

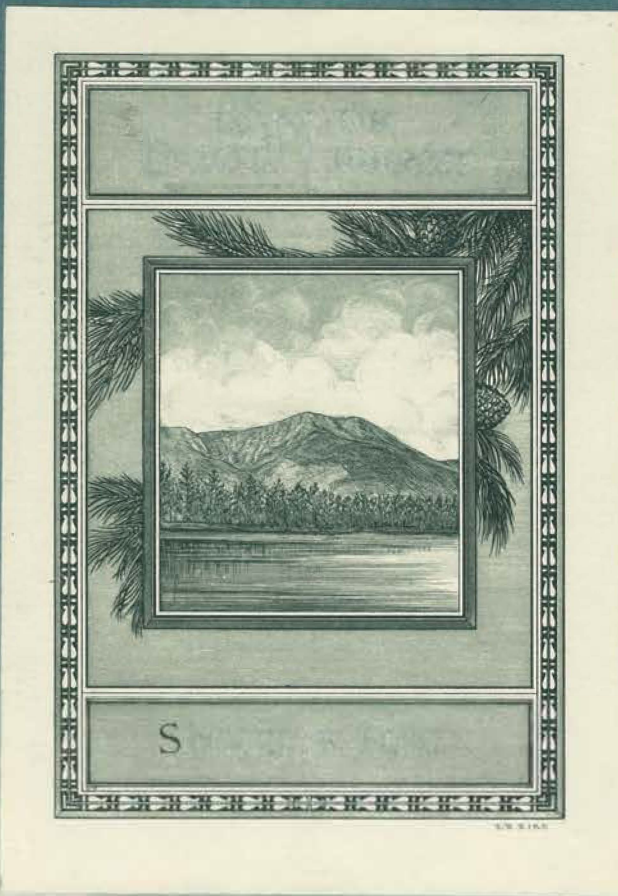
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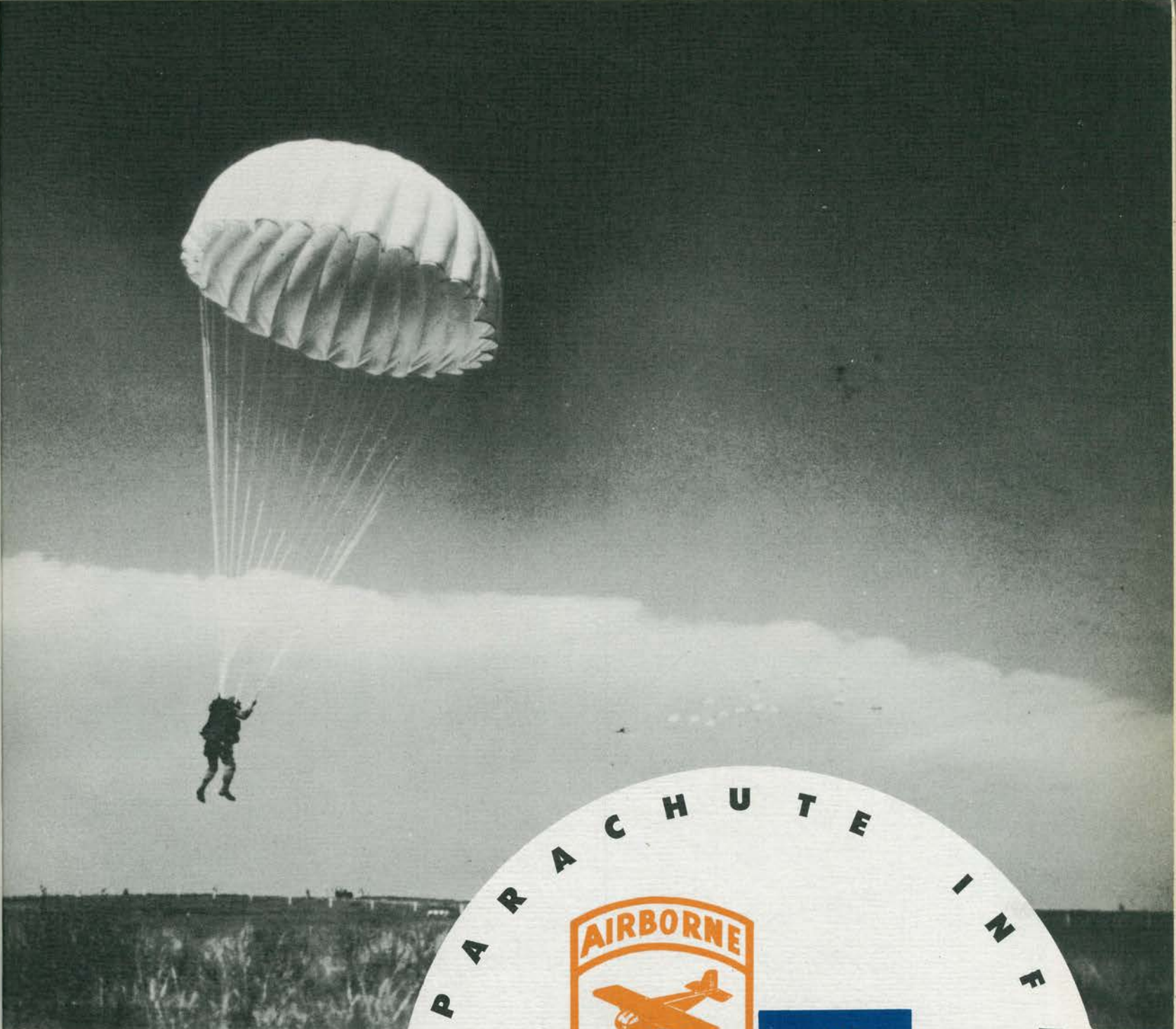
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our people, we will gain the inevitable  
triumph. So help us God.”*

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**December 8, 1941**



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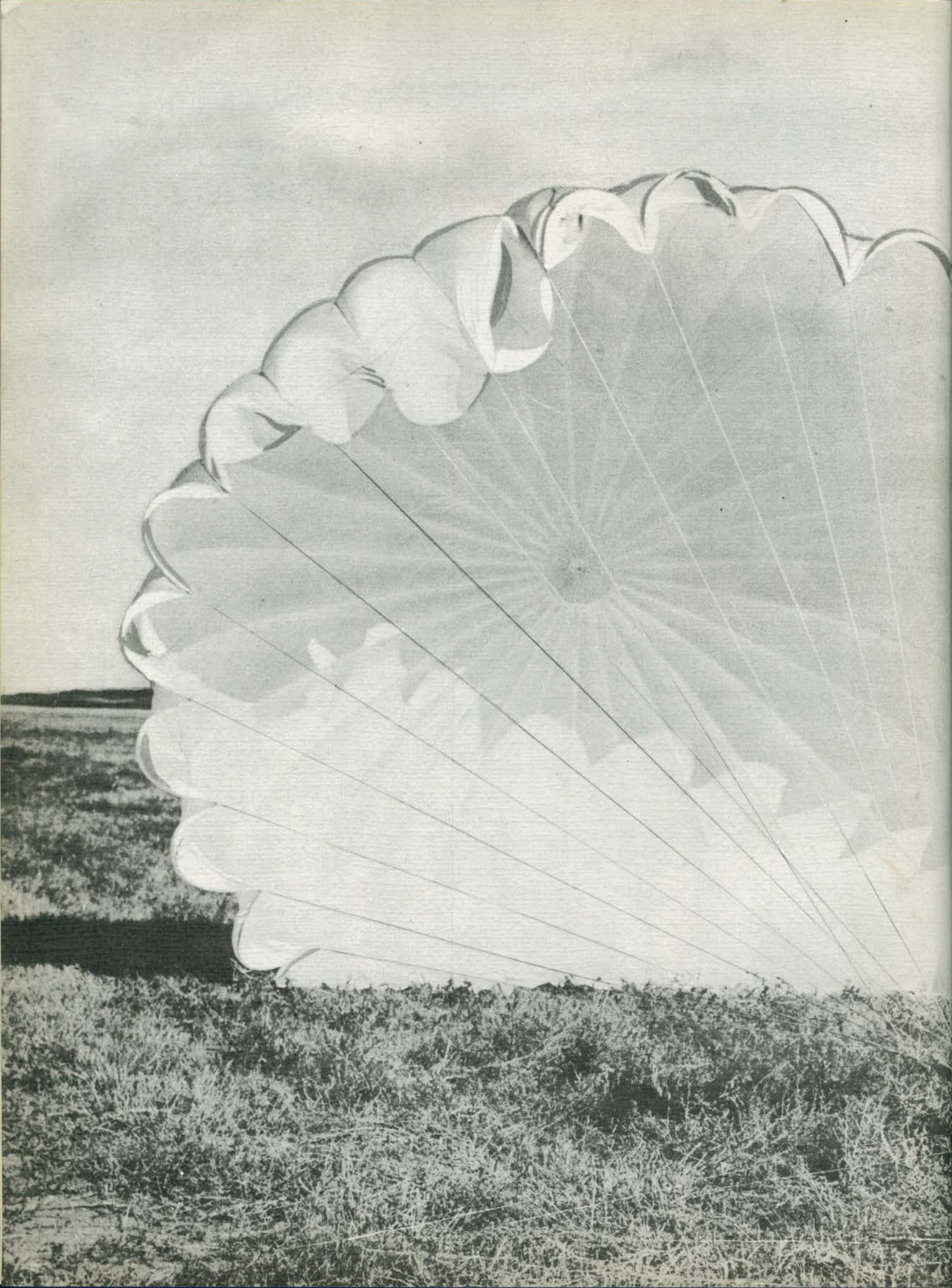


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# Dedication

- This book is dedicated to those men who lost their lives while in training with the 507th Parachute Infantry. The sacrifice that they made was not in vain, but shall serve the purpose of enabling the rest of us to grasp the issues at stake more readily . . . establishing and fixing in our minds the principles for which we are fighting. Because of this clarification, for which they are responsible, we must, and shall, be determined to carry out and fulfill whatever tasks may be required of us with the greatest possible zeal and dispatch.
- Their memories shall be with us wherever we go, constant reminders of our duties and obligations. Unaware though we may be of their presence, their vigil shall be constant. From the Valhalla of brave men they shall urge us on when we falter, give us strength when we tire, and lift us when we fall. Our victories shall be their victories—our defeats their defeats. These brave men shall never die so long as comrades live to keep their memories bright and the things they fought for intact.
- To the families of the deceased we offer a word of comfort, a promise of victory. It must be a consolation to know that because of your sons, the tomorrow shall give rise to a better world, after the night of darkness.





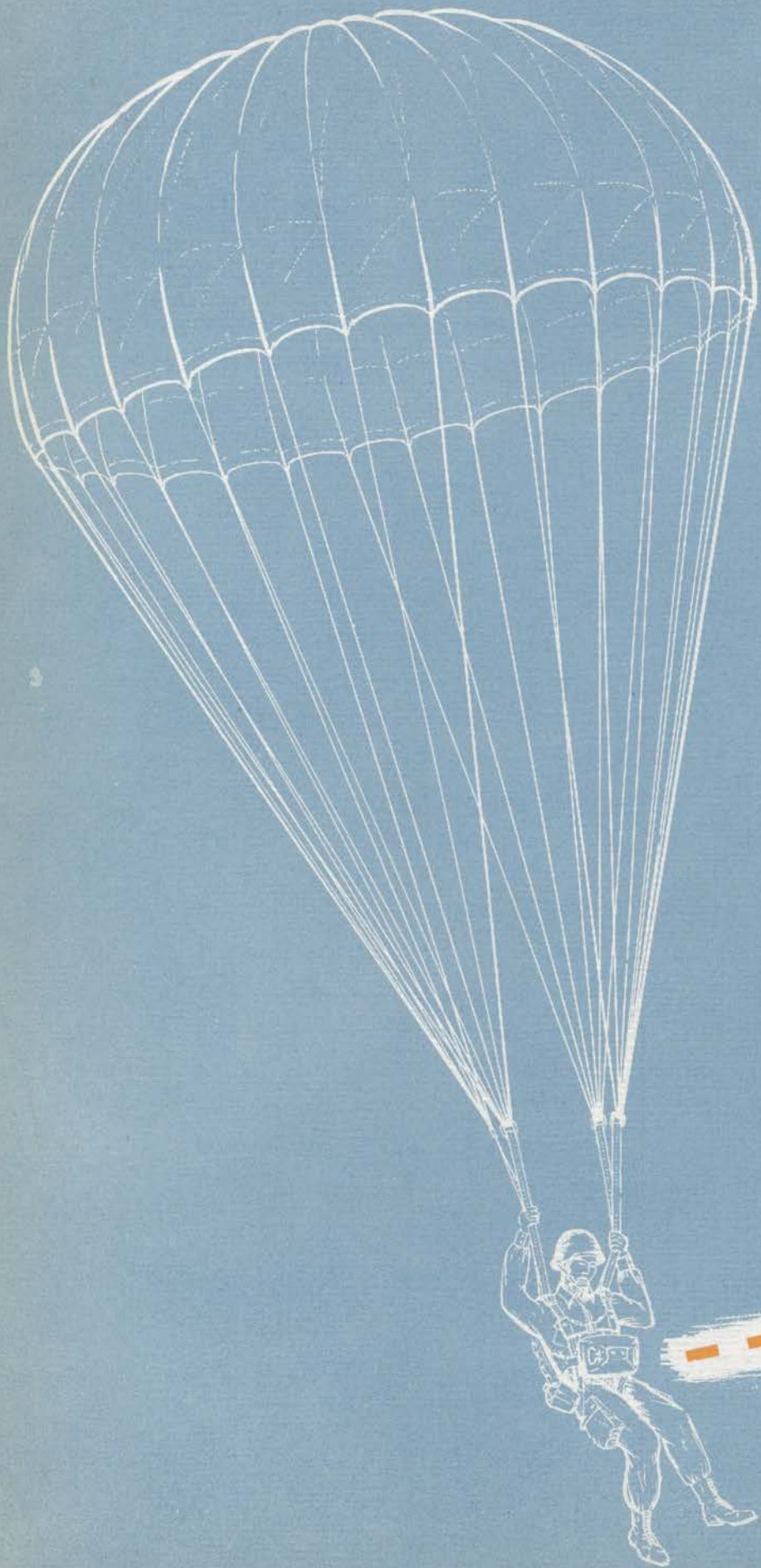
# Foreword



## *Reminiscent of another era...*

this book will mellow with the years—and serve as a reminder of the days of our youth. It will enable us to turn back the pages that the years have tended to shroud in darkness and forgetfulness, reviving dormant memories and clearing the haze from images and situations long since recorded and now stored away.

- It has often been said that "time changes everything." Disagreeable details, fatiguing marches, and the "G.I." way of doing things will become vague and distorted in our mind's eye, and thence emerge in our fancy as being the "good old days."
- Our rehabilitation, necessitated by the war, has torn down barriers which formerly restricted our vision and understanding and has given our outlook a broader scope. This conflict accelerated the tempo of our lives and will influence the channel our careers shall follow when the war is over.
- The staff, therefore, feels that the occasion warrants the publication of this book. We hope that we have successfully mirrored the aims and activities of the 507th Parachute Infantry. To the men of the regiment, good luck and — Godspeed:





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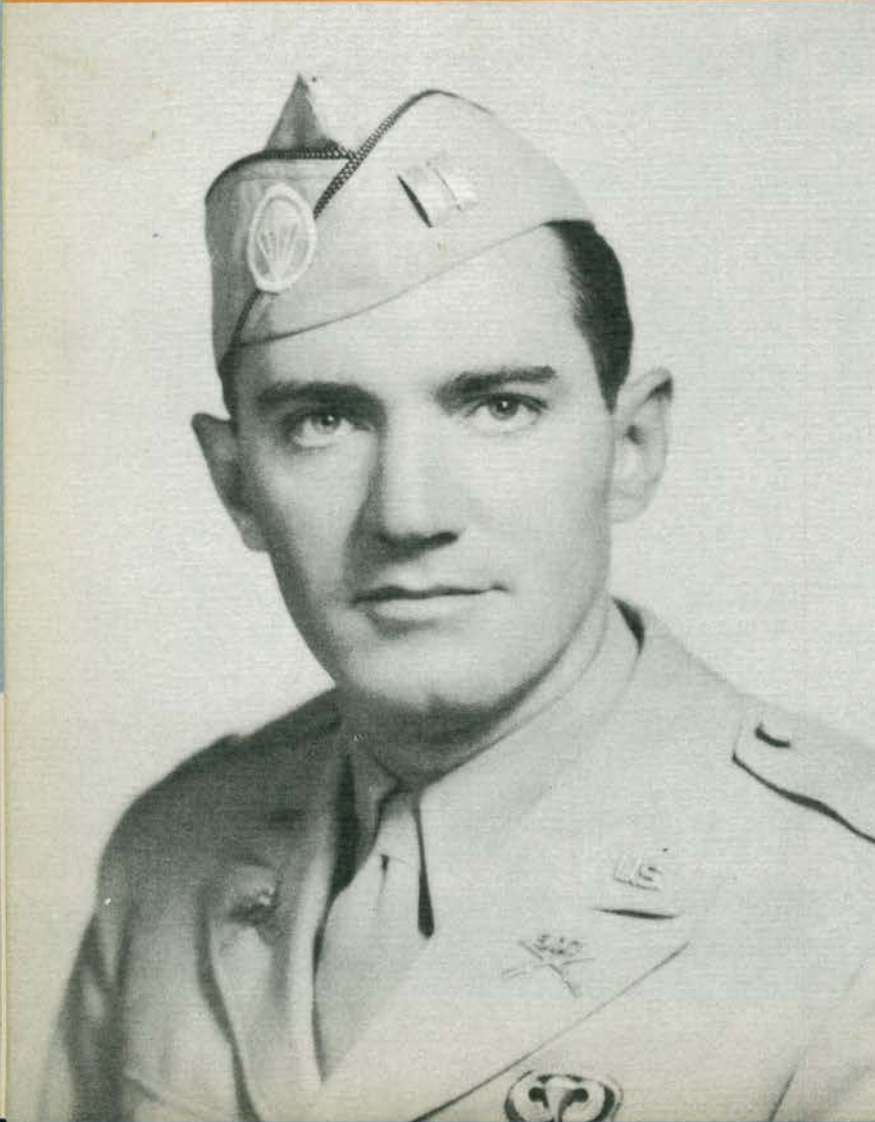




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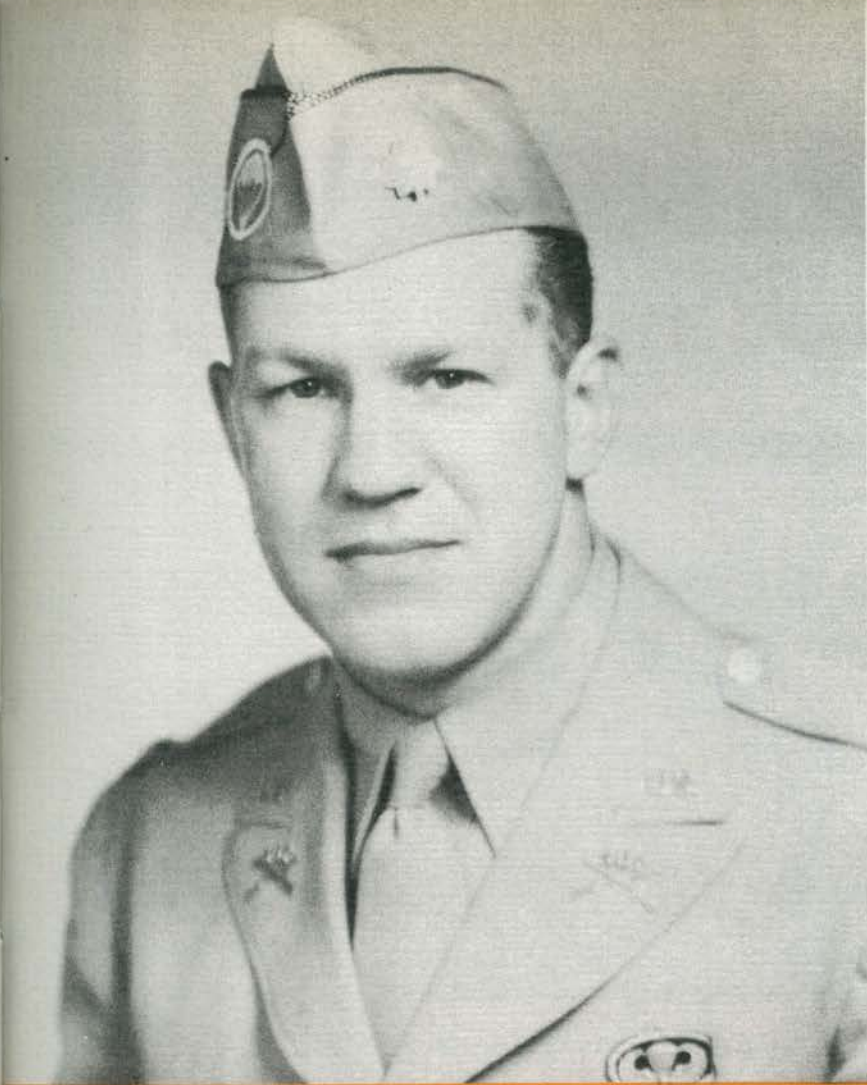
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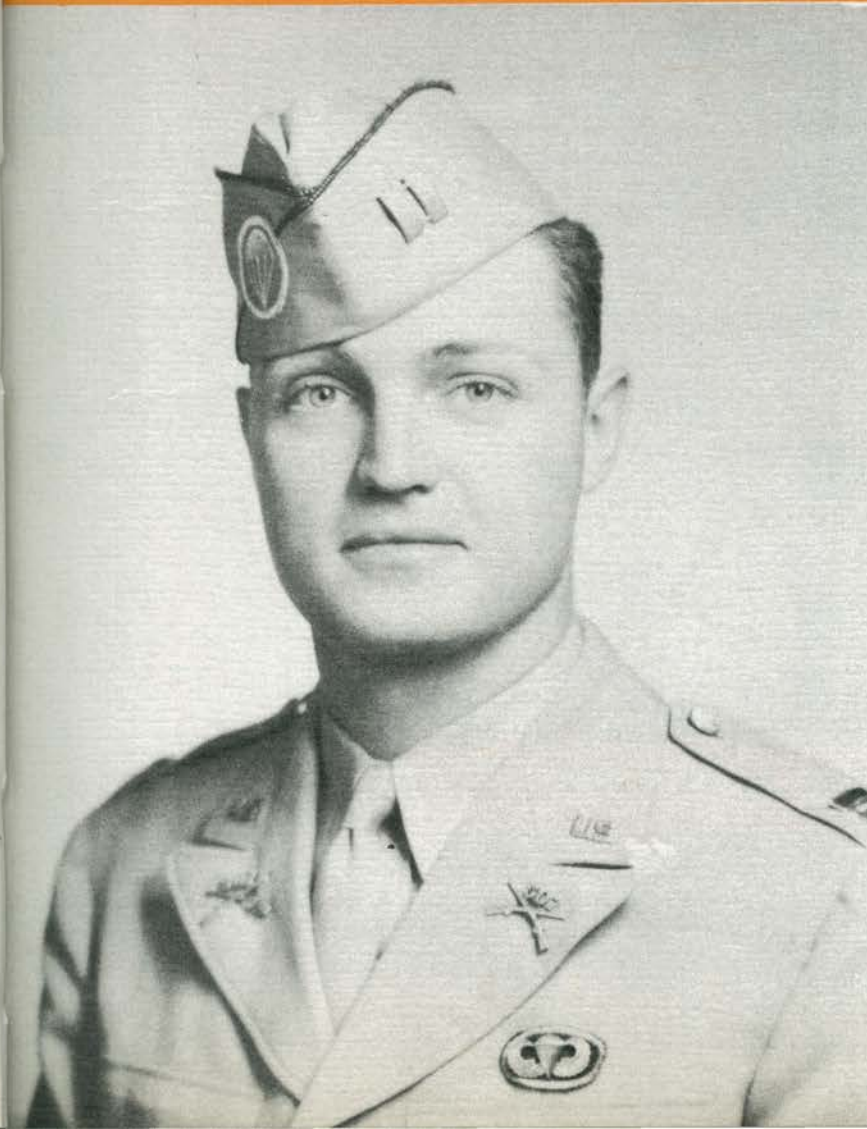
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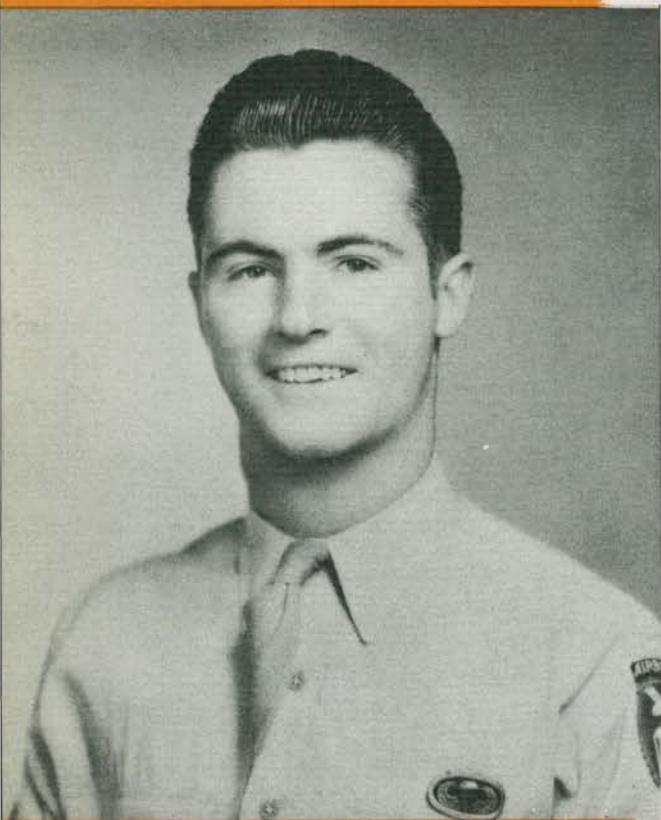
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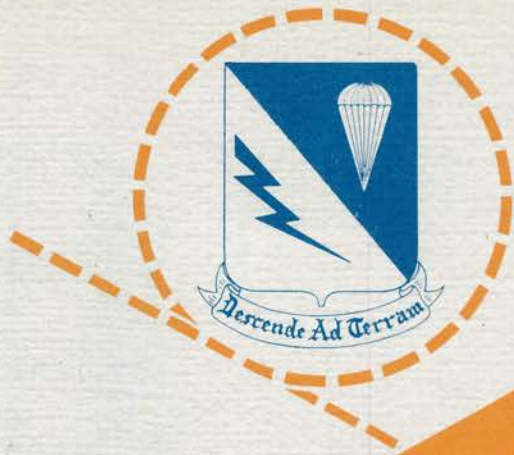
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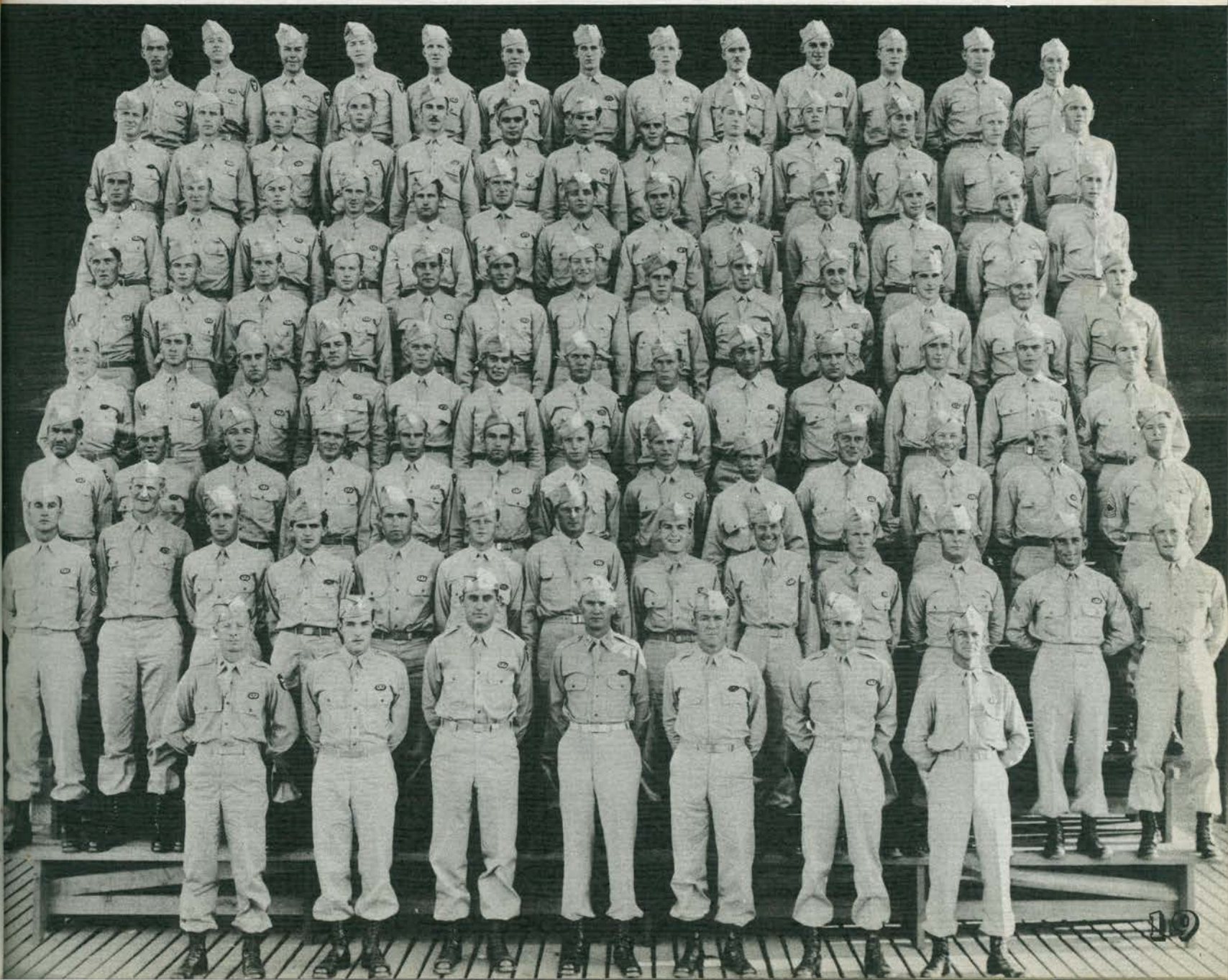


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★ This mass jump marked the arrival of the 507th Parachute Infantry at Alliance, Nebraska on Sunday, April 4, 1943.



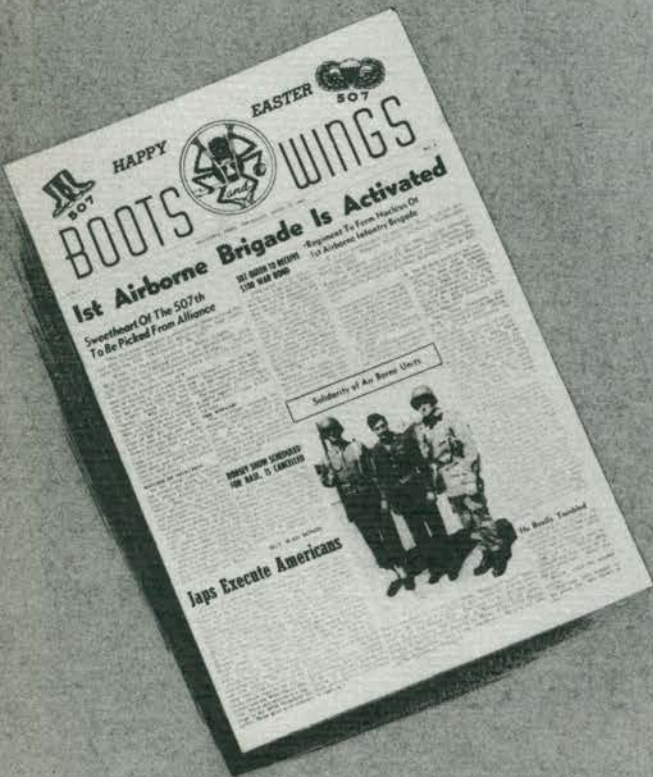
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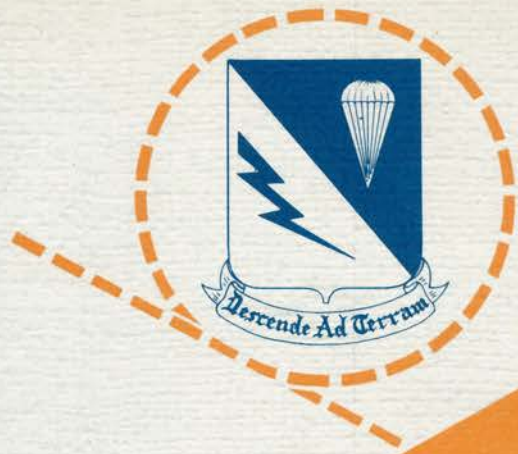




507<sup>th</sup> REGIMENTAL PAPER

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• The first issue of Boots and Wings appeared in the "Frying Pan" (Fort Benning) November 1, 1943. 1500 copies were run off on the hand operated mimeograph machine . . . 20 pages per issue. From this humble beginning Boots and Wings has progressed until today it is rated by many as the finest regimental publication in the United States Army . . . When Boots and Wings was first conceived in October of '42 and the initial stages of development had been overcome, there were still a great many obstacles to be hurdled. The regiment was still under strength at the time, a great many people were skeptical as to the advisability of having a regimental paper . . . The one-time skeptics are now the staunchest supporters of Boots and Wings. The paper has attempted to mirror to "whomever it may concern" the life and activities of the 507th Parachute Infantry. The editors hope that they have succeeded.



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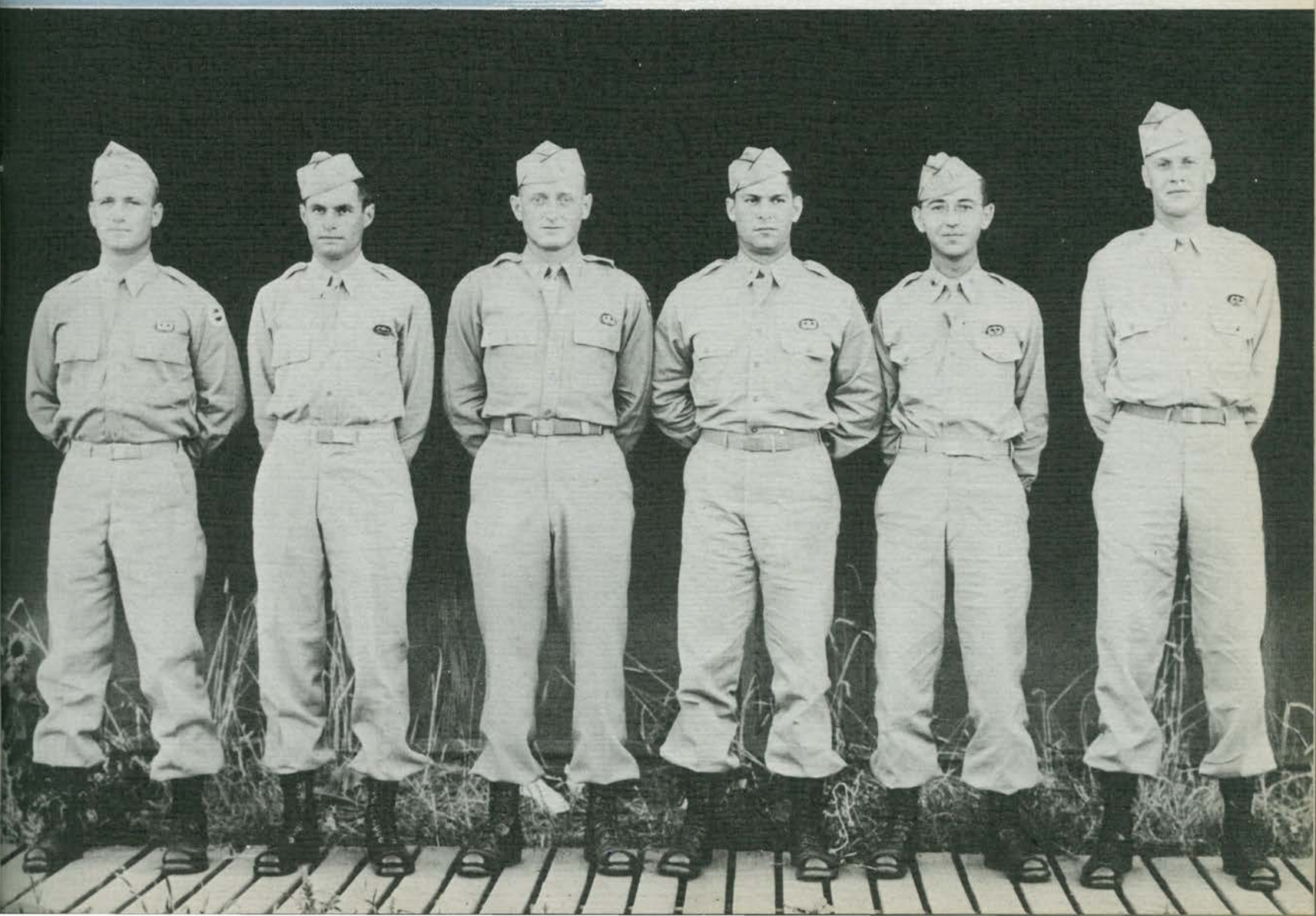
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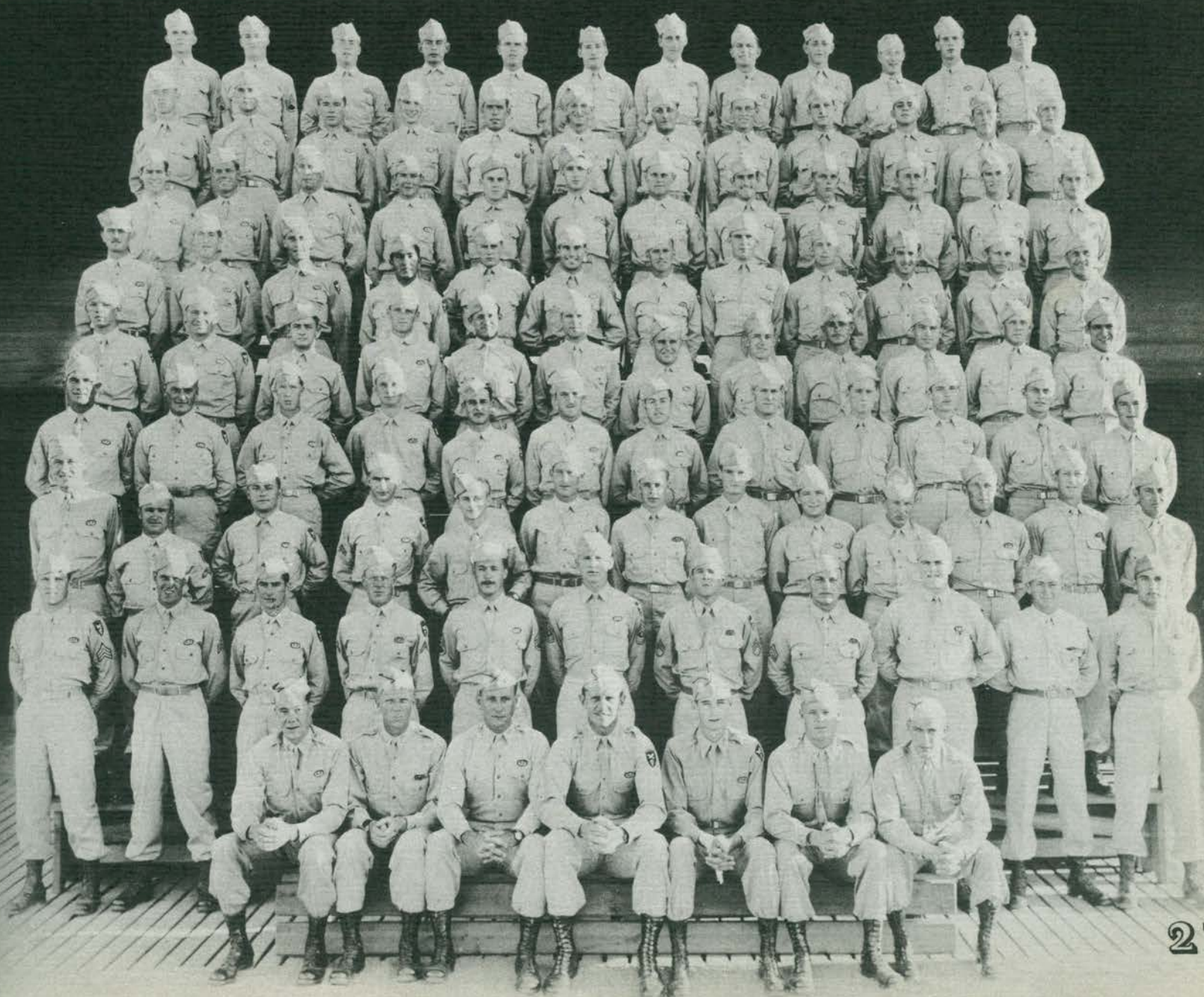
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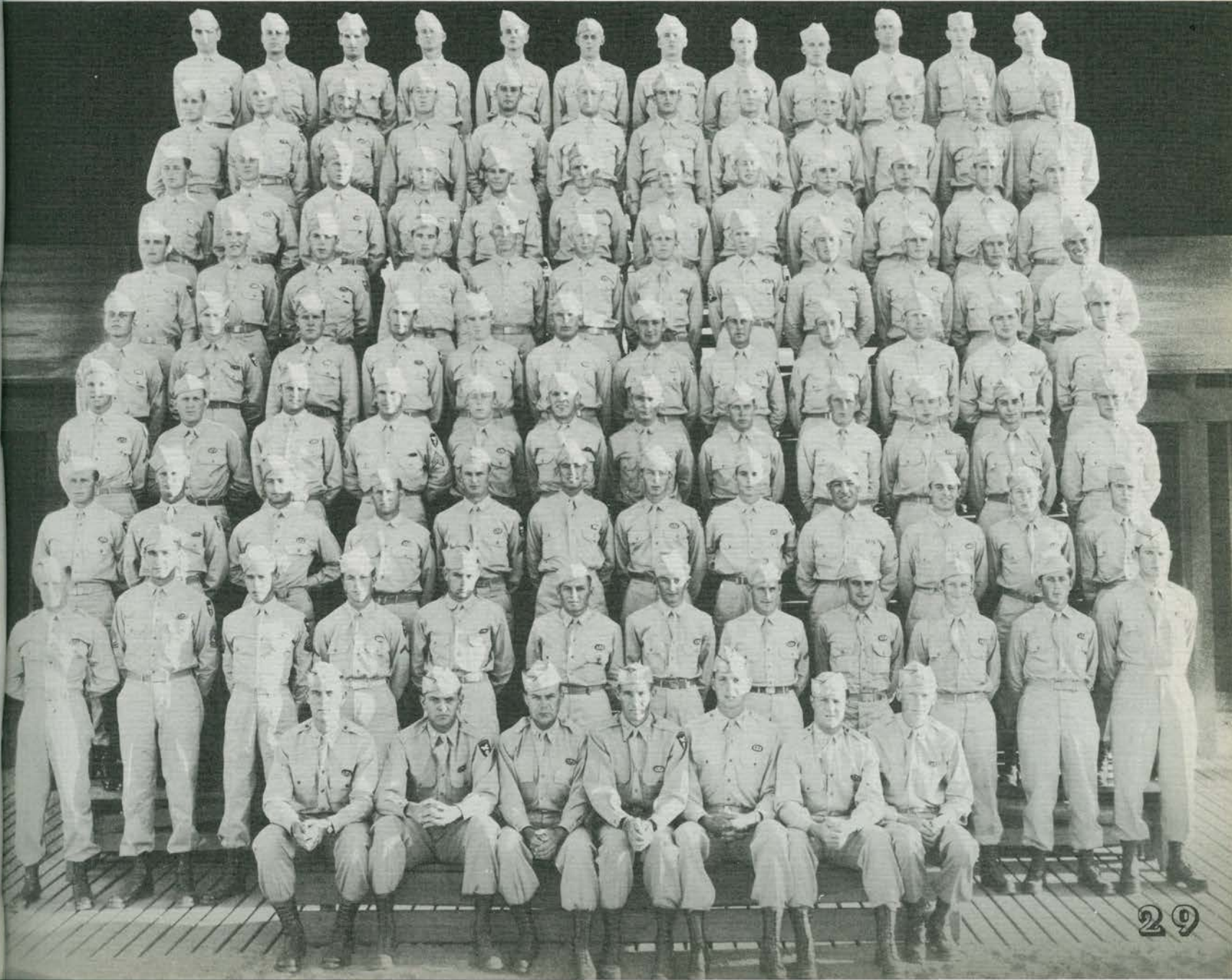


