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11<sup>TH</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION



# DIVISION BRIEFS

11th Airborne Division: activated February 25, 1943, at Camp Mackall, North Carolina . . . Composed of paratroopers and glidermen who have been through the toughest kind of training, including full portions of double time hikes, guerrilla exercises, and bivouacs.

Major General Joseph M. Swing, Division Commander, has seen airborne troops in action . . . He served in Sicily as adviser on American airborne operations to General Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander . . . General Swing saw action with the 82nd Airborne, of which he was formerly Division Artillery Commander.

High point of training for airborne troops is the day of the first jump or glider ride . . . During May and June, the 11th's parachute units journeyed to Georgia to the Fort Benning Parachute School, where they received their boots and wings . . . For the glidermen, training in loading and lashing of equipment preceded a number of flights made during the summer and fall at Camp Mackall and Laurinburg-Maxton Air Base.

Airborne maneuvers of the division have been observed by high-ranking officials . . . Among those who have seen the 11th in action are Secretary of War Stimson, Under-Secretary of War Patterson, General Henry H. Arnold, Chief of Army Air Forces, Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair, Commanding General of Army Ground Forces, and Lieutenant General Joseph T. McNarney, Deputy

Chief of Staff. The Division has been reviewed and inspected by Lieutenant General Ben Lear and by General Henri Giraud of France.

Two years after Pearl Harbor on the night of December 7, 1943, the 11th staged a mass flight over the Carolinas . . . 200 C-47 transports towing several hundred CG-4A gliders flew 200 miles to seize an enemy area . . . Paratroopers and glidermen landed simultaneously and quickly captured Knollwood Air Field . . . Three days later the opposing forces had been driven completely from the area.

January, 1944, the 11th moved to Camp Polk, Louisiana . . . Advanced training followed . . . Deep in the backwoods, where pigs and cattle wander unperturbed among the pup tents, the Airborne participated in ground maneuvers . . . and encountered its share of rain, mud, fatigue, and experience.

Despite its hard training program, the 11th has shown keen interest in sports: Division policy has encouraged them as a means of building better soldiers . . . Pride and joy of the G.I.s is their topnotch boxing team . . . The touch football, baseball and basketball leagues have also created wide interest and competition . . . A bigtime atmosphere of bands, cheering crowds, and bright lights has surrounded all these events, which have provided an "extra something" that has helped weld the Division into a fighting, aggressive unit.



HEADQUARTERS 11th AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Camp Polk Louisiana

Much has happened since you foregathered at Camp Mackall a year ago. You are no longer the bewildered looking crowd that shuffled down S-4 Street from the Casual Barracks, barrack bags on shoulders. You are pared down in number and physique until only the steel and whalebone remain. You have every reason to be proud of your training record. It is the product of the energetic, directed effort of every officer and man in the division. If this same effort is applied in combat, our record there, soon to be written, will be one of which every man of us will be forever proud.

  
J. M. SWING  
Major General, U.S.A.  
Commanding



MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH M. SWING  
*Commanding General, 11th Airborne Division*

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BRIGADIER GENERAL ALBERT PIERSON  
*Assistant Division Commander*



LT. COLONEL IRVIN R. SCHIMMELPFENNIG  
*Chief of Staff*

*Division Headquarters Officers*



*Assistant Chiefs of Staff*



*General and Special Staff Section*



*Special Staff Chiefs of Section*



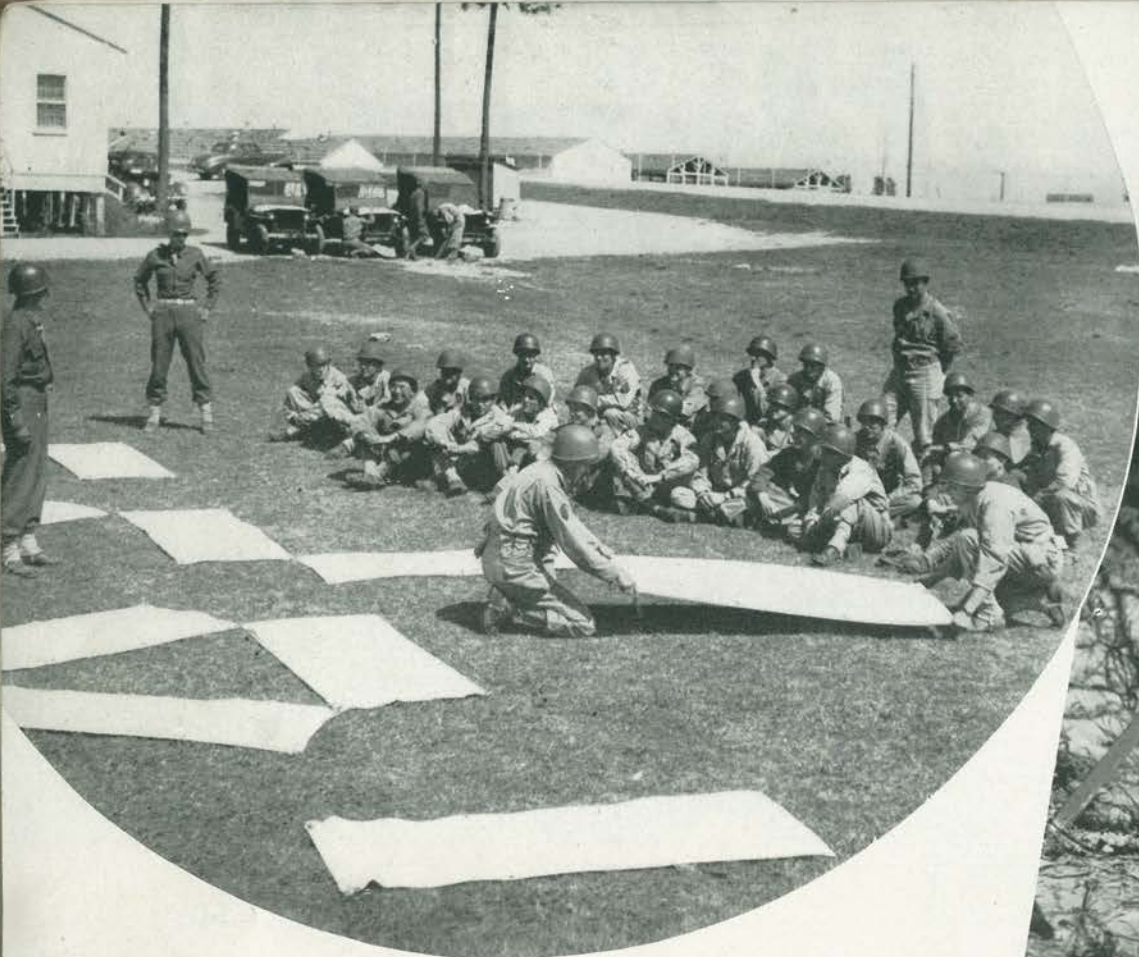
A-1 Physical Condition, First Essential  
for Airborne Troops



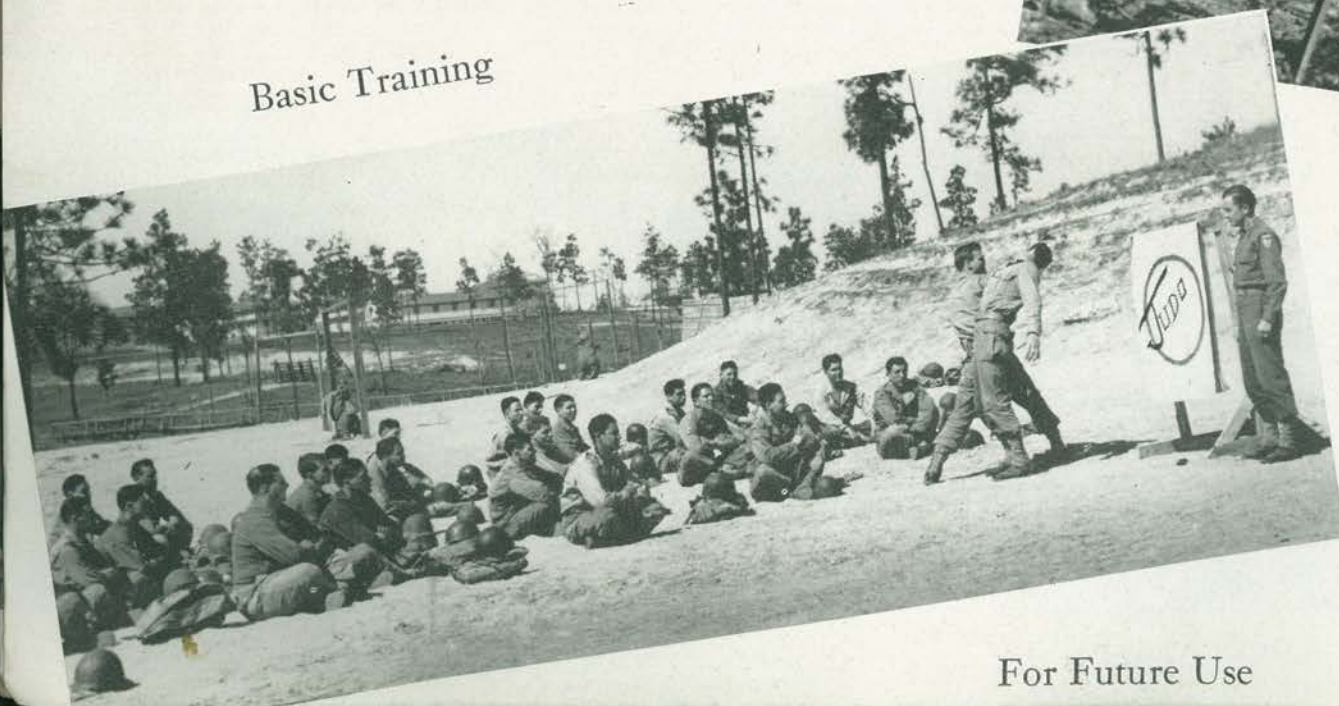
Double Time—Ho!







Basic Training



For Future Use







Explanation  
Demonstration  
Application



By The Numbers



Gas Mask Drill







First Stage

Daily Drill for Precision  
and Prompt Obedience to  
Commands



First Division Review



Machine Gun Instruction



Gun Crew Drill



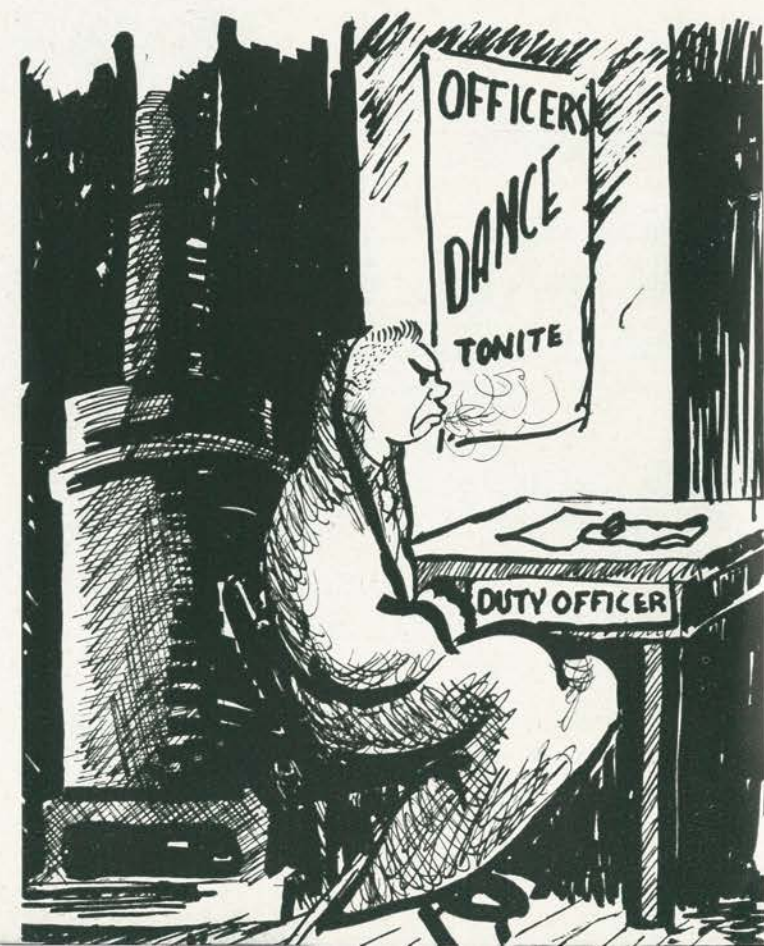
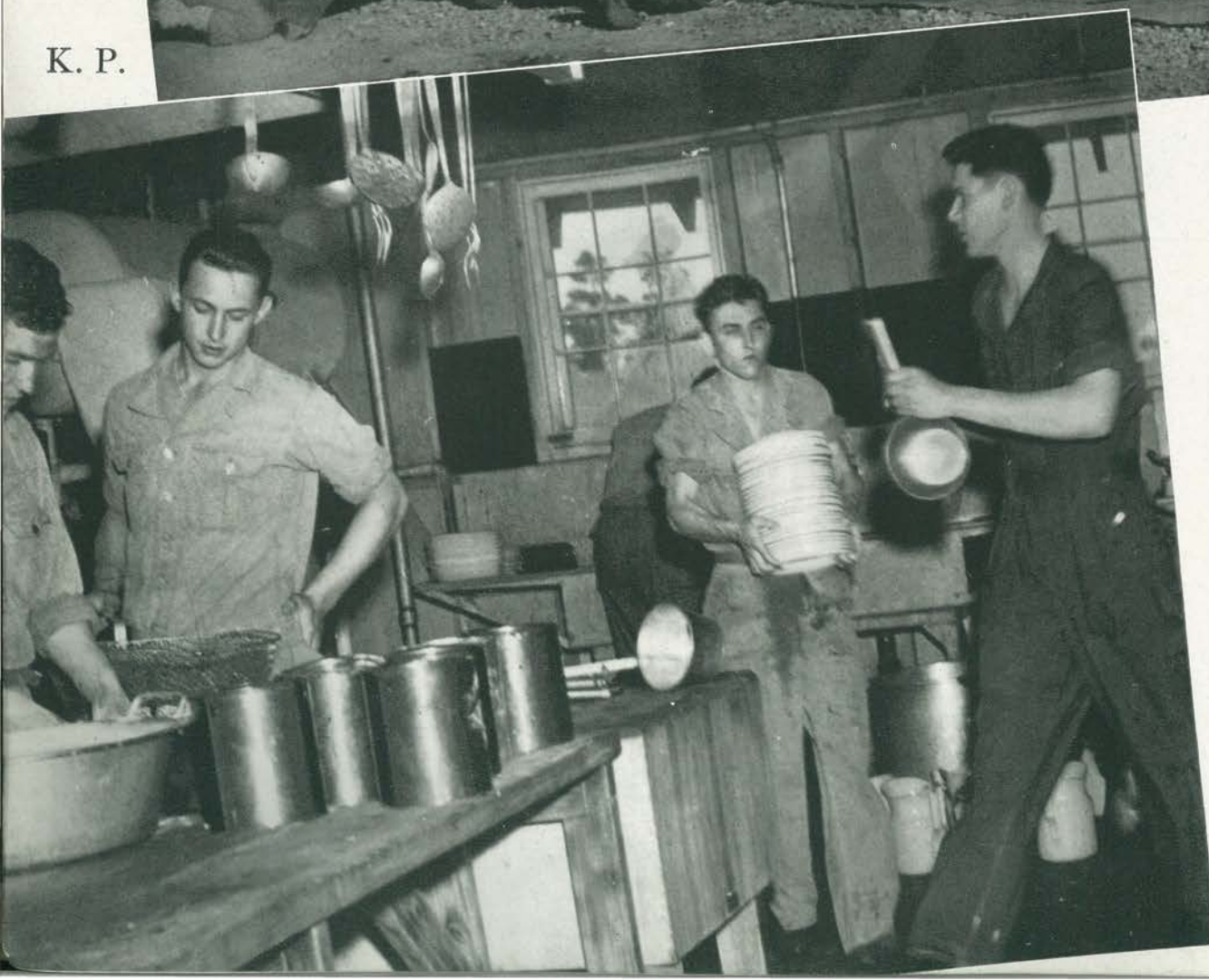




K. P.

Details! For both  
Officers and En-  
listed Men.

