served 4 1/2 months after the Armistice as part of the Army of Occupation.

But that record, glorious as it is, does not explain the entire story of the Rainbow. It does not explain the legend of significance and good luck that came into being when "the promise in the sky" was seen overhead before every major engagement; it does not explain the living spark of patriotism and good fellowship that has kept Rainbow veterans together year after year

DEBARKATION OF RAINBOW DIVISION, ST. NAZAIRE, FRANCE, NOV. 3, 1917









Street Scene showing guard.

THE 42D IN WORLD

Above top: The Regimental Staff of the 165th Infantry, 42d Division. Above bottom: Men of the Ambulance Company washing their clothes in a French Canal, watched by friendly French Soldiers; Rolampont, France, February 10, 1918.

"American Watch on the Rhine" Rainbow Division Sentries on waterfront in Nieder Briesig, Germany, December 19, 1918.





Ecury-sur-Coole, France, June 28, 1918.

DIVISION WAR I ★





Above top: Street scene at Coulvagny, France, 42d Division Artillery, June 28, 1918.
Above bottom: Parade of 165th Infantry in New York.

Major General Charles Menoher and Colonel (now General) Douglas MacArthur, Chief of Staff, 42d Division.



Patrol of Infantry entering presumably evacuated town in search of hidden machine-gun nests and prisoners. Lemarche en Woevre, France, September 14, 1918.





CHARLES P. SUMERALL
Lieutenant General
Former Commander, 67th F. A. Brigade



JOHN S. DEWITT
Lieutenant General
First Division G-4

—as solidly and as loyally as in those days of a quarter-century ago when they fought shoulder to shoulder on the bloody soil of France.

Those things cannot be explained, but they have grown and prospered in the hearts and minds of the veterans and new soldiers of the Rainbow until they have become treasured possessions. All these things—the tradition, color and record of the Rainbow, the courage, endurance, and will-to-win which characterized its every act, were symbolically entrusted to the care of the new personnel of the unit at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, on 14 July, 1943. On that day, the Rainbow Division was reactivated for service in World War II. Under the command of Major General Harry J. Collins the Division began its training immediately.

During the year and one half that the Rainbow Division was at Camp Gruber it trained over seventeen thousand officers and men who were used as replace-

Prisoners passing thru town on their way to the stockade at Menil-la-Tour. The Americans in foreground are of the 42d Division. This town was 42d Division Headquarters at the time. Anseuville, Meurthe et Moselle, France, September 15, 1918.

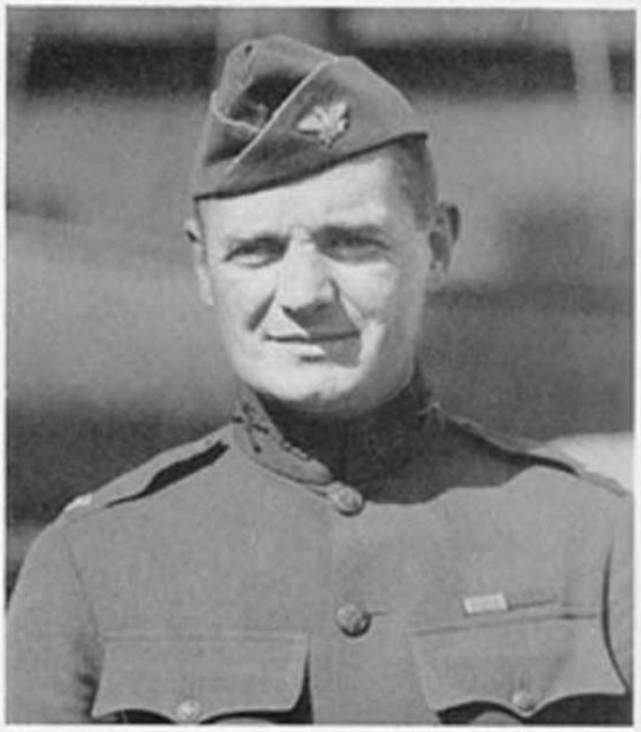


42d Division Infantry in front line trenches at Nerviller, France, May 10, 1918.





CHARLES MENOHER
(Deceased)
Major General
Former Division Commander



WILLIAM J. DONOVAN
Brigadier General
Former Commander 165th Infantry, (The Fighting 69th)

ments in sorely pressed units already fighting overseas. These men were, as Major General Frank R. McCoy stated, "like a shot in the arm" to the units whose tired men they replaced.

The 42d Infantry (Rainbow) Division is fighting overseas in World War II with the same flaming spirit which characterized the Rainbow's campaigns of 1917-1918, and which won the admiration of soldiers all over the world. In this tradition, the personnel whose pictures are contained herein went forth to fight—for their country, their ideals, and for their Division.

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The official insignia of the 42d Infantry Division depicts a Rainbow in colors and shape. It was designed and adopted late in 1918 and is based on the designation given to the Division by its Chief of Staff, General (then Colonel) Douglas MacArthur when he said, because of the All-American organization of the unit, "it would span the nation like a rainbow."

The design of the insignia is composed of the predominating colors of the rainbow, red, gold and blue descending from the upper left in the form of a quarter circle.

Throughout its illustrious history, the 42d Infantry Division has had the Rainbow in the sky as its guiding light and omen of good fortune. It is a legendary fact that a rainbow has appeared immediately prior to the entrance of the division into any important engagement.

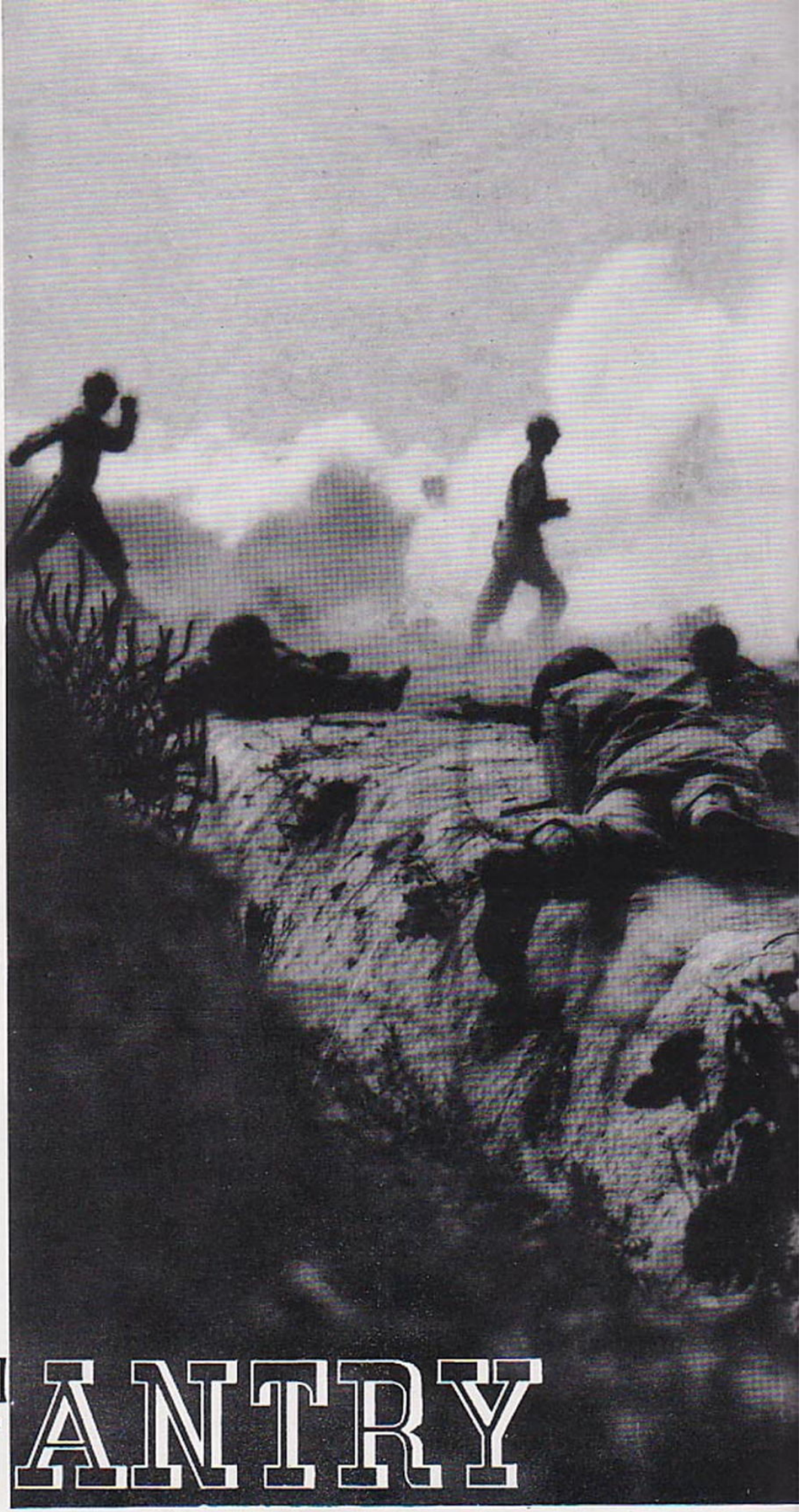
Camouflaged guns which are absolutely invisible to aircraft. Camp near St. Etienne, France, July 4, 1918.



42d Division Field Artillery, St. Pole, France, May 1, 1918.







INFANTRY

222 ★ 232 ★ 242







World's best fighting team... the infantryman and his rifle.





Expert mortar fi
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The best fighting team in
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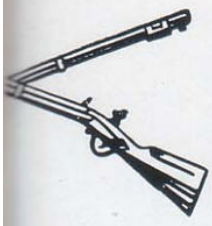
fire he fights; with courage and intrepidity he
the infantrymen of the 42d Division—trained to







the world—the infantry-
seen here in action. Mov-
action, the queen of bat-
and clean up the enemy
found. With flame and
moves ahead through death to victory. Such are
win victory and again know peace.











Always moving up, by whatever means are most expedient, fighting with mind and body, as an individual and as part of the unit, the men of the Rainbow go in for the kill.



















There can be no end to military training than that of efficient battle operation geared to the defeat of the enemies of this country. Only by instilling

this idea day after day into the training period, can the work of the soldier be made real and purposeful—"Let no boy's soul say, 'Had I the proper training' "!









ARTILLERY

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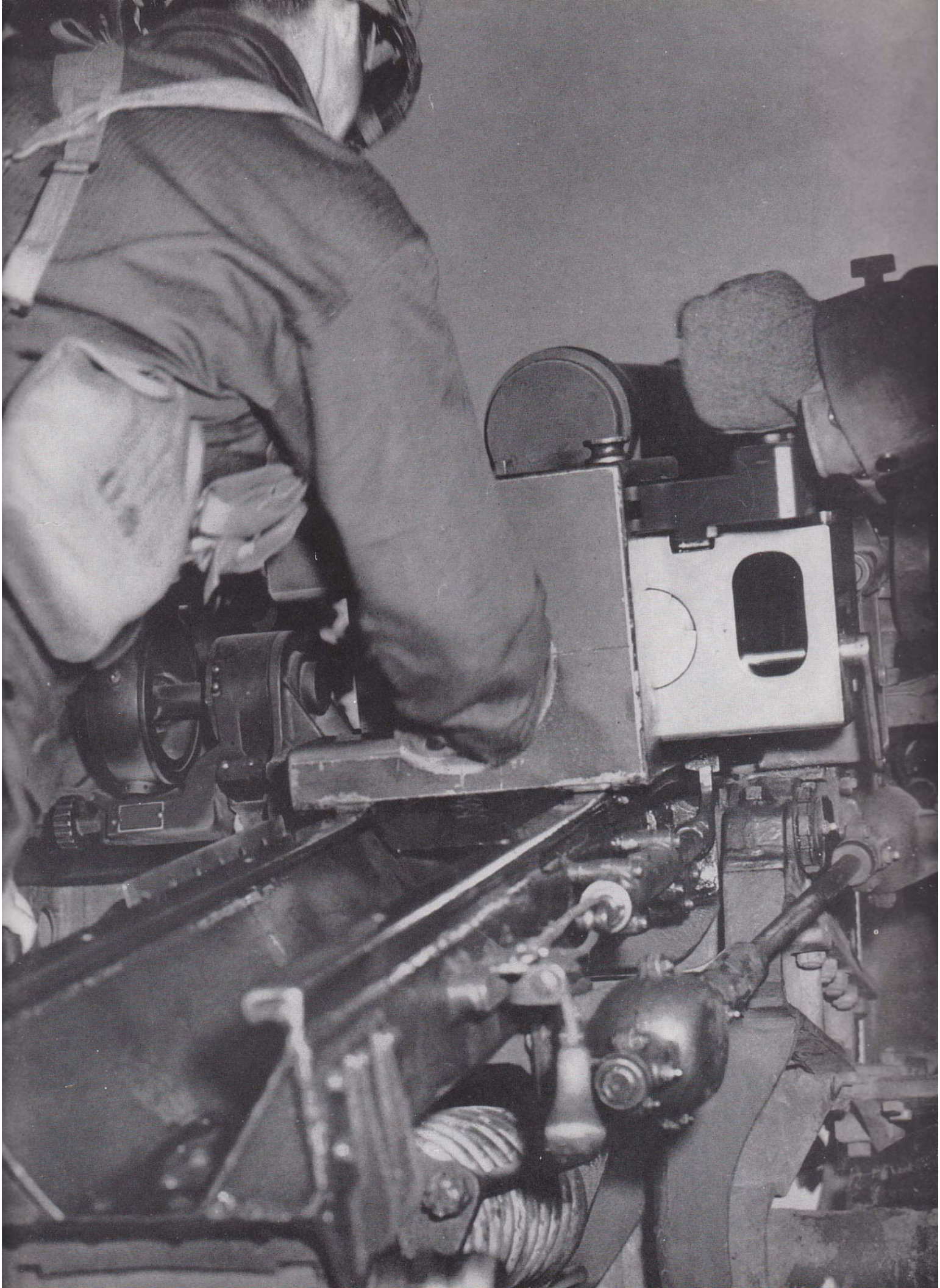
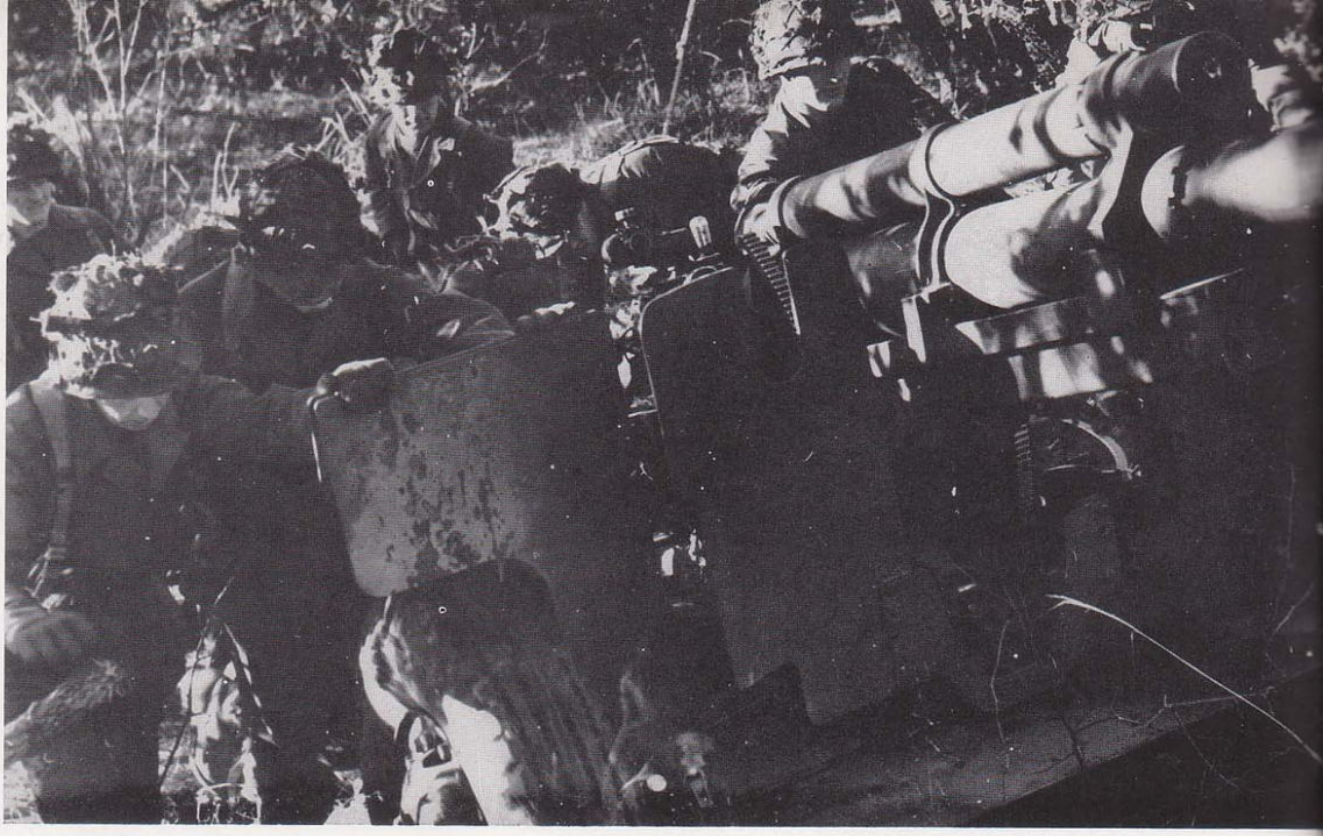
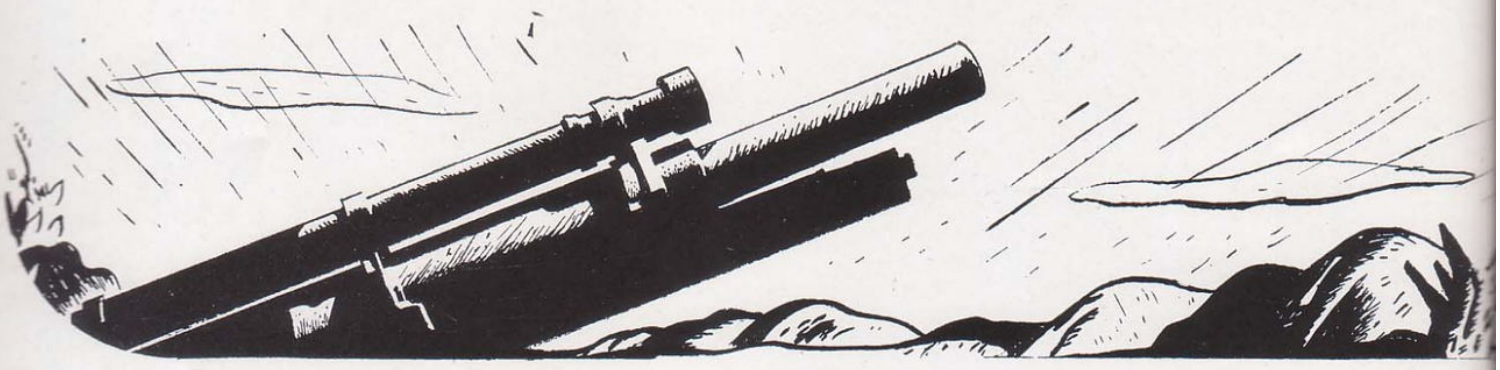




The 105 howitzer is manhandled into position.

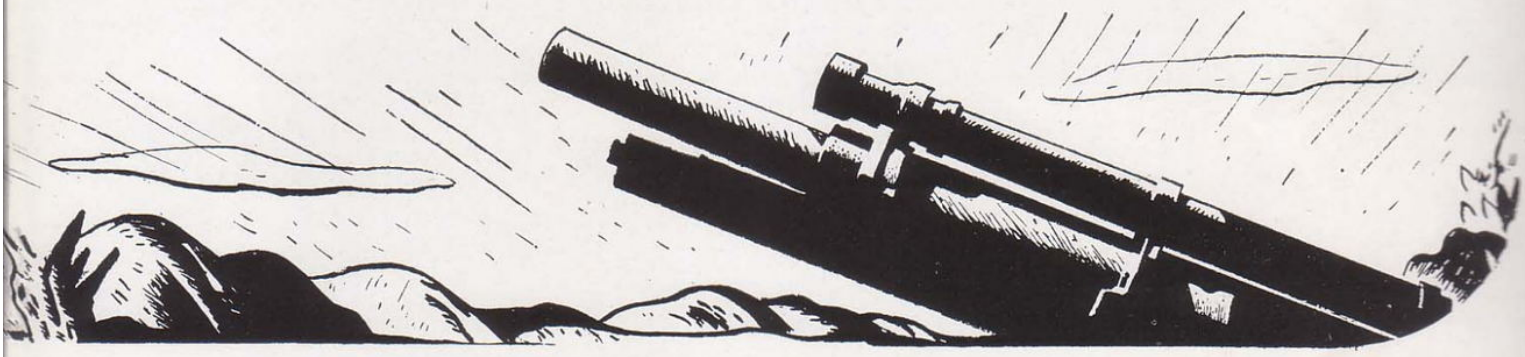




Setting the time on 105 Ammo.



Number One
Ready to Fi





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Up front, observing fire.



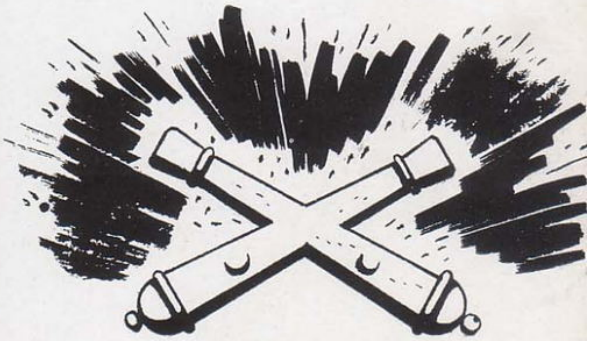
105 Howitzer shell exploding.



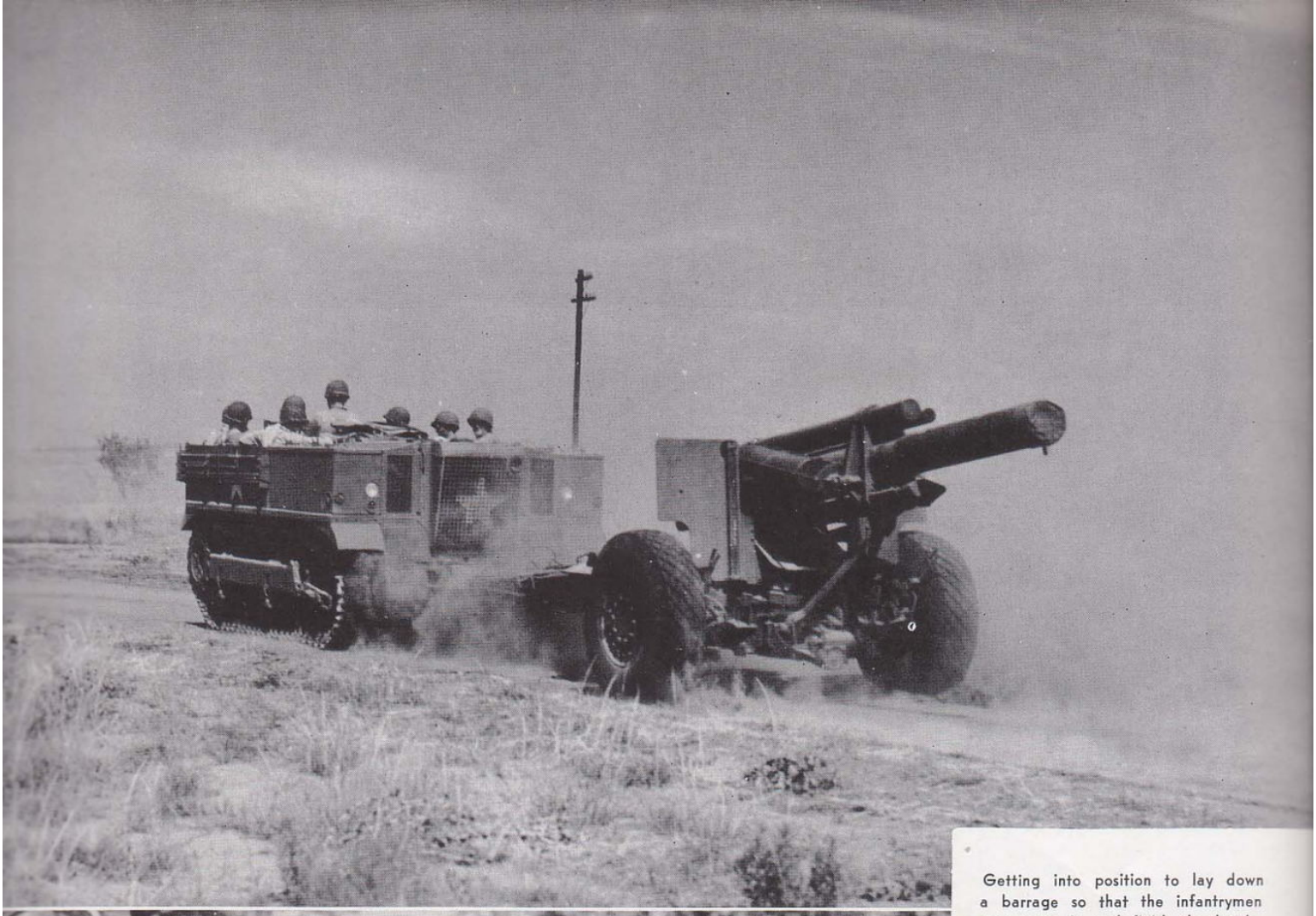




Forward observation post using prismatic compass.



