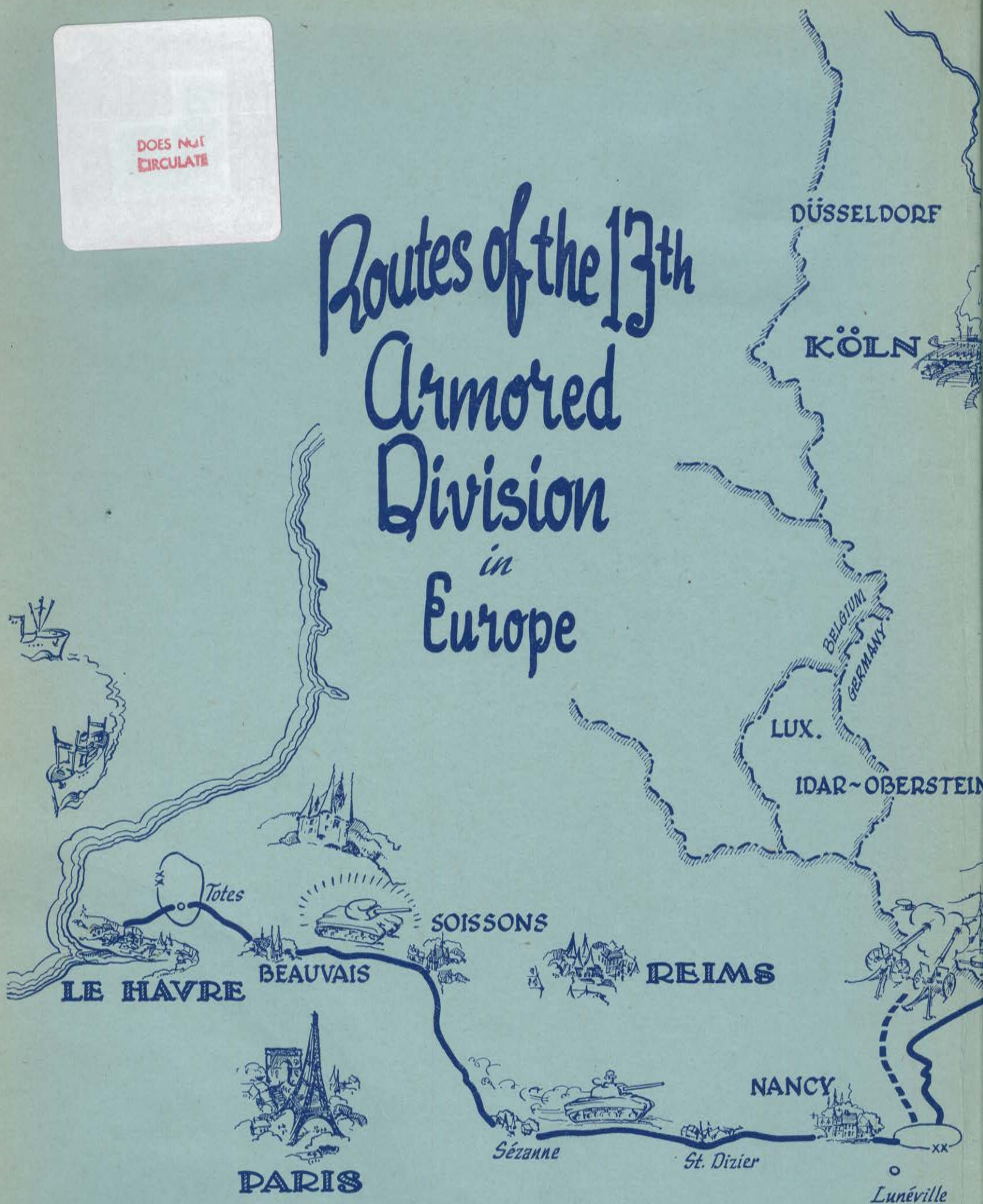


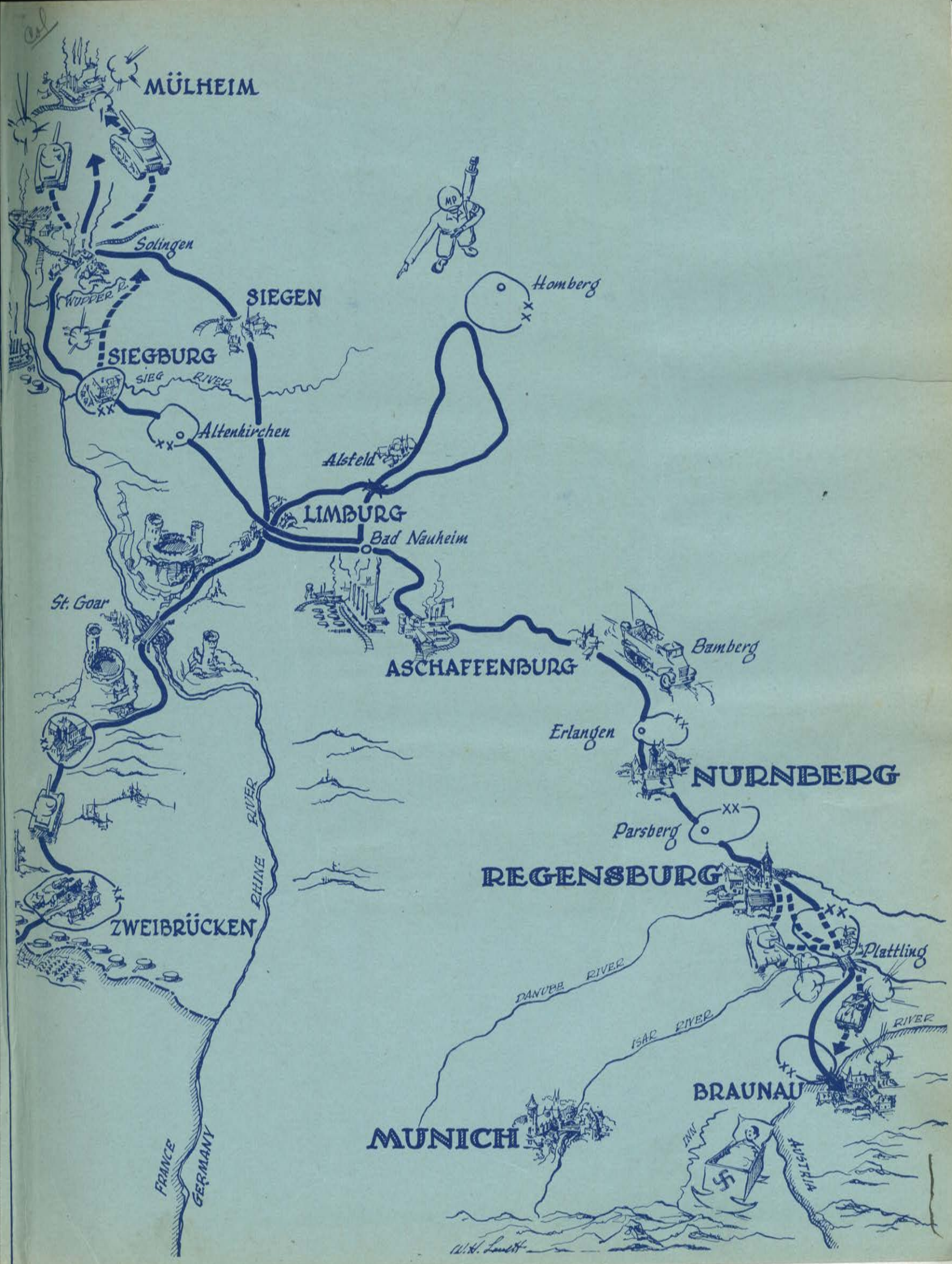
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A HISTORY OF THE BLACK CATS FROM
TEXAS TO FRANCE, GERMANY AND
AUSTRIA AND BACK TO CALIFORNIA.

1945



MAJOR GENERAL JOHN B. WOGAN

I am very glad of the opportunity to address a final message to the splendid personnel of the 13th Armored Division. These Division and battalion histories will be one of the most cherished possessions of every officer and enlisted man in the division because they will be the proud narration of the accomplishments of an outstanding organization—the Black Cat Division.

I shall always be proud of the fact that I was your commander from the day of activation to the day of combat, a most unique record among armored division commanders. That I was denied the privilege and honor of being with you to the end will always be a source of deep regret to me, but it was the fortune of war and I accept it with resignation and faith that it was for the best.

I take this opportunity to thank the officers and men of the Division for their loyalty, their cooperation and

their unflagging high morale. To those who are returning to civil life, I send my sincerest wishes for good health, success and happiness. To those who suffered wounds, I wish complete recovery and a speedy return to a normal life. To those who gave their all, I join you and our grateful nation in paying them a tribute for having made victory possible. I pray that our all-wise and all-merciful Father has seen fit to bestow upon them the rich rewards that their sacrifice deserves.

John B. Wogan



MAJOR GENERAL JOHN MILLIKIN

Officers and men of the 13th Armored Division, you may well be proud of the part you played in the final phase of the war with Germany. Your operations were marked by courage, relentless determination, and a daring spirit that could not be denied. Yours was a soldierly attitude toward all problems with which you were confronted. You may take pride in the manner in which you discharged your duties. As for me, I feel deeply honored to have been one of you and to have commanded you. My service with the Division is one of the high lights of my career.

May our wounded completely recover and return to normal life. May our dead rest peacefully under God's protection and be assured that we, and our fellow countrymen, will not forget their supreme sacrifice, nor the cause for which they died.

John Millikin.

GENERAL STAFF



COL. WILLIAM H. WOOD
CHIEF OF STAFF



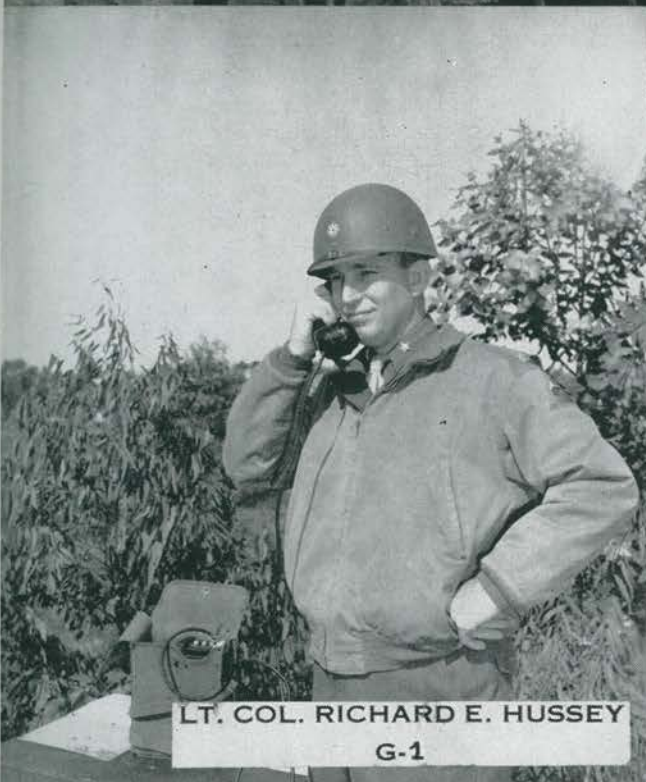
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LT. COL. RICHARD E. HUSSEY
G-1



LT. COL. LLOYD G. BUCHLER
G-2

THE BLACK CATS

THEY SHARPENED THEIR CLAWS IN CALIFORNIA AND TEXAS, THEN SCRATCHED HELL OUT OF THE NAZIS

This is the history of the 13th Armored Division, a story of three long years in training and battle—a story written not in the bone-dry dust of the historian, but rather with the sweat and blood and honest fear of the infantryman, the tanker, and the cannoneer. These men worked together, lived together, and some of them died together—died in the filth and rubble of the war-ravaged Ruhr or in the rivers and forests of Bavaria. But, most of the men lived—and fought, and captured towns, liberated prisoners of war, killed Germans—and helped win the war. This, then, is the story of these men, living and dead.

The war was young, and not going at all to our liking, when we descended upon Camp Beale, California in 1942 to begin the long training grind that was to lead us to the battlefields of Germany. And we were young, too, and cocky—"Get that cap on the left side of your head, soldier. You're in the Armored Force now," we barked. We trained and learned the arts of battle the hard way—toughening up with basic training, and problems staged with the realism of combat. "California's Own" they called us—and the Governor of the state christened our tanks. That was in the summer of 1943. For two years we toughened up at Beale and Camp Bowie, Texas, and we were plenty rugged when they put us on that boat for the ETO.

In the main, the ocean voyage was made without incident. One of the ships broke down and had to return to New York, the convoy was twice alerted for submarines and depth charges were dropped. Most of the troop passengers were afflicted with seasickness. But the men of the Division were in good shape when the troop ships eased into the devastated port that had been Le Havre, France. Once-sunny France was now bleak and frozen under the worst snow storm in many years. Here in apple-rich Normandy, the men of the 13th spent two months in preparation for battle.

NORMANS WERE OUR HOSTS

So this was Normandy. Here the sturdy French peasant tilled the soil much as had his ancestors in the middle ages. From here sprang the Norman conqueror who was to enrich our blood and our English language. In quaint cottages and rich chateaux hemmed in by hedgerows, these Normans were our hosts. Most of us couldn't parley-voo at first, but we learned fast, and it wasn't long before we could buy a dozen eggs for a handful of francs, or get a bottle of Calvados or a glass of cider at the local cafe. Historic towns these, and their names rolled off your tongue like honey—Royville, Bellencombre, Beaunay, Longueville, St. Saens, Bacqueville and Val Martin. But, it wasn't all

play as the 124th Engineers found out when they had to root up 21,185 square yards of mines that the Krauts had left behind.