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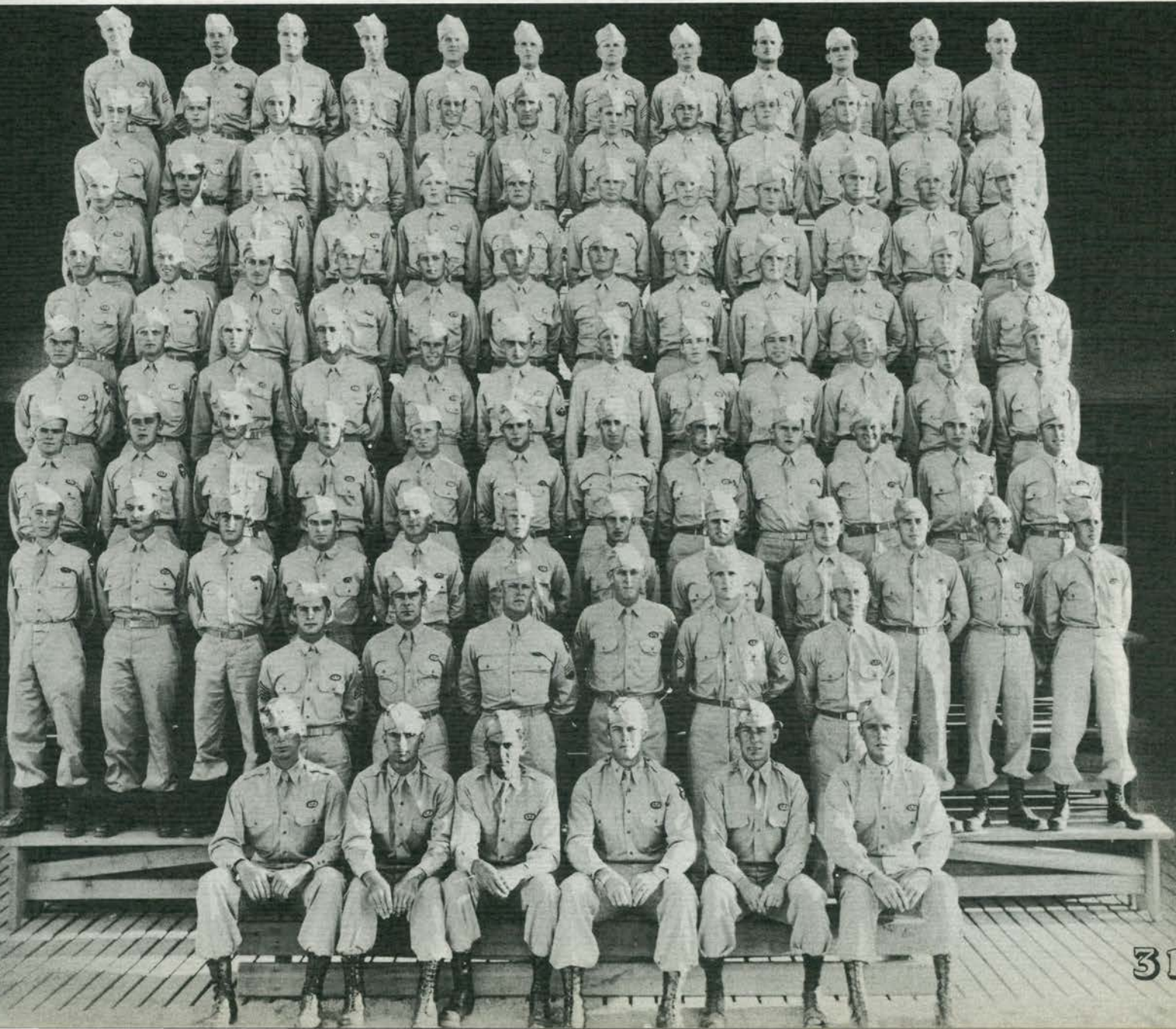




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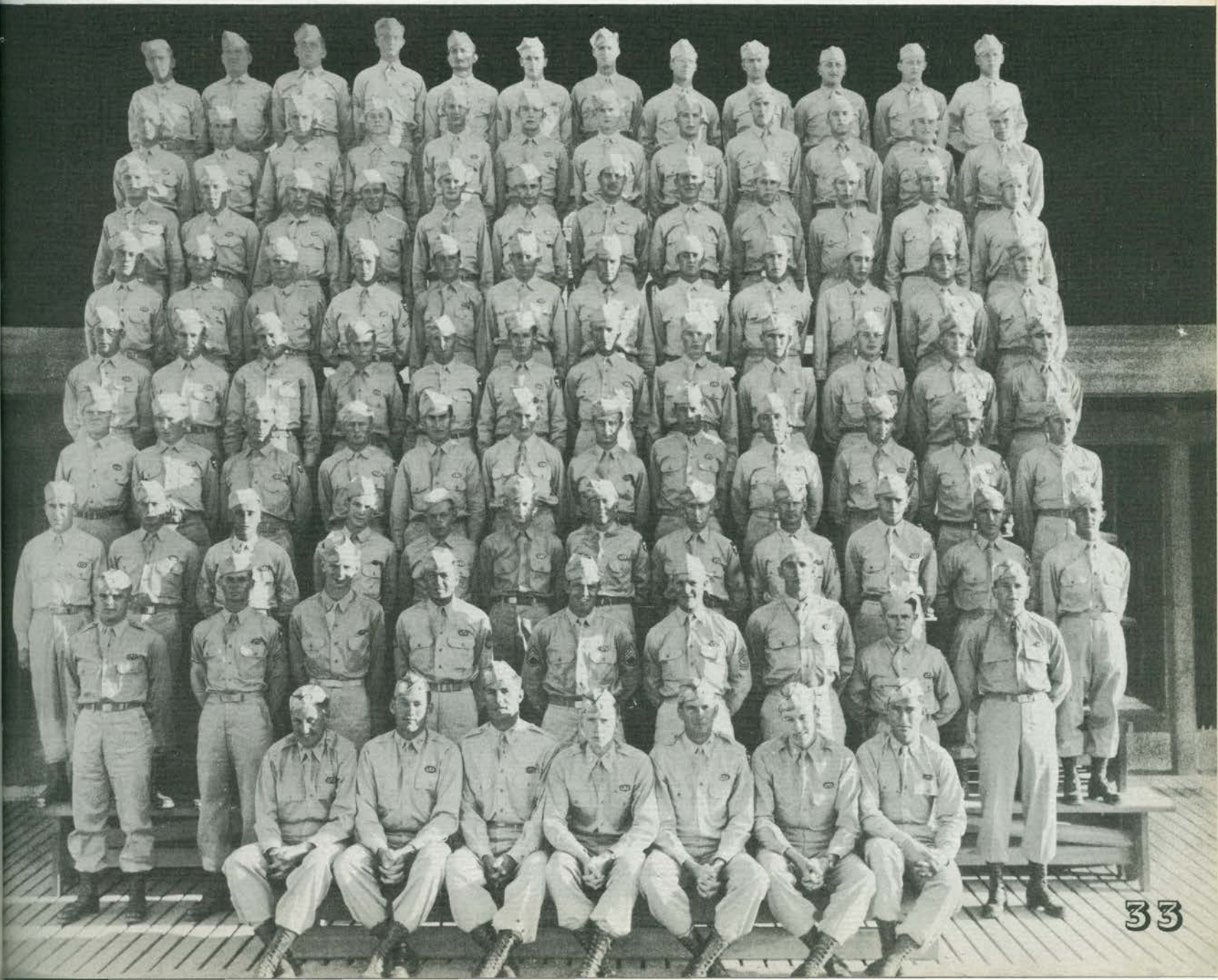
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- The 507th Parachute Infantry insignie, as drawn by Sgt. Kenneth Jenkins of the regimental intelligence section. The shield has a white parachute on a blue background and a blue streak of lightning on a white background to denote the infantry. The insignia below, "Descende Ad Terram," was composed by Chaplain John J. Verrett. Translated, it means "Down to Earth."

## AIRBORNE INSIGNIA



- The shoulder patch worn by the 1st Airborne Brigade was designed by the Airborne Command and is worn by all airborne troops not assigned to a division. The shield is a manifestation of the unity and co-operation between the Glider and Parachute Infantry. Both units represent the finest in the United States Army; one supplements the other.

Entrance to Headquarters



• We don't know how it all started, but these two pups answer to the names of "Boots" (left) and "Wings" (right) in honor of that famous tabloid . . . "Boots" considers his boss to be the 1st Sergeant, while "Wings" looks to Cpl. Brown for care . . . They're not quite rugged enough to hit the road with "G" Company yet, but hell, how many of us are? Ahem.

## BOOTS AND WINGS *Grow with Namesake*

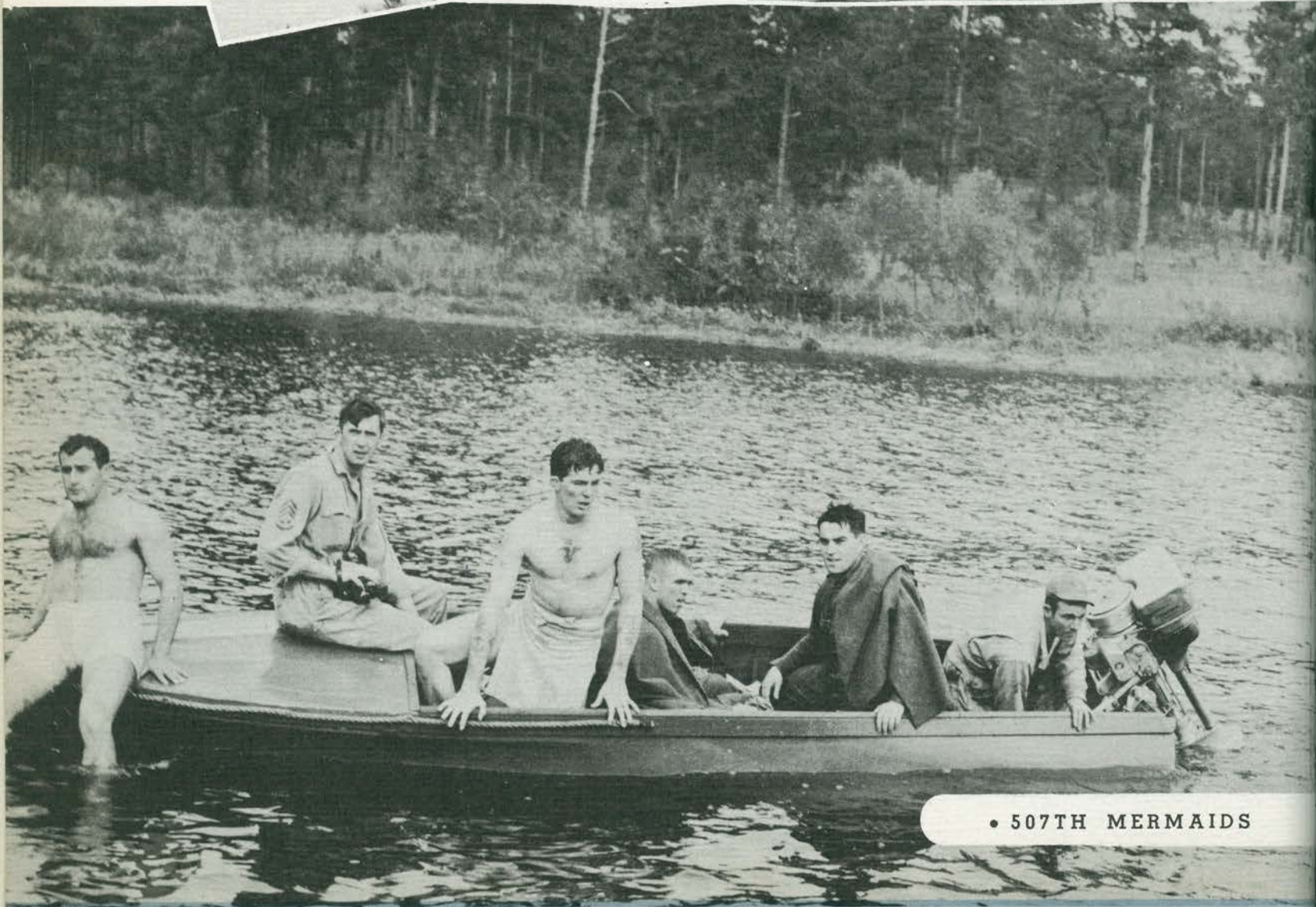


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*"Birds of a Feather"*

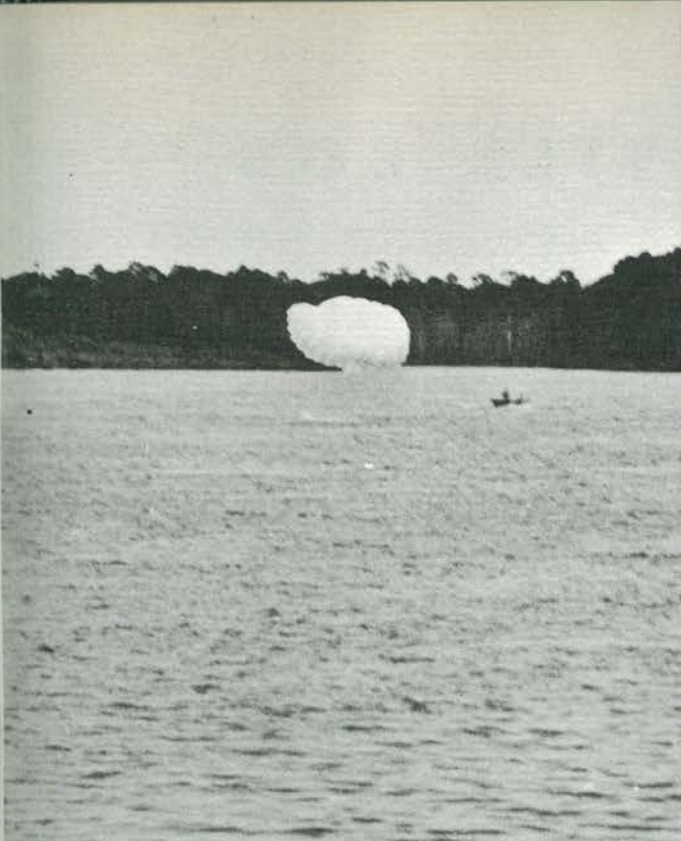
• LT. COLONEL MALONEY PREFERS THE TREES!



• OSCAR TRIES THE FIRST ONE...

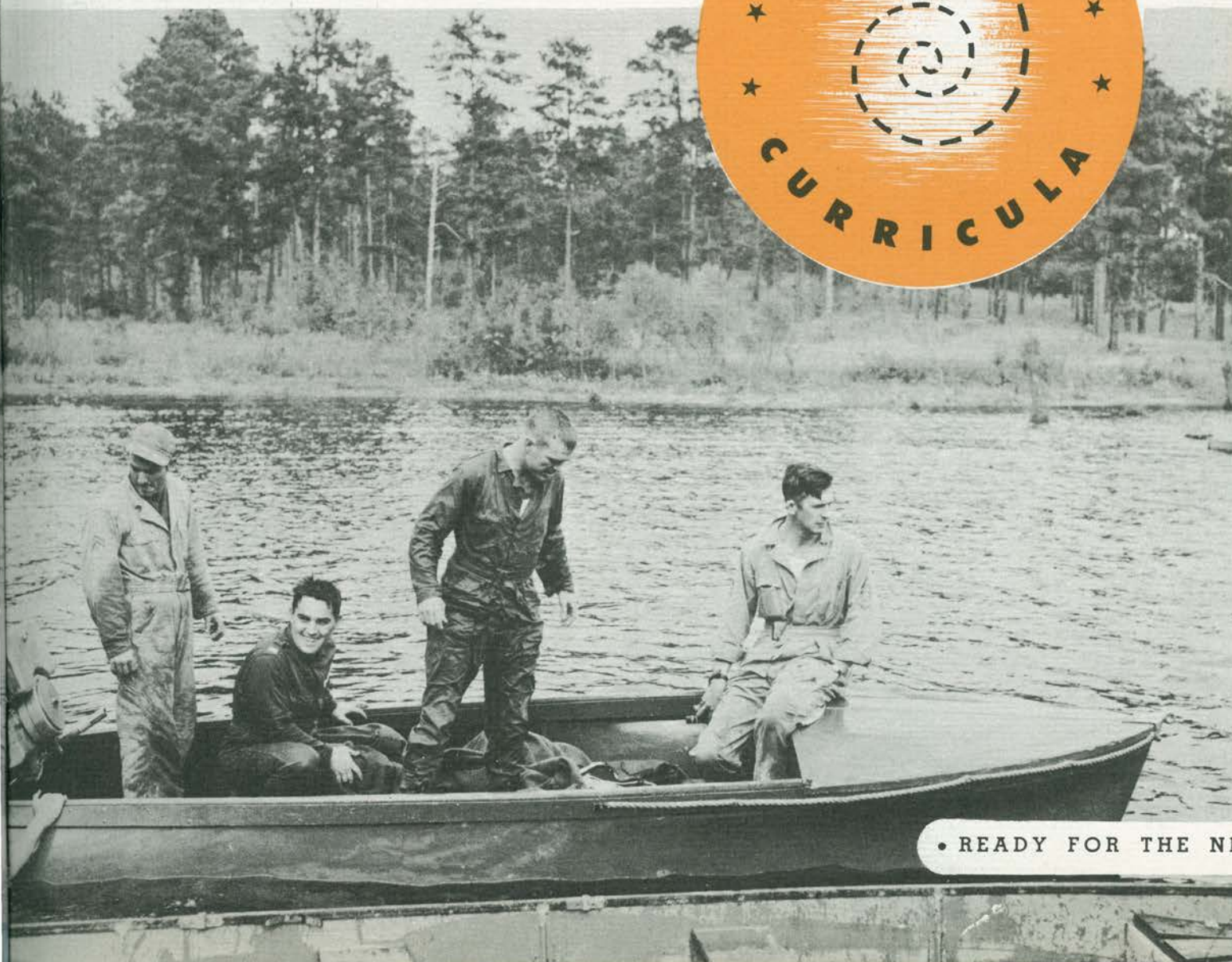


• 507TH MERMAIDS



• October 30, 1942, nine officers of the 507th Parachute Infantry made a premeditated water landing at Lower King's Pond, Georgia. The jump was under the direction of Lt. Colonel Maloney and its object was to dispel any fears of water landings that men or officers of the regiment might have. The men who made the jump were: Lt. Colonel Maloney, Major Smith, Major Pearson, Captain Keller, Captain Brakonecke, Captain Fagan, Lt. Farnham, Lt. Higgins, and Lt. Hathaway. The jump was made with clothing, steel helmet, and jump boots fully laced. Of the nine men that jumped seven managed to land in the water, while the other two were carried off into the trees by the wind. The men were supposed to slip from their harness when they were 10 feet from the water and inflate their life preservers. Some managed to slip from their 'chutes, and others didn't. However, the important thing is nobody got hurt.

• MAJOR JOSEPH FAGAN TACKING

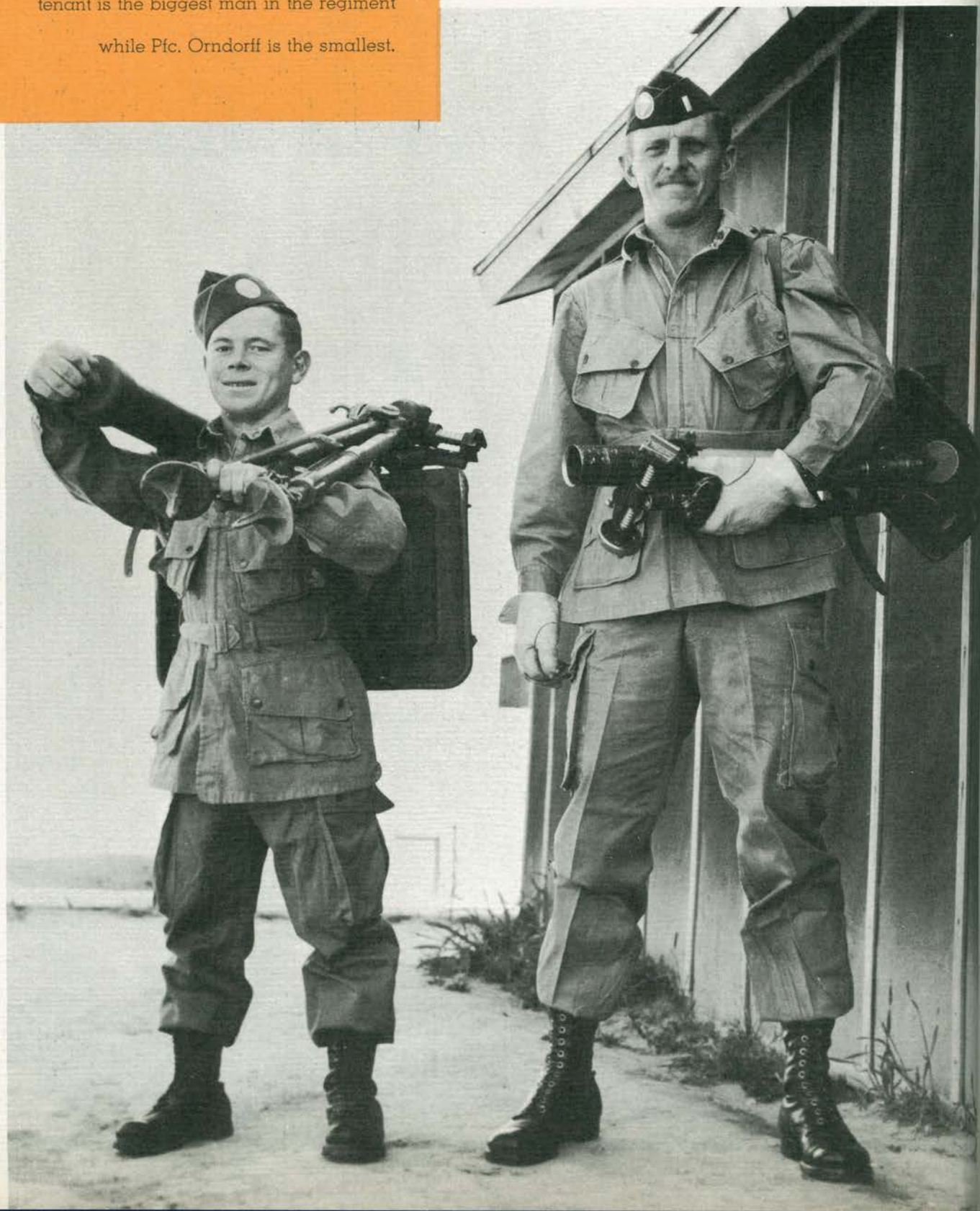


• READY FOR THE NEXT ONE



# **BIG STEVE** *and* **LITTLE BOB**

• Pfc. Robert Orndorff, left, and Capt. Howard Stephens, right, illustrate the point that "small arms fire" is needed in today's combat team to supplement the heavy artillery. Members of the first battalion, these two men are a study in contrast. The Lieutenant is the biggest man in the regiment while Pfc. Orndorff is the smallest.

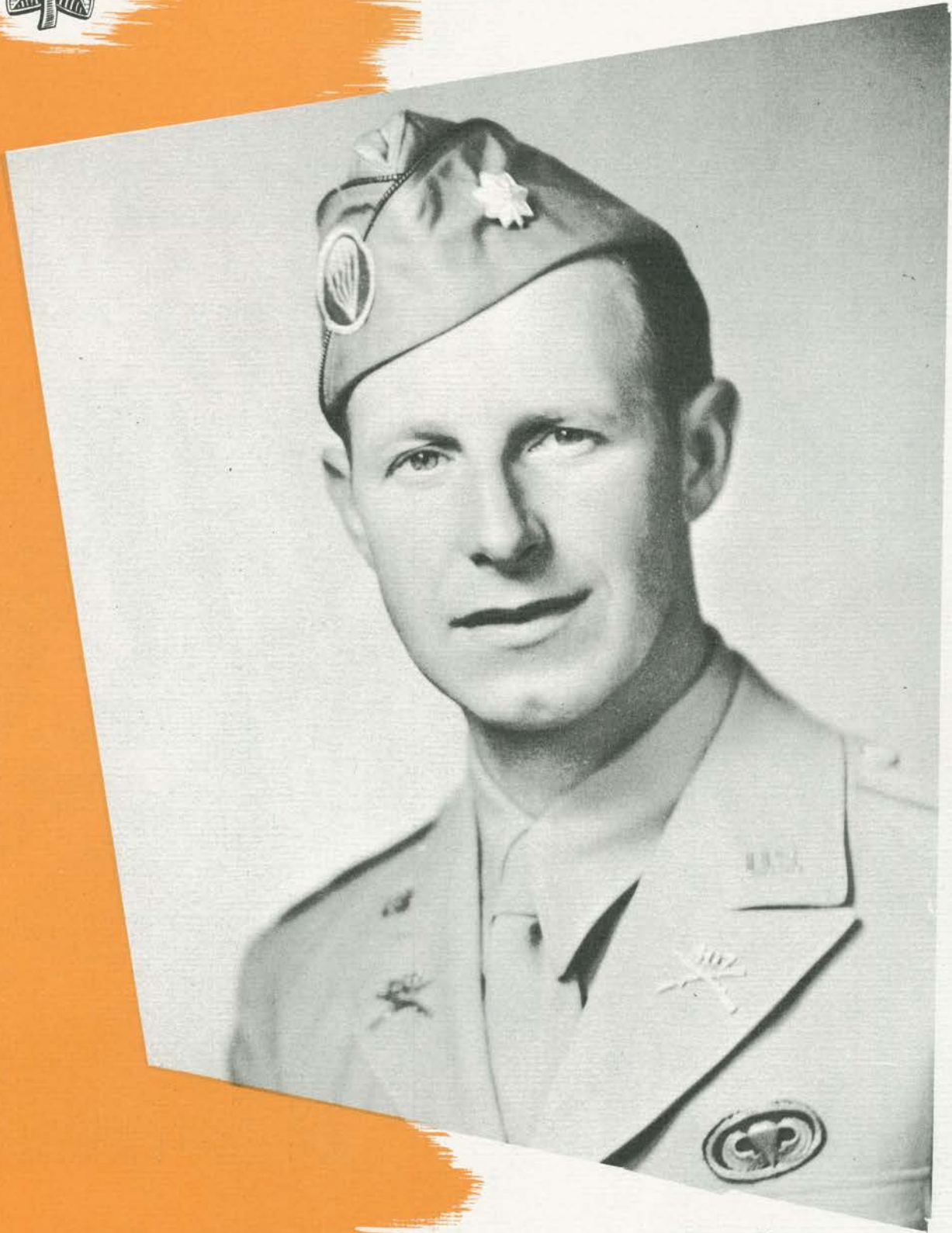




*Second Battalion*

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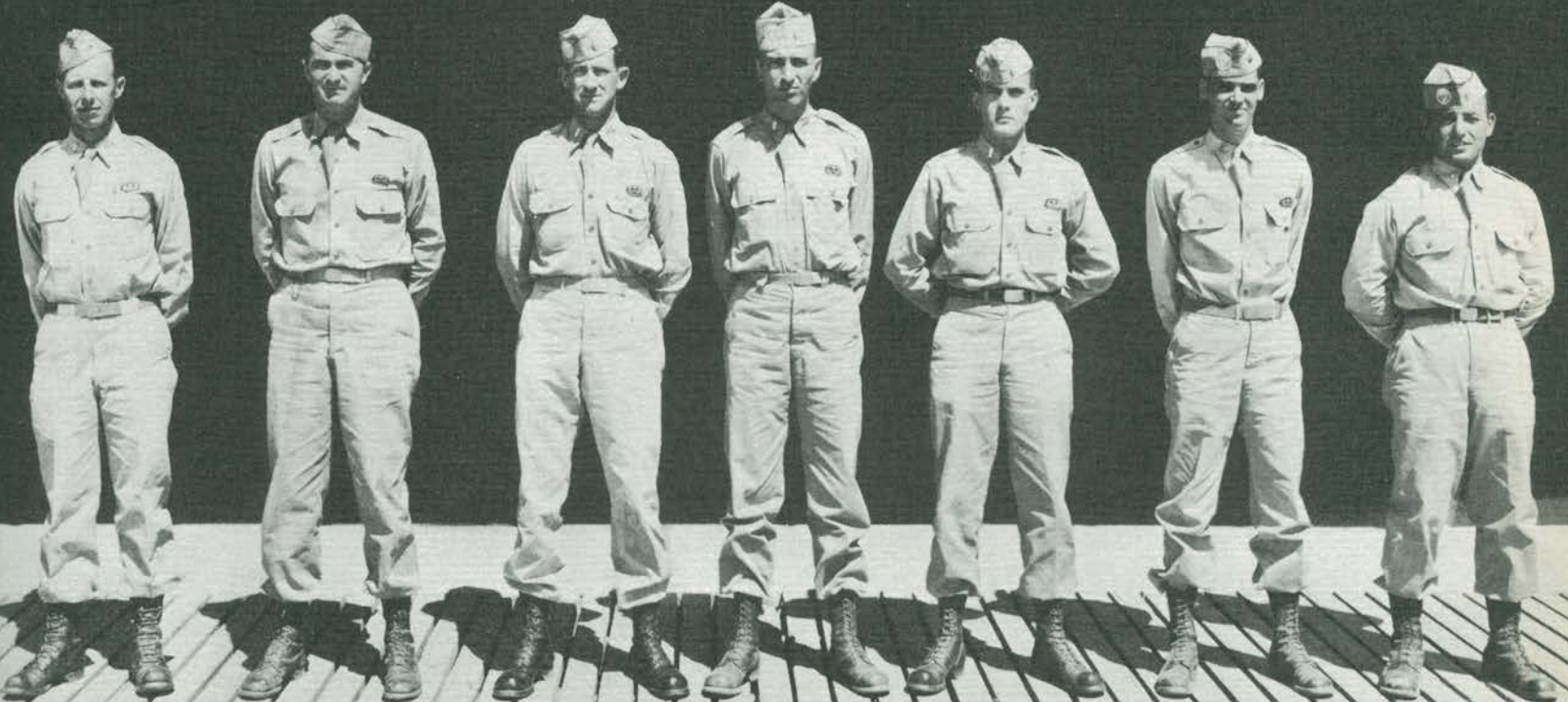
*Lt. Colonel* **CHARLES J. TIMMES**  
COMMANDING OFFICER SECOND BATTALION

# STAFF OFFICERS

## *Second Battalion*

(Left to right)

- ★ Lt. Colonel Charles J. Timmes
- ★ Major Reneau S. McAlister
- ★ Lt. Aubrey W. Deavours
- ★ Lt. Charles W. McPherson
- ★ Lt. Frank R. Moran
- ★ Lt. John H. Wisner
- ★ Lt. Harry Berman





# Company

**HEADQUARTERS**  
**2nd BATTALION**

• Bottom row—(left to right)—1st Lt. Lilborn B. Jackson, 2nd Lt. Richard D. Shelly, 1st Lt. George W. Hessberger, Capt. John J. Keller, 2nd Lt. Evans H. Johnson, 2nd Lt. Robert L. Harmon, 2nd Lt. Otis A. Cowan, and 1st Lt. Elmo F. Koehler. • Second row—(standing)—S/Sgt. Willard J. Hardy, S/Sgt. John W. Early, 1st Sgt. George P. Pettus, and S/Sgt. John P. Sandru. • Third row—T-5 Edgar W. Pilcher, Pfc. William W. Stewart, Pfc. Herbert Steele, Pfc. Walter E. Reeve, Pvt. Joseph A. Crespín, Sgt. Tom T. Yoho, Sgt. Andrew J. Lee, Sgt. Howard G. Parker, Sgt. Robert W. Ahlgrim, T-4 Roland J. Duff, T-5 Allen W. Smith, Pvt. John W. Pendlebury, and Pfc. Millard C. Snow. • Fourth row—Cpl. Murray G. Marshall, Cpl. Lawrence E. Fleck, Pfc. William E. McClanahan, T-4 George W. Pirtle, Sgt. James E. Pavlicek, Cpl. James L. Landrum, Cpl. Thomas E. Denham, Cpl. Carl F. Hanson, Cpl. Wendell F. Anderson, T-5 Bernard Raskin, T-5 John W. Smedley, Cpl. Russell B. Dillard, and Pfc. Elmer H. Niemyer. • Fifth row—Pvt. William D. Barrow, Pvt. Kenneth Johnston, Pfc. Francis J. Tolbert, Pvt. Robert H. Peck, Pvt. William O. Caffey, Pfc. Rexford Anderson, Pvt. Charles Berthoud, Pvt. Donald E. Huncovsky, Pvt. Tommy V. Maddison, Cpl. Gerald J. Bean, Pvt. Edward W. Cheatwood, Pfc. Lester L. Going, and Pvt. Melvin A. Brown. • Sixth row—Cpl. Don D. Page, Pvt. Marvin E. Kitterman, Pvt. George E. Boots, Pvt. Elmo H. Arthur, Pvt. Anthony P. Pugliese, Pvt. Clarence E. Blanchard, Pvt. Anthony P. Bartis, Pfc. Emil Ramirez, Pvt. James C. White, Pvt. Floyd R. Paulson, Pfc. Robert B. Webster, Pvt. Joseph Karhut, and Pfc. Charles J. Perea. • Seventh row—Pfc. Charles R. Stewart, Pvt. Buell Cooke, Sgt. James Shapiro, Pvt. Ronald O. Cantara, Pvt. Carl A. Monson, Pfc. Edward A. Landers, Pfc. Elmo V. Estrada, Pfc. Felix S. Bigham, Pvt. Donald C. Coppersmith, Pfc. Russel B. Nelson, Pfc. Howard I. Quimby, Pvt. Kenneth V. Steen, and Pfc. John E. Barrett. • Eighth row—Pfc. Everett J. Camac, Pfc. Thomas J. Arkinson, Pfc. Perry F. Reynolds, Pfc. Billy J. Barnes, Pvt. Fred A. Helfgott, Pvt. Kenneth Johnston, Pvt. Aarne A. Homan, Pvt. Richard Keeler, Pvt. Frank J. Fiore, Pvt. Nicholas Moumousis, T-4 Joseph Meredith, Pvt. Manuel E. Kemm, and T-5 Clarence Thomas.

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# Company D

• Bottom row—(left to right)—Lt. Lewis L. Harris, Lt. Phillip R. Stanhope, Lt. John W. Sivets, Lt. Walter C. Heisler, Lt. Leroy G. Balkwell, Captain Clarence A. Tolle, Commanding Officer; Lt. Joseph A. Carson, Lt. Edward E. Rooney, and Lt. John V. Hopkins. • Second row—Sgt. Delbert E. Lilley, Sgt. Ross Hand, Pvt. Joseph Barone, Pfc. George Gaydos, Pfc. Harold N. Wood, Pfc. Melvin Barefield, Pfc. Robert A. Krug, Pfc. Otto Eichelberg, Pfc. Milo Hogan, and Sgt. Johnnie B. Stevens. • Third row—Pvt. Bernard W. Koneczny, Pfc. Arnold Moscozo, Pfc. Charles Somerville, Pfc. George F. Carr, Pfc. Alfred K. McHaney, Pvt. Clarence Ross, Pvt. Edward McGrath, Pvt. Walter A. Smith, Pfc. Donald C. Hubbard, and T-5 James L. Davidson. • Fourth row—Sgt. Ross L. Cooper, Pvt. Warren Treloar, Pvt. Harvey Nugent, Pfc. Carl Nelson, Pvt. Freeman Googe, Pfc. Paul Knezo, Pvt. Luther Hall, Sgt. Sydney T. Gross, Pvt. Joe Gandara, and Cpl. Karl Kuhn. • Fifth row—Pfc. Chester Elliott, Cpl. Willard Ragsdale, Pfc. Joseph R. Downing, Pvt. Paul B. Cole, Pfc. Duncan Finlayson, Pvt. Louis R. Bruce, Pvt. Lawrence Larsen, Pvt. Charles Gonzales, Pvt. Frank S. Costa, and S/Sgt. Orval Bull. • Sixth row—Pfc. Harold Miller, Pvt. Peter Pfaffenhauser, Pfc. James R. Main, Pvt. George Gallery, Pvt. Thomas Davis, Pvt. Roland Monfet, Cpl. Preston Hurthle, Sgt. Kenneth Ross, Pvt. Thomas McElroy, and Cpl. Joel Tubbs. • Seventh row—Sgt. Stanley Pelesky, Cpl. Richard Hall, Pvt. Lenart Browneyes, Pfc. Jerome Day, Pvt. Gilbert Dickinson, T-5 Glenn R. Collins, Pfc. Delmar Ackerley, Pvt. William Hickey, Pvt. Loyd F. Harvell, and Pfc. Geno Colombana. • Eighth row—Cpl. Luther Coyle, T-4 Henry E. Wibright, Pvt. Clyde Epifanio, Pvt. Cecil C. Collier, Pvt. Herman Charles, Pvt. Donald Welton, Pvt. Gerald Sabeswitz, Sgt. Norman C. Larson, Pvt. Norman W. Harris, and Pvt. Stanley Borkowski. • Ninth row—Pvt. Paul P. Blood, Pvt. Bernard Gulka, Cpl. Phillip Wright, Pvt. Joe Follin, Pvt. Phillip Equitz, Pfc. Ronald Nicholson, Pvt. Louis Houdek, Pfc. Othmer Hermanutz, Pvt. Owen Garlinghouse, and Pvt. Benjamin White.

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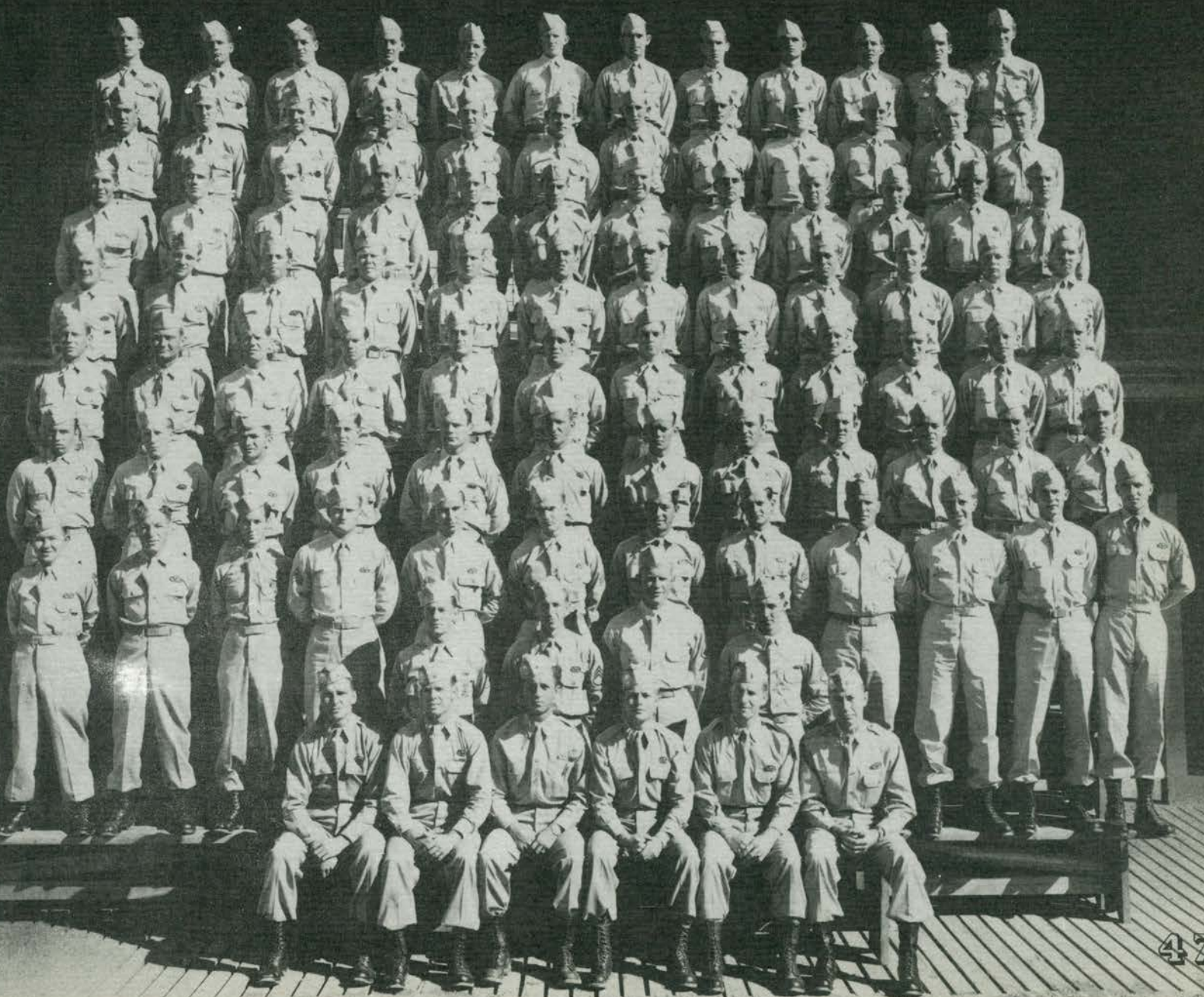


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• First row—(left to right)—Lt. Francis F. McDonough, Lt. Albert N. Cecil, Jr., Lt. Richard E. Smith, Captain Roy E. Creek, Lt. Charles R. Ames, and Lt. Carl L. Ermert. • Second row—Sgt. Henry G. Koczur, S/Sgt. Robert G. Carlquist, S/Sgt. William L. Robbins, and S/Sgt. Grant Edmonson. • Third row—Pvt. James L. Dupuy, Pfc. Samuel Angello, Pfc. Warren F. Lepera, Sgt. Errett T. Kirkbride, Sgt. Charles G. Lamsen, Sgt. Henry R. Salter, Sgt. Peter A. Graham, Sgt. Edward M. Isbell, Sgt. Lambert L. Johnson, Sgt. Christopher V. Pickup, Sgt. Joe H. Coleman, and Sgt. Steve H. Conley. • Fourth row—Pfc. Therman D. Gifford, Pfc. Frank Koblischke, Cpl. James O. Wallis, Pvt. Norman A. Cessna, Pfc. Paul Trimm, Pfc. John Lawrence, Pfc. George W. Armstrong, Pfc. Otis Plemmons, Pvt. Leon F. Sparkman, Cpl. Francis W. Manderscheid, Pfc. Casimir Karbowniczek, and Pfc. Howard T. Pullen. • Fifth row—Pfc. Thomas S. Garner, Pfc. Robert C. Winn, Pvt. Earnest C. Wood, Pvt. Granvel J. Watkins, Pvt. Russell J. Schwerbell, Pfc. Antone Baniel, Pvt. Lawrence F. Rudmann, Pvt. Richard A. Hager, Pvt. Sylvester J. Pauxtis, Pfc. Arthur Schulken, Cpl. Paul L. Lewis, and Pvt. James E. Campbell. • Sixth row—Pfc. Francis R. Hayford, Cpl. Donald P. Santini, Pfc. Arthur B. Rust, Pvt. Gerald R. Sampson, Pvt. Harold H. Fitzpatrick, Pfc. Raymond Myers, Pfc. William J. Stahler, Pvt. Edward J. Flynn, Pvt. Raymond C. Kennedy, Cpl. Samuel Atlas, Cpl. William M. Rombold, and Pvt. Russell E. Zeller. • Seventh Row—Pfc. Richard H. Keiser, Cpl. Charles W. Ward, Cpl. Raymond F. Arquette, Pfc. Robert A. Worswick, Pvt. Edward T. Crowder, Pvt. Richard G. Smith, Pvt. Bruce M. Davis, Cpl. Glenn E. Hughes, Pfc. Terrence T. Nelson, Pfc. Alexander C. Allen, Pfc. Robert W. Wright, and Pvt. George B. Hubbard. • Eighth row—Pfc. Robert D. Dade, Pvt. Donald N. Barton, Pvt. Alfred M. Beier, Pvt. George M. Hickey, Pvt. Robert T. Cassidy, Pvt. Raymond E. Rogan, Pvt. Lyle W. Bauers, Pvt. Howard M. Dickerson, Cpl. Fred Kendall, Pvt. Wallace R. Jackson, Pfc. Peter P. Homnick, and Pvt. George L. Denham. • Ninth row—Pfc. Arthur L. Collins, Jr., Pfc. Thad Newman, Pfc. George Darby, Pvt. Jimmie Dillon, Pvt. Everett C. Swanson, Pvt. Harvy Larsen, Pfc. Bertram J. Walley, Pfc. James E. Larkin, Pfc. Orland Jones, Cpl. Louis C. Waldorf, Pvt. John J. Paul, and Pfc. Frank Smith.