Passing the 105 Howitzer ammunition.

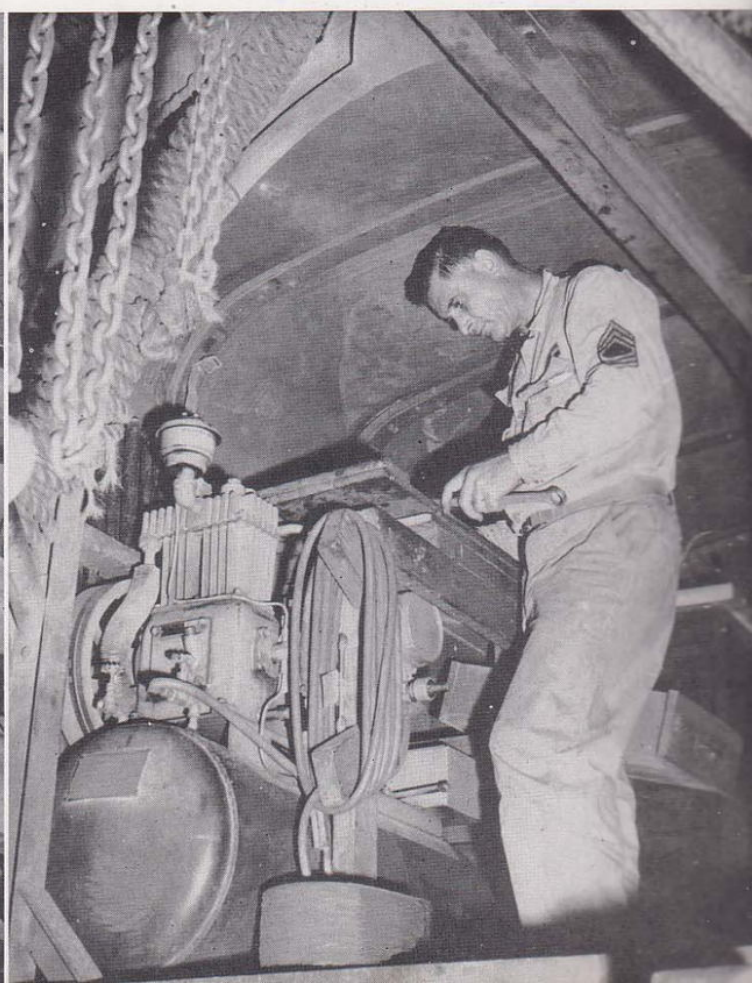


Getting into position to lay down a barrage so that the infantrymen may move in and finish the battle.

Overhead observation, supplied by the eyes of the Artillery in Piper Cubs.

Maintenance of equipment at all times, in the field, and at the post, means that the Artillery fire power is ever potent.







The Bulldozer clears an area . . . note the covering action of the Engineers.

ENGINEERS



Manhandling the girder into position.



This bridge will soon be ready for use by the incoming Artillery and Infantry.

FIGHTERS · BUILDERS · WRECKERS

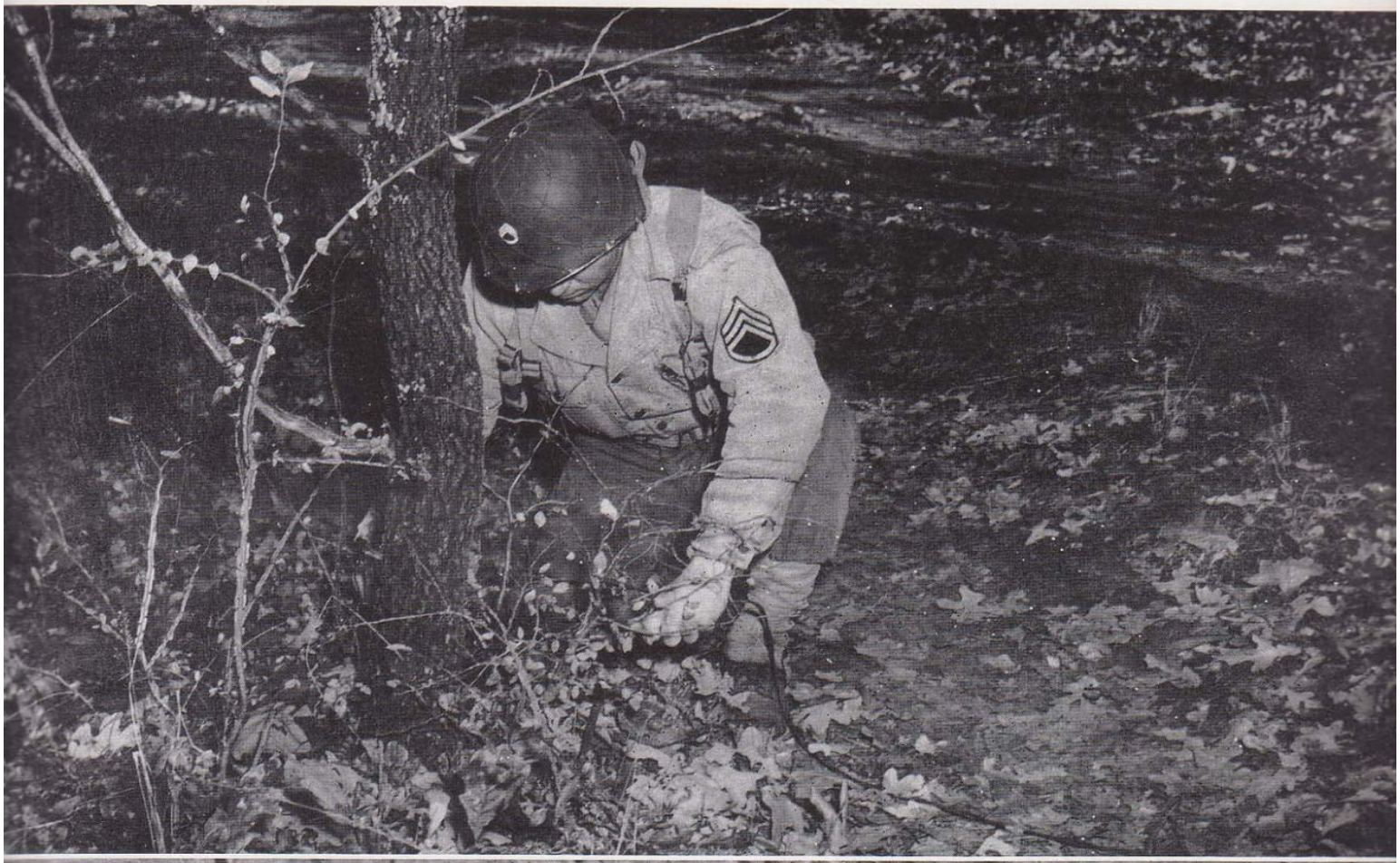


The barbed wire entanglement ahead will dissolve into nothing from the Bangalore Torpedo being carried into place by the Division Engineers.

SIGNAL



"Get the Message through" . . . that's the working code of the Signal Corps. Often assigned to extremely dangerous and hazardous tasks, these signalmen are responsible for the fluidity of communications. Some of the Signalmen of the Rainbow have had experience in civil life, some have not, but all of them are fighting men, trained to the highest degree, cognizant of the importance of those words—"Get the Message through"!







Cavalry Reconnaissance



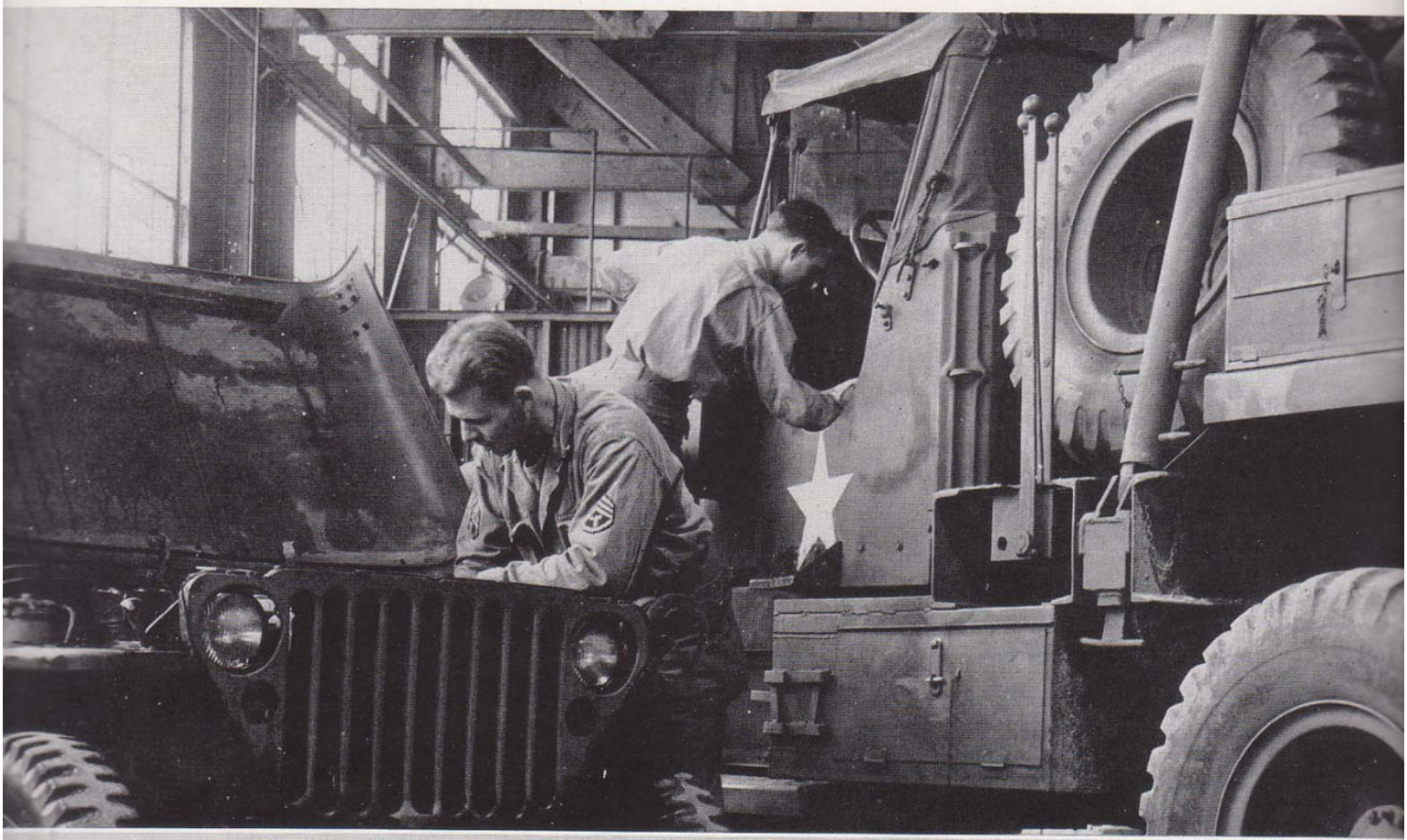




Forward eyes of the Infantry
the troopers of Cavalry Recon
naissance move up under fir
to get vital information.

ORDNANCE

Ready to repair anything, at any time, in any place, the men of the Ordnance Company are kept busy. This is a mechanized war, and equipment must be kept ready to fire or roll all the time. Here is seen, below top, vehicle repair; and below bottom, a typical battle recovery.









Armies need supplies . . . men need food . . . vehicles need gasoline . . . success of any operation hangs heavily on men of the Quartermaster.

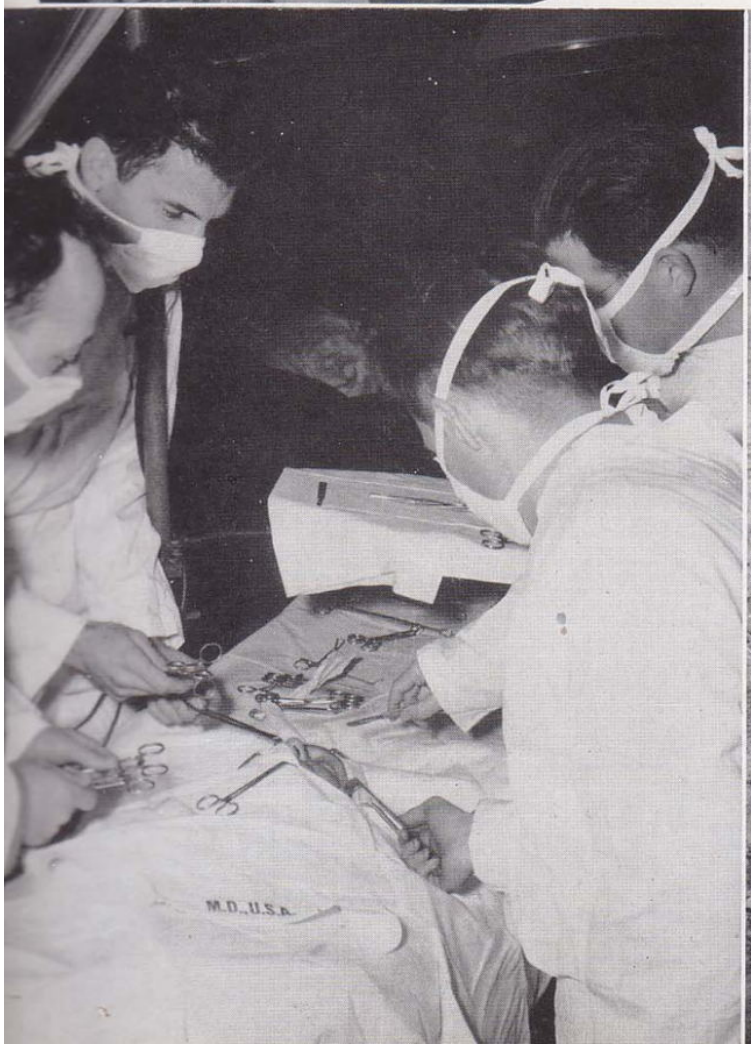
QUARTERMASTER

MEDICAL



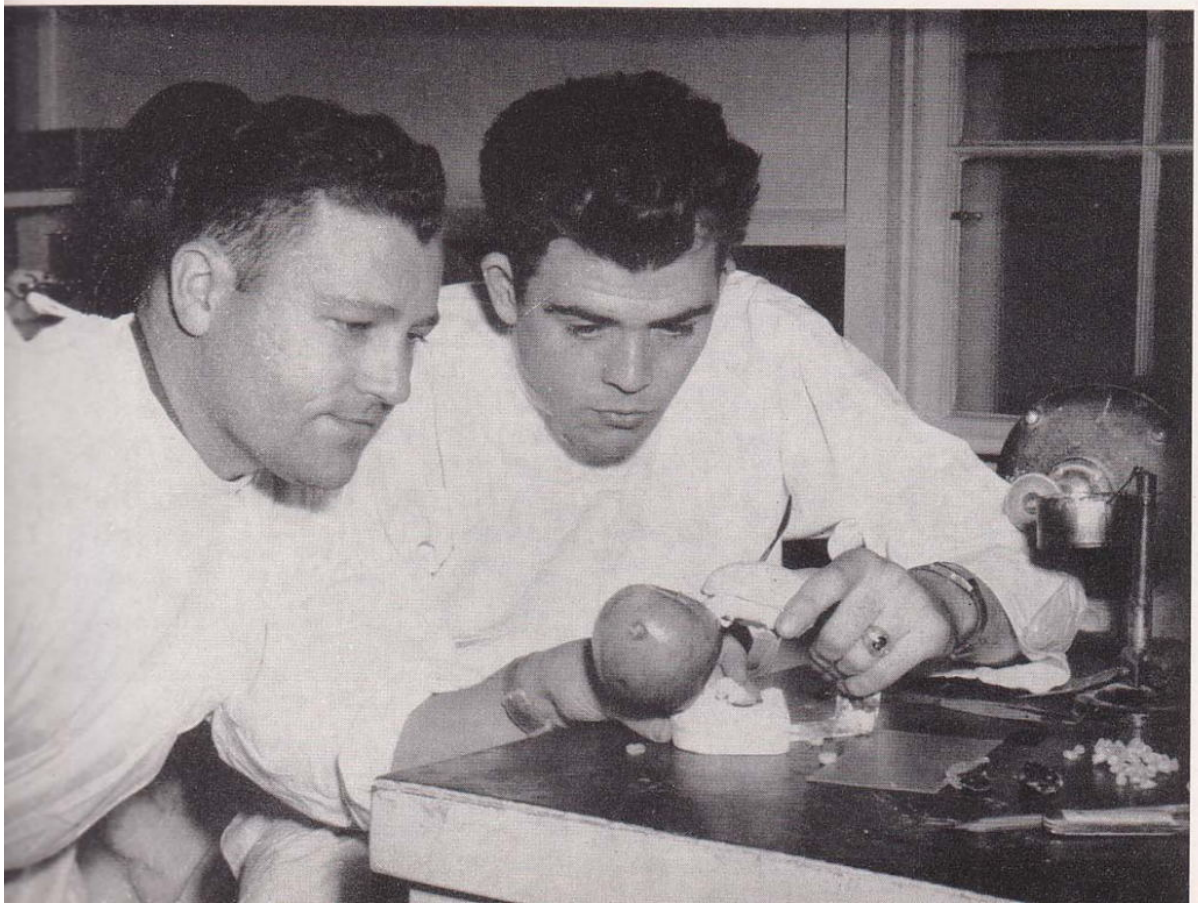


Medics . . . push forward with infantry . . . bring in wounded from battlefield . . . restore shattered bodies . . . fight infection . . . sole protection is their own ingenuity . . . their glory is the health of the Division.









DENTAL





The 42d Division





In Review ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆



Above: Something for the boys.



APO at work.

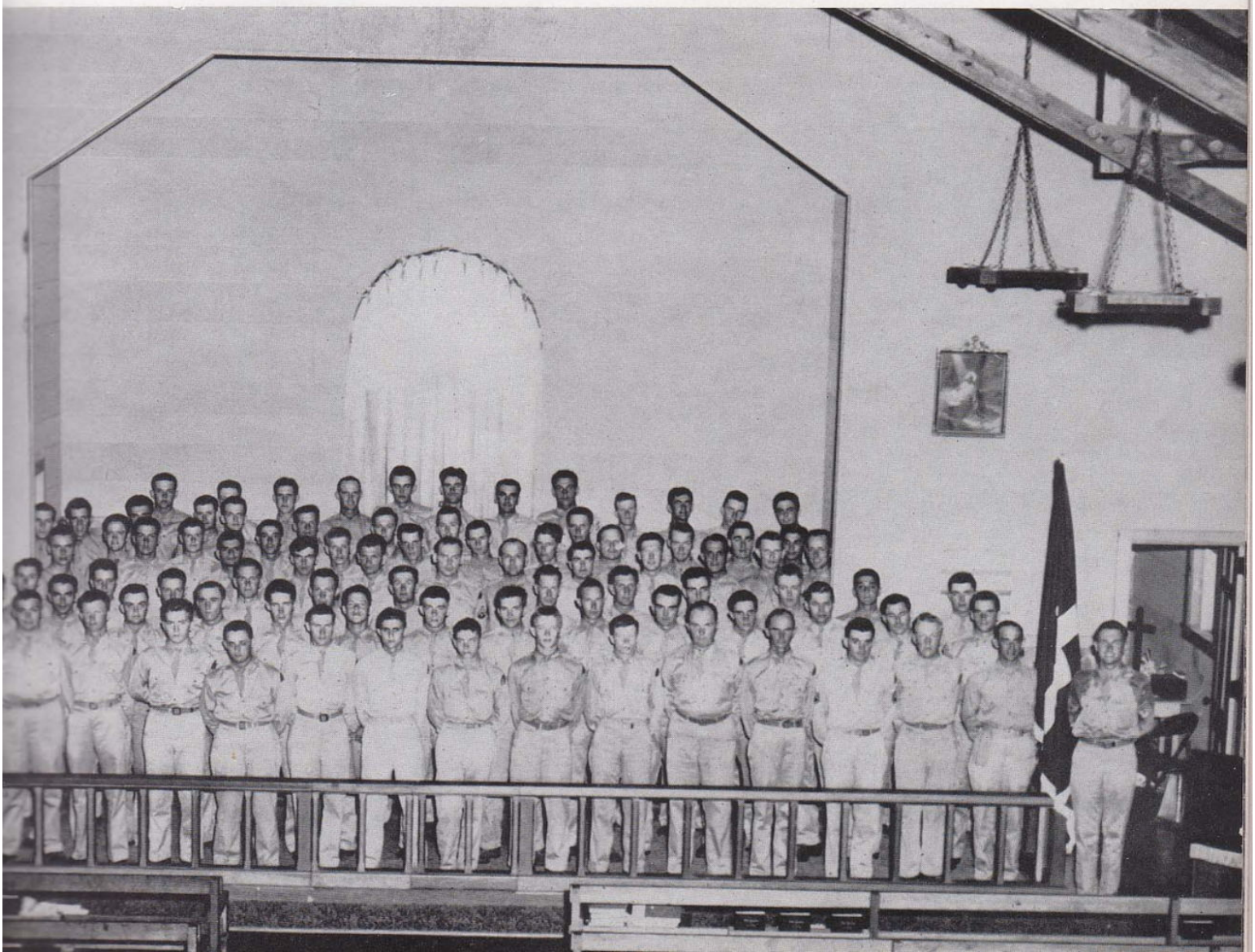
Below: "Less Said, Less Dead!" is born.