Now equipped with tanks and vehicles, small arms and artillery, the Division rolled through France to its new forward assembly area near Luneville. Windblown and sunburned, the Black Cats hightailed through cities famous as battlefields of the last war—Compiègne, Chateau-Thierry, Soissons, Vitry-le-Francois. And the realization of man's inhumanity to man struck deep into each man's heart as he witnessed the complete ruin of the beautiful towns of Alsace-Bourdonnay, Moyenvic, and Avricourt. The Division Artillery pulled out on the 19th of March to become the first of the 13th troops committed to the fight, pouring shells into the besieged city of Saarbrücken. "A" Battery of the 497th dropped in the first shell from Spicheren, Germany.

So, then we were occupation troops, policing the towns of the Saar and searching German houses and frisking kraut civilians for hidden weapons. Servile, they were, with their "Nicht Nazi" and "Hitler kaput." You couldn't find a self-admitted Nazi from Zweibrücken and Waldmohr to Trier or Merzig. But the CIC had a list of Nazis marked for automatic arrest and they scoured the countryside with their teams of German-speaking Black Cats. The only excitement we had was when they sent part of the 67th Infantry and the 46th Tankers to scour the Taunus woods near Mainz for some bypassed krauts. We were in the Seventh Army then, all ready to rush through when the Infantry had cracked the Siegfried line. But someone decided that the 4th Armored needed a rest and off we went to relieve them—now as part of Patton's Third Army.

ACROSS THE RHINE

On April 5, 1945, the vehicles of the Division moved out of the occupational area and proceeded across the Rhine river by way of the ponton bridge at St. Goar, Germany, Patton's army had just driven a deep wedge into the German armies and the 4th Armored had reached Kassel. The 13th was ordered to the vicinity of Homberg, near Kassel. For the first time the men saw the famed Autobahns that were to play such a vital role in the defeat of Germany. The convoys rolled day and night and as far as the eye could see, the 2 1-2 ton's rode bumper to bumper as though this were Highway 101 and they were making the night run from Frisco to L. A. And overhead the ever-welcome P-51s and P-38s rode herd over the earthbound vehicles. The Division closed into Homberg on the 7th and girded for combat.

But we didn't fight there either. We turned around again and lit out for the Ruhr back over the same Autobahn and you couldn't blame those Polish DPs who hurried south because they thought the Germans must have been after us. And you could sympathize with the fellow in the track behind you whose itchy trigger finger led him to shoot at—and miss—a herd of deer along the road. Once more we assembled for battle, this time in the German city of Altenkirchen.

The American First and Ninth armies lay coiled around the Ruhr like a giant octopus, probing its tentacles ever deeper into this richest of all German industrial areas. Without the Ruhr with its steel and coal, the German war effort was doomed. It was into this all-important battle that the 13th was committed to battle for the first time. Battle plans called for the 13th, now part of the XVIII Airborne Corps of the First Army, to strike north from the town of Hennef, cross the Sieg river, and pass through Siegburg toward the center of the Ruhr pocket. The enemy was known to have heavy concentrations of 88-mm. and 20-mm. anti-aircraft guns in this area for the protection of the vital war industries. These guns could—and did—do double duty as anti-tank and anti-personnel weapons.

AHEAD WERE THE 88's

CCA and CCB crossed the Sieg on April 10 and the 13th was a maiden no longer. CCB bypassed Troisdorf, later mopped up by CCR, and fought through Wahnersheide and Urbach to Dunnwald on the next day. CCA advanced along an Autobahn to take Lohmar and then attacked Breidt. Thus began the Battle of Germany for the 13th Armored Division. Behind the men lay two or more years of training. Ahead were the 88s, the MG 34s and the cities of the Ruhr to be plucked like ripe grapes from the falling German empire.

Well, we fought north all right, through every road-block the Heinies could throw up, and every artillery barrage they could throw at us. It took us just 6 days to blast our way across four rivers and the valleys between—the Sieg, the Agger, the Duhnn, and the Wupper. A kraut with a burb gun could hold a doughboy up for just so long, and there was the tanker to ease the kraut out of the picture. Or that other one with the Panzerfaust could slow up the tank, but the Infantryman was there to knock him out with an M-1. And behind them both was their long-armed buddy in an M-7 ready to reach out with his 105 and smash the enemy. It was the teamwork that did the trick—and General Wogan who called the plays. Only we lost the general in the Ruhr when he was struck by Nazi rifle fire. Seriously wounded, he was evacuated by the 83rd Medics and later shipped stateside. General Millikin took over from there.

MANY A BLACK CAT FELL

The initial objective of the Division was Berg-Bladbach, and the drive north continued along the Rhine. German towns fell by the score and prisoners surrendered by the thousands. The fighting was marked by the sharp clash for each locality and then the dash to the next. Many a Black Cat soldier fell in the fight for towns like Rath, where CCA liberated a POW camp; Spitze, where the 16th Infantry and the 45th Tanks were roughed up; and Dellbrück, Altenburg, Opladen and Hilden on the main axis of advance which fell to the onrushing CCB.

When you looked at one of those P-X bombers that the artillery used for target spotters, you wondered how it stayed up there as one particular plane did that day in the Ruhr. From below it looked like a toy as the pilot wove a delicate pattern trying to evade the flak which blossomed

like a bouquet around him. But he stayed up there and soon the enemy 88s were silenced for good when the guns of the 498th boomed out an answer to his radio call.

As the Ruhr pocket was being more tightly compressed, the troops of CCR were ordered to the area of Gevelsburg to be attached to the 8th Infantry Division, then fighting south toward Wuppertal. The rest of the Division continued north with CCB driving toward Mettmann in the center of the Pocket, and then racing along the left flank paralleling the Rhine to seize Duisburg. CCA sped into Muddlinghausen with hopes of capturing Field Marshal Model and his staff. Though Model had fled, the bag of prisoners included two major generals. With the fall of the German general staff in that area, organized resistance ceased. The Battle of the Ruhr ended on the 18th of April and the 13th was again assigned to the Third Army.

DIVISION CROSSED THE DANUBE

After a march of approximately 300 miles through Remscheid and Limburg, Bad Nauheim and Hanau, the 13th reached the Danube river at Regensburg and was once more thrown into battle. Now an integral part of the XX Corps of the 3rd Army, the Division crossed the Danube on bridges provided by the 65th and 71st Infantry Divisions. CCB hurdled the Danube at 1830 on the 27th of April, using the 71st Infantry bridge. They were closely followed by the tanks and tracks of CCR. CCA crossed on the 65th bridge but concentrations of enemy artillery and mined roads hindered their advance. Held in a close formation by the crossing, the Division hit the south bank and fanned out like water through a broken dam in their forceful rush to the Isar river. The attack was in three columns echeloned to the right. CCB with the 59th Infantry and the 24th Tanks rolled along the left flank through Rain, Rinkham and then into Straubing, where a bull dozer reduced a road block that had been holding up the column. Near Aiterhofen and Strasskirchen they encountered mines and four tanks were lost.

Meanwhile, CCR overran several undefended roadblocks, taking Hainsbach and Wallkoffen in their dash to the Isar. CCA, echeloned to the extreme right of the Division area rolled to the Isar at Worth and the entire north bank of the river from Worth to Plattling was held by the 13th. The artillery of the 496th was called up to soften up the south bank for a crossing by the infantry.

If the Heinies hadn't blown up most of their bridges from one end of Germany to the other, the 124th Engineers wouldn't have been kept so busy. When we hit the Isar, the Krauts touched them off right in our faces and there we were with no way of getting our vehicles across till the engineers came up to put up a treadway bridge for us. But that didn't stop the doughboys from getting over. The main push was at Plattling and the boys of the 59th forced the river on a railway bridge, wading waist deep through the swift current. The 16th Infantry with CCR made crossings at Mamming and Landau. At Mamming they scaled the girders of the demolished bridge and took the town, holding it against three fierce counterattacks by SS troops. The Landau crossing was made in assault boats, but the enemy fire and the current kept all but three of the boats from negotiating the stream. So—we held the bridgeheads come hell or high water and when our bridge was put up at Plattling, we were ready to roll to the Inn River—and Austria.

13TH ROLLED THROUGH BAVARIA

That the German army was now collapsing like a paper bag was a certainty as the Division broke through the defenses of the Isar and dashed to the Inn. The end of the

war was in sight as the 13th rolled through Bavarian towns like Pfarrkirchen, Tann, and Eggenfelden. However the German will to fight was not entirely extinguished, and the column of CCB headed into a strong point at Malgersdorf where the 24th had two tanks knocked out.

When we took over Tann for the headquarters of the Division we also, but quite unwillingly, took over more than 50,000 Hungarians who were anxious to surrender to the Americans. There was the usual ceremony and General Millikin accepted the surrender of Jeno Szollosi, the ex-prime minister of Hungary and Koroli Beregfy, the commander in chief of the Hungarian army. It would have been too big a problem to put them all in POW cages, so they stayed free as long as they behaved themselves.

You could have knocked those men from the 153rd Signal Company over with a feather when a Nazi colonel walked into their message center, asked if it was the "Toxic" Message Center, and promptly surrendered.

The Division mop-up of the area between the Isar and the Inn was accomplished by the three combat commands



moving abreast through light resistance to the Austrian border. CCA rolled behind Task Force Smith to the left and entered Simbach on the Inn to find the bridge down. CCR found the Marktl bridge a mass of twisted girders but seized a civilian ferry at Kohlburg to transport the 16th Infantry over the Inn. Once across the river, the three companies of the 16th marched afoot to Burghausen on the Salzach river and Hohenwarth on the Alz, capturing a Nazi prison camp and freeing 11,000 prisoners of war—4,100 of them Americans. CCB veered to the right and hit the Inn opposite Neu Otting, crossing the river in assault boats manned by the 124th Engineers and seizing the town.

"I ASK FOR MERCY"

By now we'd come all the way across Germany and our speedometers had ticked off 1608 miles since we left Le Havre. We were sitting on the banks of the Inn right across from Braunau, that medieval Austrian city whose only claim to fame was that Hitler had been whelped there.

We'd come from Plattling with Col. Smith in his mad dash to the border with part of the 93rd recon as well as tankers and Infantry. But we got caught with our bridges down when some well placed explosive charges dropped the center spans into the swiftly flowing Inn. So we sent the mayor of Simbach rowing across the river with an ultimatum to the defending garrison of Braunau. "Surrender or have the city destroyed," General Augur said. Back came the mealy-mouthed answer, "I ask for mercy for the city of Braunau, for its women and children. Our fight is against the Bolsheviks only, not against the Americans." Division Artillery made ready to bombard the town at noon, but at three minutes to the hour, the garrison surrendered.

So ended the Battle of Central Europe for the 13th Armored Division. Their combat commands and task forces had fought from the Ruhr to Austria, consuming 1,987,550 gallons of gasoline in their M-7's, tanks, half tracks and trucks. Their rifles, carbines, and machine guns had expended 1,189,638 rounds of .30 caliber ammunition, and the 105s had belched out 14,382 rounds of high explosive, smoke and white phosphorus shells. And before the last of these shots was fired, the bag of enemy prisoners taken totaled 1,556 officers and 27,827 enlisted men. Keeping a fast moving armored division serviced and supplied was no sinecure, and the Division Trains matched the speed of the forward elements by getting the ammunition, gasoline, food and other supplies to the right place at the right time. These were the bald facts of the Battle of Germany for the 13th Armored Division. Behind the facts lie the bloody fighting of the infantry and cavalry, the blasted tanks and reconnaissance cars, and the weary mile after mile of constant movement. Vehicles were smashed, bogies were dropped and the 135th Ordnance got things going again. Men were wounded and the 83rd Medics or the battalion medics patched them up. The Division rolled and kept rolling until the fighting was over.

SIFTING OUT NAZI BIGWIGS

The war was over and we were occupation troops again. We sent out patrols and roadblocks to sift out the Nazi bigwigs, and worked on our weapons and vehicles, getting them ready for redeployment and the Battle of Japan. But it wasn't all work, and we took excursions to the lakes of Bavaria and Austria, or visited Hitler's home at Berchtesgaden. We made trips to Paris or the Riviera. But mostly we thought about going home.

While the men of the Division were preparing for the expected redeployment to the Pacific Theater of Operations, the Army General Staff in Washington was planning the part of the 13th should play in the final assault on Japan. As part of the invading Army, the Division was scheduled to storm the beaches of the Japanese home Island of Honshu and spread out over the Plain of Tokyo and bring the war to a quick conclusion. But, the war ended even more suddenly and dramatically when the two atomic bombs blasted Hiroshima and Nagasaki into oblivion, and the Nipponese sued for surrender. Thus the 13th was spared what would likely have proved a costly and bloody undertaking.

When the Division reassembled at Camp Cooke, California, after 30 day recuperation leaves, Los Angeles proclaimed a 13th Armored Division week, and Governor Earl Warren awarded the Black Cats a Certificate of Merit on behalf of the people of California. Then Hollywood played host to the 13th at an all-star show in the Hollywood bowl, and Orson Welles, Eddie Cantor, Bob Hope, Frances Langford, Kay Kyser, Edward G. Robinson, Dinah Shore and Lionel Barrymore got together to applaud the Division for its part in winning the Battle of Europe.

"California's Own" was home for good.

GETTING READY



All weapons were inspected . . .