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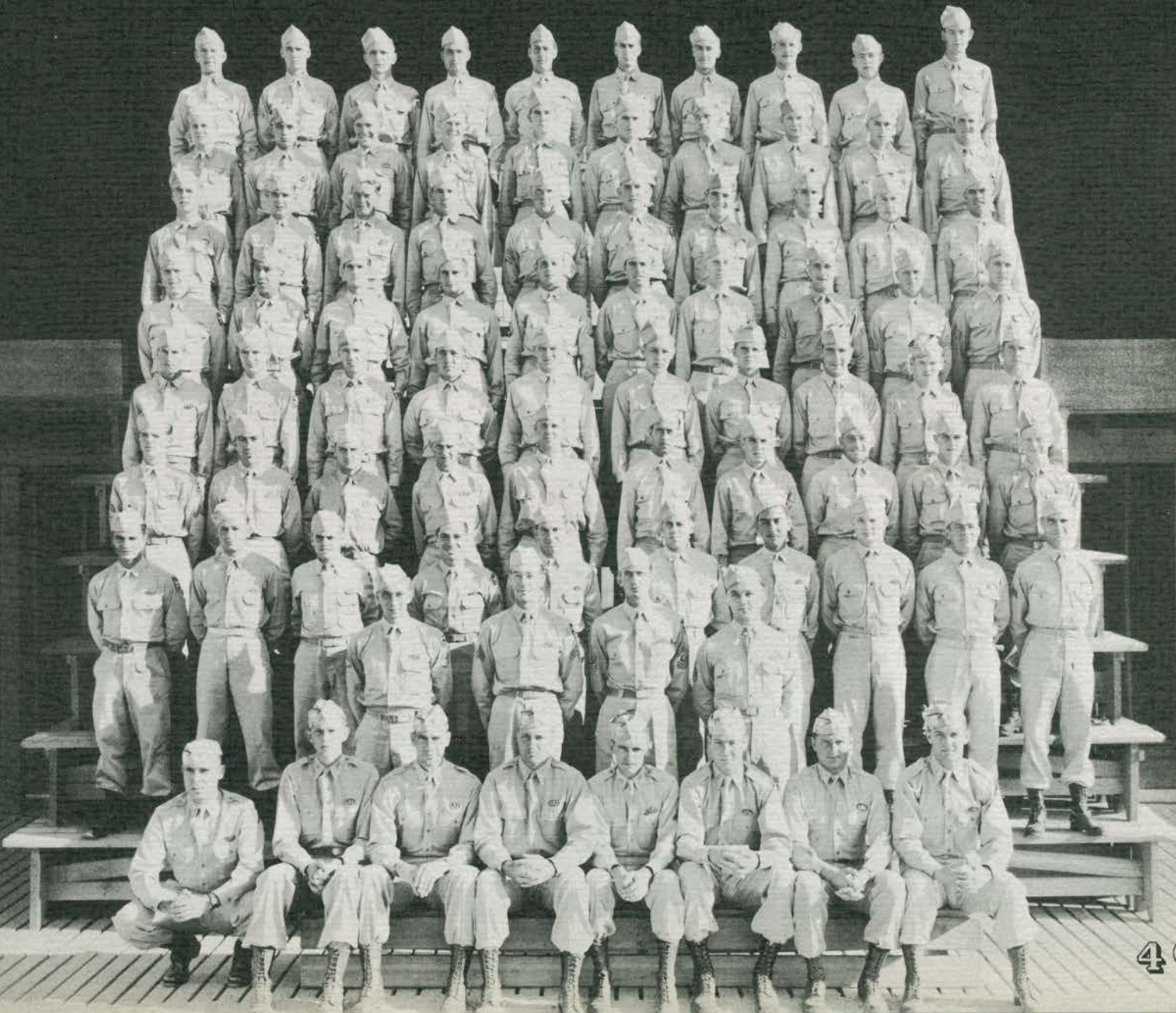


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• First row—(left to right)—2nd Lt. Jeff M. Poston, 2nd Lt. Carrick T. Harris, 2nd Lt. Roger Whiting, 1st Lt. George R. Stevens, Capt. Paul F. Smith, 2nd Lt. Lawrence L. Mowery, 2nd Lt. Robert B. Schusser, and 2nd Lt. Joseph W. Griffin. • Second row—S/Sgt. Ralph A. Speer, Sgt. Robert J. Gullledge, 1st Sgt. Hubert H. Jordan, and S/Sgt. Alfred Mazurkewitz. • Third row—Pvt. Nick Natale, Pvt. John H. McClendon, Pvt. Thomas Patti, Cpl. Alexander V. Sica, Pfc. Thomas Scornavacca, Pfc. Carl J. Ehas, Pvt. Alfonzo Martinez, Pvt. Carl E. King, Pfc. Edward C. Lacey, and Sgt. Michael Zapf. • Fourth row—Cpl. Benjamin I. Kinney, Pvt. Francis E. Kesler, Pfc. Houston H. Long, Pvt. James G. Curran, Jr., Pvt. Donn W. Cummings, Pvt. Raymond B. Pippin, Pvt. Harold E. Enos, Pfc. John A. Bodolsky, Pvt. Raymond J. Metz, and Pvt. Samuel R. Weber. • Fifth row—Pfc. George Hitchcock, Sgt. Richard Oliver, Pfc. Richard S. Skinner, S/Sgt. Ricardo Martinez, Pvt. Donald C. Dietzer, Pfc. James H. Bowman, Pvt. John W. Mangan, Pfc. Theodore Peasland, Pvt. Michael Kelly, and Pvt. Gail B. Mote. • Sixth row—Pfc. Clifton F. Berle, Pvt. Ernest P. Martinez, Pfc. Joseph E. Sheridan, Pfc. Andrew A. Malinchak, T-5 Carrol Jackson Harvey, Pvt. Robert L. Beaudine, Pvt. Lawrence Sweeney, Sgt. Edward E. Lewis, Sgt. Leonard V. Crofoot, and Sgt. Harry A. Peterson. • Seventh row—T-4 Virian A. Wadford, Pfc. Robert T. Hurley, Pvt. Elton O. Guenther, Pvt. Merle W. McManus, Sgt. Oval Amyx, Pvt. Robert R. Taylor, Pvt. Joseph D. Mack, Pfc. William T. McKiever, Pfc. Harvey D. Lewis, and Pvt. Wilbur Jones. • Eighth row—Pvt. Bernard D. Ely, Pfc. Joseph E. Kruk, Cpl. Eddie A. Tamplen, Pvt. John E. Hollmon, Pvt. James F. Meritt, Pvt. Wilbur Lee, Pfc. Stanislaw Janik, Pvt. Charles G. Patterson, Pvt. Eugene R. Letourneau, and Sgt. John A. Turner. • Ninth row—Cpl. Joseph E. Romas, Cpl. Edward C. Burke, Pvt. Donald J. Onasch, Pfc. Carmin N. Romeo, T-5 Amber G. Eisenhart, Pvt. Wayne J. Reuhl, Sgt. LaMarr L. Senne, Pfc. Joseph E. Kays, Pvt. Gustav G. Efinger, and Pvt. Charles G. Stout.

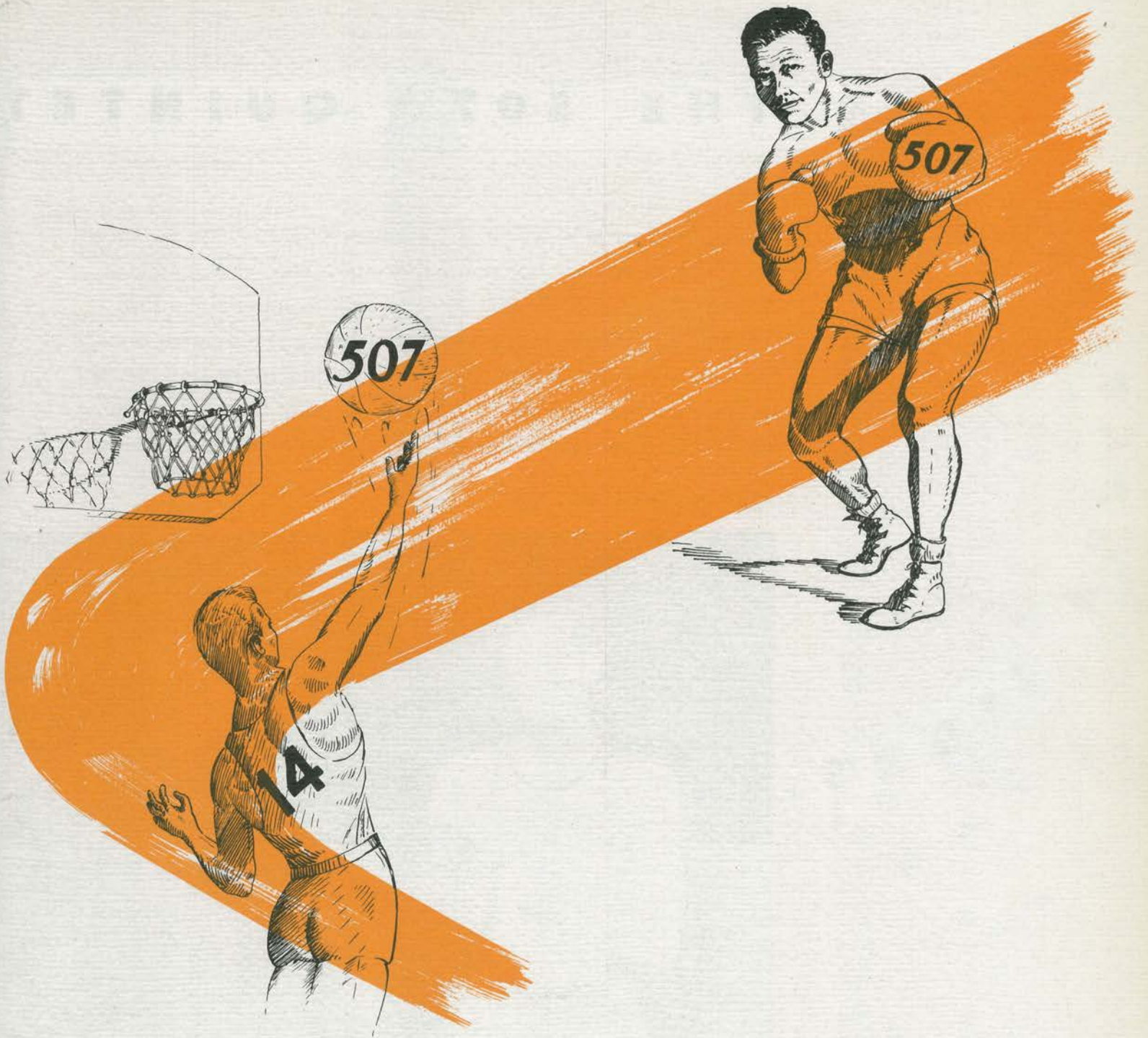
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**FAVORITE PASTIME...POLICING UP!**

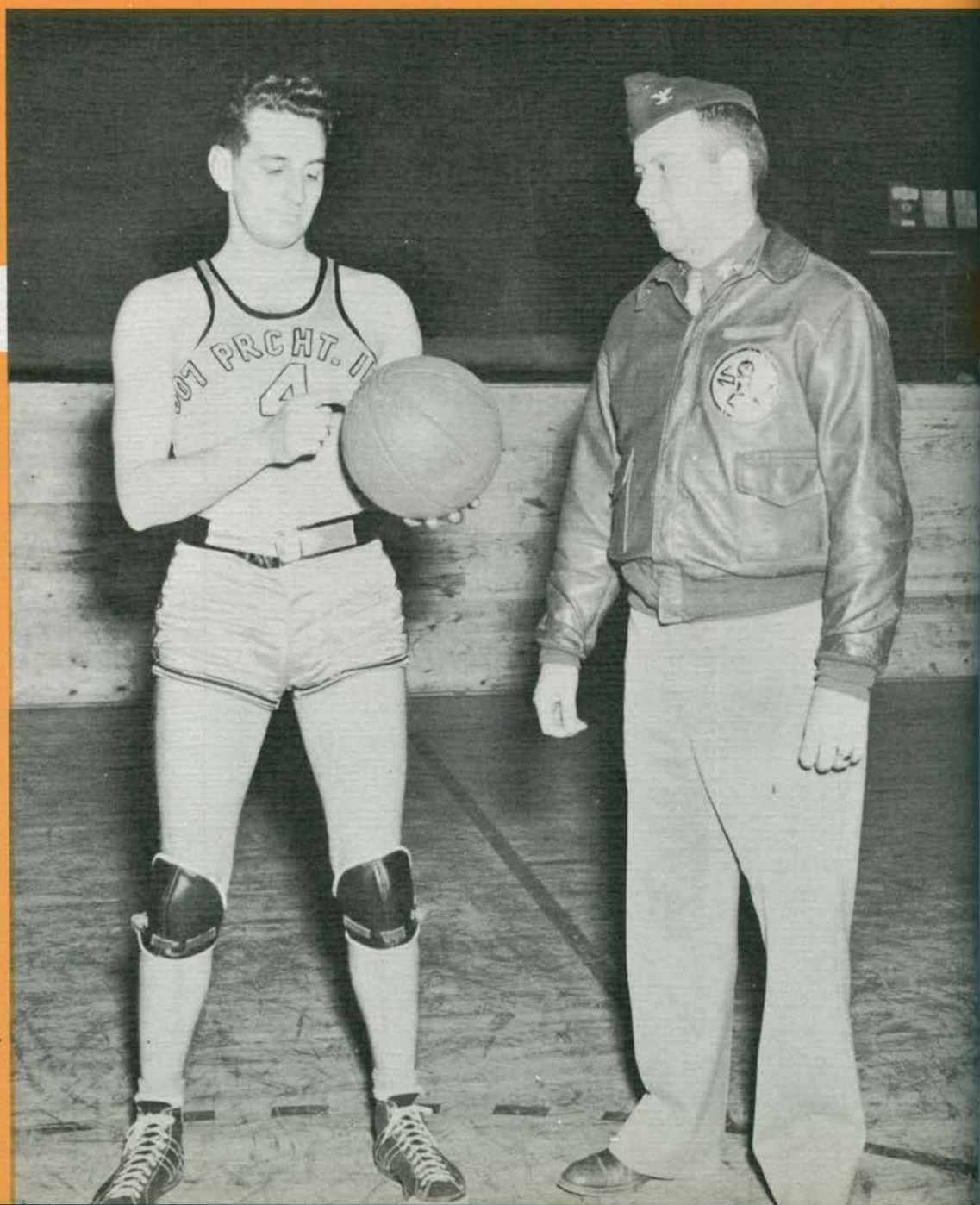
• Herman, the S-2 mascot, pictured with Cpl. Joe Kopacz, was presented to Capt. Dickerson by Mr. Glass of Ashby, Nebraska. Although he is the "butt" of the practical jokers in the regimental headquarters company, "Herman's" usefulness reaches its peak during the morning police-up. His fondness for silk may deter him from his objective of becoming a jumper. Don't feel too bad about it, Herman, 1800 "goats" are enough for one regiment.



# SPORTS

# "SKULL PRACTICE" FOR THE 507<sup>th</sup> QUINTET

• Colonel George V. Millett, Jr. (right) and Lt. Karl Lillge (left) pose for the photographer before conducting a little "skull practice" for the 507th quintet. Colonel Millett was a member of the 1928 West Point hardwooders and his knowledge of the game is as profuse as his enthusiasm. Lt. Lillge was the captain and coach of the team and did a stellar job in each one of these roles. The lieutenant played pro basketball before joining the armed forces.



## 507th Tossers Gain Close Win Over Bulldogs

### University of Georgia Loses to 'Chutists in Two Overtimes

The 507th Parachute Infantry basketball team, after trailing 17 to 14 at intermission, came from behind in their own gym Saturday night to whip the University of Georgia cage squad 32 to 31 in a second overtime period.

At the end of the regular playing period the score was tied at 31 all. Five minutes of tight basketball in which both sides guarded closely and in turn missed a few close shots failed to produce another point and the game went into another overtime period.

An over-anxious Bulldog player shoved Ardziejewski and the 507th player flipped through a foul shot that ultimately won the game. For three full minutes after the point was scored both sides tried desperately to score. Several times 507th shots rolled around the rim and then rolled out.

The Parachute Five appeared to be even more superior than the score would indicate and during the last half had the ball in their possession the greater part of the time.

Todd, Stout, and Ardziejewski each collected 9 points for the evening. LaFayette King of the Bulldogs was top man for the evening with 11 points.

### ● Ft. Benning Bayonet

## 507th Five Plays Auburn; May Arrive Via Parachute

Collegians at Auburn may get the surprise of their lives when the crack 507th Parachute Infantry quintet from Ft. Benning arrives for its scheduled bout with the Tiger tossers, because there is a distinct possibility that the sky-jumpers may descend from the skies over the campus via parachutes.

Regardless of their method of travel for the game, however, the Auburn court team is in for a red hot battle when the 507th takes to the floor. The Spiders have already toppled the Pepsi-Cola five by 34-30 and 43-31 counts in a pair of encounters, and also boast wins over the Parachute School and Columbus Manufacturing, present champs in the city league.

The 507th utilizes the talents of officers and enlisted men alike. The team is composed principally of ex-collegiate athletes who are now cavorting the court for Uncle Sam instead of Alma Mater.

The captain and coach of the team, Lt. Lillge, attended Lawrence and Western colleges. After matriculation he played pro ball for the Oshkosh All-Stars of the National pro loop.

"Tex" Walters, first string forward, is a former Rice Institute player who specializes in the razzle dazzle style of ball so popular in the Southwest. The center slot is handled by

Captain Smith, a former Wisconsin star, who plays a smashing game at center.

Lt. Ardziejewski, guard, is a graduate of Ripon College, Wisconsin, where he played varsity ball for three years before entering the armed forces. Terry Scott, forward deluxe, was a first string player at the University of Oregon.

Lt. Lillge, the coach and captain of the team, refuses to go out on a limb with regard to the Auburn game or the Georgia Tech game in Atlanta Feb. 2. While Col. Millett is as enthusiastic about the team as any man in the regiment, the combat training of the men takes priority over basketball practice at all times.

### The Florida Times-Union

## Gators Play Paratroop Five From Fort Benning Tonight

### Strong Basketball Team Has Defeated Both Georgia and Auburn

Fort Benning Paratroopers will invade the University of Florida tomorrow night for a tussle on the hardwood court. They bring with them an impressive number of wins, numbering both the University of Georgia and Auburn among their victims.

Lt. Karl Lillge, who plays with them, is coach of the airborne fighters. His home is in Appleton, Wis., and after finishing a collegiate basketball career, he played three months with the Oshkosh All-Stars, who were national professional champions during his stay with them. He is real cage dynamite.

Operating with Lillge at guard is Lt. Stan Ardziejewski, who is one of the head demolition men with the 507th Parachute Infantry. While at Ripon College the lieutenant led his team to two consecutive Midwest conference championships. He is as hard to handle as his name is to pronounce.

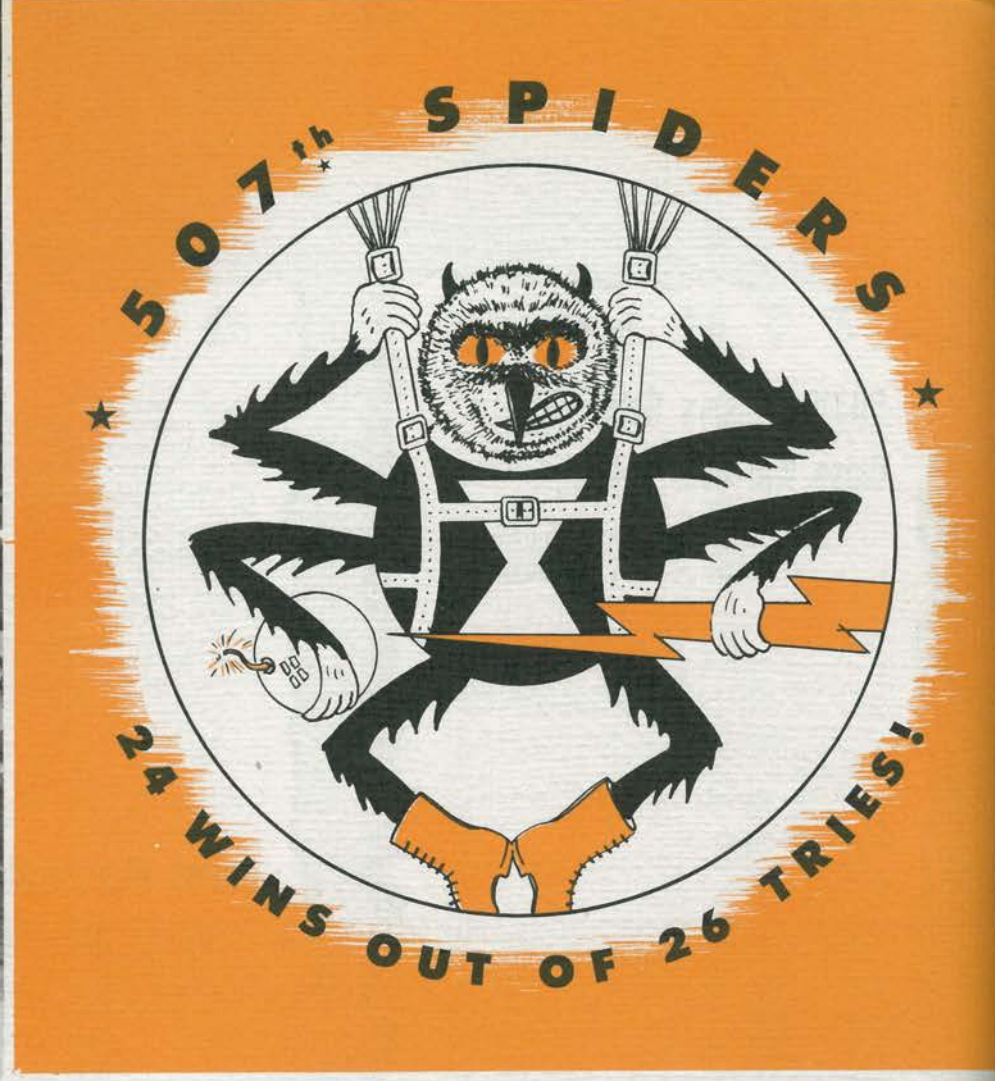
No slouch at the center slot is Pvt. Charles Stout. He was selected All-State junior college center while attending Cumberland College, Kentucky. From Rice Institute comes one of the forwards, Sgt. "Tex" Walters, who has been a Paratrooper for seven months. Sgt. Terry Scott is a "Deadeye Dick" on the court. He shot 14 points against Tech. He was an all-A. A. U. forward at Idaho.

It is truly a team from the ranks of the 507th Parachute Infantry at Fort Benning. There's not a ringer in the outfit... every man is a jumper and takes his tactical training every day. Much of their success is accountable to the encouragement given them by their regimental commander, Col. G. V. Millett, himself some shakes as cager while at the "Point." The Colonel of the regiment is also a qualified parachutist and takes his chances with his men.

Coach Spurgeon Cherry announced late today that he will have his men ready for an all-out effort. Two officers from the OCS school will serve as officials.

A REAL "SNOW JOB"





• (Top) Auburn Tiger-ettes entertain Sgt. Durwood Windsor and Sgt. Jack Fessler. It looks like a little fifth column work, as these two lovely coeds turn on the personality, Auburn fashion, before the game. The 507th twisted the Tigers' tail to the tune of 40 to 29.

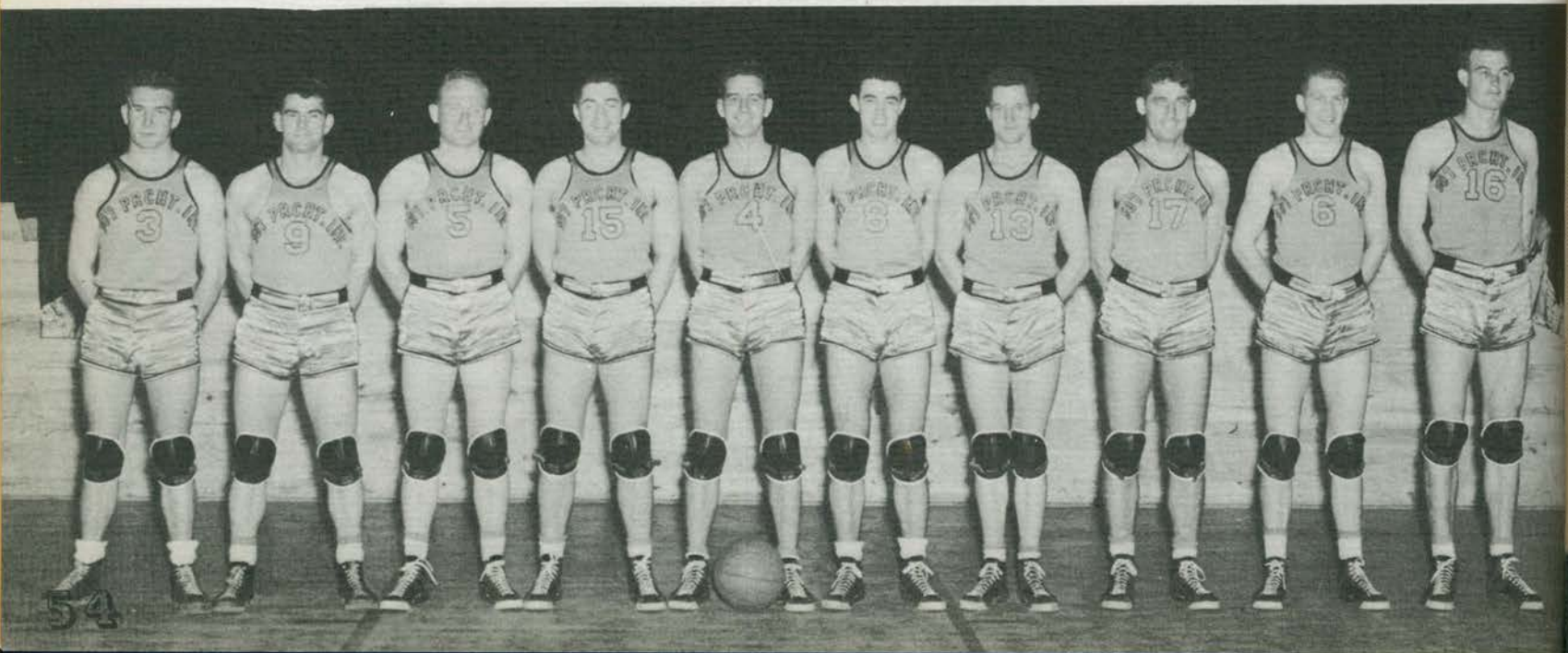
### *Lt. Lillge Scores*

• Lt. Lillge comes in fast to score for the 507th Parachute Infantry. This picture was taken at the Auburn College gym, January 8, 1943, when the 507th hung one on the Auburn Tigers, 40 to 29. The contest marked the first in a series of games with southern colleges.

**The 507th scored a grand total  
of 1,160 points  
against their opponent's 540**

### *Orange and Black*

• Left to Right: Sgt. Durwood Windsor, Sgt. Jack Fessler, Lt. Horace Cofer, Lt. Elliott Wagoner, Lt. Karl Lillge, Pvt. Paul Todd, Sgt. Terry Scott, Lt. Stan Ardziejewski, Major Gordon Smith, Pvt. Charles Stout.



## *The 507<sup>th</sup> Basketball Squad*

for the 1942 and 1943 season presented an array of players representing every section of the country, and composed of every rank from private to major. The offensive power of the team relied upon such worthies as Terry Scott, "Tex" Walters, "Slim" Stout. Lieutenants Lillge and Ardziejewski were the guards on the team. Pvt. Terry Scott (now with the 515th) played with Oregon U. before Uncle Sam beckoned. Scott played the right forward position, setting up plays and bolstering the defensive game. Left forward was handled by Sgt. Harmon Walters, who played with Rice Institute of Texas before entering the Army. "Tex" was the chief scoring threat on the quintet and one of the sparkplugs that contributed to making the 507th team the heads-up ball club that it was. In the center slot Pvt. "Slim" Stout of Cumberland College, Kentucky, was the man who got the rebounds off the backboard and "fed" Walters and Scott from the "bucket." Lt. Karl Lillge, who coached and captained the team, was the starter at right guard and the steadying influence on the team. Lt. Lillge was also a threat on the offense as well and could always be depended upon for 15 or 20 points per game. Lt. Stan Ardziejewski of Ripon College was the left guard and perhaps the canniest player on the squad and one of the coolest. It was the lieutenant's free throw that won the University of Georgia game. The 507th was two deep in replacements in every position and the 507th second team outscored the first on a number of occasions. The success of the team was due mostly to the fact that it was a fighting ball club that gave everything it had for 60 minutes. The team was always a credit to the 507th.



507th Parachute Infantry 42—New York Celtics 39

### *507<sup>th</sup> Onslaught Defeats Celtics*

• January 23, 1943, the 507th basketball team added another notch to their glory stick when they defeated the famed New York Celtics 42 to 39 at the 507th Athletic building in the Alabama area of Fort Benning. Sgt. Terry Scott was high man for the night, scoring 20 points. The game elevated the 507th into the national limelight, and paved the way for the Georgia Tech game.

*Action!..  
Spiders*





*Sgt. Jack Fessler*

was the "Keystone State's" representative on the 507th basketball team. Sgt. Fessler, an all-around athlete, was a professional baseball player . . . before Pearl Harbor. His home is in Pine Grove, Pennsylvania.

*Sgt. Terry Scott*

22, came to the Army while he was a sophomore at the University of Oregon. A native of Oregon City, Oregon, "Scotty" was an all-state A.A.U. forward in Idaho. Sgt. Scott played first string throughout the season.

## *Spiders Spinning*



*Lt. Elliott Wagoner*

of Detroit reaches for a high one! The lieutenant attended and played for Michigan State.

*Pvt. Robert Donnelly*

19, enlisted in the Army and found his way into the paratroops immediately upon graduation from his high school in Syracuse, New York. Pvt. Donnelly alternated at guard.

*Pvt. Charles Stout*

came to parachuting from Cumberland Junior College, Williamsburg, Kentucky. He was selected all-state junior college center his first year "up" and played bang-up ball for the 507th all season.

*Major Gordon Smith*

who played center, started his basketball career at Wentworth Military Academy, Booneville, Missouri, and continued it at the University of Wisconsin. The major alternated with Pvt. Stout at the important center slot position.



# V-W E B S

*Pvt. Paul Todd*

of Delta, Ohio, who was an alternate forward on the 507th hardwood quintet. Pvt. Todd played for Adrian College before he entered the Army.

*Sgt. Durwood Windsor*

who hails from Phenix City, Alabama, played forward for the 507th. The sergeant was forward on the Bi-Cities selection and was slated to enter Auburn had not the war come along to make a priority bid for his talents.



• Lt. Maitland Higgins of Service Company and "Buck," a German Shepherd police dog, who is now serving overseas in Uncle Sam's canine corps. "Buck" was formerly owned by Lt. Higgins until he became rather vicious, and resented the occupation of the Air Base by the soldiers. It became evident to the lieutenant that there were too

many carbines around the camp which could bring "Buck's" life to a violent conclusion. He was sent to the training

center for dogs at Fort Robinson, and from all reports has made good in a big way. "Buck" probably would have made a good first sergeant.

**FORMER K-NINE MEMBER OF 507<sup>th</sup> ★ NOW WAR DOG**



★ T A P I N G ' E M U P

• Lt. Elliott Wagoner (left) lends a hand to Sgt. Harmon

Walters (right) before practice.

Walters, a former Rice Institute of Texas

basketball player, was

high scorer for the season.

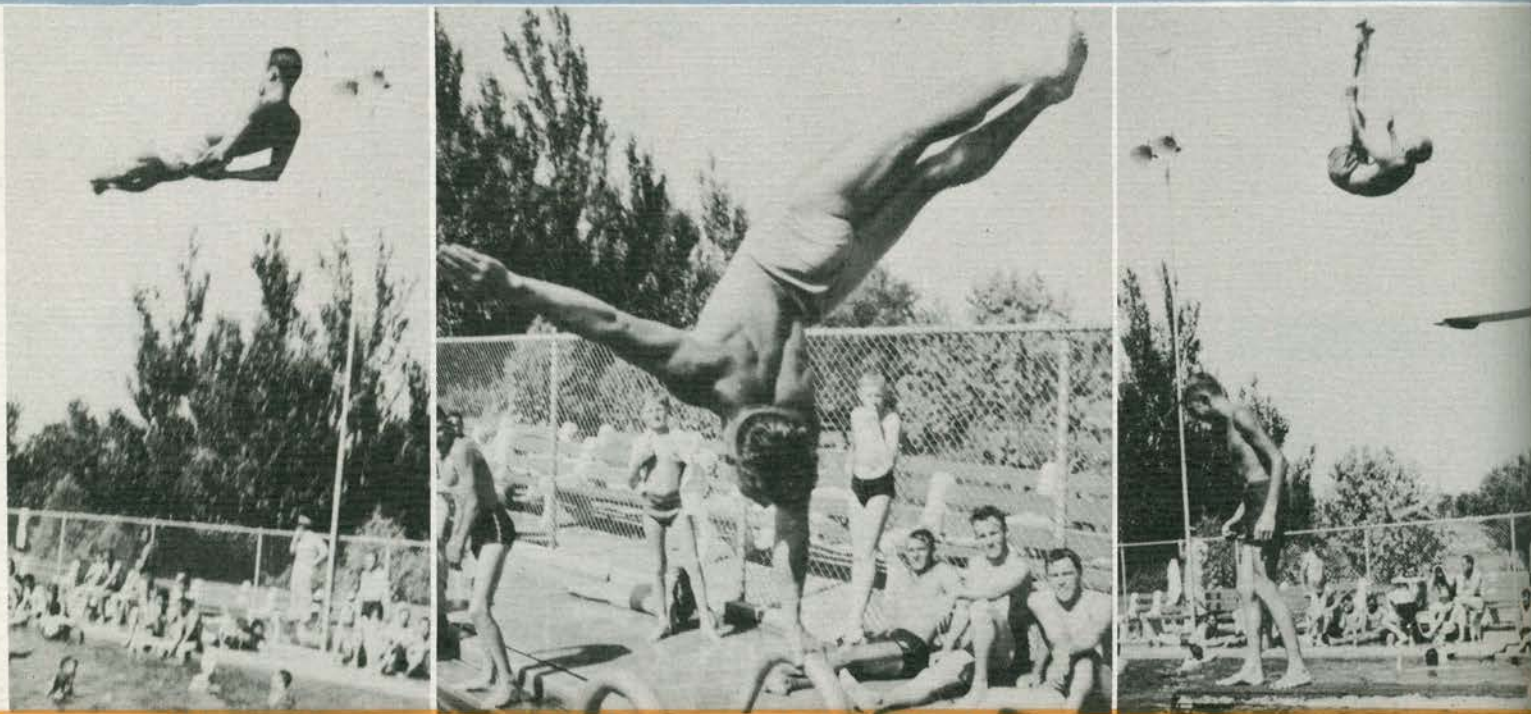
The team won 24 out of 26 games.



# 507

## SHATTERS

## *Alliance Swim Records*



Action shots at the Municipal Swim held at Alliance. In diving the 507th made a clean sweep.

Taking first honors, Lt. E. F. Farnham (center); second place, Sgt. Tom Yoho (right); third place, Cpl. George Klein (left).

Besides diving honors attained, two pool records were shattered and one tied.

• When the waters had subsided at the Alliance municipal swimming pool, August 1, 1943, the 507th had emerged the victors over civilian and Army competition. • George Tullidge of the 507th was the outstanding performer of the meet, winning two firsts, a second and swimming on the winning relay team. Tullidge swam the 40-yard backstroke in 23.6 seconds to better the old pool record of 24.6 set by Dick Klamer of Kearney in 1940. • Captain Gordon S. Allyn, commanding officer of "I" Co., clipped 1.2 seconds from Bob Benson's 40-yard breaststroke record, doing the distance in 26.5. The 507th relay team consisting of Tullidge, Slosson, Klein, and Yoho, equalled the mark of 1:33.5 set by Gering in 1939 and tied by Grand Island in 1940. • In diving the 507th made a clean sweep. Lt. E. F. Farnham, first; Sgt. Tom Yoho, second; and Cpl. George F. Klein, editor of "Boots and Wings," third.

# WRESTLING

• Lt. Farnham and Sgt. Sodaro as they met on the mat at the 507th Recreation Hall. Lt. Farnham is the former New York bar bell champ, while the sergeant is a former professional wrestler. Both men demonstrated a lot "savvy" and staying power. The bout was judged a decision when the time limit expired. Each man had gained a fall.



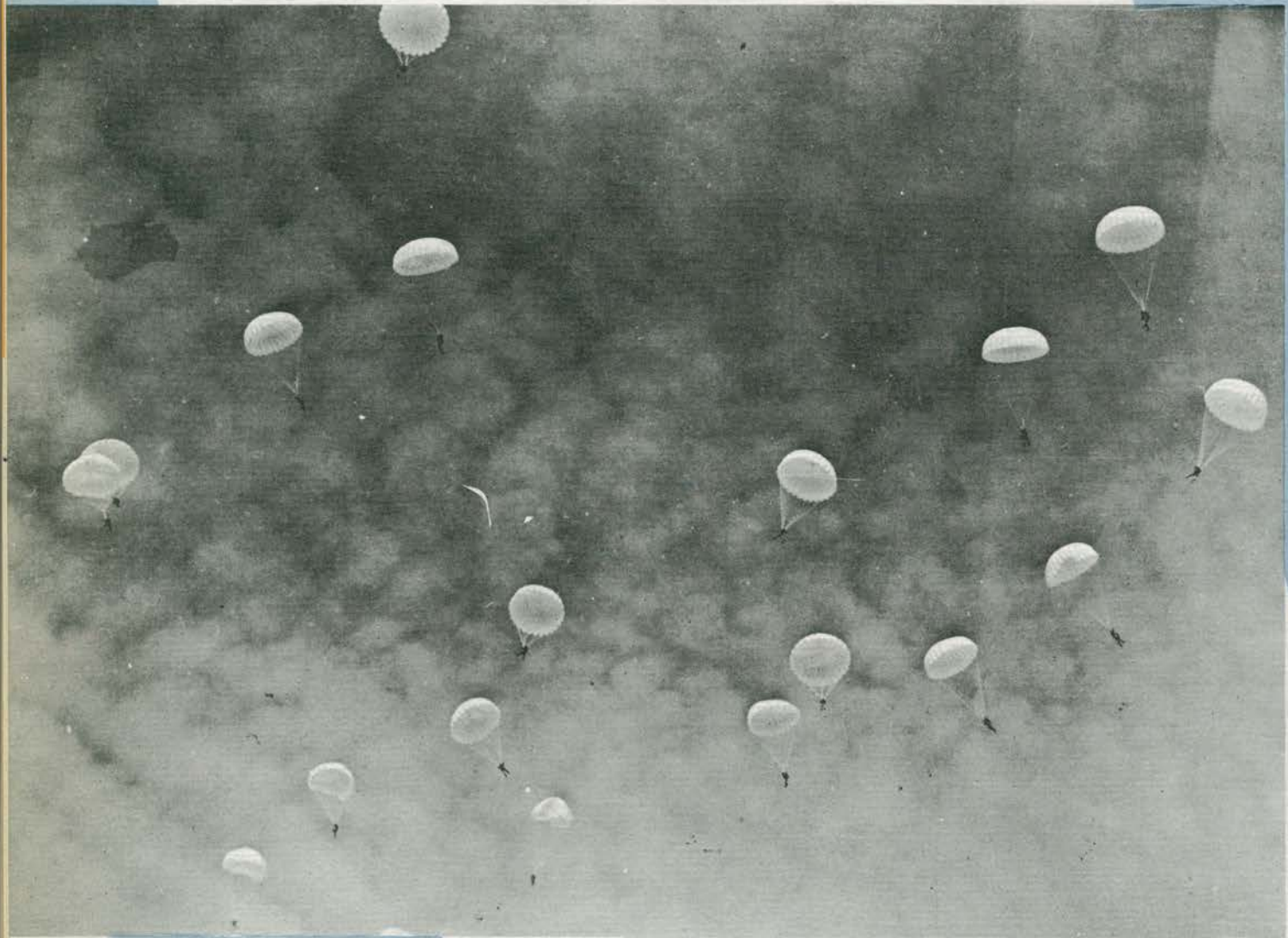
“So I’m Sergeant of the guard over the week-end, am I?”