Make It Shine  
Duty Officer







*Inspection*







Check

... Double Check

Compass Course





Anti Aircraft



Anti Tank



Bazooka

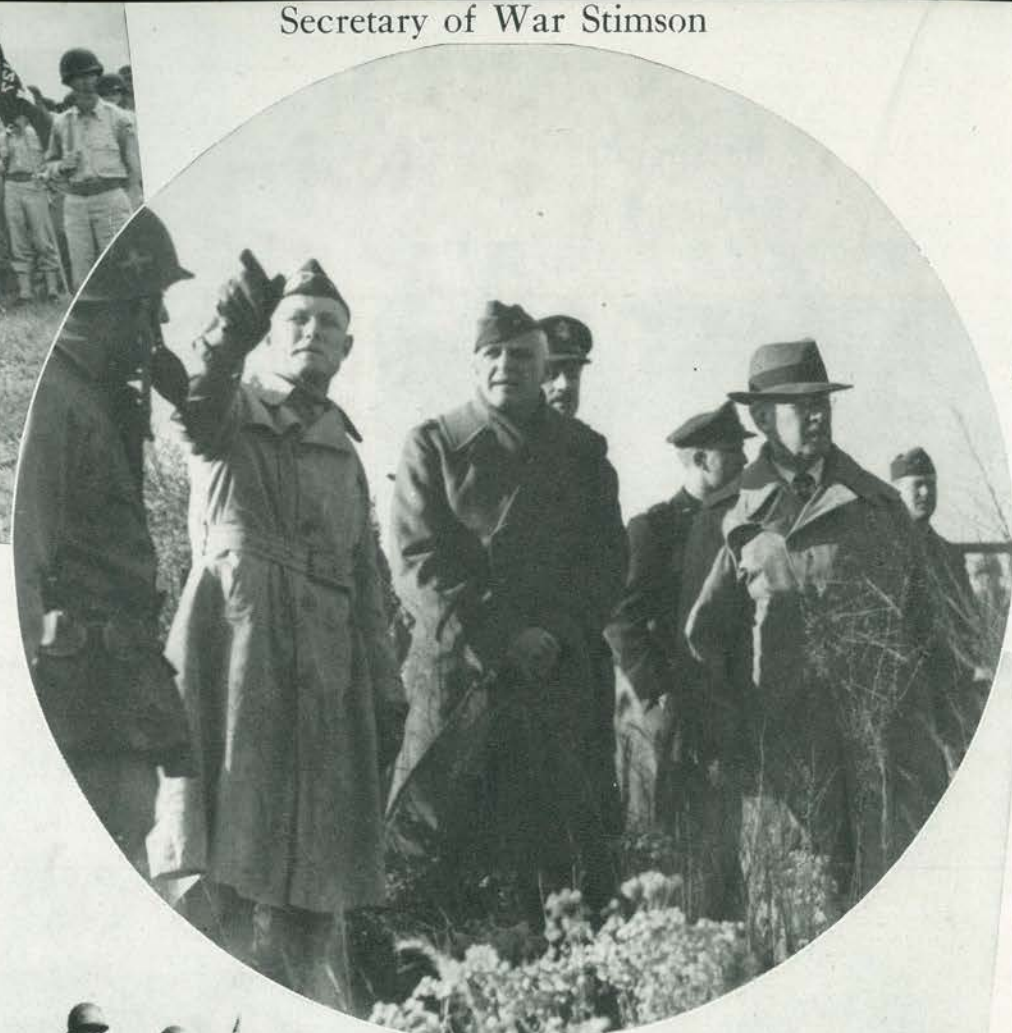
*Practice Firing*





*Reviews*

General Giraud



Lt. General Ben Lear



Infiltration  
Course



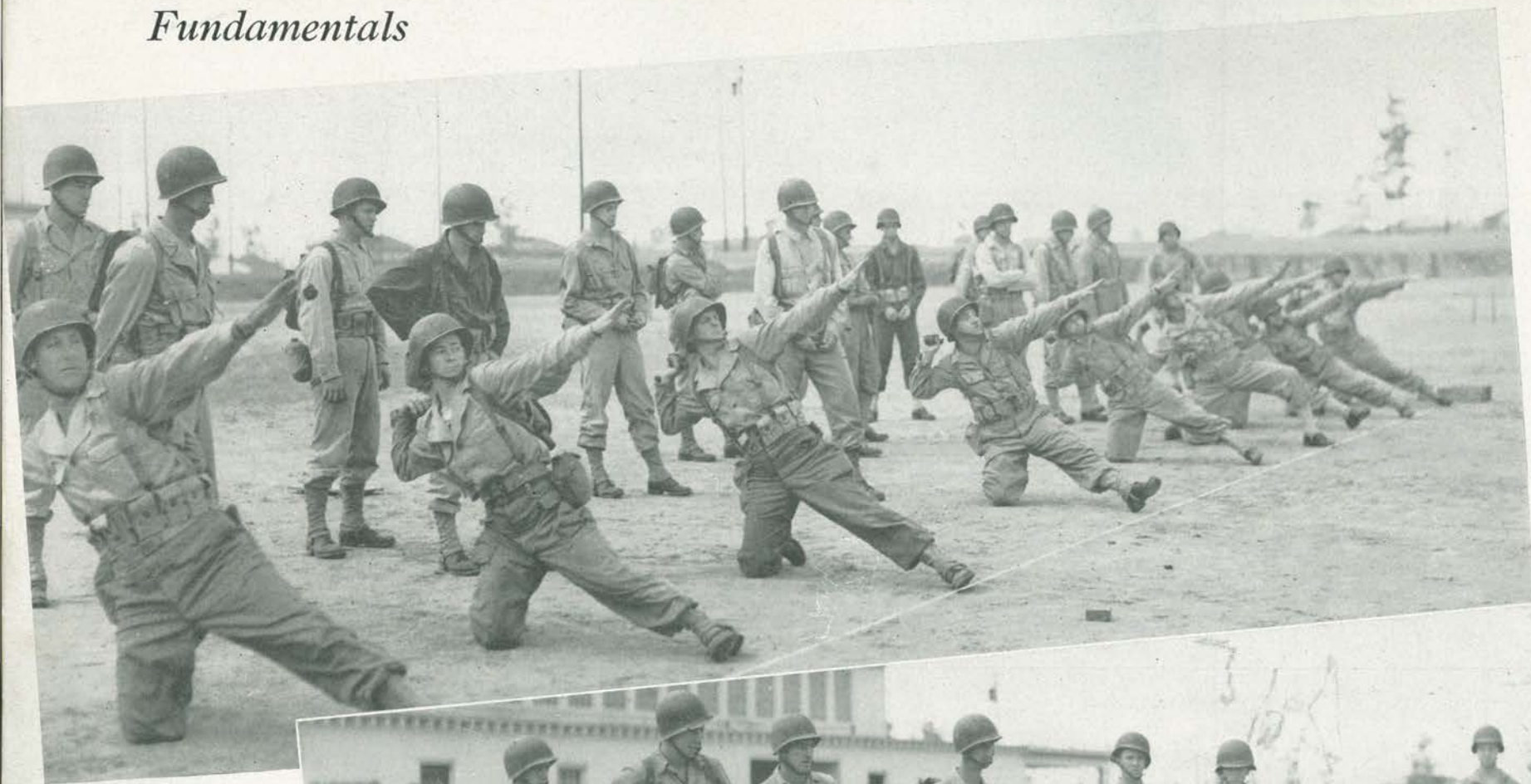
Bayonet Class





## *Fundamentals*

Prepare to Throw



Throw—Hit the Dirt!





*Sunset Landing*



*First Glider Flights*



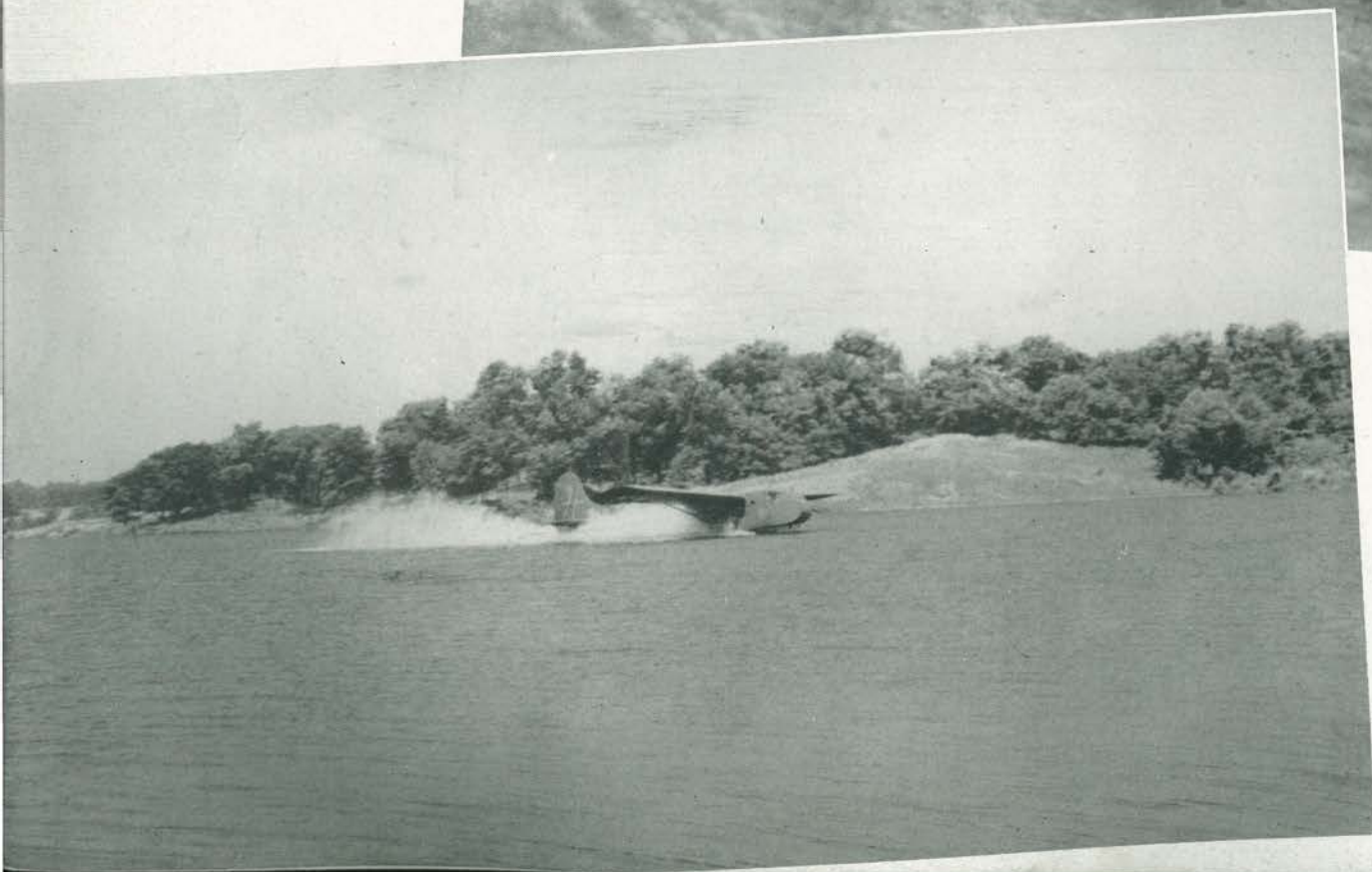




*Mass Jump*



Gliders  
Land  
Anywhere

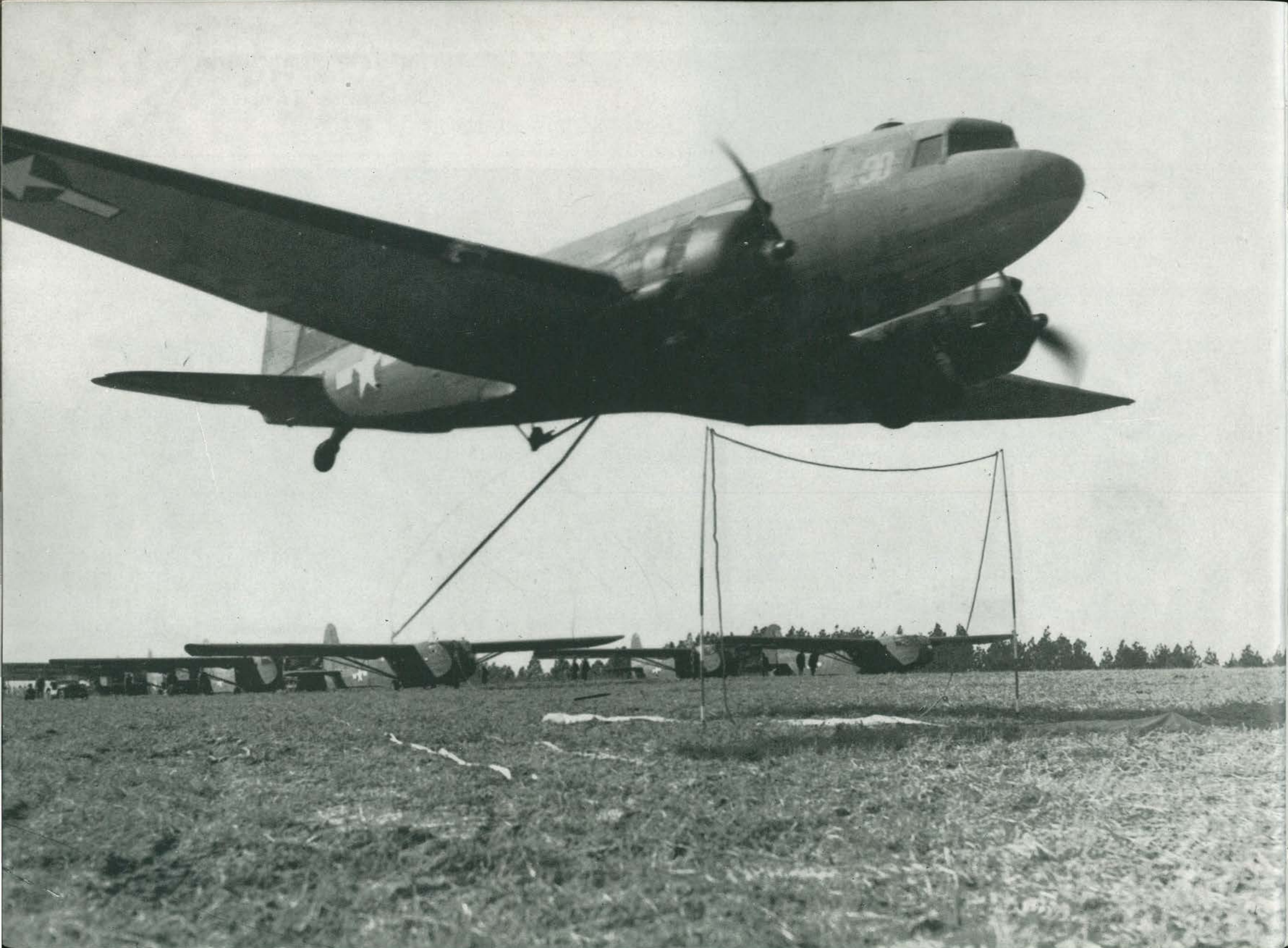




So Do The "Troopers"















**FIRE  
EXTINGUISHER**  
INSIDE





Everybody Walks Away





# Louisiana Maneuvers by Mulcahy







*Regimental Headquarters  
1st Battalion Headquarters*



*COL. HARRY B. HILDEBRAND  
Commanding Officer*

## *187th Glider Infantry Regiment*

*2nd Battalion Headquarters*

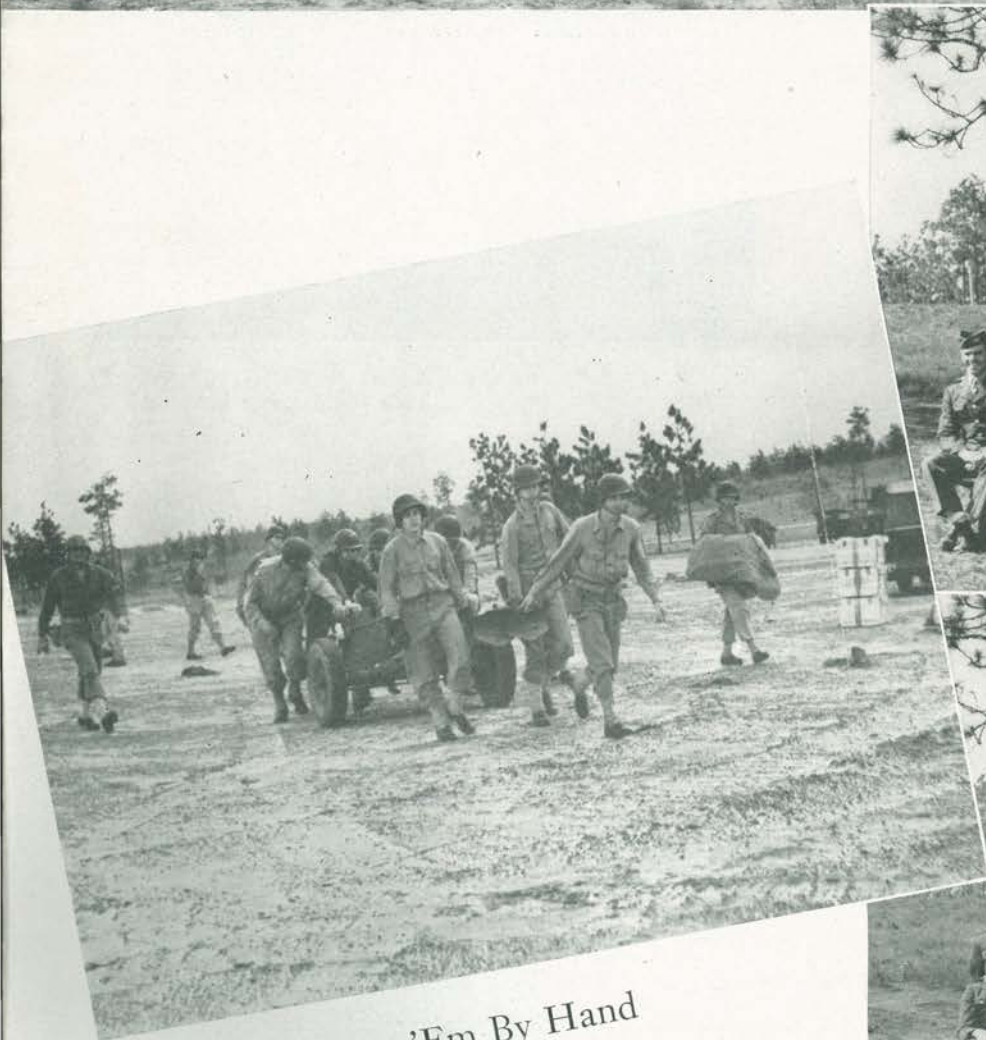






*Headquarters Company*

187th Glider Infantry

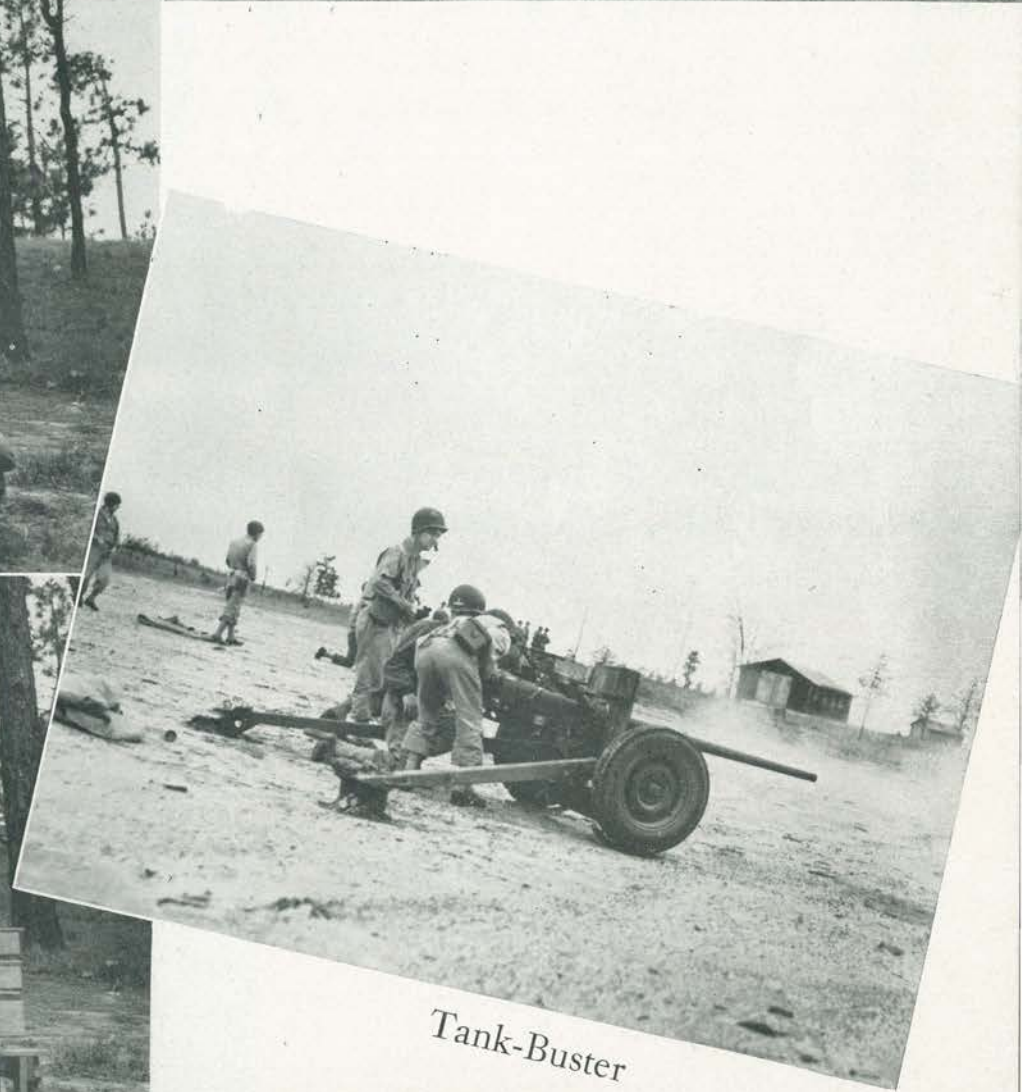


Hauling 'Em By Hand





*Service Company*  
187th Glider Infantry



*Tank-Buster*





*Medical Detachment*  
187th Glider Infantry







*Headquarters Company*

1st Battalion

187th Glider Infantry





*Company A*  
1st Battalion  
187th Glider Infantry





# *Company B*

1st Battalion

187th Glider Infantry

The Airborne  
Goes Amphibious







## *Company C*

1st Battalion

187th Glider Infantry







"action"