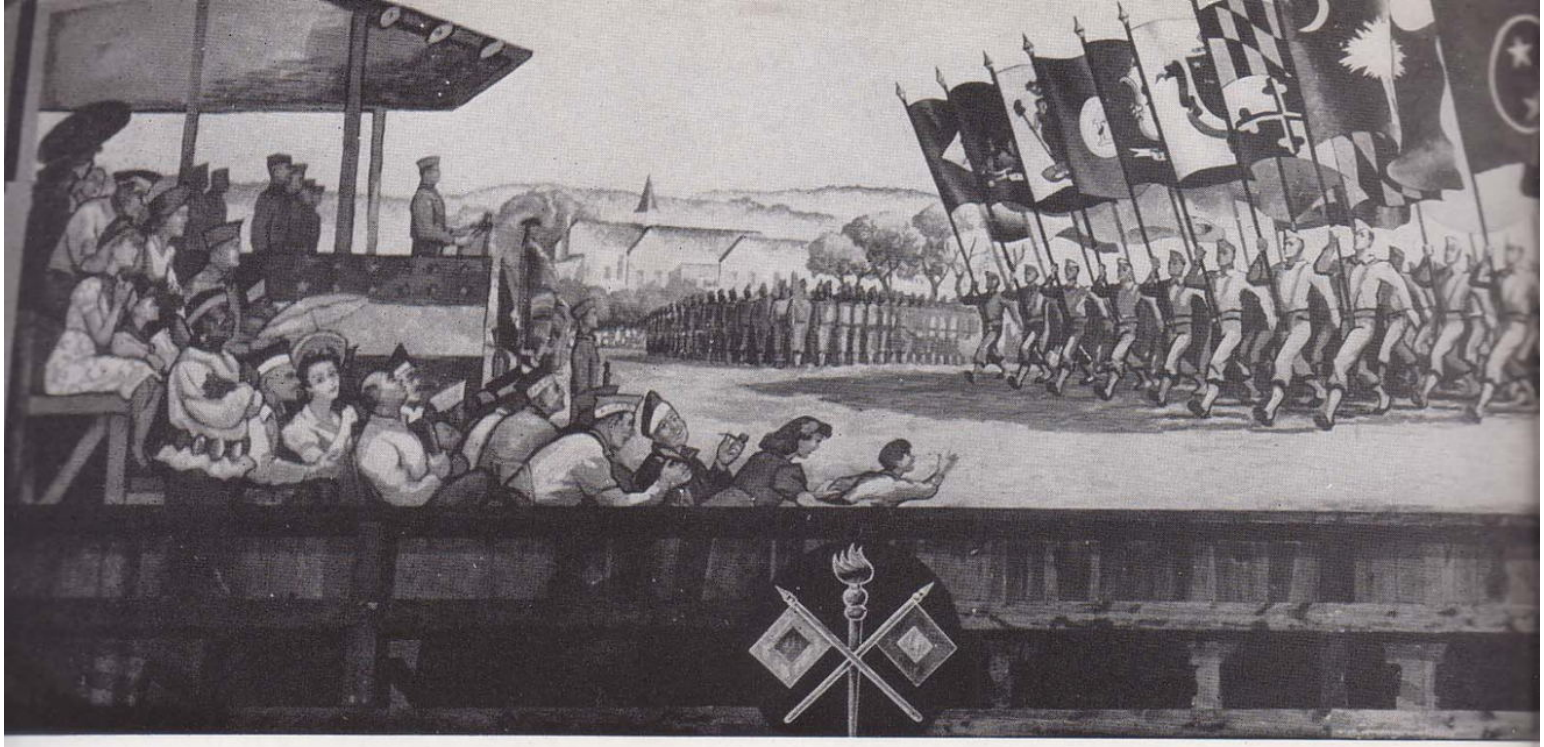




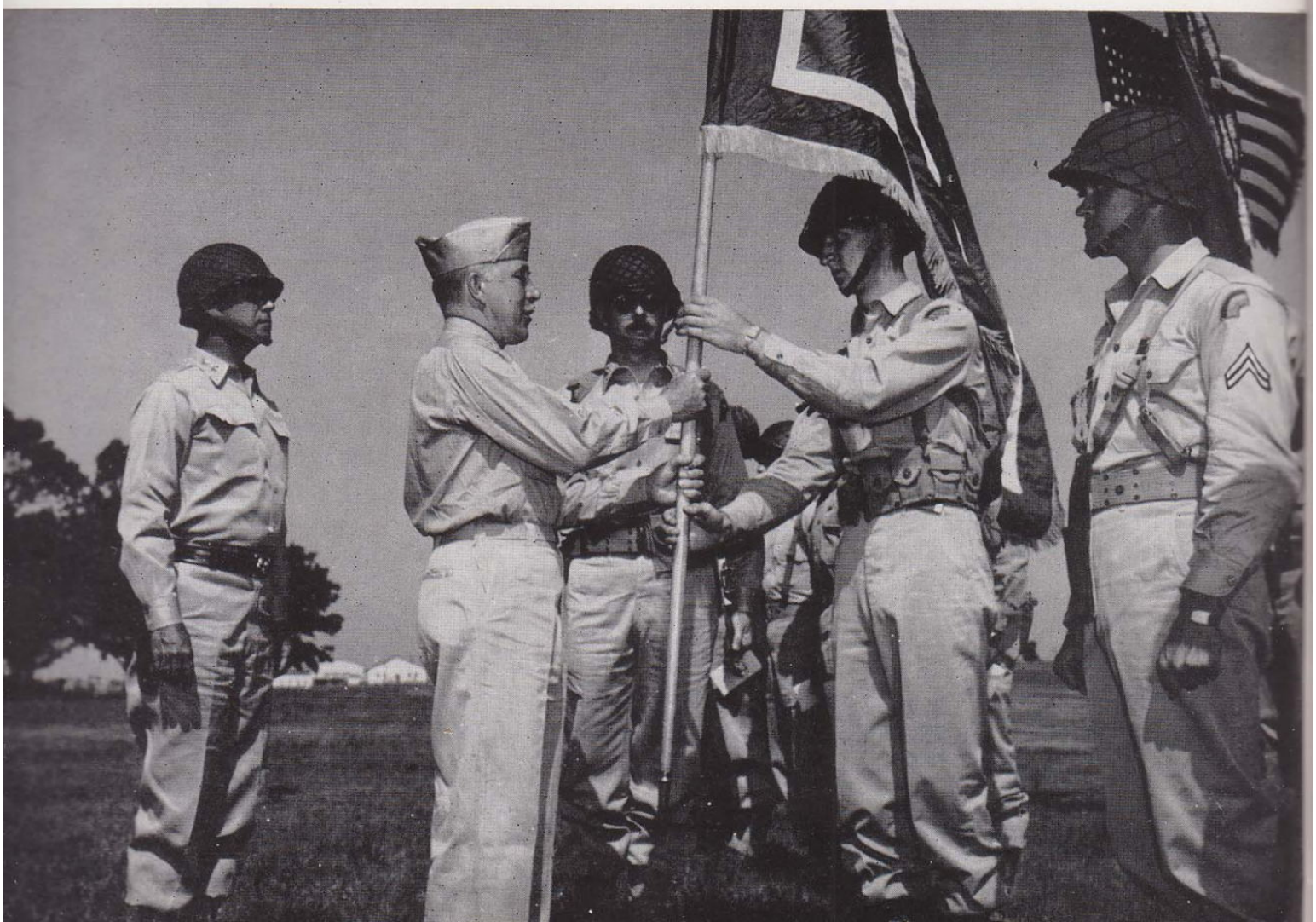
At right and on opposite page, the Division Choir and Orchestra.

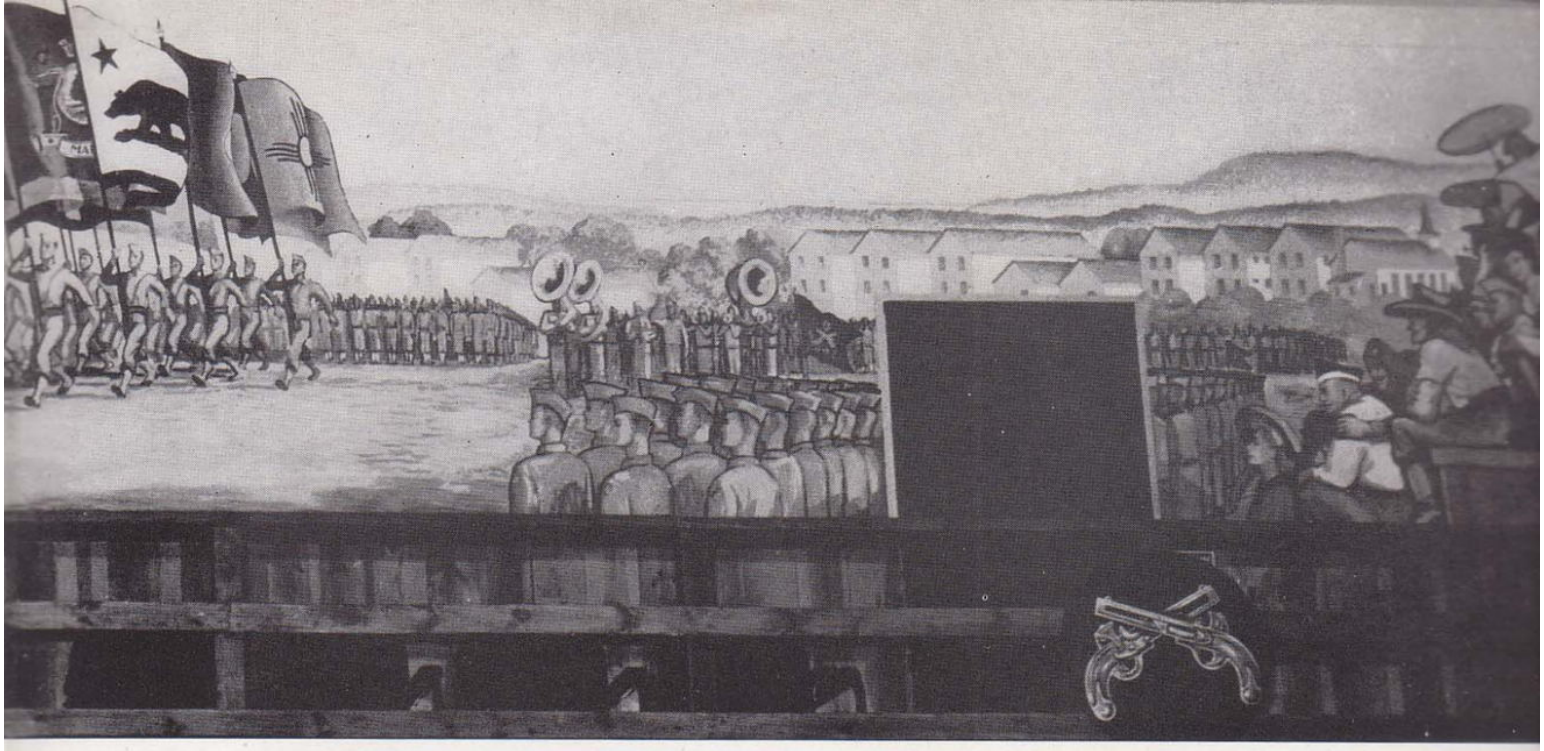






☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ The Rainbow





Honors Its Flags ☆ ☆ ☆







G. I. STRICTLY





Chow!

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Special Service.

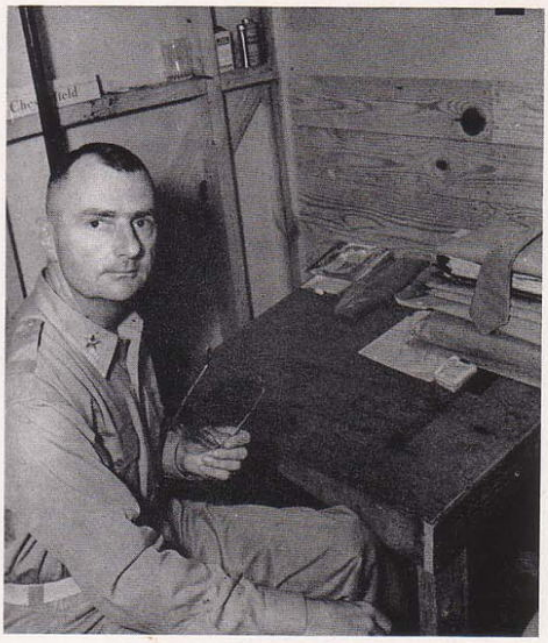
FORMER DIVISION OFFICERS



THOMAS F. HICKEY
Brigadier General
Division Artillery Commander
14 July 1943 to 15 September 1944

NEAL C. JOHNSON
Brigadier General
Assistant Division Commander
25 March 1944 to 4 November 1944





ALEXANDER N. STARK, JR.
Brigadier General
Assistant Division Commander
14 July 1943 to 25 February 1944



JOHN S. WINN, JR.
Brigadier General
Division Artillery Commander
20 September 1943 to 25 September 1944

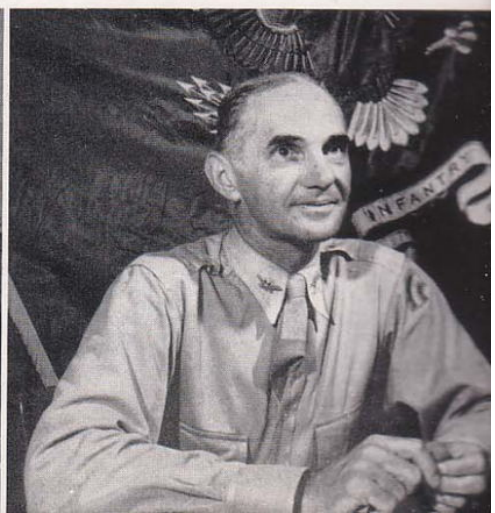
EDWARD S. JOHNSTON
Colonel
Commanding 222d Infantry Regiment
14 July 1943 to 9 May 1944

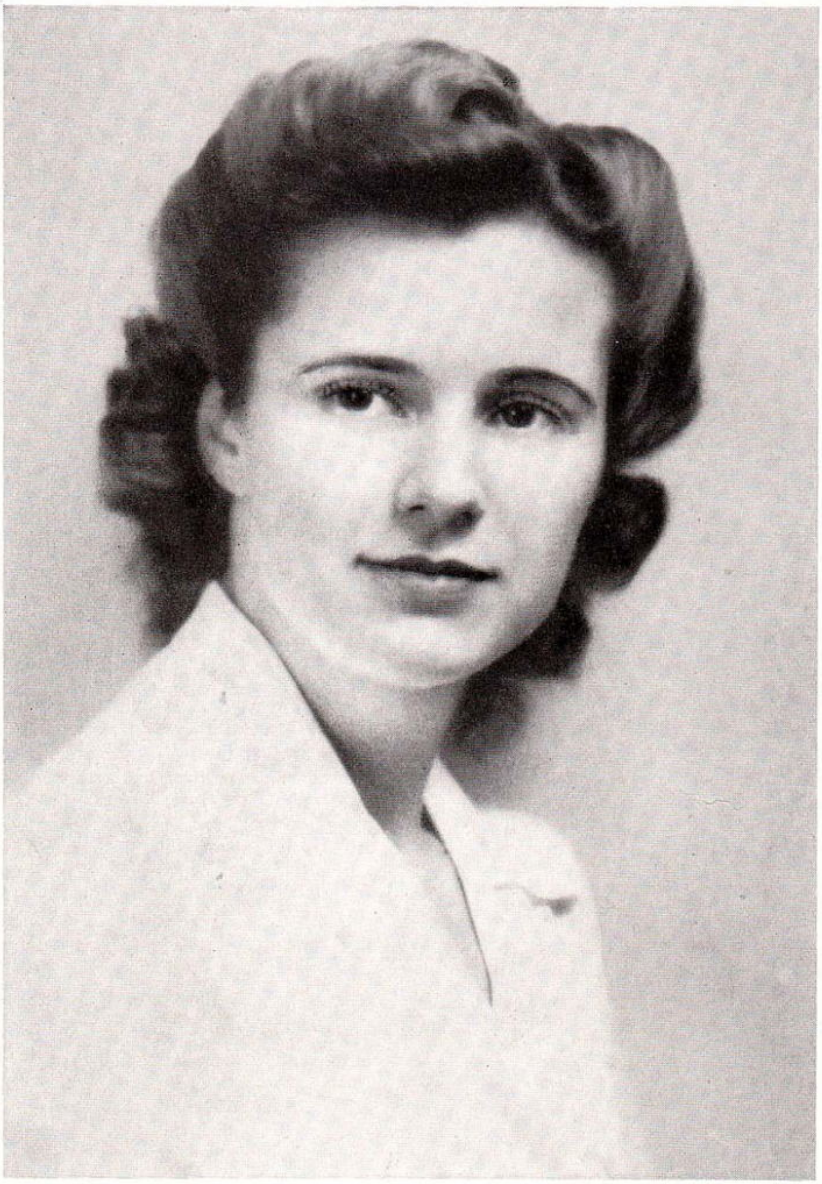
LESTER A. SPRINKLE
Colonel
Chief of Staff
14 July 1943 to 2 October 1944

WILBUR A. VINSON
Colonel
Commanding 232d Infantry Regiment
14 July 1943 to 14 July 1944









The Rainbow Girl

PEGGY DICKINSON FLEMING

At 11:45 the night of 14 July 1918, just at the moment the flaming guns of the Fourth French Army opened the Battle of the Champagne, a baby girl was born in Tennessee.

Her father lay in the white chalk land of the Champagne, facing the final great drive of the German Army to take Paris. He was an officer in the Rainbow Division, the only American unit of Giraud's Fourth Army. The Rainbow Division stood fast, stopped the Germans in their tracks and there launched a bloody counterattack. Paris was saved.

Now, the most solemn moment of every Rainbow reunion is the Champagne Hour when, at 11:45 p.m. each 14th of July, the veterans pay tribute to the Rainbow men who died on all the battlefields from Baccarat to Sedan.

Peggy Dickinson Fleming, a true daughter of the Rainbow, born at the moment (11:45 p.m. 14th July) her Rainbow father helped to halt the flower of the German Army, was present at the 25th Annual Rainbow reunion, held at Tulsa, Oklahoma, in July, 1943, in connection with the reactivation of the Division. Major General Harry J. Collins, Division Commander, sensed at once that she symbolized the close kinship between the old Division and the new. At the annual banquet, 13 July 1943, he proposed that she be adopted by the new Division as "The Rainbow Girl." His proposal was immediately and enthusiastically accepted and as The Rainbow Girl, Peggy Dickinson Fleming has cemented closer the already cordial relation between the Division and its veterans.

The Rainbow Girl's father is now Brig. Gen. J. M. Dickinson of the Tennessee State Guard. She lives at Franklin, Tennessee, where she awaits the return of her husband, an officer of the Naval Reserve on active duty.

232 d Infantry Regiment



HEADQUARTERS 232D INFANTRY

CAMP GRUBER, OKLAHOMA

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To: The Officers and Enlisted Men of the 232d Infantry.

More than twenty-five years ago, former Officers and Enlisted Men of this Division added to the history of this Division its most celebrated chapter. This was not accomplished without sacrifice, hard work and fitness for combat.

This is a proper time for us, members of the 232d Infantry Regiment, of that same Rainbow Division, to rededicate ourselves to the task that faces us, a task that hourly becomes clearer and clearer.

Our mission, whatever it may be, will be accomplished only by a determined effort of each one of us to do his individual job in the best manner possible.

It is the courage, and efficiency of the individual infantry soldier that is still the decisive factor in battle. We must still rely on the endurance and tenacity of the infantry soldier, to break the last resistance of the enemy.

We have trained long and hard in this Regiment, and for only one purpose, the defeat of our enemies. In the days that lie ahead of us, and in the performance of our assigned tasks, may God grant that this Regiment be ever successful in the performance of its duties.

Today in this Regiment, our confidence in each other, and the excellent performance of our many duties, enables us to pledge to our families, our veterans and our country, that we shall not fail.



ALFRED A. McNAMEE
Colonel, 232d Infantry Regiment
Commanding



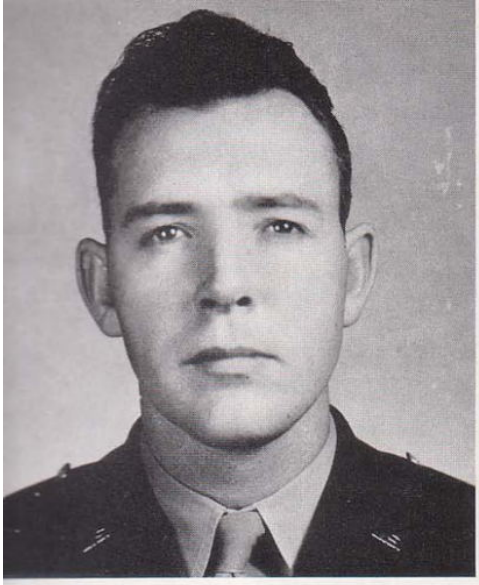
ALFRED A. McNAMEE

COLONEL

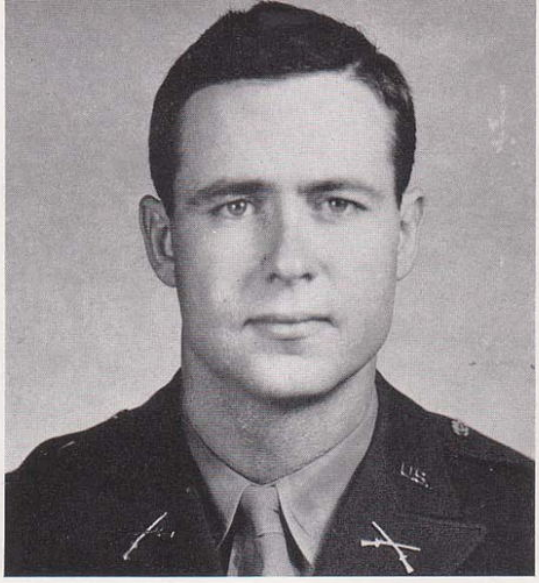
Commanding

Born at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, 24 September 1896, the eldest son of Colonel Michael Mark McNamee, Cavalry, Rtd. Entered United States Military Academy, 12 June 1915. Was graduated and commissioned Second Lieutenant of Infantry 12 June 1918. Commissioned First Lieutenant 9 October 1919; Captain 1 September 1933; Major 30 April 1940; Lieutenant Colonel 2 September 1942. (Lieutenant Colonel, AUS, 12 June 1941; Colonel AUS, 15 January 1943.)

Completed Weapons Course, The Infantry School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, September 1918. Served with the 35th Infantry from 1918-1919. Served in the Army of Occupation of Germany with the 23d Infantry in 1919. Returned to the United States and served with the 44th Infantry from 1919-1920. Served with the 21st Infantry in Hawaii from 1920-1923. Served with the Second Infantry from 1923-1926. Instructor and PMS & T Northwestern University from 1926-1930. Completed Company Officers' Course, The Infantry School, in June, 1931. Served with the 33d Infantry in Panama from 1931-1934. Served with the 18th Infantry, First Division, from 1934-1939. Instructor Organized Reserves with station at Tulsa, Oklahoma, from 1939-1941. Served as Intelligence Officer and Camp Inspector at Camp Wallace, Texas, from 1941-1942. Completed Advanced Course, The Infantry School, April, 1942. Ordered overseas with Task Force and served in South Pacific Theatre from April, 1942-June, 1943. Served as Director of Training, Weapons Section, The Infantry School, from July, 1943-August, 1944. Joined 42d Division and assumed command of the 232d Infantry on 4 August 1944.



JOHN W. BARRETT
Major
Regimental S-2



BILL H. KAMMERER
Major
Regimental S-3



MELVIN L. MOULD
Captain
Regimental S-1

REGIMENTAL ★ STAFF ★

WILLIAM B. ZELLER
Lieutenant Colonel
Executive Officer





FRANCIS S. DISHER
Captain
Regimental Chaplain



FRED G. FIMBRES
First Lieutenant
Liaison Officer

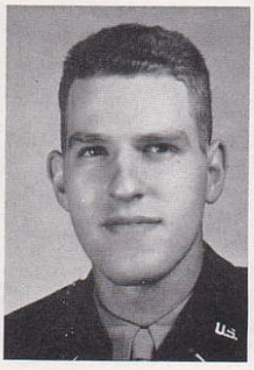


LEON W. KIDD
First Lieutenant
Chaplain

SPECIAL STAFF



CLARENCE J. POTTER
First Lieutenant
Chaplain



ERWIN R. SCHMIDT, JR.
First Lieutenant
Liaison Officer



CHESTER E. HUTCHINS
Second Lieutenant
Liaison Officer

HISTORY OF THE 232D INFANTRY REGIMENT

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In compliance with War Department Order dated 10 June 1943, the 42d Infantry Division was activated on 14 July 1943, at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma.