Emphasis on “Leg Art.”





PARATROOPERS



The Gregory Times - Advocate

**PARATROOPERS CREATE  
STRONG PATRIOTIC SENTIMENT**

## ESTIMATED OVER 18,000 PEOPLE

*witnessed the war maneuvers at Gregory  
... a great patriotic show*

• A crowd estimated to be between 15,000 and 18,000 witnessed the demonstration put on by a company of paratroopers based at the Alliance Air Base, Alliance, Nebraska, at the Gregory July Bond and Stamp sale celebration. • The demonstration was set for three o'clock, but long before that hour crowds had gathered along the section lines, the railroad track and line fences enclosing the alfalfa field, where the demonstration took place, eagerly watching the western skies for the approach of the bombers, bringing the paratroopers. • Shortly thereafter three planes appeared in the southwest, flying seemingly low. As the planes approached they circled to the north, and came across the field north to south. Again circling, they came across the same way and this time dropped a dummy 'chute to enable the jumpmaster to judge the prevailing wind conditions. The planes then made three passes, each time unloading about 25 paratroopers. There were anxious moments as two of the troopers dropped into the high line carrying 22,000 volts. One of the boys dropped between the wires, and it took quick thinking on his part to make a contact with the buckles on his belt to make a circuit which threw the switch at the power house without injury to himself. Another trooper was injured as he landed on the highway pavement, breaking both his ankles. The injured men were taken to the Mother of Grace Hospital, where first aid was administered. • After the boys had collected their equipment and taken arms from the bundle dropped by parachute, they assembled along the west side of the field, coming eastward, as in regular warfare. While these maneuvers were going on the planes circled low over head as if to bomb and machine gun the supposed enemy. • The celebration gave the public an opportunity to witness a military demonstration of the more hazardous type and brought home to every person who witnessed the jump the seriousness of the war and great amount of courage and fortitude one must have to train for this division of the armed forces.



*"Red" Grant*



*Eddie Ely*

### *The 507th Boxing Team*

was first organized in the "Frying Pan" area of Fort Benning, Georgia. The team was continued after the migration across the Chattahoochee River to the Alabama area under the expert tutelage of Capt. Howard Stephens, former Fort Benning heavyweight champion. • Fights, however, were hard to get so that only a few of the men managed to gain any actual ring experience. "Red" Grant, one of the mainstays of the team, defeated a fighter from the 505th Parachute Infantry the night the 505th held their boxing show in the old Alabama area Recreation Hall. Grant, Melvin "Chief" Meyers, Franny Sharpe, Dickie Elliott, Eddie Ely, Joe Nicholson, and Joe Crespín were on the original team. • During the maneuvers in Louisiana, the Paratroopers met and defeated the strong Barksdale Field team before a capacity crowd in Hangar 9. It was here that Bill Esquibel got his start by knocking out Whitey Couch, 175 pounds, and holder of the Base title. Grant, Meyers, Sharpe and several others also won for the 507th, most of them via the KO route. • When the regiment moved to Alliance, the 507th immediately proceeded to defeat the best that the Base had to offer. After they had won six for six in one evening the Air Corps decided that discretion was the better part of valor and that the troopers would have to seek elsewhere for opponents. • It was at this time that Capt. Alfred Britton, Jr., the Special Service Officer, and a former boxer at San Jose State College and boxing coach at the University of Santa Clara and Moffet Field, California, assumed the duties as coach of the team. • Attempts were now made to contact other posts for competition, but Fort Warren, Wyoming, was the only one that registered a favorable response. Fort Warren, with one of the best teams in the nation, handed the troopers their first setback. Throwing an array of ex-professional fighters into the ring the Fort Warren margin of victory was decisive. Despite the fact that we only took two of the fights the representatives of the 507th gained the respect of their opponents and fans alike by refusing to recognize defeat and managing to stay in there on guts

alone. The coaches and boxers at Fort Warren stated that the Paratroopers were the only ones who had ever given them any real competition. • "Lefty" Brothers and Bill Esquibel were the two winners for the 507th that night. Brothers, who was strictly a novice, defeated Gerard Piche, the best featherweight Fort Warren had to offer, and is definitely a "comer." • On the heels of the Fort Warren fights the 507th entered the Seventh Service Command All-Service Tournament, held in Denver, Colorado, on the 8th, 9th and 10th of July. Five men from the 507th made the trip. They were "Chief" Meyers, Dickie Elliott, Joe Crespín, "Red" Grant, and Sammy Angello. Grant won the featherweight title for the 507th, which was the only crown taken by us. All of the men fought well and the fights were close in all cases. Three of the five men who made the trip to Denver were in there "pitching" on the night of the finals. • The men of the regiment got another look at the team when Fort Warren traveled to Alliance for a return match. This time the troopers won three and lost five. It was the same old story—too much experience on the side of the Fort Warren battlers. Grant, Ely and Arelano were the winners for the 507th. • The last fight card was held at Fort Warren to support the Third War Loan Bond Drive. Lt. Commander Jack Dempsey was present as referee, and the entire team flew to Fort Warren for the match, although only four men from the 507th fought. Grant defeated his perennial foe, Gerard Piche, for the third time. Eddie Ely was handed the short end of a decision, on a bout that could have gone either way. Meyers and Arelano lost decisions to Roberts and Janoski of Fort Warren. • The members of the 507th team at this writing are "Red" Grant, Eddie Ely and "Lefty" Brothers, featherweights; Sammy Angello, lightweight; Eddie Curtin, welterweight; Dickie Elliott, senior welterweight; Auggie Arelano, middleweight; Melvin Meyers, light-heavyweight; Johnny Jarosik, heavy-weight. • At the present time Uncle Sam has a schedule for us overseas. The free peoples of the world "are in our corner." We are confident of victory.

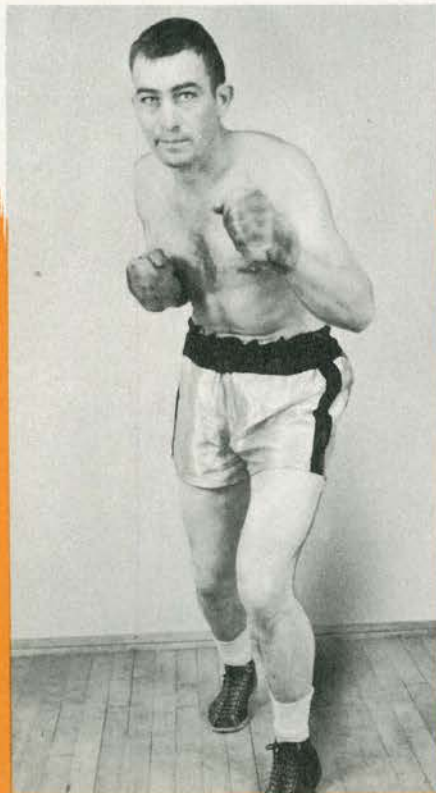


• At Fort Warren, Wyoming, the fighters get their instructions from Jack Dempsey. The fighter on the left is Eddie Ely of the 507th and the Fort Warren entry is Ed Reyes. Lt. Alfred Britton of the 507th is standing behind Ely, and Maurio Centi is the second for Reyes.

JUST BEFORE THE FIGHT



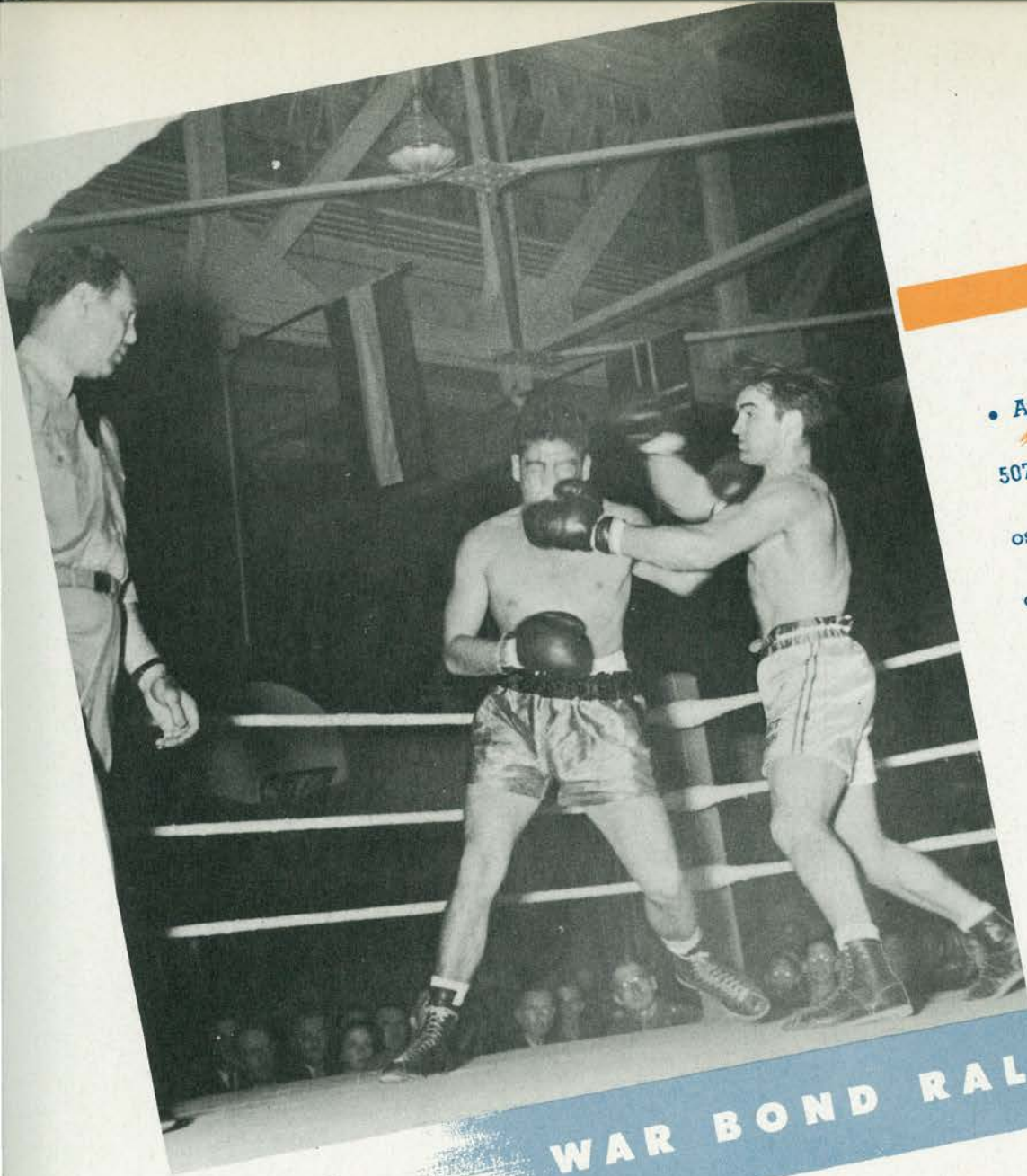
"Dickie" Elliott



Melvin "Chief" Meyers

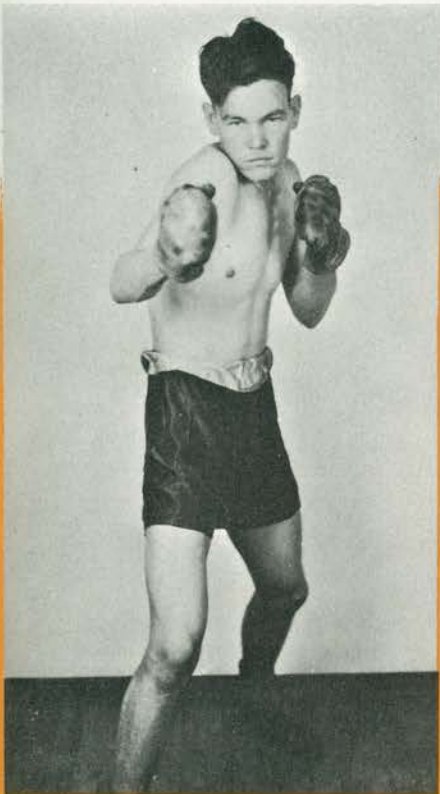


"Lefty" Brothers



• Auggie Arelano, left, from the 507th mixes it up with Mickey Janoski, right, before the watchful eye of Lt. Commander Jack Dempsey. Janoski emerged the winner from this fight, which was staged for a War Bond Rally.

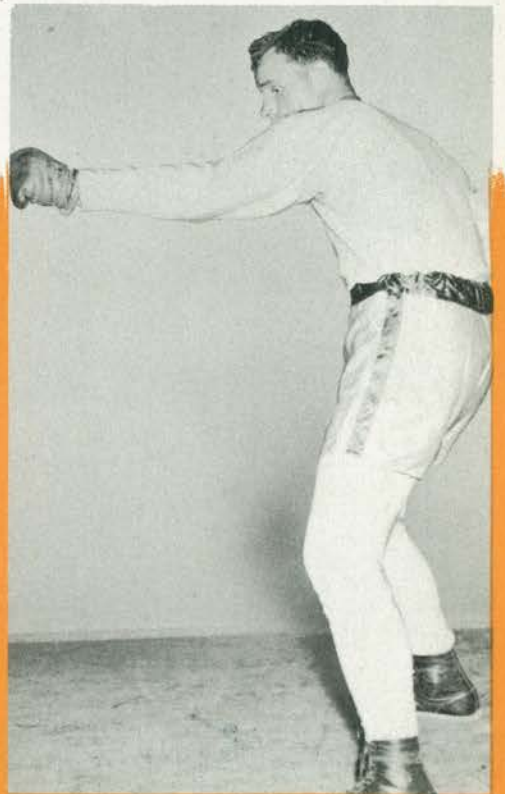
## WAR BOND RALLY MIX-UP



*"Franny" Sharpe*



*Sammy Angello*



*"Sparky" Jarosik*





## *Alabama* "RENAISSANCE"

*The 507<sup>th</sup>* Parachute Infantry moved from Fort Benning, Georgia, known as the "Frying Pan" area, across the Chattahoochee River into Alabama, where they trained until March 7, 1943. • A few of the events that took place in Alabama are depicted on the following pages. The regiment completed a rigorous training schedule here that lasted twenty-two weeks and then migrated to Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana. *One move closer to Victory!*







*General George P. Howell presents awards*

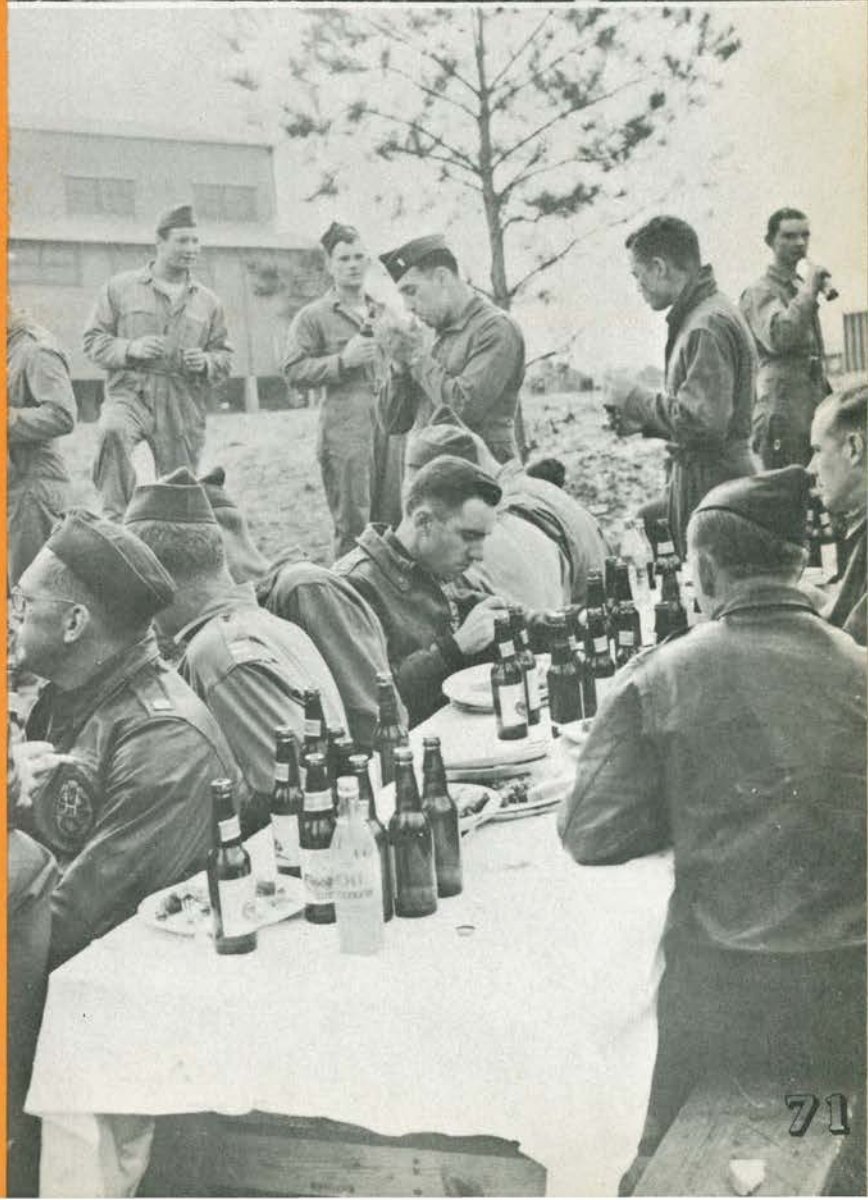
to the men of the 507th whose superior ability with their respective weapons entitled them to recognition. Pvt. Stoler was the top man, shooting 293 out of a possible 300 with the M-1. Pvt. Stoler was presented a gold watch, suitably engraved on the back. Gen. Howell is now commanding the 2nd Airborne Infantry Brigade.

● 507th Alabama Review. The might of the 507th as a unit was displayed Saturday, January 20, 1943, for the first time on the landing strip in the Alabama area when Col. George V. Millett and his command passed in review before Brig. Gen. George P. Howell. The review was featured by the awarding of prizes for marksmanship with the rifle, machine gun and mortar. The awards were made by the General. Prior to the parade the men who were to receive awards made a jump on the landing strip under the direction of Texas born Lt. Lilborn B. Jackson of "E" Company. Lt. Jackson's company had the best record in the regiment for rifle marksmanship.



*What's Holding Up  
The Chow?*

Members of the 507th form in line for "vittles"  
at the Alabama bar-be-cue.



*Scored 293  
Out of a Possible 300!*

Pvt. William E. Stoler of H Company,  
Second Battalion

Dining De Luxe In The Great Outdoors.

*Alabama*

# BARBECUE




## *What, No Finger Bowls?*

Not exactly "ritz" style but a real treat and a pleasant change from regular routine duty.



## *"Mike-Revelations"*

Here we have S/Sgt. Walter W. Lisenby, regimental demolition section, holding the mike for Pvt. Frank E. Gyder while he gives his version of famous personalities.



Climaxing their first regimental review in Alabama the regiment is shown here in typical scenes that highlighted a day beaming with activity.

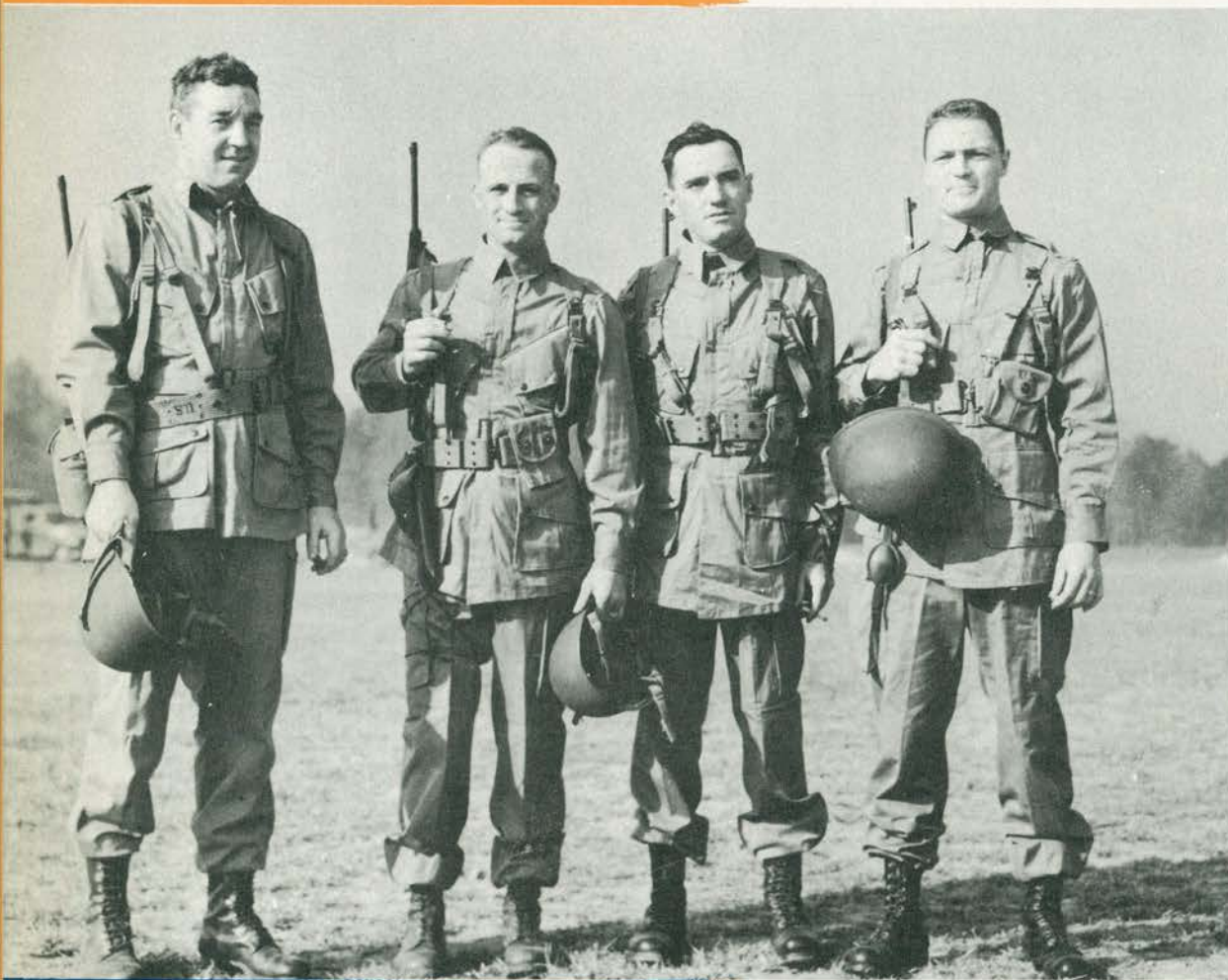


### **SQUATTERS' ROW**

Not home-style, but a good study of how the boys relax and enjoy their festive occasions.



# *"At Ease . . ."*



• Left to Right—Lt. Col. Arthur Maloney, Maj. Edwin J. Ostberg, Capt. James A. Dickerson and Capt. William J. Miller, Jr., pictured "at ease" after the regiment passed in review for the first time in "Dixie."



## *Regimental Photo Section*



• Left to Right—Lt. R. A. Henderson, Pvt. Jimmy Bazaz, Pvt. George Johnson, Pfc. Walter Wolyson, Pvt. Blake Shipton and Cpl. Theodore R. Harness.

★ 507<sup>th</sup> ★

# AWARDS



Col. George V. Millett, Jr., standing behind the awards presented to men of the 507th for excellence with their weapons. The awards were made by Gen. George P. Howell at the Alabama landing strip January 20, 1943.

## Four of a Kind...

### ACE HIGH

• Left to Right—Cpl. Fillmore Massey, Sgt. Ken Plummer, Sgt. Ed Lindenberger, and Pvt. Howard McBain.



## Motor Pool Gassing Up

• Members of motor pool talk shop over a bottle of beer at a bar-b-que held in the Alabama area of Fort Benning. Lt. Harvel is in charge of the motor pool.



S Sgt. Clyde E. Mayo  
Lt. Karl Lillge

*Efficiency Exemplified*



... and so young, too! Lt. Hathaway



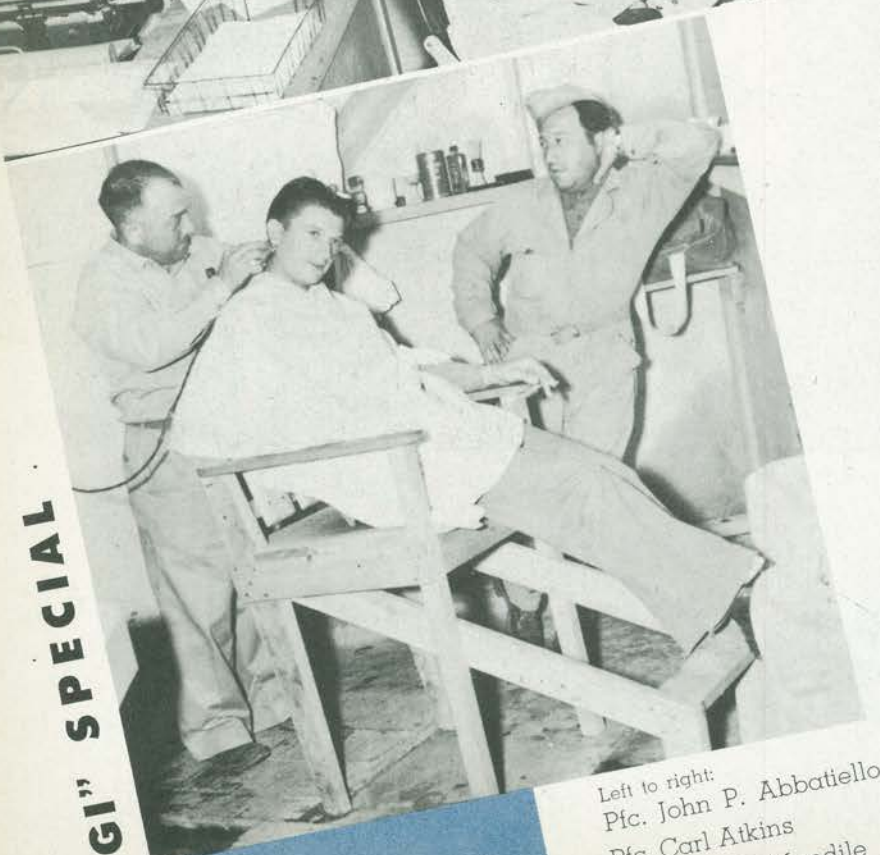
*Eager Beavers*

Left to right:  
Pvt. Paul B. Cole  
Sgt. Harmon Walters  
W/O (ig) USA Travis E. Lyon

*Finger  
Faltgue*

Standing:  
S/Sgt. Carl W. Willets

Group left to right:  
Pvt. Earl P. Ryan  
Pvt. Leroy C. Rusch  
Pfc. Albert Placek



Left to right:  
Pfc. John P. Abbatiello  
Pfc. Carl Atkins  
Pvt. Vito W. Mandile

**"GI" SPECIAL**





*Service Company*

PERSONNEL • RIGGERS • MOTOR POOL





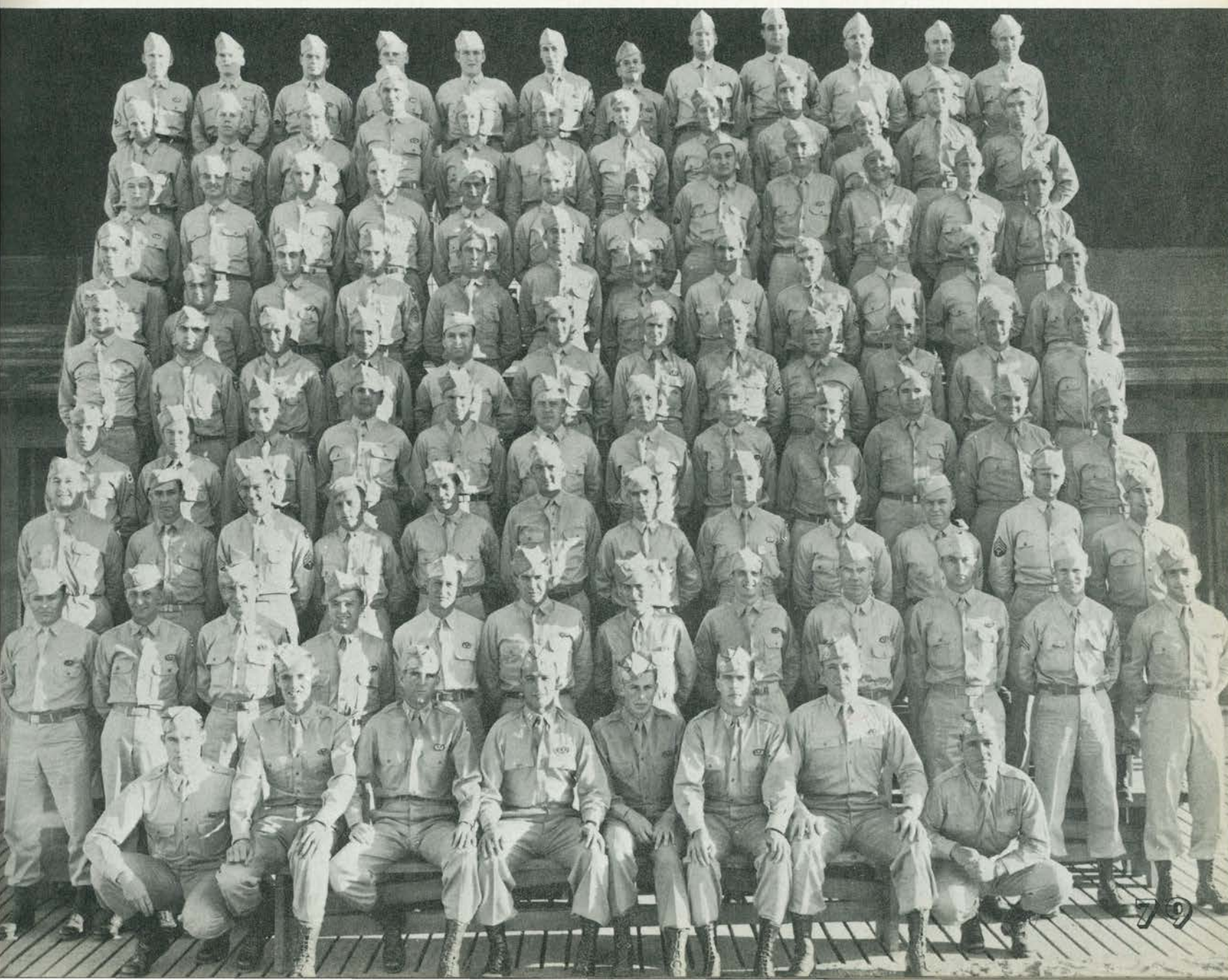


# Company

**SERVICE  
COMPANY**

• First Row—(left to right)—1st Lt. Alfred B. Britton, 1st Lt. George J. Roper, 1st Lt. Robert D. Rae, Capt. Alan D. Rosenbloom, W/O Travis E. Lyon, 1st Lt. Frank R. Moran, 2nd Lt. Elmer F. Hoffman, and W/O Harry Goldman. • Second Row—1/Sgt. Charles E. Wallace, Cpl. Joseph J. Kopacz, Cpl. Walter L. Ollhoff, Cpl. Joe E. Smith, Cpl. B. D. Arnold, Pvt. Virgil C. Hobbs, Pfc. Brady Owen, S/Sgt. Kenneth Davis, S/Sgt. Clyde E. Mayo, S/Sgt. Carl Willets, Cpl. Vincent Scales, and M/Sgt. Arthur J. Carzoli. • Third Row—Pvt. Barney D. Morris, Pvt. Robert Thomas, T/4 John Carey, Cpl. Wladislaw Grzyb, T/4 Joseph Groo, Pvt. Alexander B. Phillips, T/4 William F. Montgomery, Cpl. Walter H. Scott, Pvt. Joseph Gosztyla, Cpl. Adolphus Mangum, T/4 John Yergey, and Pvt. George Frank Klein. • Fourth Row—Pfc. Nicholas J. Cavaluzzi, Cpl. Robert J. Loeffler, Pfc. Lewis Young, Cpl. William P. McClellan, Pfc. Robert Seeley, T/5 Chester Sharick, Pfc. Jacob Gayman, Cpl. Earl R. Morrison, Pvt. Marion E. Cooke, Pfc. Joun J. Bach, Pvt. William Smith, and S/Sgt. Emilio G. Mele. • Fifth Row—Pvt. John Brozda, Pvt. Casmire Kormilko, Pvt. Ernest O. Nichols, Pvt. James Zuccher, T/5 Albert Yanofsky, Pvt. James Reid, T/4 Hugh D. Vickers, Pvt. Oliver L. Crossley, Pvt. Donald Cady, and Pvt. Albert I. Barash. • Sixth Row—Pvt. Floyd W. Loftin, Pfc. John P. Abbatiello, Pfc. Lindley R. Hill, T/4 Leo Capistrant, Pvt. Paul Holmes, Pvt. William P. Emmet, Pvt. Robert E. Keim, Pvt. John L. Lanning, S/Sgt. Arthur A. Seid, Pvt. John Peleckis, Pvt. George Wolukus, and Pvt. Louis J. Laudemberger. • Seventh Row—Pvt. John Tomanio, T/4 Howard C. Anthony, Pfc. Carl H. Atkins, T/5 James O'Rourke, T/5 Frank Naphor, Pfc. Alfred Zanol, Pvt. Charles Hartman, T/4 Benjamin Edwards, Pvt. Hottel C. Neel, Pvt. Cecil E. Parr, and Pvt. Wallace Mounts. • Eighth Row—S/Sgt. Clifford L. Scott, S/Sgt. Walter B. Taylor, T/5 Freeman J. Nash, S/Sgt. Bernard C. Antanaitis, T/5 John Dymowski, T/5 John T. Kovalak, Pfc. Joseph Perley, S/Sgt. Lyman E. Slater, T/5 Thomas P. Gallagher, S/Sgt. Laurence A. O'Connor, T/5 Mitchell C. Reed, and Pvt. John LeClair. • Ninth Row—S/Sgt. Howard M. Kreibel, T/5 Kenneth R. Collins, S/Sgt. Louis Cohen, T/5 Frank J. Sonka, Pvt. John L. Foor, T/5 Joseph Foust, S/Sgt. Joseph Poplawsky, Sgt. Harmon R. Walters, T/5 William McCord, S/Sgt. Thomas Vaughn, T/5 Wayne J. Booth, and Pvt. Norman Waison.

# 507<sup>th</sup> ★ PARACHUTE INFANTRY





# Company

## R I G G E R S E C T I O N

• First Row—(left to right)—2nd Lt. Rufus K. Broadaway, 1st Lt. Robert V. Smith, W/O Edward Lebender, and M/Sgt. John M. Haley. • Second Row—T/5 John Brown, T/5 Arthur Rogers, T/Sgt. Fred L. Ratliff, T/Sgt. Joel C. Arnold, T/Sgt. John P. Wyatt, T/Sgt. Walter W. Williams, T/4 Willis H. Bradley, Sgt. Glen E. Assal, and S/Sgt. Joseph G. Matjasich. • Third Row—Pfc. Adolph Ikwild, T/5 Anthony Anisowicz, T/5 Richard Seippel, T/5 John R. Fulton, T/5 Eugene F. Adams, T/5 George Kocheck, Pvt. Joe E. Ellington, T/5 Charles E. Walker, and Pvt. William Kramer. • Fourth Row—T/5 Walter E. McGinnis, T/5 Edward Eley, T/5 Thomas A. Mulholland, T/5 Malcolm J. Limberg, Pfc. John T. Antis, Pfc. William A. Seymour, T/5 Austin Erickson, T/5 Thomas E. Burris, and Pfc. James T. Holland. • Fifth Row—T/5 Clifford L. Rankin, Pvt. William R. Robinson, T/5 Henry C. Skipper, T/5 William L. Yocum, T/5 William B. Medler, T/5 Vonnie L. Mitchell, Pfc. George L. Gove, Pvt. Donald Hall, and T/5 Lucerne E. Mers.

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## *Motor Pool*

• First Row—(left to right)—T/4 Clifford L. Thordson, Pvt. James L. Riding, S/Sgt. Buford C. Masters, Lt. William M. Harvill, Sgt. Robert McDonald, and Pfc. Harry W. Kemerly. • Second Row—Pfc. Joseph J. Smolik, Pfc. George Baragona, Pvt. Anthony L. Picciano, Pvt. Charles F. McIlwee, T/5 Fred L. Peschl, Cpl. Patrick J. Daly, Pvt. Don K. Clover, Pfc. Fred A. Morris, and T/5 Ralph N. Eby. • Third Row—Pfc. George E. Davis, Pfc. Michael Labuck, Pfc. Walter J. Josten, Pvt. Mark Holliday, Pfc. Dominic Todisco, Pvt. Merle M. Petty, Pfc. George W. Wright, Pvt. Homer G. Wood, and Pvt. Vito W. Mandile.

• Fourth Row—Pvt. Fred L. Post, Pvt. James C. Abbott, Pvt. William F. Pinnix, Pvt. Carl S. Thudin, Pvt. Edward A. Roode, Cpl. Hooper J. Parrott, Pvt. Frank J. Dagostino, Pvt. Russell A. Beer, and Pvt. Charles Nicolosi. • Fifth Row—Pvt. Walter E. Joynes, Pfc. Clannie E. Sawyer, Pvt. Harry Leeser, Pvt. Kenneth T. Schultz, Pfc. Ira A. Ford, Pvt. Frank W. Rice, Cpl. Albert A. Tarantino, Pvt. William R. Lehman, and Pvt. Wheeler Butler.


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# *Social* MAZFUN&TIONS

Men who work and train hard must have time out for relaxation and diversion. The old adage, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" holds fast, and probably even more so in our armed forces. Despite the rigorous training schedules that are the lot of parachute regiments, there are times when duty is temporarily put aside . . . regimental dances, barbecues and sports have been the mainstay of the 507th, and to a great extent the high efficiency of our regiment can be attributed to that policy.





Sat.  
Stephen  
KRAMAR

A  
PARATROOPER'S  
THRILL

"SEEING THE  
BLOSSOMING  
OF  
SILK!"





• La Verne Swallows, Sgt. Peter Wolfe, Cpl. Ledger Chabot, Alice Perrin, Pvt. Tony Leptie, Pfc. Ashton Landry, Bernice Deaver, Clara Bernard and Cpl. Thomas Bernard enjoying a dance in the regimental recreational hall.

**Headquarters  
Company,  
First Battalion  
visits the  
roundhouse®**

• Officers and enlisted men of Headquarters and A Company, First Battalion, along with their wives and sweethearts, get together for an evening of dining, dancing.





"Company B"

**ROUNDHOUSE JAMBOREE**



Pfc. and Mrs.  
Ralph E. Moore  
of Atlanta,  
Georgia

## These Lovely Girls

were the ten finalists in the 507th Beauty Contest. Miss Kay Watson, in the lower left-hand corner, was the winner. She later married Lt. Willard E. Chambers of headquarters company, 3rd battalion.

# MASS JUMP!



Sgt. Jenkins

• "Sweetheart" dance held at the Recreation Hall . . . These girls represent the five finalists in the 507th Beauty Contest. Reading from left to right: Miss Lois Stevenson, Miss Mary Ellen Kilpatrick, Miss Joyce Myers, Miss Mary Pollard and the Queen, Miss Kay Watson. The young ladies are attended by their escorts. Colonel George V. Millett, acting as master of ceremonies, is seen in the background. The 507th orchestra furnished the music.

## 507<sup>th</sup> Sweetheart Finalist



*"Sweetheart" of 507<sup>th</sup>*

*Miss  
Kay Watson*  
Alliance, Nebraska



# Finalists

## IN "SWEETHEART" CONTEST



*Miss Mary Ellen Kilpatrick*



*Miss Lois Stevenson*



*Miss Joyce Myers*



*Miss Mary Pollard*





# Honest Johns

• This unique organization had its origin in C Company, First Battalion. The Honest Johns were originally composed of privates . . . later, due to their growing popularity, and the promotions in the lodge, this by-law was rescinded. . . . Above we have a picture taken at their first annual banquet, which was held at the Hotel Biltmore in Atlanta, Georgia. This affair lasted for three days and was undoubtedly the most gala social affair sponsored by the members of the 507th.





**I COMPANY**

**★ R O U N D H O U S E P A R T I E S ★**



**B COMPANY**  
gets together for an evening of frolicking





*The Prop Blast* is an organization for

officers which meets whenever there is a sufficient number of new candidates

to warrant a mass initiation. The men are "prop blasted"

before they are accepted into the club and the party usually is run

off as a satire, with the "luckless novices" being cast in

the role of embryo paratroopers at jump school. They are constantly browbeaten

by their fellow officers who are dressed as jump school instructors

... padded accordingly. The evening is climaxed

with a dance and an entertainment, and is always a memorable evening ...

especially for those who were inducted.



*Comin' Through the Rye*



Brig. General  
Leo Donovan, right,  
together with  
Col. Edson Raff, left,  
and Chaplain Verret,  
center,  
"spectate" at a  
507th Prop Blast party.



*"Western Bite"*

*Snake Charmer*



*Jibbin' Jive*



*"Muscle Men"  
Prop Blast!*



*You Made Me  
What I Am Today*



*Shades of Prohibition?*





*"On the Sober Side"*



*What's Buzzin' Cousin?*

# "Adopt a Yank..."

● Cpl. Charles Walker, whose home town is Cairo, Illinois, was adopted by the Purchasing Department employees of the Chicago surface lines during the Chicago Tribune "Adopt a Yank" campaign at Christmas in 1941. Getting expert instruction from Charley on her first parachute jump is Alice Hlinka. Waiting for the landing, a first aid booklet in her hand, is Carol Schultze. And . . . take a look at his lovely "mothers"—is it any wonder Charley has that—look on his face? . . . and might we add, that maternal expression of these lovely co-eds . . . is what we like . . . Momma, I wanna go to Chicago!



● We're willing to bet that Charley has made at least 30 jumps . . . and if Chicago was buried under nine inches of snow in July, here are nine reasons why . . . reading from left to right: Rita Cramer, Gladys Montgomery, May Longuay, Carol Schultze, Lumina Shay, Rose Sattorino, Emily Smith, Claire Kappen and Alice Hlinka.