*Headquarters Company*

2nd Battalion

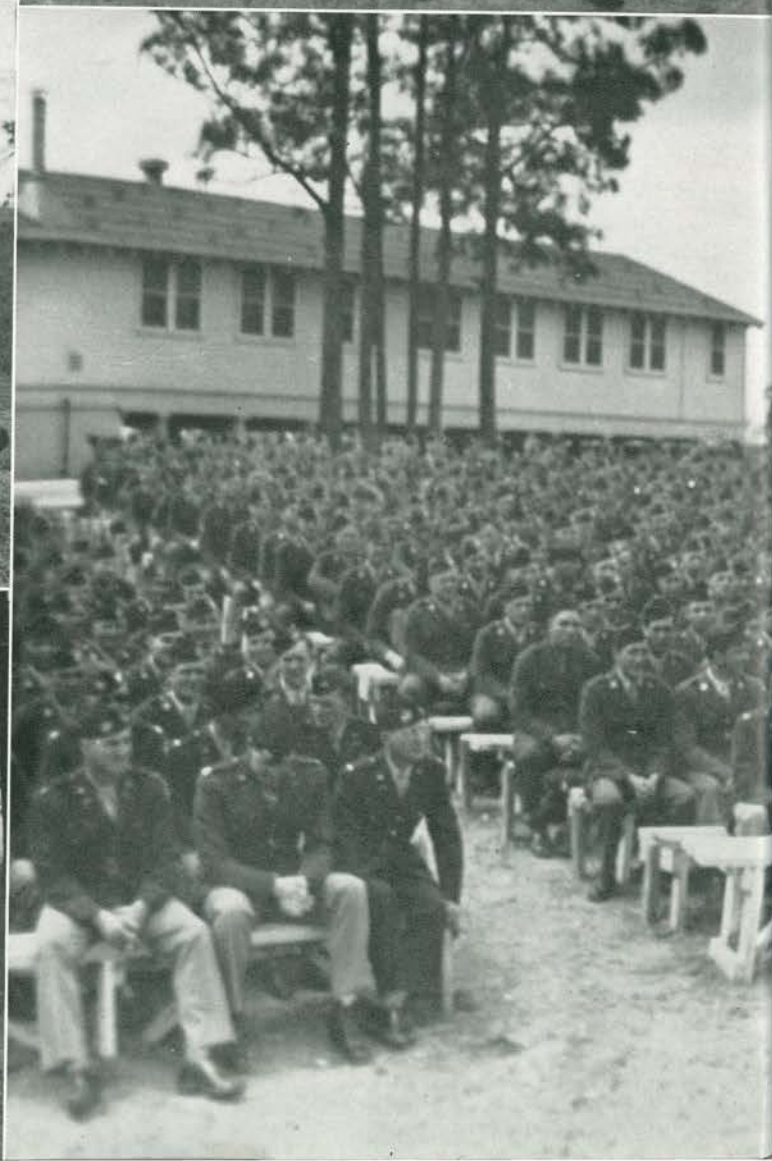
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2nd Battalion

187th Glider Infantry



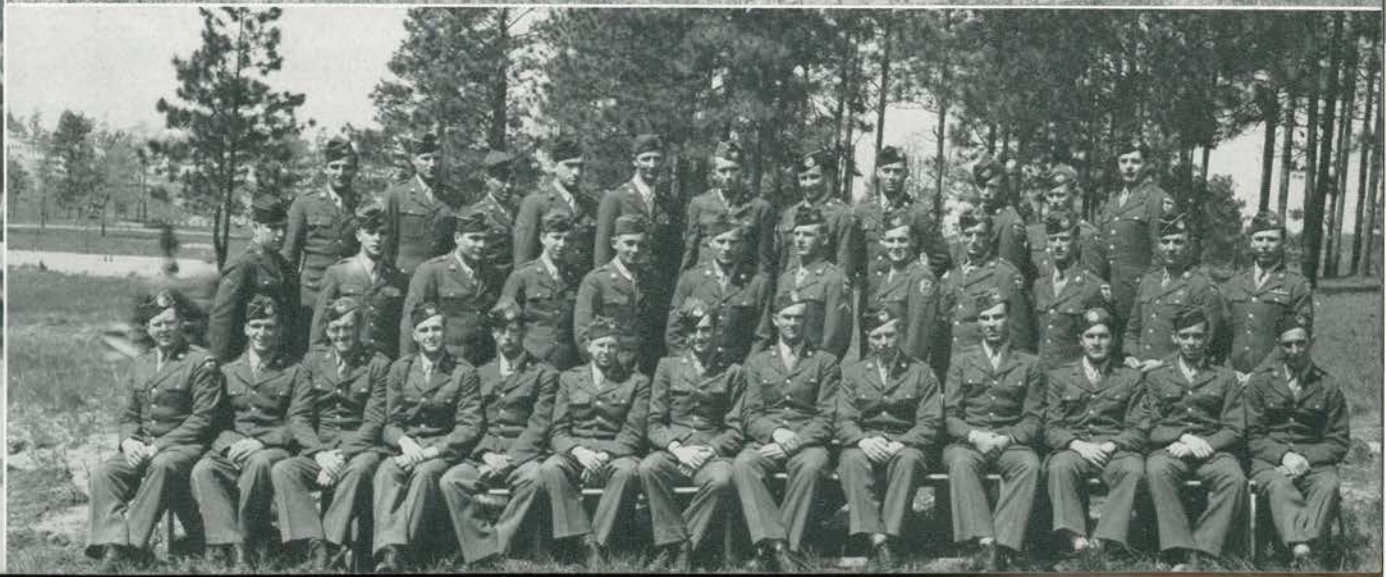




*Company F*

2nd Battalion

187th Glider Infantry



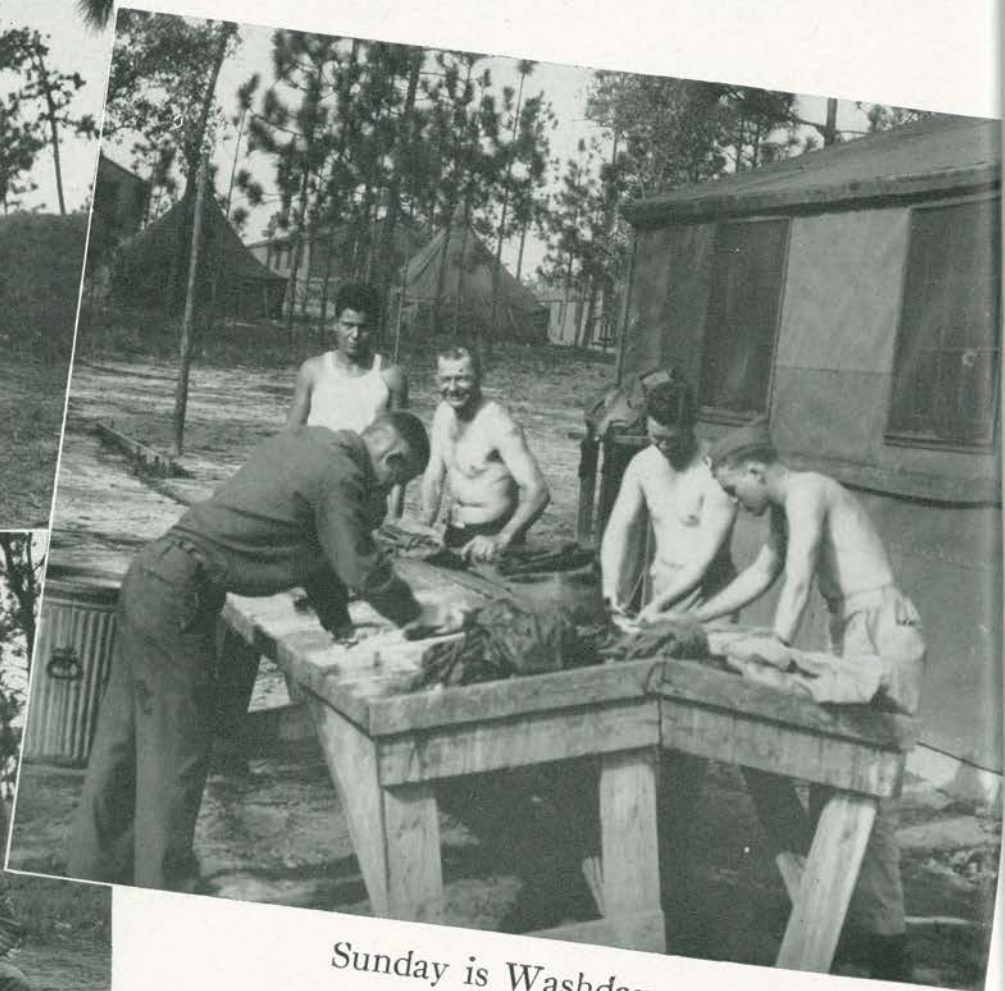




## *Company G*

2nd Battalion

187th Glider Infantry



*Sunday is Washday*





## *188th Glider Infantry Regiment Staff Officers*



COL. ROBERT H. SOULE  
*Commanding Officer*

*Regimental Headquarters*



*1st Battalion Headquarters*

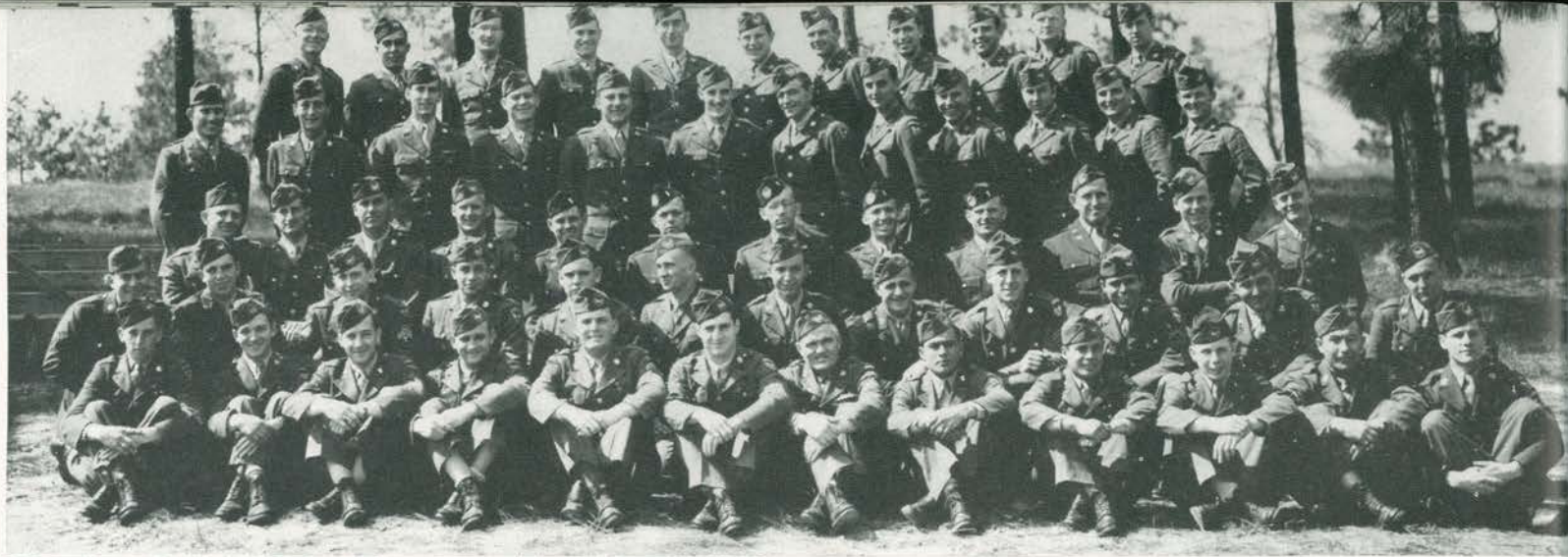


*2nd Battalion Headquarters*



*Headquarters Company*

188th Glider Infantry







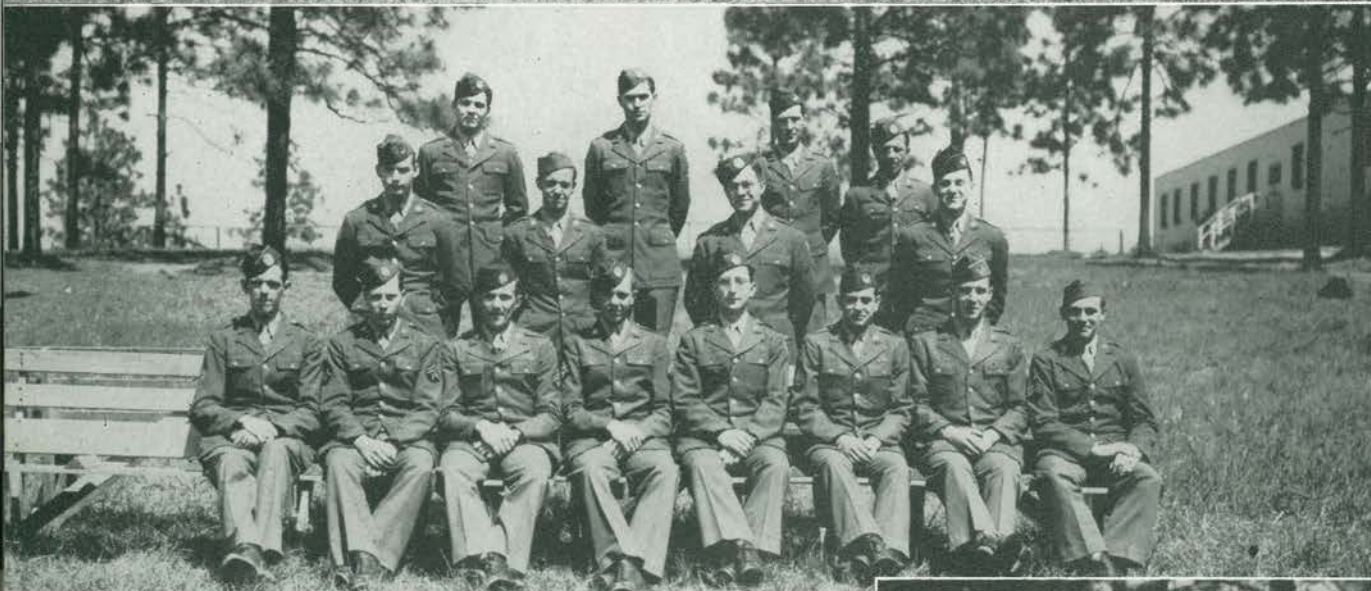
*Service Company*  
188th Glider Infantry



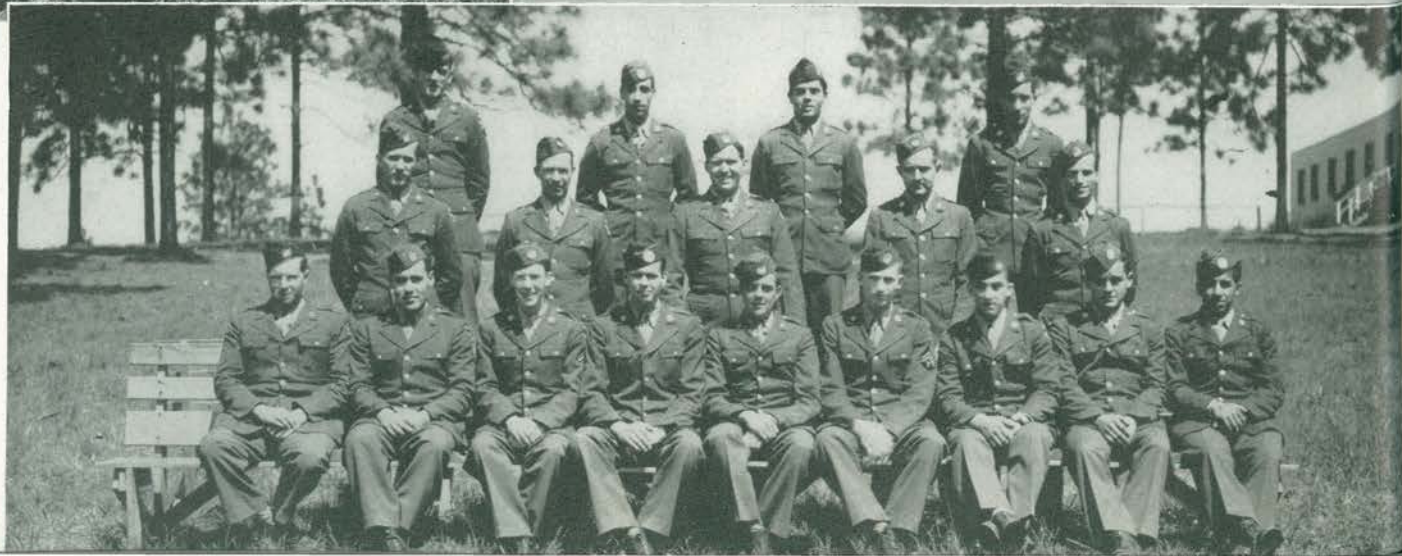
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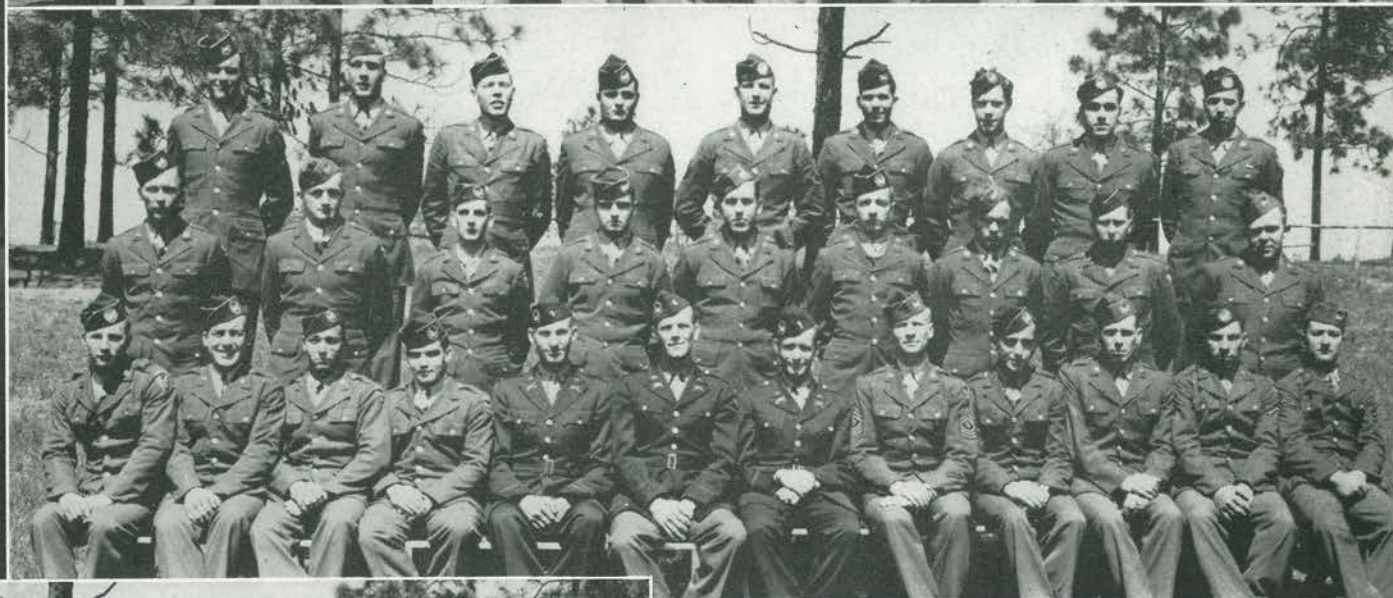