The 232d Infantry was one of three Infantry Regiments and is supposed to represent the 167th Regiment (Alabama) of the old Rainbow.

The cadre officers and non-commissioned officers were assembled at Fort Benning, Georgia, and Camp Maxey, Texas, prior to moving to Camp Gruber. Most of the Officers and Enlisted Men had recently returned to the United States from foreign service in Hawaii and Newfoundland. These people arrived at Camp Gruber on 8 June 1943.

By Activation Day, 14 July 1943, there were 145 Officers and 514 EM in the Regiment.

Colonel Wilbur H. Vinson was the first Regimental Commander, succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence B. Babcock, 16 July 1944.

By August 1943, the new fillers began to arrive and at the end of October 1943, the Regiment had full strength of Officers and EM.

Colonel Alfred A. McNamee, the present Regimental Commander, succeeded Lieutenant Colonel Babcock on 4 August 1944.

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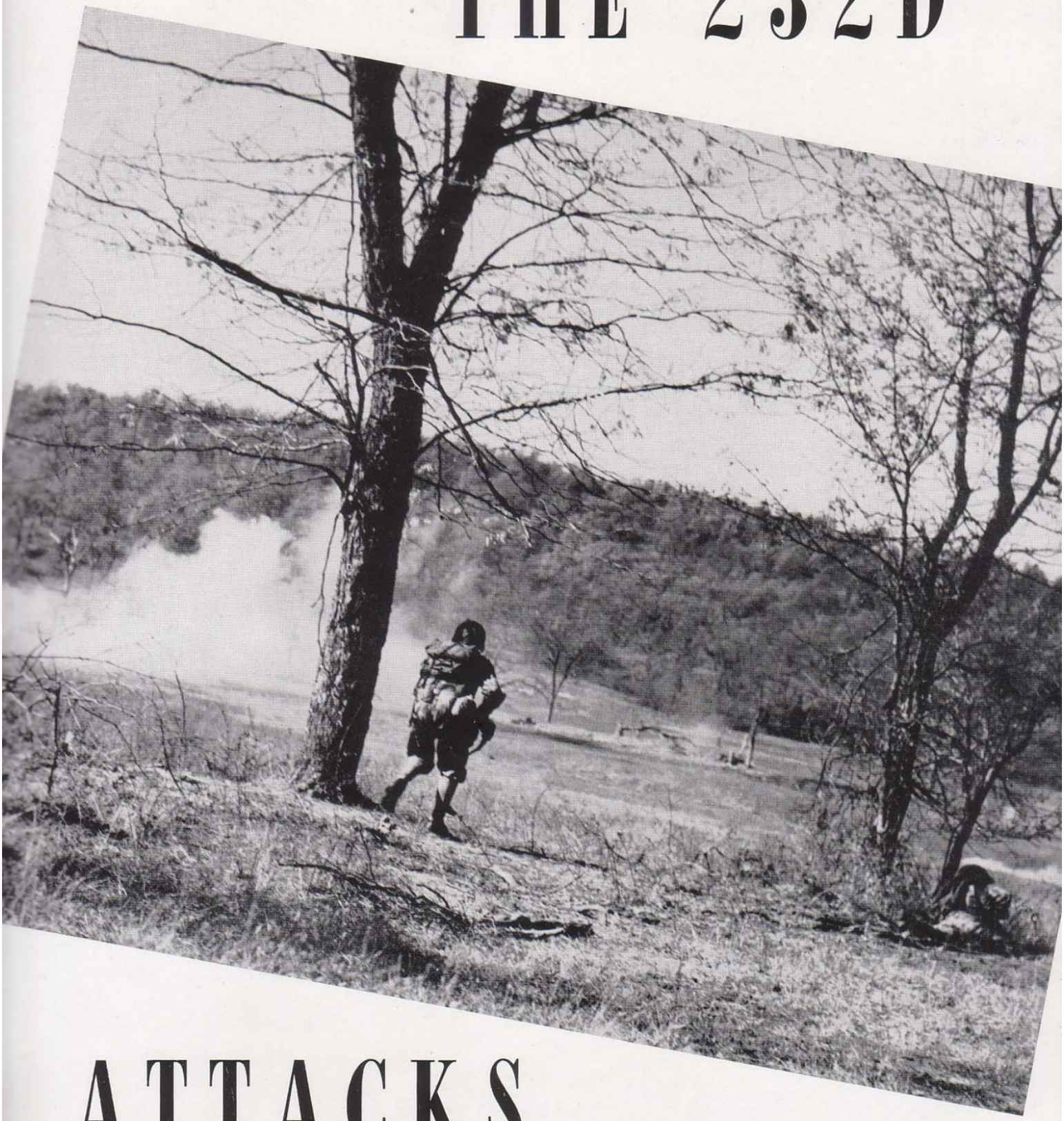
THE 232D



ATTACKS







Moving up—the 232d Regiment advances to meet the enemy and defeat him. Going in with bravery and courage, sure of their own fortitude and the superiority of their training and their arms, the 232d Infantrymen fight for speedy victory and peace.



Forward observation—
eyes of the Infantry.



Fire power.



Advancing.



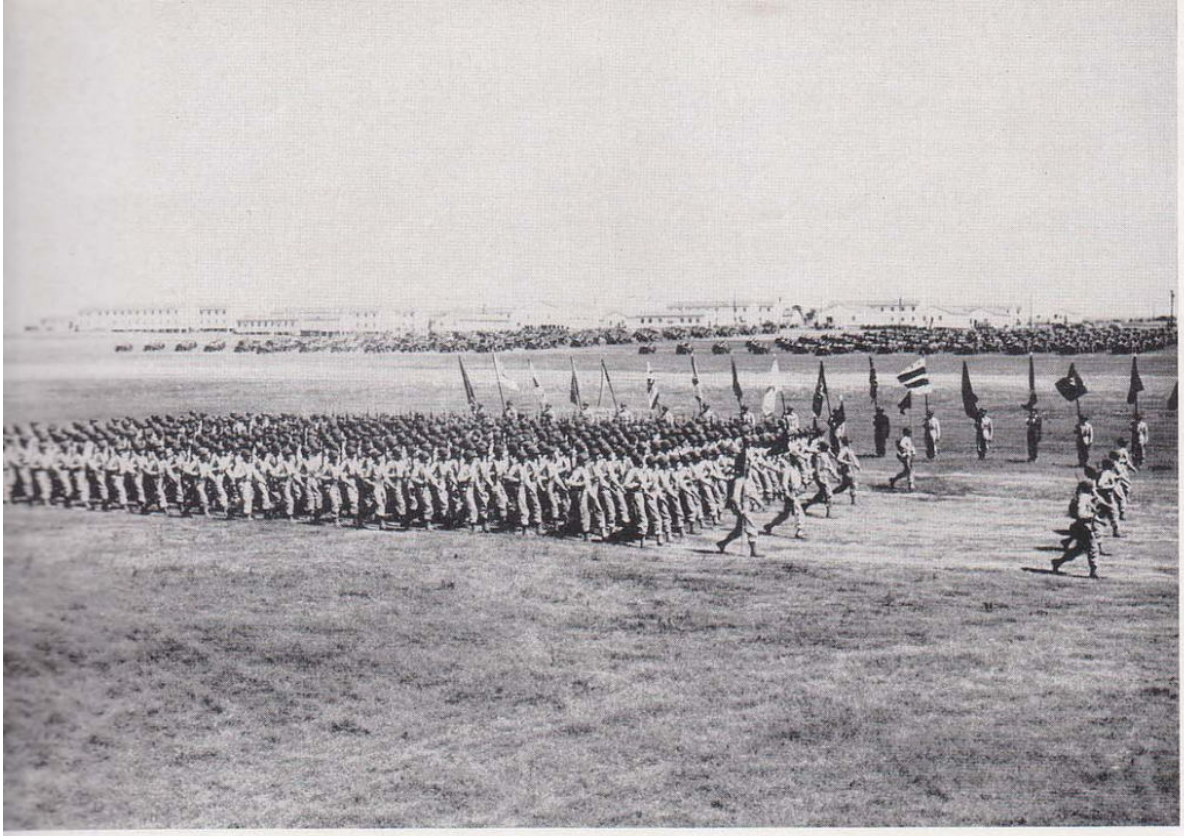
Take cover—and fire.



Clearing the way.



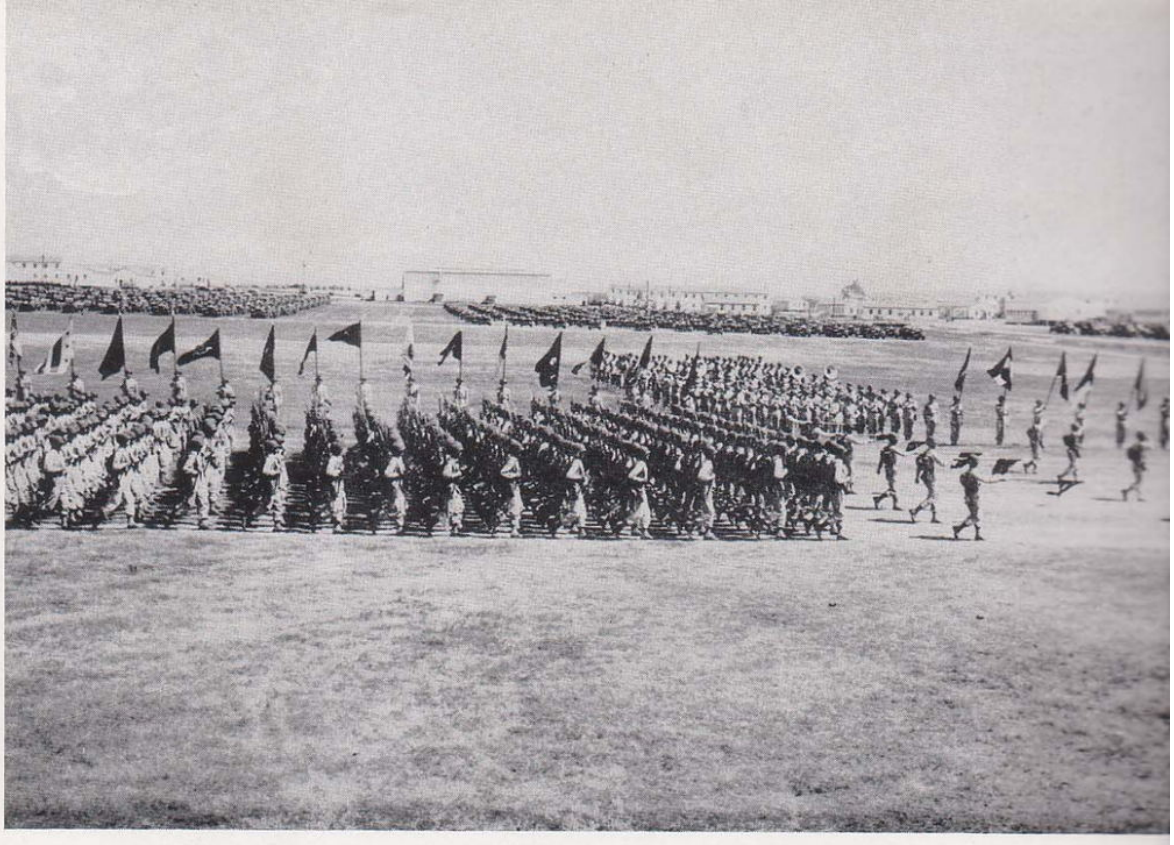
The Army's best fighting team—the Infantryman and his rifle.



Ready to execute any order of the day with dispatch, the 232d Regiment parades at Review confident that no outfit will be better. Trained to look smart, be alert, and obey or-

★ ★ THE 232D



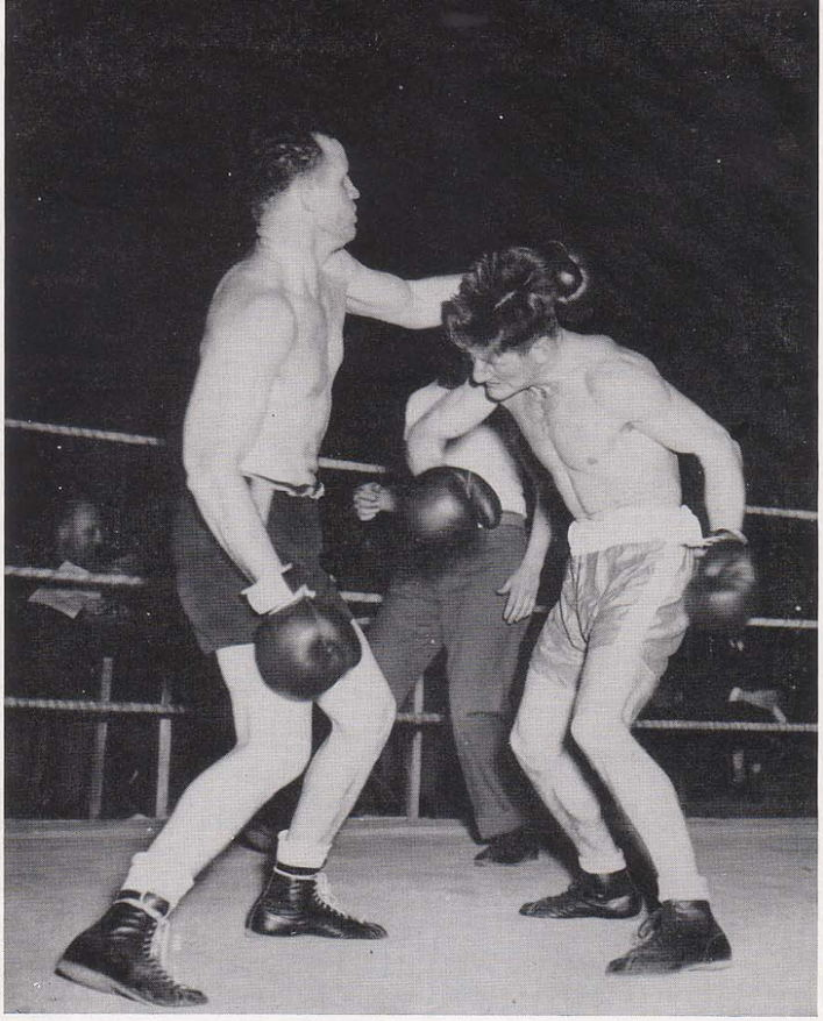


ders with precision, the 232d looks like a typical Rainbow Regiment at Review. Left: First Battalion; Right: Second Battalion; Below: Third Battalion.

In Review ★ ★



SPORTS







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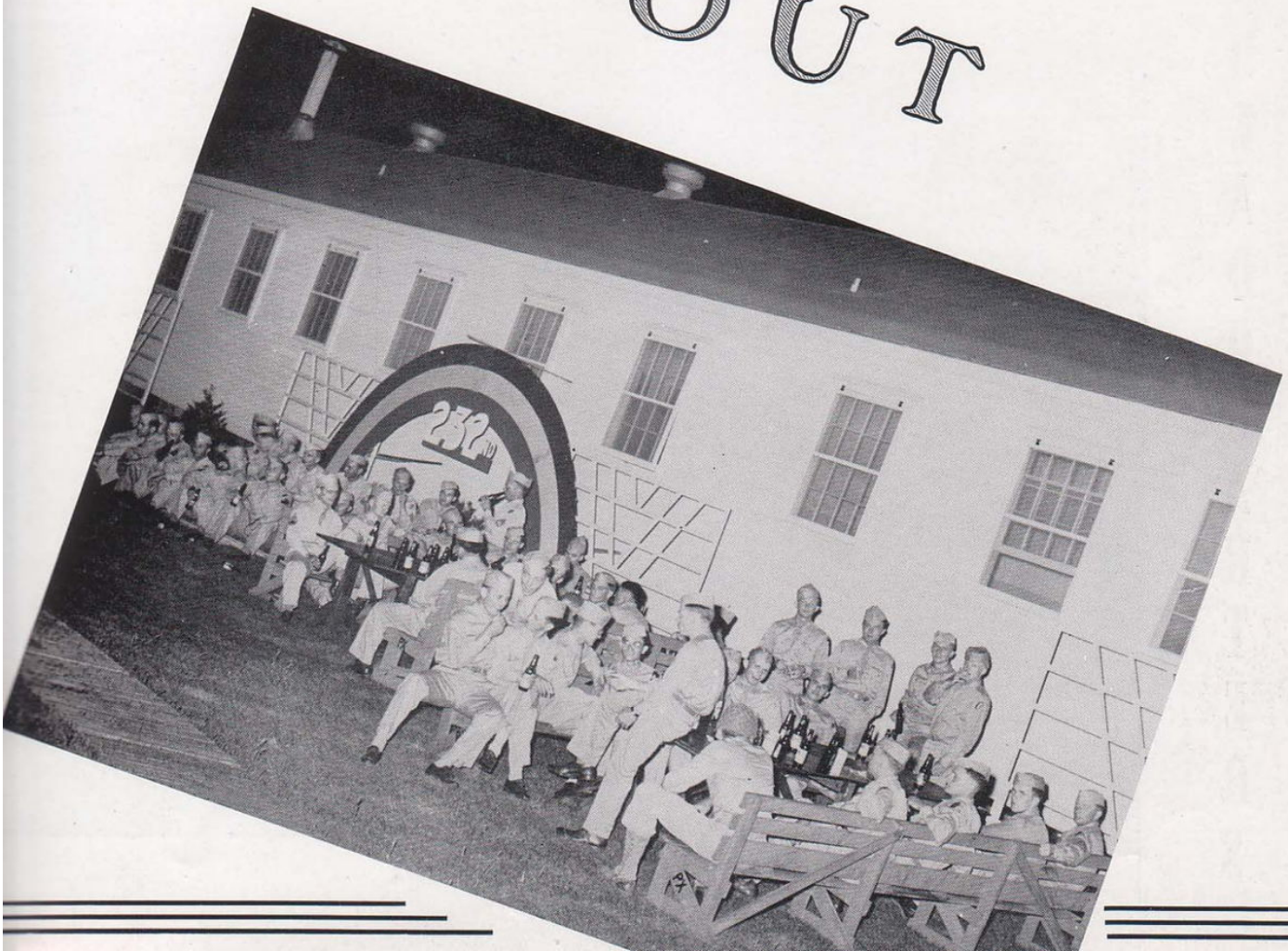

THIS WON'T HURT—DID IT?



MEDICS

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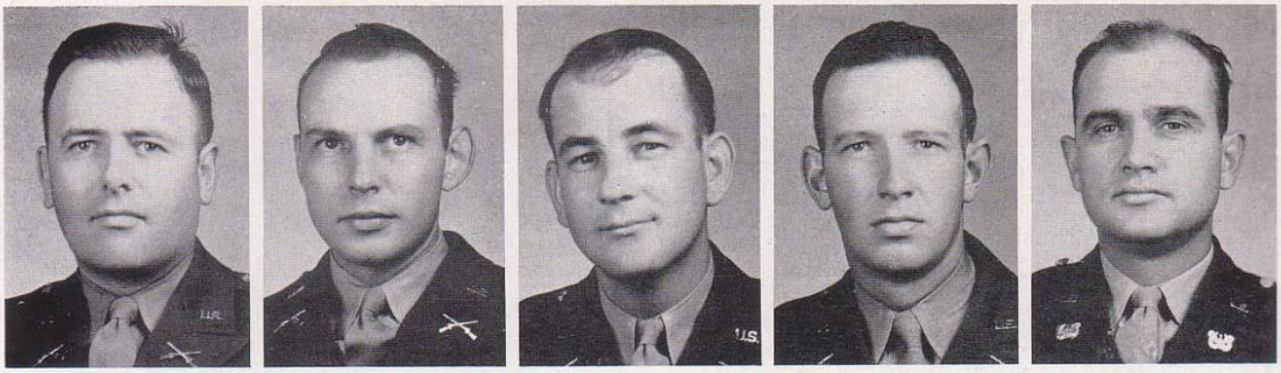
GOT TROUBLES, SERGEANT?



HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

232D INFANTRY

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Train now for victory.



HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

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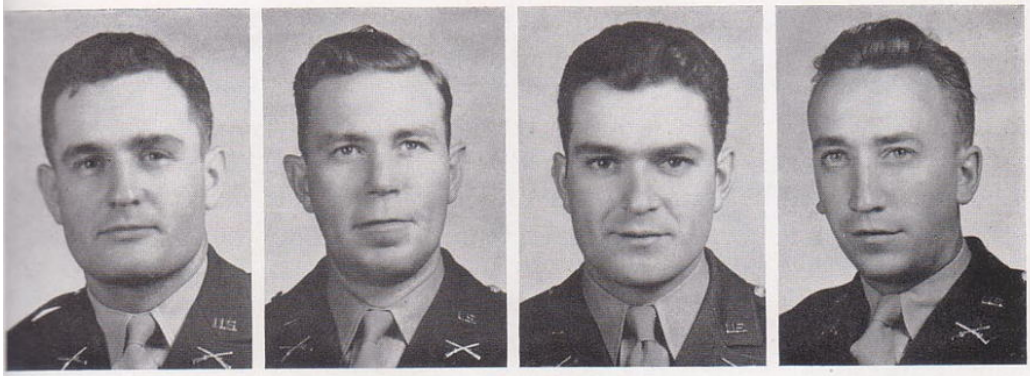
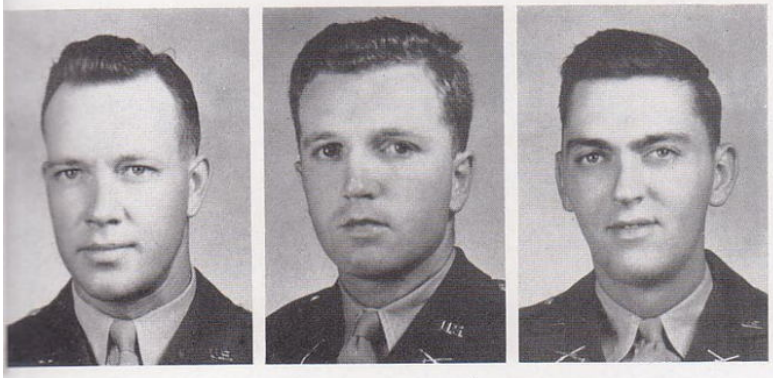
In every battle comes the time when both leaders decide they are defeated. He wins the battle who goes on fighting.—U. S. Grant







ANTI-TANK COMPANY



"Never have reason to charge yourself, in the long nights after the war, that your carelessness in training has filled an American soldier's grave in some far corner of the world." (Major General Harry J. Collins, Division Commander.)

ANTI-TANK COMPANY

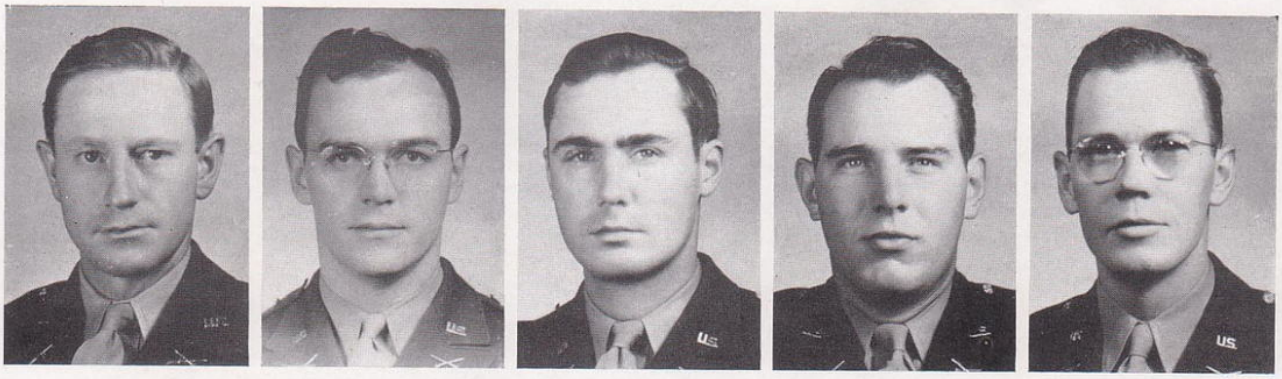


"We know that the veteran soldier is usually the good soldier. He lives to become a veteran because he knows how to take care of himself in battle." (Major General Harry J. Collins, Division Commander.)