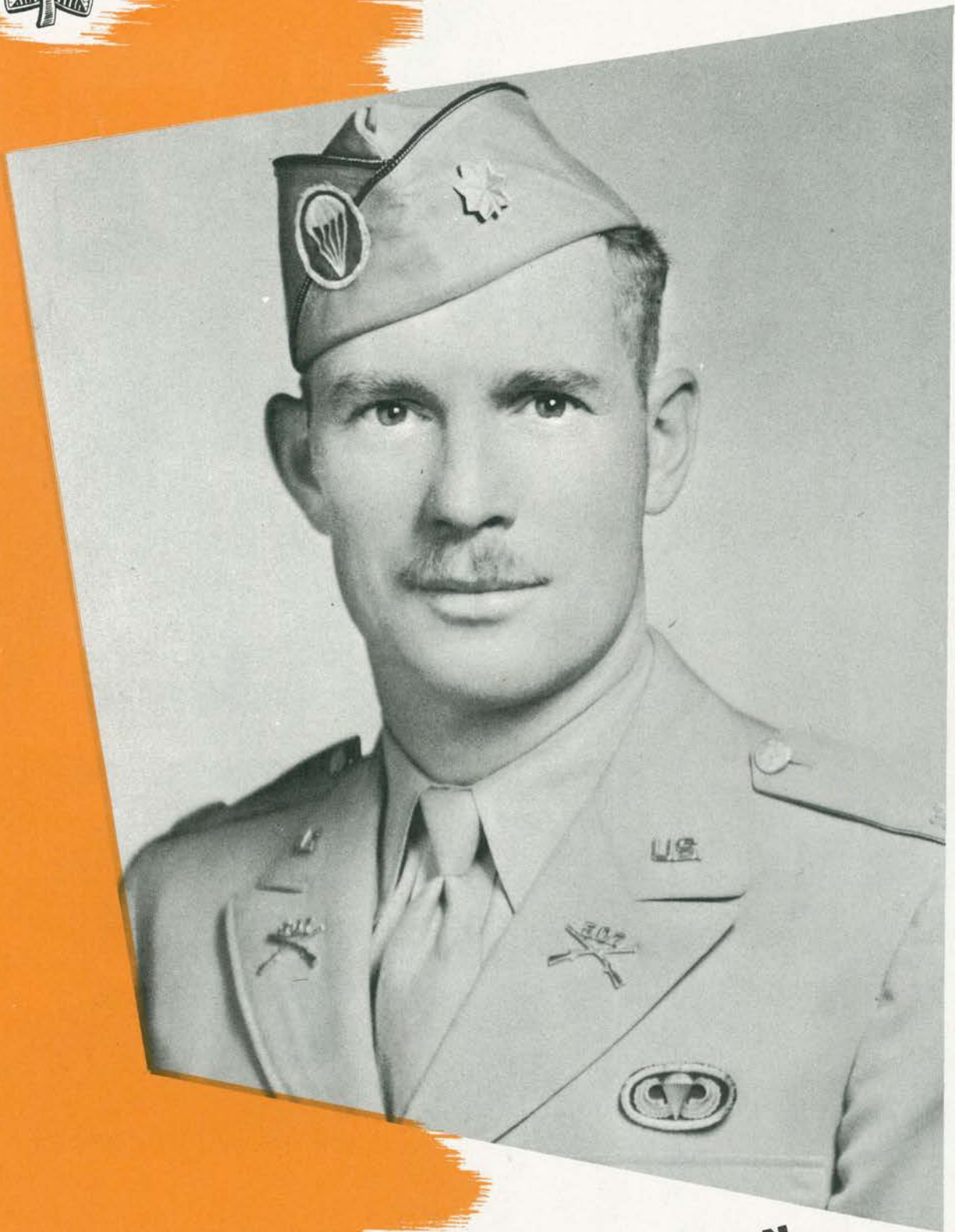


*Third Battalion*

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*Lt. Colonel* **WILLIAM A. KUHN**  
COMMANDING OFFICER THIRD BATTALION

# STAFF OFFICERS

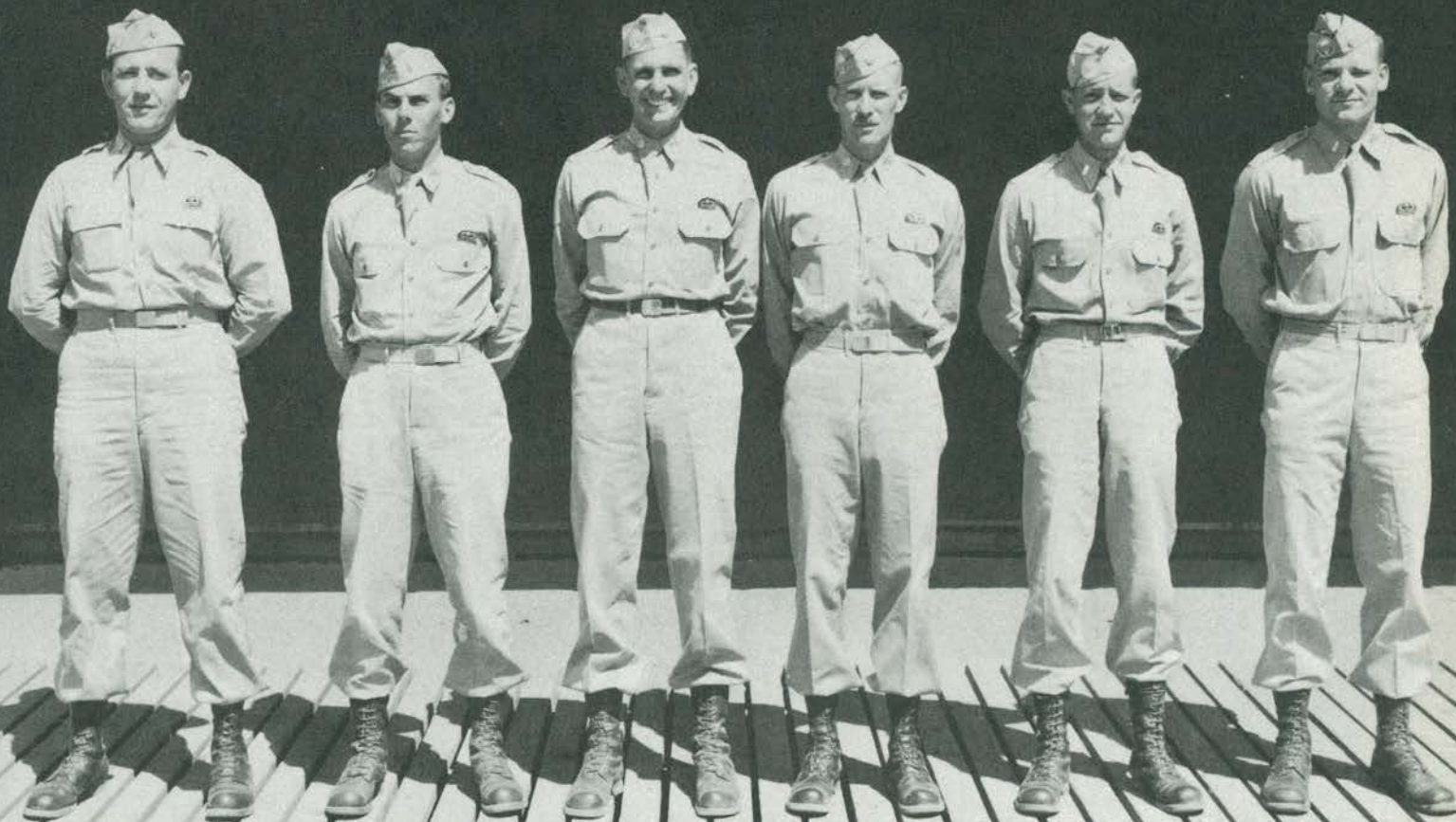
## *Third Battalion*

Left to right:

- ★ Lt. Elmer F. Hoffman, S-4
- ★ Lt. Gerard M. Dillon, S-2
- ★ Major John T. Davis, Executive Officer
- ★ Lt. Col. William A. Kuhn, Battalion Commanding Officer
- ★ Lt. H. Edward Wagner, S-1
- ★ Lt. Willard E. Chambers, Mess Officer

Missing from picture:

- ★ Captain Leroy D. Brummitt, S-3





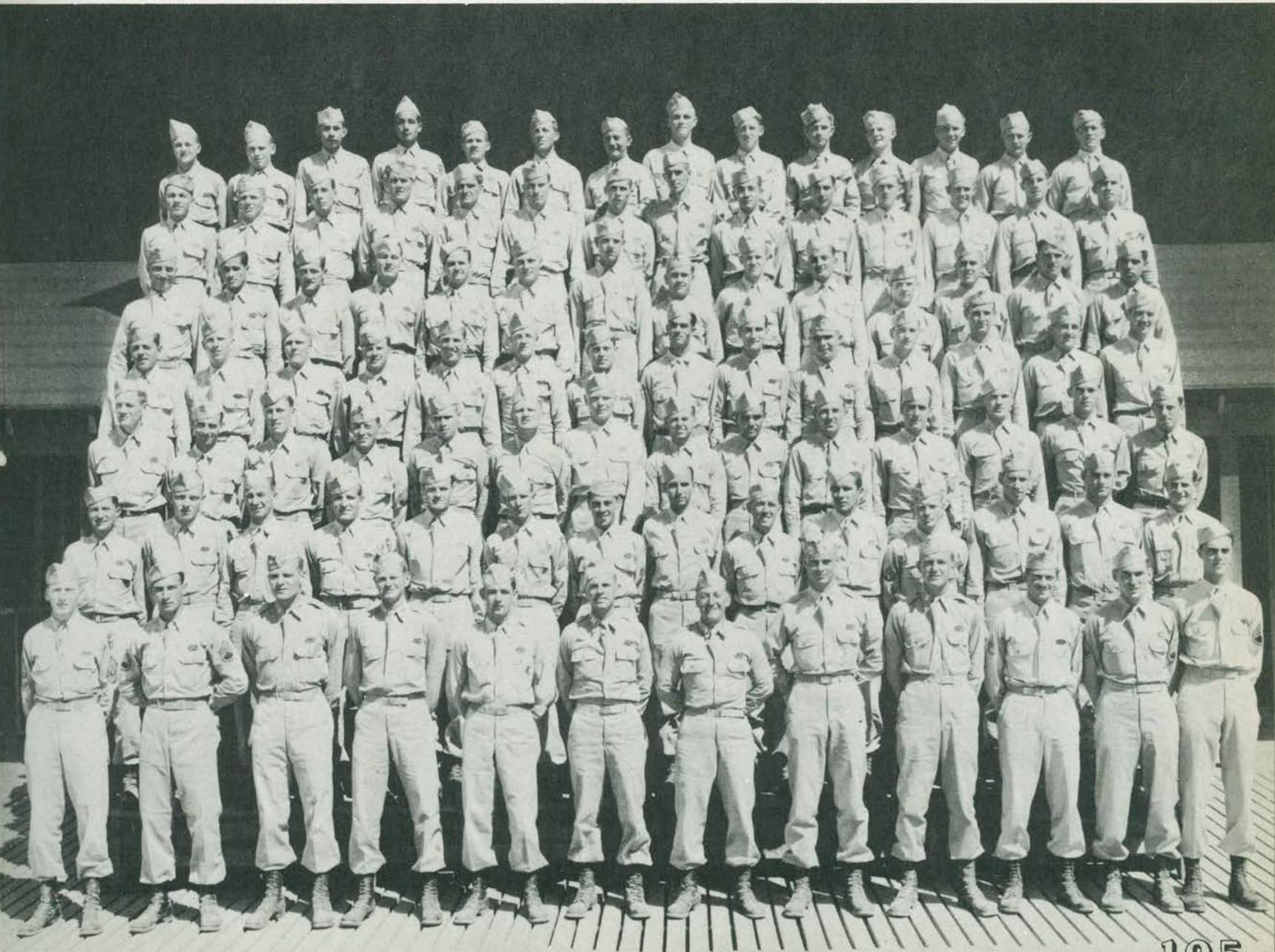
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**HEADQUARTERS**

**THIRD BATTALION**

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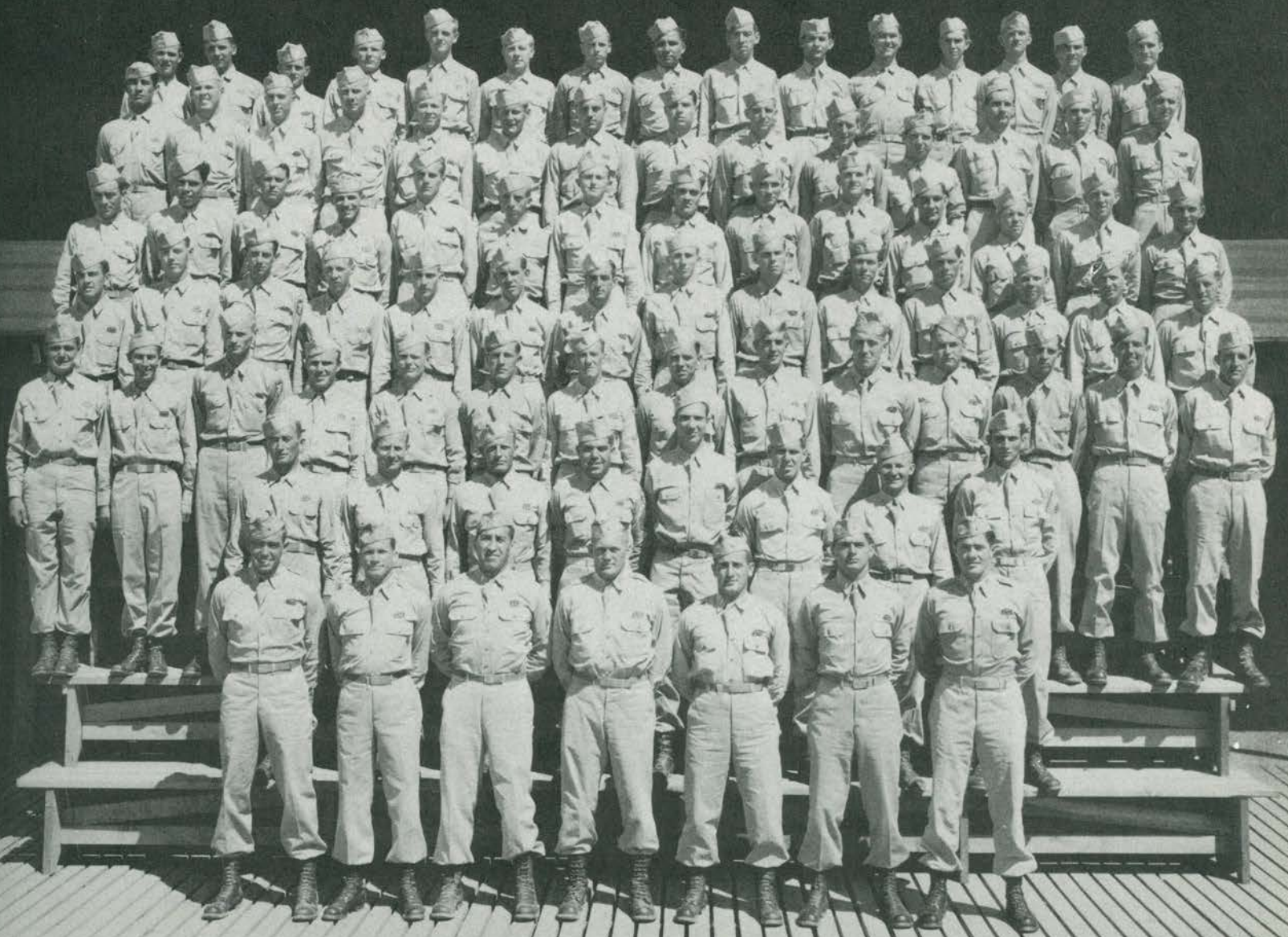




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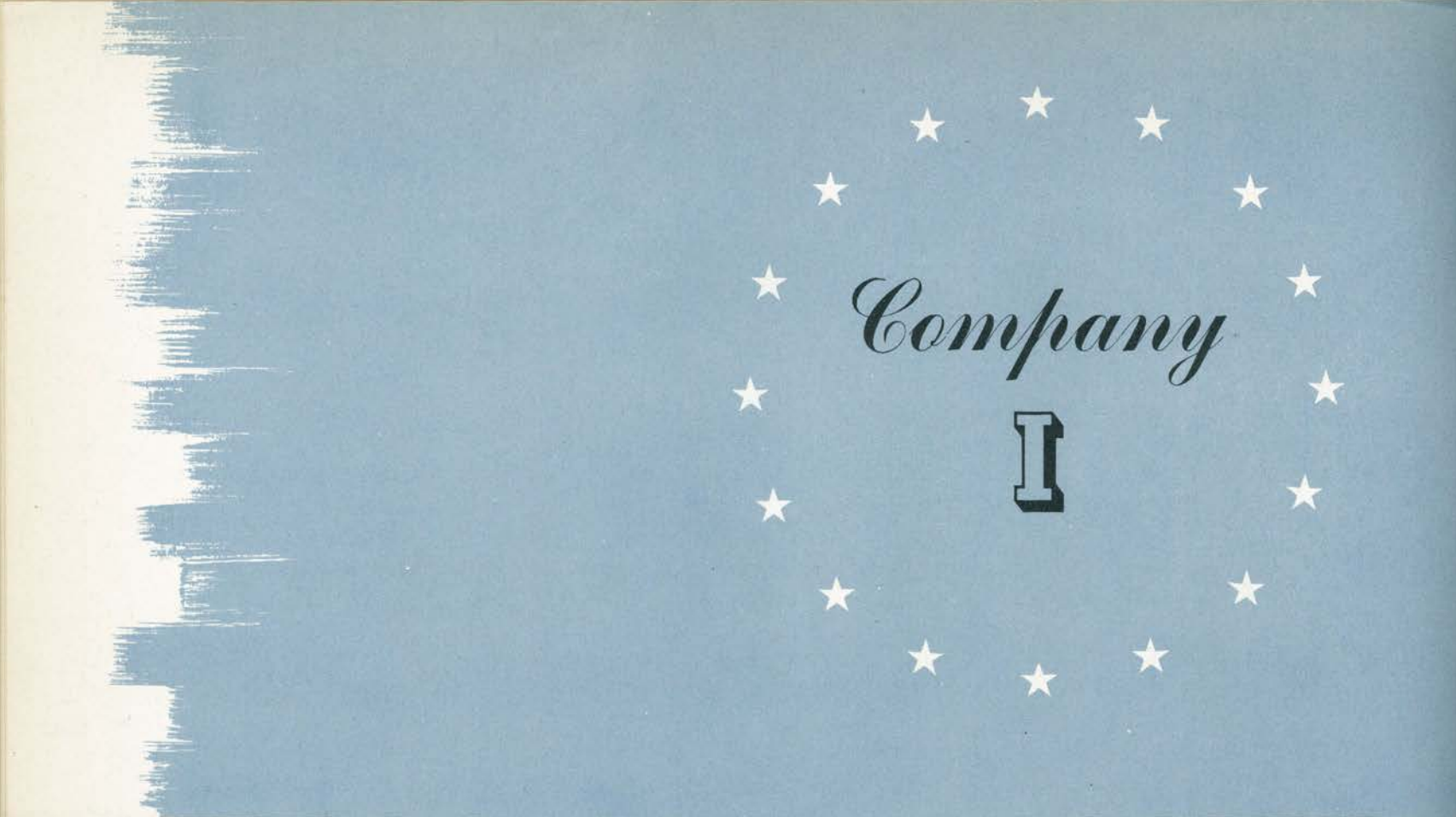
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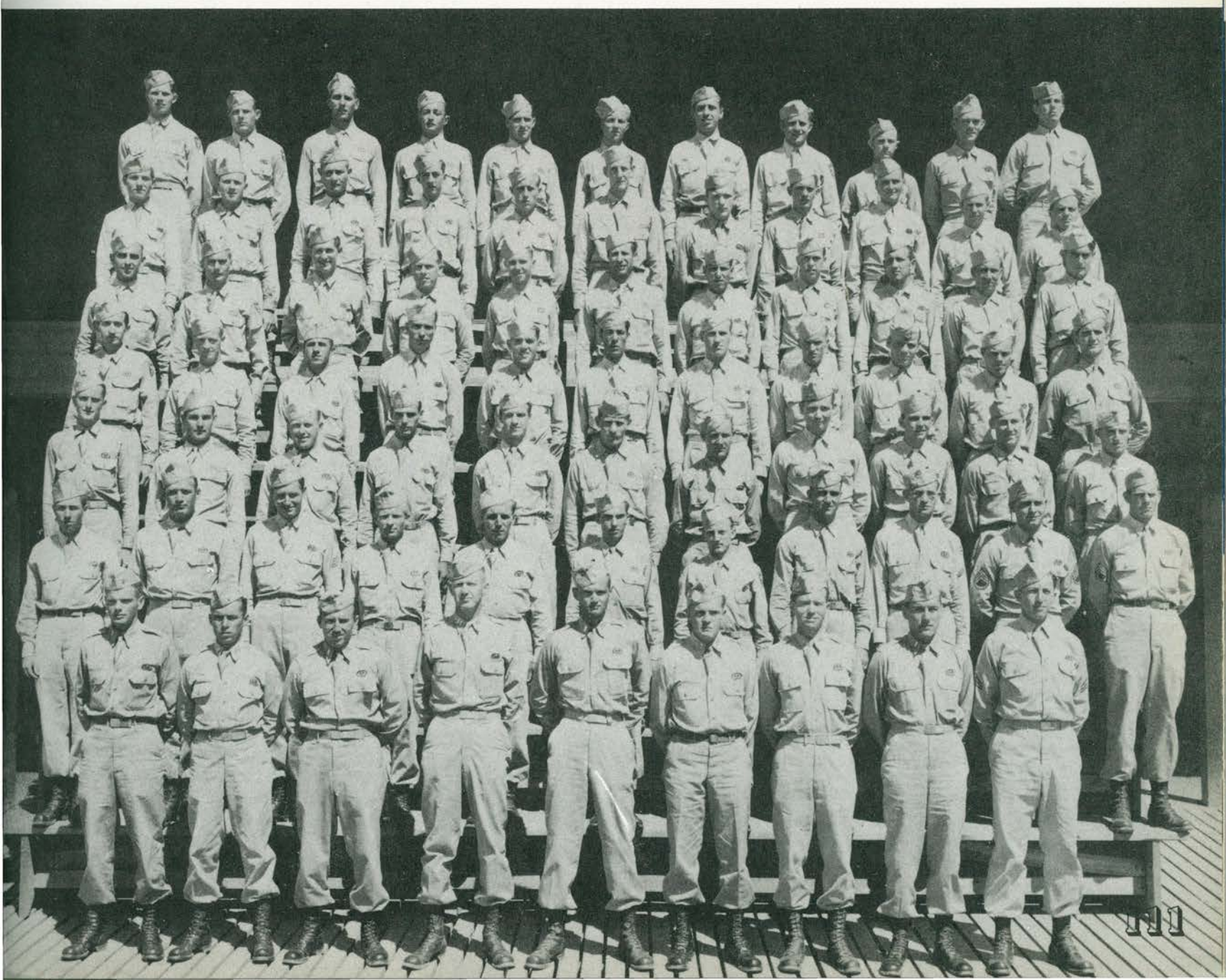


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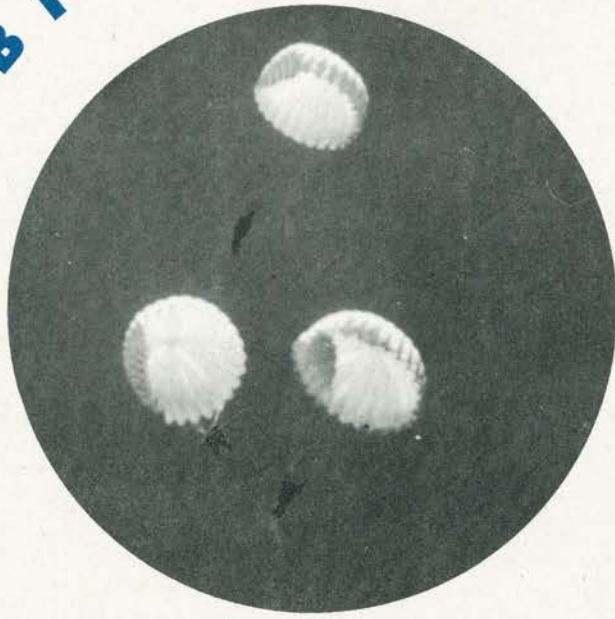
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# 507<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY \* *Regimental Barbecue*

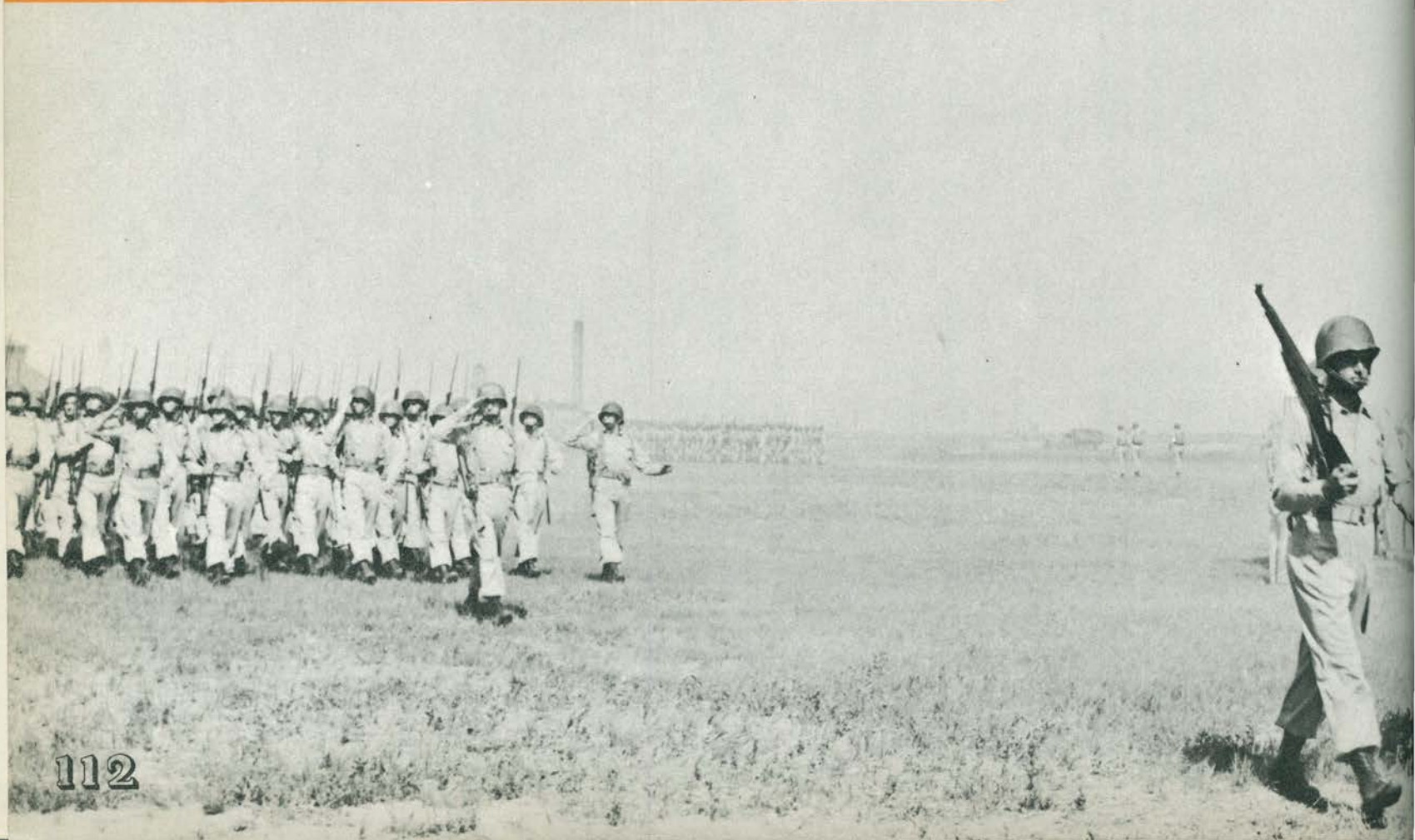


• Wives, sweethearts and friends of 507th men were guests of the regiment July 20, 1943, on the anniversary of the regiment's activation. "Have a good time" was the order of the day . . . and the litter of beer bottles and the empty plates were mute evidence that this order was carried out to the letter.

## *507<sup>th</sup> Passes in Review*

### *Before General Leo Donovan*

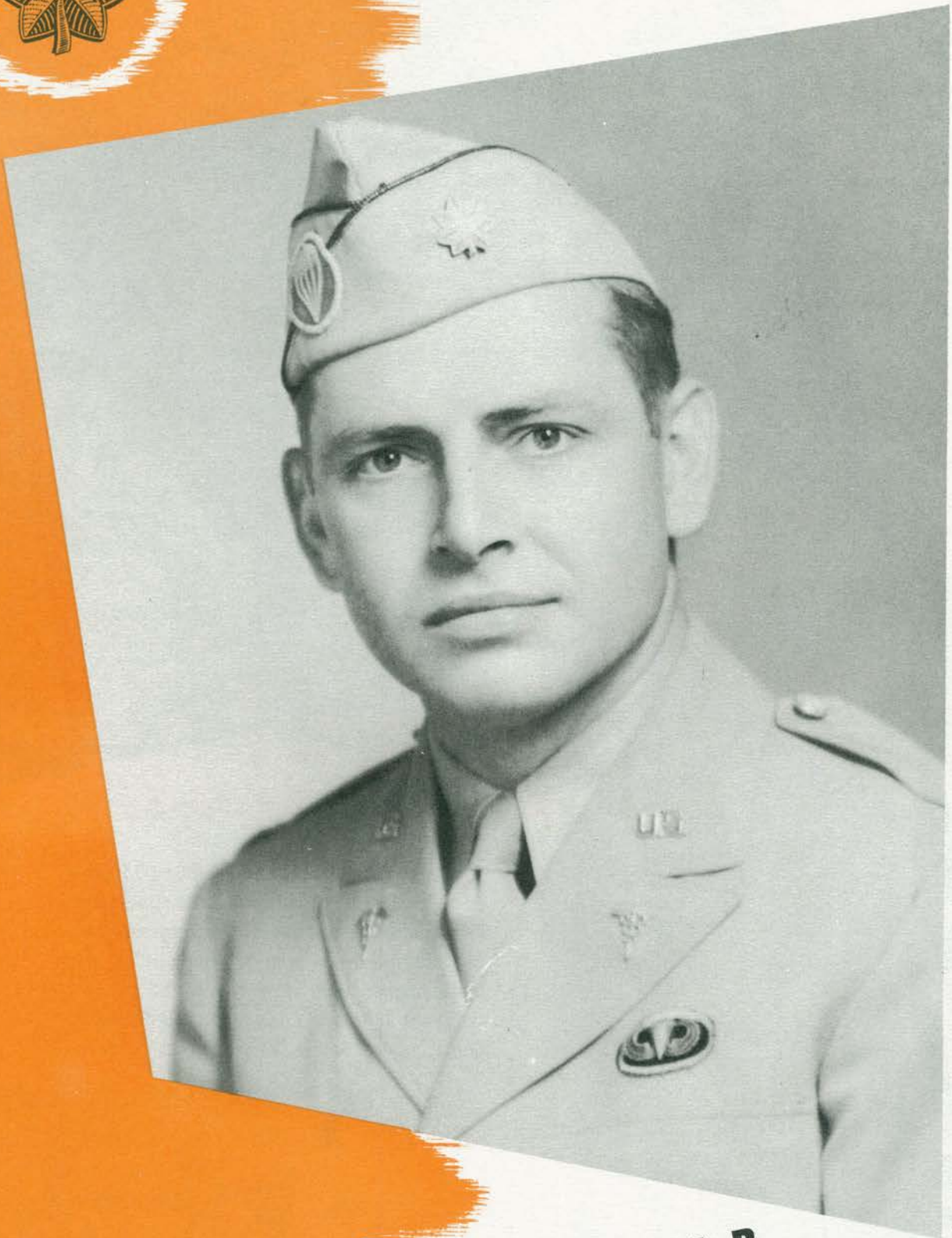
• The Regiment as they passed in review before Brig. General Leo Donovan, commanding 1st Airborne Brigade. Gen. Donovan's headquarters is at Fort Meade, South Dakota.





• Pvt. Joe Armstrong, Cpl. William McDade and Cpl. Gordon Matheson, who are preparing themselves for one of the very rare holidays the regiment enjoys. This holiday was in commemoration of the first birthday of the regiment. It took the name of a 4-B classification . . . Beef, Bottles, Blondes and Brunettes.





*Major* **GEORGE K. VOLLMAR**  
REGIMENTAL SURGEON



*Regimental*

MEDICAL  
DETACHMENT





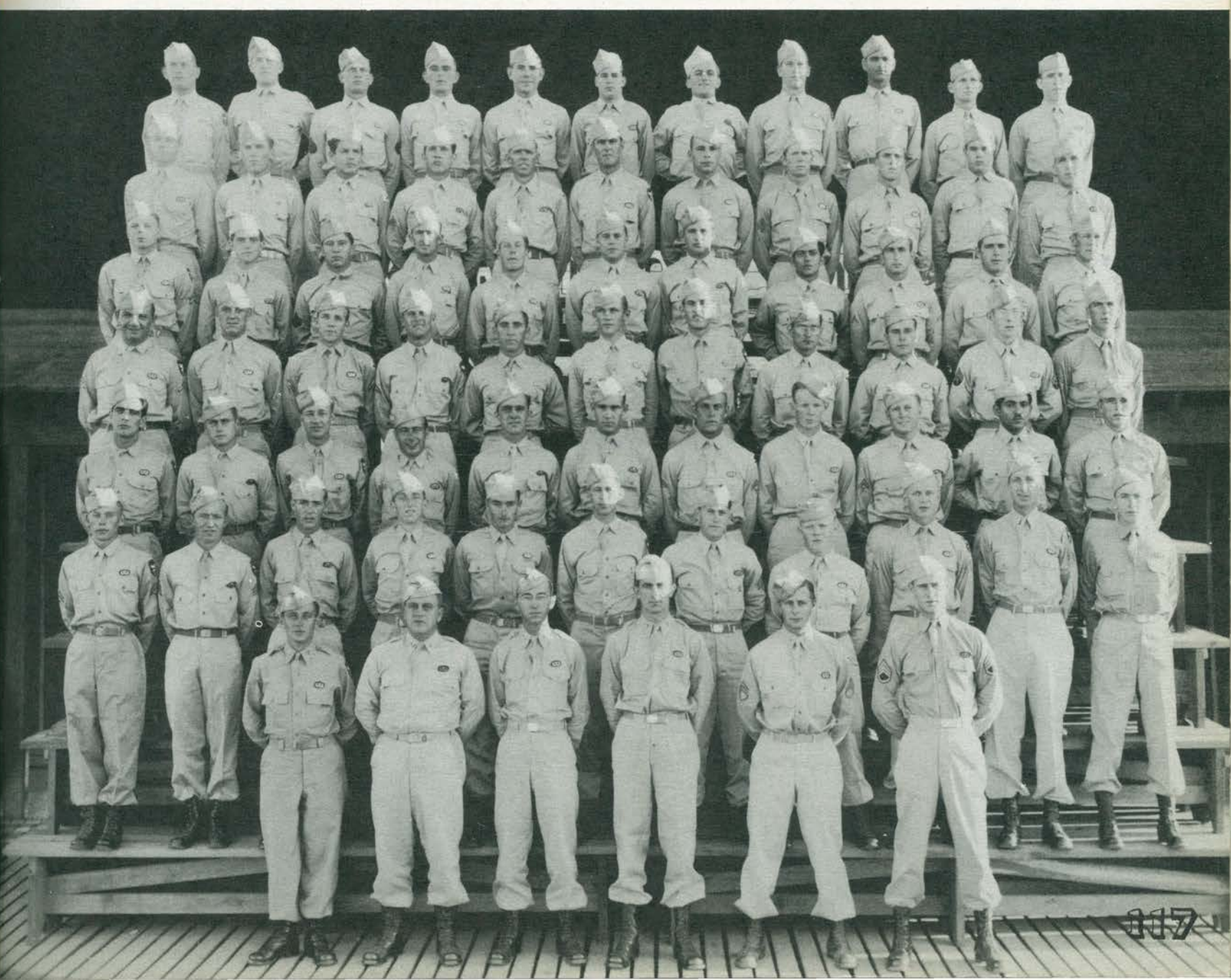
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## MEDICAL DETACHMENT

• First Row—(left to right)—Lt. Irving Pine, Capt. J. B. Long, Capt. Thomas Bennett, Capt. Henry Grant, S/Sgt. Raymond Cless, and S/Sgt. Nelson Hornbaker. • Second Row—T/4 Shade Campbell, Sgt. Kelly Kelly, Pvt. Walter McClure, Pvt. Edward Pike, Pvt. Chapin West, Pvt. Edward Staats, T/4 Herman Collins, S/Sgt. Harold Ahlquist, Pfc. Edward Kohute, T/5 Albert Webb, and Pfc. Merriel Longacre.

• Third Row—Pfc. Bernard Gruseck, Pfc. Charles Beam, Pfc. Charles Franks, Pvt. Vincint Ruthauskas, Pvt. John Snurowski, Pvt. Price Miller, T/5 Earl Bolick, T/5 Norman Stewart, T/5 James Pederson, Pvt. Abelardo Gonzolis, and T/5 Eugene Elliott. • Fourth Row—Pfc. Thomas D'Andrea, Pfc. Joseph Kroll, Pfc. Arthur Shronk, T/5 Joseph Kolek, Pvt. John Dunkerley, Pvt. Frank Swanson, Pvt. Jesus Casas, Pvt. Micheal O'Donnell, Pvt. Martin Tougher, T/5 Horace Smith, and Pvt. George Weldon. • Fifth Row—Cpl. John Napier, T/5 Philip Filler, T/5 Edward Flood, Pvt. Archie Powers, Pvt. Andrew Manger, Pvt. John Vinski, Pvt. Bruce Miller, Pvt. Enrique Gonzalis, Pfc. Donald Beasom, Pvt. Stanley Varnauskas, and Pvt. Henry Madlock. • Sixth Row—Pvt. Howard Welch, Pvt. James Nicholas, Pfc. Russell Boyd, T/5 Ambrose Sanchez, Pvt. Albert Roberts, Pvt. Jack Scarborough, Pvt. John Pavkov, T/4 Jack Miller, Pfc. Robert Miller, Pvt. Joseph Burnett, and Pvt. John VanValkenburg. • Seventh Row—Pfc. John Despot, Pvt. Robert Britton, T/4 Henry Lysek, Pvt. Jack Truman, T/4 Perry McGehee, Pvt. Jerald Ritchie, Pvt. Joseph Vlcek, Pvt. Francis Dignon, Pvt. Woodrow Cowart, Pvt. Donald Boucher, and T/5 Roy Perkins.

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# Citation for Meritorious Service

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TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE  
507th PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT

The Denver Kiwanis Club and the citizens of Denver, Colorado, express their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the officers and men of the 507th Airborne Infantry of the United States Army, based at Alliance, Nebraska, for their participation in the aerial maneuvers at the Denver Municipal Airport, July 3, 1943.

Under the command of Major General E. Gerry Chapman, Brigadier General Leo Donovan, and Colonel G. V. Millett, Jr., paratroopers of the 507th were called upon in line of duty to assist in obtaining pledges for blood plasma to benefit the American Red Cross and the Belle Bonfils Memorial Blood Banks.

Because of your brave and spectacular performance, thousands of pledges have been received, and many lives on the battlefronts, as well as on the home front, will be saved.

It is with deep sincerity that the Denver Kiwanis Club and the citizens of Denver, Colorado, present to the officers and men of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment this token of their appreciation.

*Bert Stapleton*  
Mayor of Denver

*Caro Du Van Schaack*  
Director Red Cross Blood Bank

*E. P. Murphy*  
Director Belle Bonfils Memorial Blood Bank



*Stanley Stewart*  
President

KIWANIS CLUB OF DENVER

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507<sup>th</sup> "INVADE"

MILE HIGH CITY...

• Saturday afternoon, July 3, 1943, the regiment staged a mock attack upon the Denver Municipal Airport. Admission was one pint of blood and the Denverites who attended were expected to fulfill their end of this "gentlemen's agreement." The blood was collected by the Red Cross Mobile Unit and then flown to the Fitzsimons General Hospital, for preparation into plasma, by the Colorado Civil Air Patrol. • The plan of action called for one group of men to move against the north gate while a second group moved to the center of the field, covering the advance of the first. The third group deployed on the south gate, thereby enveloping the airport in a viselike pincer movement. • The equipment used by the 507th Parachute Infantry was displayed in Denver's Courthouse Square and included everything from carbines to parachutes. Also on display was a living tableau of the battle use of blood plasma, presented by the Denver Red Cross. The 507th display was under the direction of Col. Millett, Jr. Maj. Charles D. Johnson was in charge of the jump, which was witnessed by 100,000 people.



*Versatile*

*Silent*

*Deadly*



• Hup! These 507th men have just thrown their light machine gun into action and are ready to open up on any target which presents itself. The .30 caliber light machine gun is one of the most effective weapons possessed by the parachute troops. It is light enough so that it can be carried for long periods of time, without unduly fatiguing the bearer and it can also be thrown into action very quickly. Reports from overseas indicate that this weapon is one of the most valuable and effective in the United States Infantry.

**"1st Stick Hits  
the Silk"**





## "SOFT" LANDING IN DENVER

• Saturday afternoon, July 3, 1943, at 1500 hours, more than 250 paratroopers from the regiment jumped and seized the Denver Municipal Airport. The attack was worked in collaboration with "Fortresses" based at Lowry Field. Twelve planes, units of the 73rd and 74th Troop Carrier Squadrons of the 434th Troop Carrier Group carried the men into the fray. The show was arranged by the Kiwanis Club of Denver to call attention to the need for donating blood to Denver's two blood banks. Two hundred military observers from Lowry Field witnessed the jump and were favorably impressed by the manner in which the men handled themselves after they had hit the ground. After the simulated attack the men were entertained by the Kiwanis Club of Denver in royal fashion.

## MEDICAL DETACHMENT... ON THE JOB



• One of the medics on the spot to administer to the injured. Under the leadership of Maj. George Vollmar the 507th has been fortunate enough to possess the best there is in medical knowledge. In combat the medics are required to care for the wounded rather than fight back at an enemy that most certainly will be shooting at them . . . That takes nerve, brother.

# DENVER



*... Out of the Blue*



Colonel George V. Millett, Jr., and Bob Petrie, KLZ Special Events Broadcaster, as they were snapped by the roving reporter of KLZ. Colonel Millett is about to give a brief outline of the coming attack on the Denver Municipal Airport to the many listeners over the Columbia network affiliate station.

# "UNDER FIRE"



*"A Regiment from Mars"*

*S*/Sgt. Lawrence H. Brown is interviewed by Peter D. Smythe of KLZ in the presence of a representative of the American Red Cross. Immediately after the successful jump and attack on Denver Municipal Airport over 2,500 pledges were received for the Red Cross Center and Belle Bonfils Blood Bank.