*Medical Detachment*  
188th Glider Infantry







*Headquarters Company*

1st Battalion

188th Glider Infantry





*Company A*  
1st Battalion  
188th Glider Infantry

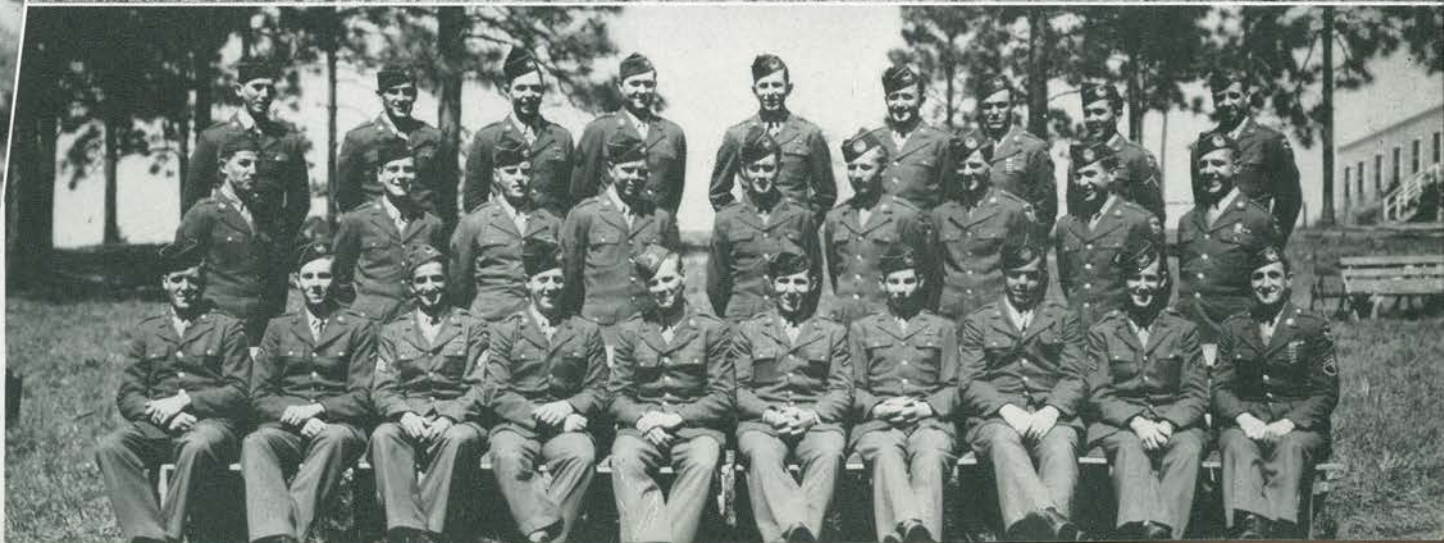


Judo

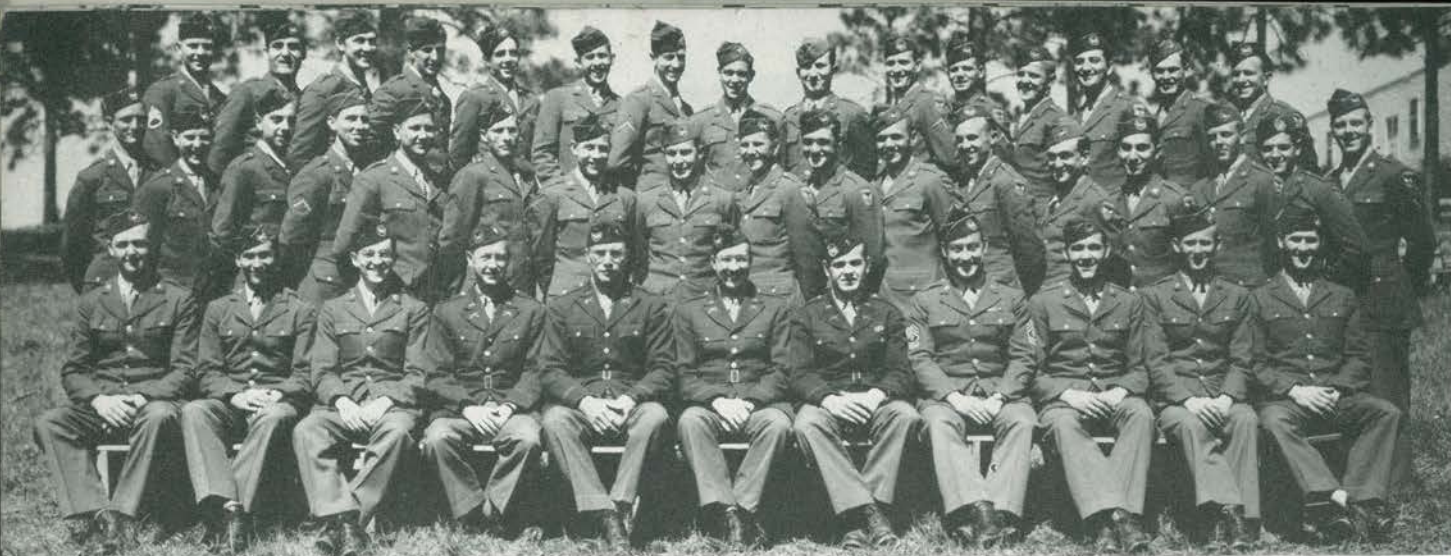




*Company B*  
1st Battalion  
188th Glider Infantry







*Company C*

1st Battalion

188th Glider Infantry







*Headquarters Company*

2nd Battalion

188th Glider Infantry





*Company E*

2nd Battalion

188th Glider Infantry

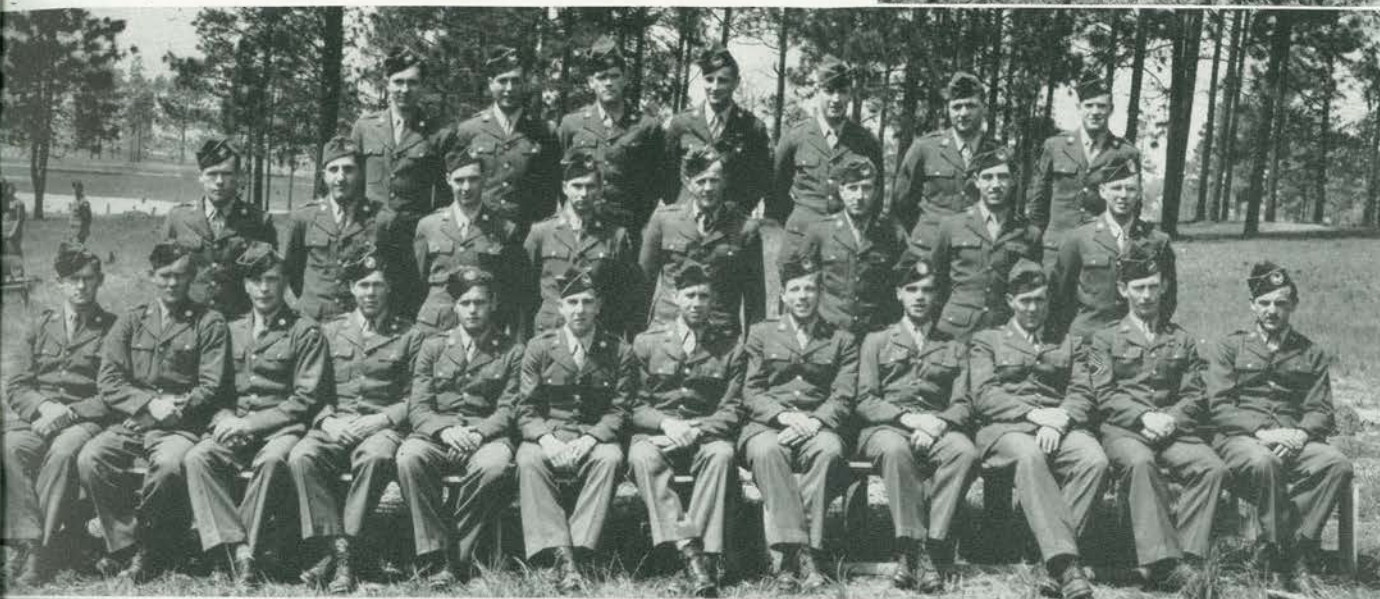




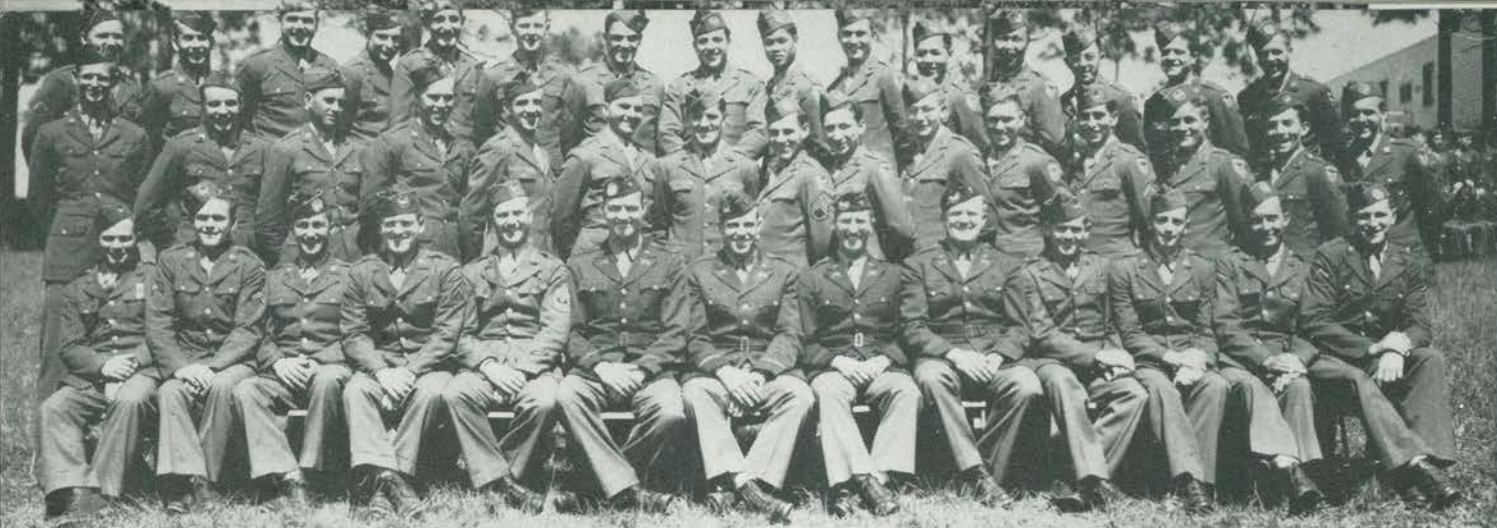
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2nd Battalion