. . . and blood pressure checked

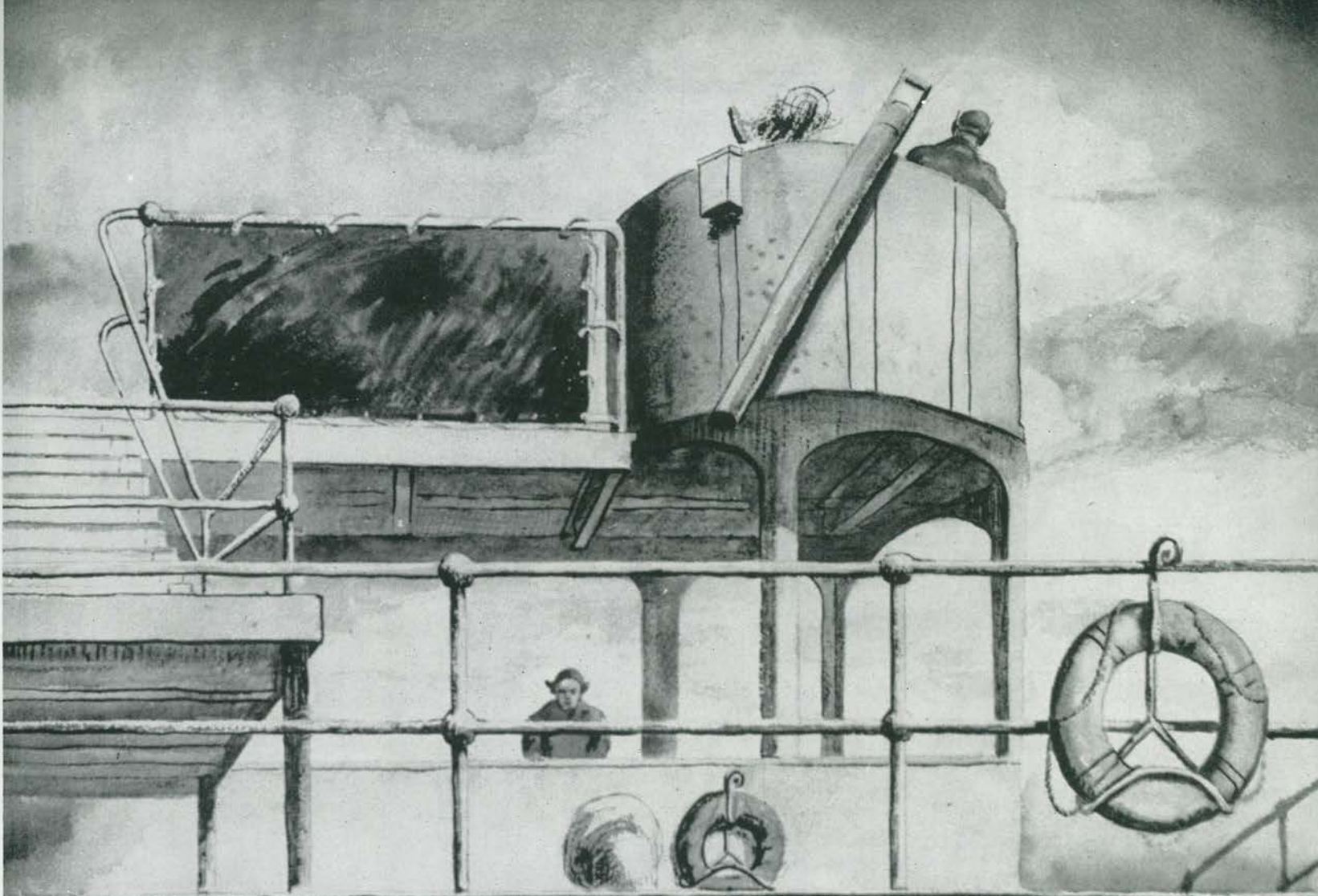




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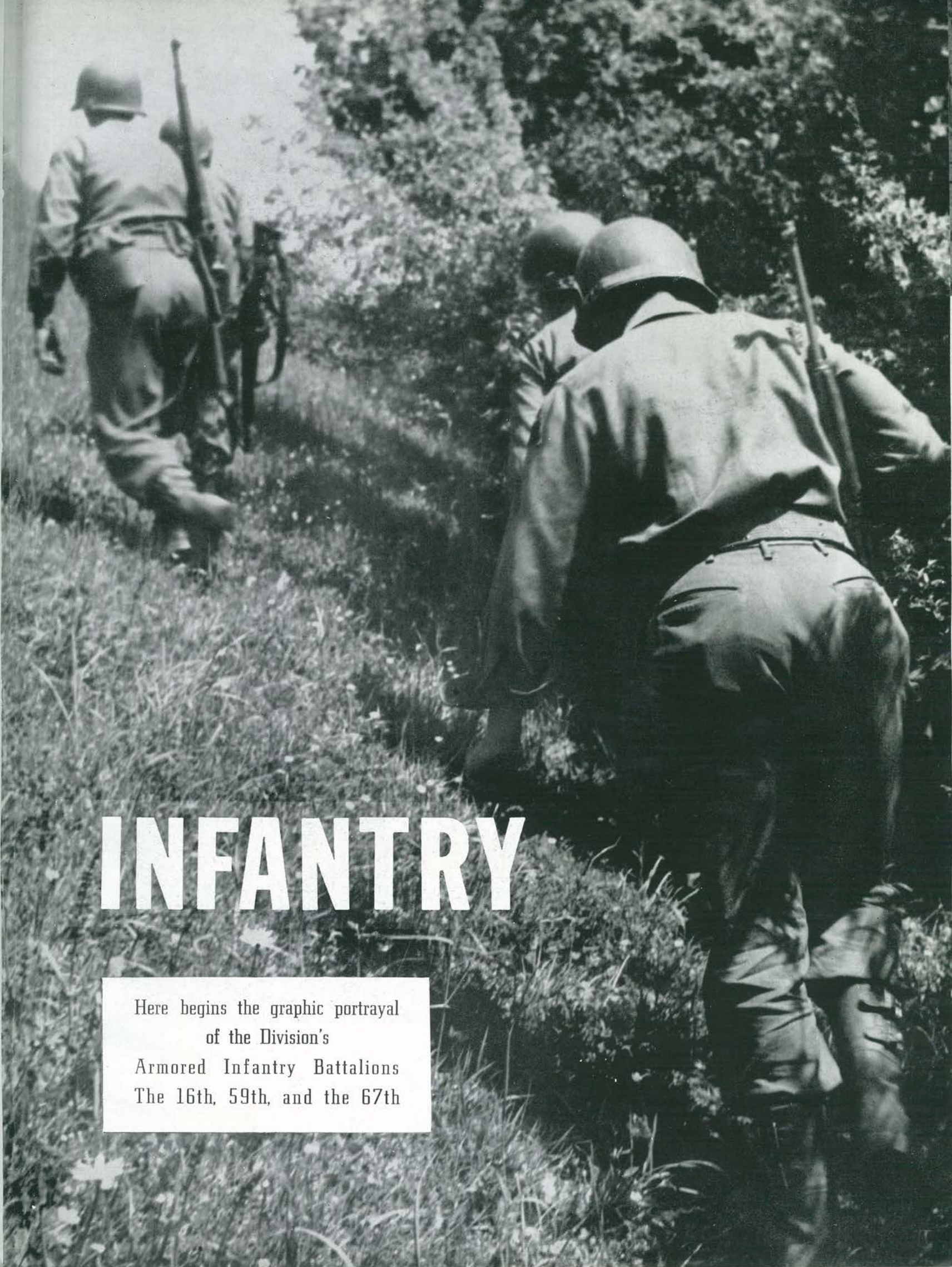
. . . and we're on our way







Ahead, Europe and Combat
Behind, Home and Family



INFANTRY

Here begins the graphic portrayal
of the Division's
Armored Infantry Battalions
The 16th, 59th, and the 67th

NORMANDY

In Lammerville
chateaux were typical . . .



. . . as were crucifixes

. . and village churches.



ON THE WAY

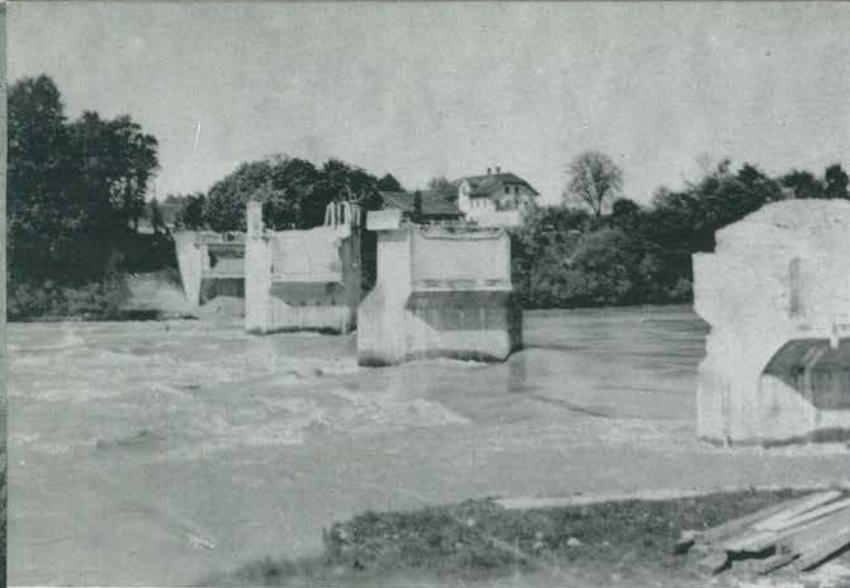
The pause that refreshes



Victim of two wars



... for impending combat



Even nearby fords were mined

Native architecture along the way



On the road to Homberg . . . shrapnel . . .



. . . from once-active German guns.



The Ruhr, ready to move . . .

COMBAT

. . . into the first day of fighting—at Lohmar





The cause of a sleepless night



Out of hills and houses

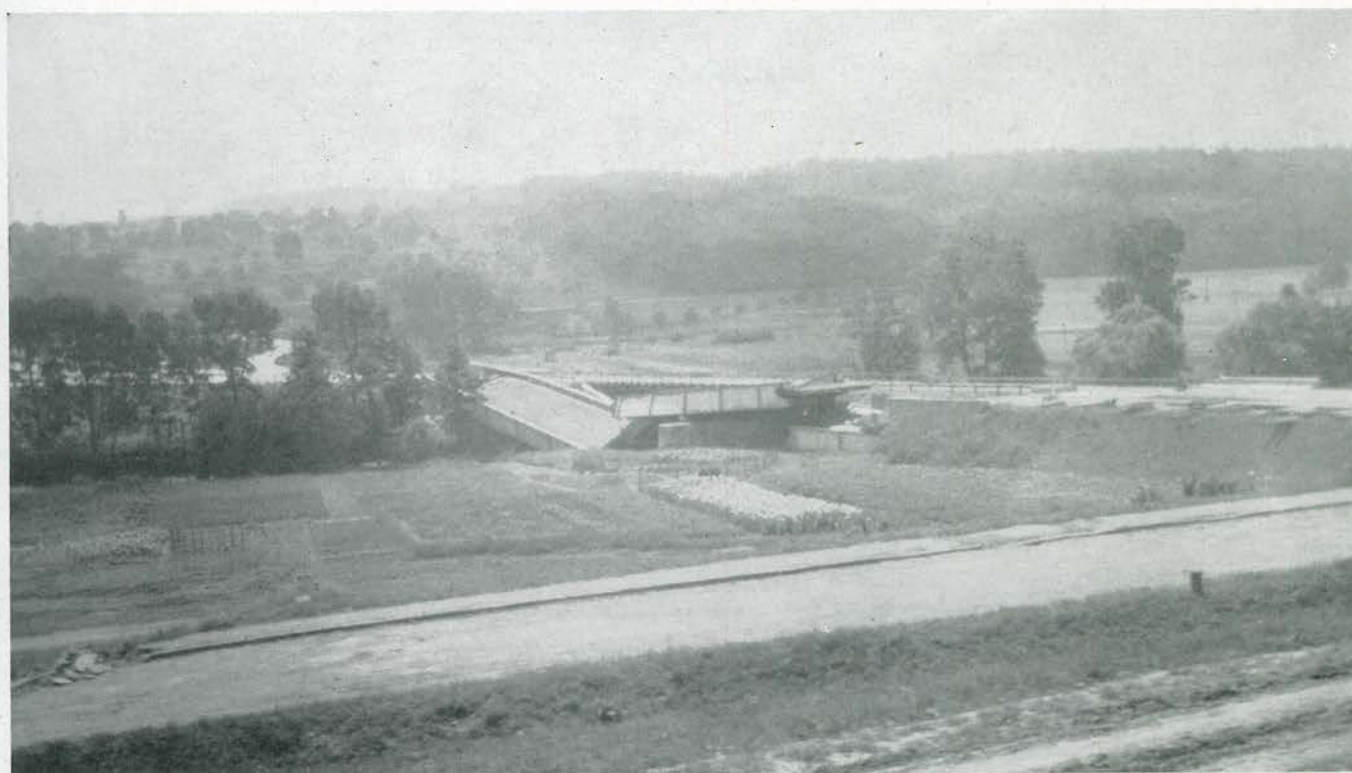
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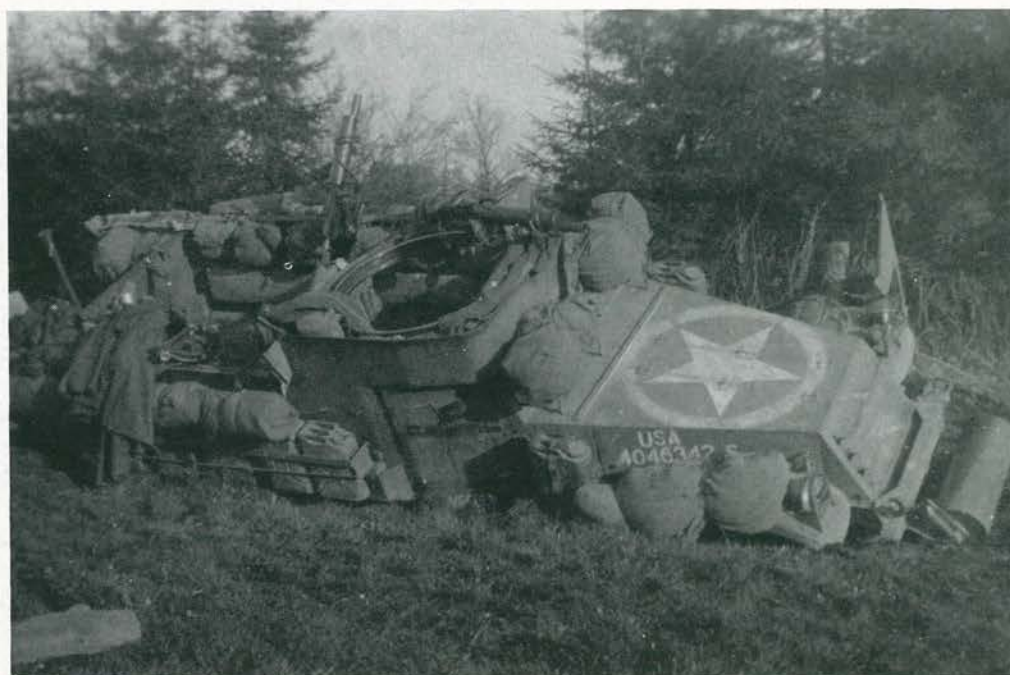
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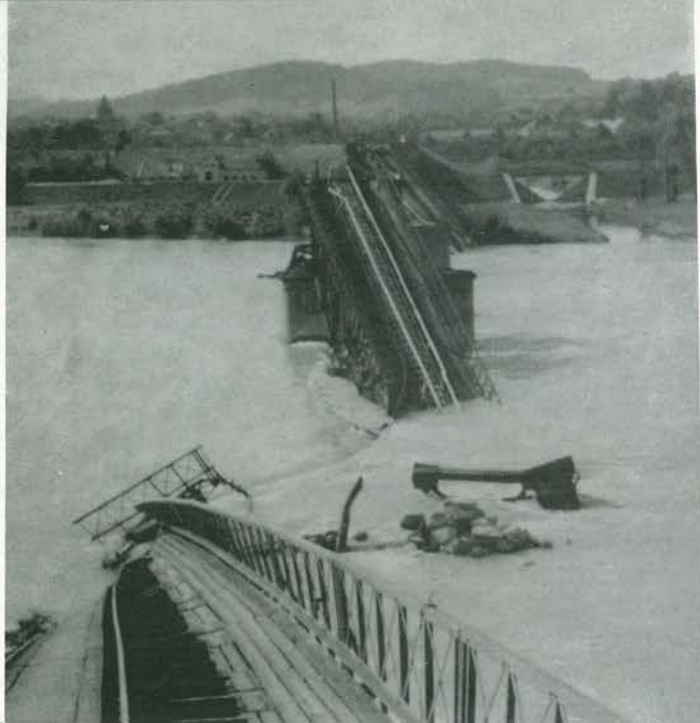