## Air Invasion of Denver Field Will Be Real Test For Army

Parachute Attack Saturday Afternoon Is Carefully Planned to Surprise Defenders; Spectators Will Be Asked to Donate Blood

• Denver's biggest air show—when troopers from the 507th Parachute Infantry at Alliance, Neb., shower down from the sky in a realistic "assault" on the Municipal Airport Saturday afternoon—will be much more than a thrilling show, sponsors of the event said Tuesday. Like everything in wartime, it will serve real utilitarian purposes, of which giving the public a demonstration of modern air warfare is only one.

The parachute "attack," arranged by the Denver Kiwanis Club with the full co-operation of commanding officers of Brig. Gen. Leo Donovan's 1st Airborne Brigade and other air force branches, will be first of all a combat maneuver for the training of the troops themselves, and the Army will utilize every possible phase of the attack for the instruction of its own men.

For the paratroopers themselves, the long 200-mile thrust from their big base at Alliance will be one of the most difficult maneuvers the well-trained "sky infantry" has yet attempted. Working only from carefully prepared charts of the Denver airport area and battle plans drawn up in their own headquarters, pilots of the 434th Troop Carrier Command, who will be in charge of the 12 heavily loaded transport planes, will be required to navigate with hairline accuracy so as to strike the Civil Air Patrol airport here in perfect formation as if they were surprising a real enemy.

Spectators will see a large number of single parachutes with supplies and a few multiple "cluster" chutes bearing heavier equipment, such as field mortars.

On the second and third quick passes over the field the planes will fly in tandem formation and the men will come down, half of each plane's quota of 20 leaving the plane of each swing. Once on the ground, the men will tumble out of their parachutes, race to their bundles of guns and proceed to the attack, swinging eastward to "take" the main airport, as approximately 75 high-rank-

# 100,000 Thrilled by Air

ing officers of Colorado Army bases, together with city officials, observe the entire tactics from a reviewing stand.

Also present to learn from their first opportunity of witnessing a real parachute attack will be several hundred men from an airborne engineer detachment at Camp Carson, Colorado Springs, and pilots and crews from a bombardment group at Lowry Field.

The engineer battalion will be scattered about the Civil Air Patrol Airport, where the landings will be made, and will assist several hundred city, auxiliary and military police in guarding the fields and the valuable parachutes, which will be temporarily abandoned on the ground until the attack is completed. The bombardment group will be circling the area in B-24 Liberators at an altitude of 3,000 feet or more.

Finally, the event will be the means of multiplying interest in the donation of blood for our fighting men and for civilians at home. The whole show has been arranged by the Kiwanis Club for the benefit of the Belle Bonfils Memorial and the Red Cross Blood Banks.

"This event is being staged at much expense locally and at a great expenditure of effort on the part of the Army," Philip H. Gray, co-chairman in charge of the arrangements, stated.

—From The Denver Post.

# Invasion of Denver Field

## Paratroopers to Donate Blood to Red Cross Bank

• If all the spectators at the "paratroop invasion" of Denver Municipal Airport at 3 p. m. Saturday pay their only admission charge—a pint of blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank—it will be a 100 per cent affair.

For every soldier in the 507th parachute regiment headquarters at Alliance, Neb., which will make the jump and demonstration attack, has volunteered as a donor to the Denver Blood Bank.

The first trip of the mobile unit, donated to the Red Cross to enable collection of blood in communities where equipment is not available, will be to the paratroop base at Alliance. The blood will be flown to Fitzsimons General Hospital, for preparation into plasma, by the Colorado Civil Air Patrol. The patrol will accompany the mobile unit in all its trips to outlying communities and deliver the blood without delay.

Saturday, about 3 p. m., a formation of Army transport planes will wing in over Municipal Airport. Small parachutes will come floating down on the Civil Air Patrol field—the weapons and equipment of the paratroopers. These will be followed by the soldiers themselves.

Releasing themselves from their chutes, the soldiers will assemble their weapons, take battle formation and "capture" the administration building. All this, according to Col. G. V. Millett, Jr., commander of the 507th Regiment, will take little longer than it does to tell "tack" is under way.

Blank ammunition will be used in heavy and light machine guns, rifles, tommy guns and pistols, while the "attack" is under way.

—From The Rocky Mountain News





• Below—GOAL TO GO . . . On the ground and ready to go, the 'chutist is having trouble deflating a 'chute which wants to go places and do things.

• Right—"Descende Ad Terram" (down to earth) . . . but fast. This shot was taken of a 507th man when he was a hundred feet above Denver. He was in Denver very shortly.

• Top Right—'Chutists fell on the airport and the first man out of the plane was Lt. Horace Cofer, with the flag. The men assembled as soon as they hit the ground and deployed for the attack.

• Lower Right—The 61 mm. mortar man is "on the target" and is about to "fire one round." The picture was taken at the simulated attack on Denver Airport, July 3, 1943.



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RED CROSS AND BELLE BONFILS

MEMORIAL BLOOD



**BANKS**



MY NAME IS "PENNY"..THE BIG GIRL IS "MYRTLE"

• "Penny" and "Myrtle," the two young mascots of Third Battalion Supply. They have reached the tender age of six months and both are thoroughbreds in the strictest sense of the word. "Penny" is the daughter of "Max," the famous mascot of the 505th Parachute Infantry, and has been reared and cared for by Cpl. McCord. "Myrtle" has papers to prove she is a thoroughbred Springer Spaniel.



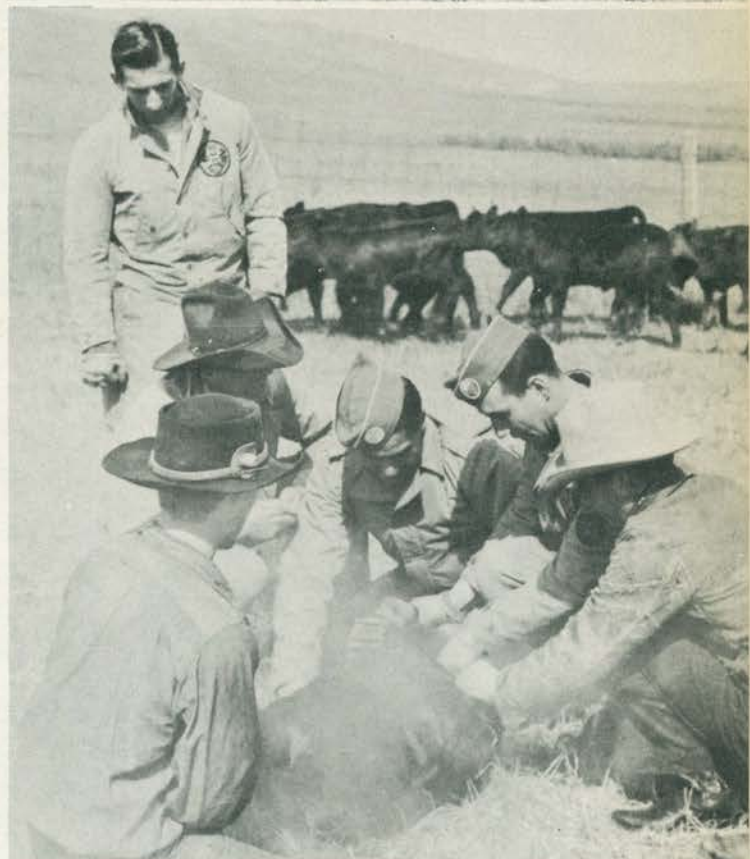
## *"Coyote" B Company's Mascot*



• The mascot of Company "B" is a little brown-eyed coyote, named "Jackie." This native Nebraskan is the only one of his breed on active service with the Parachute Troops . . . Now that he is getting a little larger we all have our fingers crossed, waiting to see his reactions to chickens and livestock. The men in the picture are 1/Sgt. Prescott and Pvt. Schwartz.

**507<sup>th</sup> ★**  
**Aids**  
**National**  
**Farm**  
**Drive!**

HOT FOOT WESTERN STYLE ★ HOME ON THE RANGE



'JERSEY' WAS NEVER LIKE THIS





# LOUISIANA MANEUVERS

**March 7, 1943**—The regiment was transported from Fort Benning to Barksdale Field, Louisiana, to participate in the Third Army maneuvers.

**Friday, March 11, 1943**—Col. George V. Millett, Jr., was ordered by Red Task Force to commit the 507th to the maneuver.

**Objectives Outlined**—Destruction of enemy held bridge over the Sabine River. Destruction of enemy emplacements northeast of bridge. Destruction of all enemy forces in vicinity.

**S-2 in Action**—Advance detail of one officer and six intelligence, two communication men, to jump Sunday evening, March 13, and radio back the enemy's disposition of men and weapons.

**Mission Completed**—The information is sent direct to Red Task Force and then to 507th headquarters. Col. Millett prepares to move out.

**Plan of Action**—First and third battalions take off from Barksdale Field, together with staff, at 1720 hour and utilize two jump fields located about 15 miles northeast of bridge. Battalions organized and moved on bridge as a unit.

**Objectives Secured**—After 10-mile march a bridge was taken, together with numbers of personnel at 0600 hour; resistance from motorized division located near the bridge was encountered.

**Reserve Used**—Second Battalion and Regimental Headquarters Company jumped the next morning at dawn, to reinforce the party holding the bridge, and to prevent any counterattack.

**Red Task Force Army** was adjudged the winner of the maneuver, largely because of the part played by the 507th Parachute Infantry.

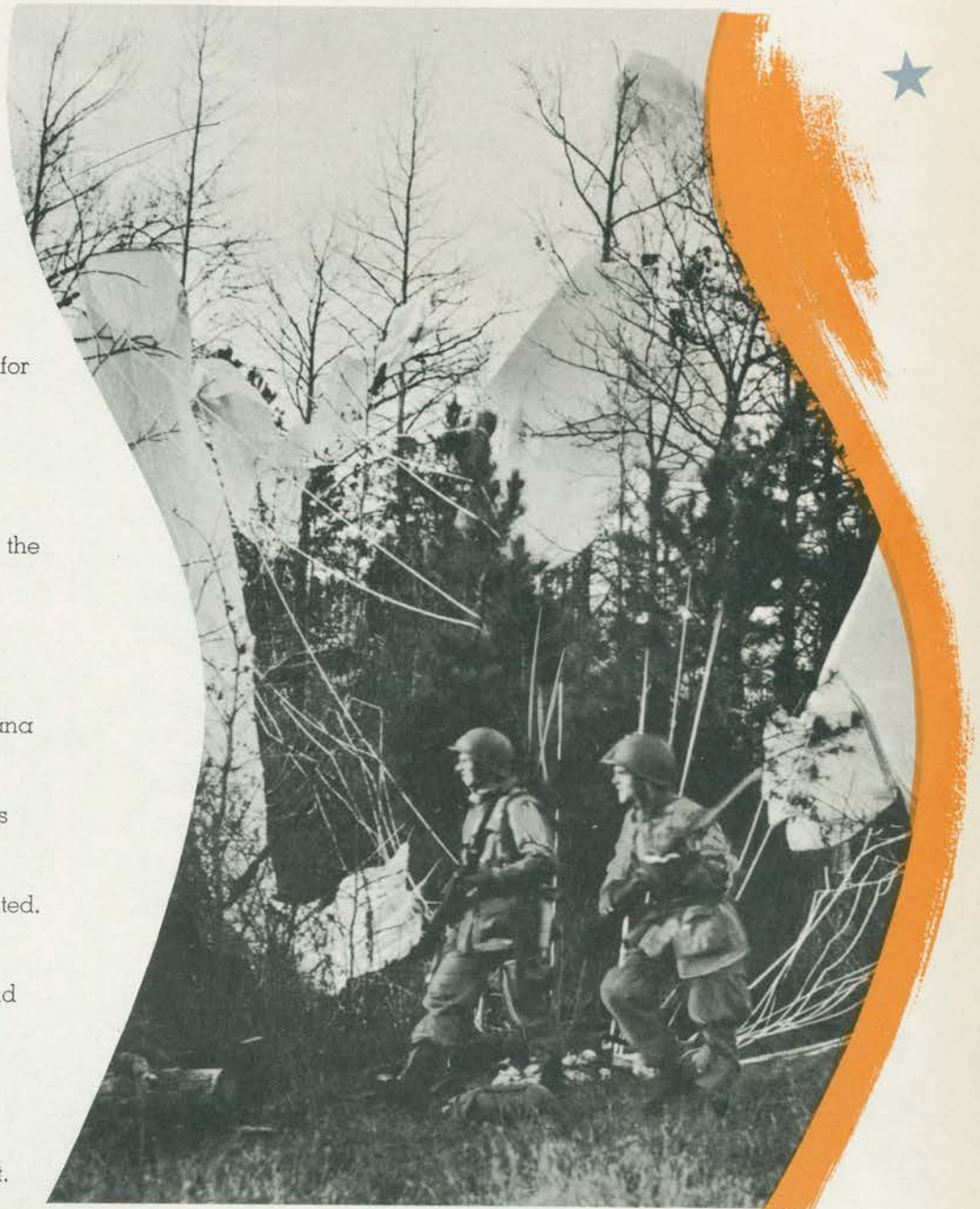


# *Awaiting* **GO!**

*Lt. Elliott Wagoner*

## **Stalking the Enemy on Maneuvers**

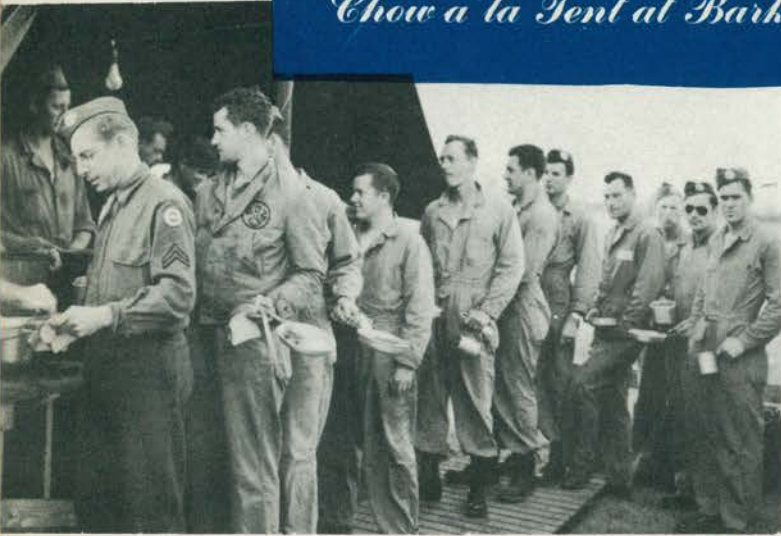
• Two unidentified 507th men move out for the assembly area . . . Assembling is one of the foremost problems confronting the Parachute Troops. This difficult situation was very well handled during the Louisiana maneuvers in spite of the many problems which the heavily wooded terrain presented. After this assembly took place the 1st and 3rd Battalions "took off" for the bridge crossing the Sabine River and captured it.





# COME AND GET IT!..

*Chow a la Tent at Barksdale*



- You can tell these fellows are hungry, note the contented and happy expressions as they line up for chow . . . There are no slackers in the chow lines. Left to right: Cpl. Spence, Cpl. Scott, Cpl. Loeffler, Pvt. Gorney, Cpl. Breault, Pvt. McFarland, Pvt. Despot, Pvt. Cady, Pvt. Rogan, Pvt. Fritts, Pvt. Hartman.



# 507<sup>th</sup>

*prepares  
to hit the silk*



- Members of the 1st Battalion make last-minute adjustments in their 'chutes before moving against the Red Task Force.





### *Discussing Louisiana Maneuver Victory...*

• Men of the regimental intelligence section, who jumped on the advance detail in Louisiana, get together on a critique to discuss the effectiveness of such a maneuver in actual combat. Standing, left to right: Cpl. Lawrence Becker, Cpl. Charles Cleveland, Pfc. William Ormsby. Sitting, left to right: Cpl. John Krompko, Lt. John Wisner, Pvt. Harold Rosenfelt (in the background), Sgt. Harley Bennett, Cpl. Paul Mank, and Sgt. Ken Plummer. These men jumped two days ahead of the regiment and radioed back the enemy's disposition of weapons and men. Radio silence was maintained for 48 hours. The information was disclosed to Red Task shortly before the regiment went into action.

## 400 PAIRS OF *Silk Niceties*



**UP A TREE!** ★

• Cpl. George Sklarz of the regimental intelligence section attempts to "shake one down" after making a tree landing in the Louisiana maneuver area . . . Cpl. Sklarz, whose home is in New York City, is one of those Americans who has had a taste of the Nazi rule and found it wanting. The corporal left Germany late in 1933, and toured the world as a concert pianist before establishing himself in the United States. Cpl. Sklarz speaks German, Italian and French fluently and his knowledge of the European continent and peoples should prove invaluable in the event that this unit is moved to that particular theater of operations.





*Retreat*

*All Ashore  
That's Going Ashore*

*Filling Room*



# AIRBORNE

*Eagle's Lair*





*"G" Troop Ready!*



*Preparations*





## LOUISIANA LULLABY

...or how to keep from growing old. The 507th Parachute Infantry swings into action against the Blue Task Force Army. Don't let those beautiful jump fields fool you, either; rumor has it that they are all a mirage. By the time everyone had landed there wasn't a damn thing around ... except trees.



## TREES VS. SAND DUNES

• In striking contrast to the sand dunes of northwestern Nebraska is this scene of the "forest primeval" in the Louisiana maneuver area. Of the hundreds of jumpers who landed in the trees only a few were injured. The cargo of silk, caught in the trees, was salvaged by the riggers.



# JUMPIN' JIMMY-

*This is the saga of "Jumpin' Jimmy" and  
how the fortunes of war enlisted a baby pig in the  
ranks of the 507th Parachute Infantry*

• It all started when the 507th jumped in Louisiana and bivouacked in the same woods where "Jimmy" ran wild. The mortar men took a shine to him and abducted him to Barksdale Field where they promptly proceeded to lose him in a crap game. He was then the property of a machine gun squad in "B" Company. Came the middle of the month and the boys found that they were down to their last tracer and not a bottle of beer in the hutment. The situation was desperate and called for drastic steps, so "Jumpin' Jimmy" was carried over to "C" Company, planked on the floor and the assembled riflemen were informed that the price of one case of beer would "fade" the pig. "C" Company was solvent for a change, and so once again the wheels of fortune spun, and "B" Company lost. "Jumpin' Jimmy" was getting nowhere fast. 1st Sgt. Harold Thompson of "C" Company entered the picture at this point and blind adoration shone in "Jimmy's" eyes. Here was his champion, and the mascot followed the "top kick" wherever he went, never more than a foot from his heels. Just when "Jimmy" had found his niche in life the destinies which rule saw fit to snuff his life out. "Jimmy" was hit by a truck, ending his career, and that is the saga of "Jumpin' Jimmy."



THE SITUATION IS



WELL IN HAND...?



• In the process of displaying their wares and perhaps a little bit more, we have representatives from the 2nd Battalion instructing our sisters in khaki how to use the carbine . . . it is alleged that they succeeded . . . in the instruction of the carbine, also. Reading from left to right: Pfc. William D. Speer, Cpl. Kathryn Kenny, Pfc. Joseph P. McMahon, Aux. Alice Brancato, and Cpl. Charlotte McGhiey.

# Special Service

• Co-editors Pvt. George F. Klein and Cpl. A. J. Smith are discussing plans for the regimental newspaper "Boots and Wings" with Captain Alfred B. Britton and Sgt. Howard Anthony—Special Service Office.



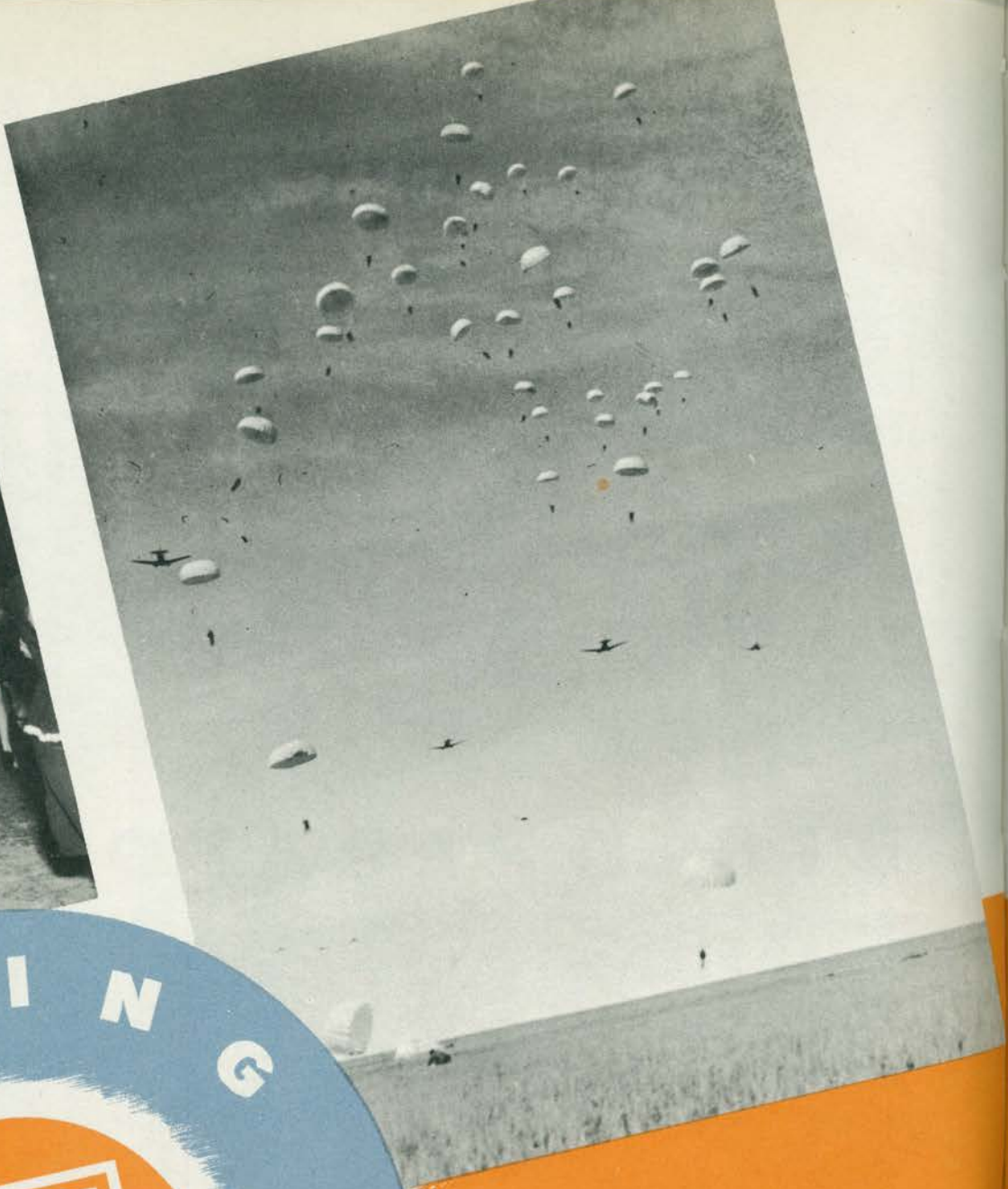
## BIG OPERATORS



## FRESH FROM THE JUMP SCHOOL

• Pvts. John Tomaino, John J. Brozda, and James Kaufman are the troopers in this picture taken just after they returned from jump school. These men were all assigned to the regiment as non-jumpers, but neither the title nor the pay appealed to them.

*"Preacher" Williams and Mrs.*  
kicking the gong around



*Captain*  
**DICKERSON** Lands a "Musky"

• A product of the mid-west, this "musky" caught by Captain Dickerson is one of the largest ever to navigate the streams of Wisconsin. The fish was caught at Voss Birchwood Lodge, Manitowish, Wisconsin, with a light steel rod and a spoon hook.

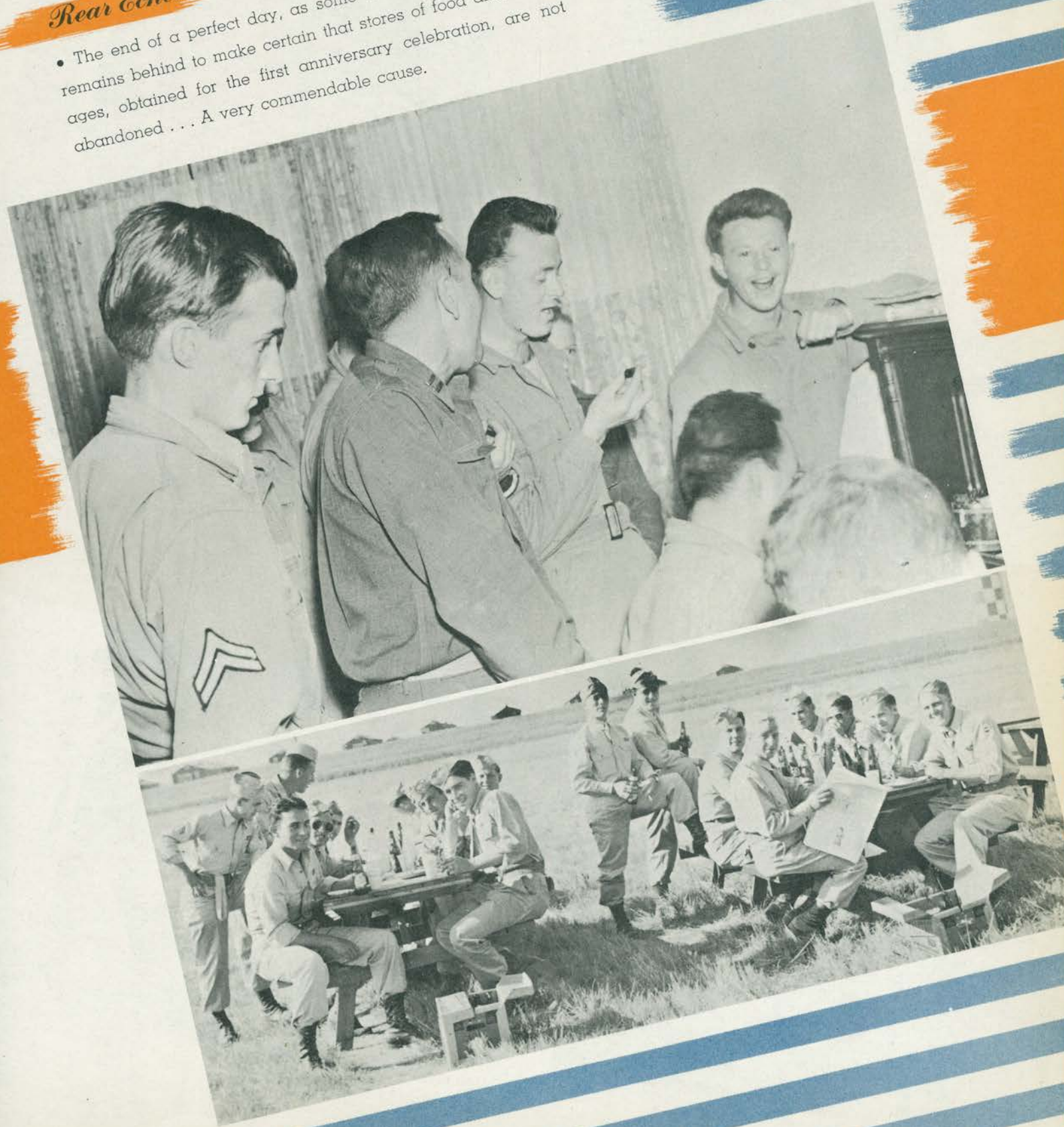


## *"Home on the Range"*

• Ranchers and some 507th branders get together after work for a song fest. Left to right: Cpl. Jack Summer, Chaplain John J. Verrett, S/Sgt. Harley Bennett, Cpl. Paul Mank, and Cpl. George Sklarz at the piano.

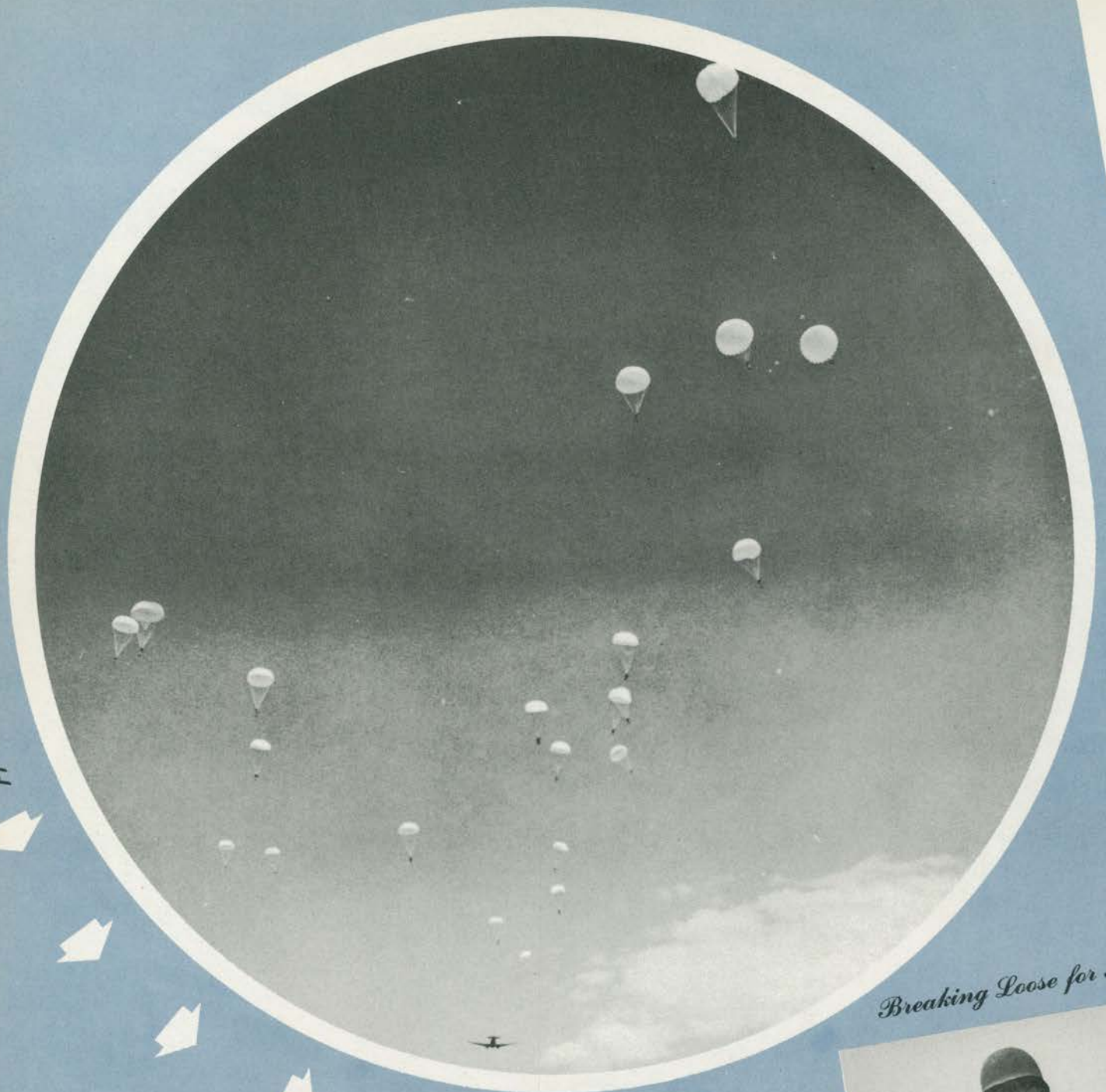
## *Rear Echelon*

• The end of a perfect day, as some of the 507th rear guard remains behind to make certain that stores of food and beverages, obtained for the first anniversary celebration, are not abandoned . . . A very commendable cause.





*Barksdale Field*



*After the Jump...*



*Breaking Loose for Action!*



• Above members of the 507th seen preparing chutes prior to packing: Lt. William J. Brown, Sgt. D. Parks, Pvt. M. Moyer, Pvt. G. Stuart; kneeling, Cpl. G. Poplin, Lt. R. Law, and Pvt. Van Park.

• This 507th man is breaking loose from his harness, preparatory to arming himself at the equipment bundle located nearby. The trend lately has been to jump the men fully armed.

# 507th CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY



# BOOTS

# PERSONALITIES

# IN THE NEWS

VOL. II

## Tactical Association 507th' Chutists Capture Denver's Airport Before Largest Crowd To Witness Mass Parachute Jump

### SKY SOLDIERS SEIZE AIR DROME WITHIN HOUR AFTER FIRST JUMP

All the blood-  
the most har-  
form of w  
doorstep  
260 toug  
troopers from  
Alliance, Neb., ca  
in a two-pronged  
Denver's p

landing field. Spectators gasped at the unbelievable rapidity with which the troopers spilled from the open hatchways at the side of the planes, to form a tight line across the sky.  
From each of the seven to six

### PARATROOPERS ADVANCE IN TWO COLUMNS

On landing and disengaging their equipment and "lay low" with their metal helmets and grass with the brown grass, awaited a signal to the attack.

a sky-bomb, they two attacking "X and Y." and First commander of the assignments from a center in the center of the 507th regi- the attack from



### WILLIAMS AND GERONIMO

slowly their craft to the lowest Hauptin of Jamestown, N. Y., as flying speed just above a stall in order to soften the terrific jerk of the opening chutes, carried their men from west to east across the



### HIGHLITES... LIFE OF 507TH

Activated July 20, 1942, at Fort Benning, Georgia, in the famous "Frying Pan".

Moved from the "Frying Pan" area in Georgia, across the Chattahoochee river into Alabama, and trained there until March, 1943.

Saturday, Feb. 27, Orange and Black, 507th basketball team, closes season with 24 out of 26 wins, defeated the best colleges in the Southeast and the best pro team in the East.

Moved March 7, 1943, to Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana.

While at Barksdale participated for twelve days in the Third Army maneuvers.

Successfully jumped behind the Blue lines and decisively defeated the Third Army.

On March 20, 1943, traveled again, this time to the Army Air Base, Alliance, Nebr.

On Sunday, April 4, 1943, the 507th performed a tactical jump and paraded before 20,000 spectators, at Alliance.

Wednesday, April 14th, the First Airborne Infantry Brigade was activated, with the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment forming the nucleus.

Sunday, May 23, 507th paratroopers and "Geronimo" the mascot, thrilled 25,000 spectators as they jumped in a 23-mile-an-hour wind at Omaha.

It was here that "Geronimo" received his Sergeant's stripes and silver wings.

Saturday, July 3rd, 1943, paratroopers of the 507th thrill and delight 150,000 spectators with an intricate but highly successful jump and attack on the Municipal Airport at Denver, Colorado.

Saturday, July 10th, after successful season, the boxing team hangs up trophy of featherweight title won by Red Grant in Denver, Colorado, at the 7th Service Command All Service Boxing Tournament.

Tuesday, July 20, 1943, the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment is one year old!

The future... The 507th is decidedly instrumental in wiping the Axis powers from the face of the earth!

### Touches The Ground!

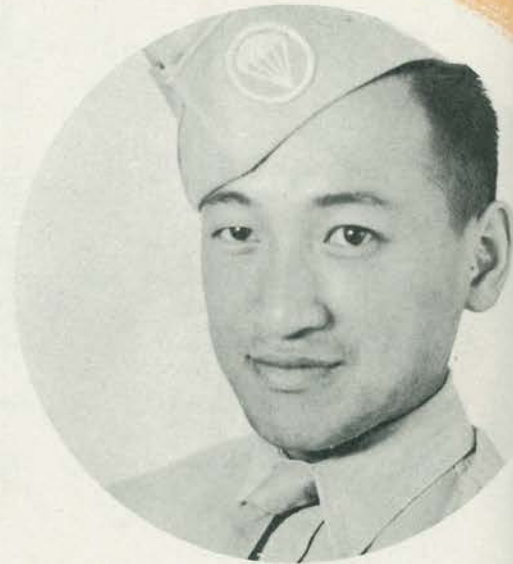


Above is pictured Lt. Horace J. Cofer and S/Sgt. Hendricks. Lt. Cofer performed the difficult feat of jumping with the flag on an eight foot mast. It was as though Dame Fortune smiled when she saw the Stars and Stripes, for Lt. Cofer floated gently to earth with the flag of our country waving proudly in a gentle breeze.

*"Manassa Mauler" Goes to War*

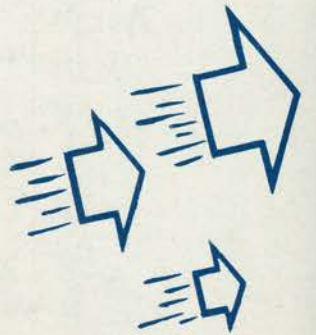


*Pvt. Leon Yee,  
One of Ten Chinese Paratroopers*



*Brigadier General  
George P. Howell*

• Now commanding the Second Airborne Infantry Brigade, expresses his approval of "Boots and Wings." Colonel George V. Millett, Jr., is on the right. This picture was taken in the Alabama area of Ft. Benning.



*Colonel Edson Raff,  
First in Africa*



*"Beauty and the Beast"*

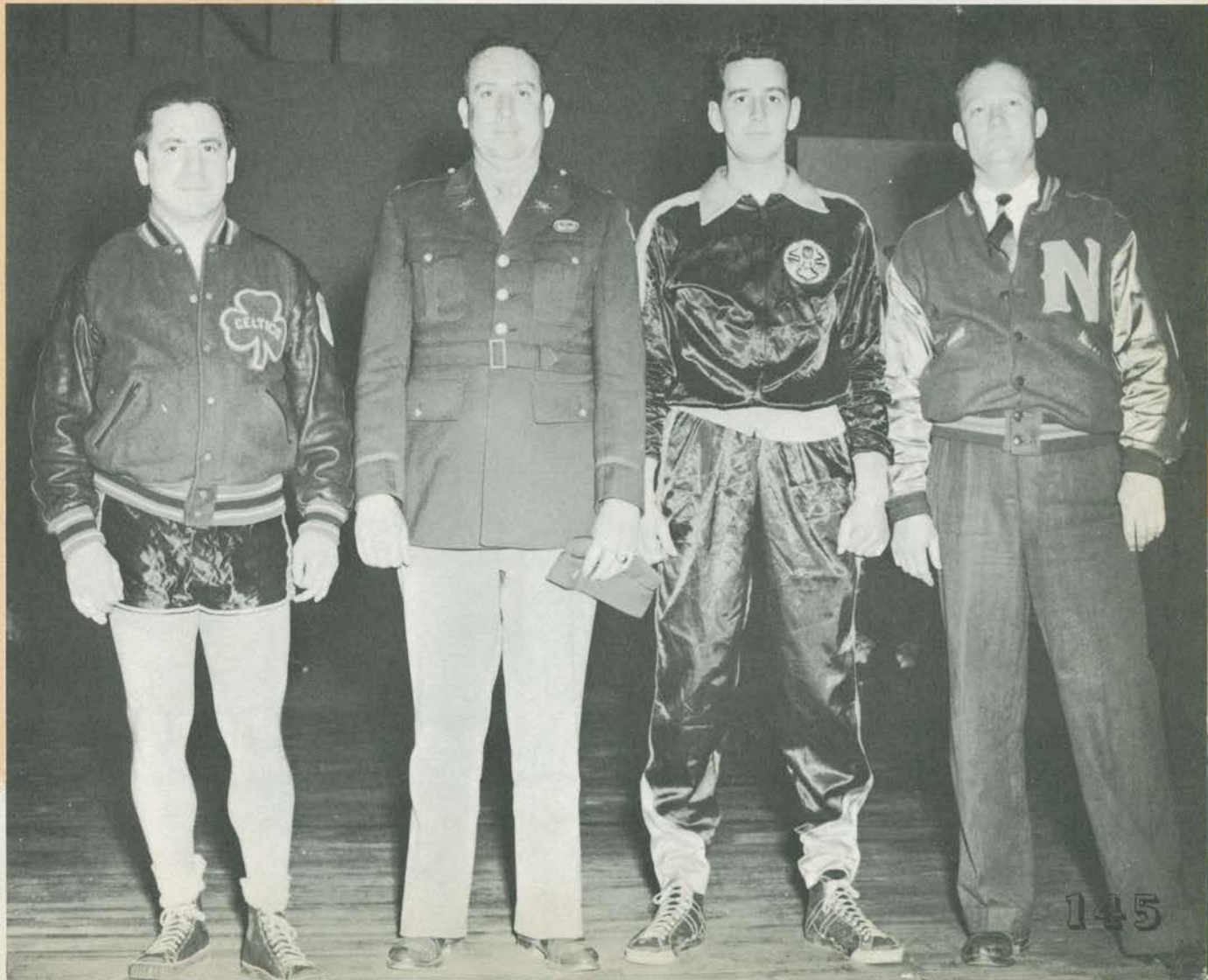
• Left to right: S/Sgt. John C. Fulton, S/Sgt. Donovan G. Wood, Miss Kay Watson, Mess Sgt. Clydis J. Patton, Sgt. William L. Tippet.

507th Branders



• Time out as ranchers and 507th branders take a break! Mr. and Mrs. Felix Becker, together with some local ranchers, have a picture snapped with some "old cow hands" from the 507th Parachute Infantry. The men had helped with the branding of several hundred head of cattle.

# Personalities in the News



Colonel Millett, Jr.,  
Lt. Lillge, and  
Cellie Officials



CREDIT OMAHA WORLD-HERALD

### *Paratroopers to Jump Here Sunday*

• The paratrooper "attack" on Omaha, scheduled for next Sunday, has been postponed to some later date, it was announced Tuesday by Col. Joseph W. Leedom, liaison officer for the Seventh Defense region. The air raid test planned for Sunday also has been canceled. However, the mass jump by Geronimo and 16 paratroopers will be held as planned Sunday in connection with the dog show.

In the tactical jump, it had been planned to use more than one hundred parachutists in an attempt to "seize"

the Omaha municipal airport. But Tuesday morning Capt. James A. Dickerson and Capt. Ben F. Pearson, intelligence officer and operations and training officer, respectively, for the 507th Parachute Infantry regiment at Alliance, decided the airport wouldn't be a suitable location for the problem because of its proximity to the river.

Tactically speaking, they say, it wouldn't be practical to jump onto the airport itself. That would result in the paratroopers' immediate "capture" by the state guards. In actual warfare, the officers explain, the paratroopers would not jump directly onto the airport—and it's warfare for which these paratroopers are practicing.

Other open spaces there are too close to the river. Some of the 'chutists might be blown into it. Many Omahans will remember that a parachute jumper was drowned in the Missouri during the Pulitzer races here some years ago.

# AFTER THE JUMP...

Omaha

## Entertains 507th

• The chutists called it a rough jump. The wind was a shade over 20 miles an hour and they leaped through the wide door of the army transport from eight hundred feet as it headed into the south wind. A three hundred pound box of equipment under red, white and blue parachutes was tossed out on the first circuit.

On the second, Geronimo and his master, Pvt. Ken Williams of Chester, Pa., made a dual leap. The other 16 jumped on the third swoop, leaving the plane in rapid succession in full gear and landing at scattered points. Pvt. Williams admitted he was under nervous tension.

"That was my thirteenth jump," he said. "I didn't think I'd make it."

"It was pretty rough," said 1st Sgt. H. H. Jordan of Lexington, N. C. He estimated it was No. 20 for him.

A sprained ankle for Maj. G. K. Vollmer, regimental medical officer, and a few minor cuts and bruises were mementoes of the day for the troopers.