188th Glider Infantry



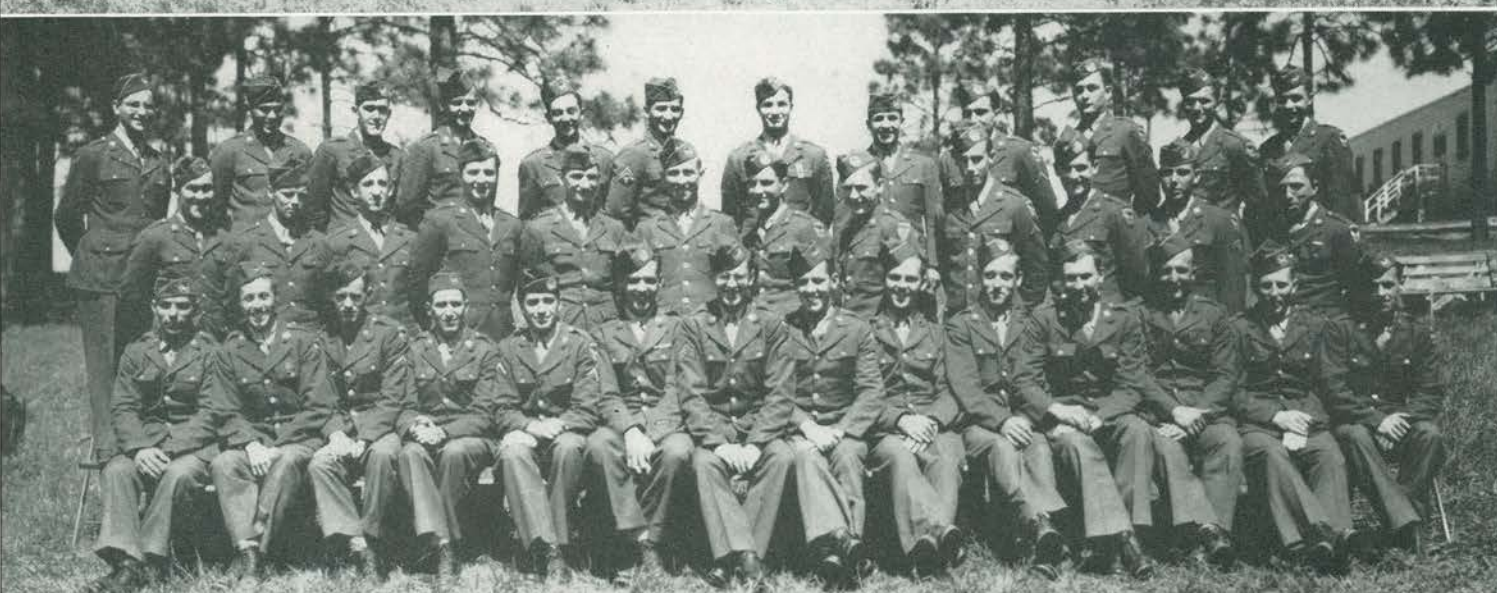




## *Company G*

2nd Battalion

188th Glider Infantry



Charge



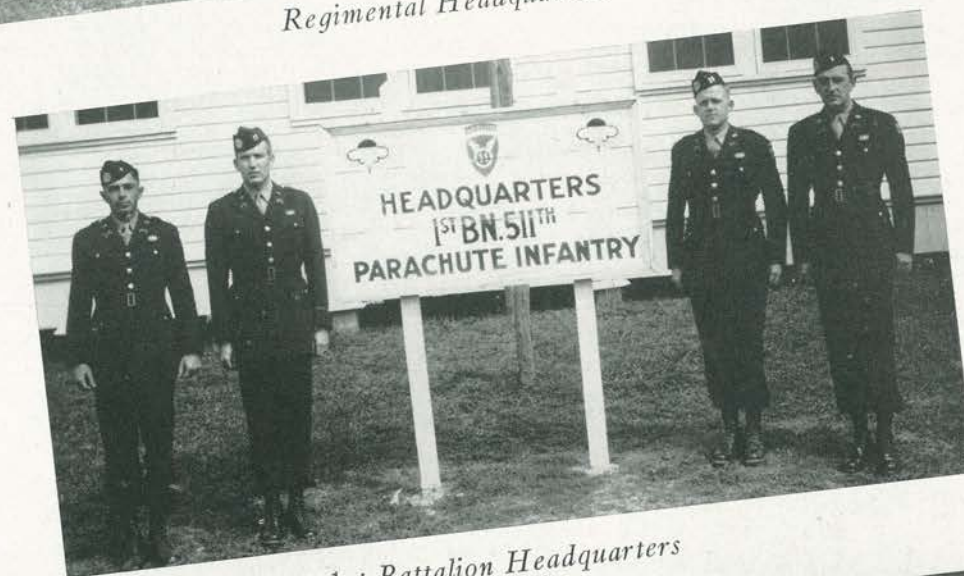


*Regimental Headquarters*



COL. ORIN D. HAUGEN  
*Commanding Officer*

## *511th Parachute Infantry Regiment*



*1st Battalion Headquarters*



*2nd Battalion Headquarters*



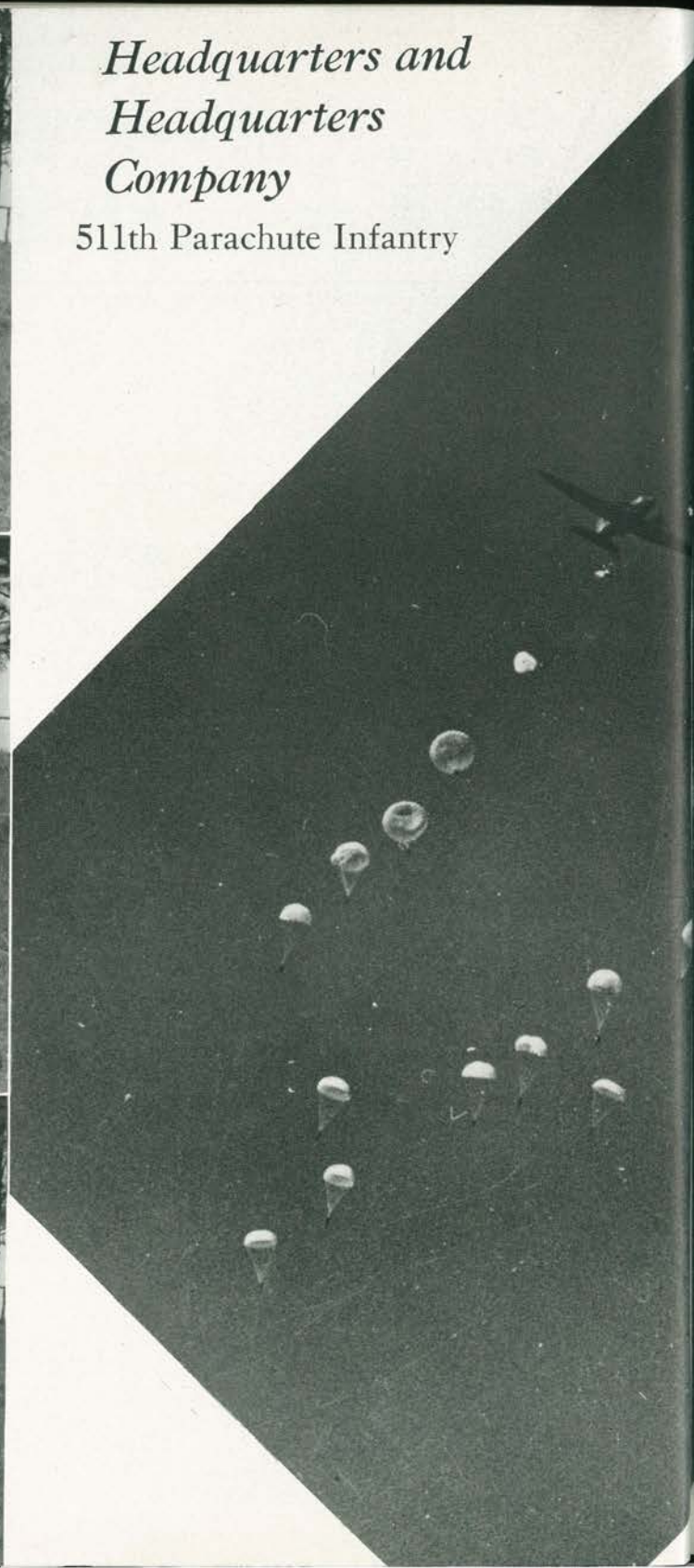
*3rd Battalion Headquarters*





*Headquarters and  
Headquarters  
Company*

511th Parachute Infantry





*Service Company*  
511th Parachute Infantry







*Medical Detachment*  
511th Parachute Infantry



*Roger, Out*





*Headquarters Company*

1st Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry







*Company A*

1st Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry







*Company B*  
1st Battalion  
511th Parachute Infantry





## *Company C*

1st Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry







*Headquarters Company*

2nd Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry





*Company D*

2nd Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry





*Company E*

2nd Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry



# *Battery F*

2nd Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry



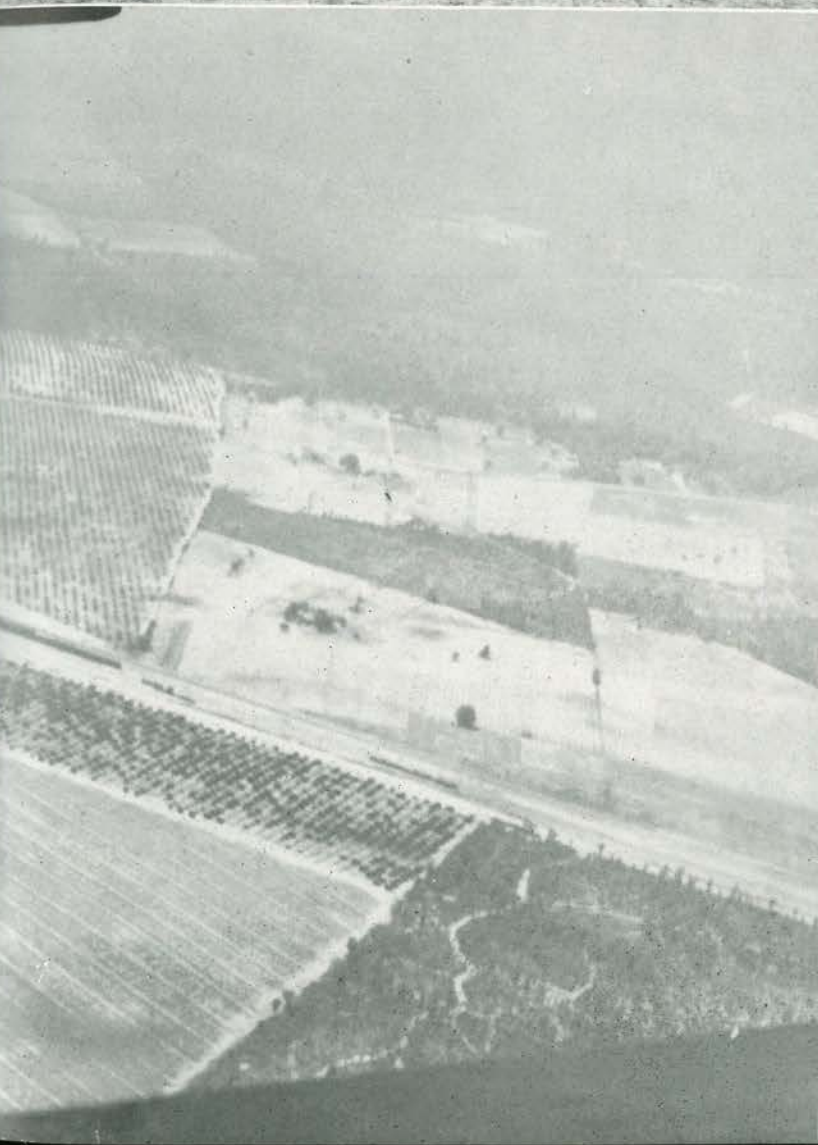




*Headquarters Company*

3rd Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry





# *Company G*

3rd Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry







*Company H*

3rd Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry







*Company I*    3rd Battalion    511th Parachute Infantry







*Division Reconnaissance Platoon*





*Staff Officers*



*674th Glider Field Artillery Bn.*



*675th Glider Field Artillery Bn.*



COLONEL FRANCIS W. FARRELL  
*Commanding Officer*

## *Division Artillery*

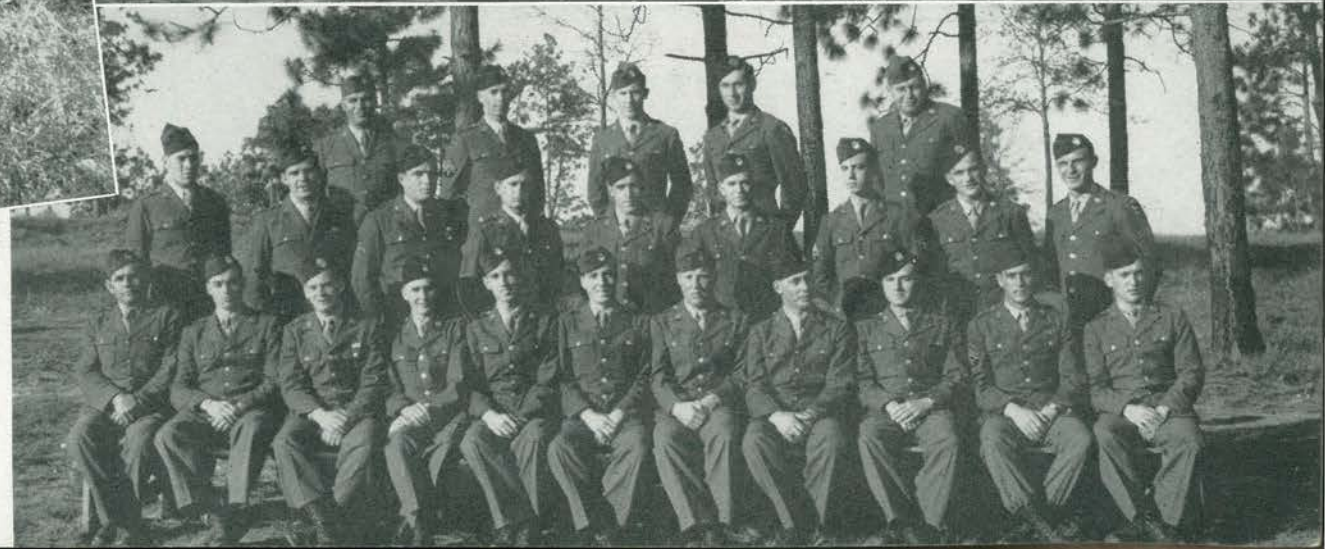


*457th Parachute Field Artillery Bn.*





*Division Artillery  
Headquarters and Headquarters  
Battery*

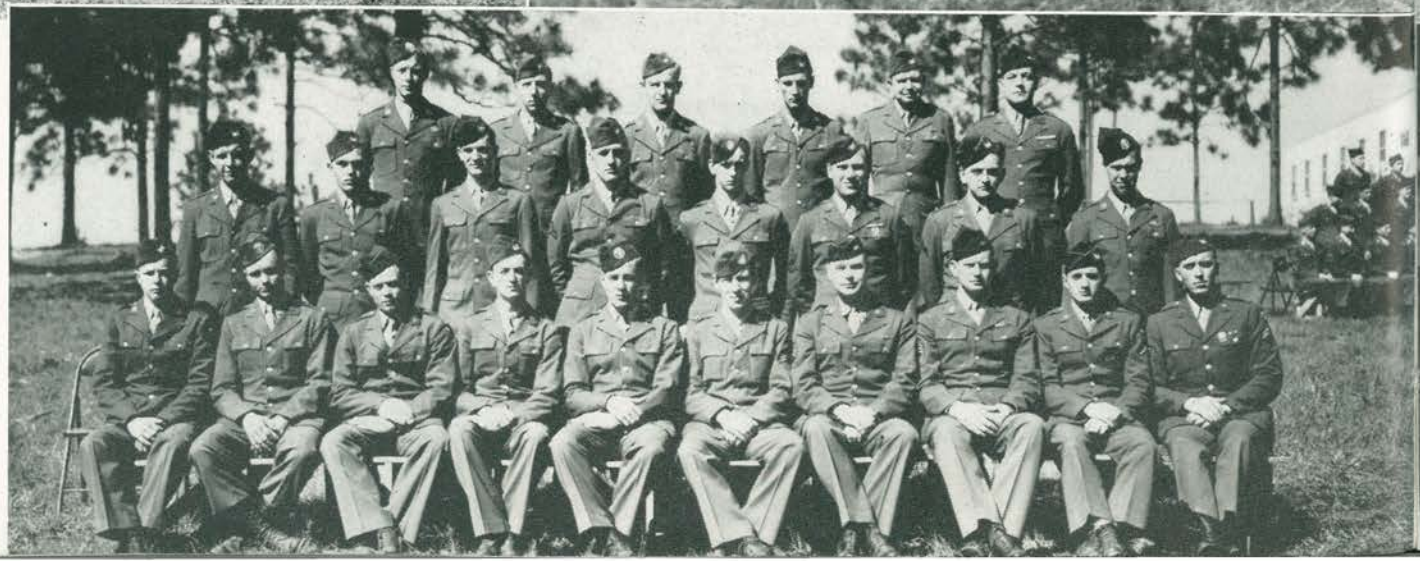




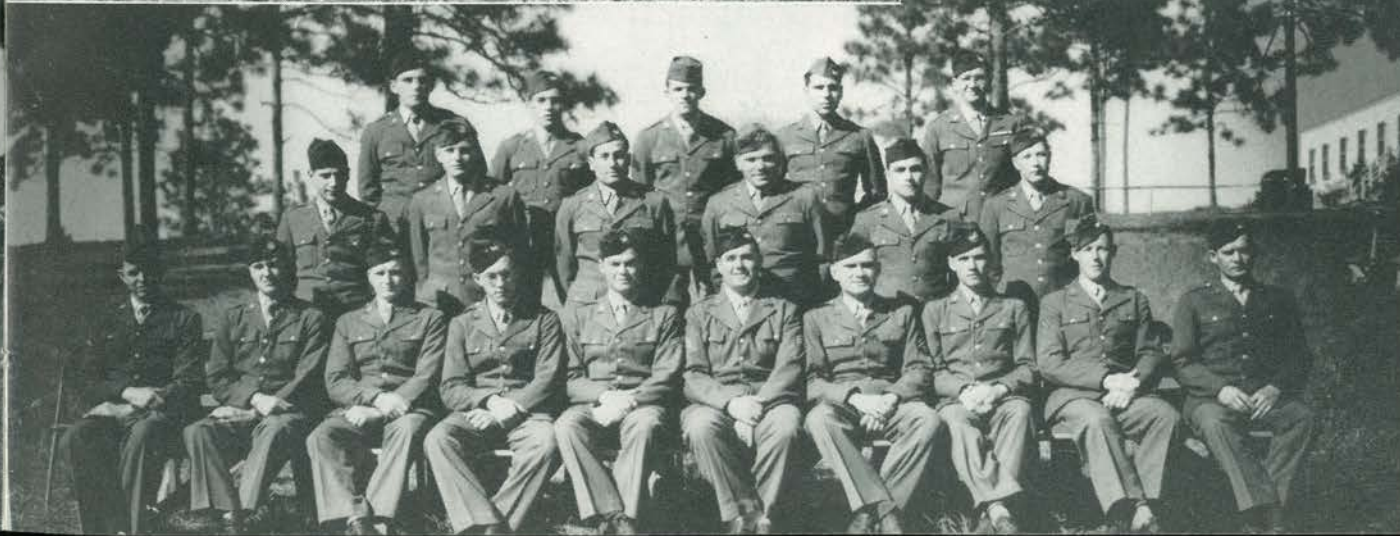
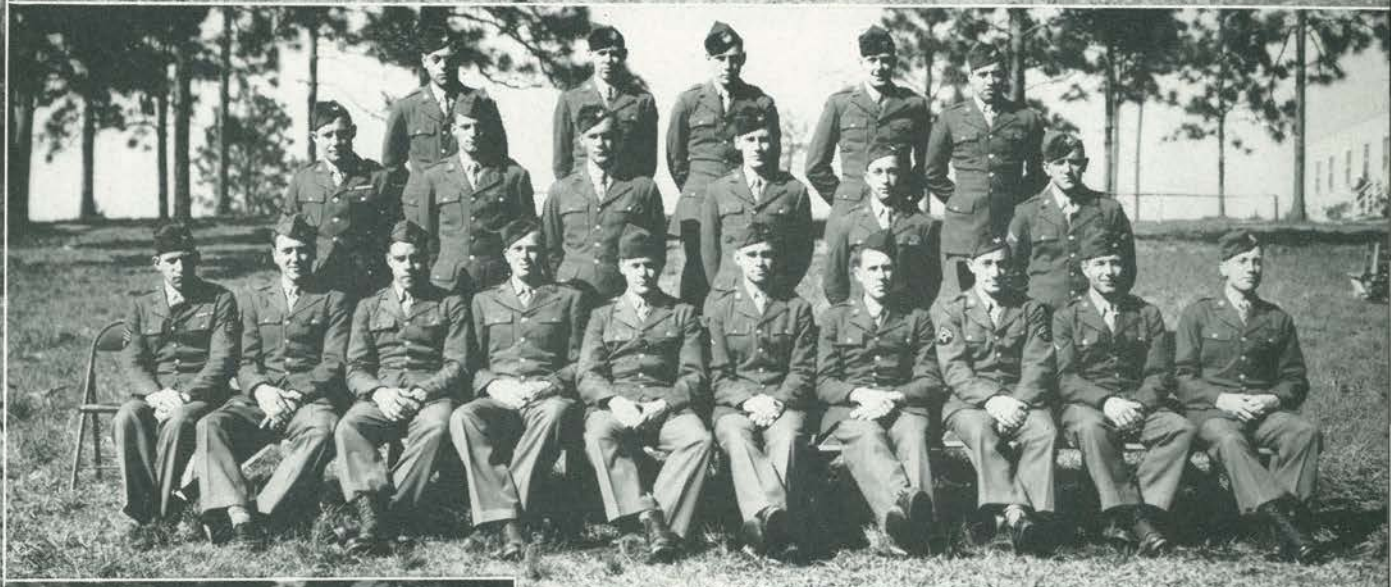