Autobahns were disrupted

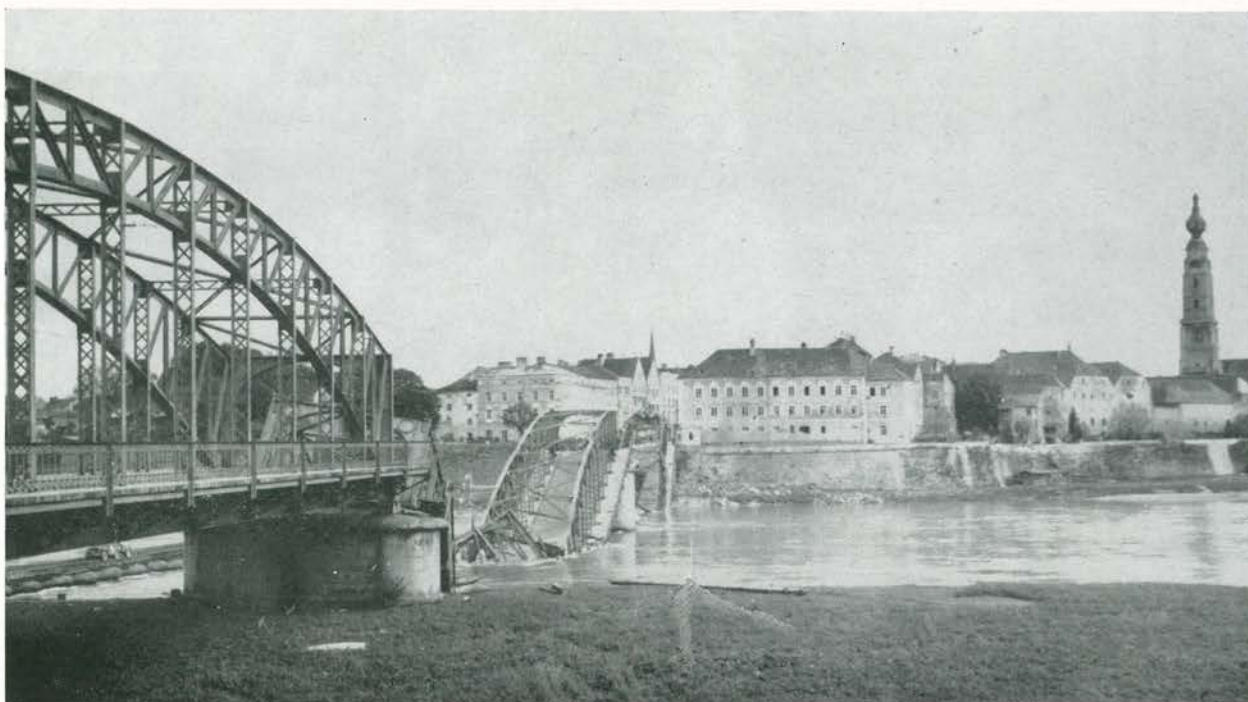


After a blackout detour—the ditch



Obstacle course—made in Germany

Blown before our eyes



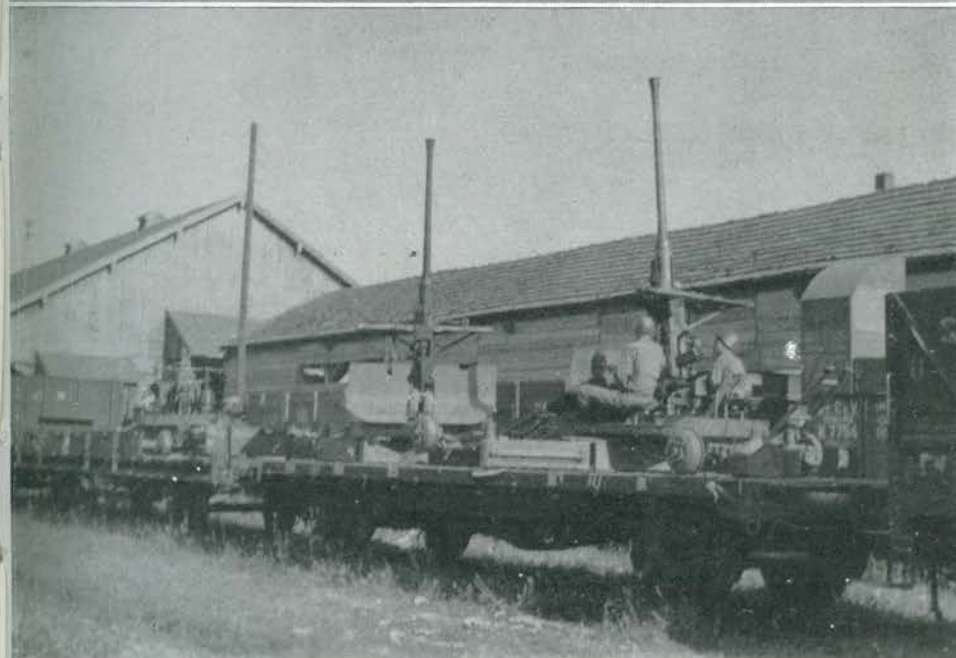
After the Engineers
came



Across the Inn



An improvised ferry



Under new management

Reichsbahn kaput





Abandoned German vehicles lined the roads . . .

. . . as prisoners poured in by the thousand.



For this German farmer
the war was over



For these Russians
there was liberation



For these Nazi civilians there was hunger



After the patrols . . .

. . . and the bombings . . .



. . . relaxation.

Opposite

Amid the rubble . . .
a shattered dream.





RISE AND FALL

These pictures are a part of a secret cache made by Heinrich Hoffman, official Nazi photographer, and discovered on an estate near Winhoring, Germany, by members of the 59th Armored Infan-



OF THE NAZIS

try Battalion. They graphically depict the heyday and inevitable decline of the evil empire Hitler attempted to foist on the world, a scheme defeated by such fighting units as the 13th Armored Division.





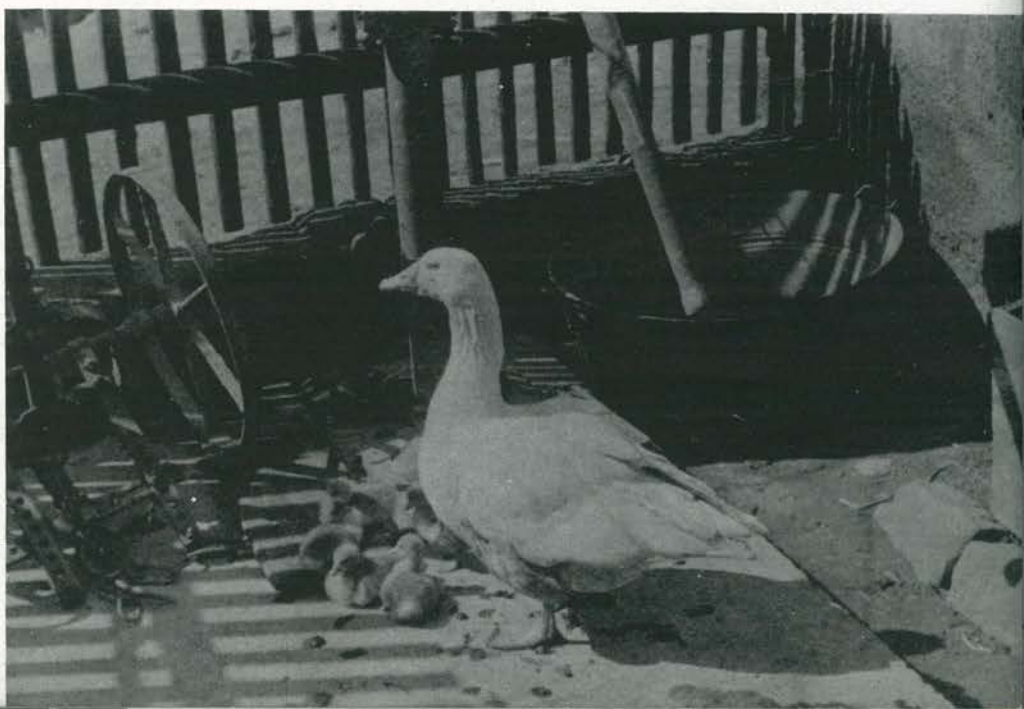
OCCUPATION

Commandeered for recreation

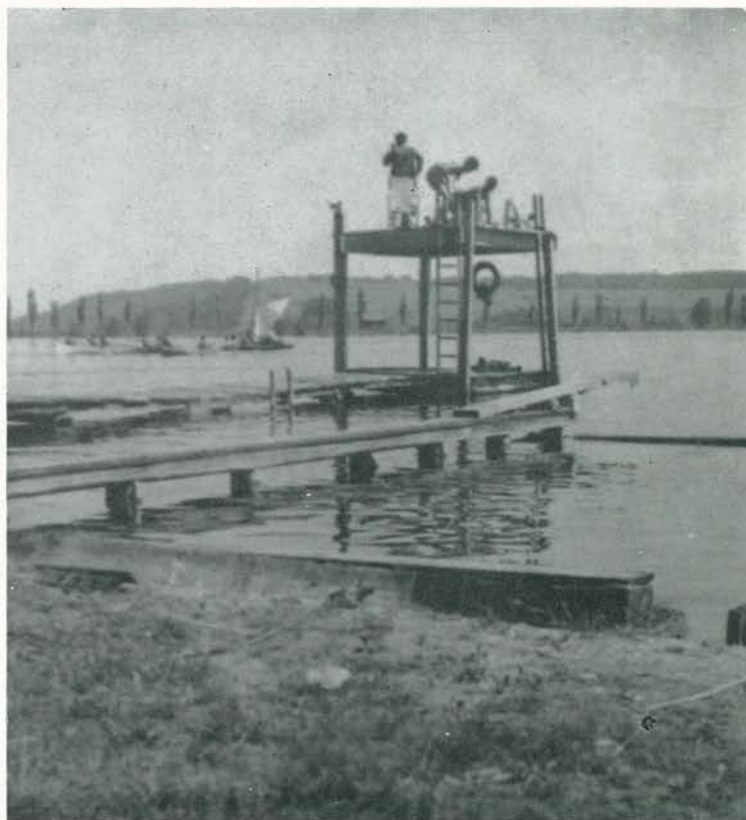
The American touch



Hostile Nazi geese . . .