ANTI-TANK COMPANY

"Instant and willing obedience to all orders and in the absence of orders to what you believe the order would have been." (A definition of discipline by Colonel Aplin, British General Staff.)



CANNON COMPANY

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PRAYER: Dear Lord, help me to keep my big mouth shut when I have nothing to say. AMEN.

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CANNON COMPANY

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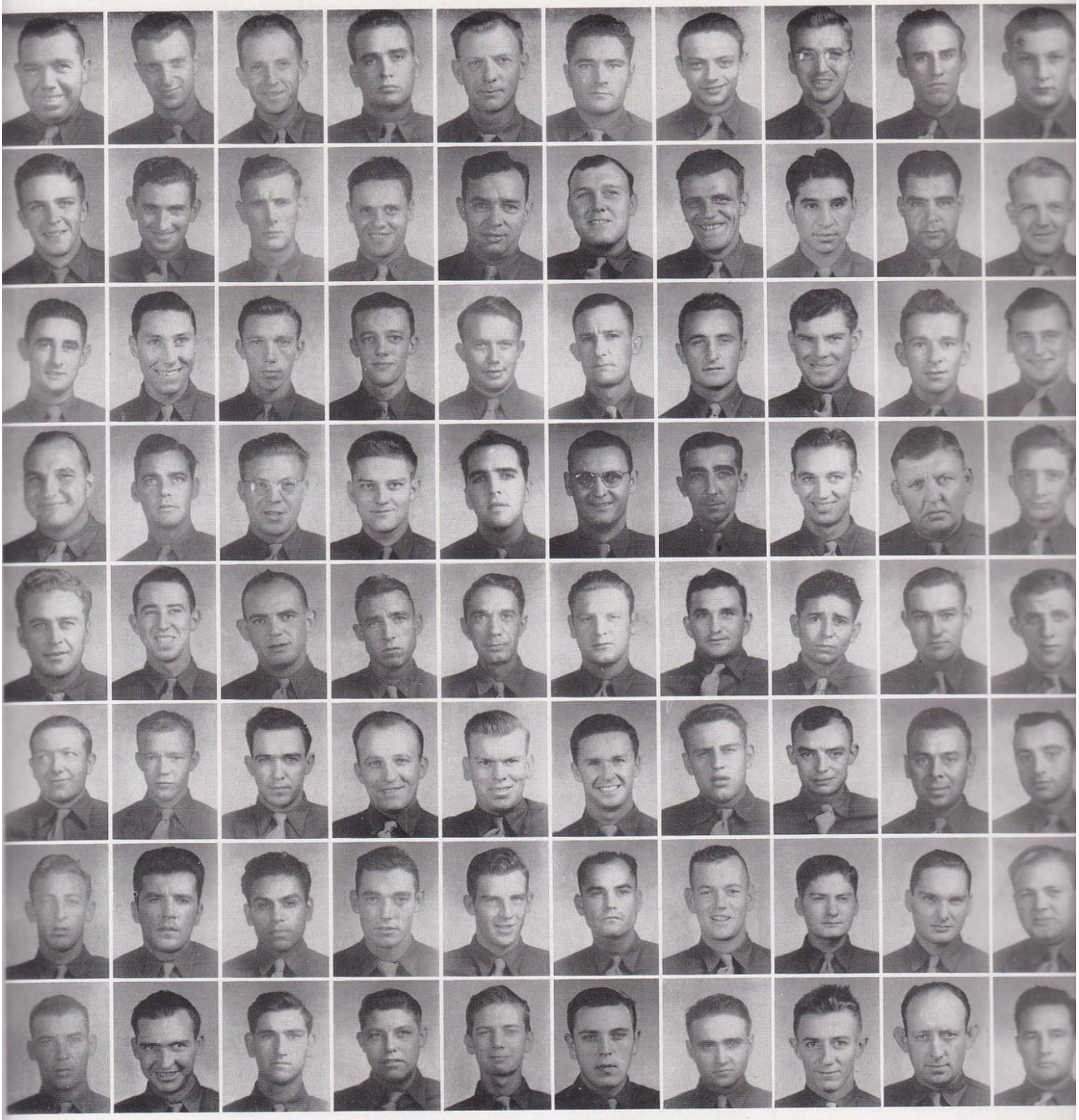
We may be wrong but we're never in doubt.







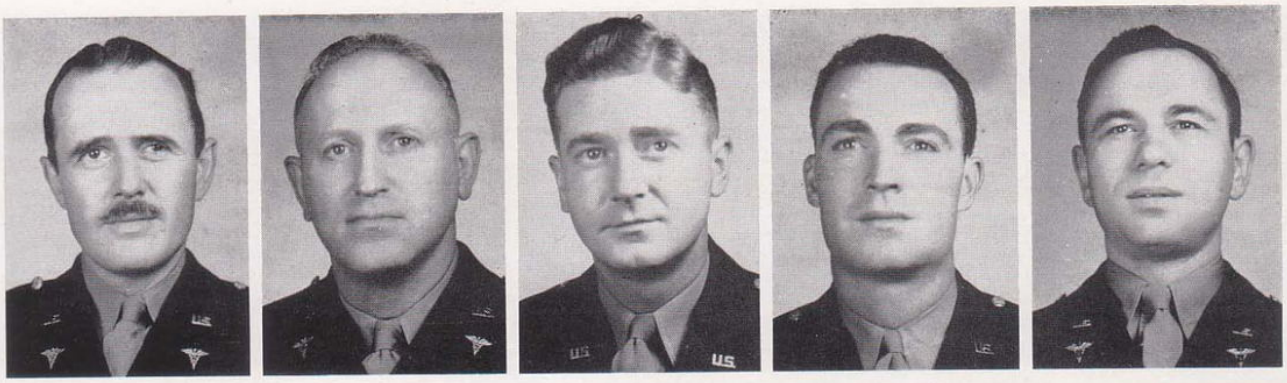
SERVICE COMPANY

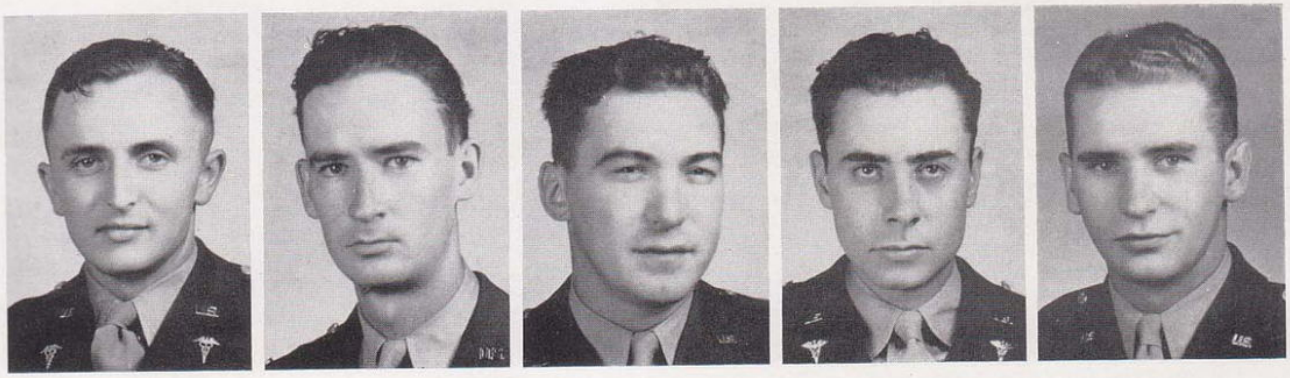




SERVICE COMPANY

"Private to general are partners in interest in the war. When this is felt by all echelons you will have unity and discipline." (A definition of Leadership and Morale in War by General H. E. Ely, U. S. Army.)





MEDICAL DETACHMENT

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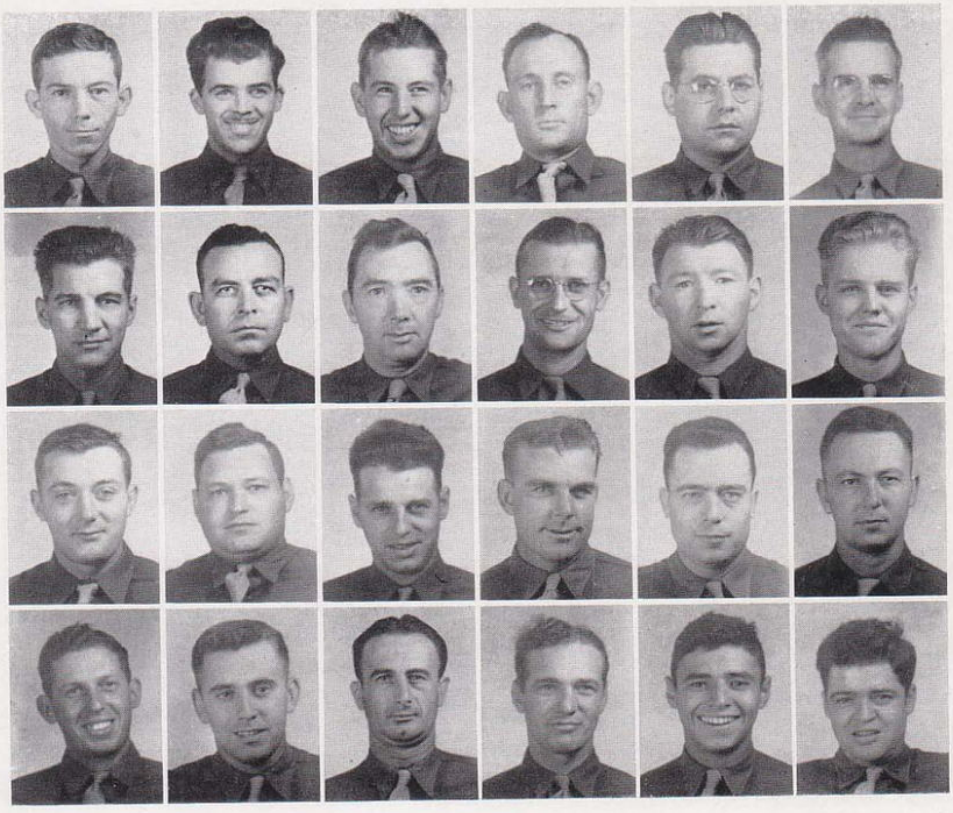

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MEDICAL DETACHMENT

"They are green youngsters—eager, hopeful, anxious to prove themselves in your eyes, in my eyes, in the eyes of the folks back home, in the eyes of their country, and in the eyes of the world. You can make them into the greatest soldiers of history if you do your part. I promise you that I will do mine, and I know these kids will do theirs." (Major General Harry J. Collins, Division Commander.)

MEDICAL DETACHMENT



"There is going to be one kind of officer in this division—and one kind only—a man who thinks first and constantly of the welfare of those under him, and of himself second, if at all; a man who is everlastingly zealous to improve his professional knowledge, to increase his physical stamina, and his moral courage: a man who will stop at nothing to see that his soldiers are prepared for combat." (Major General Harry J. Collins, Division Commander.)



FIRST BATTALION

Staff

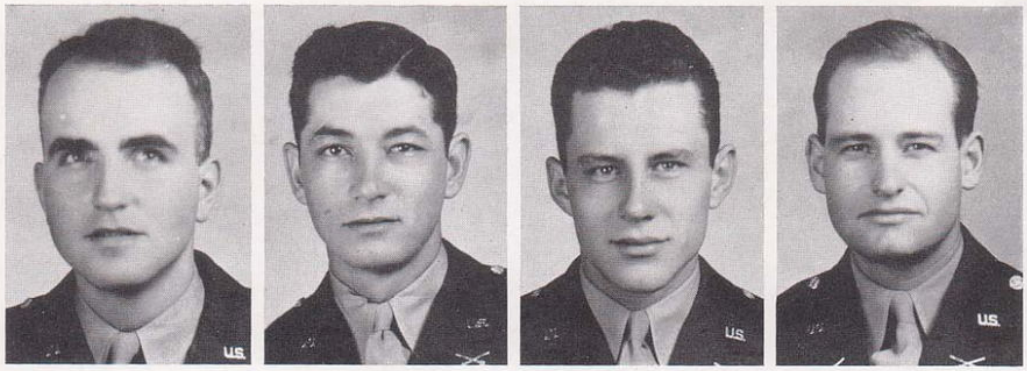
Military men are proud.











HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Good soldiers salute properly.



HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

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THINK! The Lord gave us two ends to use: one to sit with, one to think with; the war depends on which we choose—heads we win—tails we lose.





COMPANY A



C O M P A N Y A

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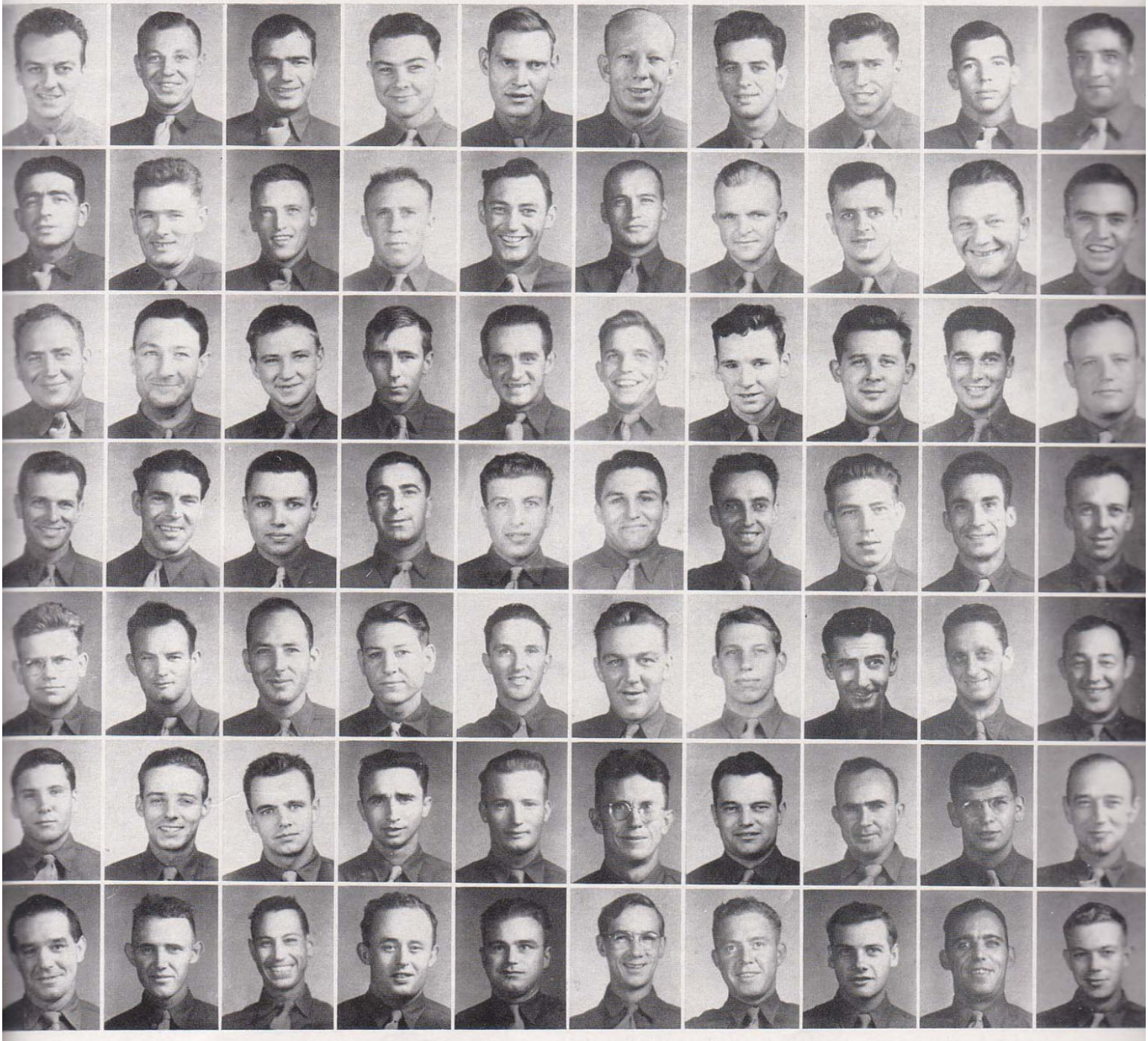
"Every boy in the Army must give his all, and to do this that boy must have the complete and unselfish backing of you people at home." (Major General Harry J. Collins, Division Commander.)



C O M P A N Y A

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"An order once given must be strongly enforced." ("Leadership," by Major General Griswold, USA.)
"Men always respond to interest in themselves and their work." (Major General O. W. Griswold, USA.)





C O M P A N Y B



It's a pretty empty mind that's so hard up it has to take in rumors.



C O M P A N Y B

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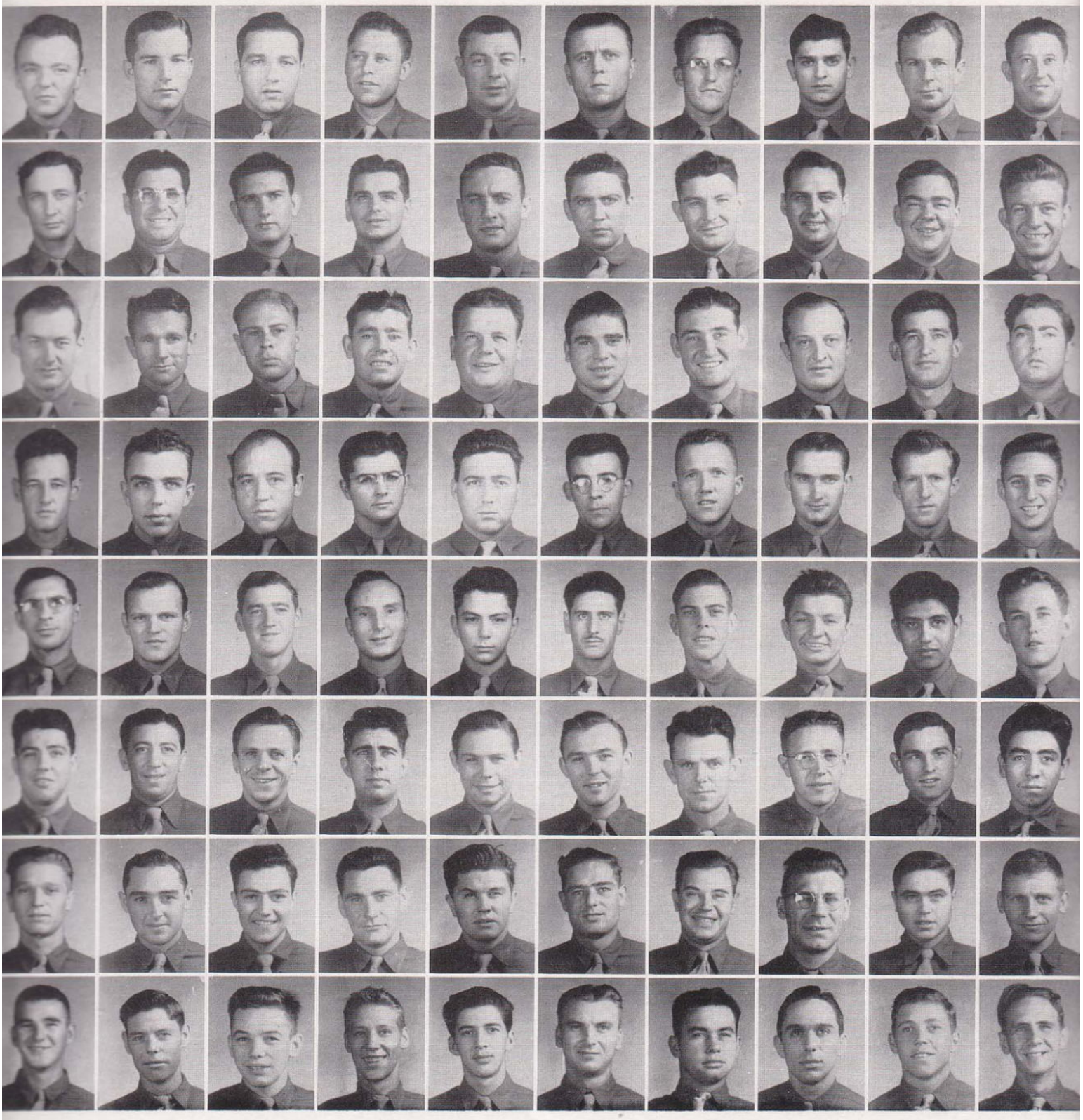
Any time you hear one of those latrine rumors, remember its source.



C O M P A N Y B

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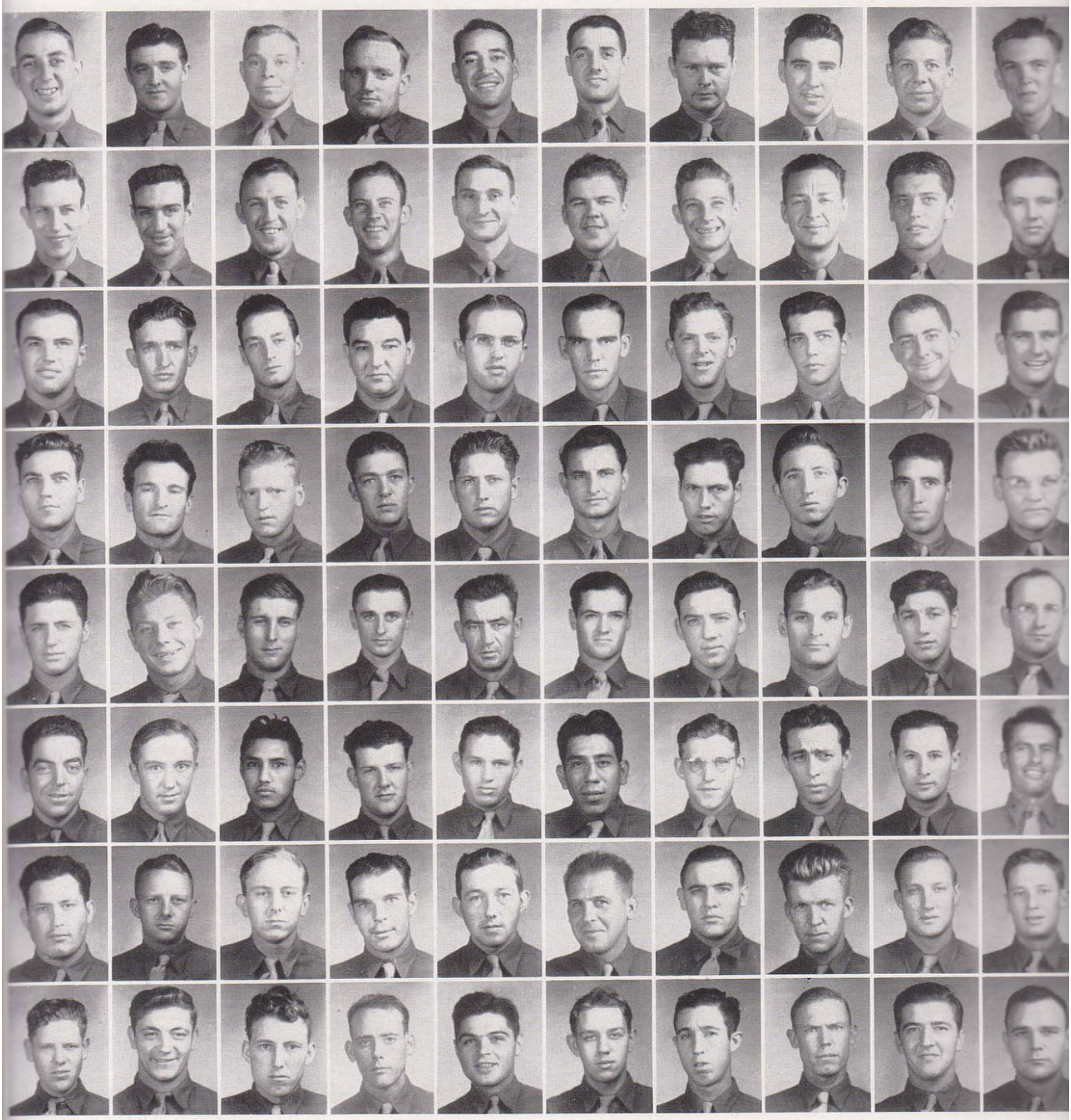
Have I done everything today?