*Headquarters and Service Battery*

674th Glider Field Artillery Battalion







*Battery A*

674th Glider Field Artillery Battalion





*Battery B*  
674th Glider Field Artillery Battalion

Fire Five







*Headquarters and  
Service Battery*

675th Glider Field Artillery  
Battalion





*Battery A*

675th Glider Field Artillery Battalion







*Battery B*

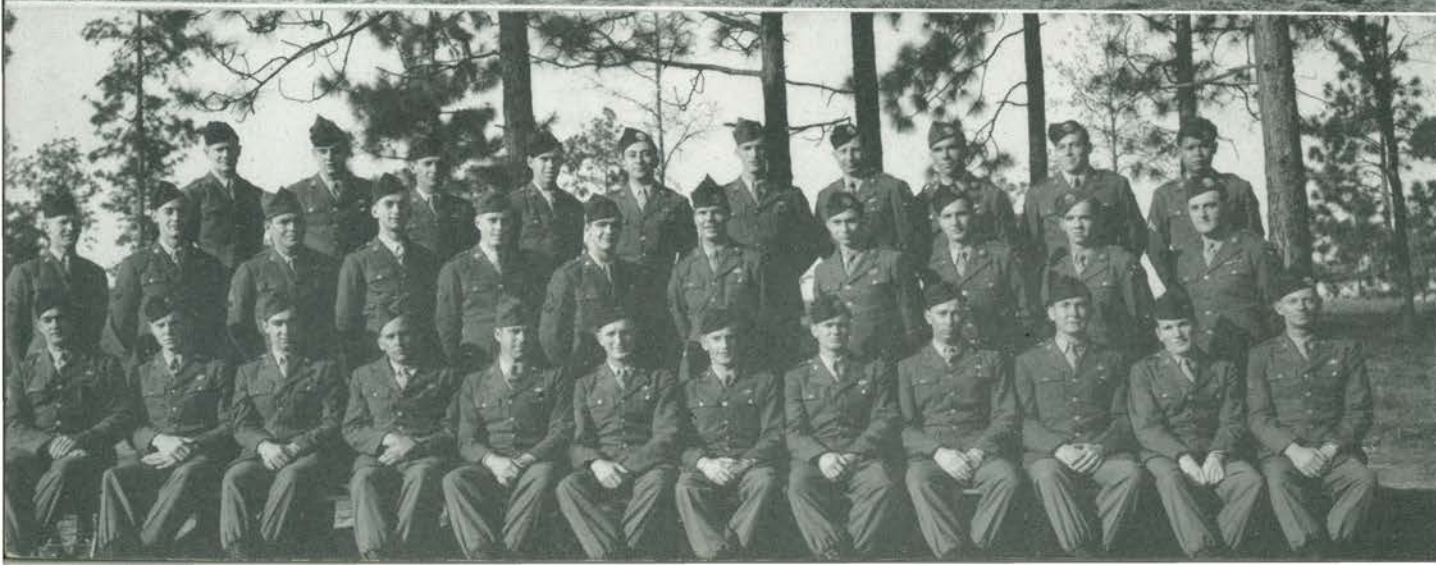
675th Glider Field Artillery Battalion





*Headquarters and Service Battery*

457th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion



Chow Line







## *Battery A*

457th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion



Dry Run





## *Battery B*

457th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion







*Battery C*

457th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion







## *Battery D*

457th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion

## *Medical Detachment*

457th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion



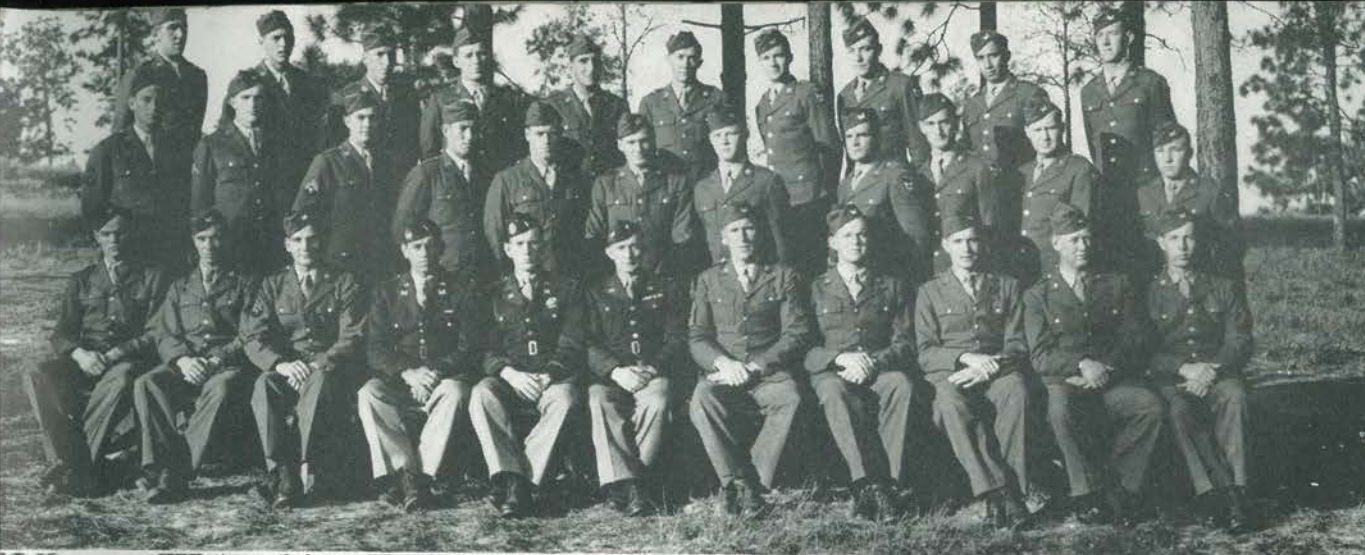




*Lt. Col. Douglas C. Davis and Battalion Staff Officers*







*A Company*  
127th Airborne Engineer Battalion





*B Company*  
127th Airborne Engineer Battalion



*C Company*

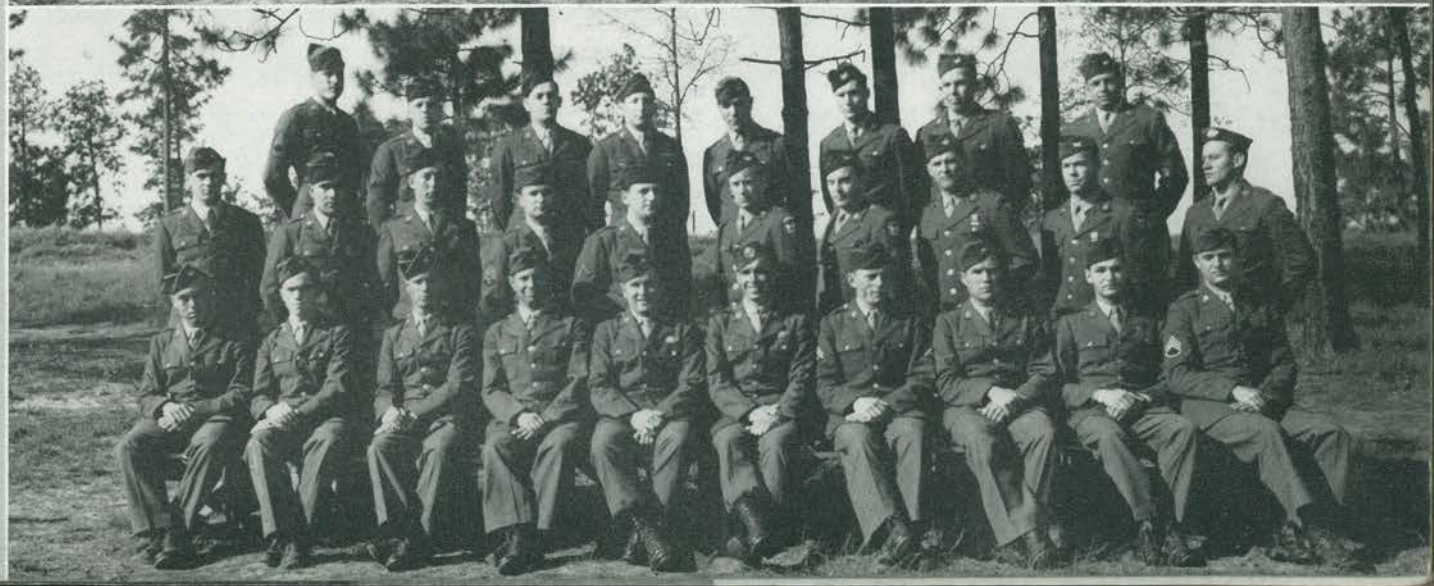
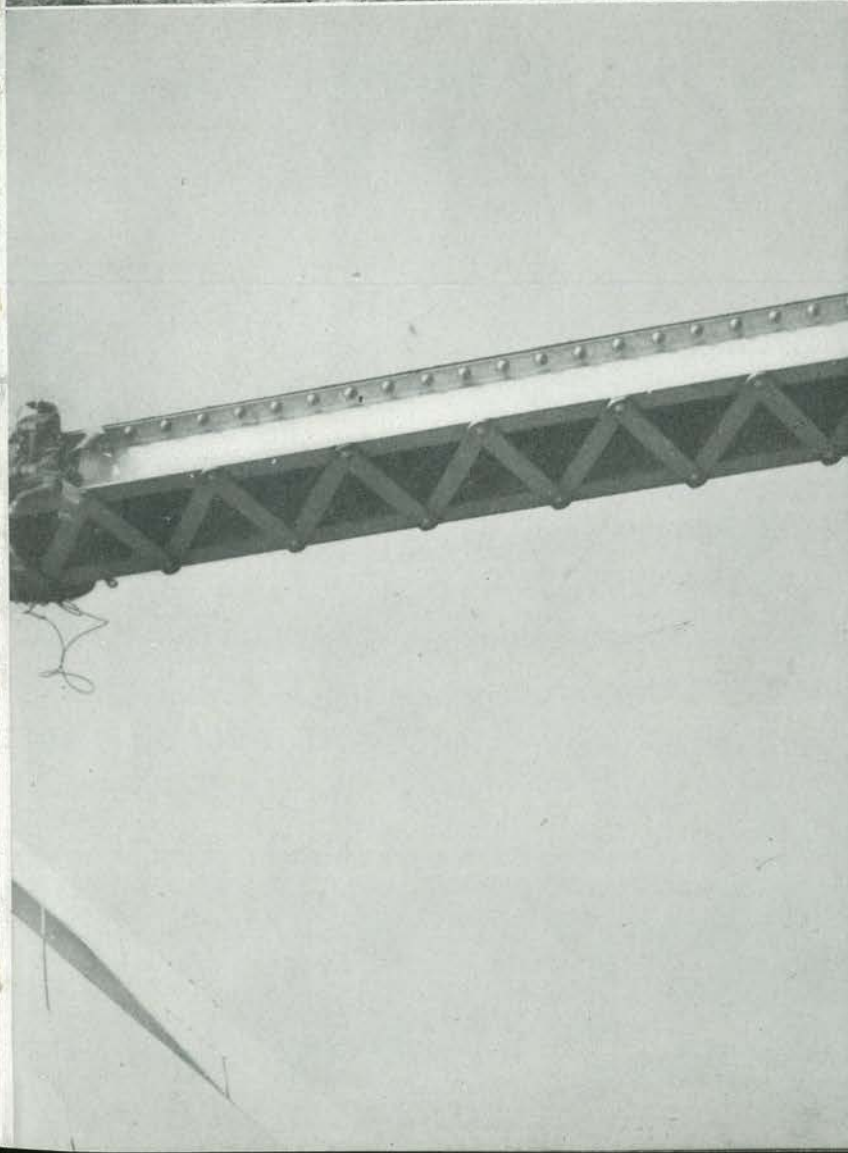
127th Airborne Engineer Battalion







*Headquarters and  
Service Company*  
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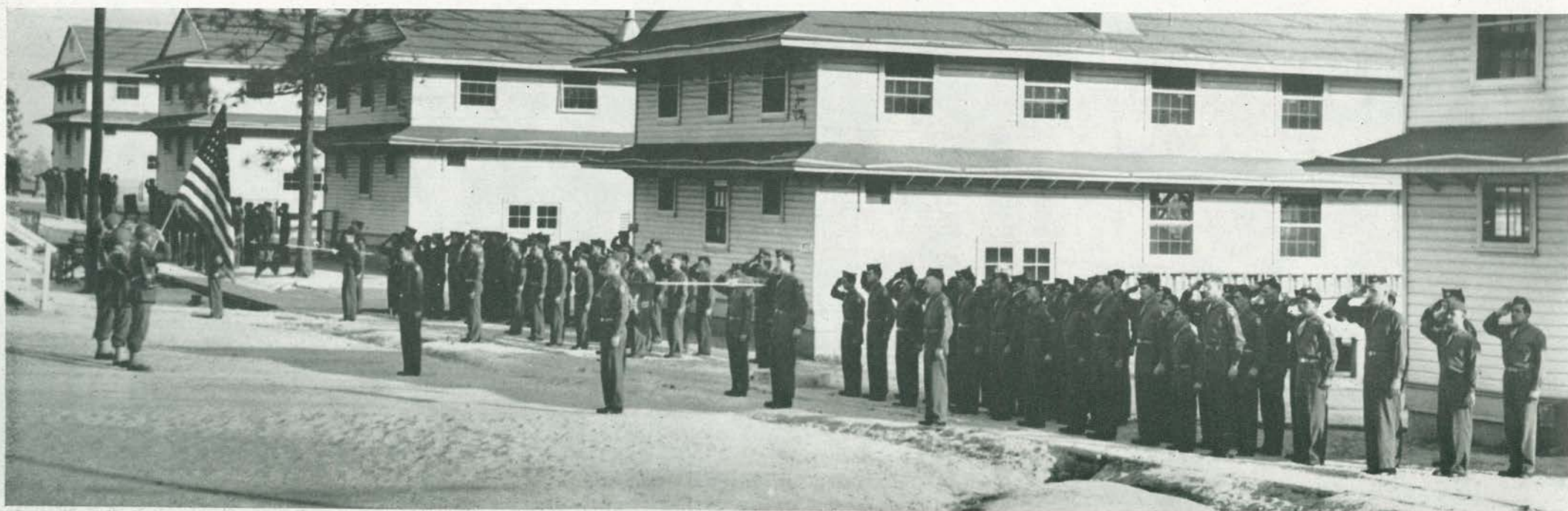






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*Commanding Officer*  
*Battalion Staff Officers*

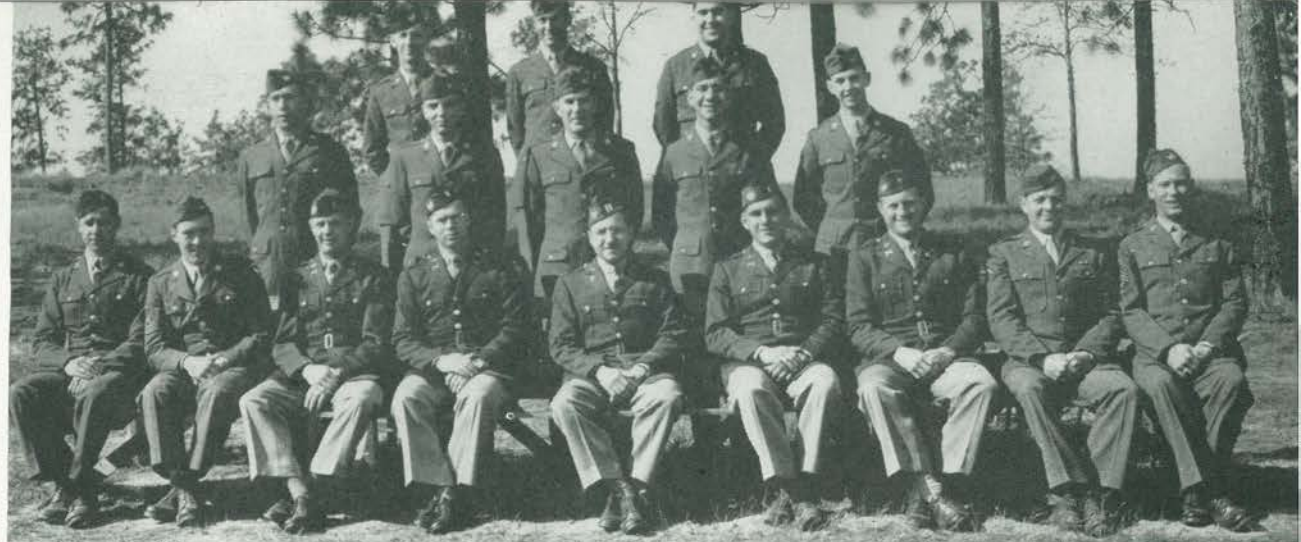
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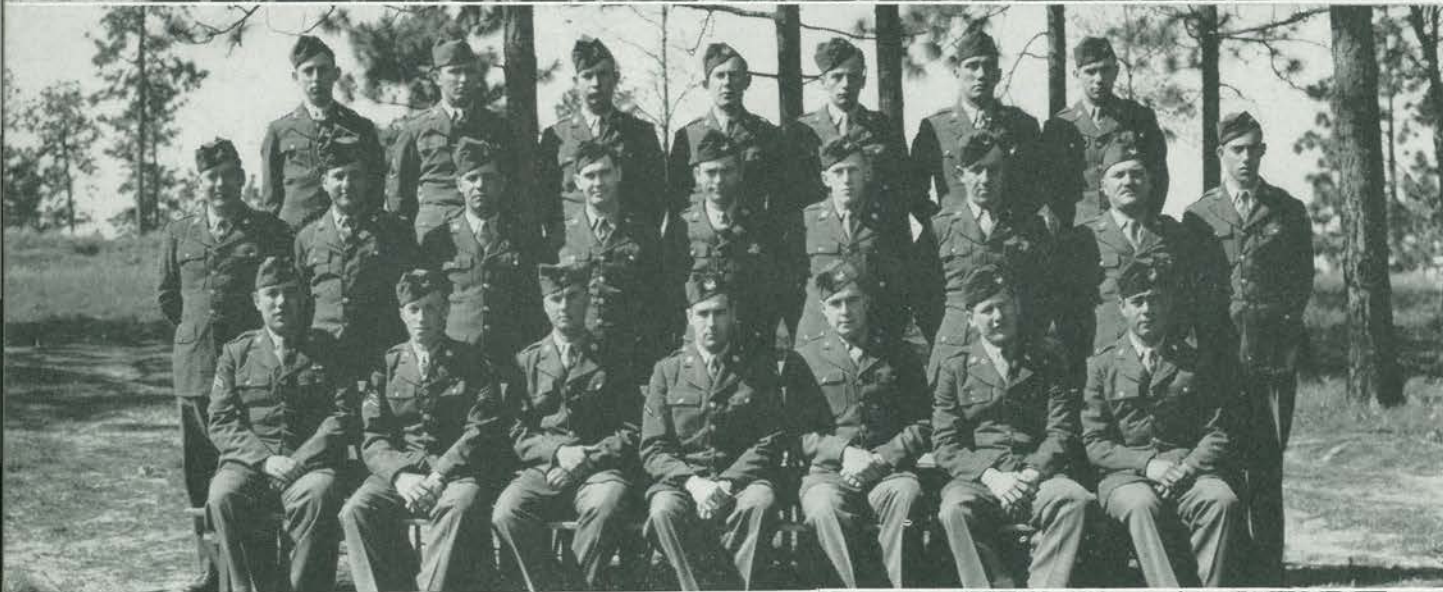
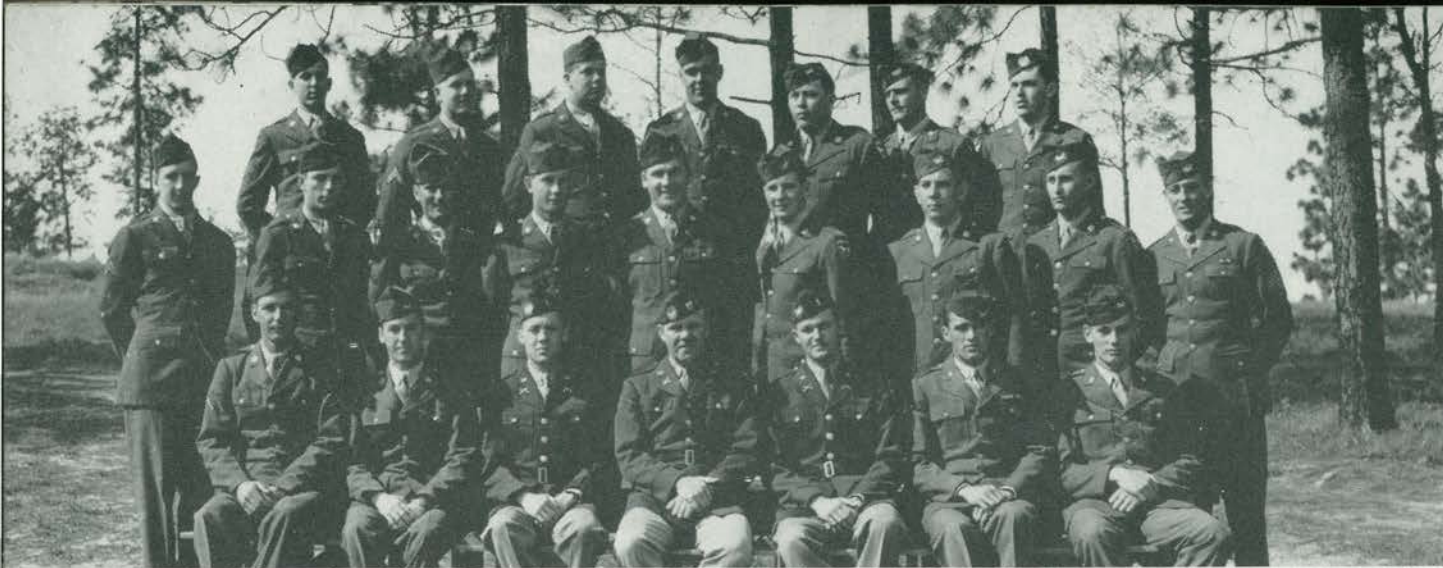


## *Headquarters Battery*

152nd Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion







## *Battery A*

152nd Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion







*Battery B*  
152nd Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion





## *Battery C*

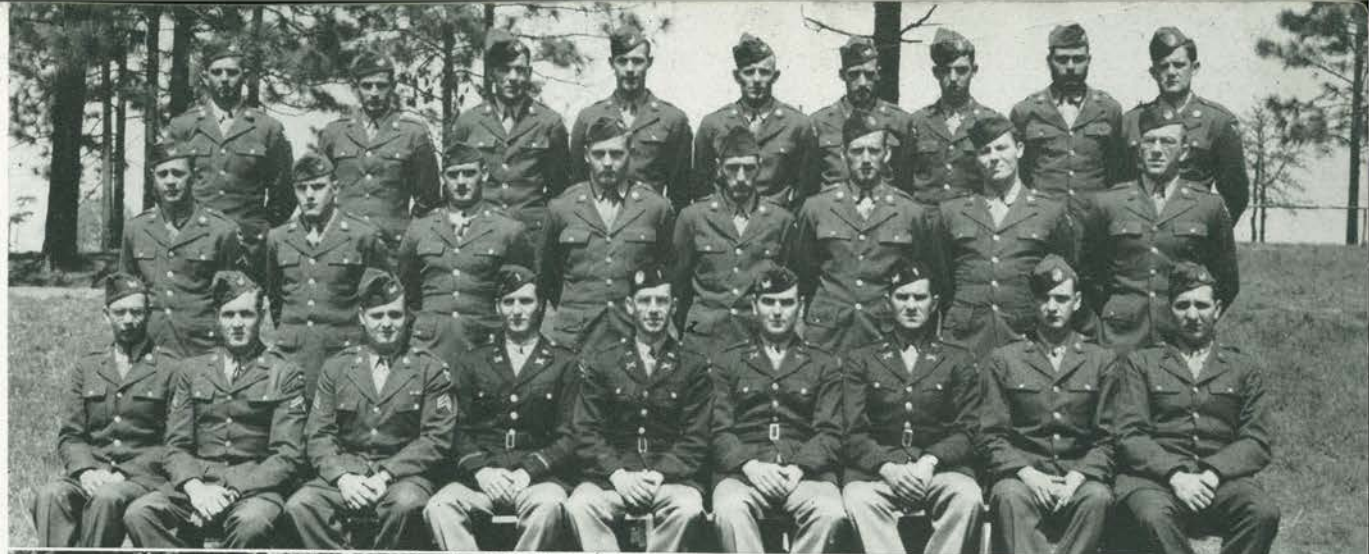
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## *Battery D*