At Wager See . . .

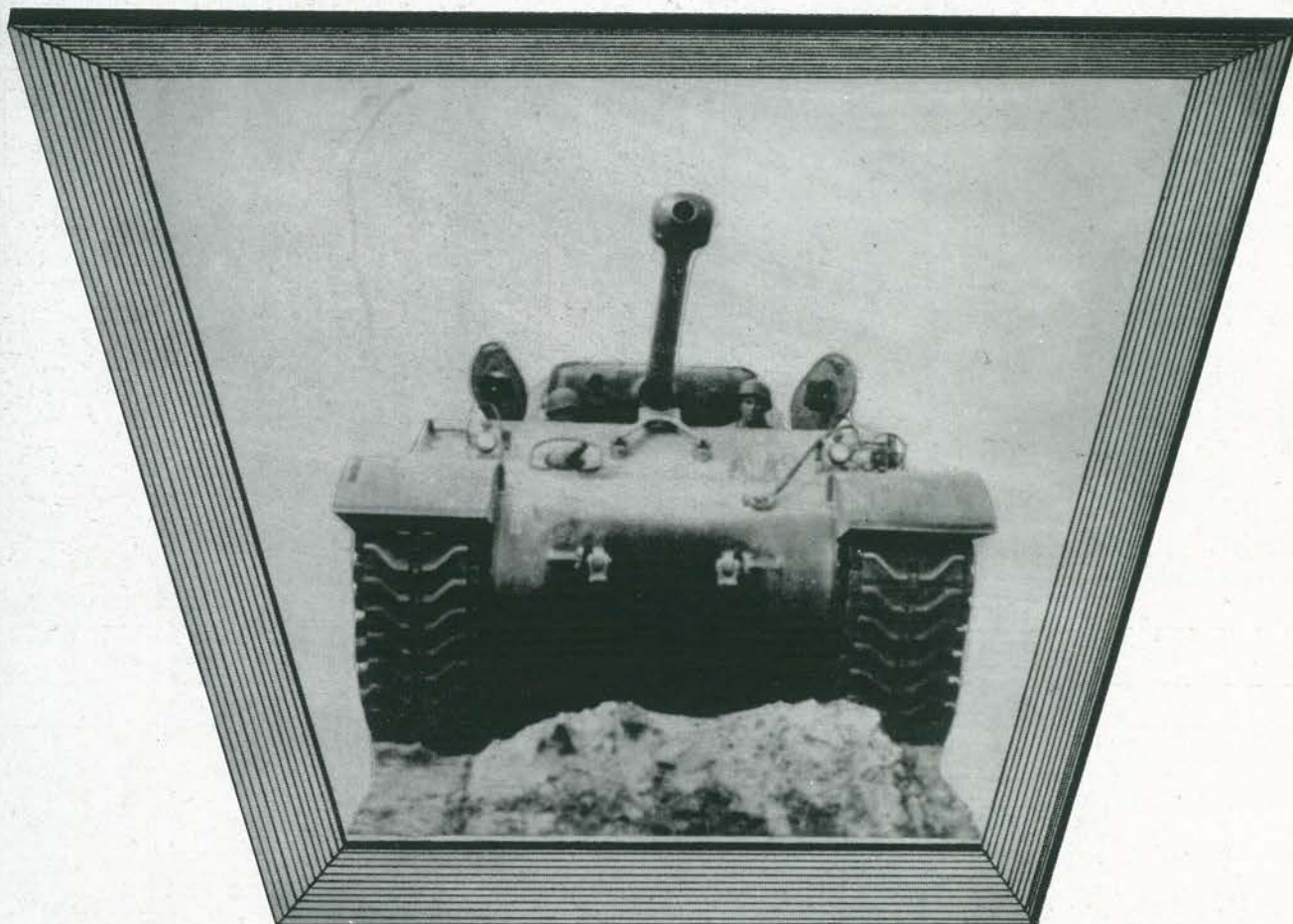


. . . the water was cold.

. . . wound up in a mess.







**“that fire-belching, death-
dealing, iron-clad monster—
THE TANK”**

HERE BEGINS THE GRA-
PHIC PORTRAYAL OF THE
DIVISION'S TANK BAT-
TALIONS—THE 24th, THE
45th AND THE 46th.





WAITING

Lined up and ready to go, just outside Bel-lencombre. Scenes like this were the exception rather than the rule as we neared enemy territory.

INTRODUCTION TO FRANCE



Church in Belencombre, France. Some of us attended Catholic services with the French. For others, Protestant services were held in the school building.



Home was never like this. We slept in barns, hotels, shops, and in French homes. Most French families kept but one stove in use, retiring early to save fuel.

Tank takes advantage of slight cover offered by shattered building. Narrow streets and soft footing made parking a problem.



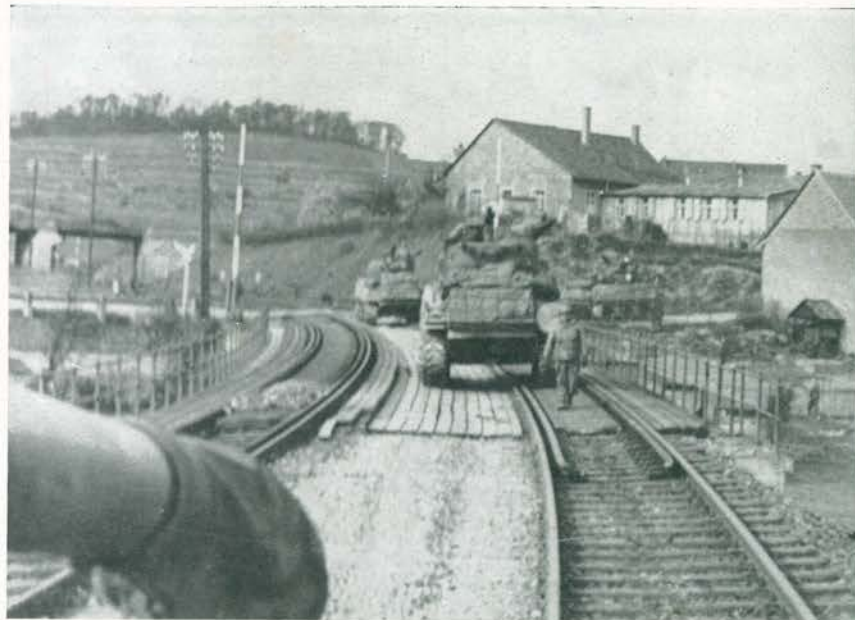


Rumbling through a French village on the way to the front. Many French towns seemed almost deserted. Inhabitants of German cities were more in evidence. German civilians often lined the streets to watch the fighting while traffic cops continued to direct traffic.

MOVING UP



The Rhine at St. Goar. High terraced banks with their massive castles made the Rhine a memory-catching panorama.



Riding the rails to cross railroad bridge in approach on Somerheim, Germany. Rough country with numerous streams gave the enemy opportunities to delay us with mines, roadblocks, blown bridges and antitank guns.



Shattered railroad bridge in the Isar river at Platting. Doughboys fought their way over this crossing and pushed back the enemy so engineers could construct a sturdier bridge.

Curious tankers watch prisoners walk to the rear. The enemy surrendered in such numbers they were often sent back without guards.



SUPER MEN ?



K. P. for German party members at Winterbach, Germany. Washing pots and pans seemed a fitting task for Nazis.



Trucks like these hold 18 Americans, or 80 Germans. Many of the enemy already had discharge papers for quick switch to civilian clothes.



More P Ws in Neu-Otting, Germany. A guard starting for the rear with two dozen prisoners might well end up with two hundred.

DESTRUCTION



Experimental plane captured at Mulheim, Germany. Many planes, grounded by lack of fuel, were captured intact.

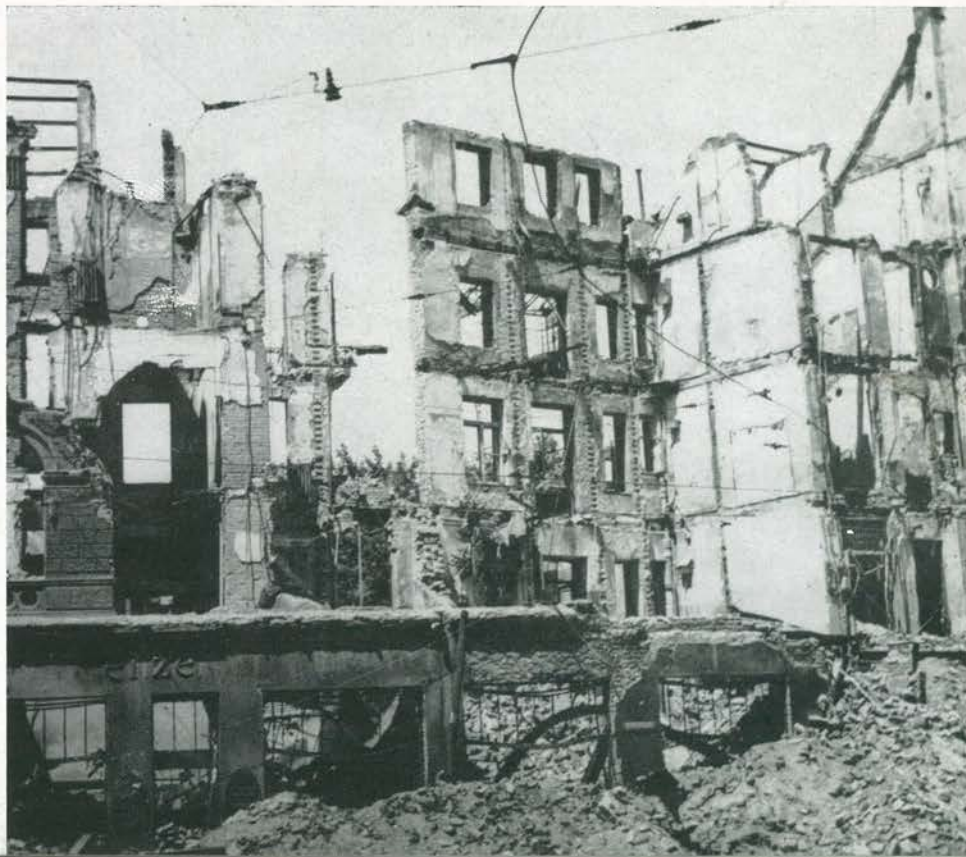


Large buildings often blocked streets with bricks and stones after collapse under heavy bombing.

Hitler's dwelling in Berchtesgaden. Bombs shattered all buildings at this level although the retreat several miles higher was undamaged.



Debris of once beautiful city of Neumarktl. In most cases, small towns escaped such total destruction.





END OF THE TRAIL

Panzerfausts and 88s stopped this tank near Seelscheid, Germany. These two weapons were most feared by tankers.

Sherman tank burning in the street at Seelscheid, Germany after direct hit by 101-mm. antitank gun.



Pfc. Charles Gossett of the 24th thoughtfully surveys result of Panzerfaust hit on a comrade's tank.



Blown bridge over Inn river halted our advance May 1. Unconscious of destruction, a civilian car later plunged from far bank into river.



Shady lane leading to bridge shown at left. This drive connected Eisenfelden, where most of the battalion billeted, and NeuOtting proper.

GERMANY AT PEACE

NIX NAZI! Fawn assures Pfc. Paris Barrett of his peaceable intentions. Fraternization with this "dear" was not "verboten."



Scenic countryside where we rested after the war. The lofty evergreens, well-kept fields and picture-book mountains seemed far removed from strife.





Fighting finished, troops switch to routine of garrison shine and polish for the almost forgotten ceremony of the parade.

B A C K T O N O R M A L



Installing bunks for the ride from Germany. We first cleaned the cars, deloused them, and then built canvas and wooden bunks.



Tankers freshen up for a meal in efficient transient mess in France while enroute to Camp Atlanta.



Le Havre and the Gen. U. S. J. H. McRae. Ship is much larger than those on which we went to France.



A patrol from Company C of the 45th Tank Battalion brings in 20 prisoners in the fighting near the Isar River.



ON THE WAY TO THE FRONT





THE RUHR POCKET





A L L E S K A P U T





A TWO-DAY BREAK, THEN ON TO BAVARIA





THE FIGHT TO THE INN, V-E DAY, AND BACK TO GARRISON



D.D.T., the wonder insecticide takes on new meaning for "DELNORE'S DEMON TANKERS."



A few of Adolf's "Pure Aryans" being sprayed once over lightly with D.D.T.