After the jump the men were introduced to the crowd at the Field club dog show by Brick Hawley, member of the kennel club. Officers to speak, besides Maj. Vollmer, were Col. George V. Millett, Jr., commander of the 507th parachute infantry, and Capt. James A. Dickerson, regimental intelligence officer.

During the ceremonies a blanket in regimental colors was presented to Geronimo by the American Women's Voluntary Services, while the Nebraska Kennel club gave him a collar bearing paratrooper's wings, and a certification that he had been made a sergeant in the K-9 corps.



THE GLORY THAT IS AMERICA

*This picture* was taken immediately after the mass jump in Alliance April 6, 1943 . . . the picture is symbolic of the determination of the workers and the fighters of the United States Armed Forces to press home the attack to those factions who regard the "four freedoms" as simply another example of the inadequacy of the democracies. Their propaganda machine was apparently unable to convince the men who took Sicily of the folly of fighting for such intangible and outmoded things as . . . the four freedoms.







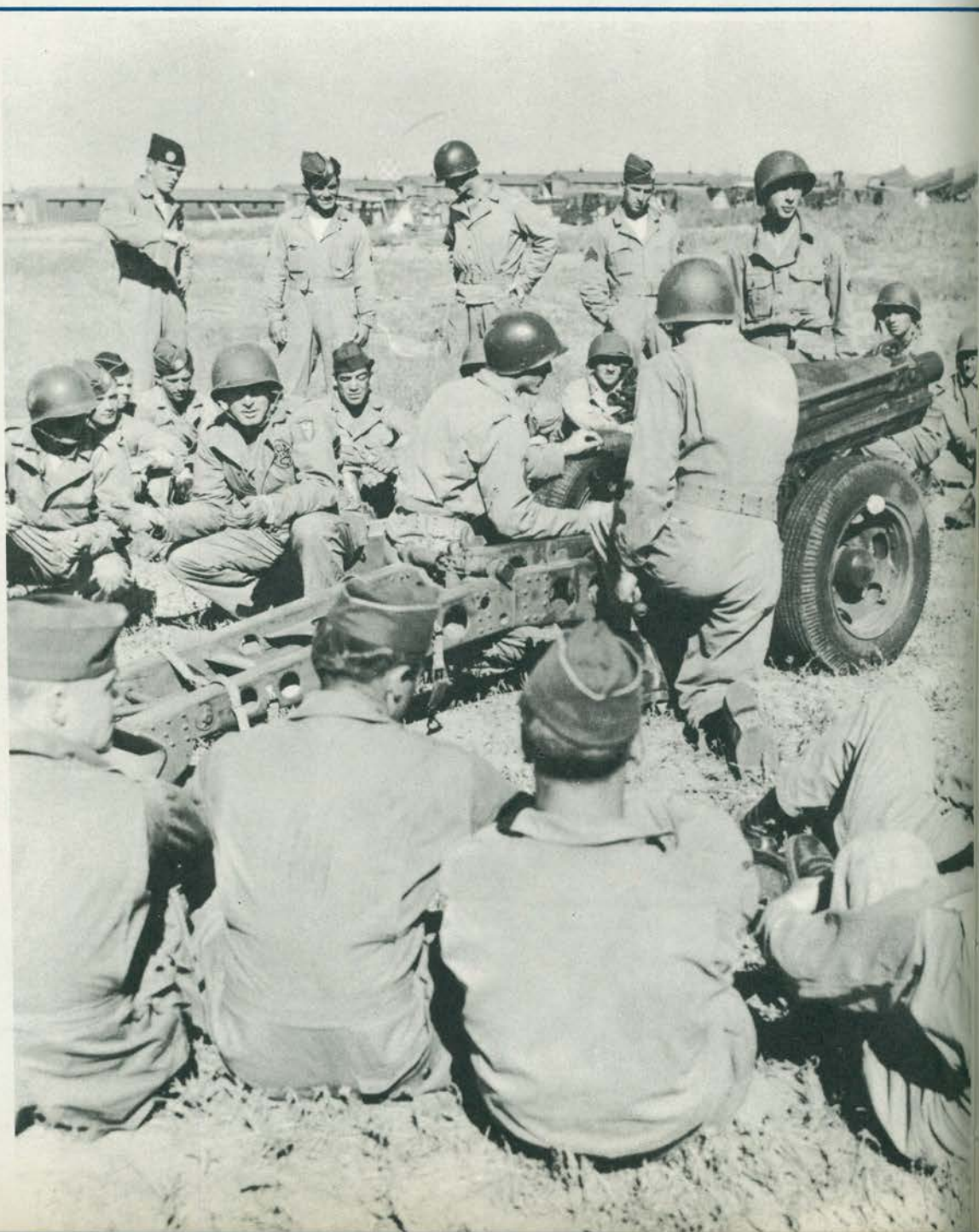


*Caissons  
Go Rolling Along*



*Orientation*

• Pictured is a group of men from the First Battalion receiving instructions on the 75 Pack Howitzer, from S/Sgt. Robert Scott of Co. B, 215th Field Artillery Bn. No. 1 is Sgt. Bocx, Gunner, Sgt. Liederman, No. 2, Pvt. Nathan, No. 3, Cpl. Cook, No. 4, Pvt. Hutto, and No. 5 on the gun is Pvt. E. Hernandez.





*Glider  
Infantry*



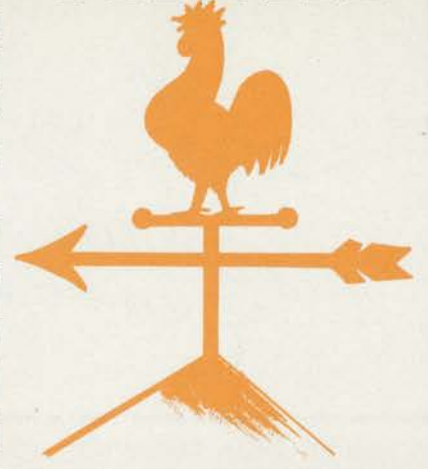
# MEN AT WORK

*Weapons Strip...*

• 1st Battalion troopers "keep their hand in" as they test themselves for speed and efficiency. Left to right: Pvt. E. Collins, S/Sgt. Marne Collins, Cpl. Eugene Lusk, and Lt. Jack Eyerly.



# HERE AND THERE



*Red Eye Calling the Wildcats...*

*Come in, Wildcat*

• Left to right: Pvt. Walter Bachelin, Pvt. Tommy Brienzo, Pvt. Ernest Gunther.



*Skeptic*



*"I hope the riggers,  
bless their hearts, know what they're doing."*



• "Everything is fine back here, take good care of yourself. Love, Mother."



*"Old Soldier"*

Master Sergeant John M. Haley





# CANDID CAMERA



*Billy Williford*



**WHAZZAT?**

*He's All Wrapped Up!*

• S/Sgt. Guy L. Widdowson (left) and S/Sgt. Donovan G. Wood (right) get together in Denver over a couple of bottles of beer. Sgt. Wood broke his ankle in the Denver jump and recuperated at Fitzsimons Hospital, Denver.



*Captain Dickerson*

*"When Good Fellows Get Together"*



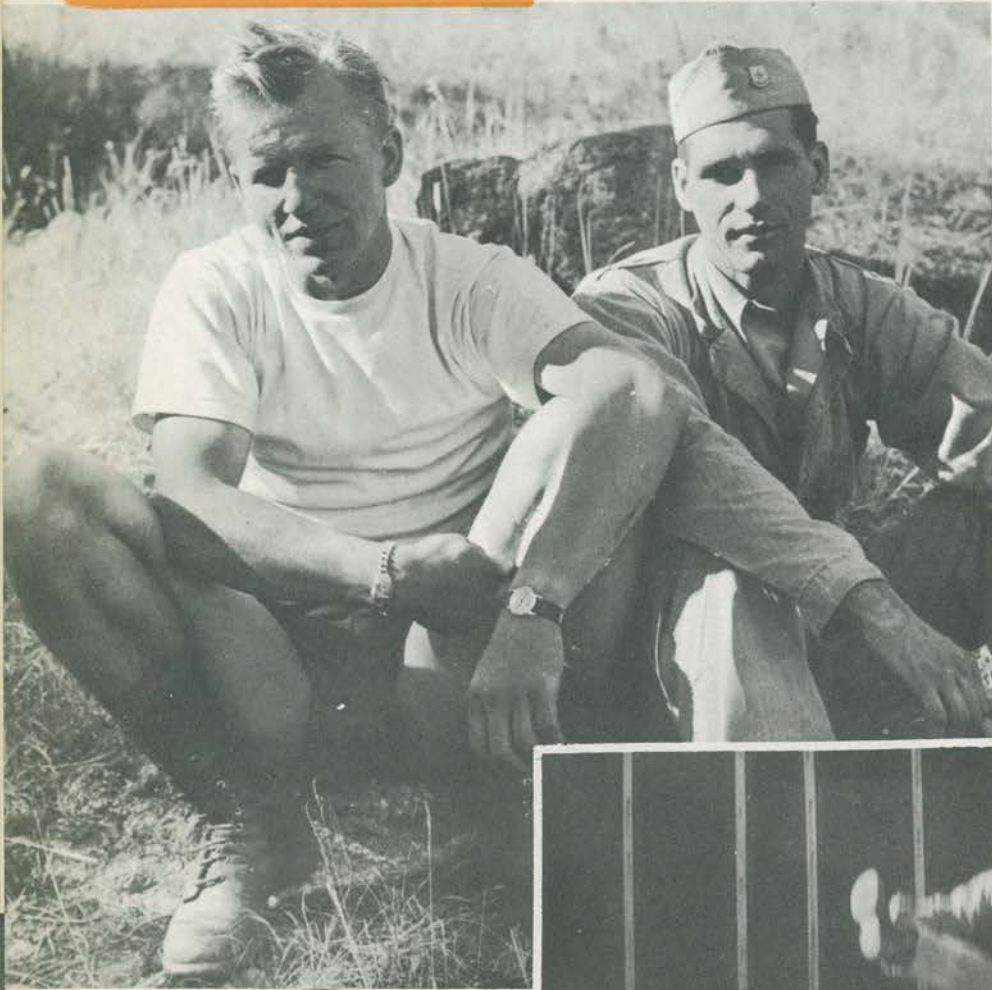
*Combined Operations*



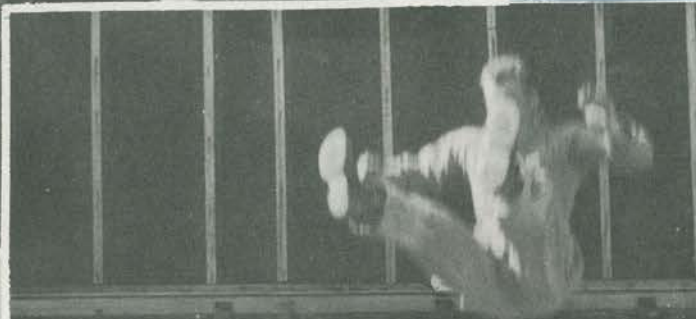
*Just Pals*



*Nothing to Do...?*



*Long Count...!*



*Suspended Animation?*



*Body Position... Correct*





*Big "Steve"*



*Three's a Crowd...*

# CANDID CAMERA

*Target  
for  
Tonight!*







**BLACK**

**HILLS**

**BIVOUAC**

★ Sunday morning, October 19, 1943,

the 507th Parachute Infantry went into bivouac

on the shores of scenic

Stockade Lake, Custer State Park, So. Dak.

for a rest and recreation period.

The 507th traveled cross country in all

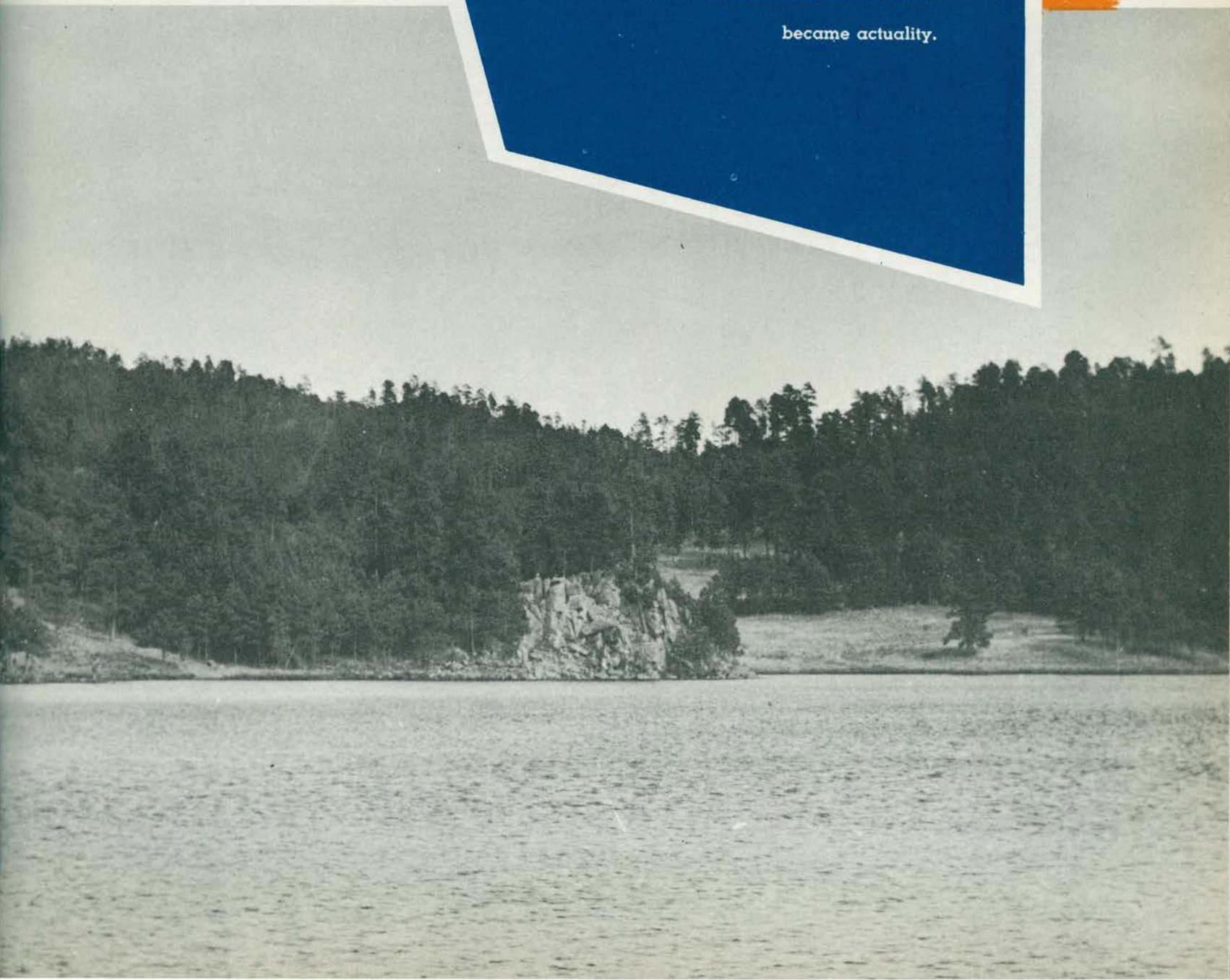
directions from this central point

and names and places like

Mount Rushmore Memorial, Wind Cave,

Twin Tunnels, and Balanced Rock

became actuality.





## *Inspiration . . .*

- Groping for words, the camera caught Chaplain Robert J. Hennon in this rather unusual and striking mood.

*"Blue Plate Special . . ."* **MUST BE GOOD!**





## *Playing Postoffice*

- Private Charles Hartman (left) and Sgt. Chester Sharick (right) are shown seated before their temporary post office in the Black Hills, South Dakota.

- Men from the 253rd Field Artillery Battalion give a group of 507'ers the lowdown on what keeps those "caissons rolling along" and what to do when they stop.





*Din-nah Is Now Being  
Served in the Blue Room . . .*

• Snapped during the 10th bivouac in the Black Hills are: Cpl. William Davidson (left) and Sgt. Lynn Herron (right), First Battalion draftsmen. Both men are members of the Headquarters Company.

*"Business as Usual"*

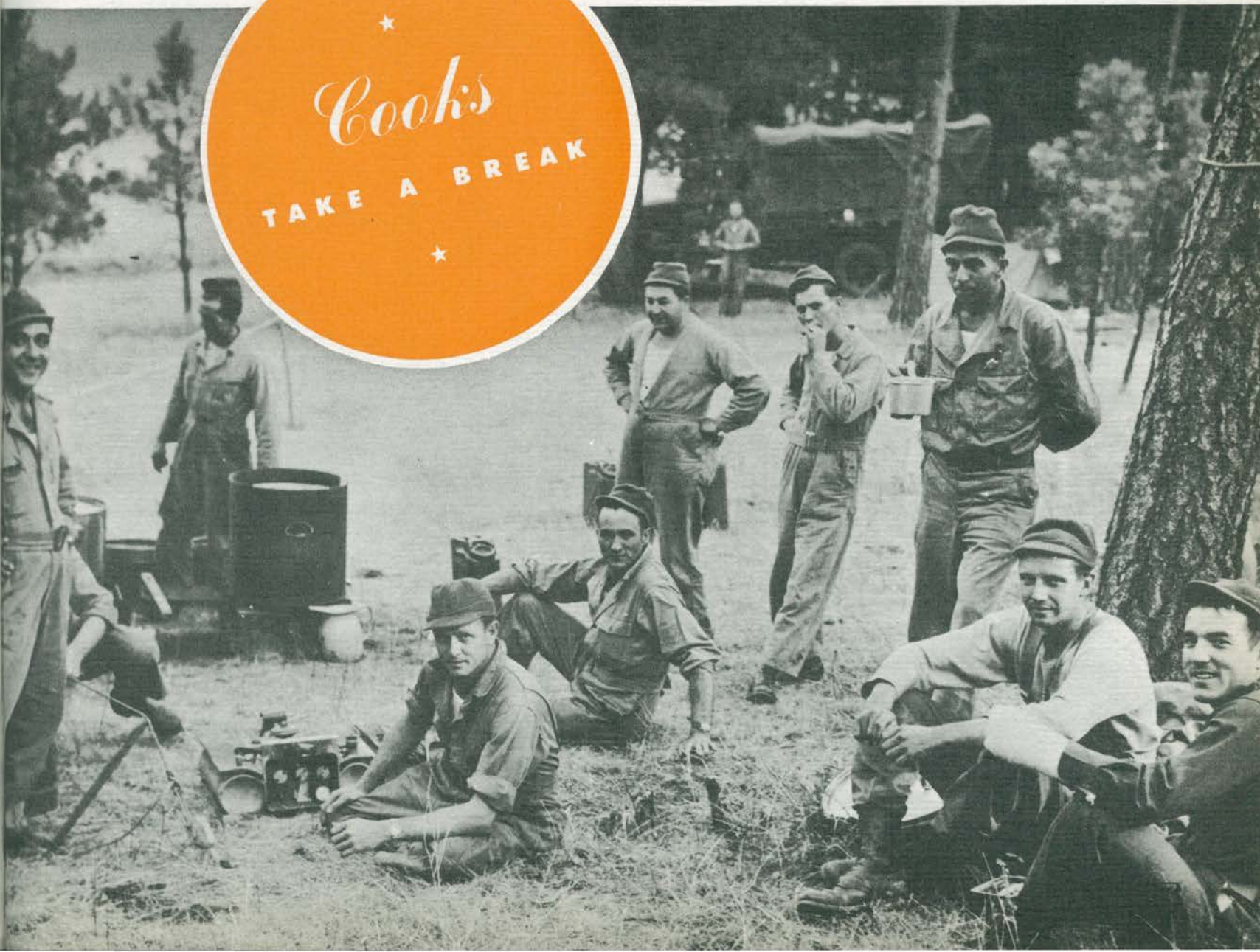
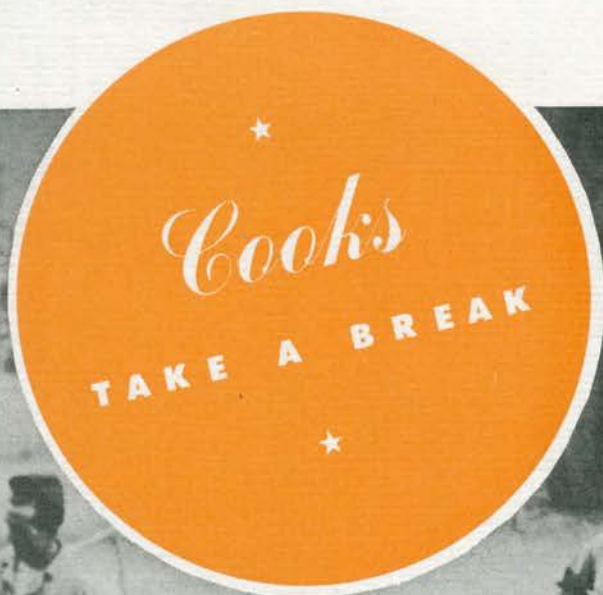




## *Back to Nature*

- Members of the "Star and Garters" cast, First Battalion, take 'em off prior to the nightly "bull session." Right to left: Cpl. Joe Martin, Cpl. Shelton Manning, Pfc. "Spike" Petruzzo.

- Service and Headquarters mess personnel relax after serving a thousand meals a day. Lt. Donald Graul, with his hand in a cast, gives Pvt. Rowland Fellen (base of tree) a couple of pointers on communications.



Dear Sir:

I'm writing you this letter to ask you a favor. The biggest favor in fact ever done for me. would you please let me be the mascot of your outfit. There is a boy in my home room in school and he is a mascot of an M.P. Bn. When it comes to the subject of Paratroopers and M.P.s we are bitter enemies. Today he said the paratroopers were suicidal maniacs. I said listen if I wasn't a good church going Christian I'd tell you what I thought of the M.P. Then I forgot I was a good church going Christian and told him. The next thing I knew I was up before the principal for cursing in the presence of a teacher. I'll try hard to be a good mascot if you'll let me try. I'm 14 and in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. My address is 352-7 ave North Troy New York.

Sincerely yours  
Fred Toohy Jr.



**14 YEARS OLD**

*Official 507th Mascot*

**FRED TOOHEY, JR.**, 327 7th Avenue, North Troy, New York, is the only civilian member of a parachute infantry regiment. Freddie has been an ardent follower of the 507th since its activation. His youthful admiration, and spiritous ambition to become a member of the paratroopers, prompted his appointment by our Commanding Officer, Colonel George V. Millett, Jr. He received the coveted wings and boots and his official papers properly signed and bearing the official stamp of the regiment, designating him as its choice for an ideal mascot, on October 27, 1943.

*Today as always* the American boy moves forward . . . the adventurous spirit of our youth has prompted an urge for complete supremacy of the skies . . . to this young American, and to all our future guardians of peace and liberty, the men of this regiment extend a hearty salute . . . Descende Ad Terram . . . Preparedness is the might of Democracy.

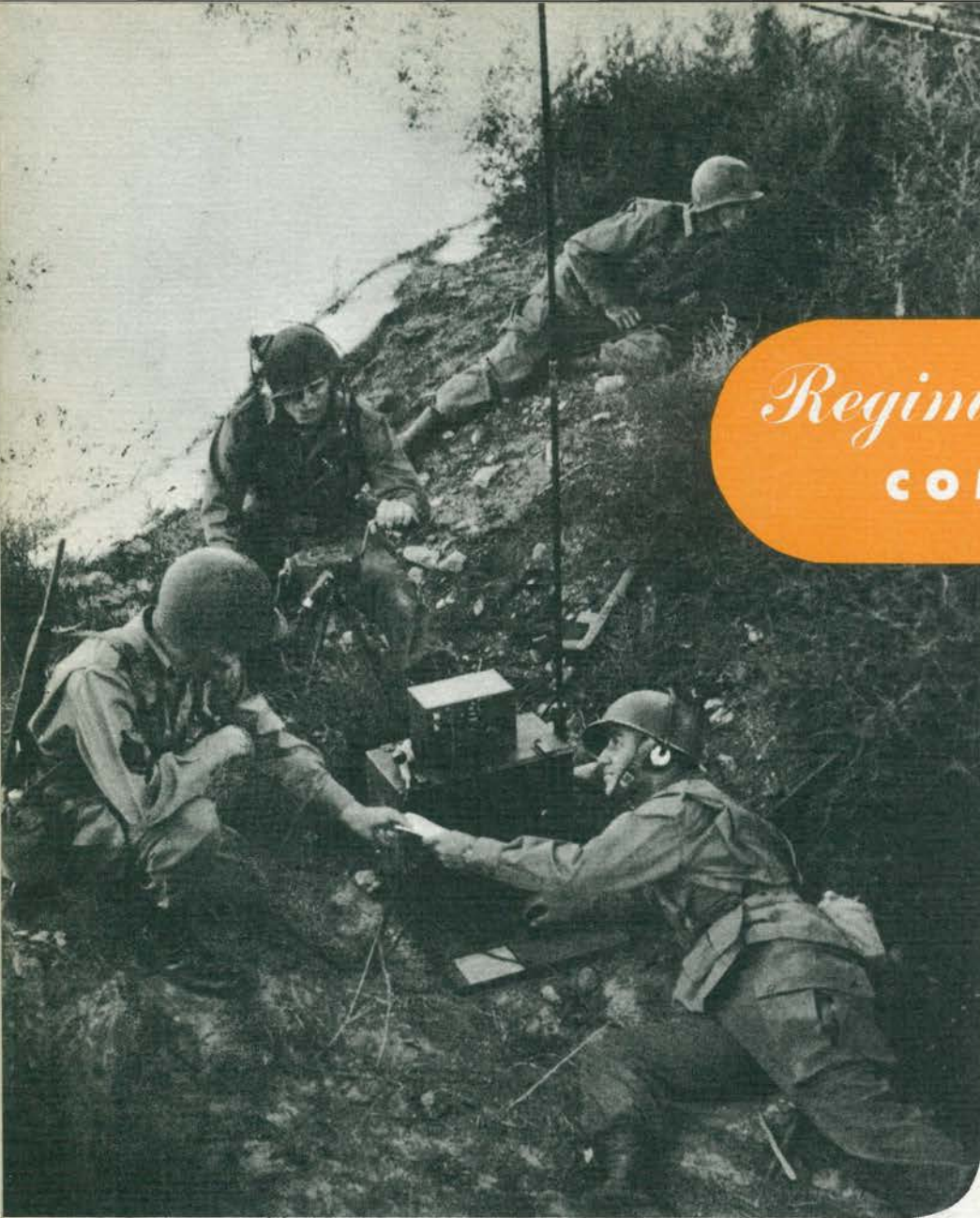


*Darwin*

HAD A NAME FOR IT...

• These types of landings are not exactly hazardous —but, can you imagine yourself suspended 75 or 80 feet from the ground and no tail to swing by . . . a tree may be a monkey's paradise, but it is no place for a soft landing . . . trooper, toss that rope.





• Regimental communication section is about to "go on the air." S/Sgt. Ken Plummer is handing the message to Sgt. Robert Byrnes, while Sgt. George Melrose goes to work on the generator.

## *Regimental*

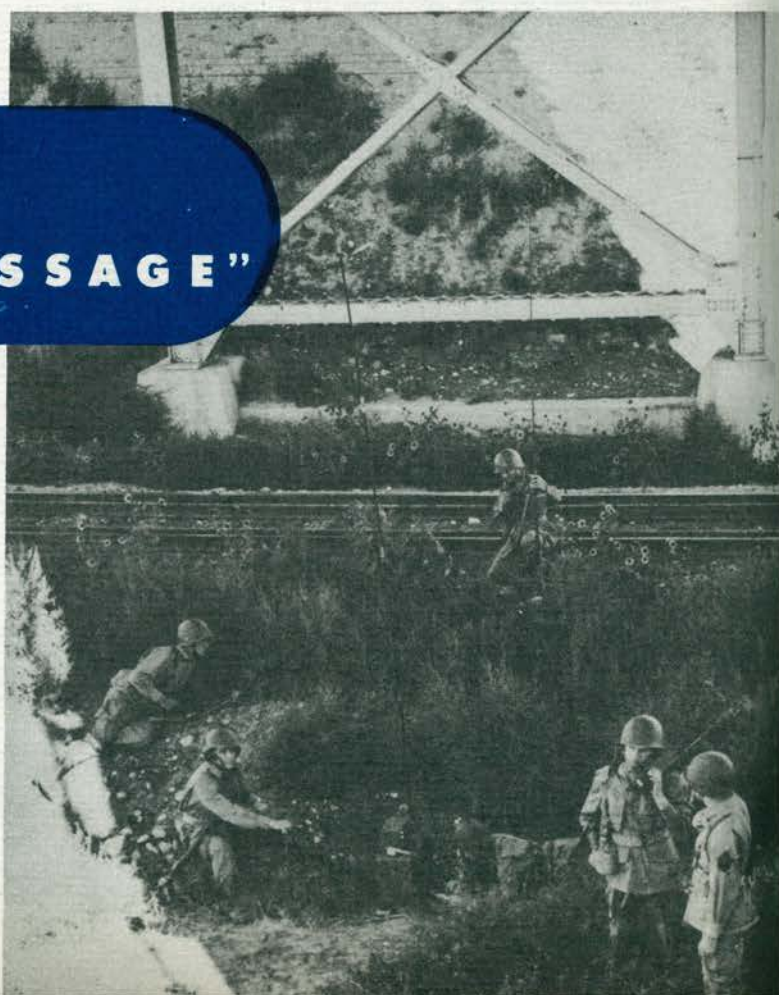
## COMMUNICATIONS

Pvt. Joseph Armstrong (how did he get in there?) is providing some local security . . . To the conservative taxpayer, who might be of the opinion that a private could turn a generator equally as well as a Sergeant, we add this consoling bit of information. The film on the camera had scarcely enough time to record the picture which you now see, before three bewildered and dazed privates were callously told to get off their lazy . . . backs and start getting a little 8&'(-1/4! work done. Technically it is known as the "old Army game," or "if I didn't have these stripes on, I'd knock, etc." . . . This is sung to an accompaniment of "Blues in the Night."

## *Over the Air . . .*

## "REPEAT LAST MESSAGE"

• Sgt. George Melrose is copying down a message, while Sgt. Robert Byrnes stands by on the generator, waiting to supply the power for a "repeat last transmission" message. Pvt. Thomas Brienzo is in the background with the 511 and Pvt. Norman W. Beale, together with S/Sgt. Plummer, pool both their intellects to operate the 536. Pvt. Joseph Armstrong, the man with the rifle, seems to be looking for beetles.





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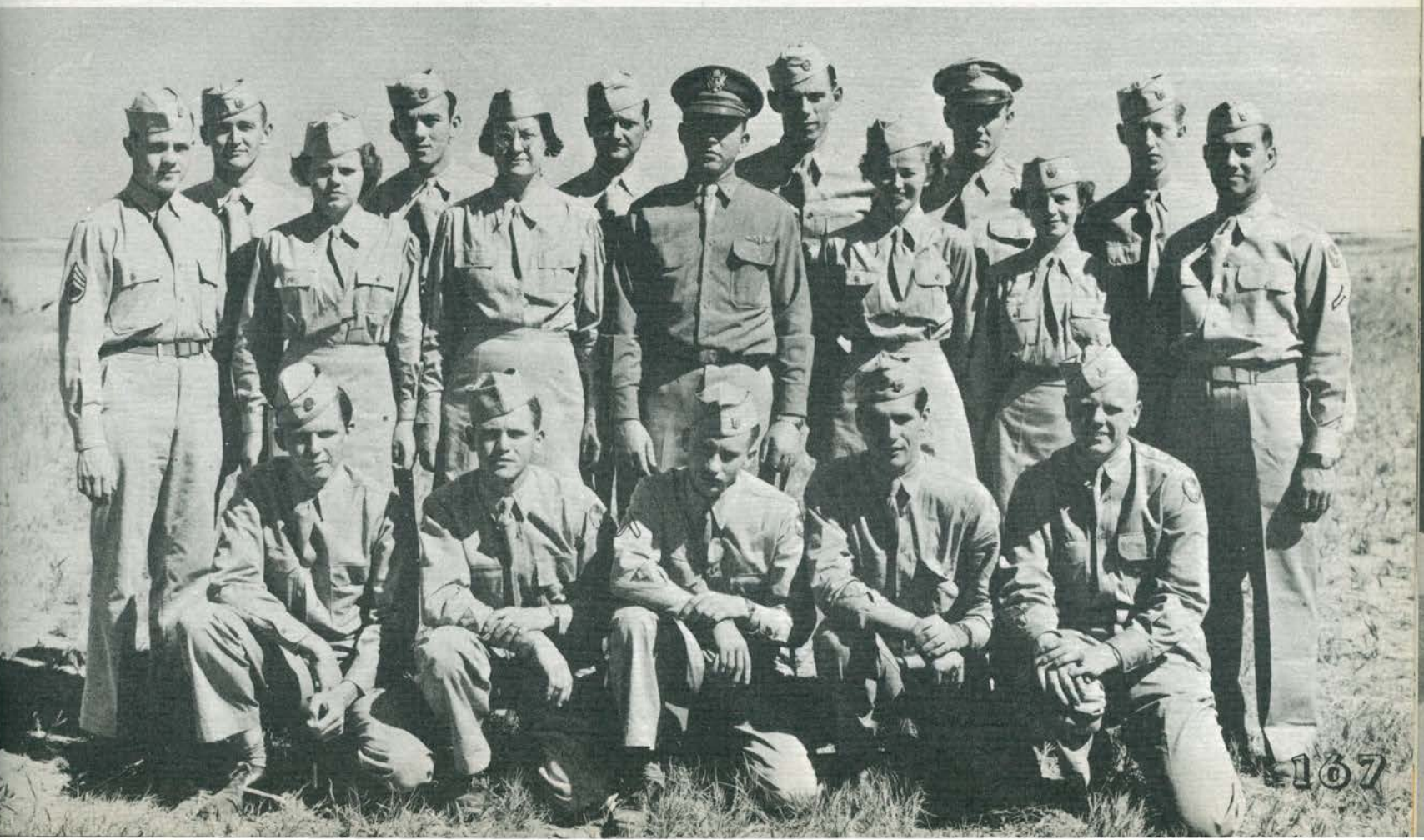
... ready to release fighting men for combat duty.

• Top Row—(left to right) Cpl. Consuelo G. Holman, Cpl. Catherine H. Wotli, Pvt. Helen Finel, Cpl. Roberta A. Burns, Pfc. Florence Katine, Cpl. Lena E. Tarpley, Sgt. Edith Vernick, T/4 Virginia Highberger, Cpl. Rose C. Zuzek, Pvt. Harriet Broughton, Sgt. Rita M. McClean, Cpl. Ruth Goldberg. • Second Row—Pfc. Zina L. Stringfield, Sgt. Kayte Grubbs, Pvt. Margaret M. Majercik, Cpl. Ruby Johnson, Pfc. Alice C. Brancato, Cpl. Emma Appel, T/4 Kathryn R. Kenny, Pfc. Helen A. Hanson, Cpl. Shirley McCaully, Pfc. Eleanore J. Iverson, Pfc. Hannah Vulolo, Pfc. Geneva M. Thurman, Pvt. Mary S. Koper, Cpl. Emily Bogacz, Cpl. Marjorie J. Daniels, Pvt. Jennie A. Linden. • Third Row—Pfc. Shirley Kase, Pvt. Nell Crittenden, T/4 Frances F. Doherty, Cpl. Gertrude G.

Roberts, Pvt. Doris E. Cotton, Pvt. Evelyn M. Felter, T/4 Shirley Woodward, Cpl. Willia M. Harman, T/5 Lovie J. Walters, Pvt. Claire White, Pvt. Mildred O. Peterson, Cpl. Elizabeth A. Silverester, Pfc. Myra A. Young, Pvt. Elizabeth J. Cox, Cpl. Margaret Pauly, Pfc. Dolores A. Stock. • Fourth Row—Pfc. Jeanne I. Paradis, Pvt. Gean Graham, Pfc. Evelyn D. Redfield, Pvt. Jeanne C. Alleman, Pvt. Thelma G. Noe, Pvt. Frances R. McMillen, Pfc. Josephine J. Wojick, Cpl. Dorothy E. Hascup, Pfc. Norma E. Young, Cpl. Maxine E. Farrell, Pvt. Florence Gardner, Cpl. Gladys M. Reeves, Cpl. Ellen B. Powell, Pvt. Rose Grolf, Pvt. Rozetta Doeden, Pvt. Wanda Doeden. • Officers—Lieutenants Clara L. Kutschinski, Clara F. Cooper, Ellen Markward.

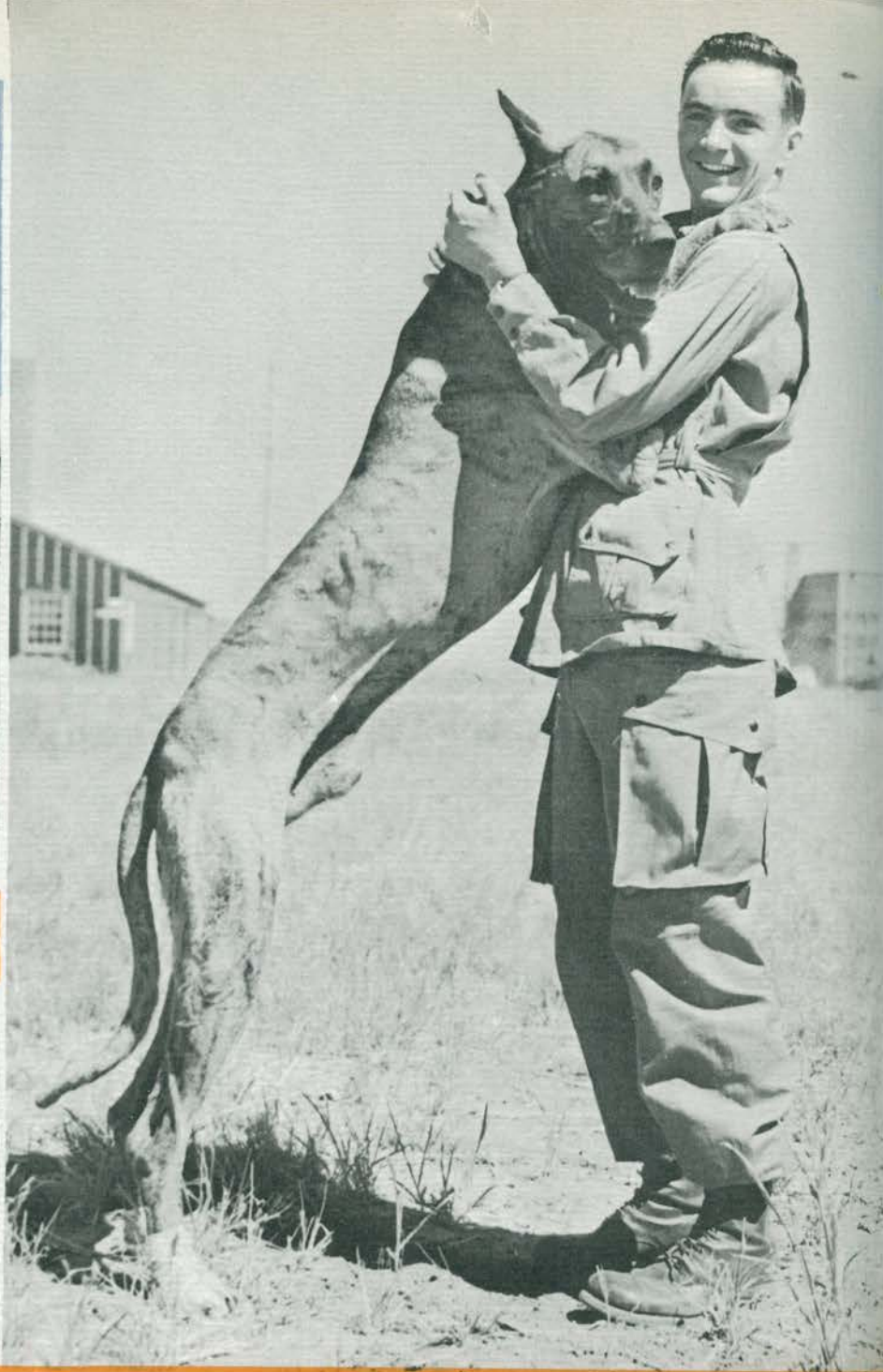
## PHOTO LABORATORY PERSONNEL

• Here is the personnel of the Base Photo Lab. They handle all the pictures that are taken at the Army Air Base. They are, left to right: Front row—Cpl. Dwight Hull, Pvt. Marvin Hiland, Pfc. Winfield Punch, Pvt. Otto Hindman, Pvt. Erwin Jensen. Middle row—left to right: S/Sgt. Waldin Jackson, Pvt. Mildred Peterson, Pvt. Jennie Linden, Lt. W. D. Aaron, Pvt. Mary Koper, Pvt. Florence Gardner, Pvt. Charles Hodges. Back row—left to right: Cpl. John Spanko, Pvt. Fred Urban, Cpl. John Wood, Pfc. Hank Junge, Pvt. Bill Higdon, Cpl. Calvin Urben.





Alpha Willis "Goes to town"



Good Huntin'



Pvt. Robert C. Hugley



Pvt. Walter Fox



Pvt. Bruno A. Daugela



Cpl. Volney A. Harvey



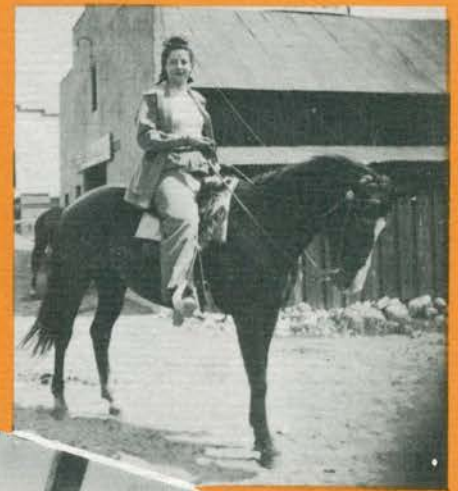
Sgt. Arthur F. Thomas



# "CHUNG"

## AND HIS KEEPER

• "Chung," the most formidable member of the 507th menagerie . . . His master is John A. Le Clair of Service Co. and his job is by no means an enviable one. "Chung" was donated by the Fort Robinson Training Camp for dogs to Lt. Colonel Arthur A. Maloney. He is three and a half years old, weighs 150 pounds and stands 6 feet tall. We may add that behind all that dog-power, dormant though it may be, lies a rather vicious nature.



Mildred Eike



S/Sgt. S. J. Kramar, Artist

• Colonel George V. Millett, Jr., just prior to making his third jump on August 11, 1941, at Fort Benning, Georgia



Colonel George V. Millett, Jr.



He's Doin' Alright . . . Pvt. Al Barash



Big Catch



*September 24, 1943* two composite groups from the 3rd Bat-

talion, 507th Parachute Infantry and Company A of the 326th Glider Infantry, representing the Black Task Force, captured the Sedalia Air Field in Missouri.