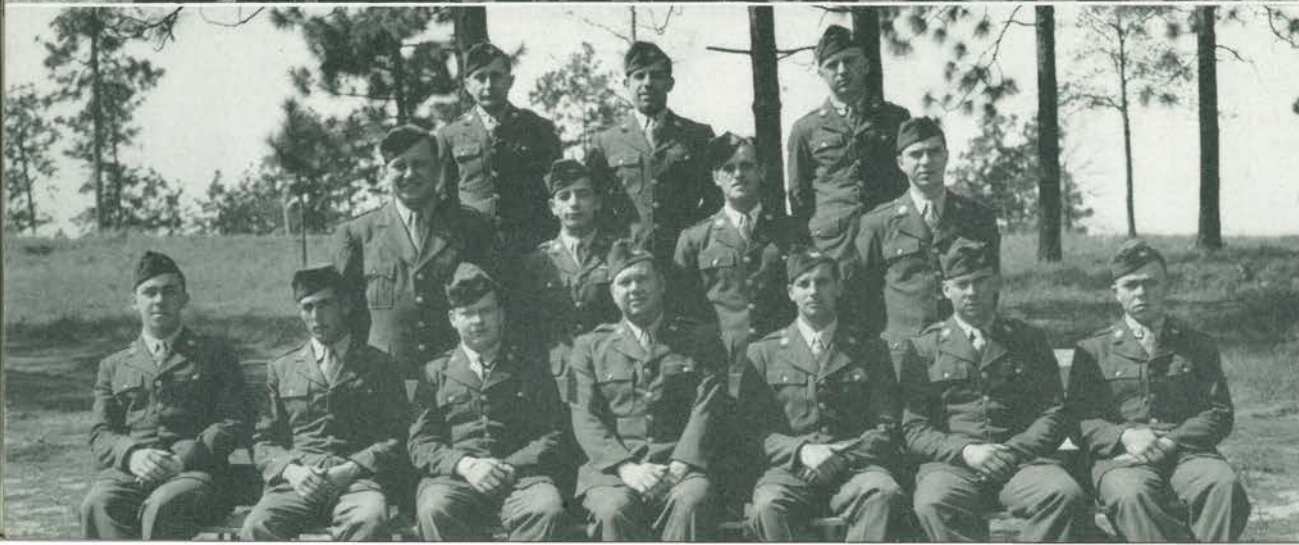
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## *Battery E*

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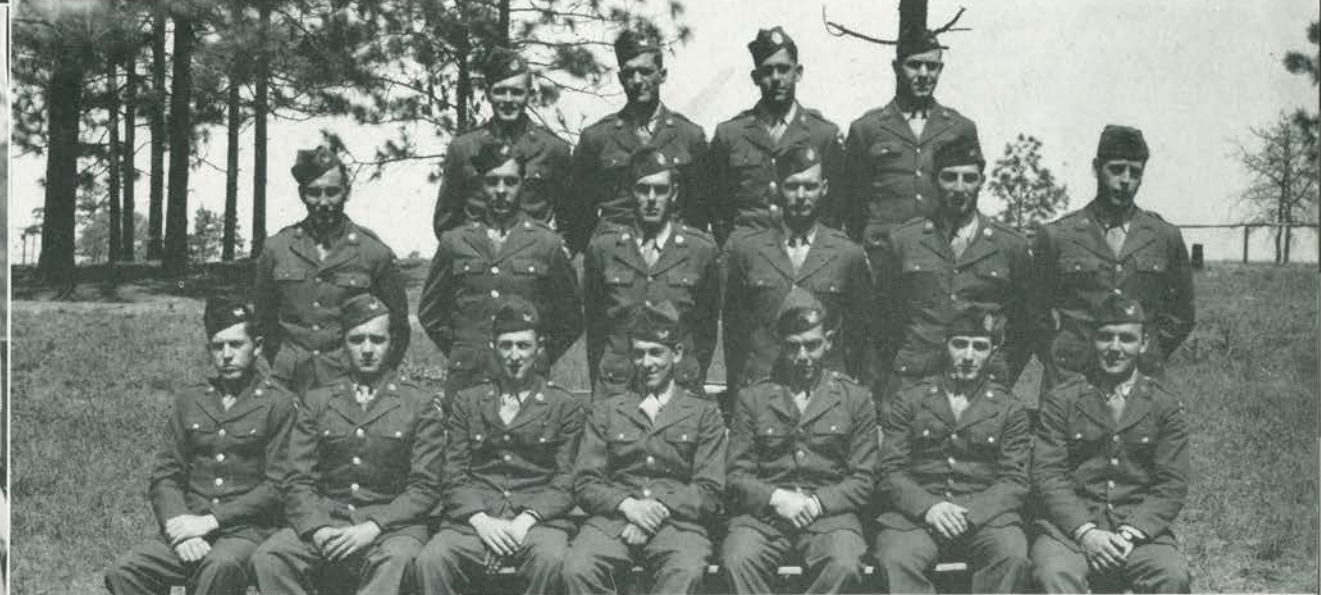






*Company F*

152nd Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion







Pay Day



Moving Day



## *Headquarters Troops*

Headquarters  
Company

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221st  
Medical  
Company

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408th  
Quartermaster  
Company

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511th  
Signal  
Company

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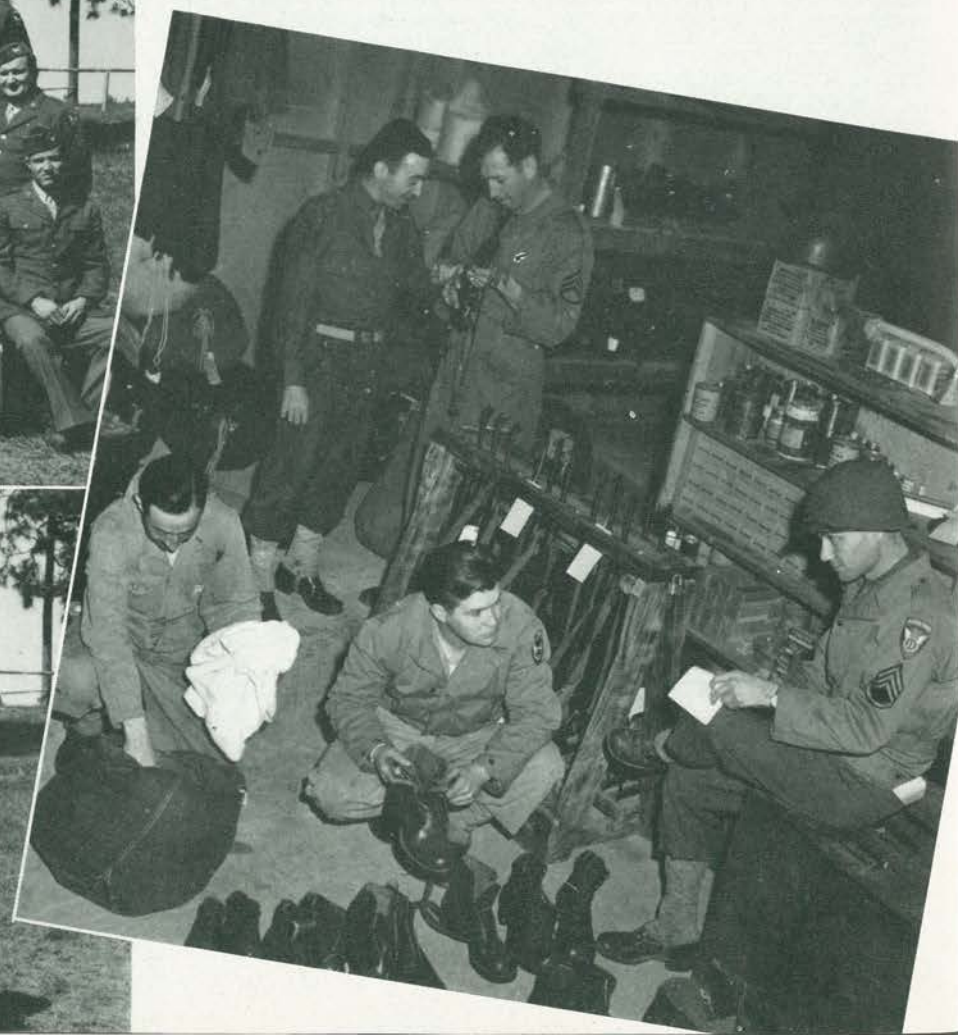
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*Division Headquarters and  
Headquarters Company*







*Division Military Police Platoon*

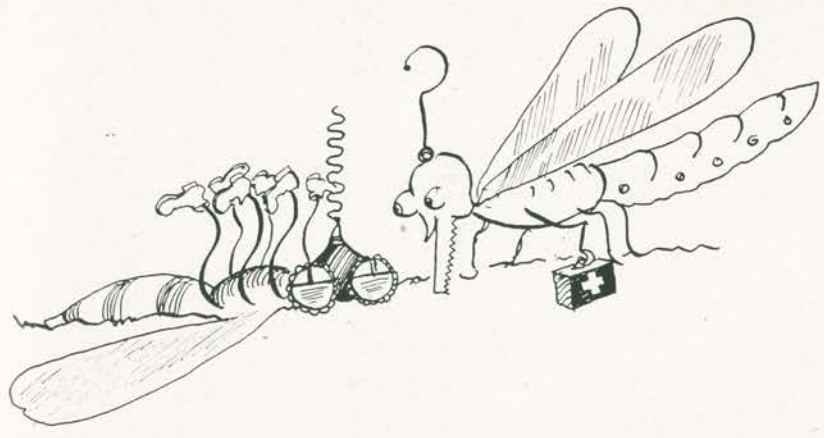






*221st Medical Company*









*408 Quartermaster Company*



Shoes for Airborne Feet

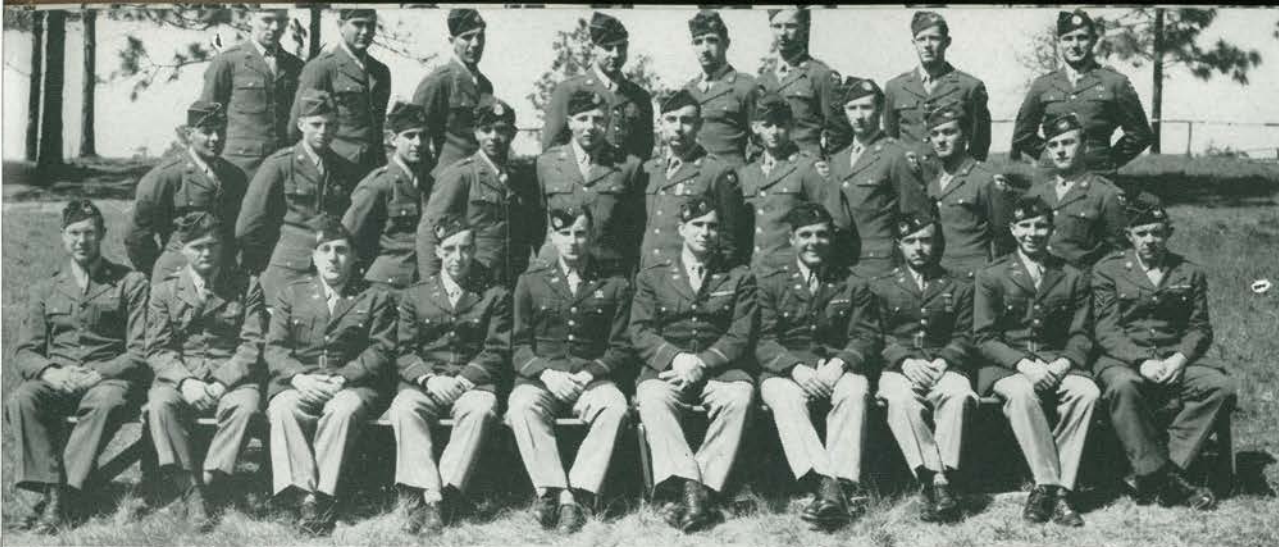






Inspect and Load





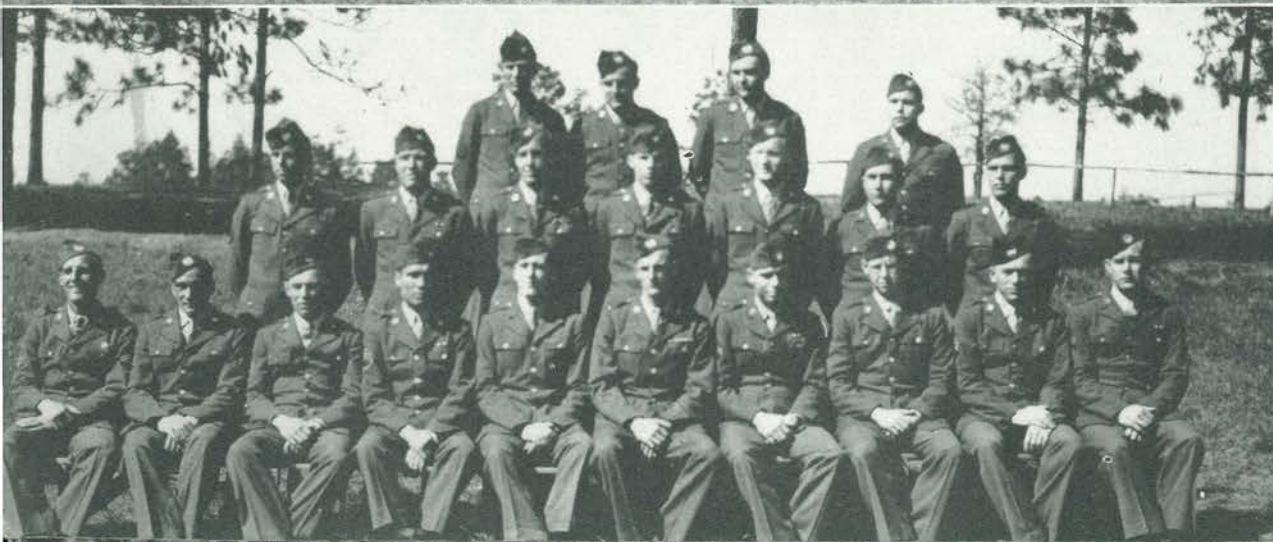
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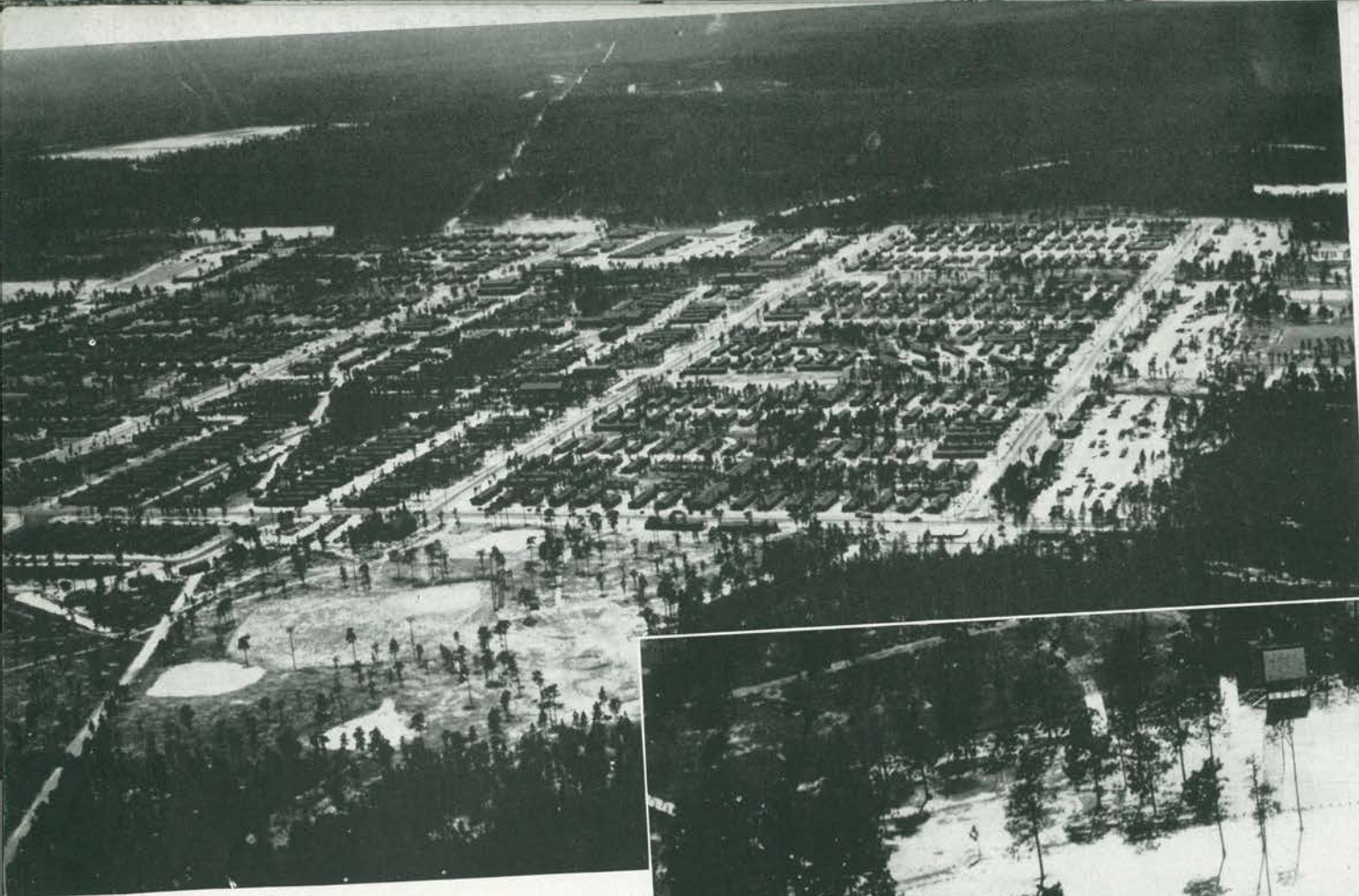
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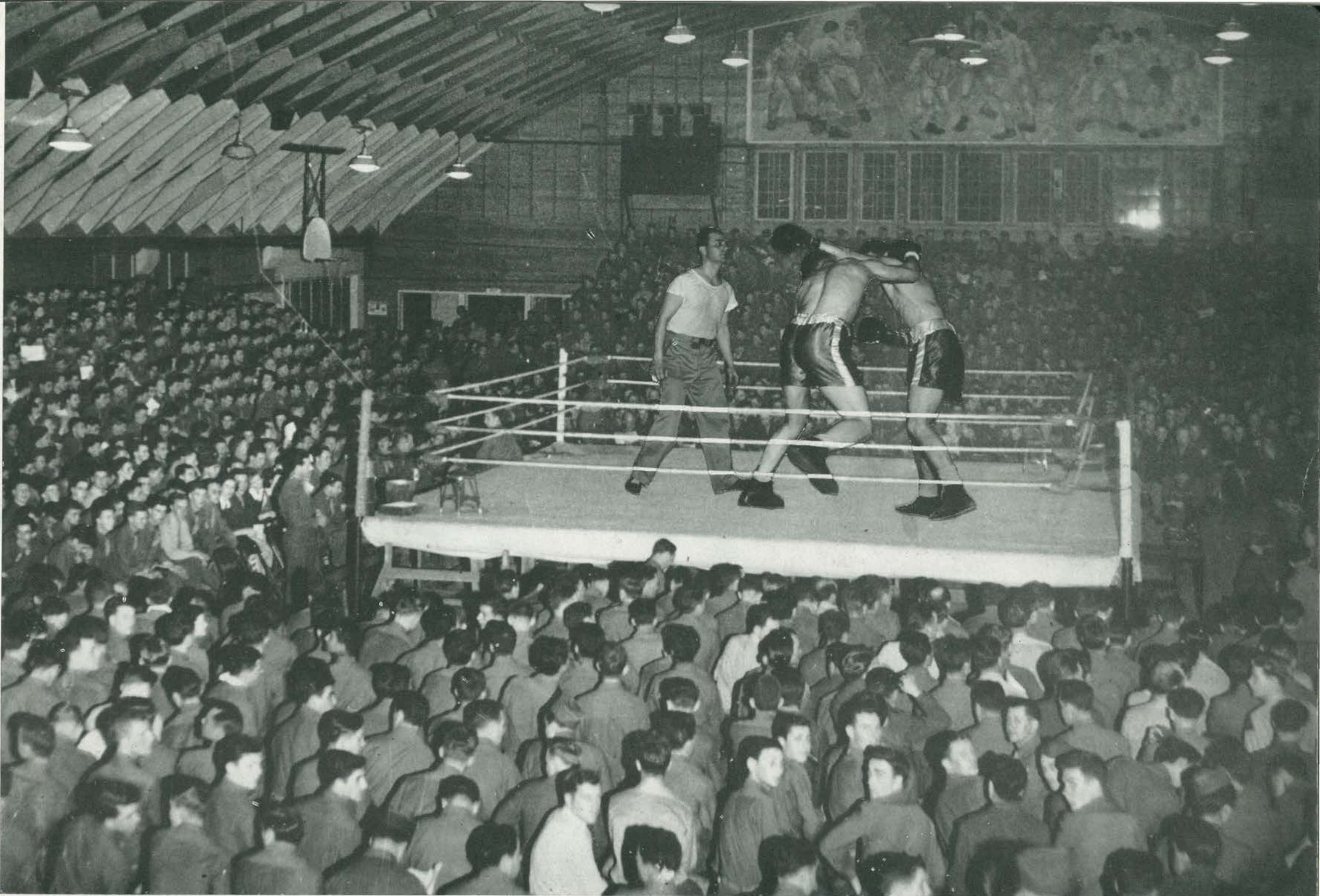