C O M P A N Y C

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"You will never, in the long nights after the war, hear the soul of some boy cry out that you were careless in teaching him." (Major General Harry J. Collins, Division Commander.)

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C O M P A N Y C

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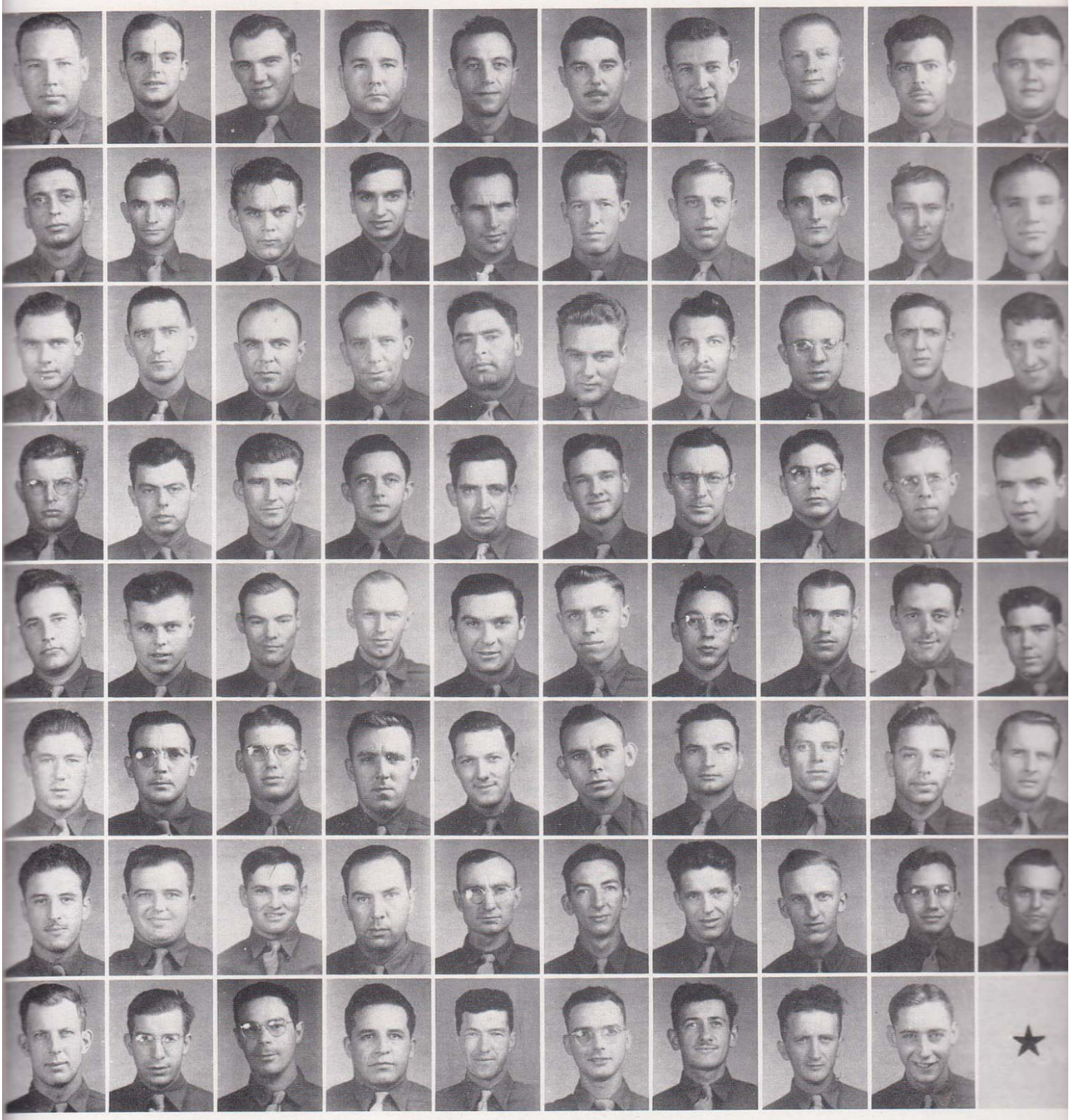
The difficult will be done immediately, the impossible will take a little longer.



C O M P A N Y C

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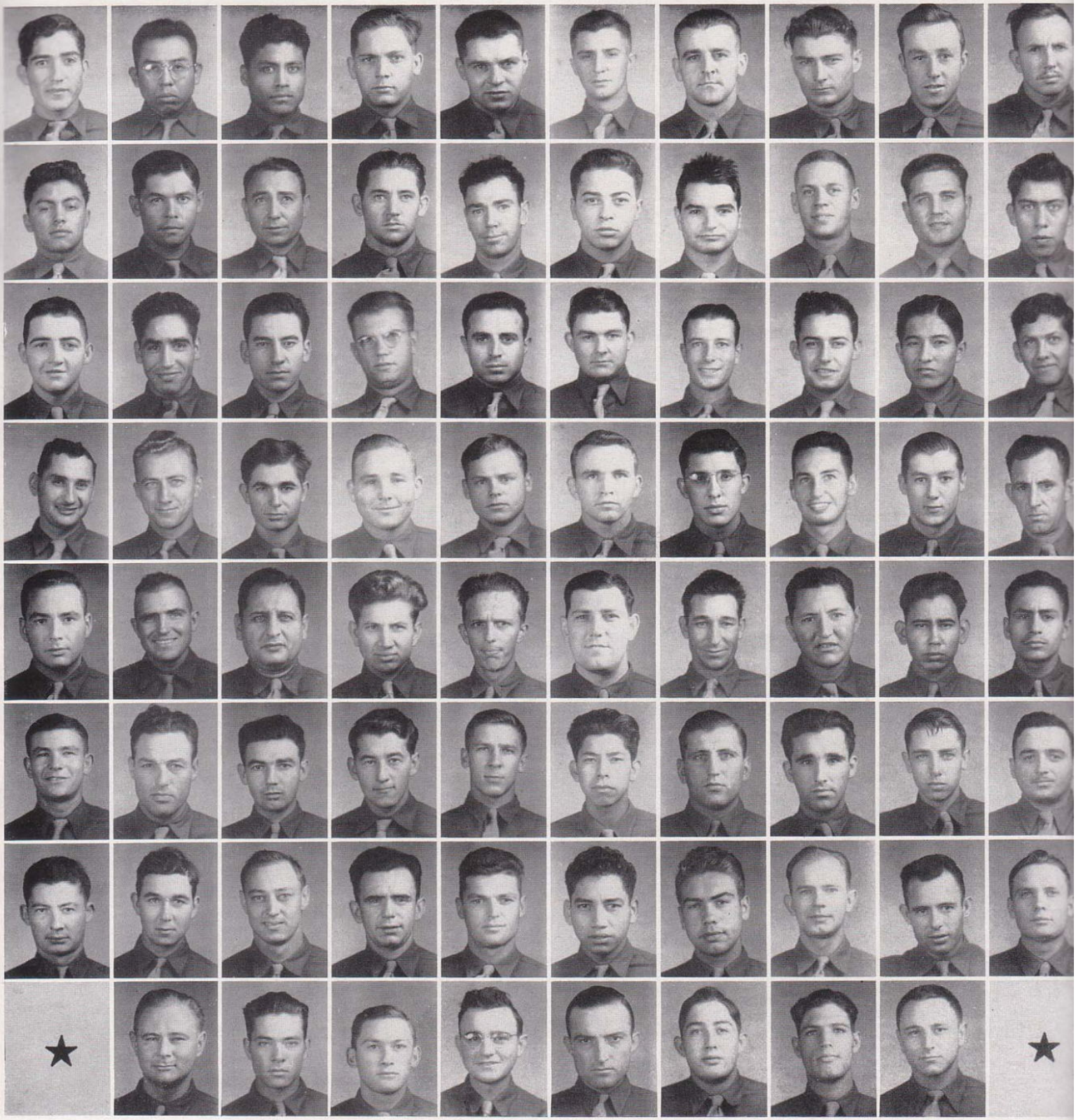
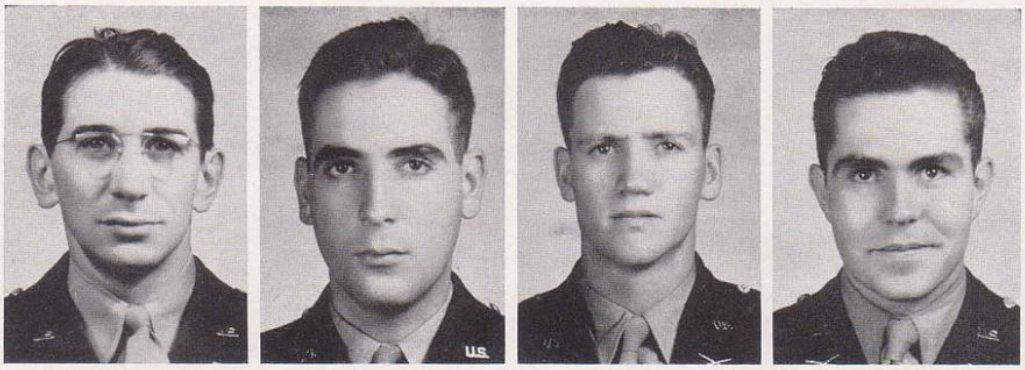
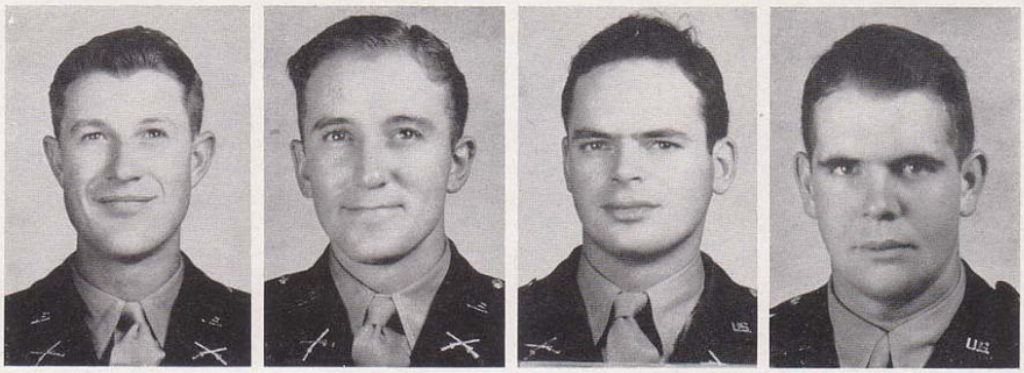
"Men think as their leaders think, and all impulses come from the top." ("Leadership," by Major General O. W. Griswold, USA.)







COMPANY D



C O M P A N Y D

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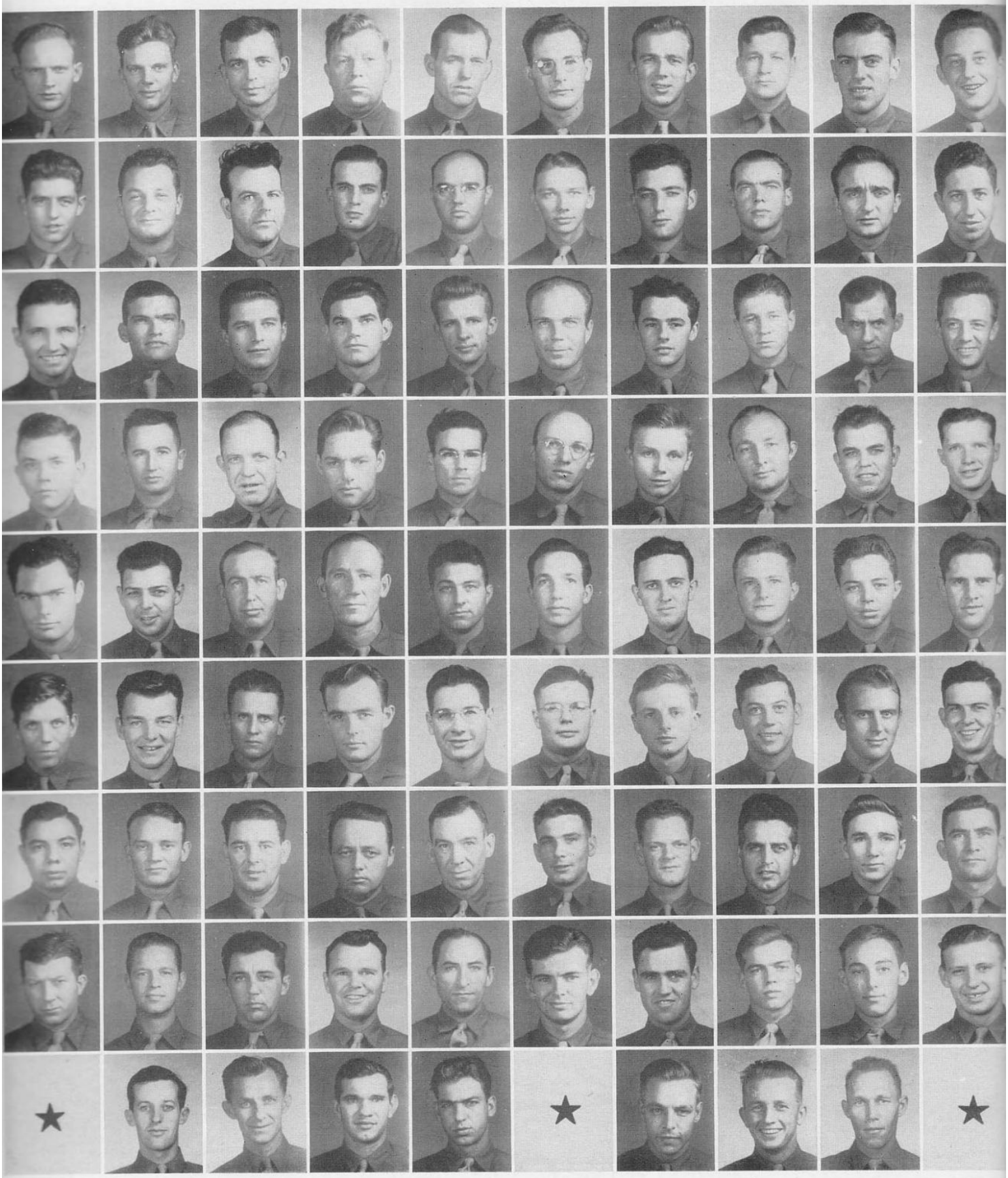
A good soldier is a well-dressed soldier.





SECOND BATTALION

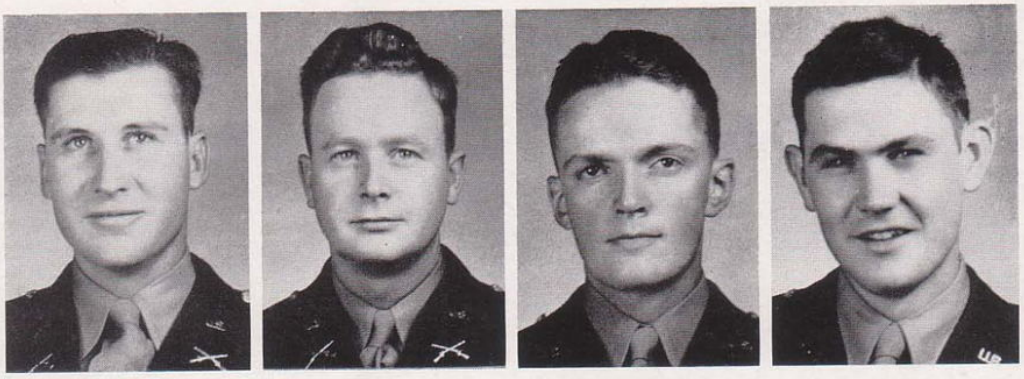
Staff











HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

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Train so that your loved ones will not wait in vain.

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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

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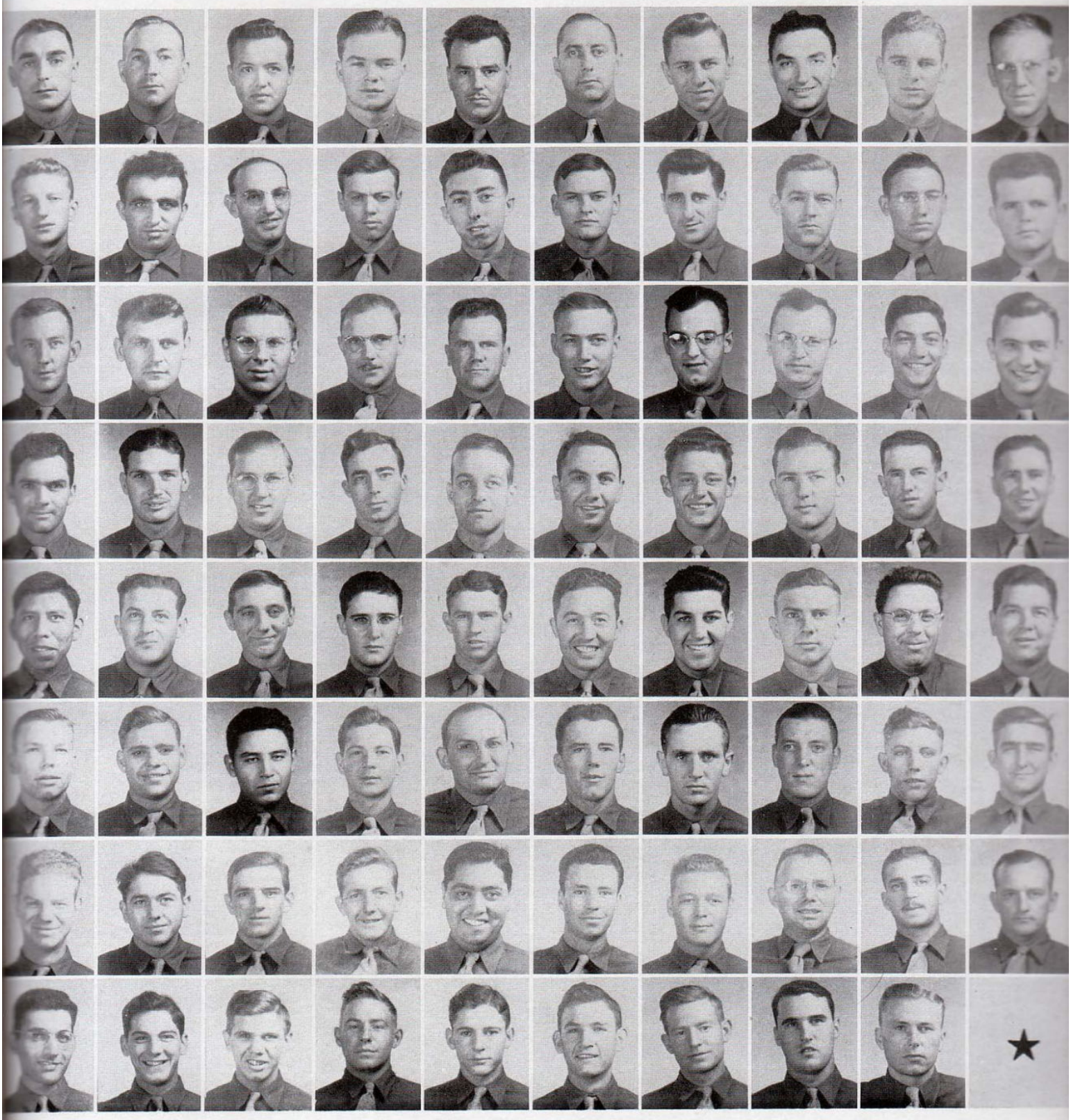
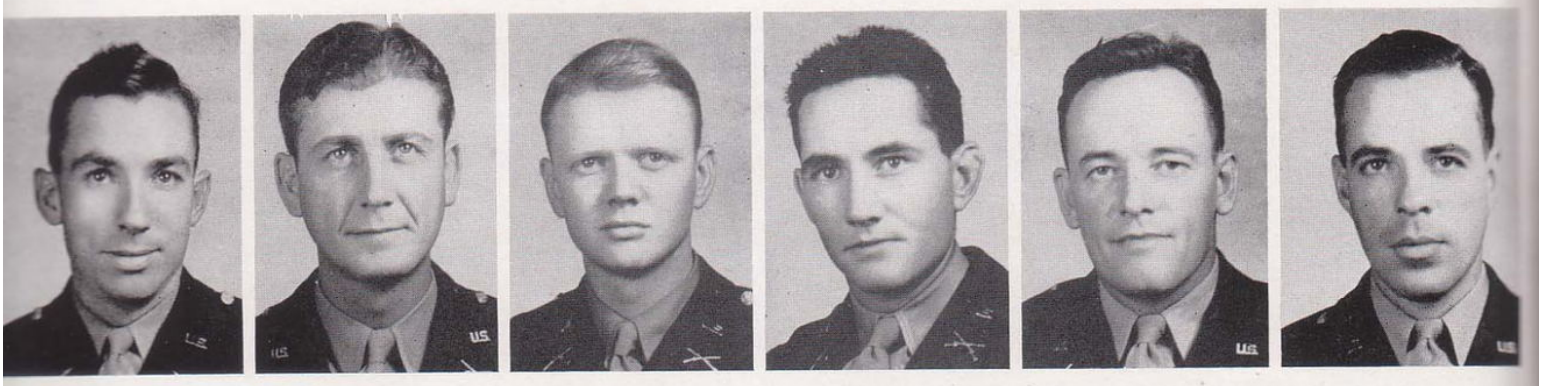
Let no boy's soul say, "Had I the proper training."





C O M P A N Y E

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"Morale is to the physical as three is to one."

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C O M P A N Y E

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"There is no other influence that holds a soldier in the battleline so well as pride." (Major General D. C. Shanks, "Management of the American Soldier.")