- The take-off was made from bases in South Dakota, due to the fact that the regiment was bivouacked in the Black Hills. The group took to the air at 0400 on the morning of the 24th to enable them to arrive over their destination at 0630. The Black Task Force was preceded by a squadron from the 437th Troop Carrier which dumped dummies west of the field at 0620 to act as decoys and induce the defending force to reveal their positions. The ruse was accomplished and when the 3rd Battalion jumped at 0630 the "enemy" was temporarily caught off balance.
- The capture was effected at 1000 and the Air Base was being operated by Black Task Force at 1130.
- The unit was commanded by Maj. William A. Kuhn, commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion.

*Blue Skies*





# SEDALIA JUMP

**"SPEAK NOW, OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR PEACE"**

**LINEUP FOR A SKY RENDEZVOUS**

**"TRUCKIN' ON DOWN"**



**SCENES FROM**

**READY, WILLING, AND ABLE!**

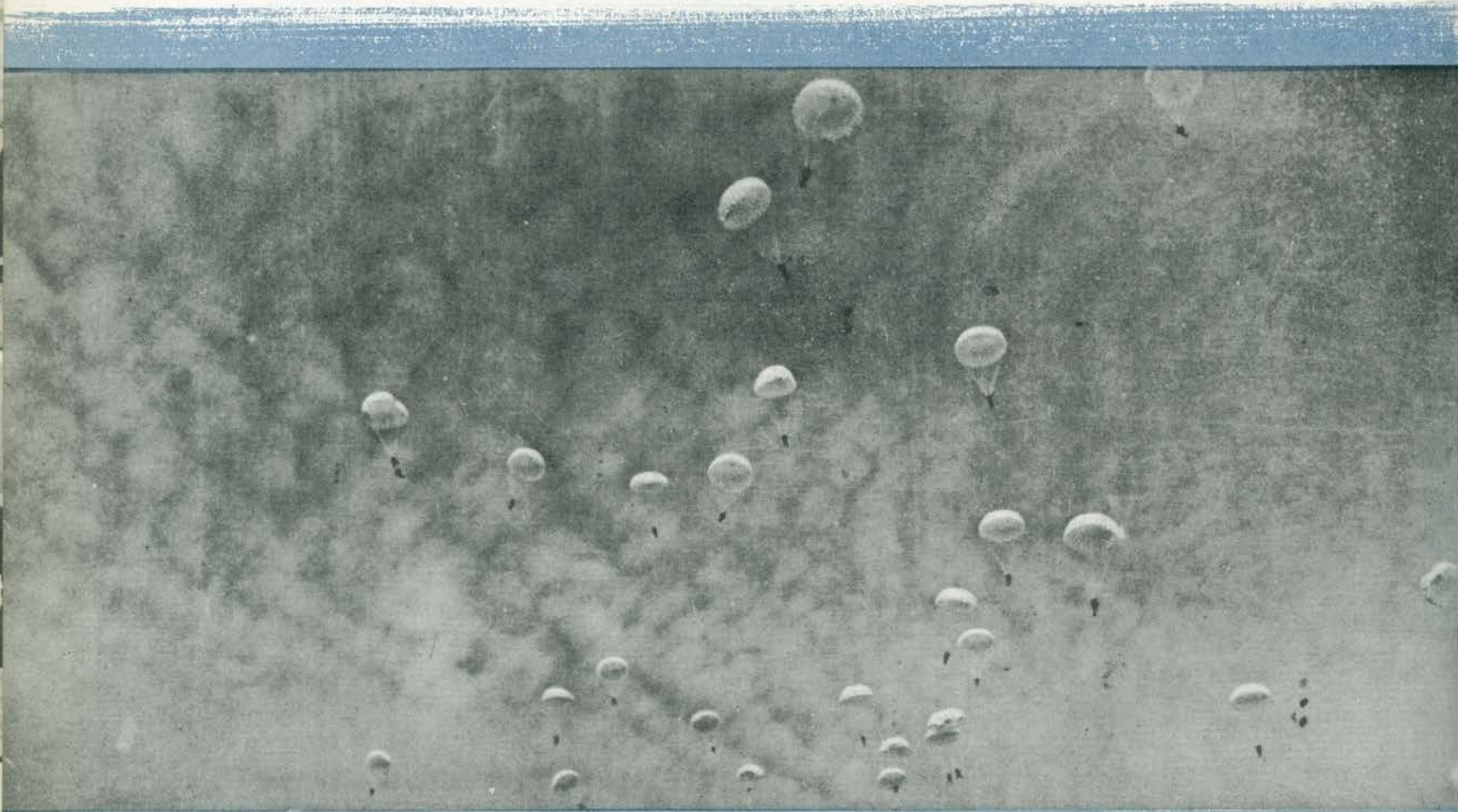
**FIRST PLANE • SECOND FLIGHT**

**MAKE-READY FOR TAKE OFF**



**SEDALIA JUMP**





*Descende Ad Terram*



# **SUPPLEMENTARY GROUPS**

*I*n an effort to include every man's picture in this book, the following pages will carry the photographs of those men who were on furlough, in the hospital, or on detail when their official company picture was taken.



*Captain* **LOUIS C. ESPOSITO**  
**S-3, Operations Officer Second Battalion**



*Major* **JOSEPH P. FAGAN**  
**Executive Officer Second Battalion**



*Captain* **LEROY D. BRUMMITT**  
**S-3, Operations Officer Third Battalion**

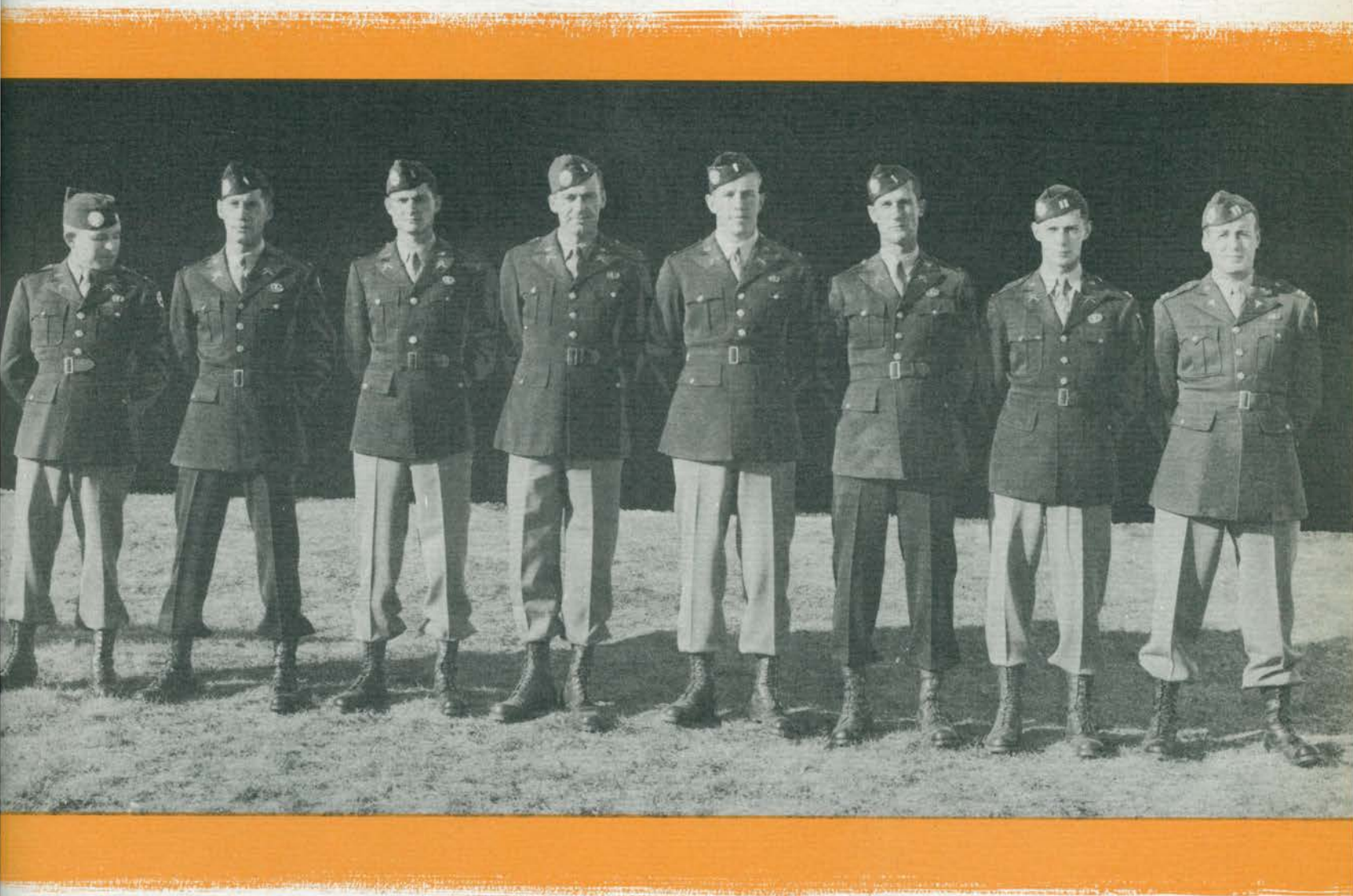


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# 507<sup>th</sup>

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# OFFICERS



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Left to right:

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Lieutenant Robert W. Law, Jr.

Lieutenant Leroy T. Forman

Lieutenant James F. Clarke

Lieutenant Edward S. Keehan

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Lieutenant Floyd M. Long,

Captain Estill L. Claudill, Jr.  
Second Battalion Surgeon

Lieutenant Ralph S. McGill

Captain Abraham Sophian, Jr.  
Third Battalion Surgeon

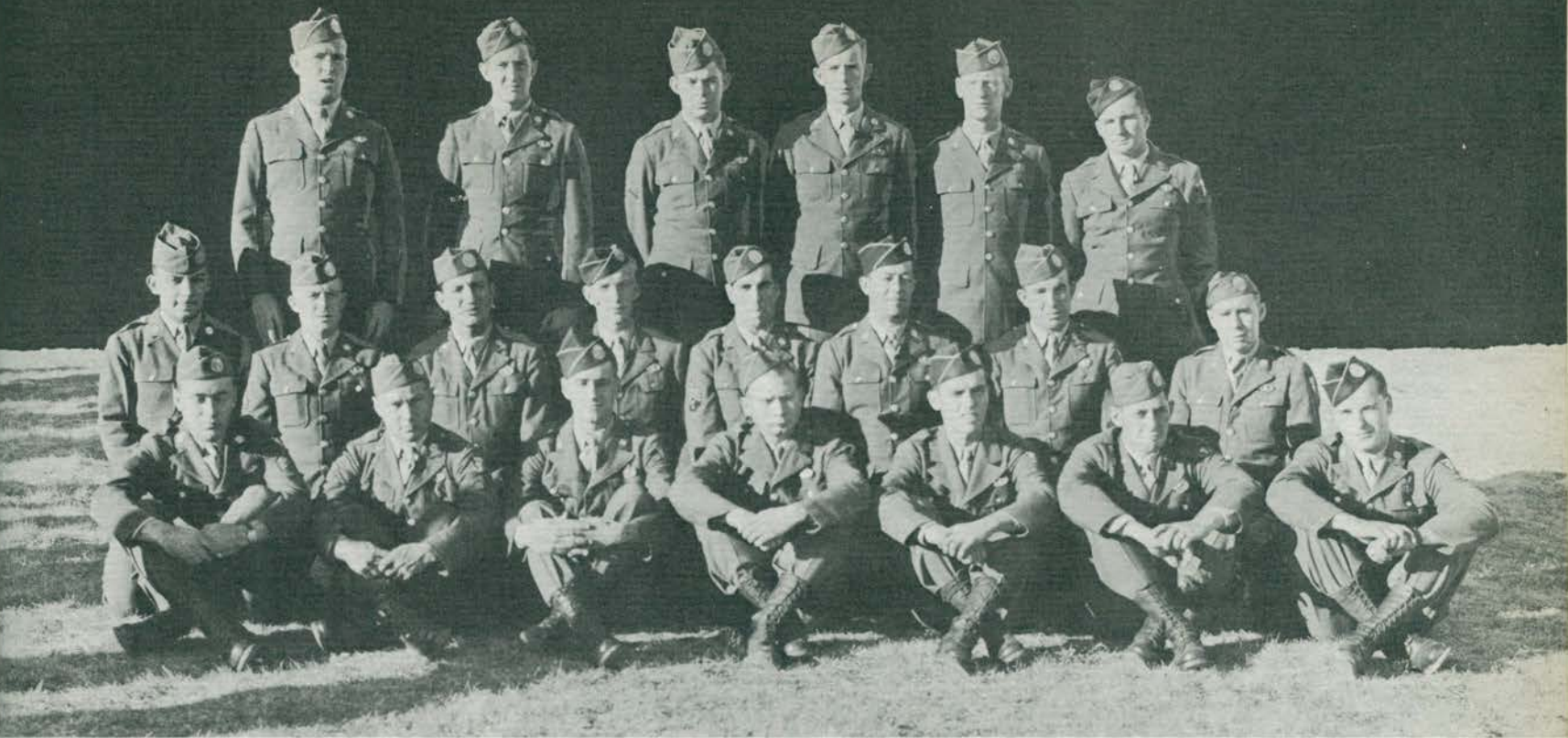
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## Men of the First Battalion

• Bottom row (left to right)—T/5 Jacob Garrett, Jr., T/4 Floyd L. Andrus, Pfc. John D. Williams, Pvt. George Grilli, Pvt. Arthur W. Cox, Cpl. Frank W. Koenig, Pfc. Salvador A. Dela Cruz, Pvt. Fred A. Guilford, Pfc. Donald L. Severtson, Pvt. Edward J. Galowski, Jr., Pfc. Augustine V. Moffo, Cpl. Walter G. Sandeman, Pfc. Donald H. Moore, Cpl. Odos O. White, Sgt. Bartholomen M. Tullio, Pfc. Charles R. Hale, and Pvt. Louis A. Dubreuil. • Second row—Sgt. William E. Fain, Pvt. Fred L. Burns, S/Sgt. Jacob S. Bak, Pfc. Ralph E. Moore, Pvt. Jimmie M. Hooten, Pfc. Paul C. Finger, Pvt. Robert L. Bentz, Pvt. Anthony A. Andries, Pfc. Bemon Bouvia, Pvt. John E. Scott, Pvt. James B. Hollesu, Pfc. Raymond L. Kuhnert, Pvt. Thomas J. Poindexter, Pfc. Joseph Nicholson, Pfc. Carl W. Warren, Pvt. Robert C. Benton, Pvt. George V. Popivchek, Cpl. Fred G. Wondell, and Sgt. Raymond J. Kelly. • Third row—Pfc. Edgar D. Cook, Pvt. Arthur C. Sartor, Pfc. Paul L. Collins, Pvt. Joseph A. Spambauer, Pvt. Joseph C. Szarzi, Pvt. Nick C. Plesco, Pvt. Lloyd E. Stevens, Pvt. Thomas E. Durrett, Pvt. Robert L. Vannatter, Pfc. Andrew Bokrosch, Jr., Pfc. Arie P. York, Pfc. Aaron D. Ramey, Pvt. Walter J. Leonardo, Pfc. John J. Toomey, Pvt. Joseph C. Vlcek, Cpl. Eugene Lusk, and Pvt. Lawrence L. Certian. • Fourth row—T/5 Daniel A. Kelly, Pfc. Fred D. Whiteford, Pfc. Berton J. Palmer, Pvt. Joseph D. Spambauer, Cpl. Thurmond Harris, Pvt. Lorenza Myers, Cpl. Newell D. Blalock, Pvt. Milo Sennes, Pvt. Nicholas J. Aquilino, Pvt. Anthony S. Leptuck, Pvt. Hubert Conger, Pfc. Richard W. Ward, Cpl. Orville L. Moore, Pfc. John Petruccio, Pvt. Thomas E. McGeough, Pvt. Christopher J. Biscone, and Pvt. George L. Growder.



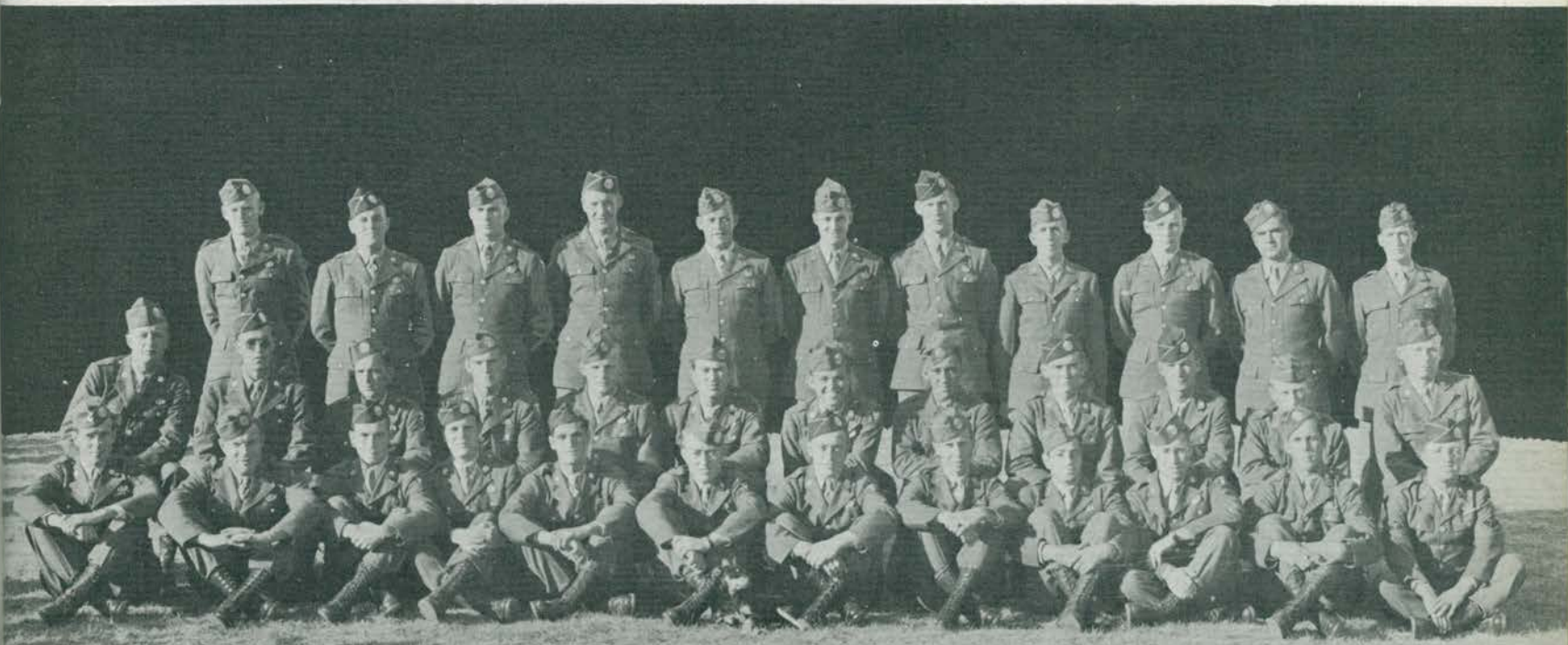


### HQS. CO. SECOND BATTALION

• First row (left to right)—S/Sgt. John H. Staar, Pfc. Edward Van Cura, Pvt. Raymond Hurda, T/5 Morris A. Campbell, Pvt. James Hardin, Pfc. Laurence C. Beerman, and Pfc. Arthur H. Hehle. • Second row—Pvt. Joseph W. Marrs, Cpl. Warren Shaw, Pfc. Paul E. Holt, Cpl. Burl De Bolt, T/4 William Loomis, Pfc. Dudley Hale, Pfc. Maple T. Powell, and Pfc. Calvin J. Lawrence. • Third row—Pvt. T. O. Denham, Pvt. Sherman Spaulding, Cpl. Raymon D. Baker, Cpl. Edmund C. Moore, Cpl. Ronald C. McIntyre, and Cpl. Wolfred I. Lewis.

### D COMPANY AND MEDICAL UNIT

• First row (left to right)—Sgt. John W. Conway, Pfc. Walter Milkulicz, Pvt. Melvin Carter, Pvt. Carlo J. DeRosa, Pvt. Xavier Pepio, Pfc. Carl Denton, Pfc. George D. Johnson, Pfc. John H. Hanson, Pfc. Harry Weinman, Pfc. Irwin Holtan, Pvt. John Slough, and T/5 Earl F. Robinson (Med.). • Second row—Cpl. William H. Buchta, Jr., S/Sgt. Ray T. Cook, Cpl. Roy R. Fahrni, Sgt. Robert E. Klein, Pvt. Albert A. Kurtz, Pfc. Joseph L. Follin, Pfc. James Carchidi, Pvt. Ross Baugess, Pfc. Stanford G. Riley, Pvt. Robert Senior, Pvt. Arthur A. Kaska, and Pvt. Robert Perry. • Third row—Pvt. Kenneth Jobe, Pvt. Arthur H. Rolfe, Pvt. John E. Mydelski, Pfc. Lucien Cassidy, Pfc. Arwillis Farver, Pvt. Wayne E. Rapp (Med.), Pfc. Joseph A. Stachowiak (Med.), Pvt. Clifford J. Kirkbride, Pvt. Linsly Criswell, Pvt. Marshall D. Mackridge, and T/Sgt. Charles F. Short (Med.).



## *E Company*

• First row (left to right)—Pvt. Edward J. Kotzian, Pvt. George E. Bauers, Pvt. Henry A. Anderson, Pfc. Romeo E. Barnaby, Pfc. Alfred H. Barnum, Cpl. Cecil D. Robertson, and Pvt. James A. Thacker. • Second row—Pfc. Ray A. Embree, Pvt. Selestino Acosta, Pfc. Richard F. Groff, Sgt. William J. Ylitzaliturri, Pfc. Peter A. Moran, Pvt. Edwin Hurtt, and Pfc. Ceilan H. Rader. • Third row—Pvt. Eldon R. Burdin, Pfc. Reuel J. De Vore, Pvt. Robert L. Baldwin, Pfc. Ori P. Welch, Cpl. Thomas E. Workman, and Sgt. Holger P. Henderson.

## *F Company*

• First row (left to right)—Pvt. Alfred R. Koser, Pvt. Mack J. Sellers, Pfc. Robert L. Keating, Pfc. Alfred Coffin, Jr., Pvt. Lorena Rud, Pvt. Oliver Lindberg, Pvt. James M. Houston, Pvt. Leonard Gaj, Pvt. Rogers E. Seiler, and Pfc. Astilladore Diodati. • Second row—Cpl. John H. Kostorowski, Pvt. Frank E. Cuff, Pvt. Glenn W. Ball, Pfc. William T. Oughterson, Pvt. Alfredo Hawkins, Pvt. George W. Banks, Pfc. James R. Cody, Pvt. Lee H. Swaney, Cpl. Peter J. Weathers, and Pvt. James G. Beatty. • Third row—Pfc. Walter B. Pluta, Pfc. Albert H. Snyder, Pfc. John A. Olinik, Sgt. Harry E. La Chance, Cpl. Robert M. Cottrell, Sgt. Edward C. Norment, Pvt. Paul G. Shaffer, Pvt. James M. Filbey, Pfc. Norman Golstein and S/Sgt. James H. Gammon.

### **E COMPANY**



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• Second row—Pfc. Tommie Allen, T-5 Thurman P. Farmer, Pvt. Russell J. Underhill, Pfc. James M. McCormick, Pvt. Reuben F. Lempke, Pfc. Lawrence E. Larson, Pfc. Shuford N. Humpheries, Pvt. Willard J. Lucas, Pvt. Elmer K. Wilson, Pvt. Billy D. Ragan, T-5 James P. Dimon, Pfc. Joseph J. Lech, T-4 Otto Reinholz, and Pvt. Robert E. Byers.

• Third row—Pvt. Marion Hatton, Pfc. George E. Tillett, Pfc. Orville E. Paris, Cpl. Durward M. Biggerstaff, Pvt. Thomas E. Maltby, Pfc. Stanley Bajer, T-4 Howard W. Hunter, Pvt. John M. Rossiter, Sgt. Henry L. Gilliam, Cpl. Charles W. Jerome, Pvt. Louie W. Zanetti, Cpl. Rufus B. Carr, Pvt. Gerald E. White, and Sgt. Arthur F. Thomas.

*Headquarters  
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Third Battalion*

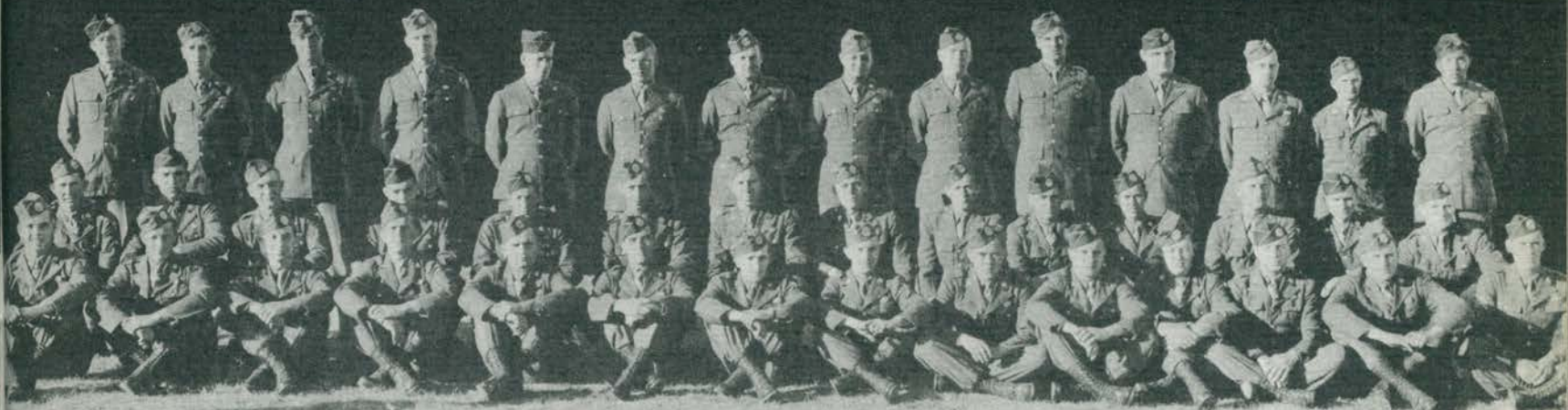
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• Second row—Pvt. Loyd Hinson, Pvt. Edward J. Max, Sgt. Wayne E. Polk, Pfc. Howard Kamphey, Cpl. Lawrence W. Sullivan, Pfc. James P. Hopkins, Pfc. Norman V. Carter, Pfc. Pete Weissman, Pvt. Gaspar A. Escobar, Sgt. William E. Goss, Cpl. Howard J. Ernsberger, Pfc. Robert D. Watson, and Pvt. Roy C. Jones.

• Third row—Sgt. Thomas A. Sodaro, Pvt. James C. Hepburn, Pfc. Edwin D. St. John, Pvt. Clifton W. Rivers, Pvt. Preston E. Curtis, Pvt. Clifford P. Nieder, Pvt. Michael Horodyski, Cpl. Clyde J. Bridges, Pfc. Tommy P. Wood, Sgt. Wayne W. White, T-4 Glen H. Stevens, Pvt. Howard L. Wiltrout, Pfc. Wilmer H. Phoebus, and Pfc. Delbert F. Ahrens.

*Men in G  
and Service  
Company*

**HEADQUARTERS CO. THIRD BATTALION**



**MEN IN G AND SERVICE COMPANY**







## **H** and **I** *Company Representatives*

• Bottom row (left to right)—Pvt. Kenneth W. Sturm, Cpl. William R. Kent, Sgt. Roy D. Haupins, Cpl. John Patronyk, T/4 Paul B. Thore, T/4 James W. Jackson, Pvt. Charles E. Fink, T/5 Orville M. Silseth, Sgt. William J. Black, Sgt. Cleo C. Foster, Pfc. Alfred W. Renz, Sgt. Robert E. Bryner, Pfc. David H. Schaffer, Pvt. Daniel J. Lawler, Cpl. John T. McHugh, Pvt. Irvine O. Goodwin, Pfc. William R. Beatty, Pfc. John Ten Napel, and Pvt. Earl M. Westcott. • Center row—Pfc. Manley Sundsboe, Pfc. John F. Gerner, Pfc. Roger F. Holcombe, Pvt. Ian D. MacGregor, 1st/Sgt. William Davis, Pfc. David C. Haberstroh, Pfc. William M. Winnie, Pfc. Mike A. Kuchta, Sgt. Harold V. Barnes, Sgt. Richard L. Goodwin, Pfc. Francis Milano, Pfc. Paul Perry, Pvt. Simon C. Sparks, Pfc. Richard R. Rogers, Pvt. Cecil Yates, Pfc. Roy W. Hyatt, Pvt. George Tonitsch, Pvt. Leonard C. Dumke, and Pvt. Emanuel Metsiou. • Top row—Pfc. Louis R. Huneke, Sgt. Ramon B. Vigil, Pvt. Kermit L. Wright, Sgt. Gregory D. Sprunch, Pfc. James J. O'Connell, Pvt. Domenic A. Vecchiarrelli, Pvt. Robert Canfield, Pvt. Donavin C. Ward, Pfc. Earl S. Patton, Pvt. James D. Davidson, Sgt. Charles J. Leach, Pvt. William C. Beggs, Pvt. Edward H. Grant, Pvt. Richard C. Clark, Cpl. Roy E. Neideffer, Pfc. Kenneth E. Dixon, Pvt. Edward A. Bruce, Pfc. Robert S. Niles, and Pvt. James H. Busone.

**PENCIL  
PACKIN'  
FIGHTERS**



1. Capt. George J. Roper
2. Lt. Joe A. Guayante
3. Pvt. Virgel Hobbs and Pfc. Brady Owen
4. Cpl. Joseph O. Smith
5. M/Sgt. Leon J. Gill
6. Regimental Ration Breakdown Section.  
Pvt. Bob F. Donnelly, S/Sgt. Edwyn L. Slater, Pvt. Kenneth T. Schultz, Pvt. Peter J. Kandefer, Pvt. Herbert G. Anderson, and Pvt. Carl E. Cooper
7. Cpl. Albert Yanofsky
8. Cpl. Clyde J. Bridges
9. Left to right: Pvt. William P. McClellan, Cpl. Robert Seeley, Pvt. Earle J. Morrison, and Sgt. William F. Montgomery



# *Airborne Command Chief Addresses Troops*

• October 23, 1943, the 507th Parachute Infantry was reviewed by Major General Eldridge G. Chapman, Commanding General, Airborne Command, and Brigadier General Leo Donovan, Commanding General, First Airborne Brigade. • Immediately following the parade General Chapman addressed the men, commenting on the high standards which have been set by United States Army Parachute Troops on their first indoctrination to combat in the European theatre of operations. The General shared with the 507th the opinion that we are the finest parachute regiment yet to be committed to combat . . . a confidence which we shall not betray. • Pfc. Clifford Worme was awarded the Soldiers Medal for heroism by General Chapman. • The review was our last in Nebraska: our destination is unknown.



## *Major Edwin J. Ostberg*

• First Battalion Commander, accompanied by his staff, leads the final parade of the regiment in review before Major General Eldridge G. Chapman at the Alliance Army Air Base . . . DESTINATION UNKNOWN.



## *Congratulations in Order*

• Major General Eldridge G. Chapman pinning Soldiers Medal on Pfc. Clifford C. Worme. Pfc. Worme was awarded the medal for an act of heroism, performed December 30, 1942, at Fort Benning, Georgia, when he attempted to save Pvt. Richard Lake from drowning in the Uchee Creek. The attempt was unsuccessful, due to the swollen and turbulent condition of the creek and the fact that Private Lake was not visible. Pfc. Worme barely managed to reach land himself . . . Brigadier General Leo Donovan is in the background, while Colonel George V. Millett, Jr., is on the right.

DESTINATION

NEBRASKA REVIEW

UNKNOWN

507 VICTORY



*The Regiment Stands at Attention*

after moving into their respective positions during the presentation of colors. Immediately following they were addressed by the Commanding General of the Airborne Command



### Headquarters Company First Battalion

- Preceded by their Company Commander, Capt. Howard A. Stephens, these "Sky-Devils" have just passed the reviewing stand.



### B Company

- Well-seasoned, ready and tough . . . B Company, led by Lt. Chester B. McCoid, Company Commander.



### Headquarters and Headquarters Company

- These guys could raise lots of h—1 . . . anywhere and any time. Captain William Z. Gotham leads the pack . . . Captain Morgan A. Brackonecke is Company Commander.



### Signals On!

- The quarterbacks of the regiment . . . "V-formation"—Destination, you guess . . . Assignment, *Victory!*

**Lt. Colonel  
Charles J. Timmes**

- Commanding Officer of the Second Battalion and his staff officers, bringing up the second echelon of the regiment.



**F Company**

- Who said glamour boys? . . . terminating over a year's training, and a rigorous one, these representatives of Uncle Sam are ready . . . Captain Paul F. Smith, C.O., leading his command.



**E Company**

- And still they come . . . men in arms with thorough training . . . Wherever they alight, you can rest assured the situation will be more than "well in hand." Captain Roy E. Creek, C.O., heads the pack.



**H Company**

- "Eyes Right!" A command familiar to all of us . . . But — where to from here? Victory! Descende Ad Terram, with the might of the 507th . . . Captain Allen W. Taylor, C.O., issuing order.



*The Colonel*

*The Staff*

*The Private*



*Third  
Battalion*

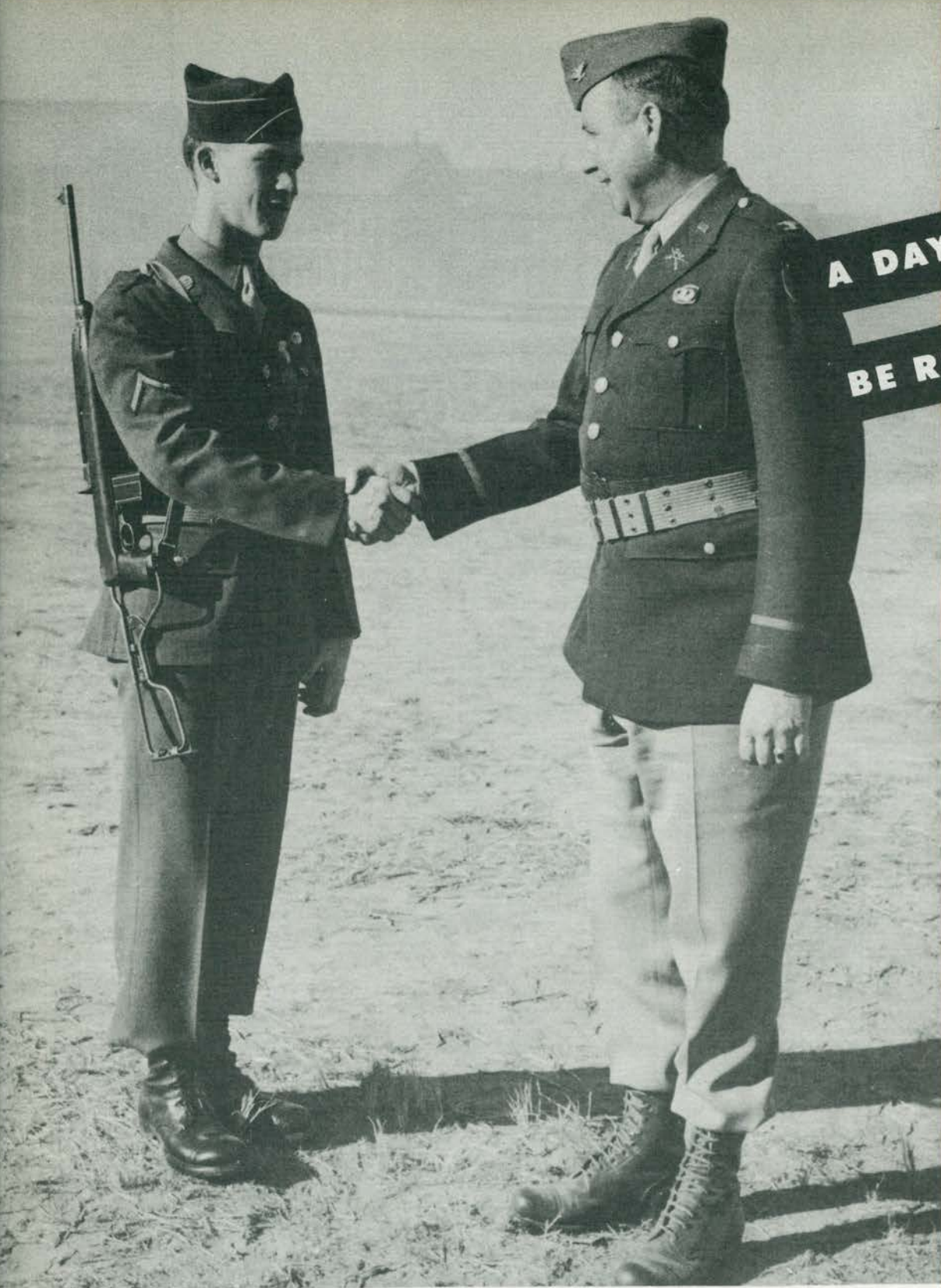
marches past the  
reviewing stand . . . led  
by their Commanding  
Officer, Major  
William A. Kuhn.



*I Company*

It might behoove the  
Axis to take a good  
look at some real  
soldiers. Led by  
their Captain,  
Gurdon S. Allyn.





**A DAY LONG TO  
BE REMEMBERED**

• Especially by Clifford C. Worme . . . His Commanding Officer, Colonel George V. Millett, Jr., officially commends him for gallantly risking his life in the line of duty.

### *Service Company*

• Everything from brawn to brains . . . Here we have our Riggers, Personnel Section and the Motor Pool. These men not only represent the fighting element of the regiment, but are also responsible for all processing required to keep an outfit functioning properly.



**VICTORY**



# Highlights...

## OF THE 507<sup>th</sup>\*

Activated July 20, 1942, at Fort Benning, Georgia, in the famous "Frying Pan" . . . Moved from the "Frying Pan" area in Georgia, across the Chattahoochee River into Alabama, and trained there until March, 1943 . . . Saturday, February 27, Orange and Black, 507th basketball team, closes season with 24 out of 26 wins; defeated the best colleges in the Southeast and the best pro team in the East . . . Moved March, 1943, to Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana . . . While at Barksdale participated for twelve days in the Third Army maneuvers . . . Successfully jumped behind the Blue lines and decisively defeated the Third Army . . . On March 20, 1943, traveled again, this time to the Army Air Base, Alliance, Nebraska . . . On Sunday, April 4, 1943, the 507th performed a tactical jump and paraded before 20,000 spectators at Alliance . . . Wednesday, April 14th, the First Airborne Infantry Brigade was activated, with the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment forming the nucleus . . . Sunday, May 23, 507th paratroopers and "Geronimo," the mascot, thrilled 25,000 spectators as they jumped in a 23-mile-an-hour wind at Omaha . . . It was here that "Geronimo" received his sergeant's stripes and silver wings . . . Saturday, July 3, 1943, paratroopers of the 507th thrill and delight 150,000 spectators with an intricate but highly successful jump and attack on the Municipal Airport at Denver, Colorado . . . Saturday, July 10th, after a successful season, the boxing team hangs up trophy of featherweight title won by Red Grant in Denver, Colorado, at the 7th Service Command All Service Boxing Tournament . . . Tuesday, July 20, 1943, the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment is one year old! . . . The future? . . . The 507th is decidedly instrumental in wiping the Axis powers from the face of the earth!



**A MESSAGE OF** *Thanks*

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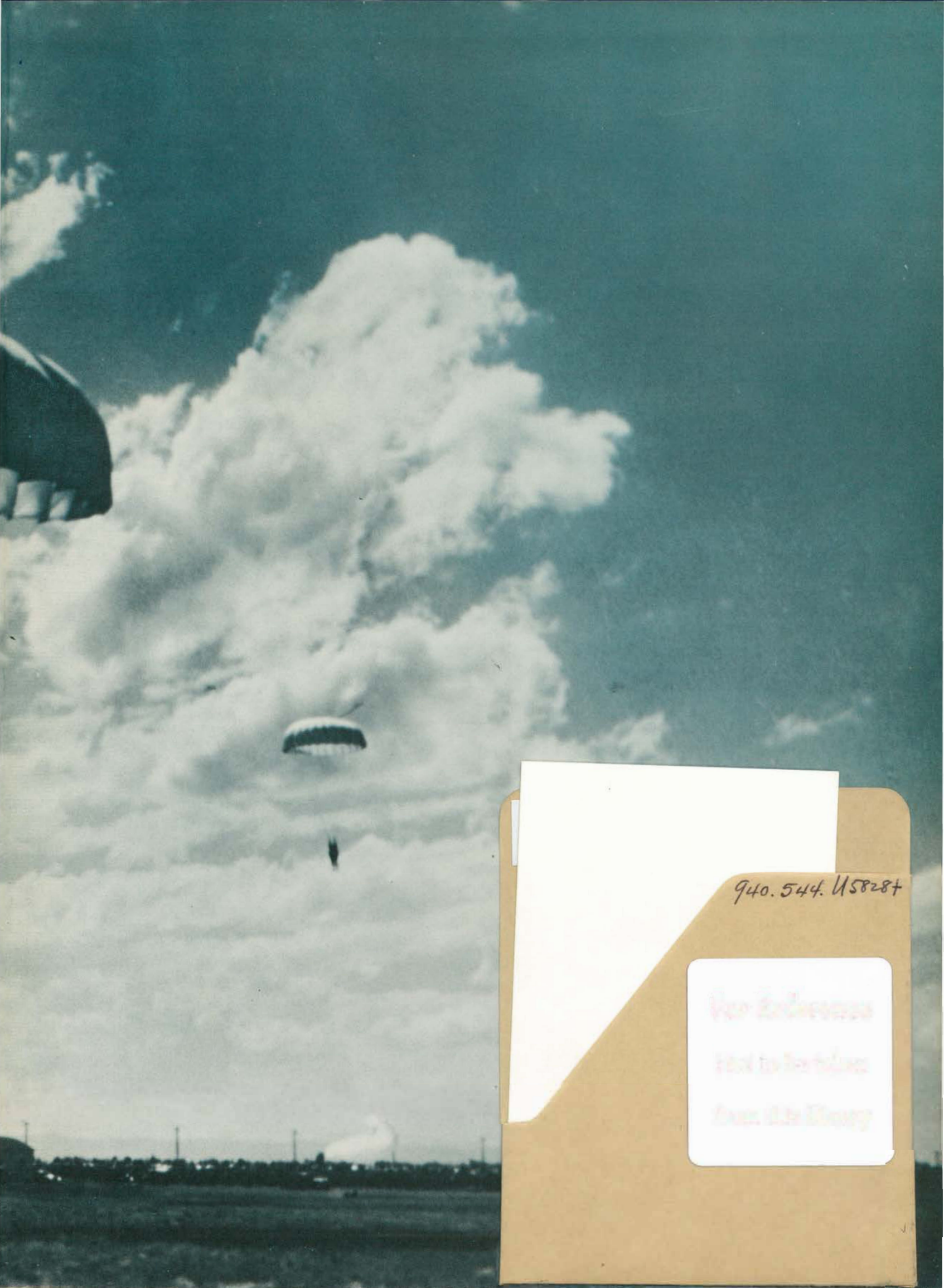
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