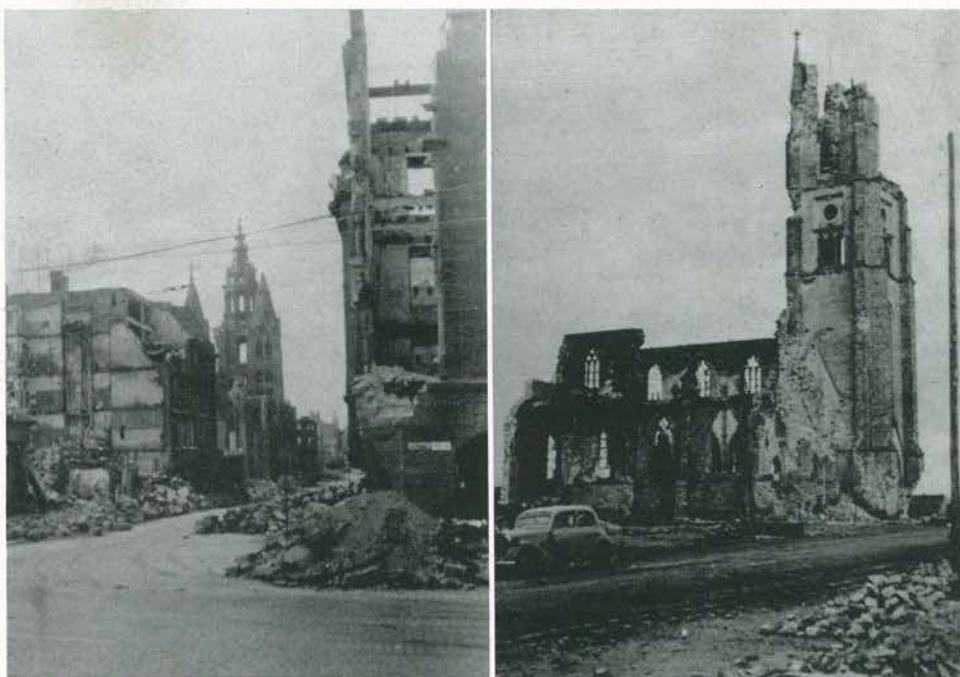
The Krauts scam as the tankers roll into Gerresheim and the local citizenry looks stoically on.

A blown bridge at Braunau is quickly by-passed and the Engineers smilingly welcome the tankers and their accompanying "doughs."





An abandoned
"88". It didn't
take long for
the boys to de-
velop a healthy
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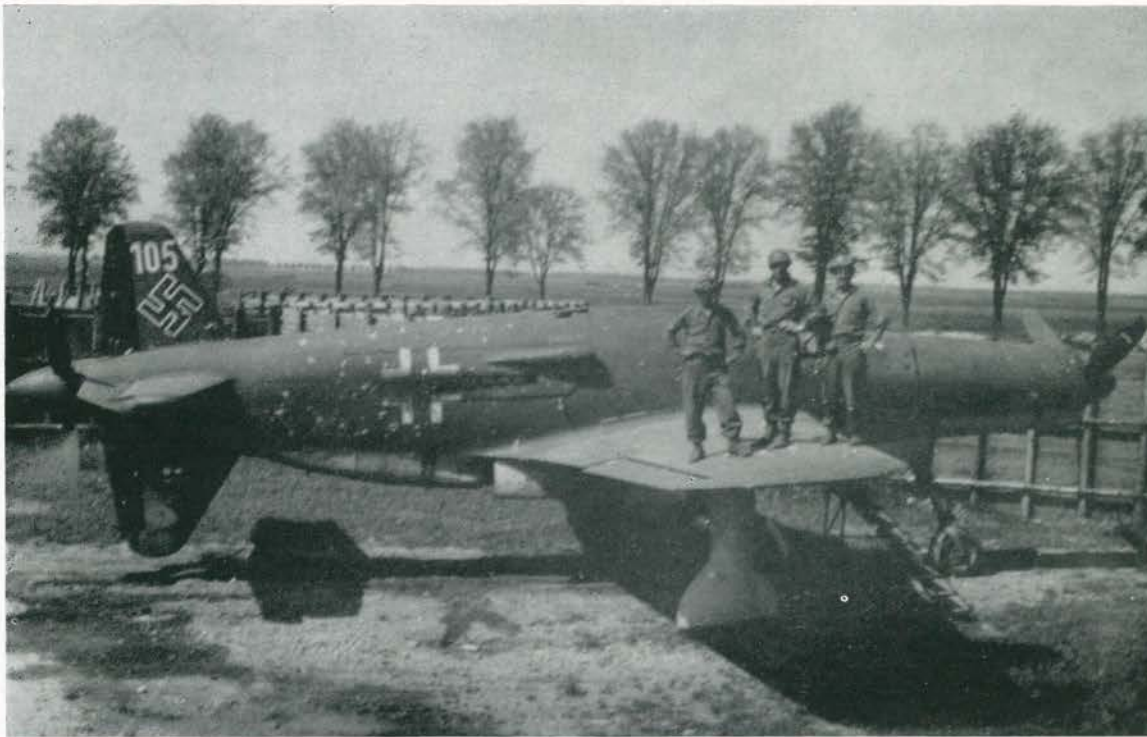
Aftermath of total war.



It's a small world. T/Sgt., William Ghiz, shown with Col. Delnore, was shot down over Austria in 1943. He was liberated by the task force of his life-long friend, Col. Delnore.

Using a peep as their reviewing stand, several captured German officers disconsolately view the armored might of Delnore's Demon Tankers.





An experimental German plane captured by our forces. Jerry never had a chance to try this for size.

After V-E Day our Russian allies roll out the welcome mat. Not shown are the back-slapping and the introduction to vodka which followed almost immediately.





Before their comrades, 46th tankers receive battle awards from General Augur, commanding general of CCA.

HERE BEGINS THE
GRAPHIC PORTRAYAL
OF THE DIVISION'S AR-
TILLERY — THE 496TH,
THE 497th AND 498TH
ARMORED FIELD ARTIL-
LERY BATTALIONS
AND DIVISION ARTIL-
LERY HEADQUARTERS.



DIVISION ARTILLERY

FIRST BLOOD!

We all looked reflectively at our first dead German.



At 1700 hours on 19 March, 1945, "A" Battery of the 497th AFA Battalion fired the Division's first shot at the Krauts from Spicheren, France across the Siegfried Line into Saarbrücken, Germany.



In some spots, the teeth were still in good shape but the former owners weren't (see left above.)



After the Americans got through shooting, the Dragon's Teeth needed a dentist!



Despite equipment like this . . .

Many Krauts decided discretion was the better part of valor.



We gathered around the craters in Ommer-sheim . . .

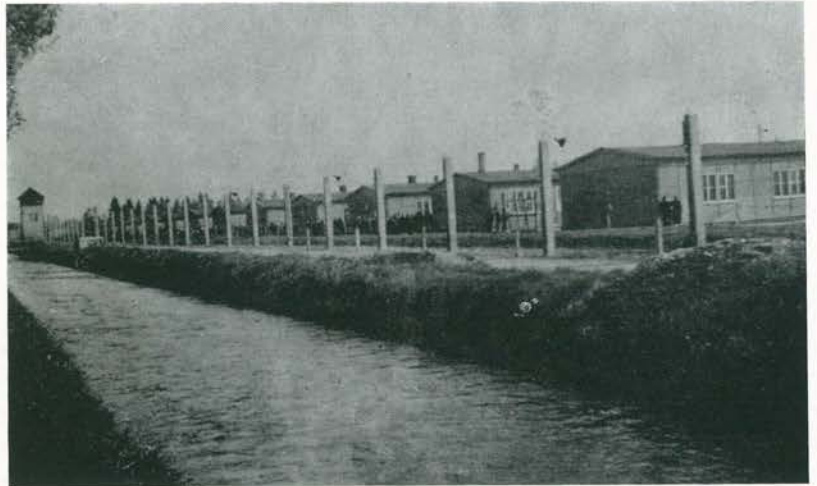
And looked at the houses that were still stand-
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M O V I N G U P



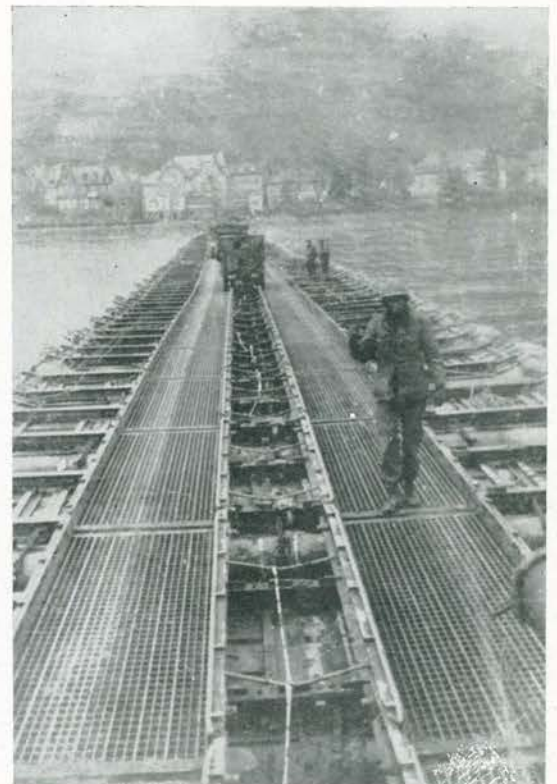
This was a too familiar sight in France.



We saw too many of these.



But we never became tired of this.



Across the Rhine by courtesy of the engineers.



TIME OUT FOR CHOW

Out of range, we could afford the luxury of a chow line's hot meal and washing those mess kits leisurely afterward. . . .

But Oh, those C rations (C below)



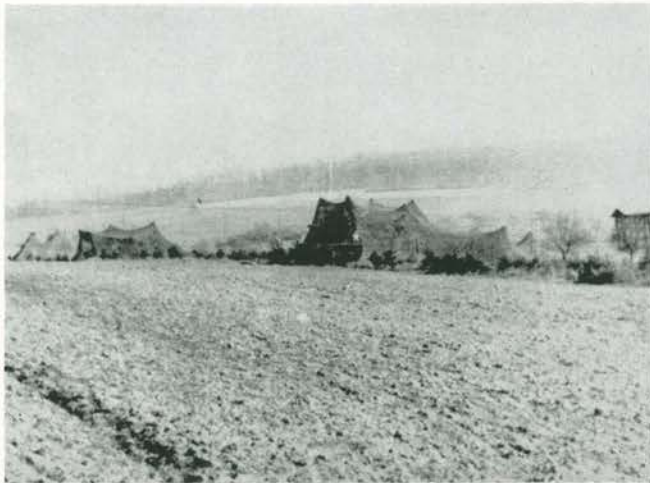
Sometimes the Red Cross gals came to our rescue with coffee and doughnuts.



And sometimes we helped ourselves.



FIRE AND DIG IN



It usually seemed that the Brass waited until our camouflage was up and our foxholes just dug, then—"MARCH ORDER!"



A good German, maybe made that way by one of our shells, judging from the shrapnel holes.



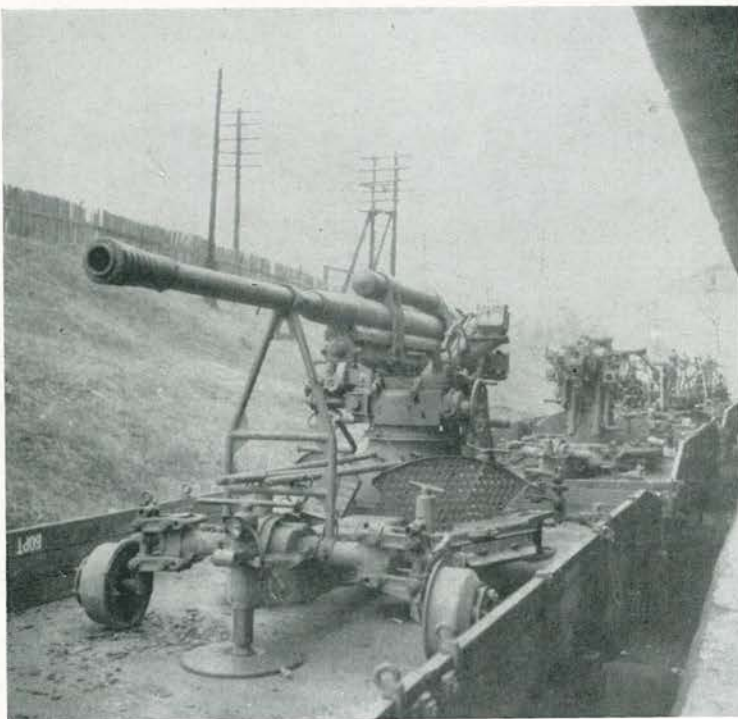
The white sheet rapidly replaced the swastika as the national emblem of Nazidom.

GIVE AND TAKE

It wasn't all Give—as the plane and burned out 6x6 witness, but, the Germans lost more than we did.



These planes were more than just an artillery air OP—they were our eyes!



WE RODE IN (AND



Of course, the good old M-7 (self-propelled howitzer to you) was our big gun, but, we used everything from the orthodox peep to the flying jeep in getting the job done.



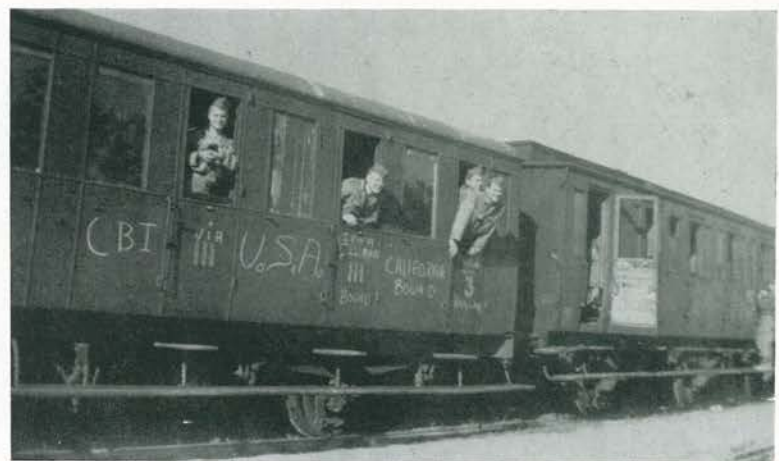
ON) **EVERYTHING**



Change of owner.