C O M P A N Y E

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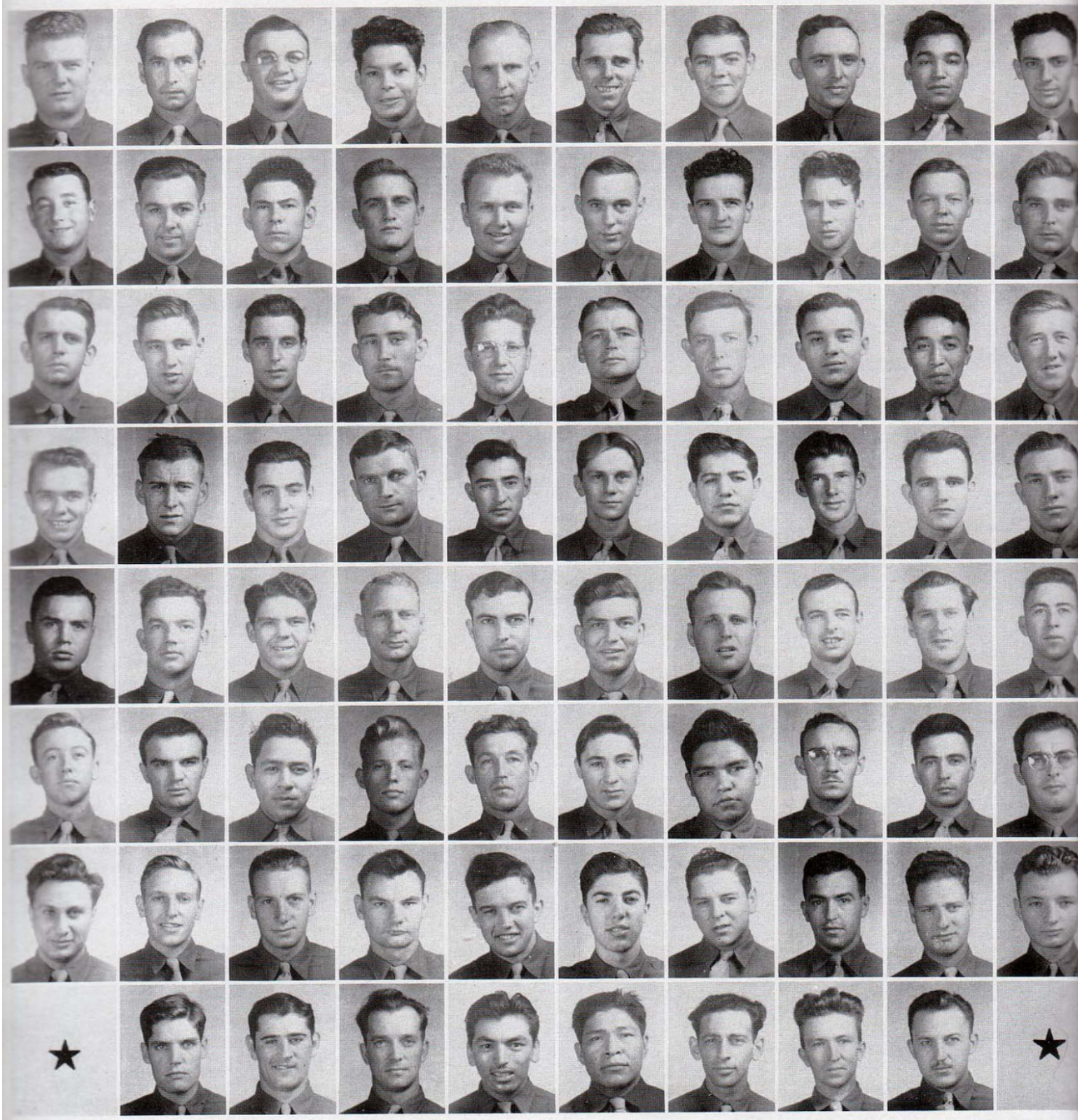
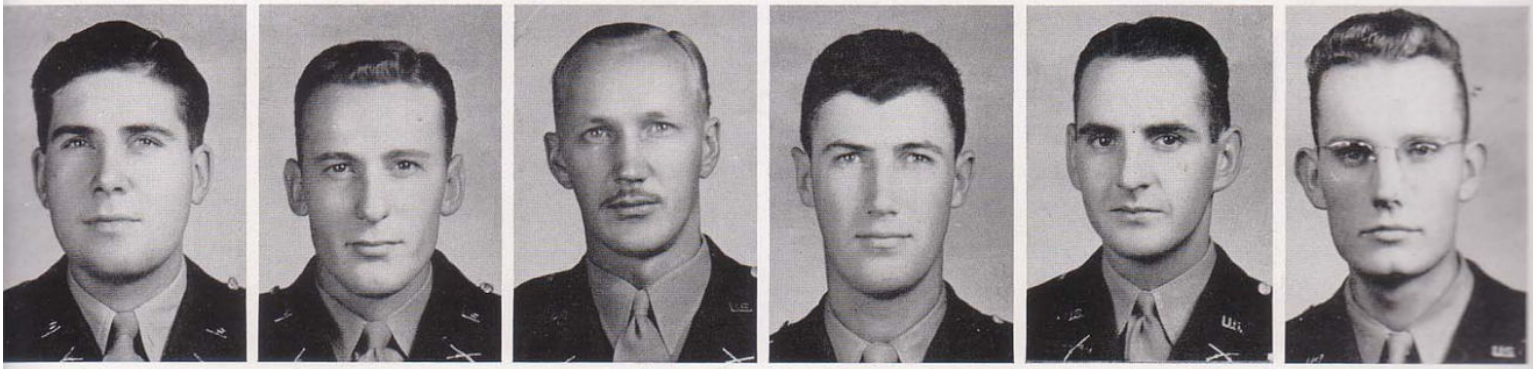
Have I taken care of all my men?





C O M P A N Y F

A good soldier never—
offers excuses,
offers explanations, unless called for,
gives promises, but does it.







C O M P A N Y F

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Have I checked my notebook?



C O M P A N Y F

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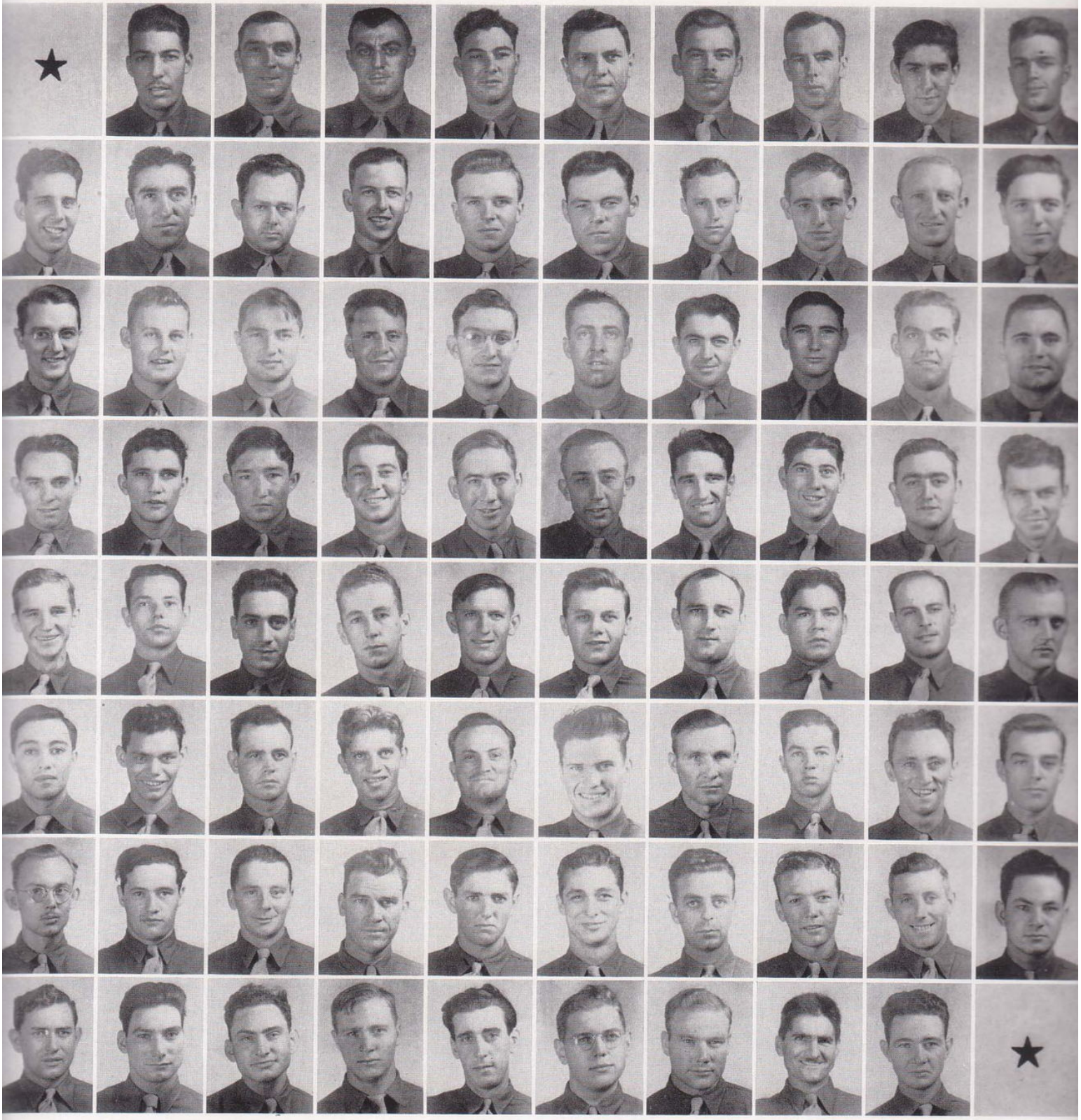
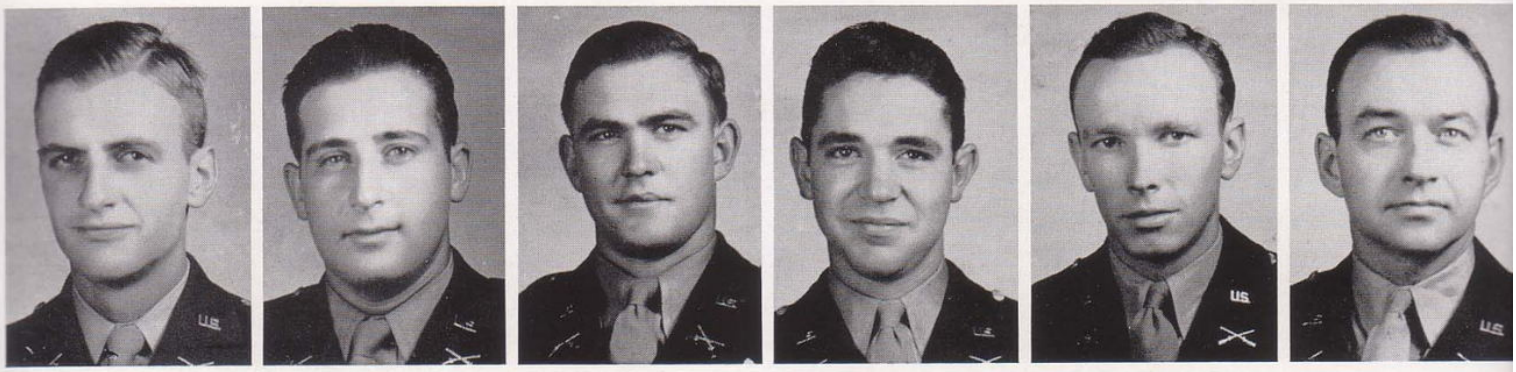
Have I prepared myself for tomorrow's training?





C O M P A N Y G

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"The leader must neglect every personal consideration in favor of duty." (Major General M. B. Stewart, U. S. Army.)

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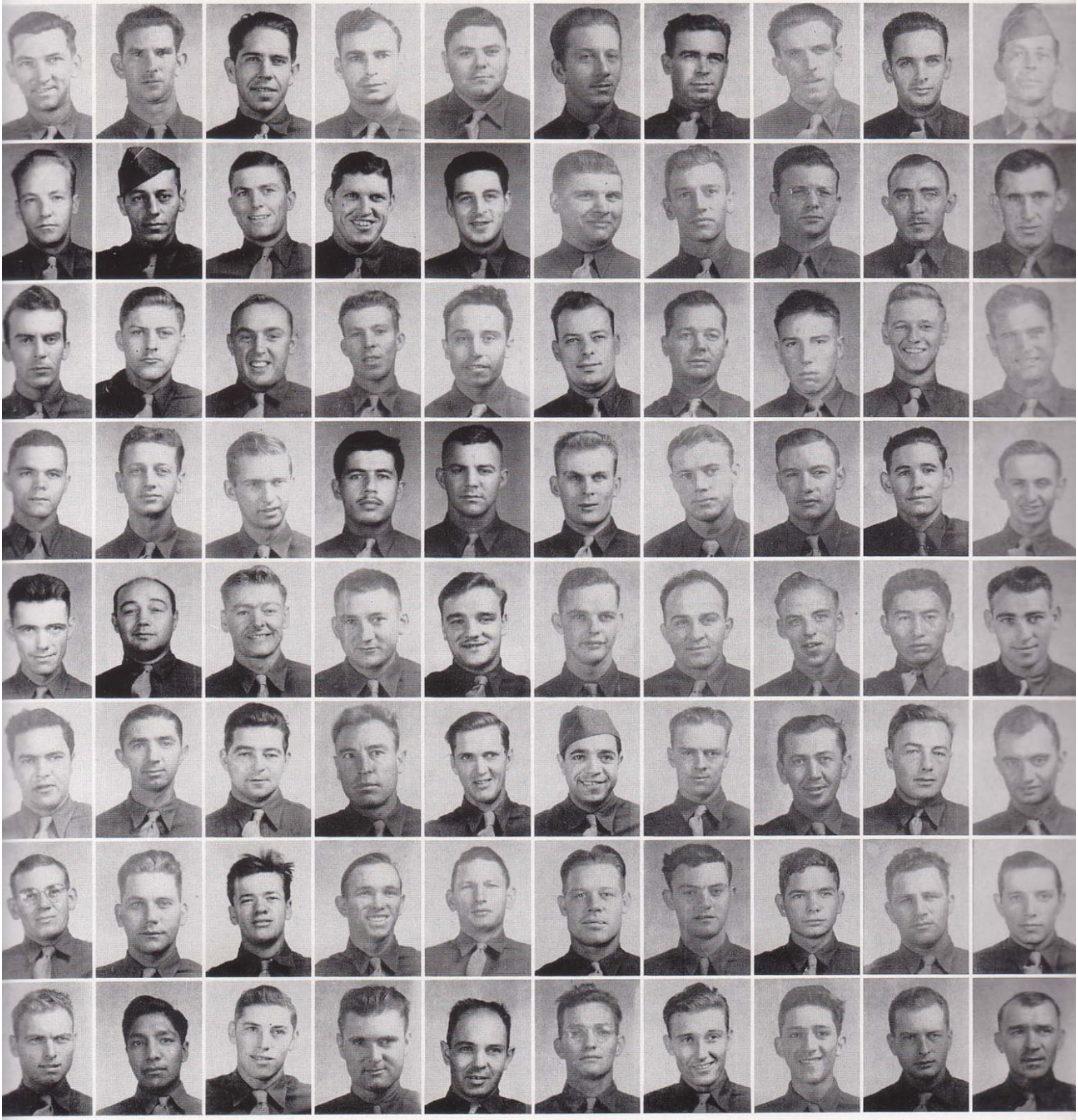

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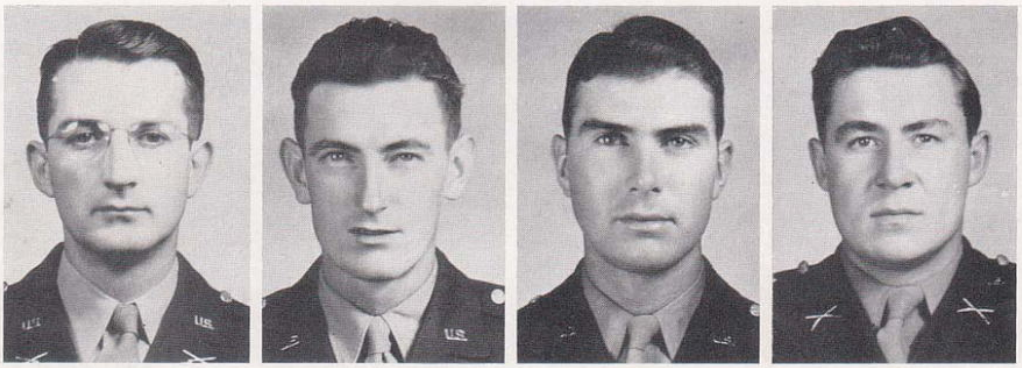

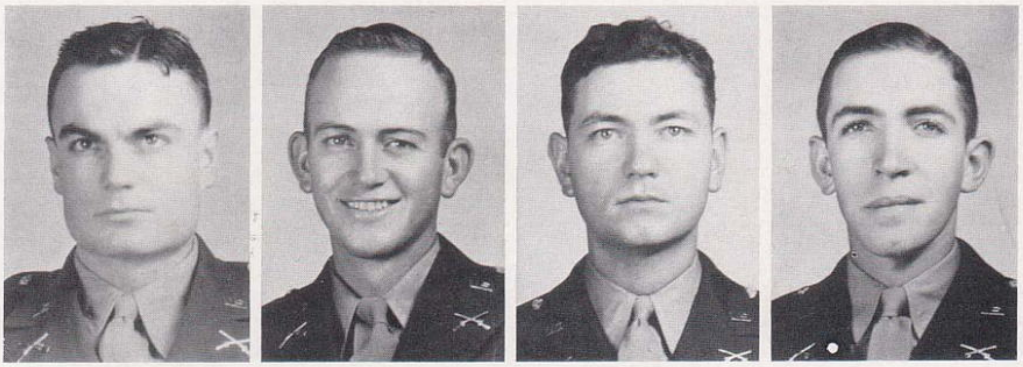

COMPANY H



COMPANY H



"In combat you will do exactly what you were taught to do in training. If you school yourself and discipline yourself to do the things that you were taught in training, you will automatically do them without thinking in combat. Results: More casualties to the enemy—less to yourself."



COMPANY H

"Think instead of the possibility, however remote it may be, that we may be needed on an active front in a very short time. Prepare yourselves for that possibility, and be serious in your preparations." (Major General Harry J. Collins, Division Commander.)



THIRD BATTALION

Staff

"The squad system is the very soul of company training." (Major General D. C. Shanks, "Management of the American Soldier.")









HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

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"Properly selected, properly trained, and properly used, the non-commissioned officers are the mainstay of discipline and of efficiency." (Major General D. C. Shanks, "Management of the American Soldier.")



HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

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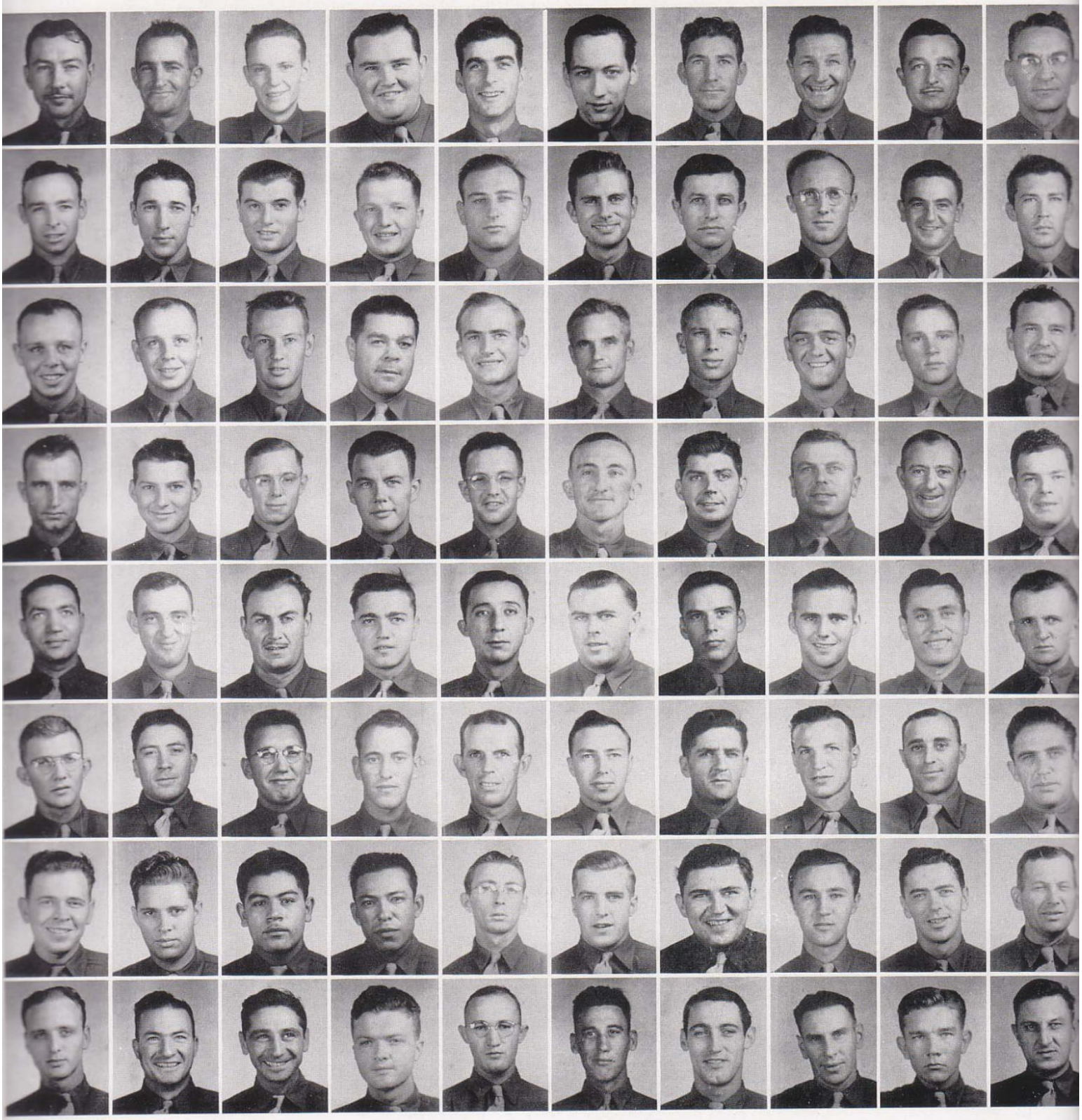
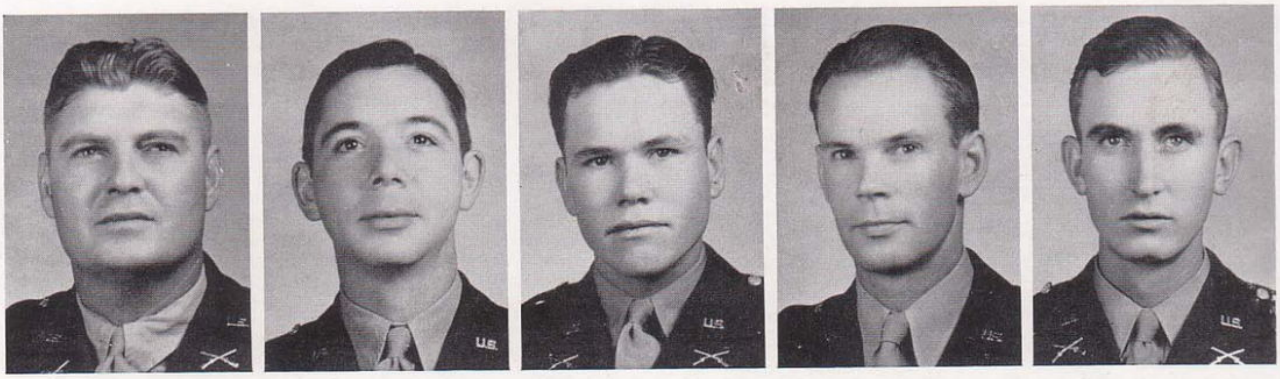
"Execution is to planning as 9 is to 1."