Camp Mackall



Camp Polk





*Boxing*



Division Boxing

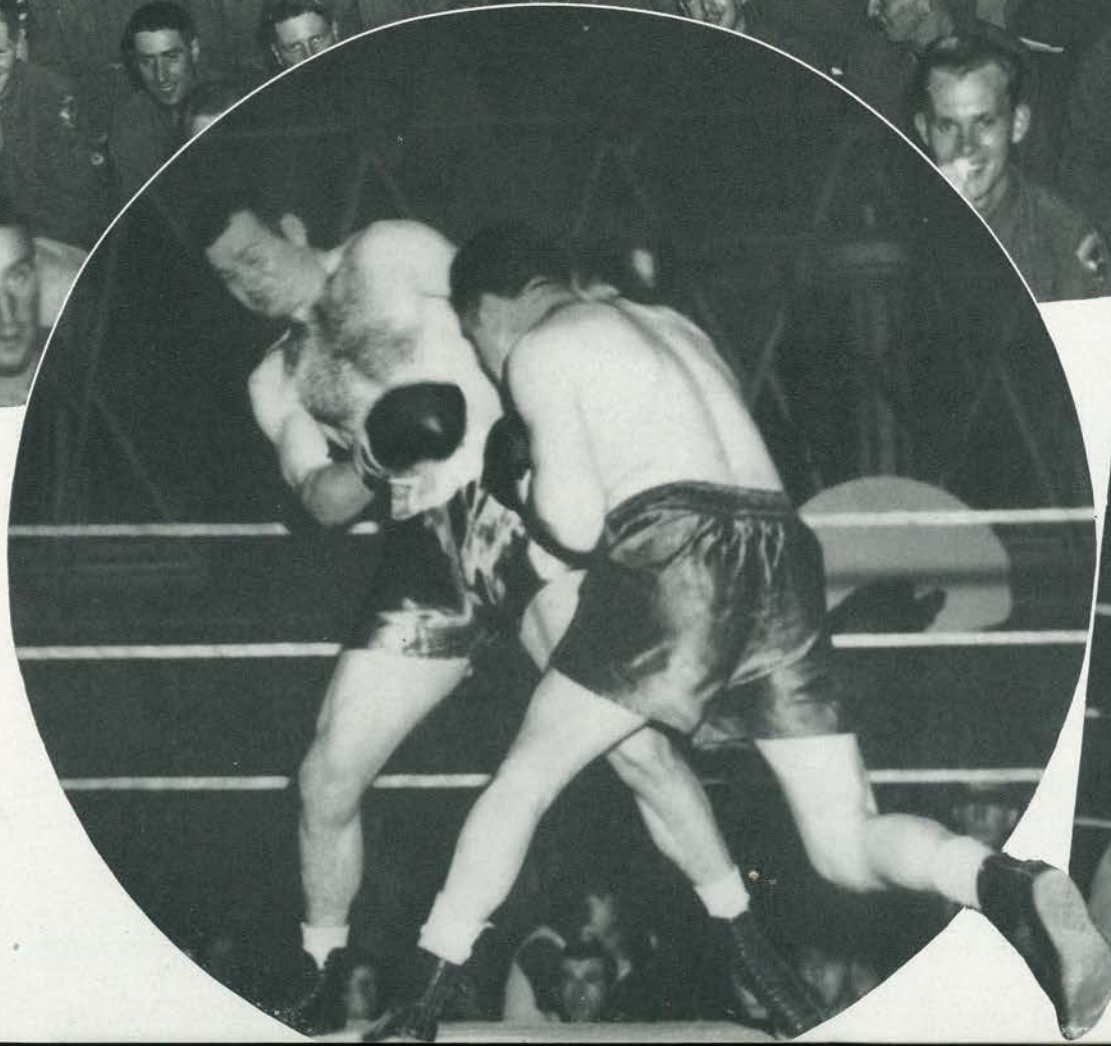






Part of the Crowd  
Between Fights

"Tonight  
We Present..."





A Hit!

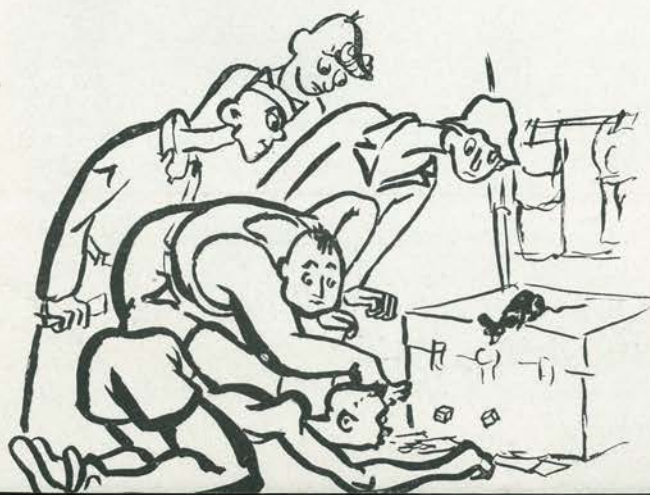
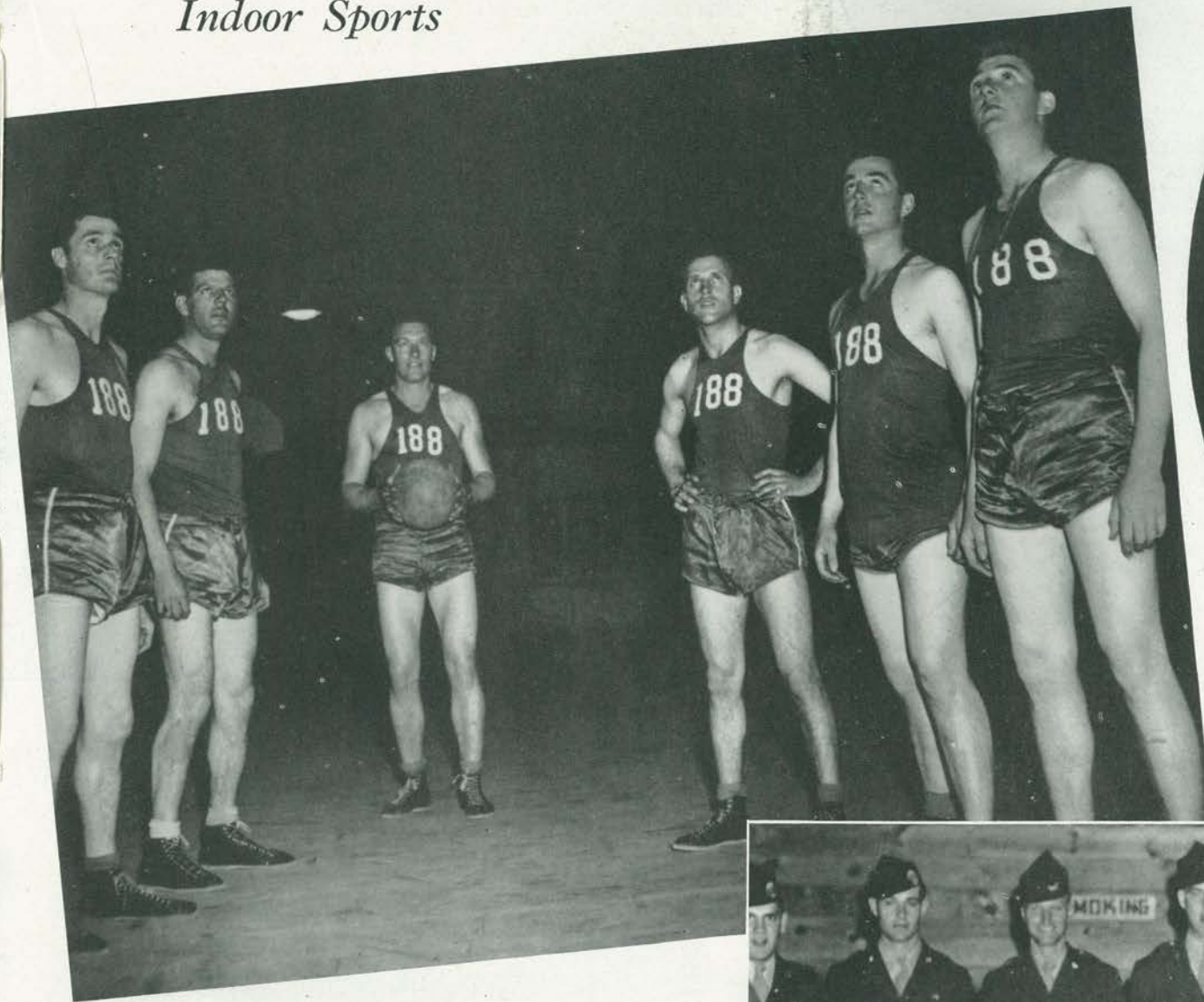


And a Miss





*Indoor Sports*







Duke vs. Chapel Hill Pre-Flight  
At Division Field





*Swing  
Sessions*





Betty Hutton Visits 11th in Field







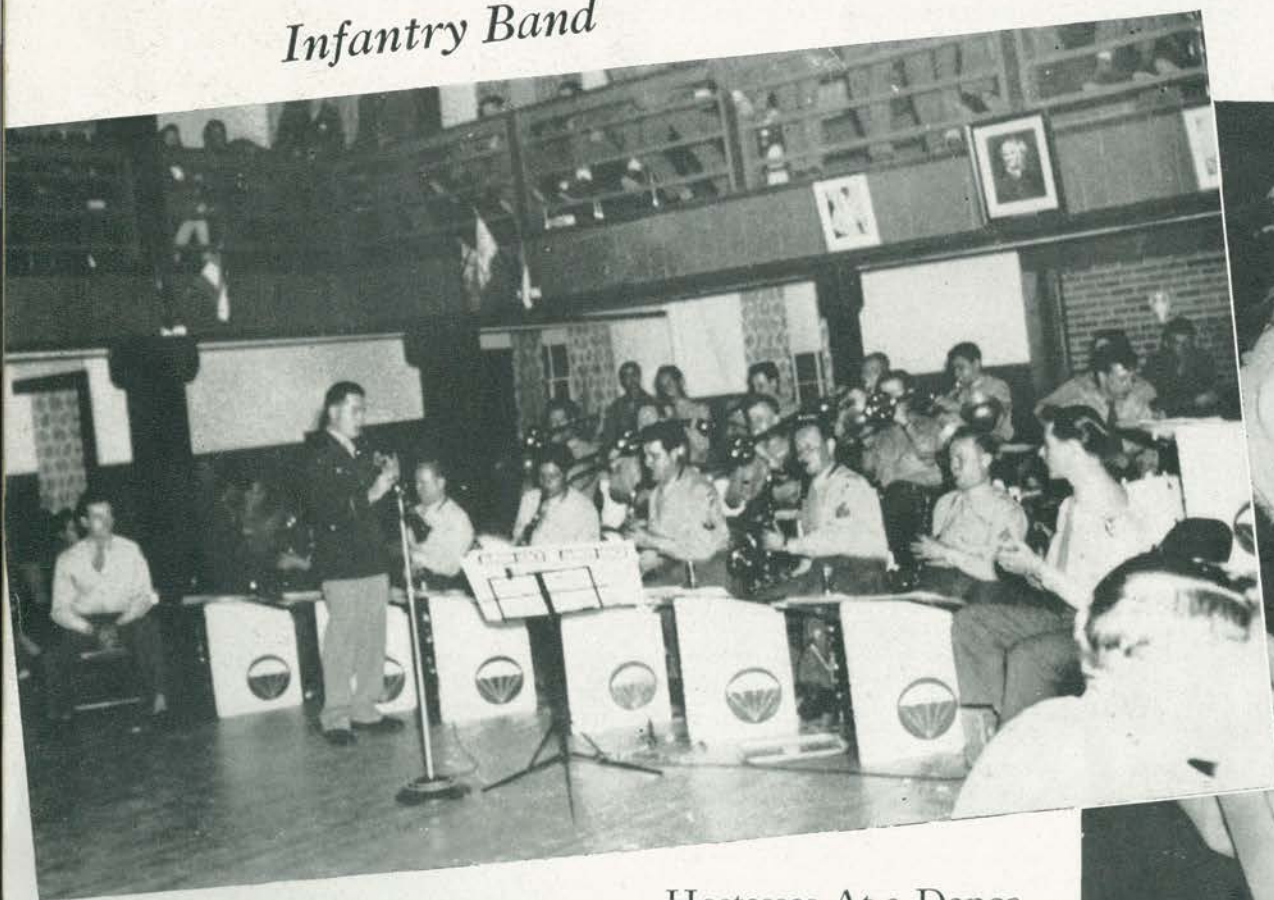
Room Service





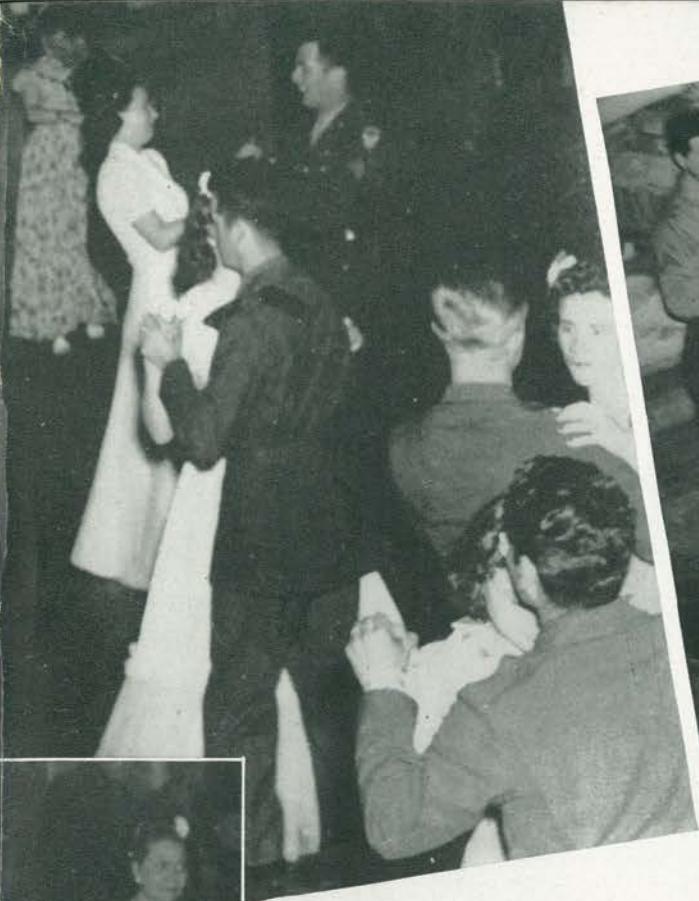


*Infantry Band*



Hostesses At a Dance





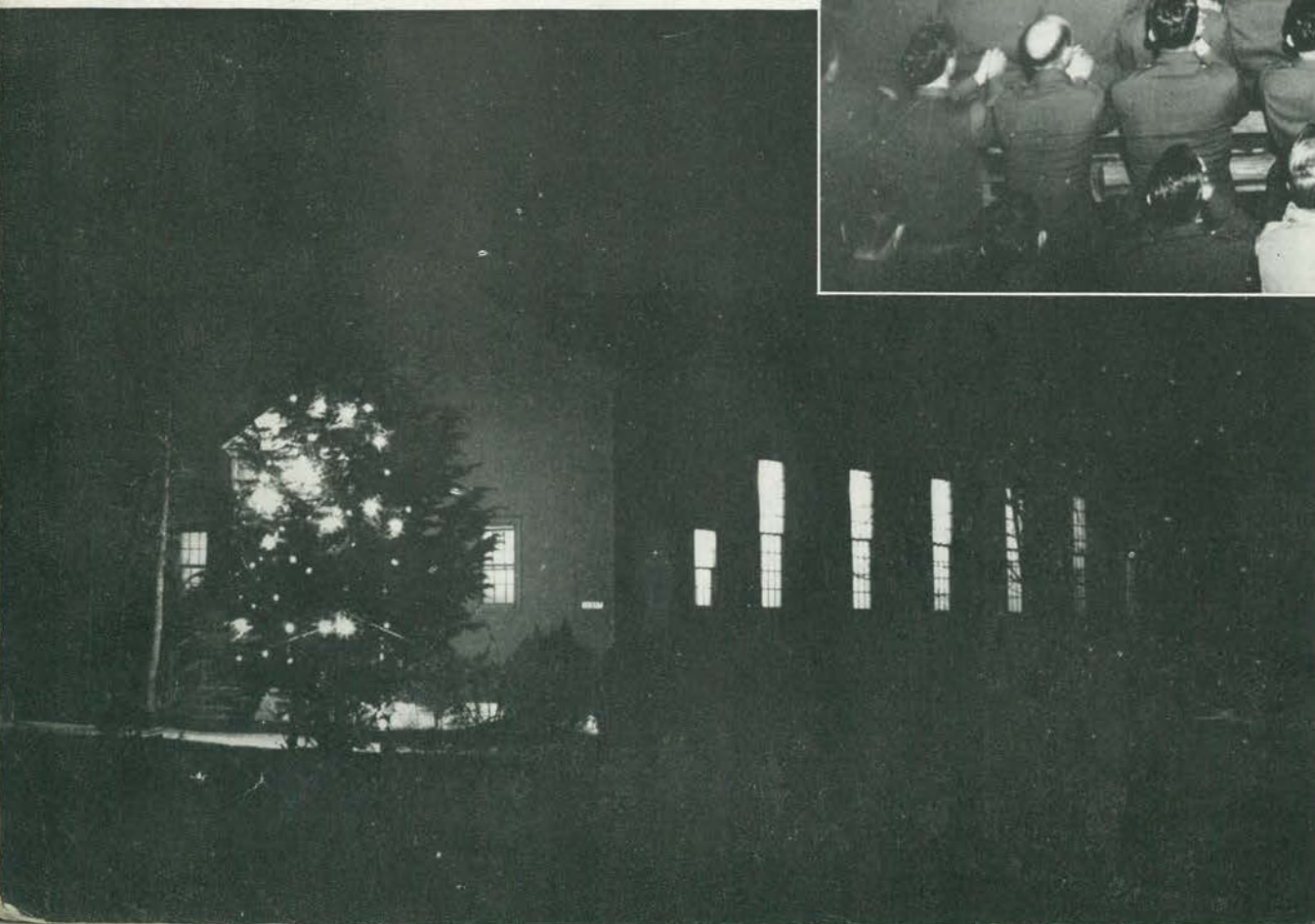
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*Artillery Band*



*Camp Mackall Chapel  
Christmas Eve 1943*





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