We never got quite this hard-pressed . . .



This was the best ride in all Europe!

SOUVENIRS



Our "Collectors" were just as active as any other outfits—And who blames them? Of course, some of us just about made the gangplank, but, think of the tall tales we can tell our grandchildren about those guns.



The only reason this Jerry Weep didn't come back was that it wouldn't fit in anyone's duffel bag.



ALWAYS MAINTENANCE

Maintenance, Maintenance, Maintenance—always
Maintenance! First echelon, Second echelon and
Personal echelon.



Boy, did that feel good!



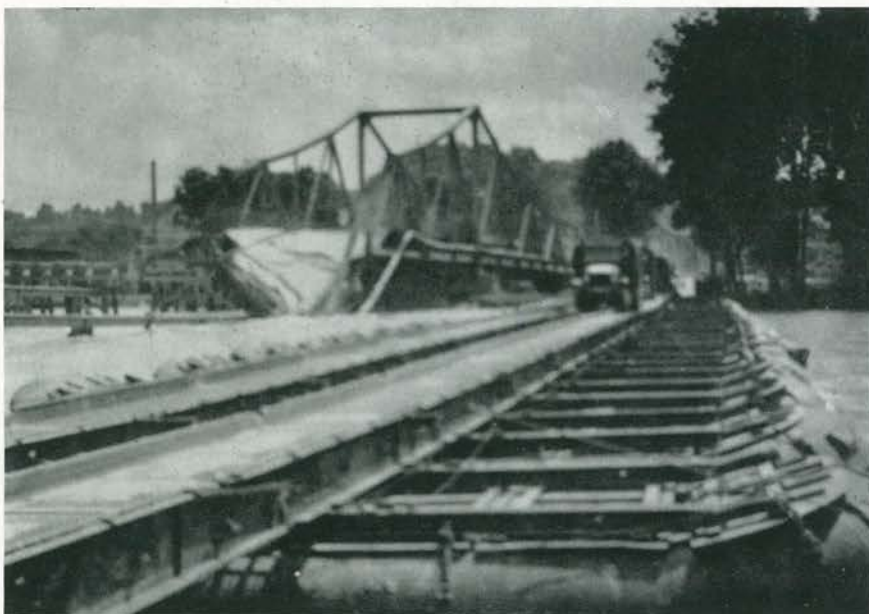
Let's get on the ball, soldier, you ought to be able
to hit that jar!



BAVARIA—BRIDGES TO



Blown-out German bridges didn't mean a thing—we rolled across the Danube, Isar and Inn rivers on American bridges.



AUSTRIA AND VICTORY



End of the Trail

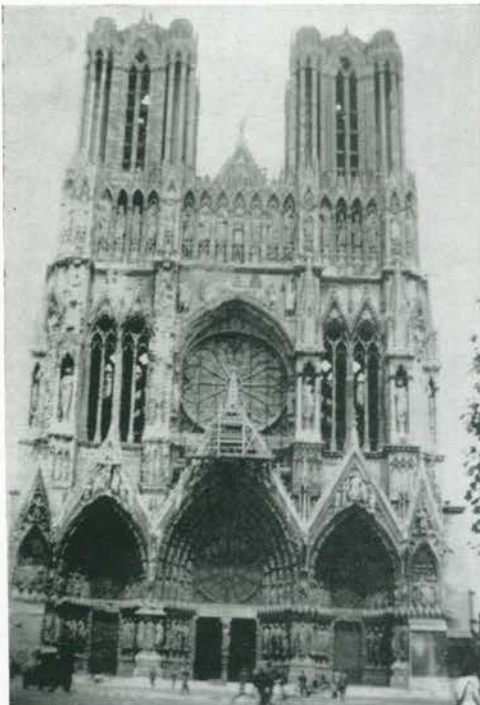
We didn't fire anymore after Braunau (Hitler's birthplace in Austria) was captured—the faces of our gunners and the glum lines of PW's above show the difference in reactions. (Above): Back to digging sumps again—another foot and he'll be charged with desertion!



WE SAW SOME SIGHTS



We all wondered why the Germans didn't want to stay home with scenery like this.



Cathedral at Rheims



What's left of Hitler's home.

AND RELAXED, TOO



We played softball . . .



. . . and Volley-ball . . .



. . . and enjoyed the swing orchestra. The band impressed the Krauts more.



Both French and German moppets were frequent chow line crashers.

RECONNAISSANCE

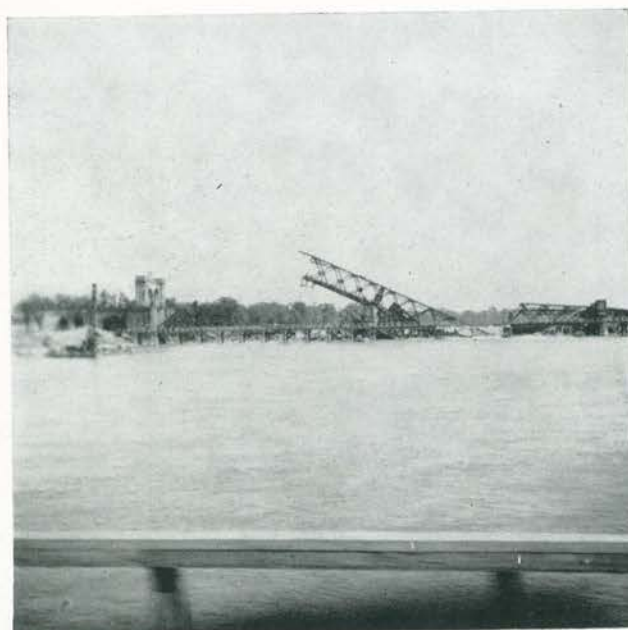


"WE WILL LEAD"



Entrance to the Nazi Reich . .

. . . was hindered by blown bridges . .



. . . but it wasn't long until the
prisoners began rolling in.



Danube-bound over muddy roads . . .



. . . or no roads at all.



Time out for a spot of chow.





The Nazis took this picture . . .

. . . but Black Cats took these.



MP's search German officers.

Not much left but rubble





Baseball in Bavaria—93rd vs 496th



At Camp Atlanta—packing and fun



**AFTER THE BATTLE, CAVALRYMEN RECIEVE
THEIR DECORATIONS.**

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ETO MINE SCHOOL AT ST. PIERRE, FRANCE



Lifting dummy tellermine from roadbed



Using mine detectors



Probing for mines



Mines located in roadway



270-mm French naval shell with pressure fuse



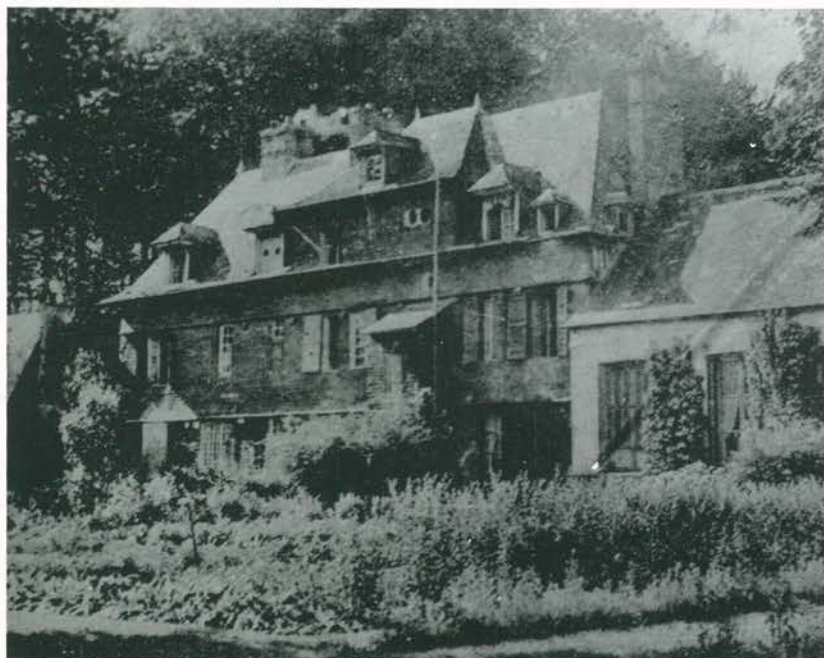
228-foot floating treadway over Aggar at Seigburg



72-foot M-2 floating treadway bridge over Wupper



540-foot M-2 and 630 feet of planking over Isar



TYPICAL BATTALION COMMAND POSTS

Upper Left Fresnay le Long, France

Center Left Seigburg, Germany

Lower Left Tann, Germany

Upper Right Richrath, Germany

Lower Right Mettmann, Germany





Ruins of Zweibrücken

Siegfried Line near Zweibrücken

Award ceremony at Tann

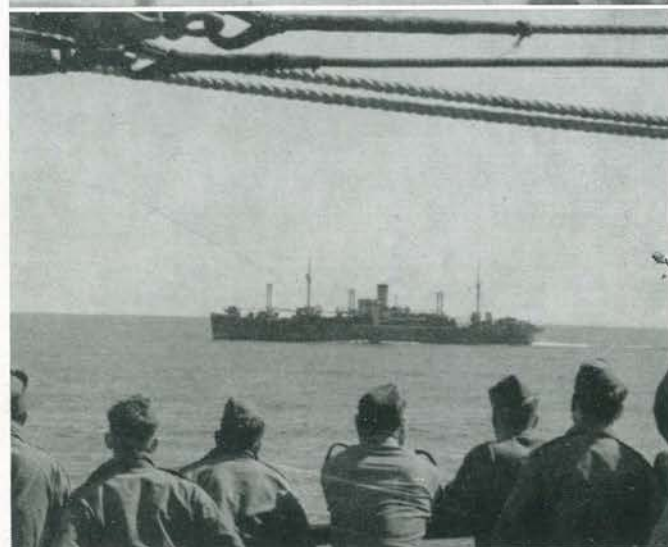


Sports after V-E Day



The heart of Zweibrücken

Camp Atlanta, France



A break in the monotony
Painting a Division sign

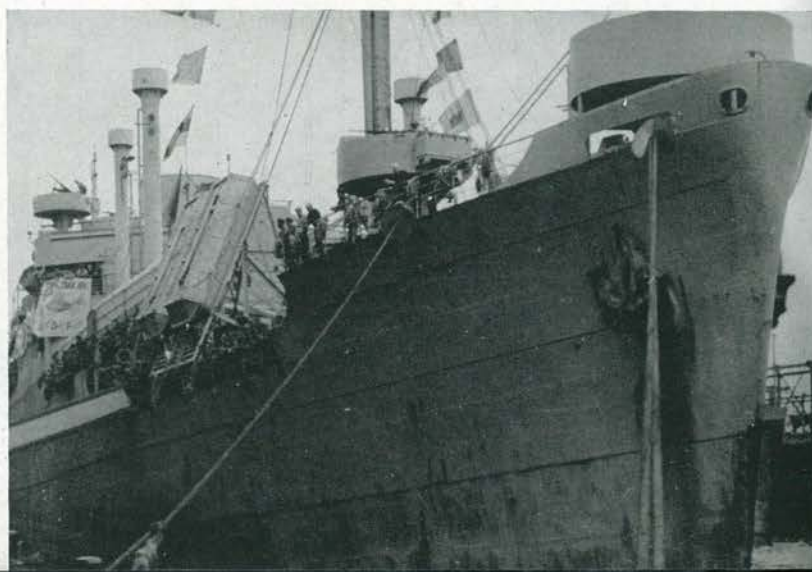


Travel, Continental style



Hot and low down

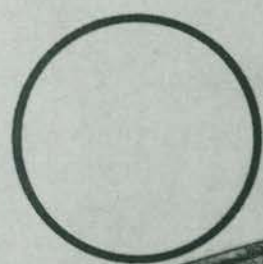
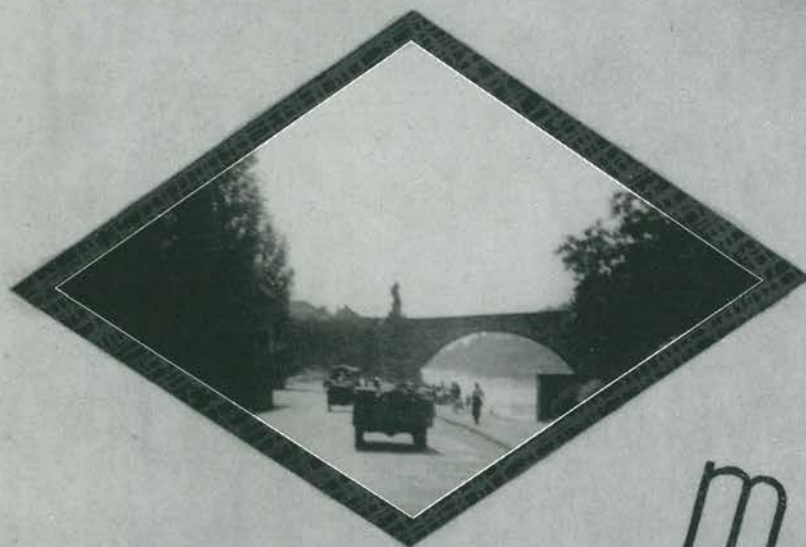
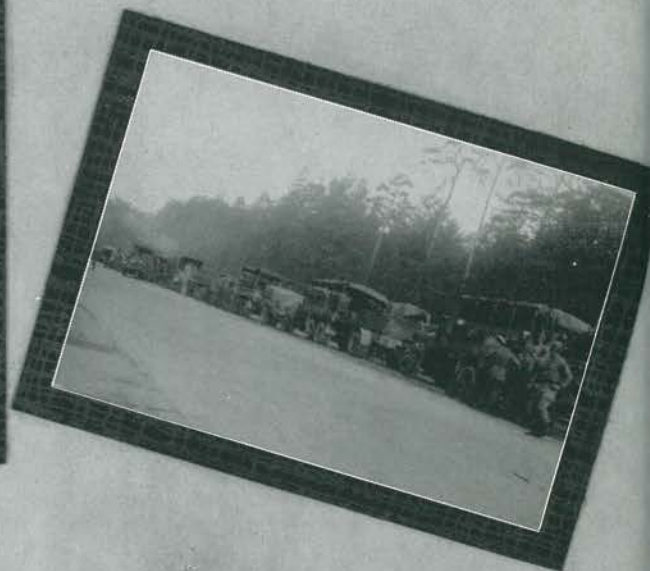
Home