C O M P A N Y I

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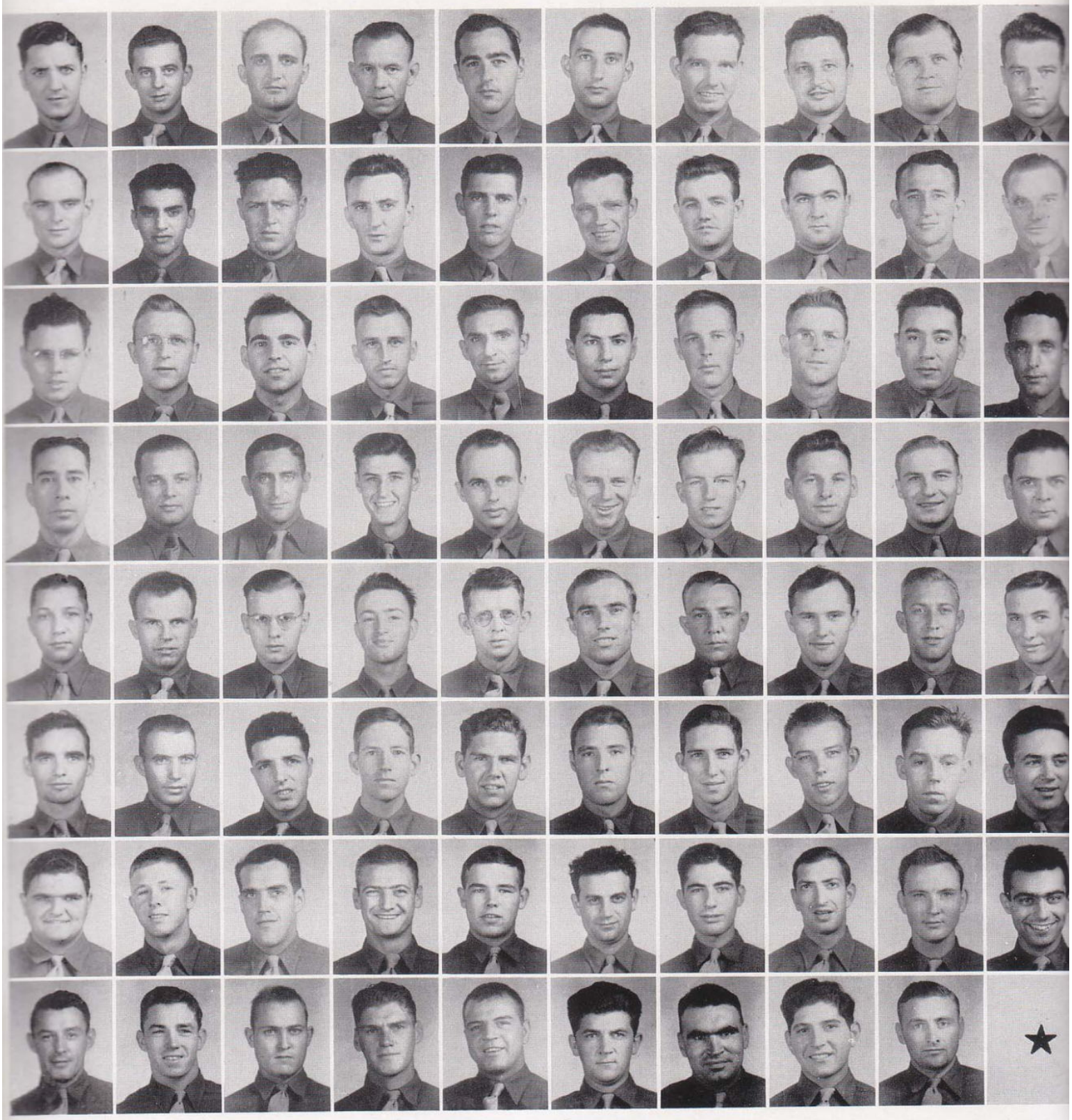
C O M P A N Y I

Get trained, not killed.



C O M P A N Y I

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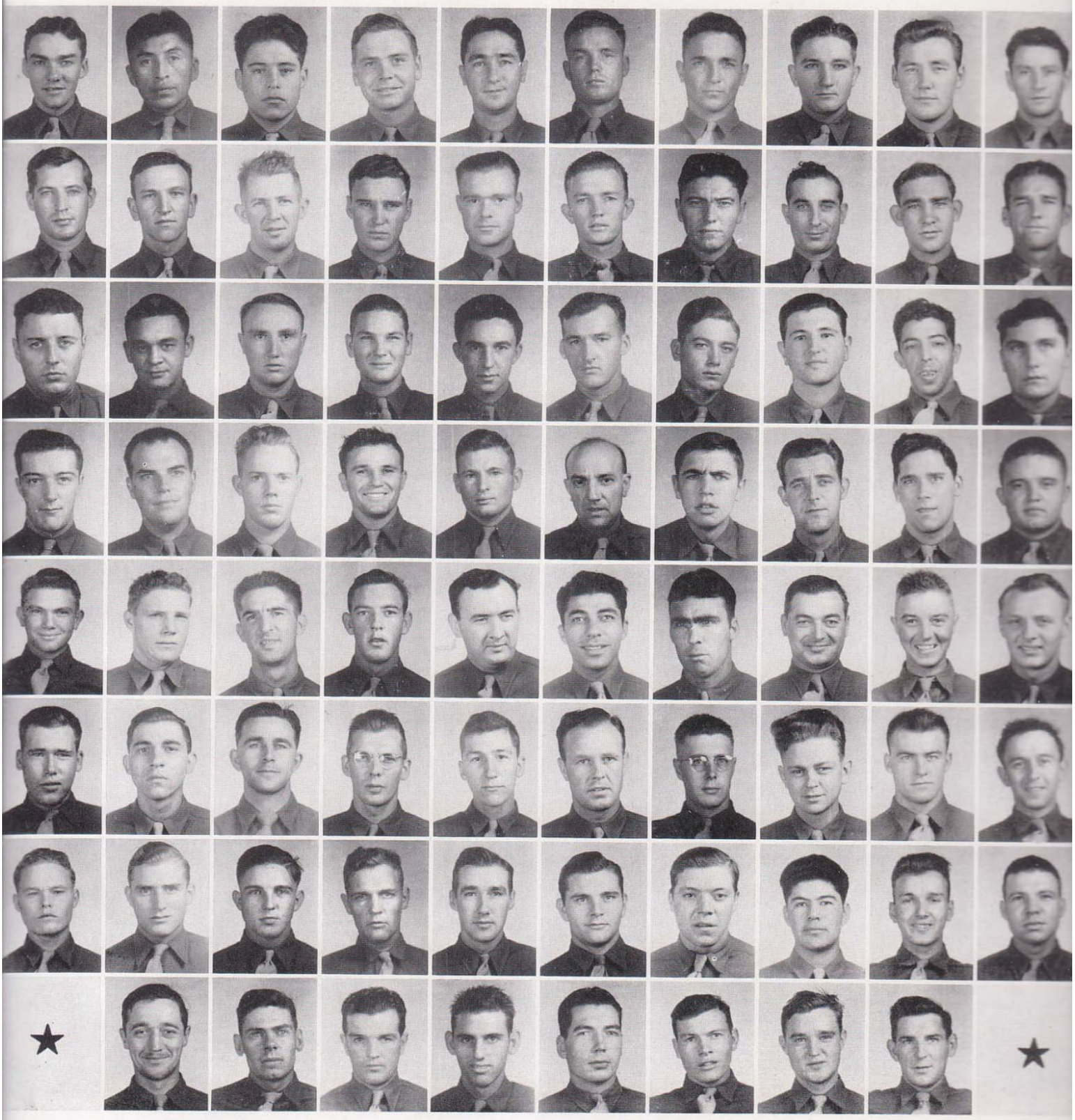
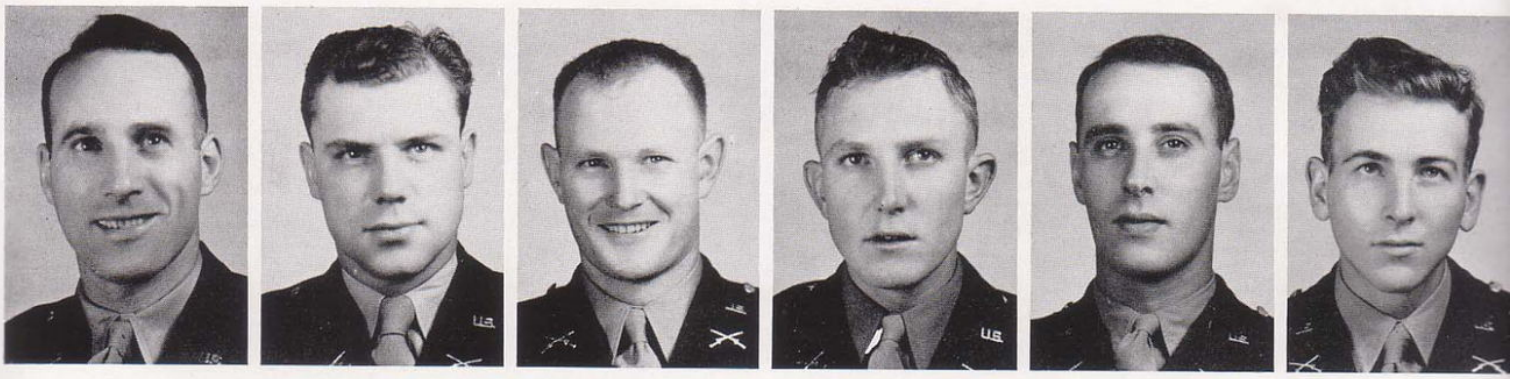
"An hour lost today is a life lost tomorrow."





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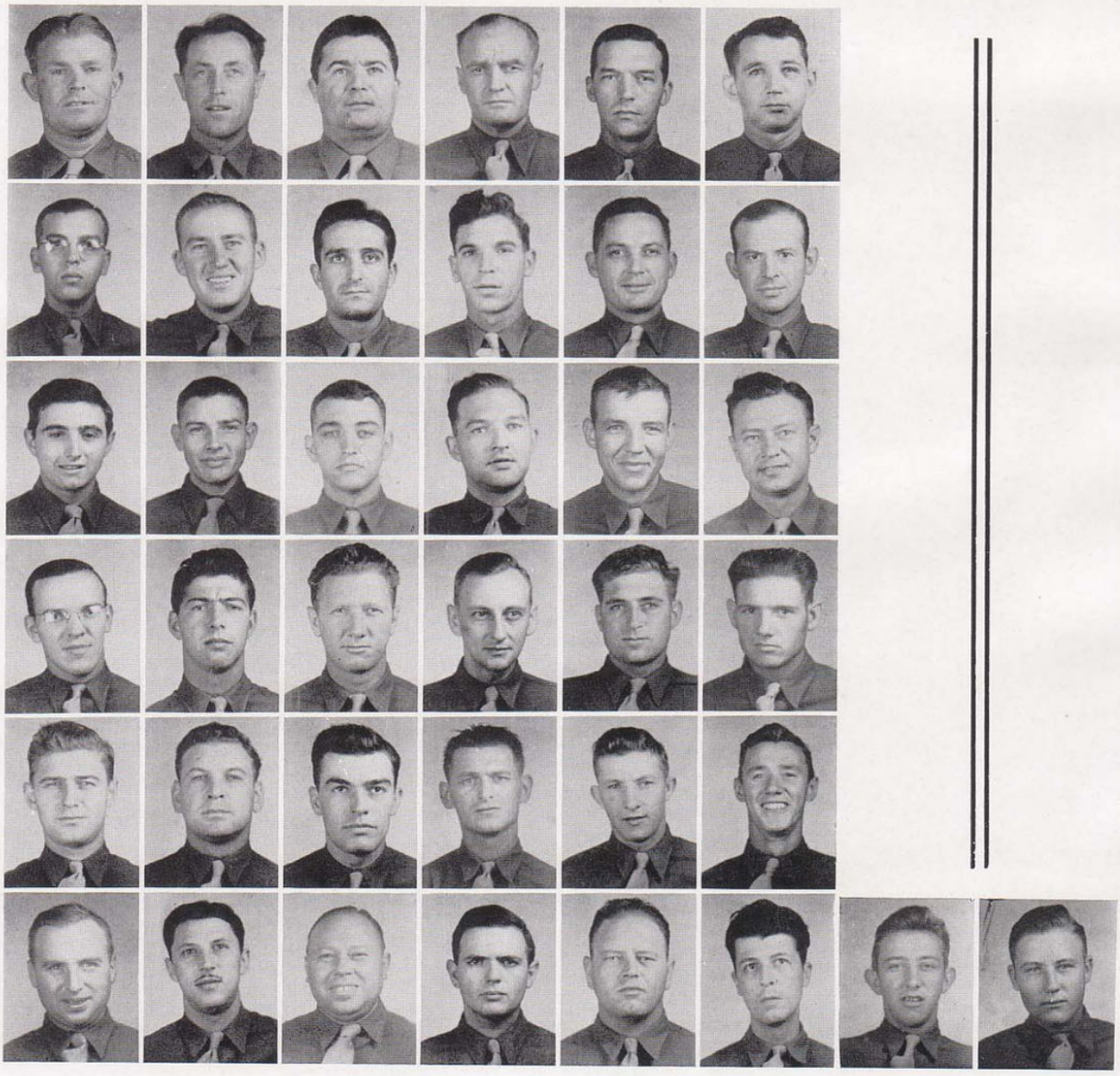

C O M P A N Y K

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"Spend every waking minute applying yourselves to training." (Major General Harry J. Collins, Division Commander.)



C O M P A N Y K

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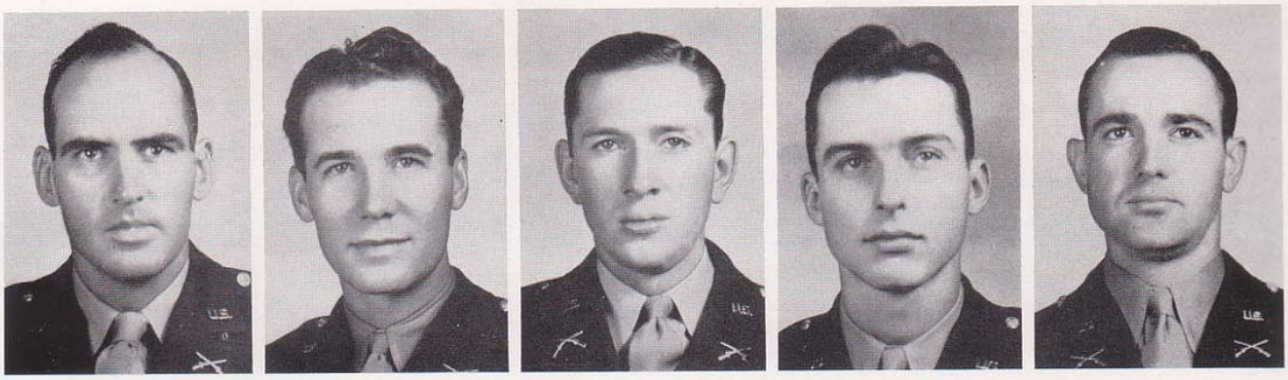
"Execution is to planning as 9 is to 1."





C O M P A N Y L

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Train so that your loved ones will not wait in vain.

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C O M P A N Y L

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"First of all, there is the problem of adding constantly to what we have already learned, yet never forgetting what has gone before." (Major General Harry J. Collins, Division Commander.)



C O M P A N Y L

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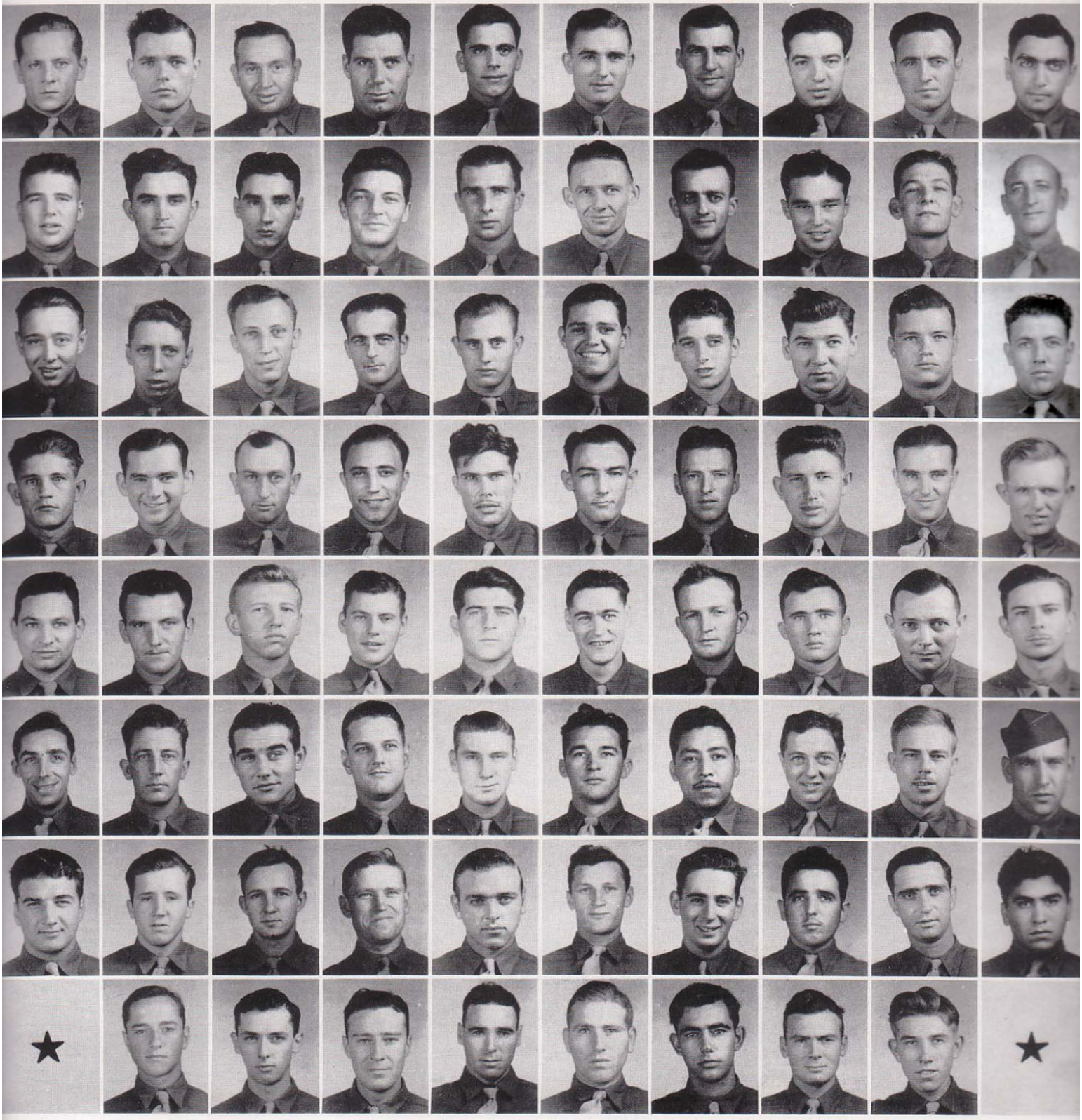
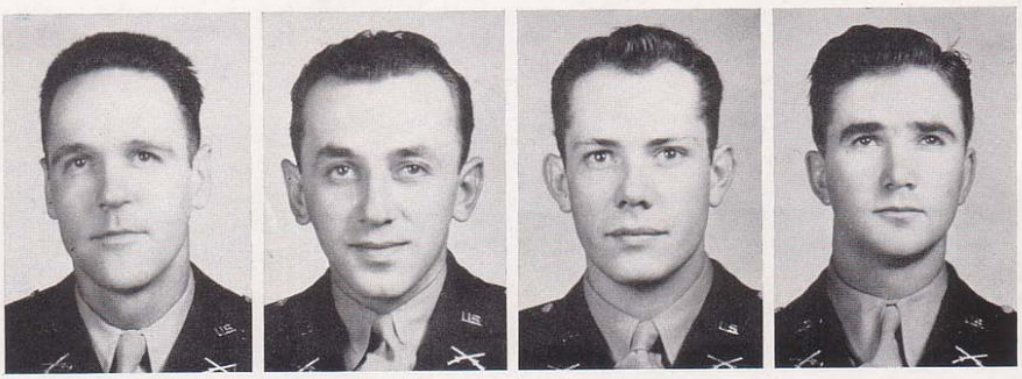
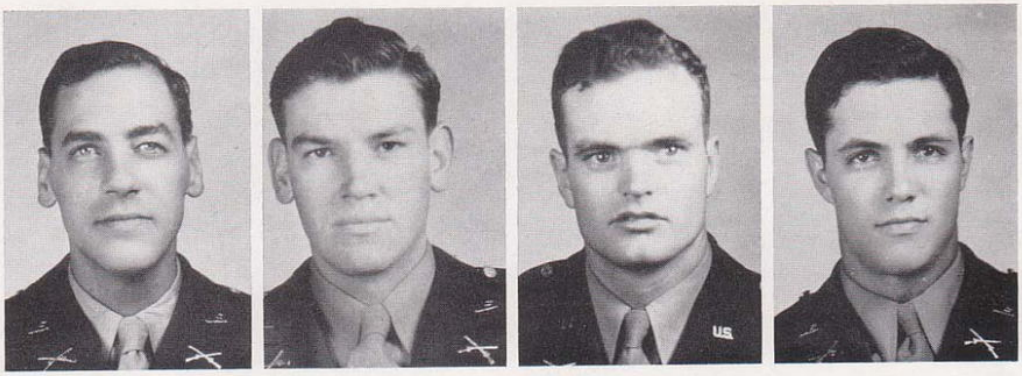
"For God's Sake, THINK! THINK! THINK!"







COMPANY M





COMPANY M

"No man can create an interest among men where he feels no interest himself." (Major General D. C. Shanks, "Management of the American Soldier.")

COMPANY M



"The soldier or the organization which does duty only because it has to is of very poor quality." (Major General D. C. Shanks, "Management of the American Soldier.")

PRAYER OF THE RAINBOW DIVISION



Almighty God we ask Thy approval of the duties placed upon us. Let Thy wisdom, be our wisdom; Thy strength, our strength; Thy will, our cause. Make our minds alert, our bodies strong, our thinking straight; that through no lack of ours a shadow be cast on our Division's bright past, nor its future light be dimmed.

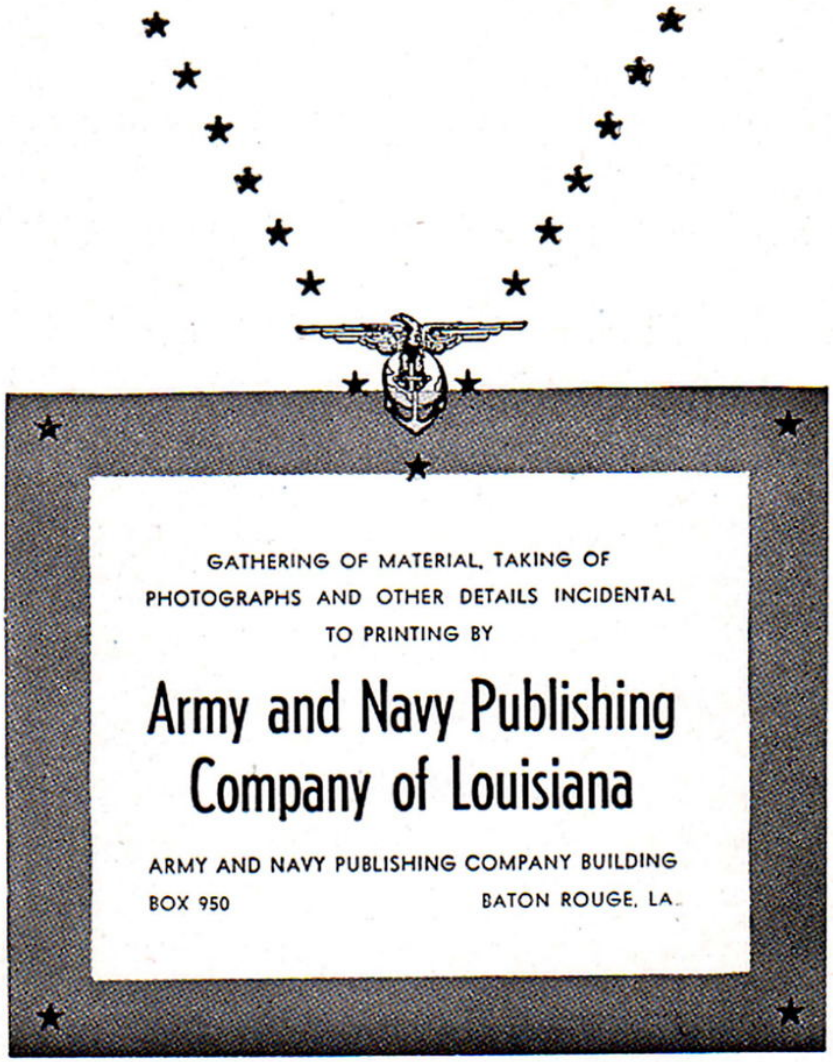
We commend the Rainbow Division, its Commander and its men, to Thee, as an instrument of Thy righteous justice.

As the rainbow supports Thy heavens in wondrous beauty, so grant that our Division shall support our nation in the blue of its valor, the gold of its love, and the red of its sacrifices.

Amen.







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