*"The men ...
behind the men
behind the GUN."*



ORDNANCE



n THE

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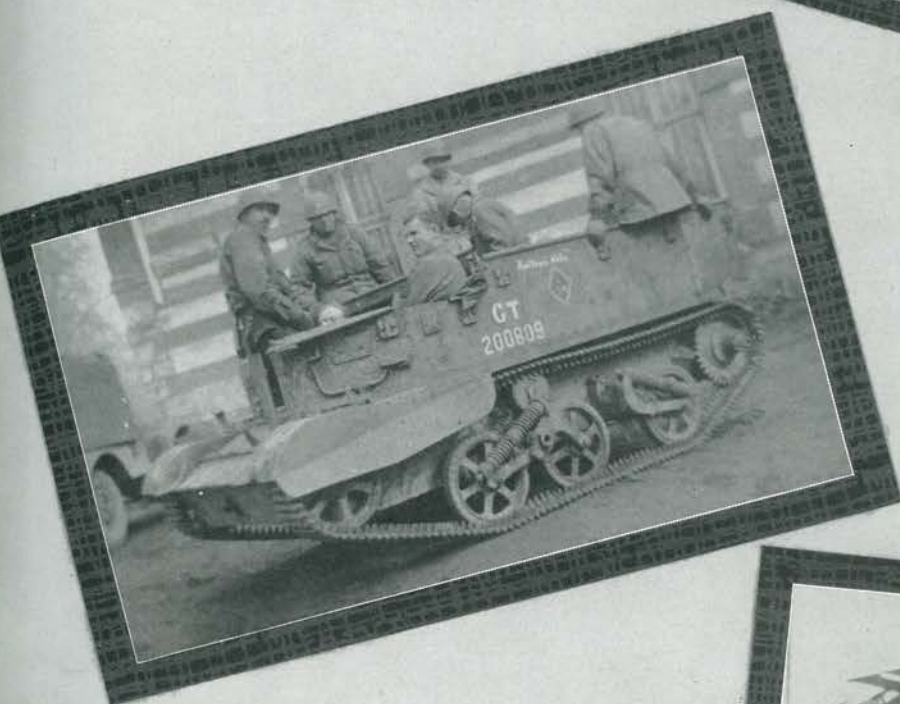
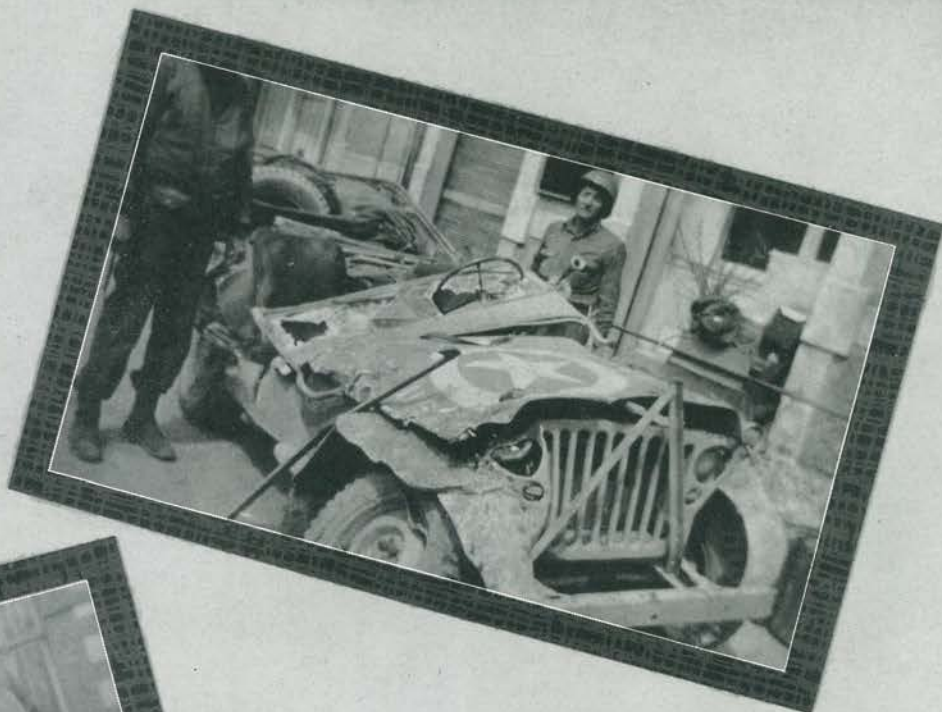


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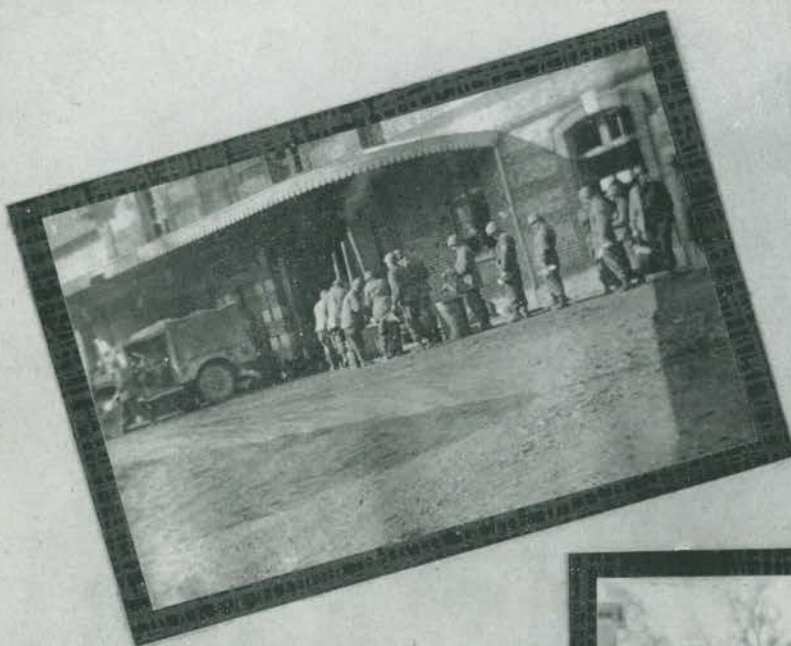
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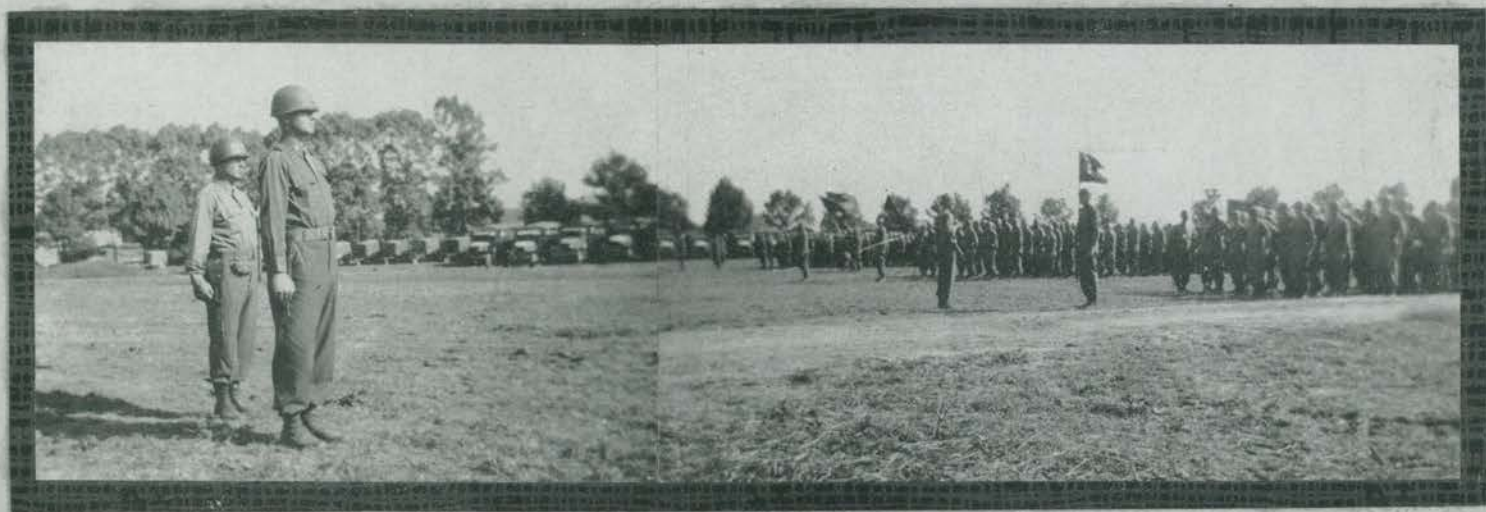


OFF Duty





FORMATIONS



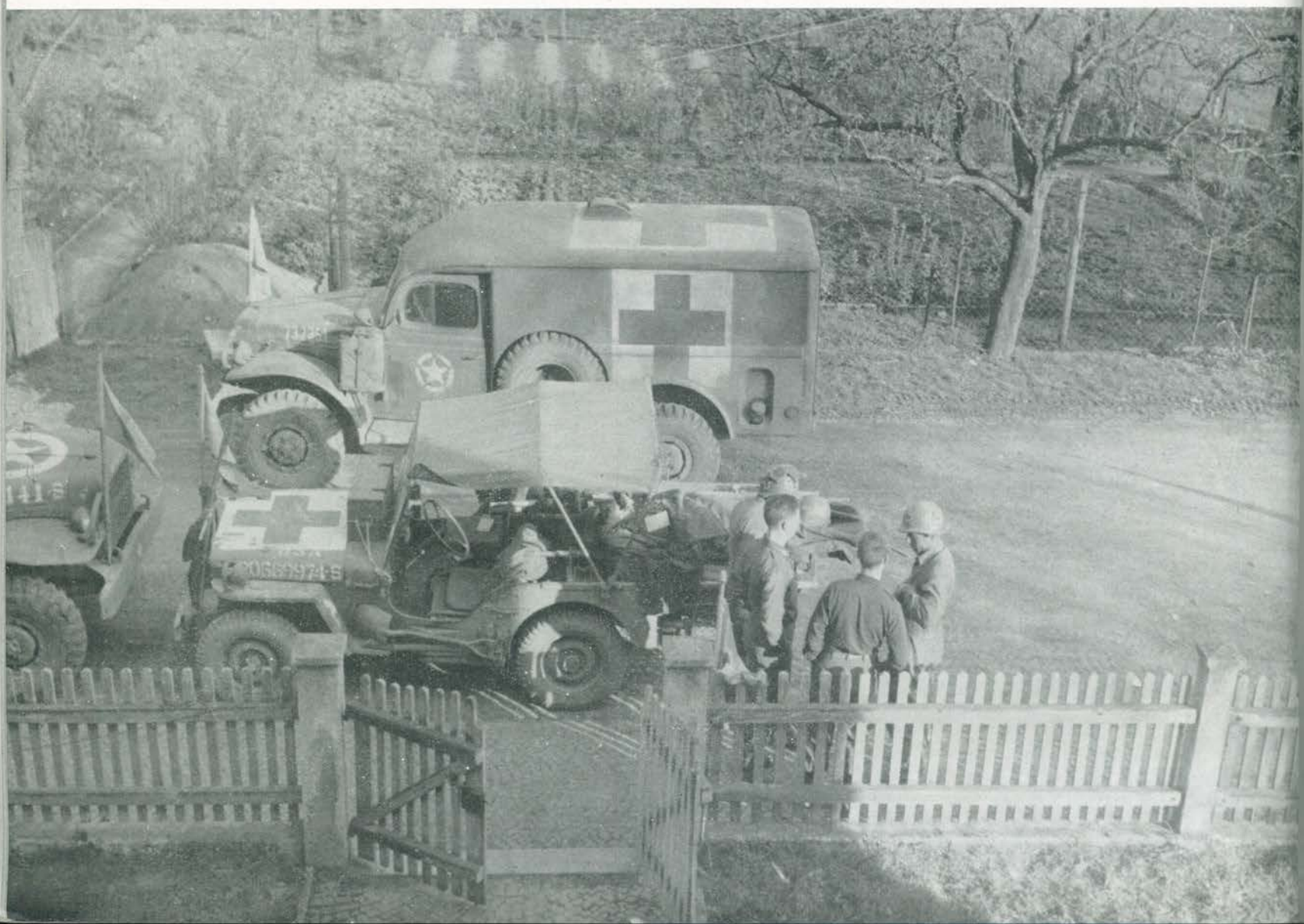
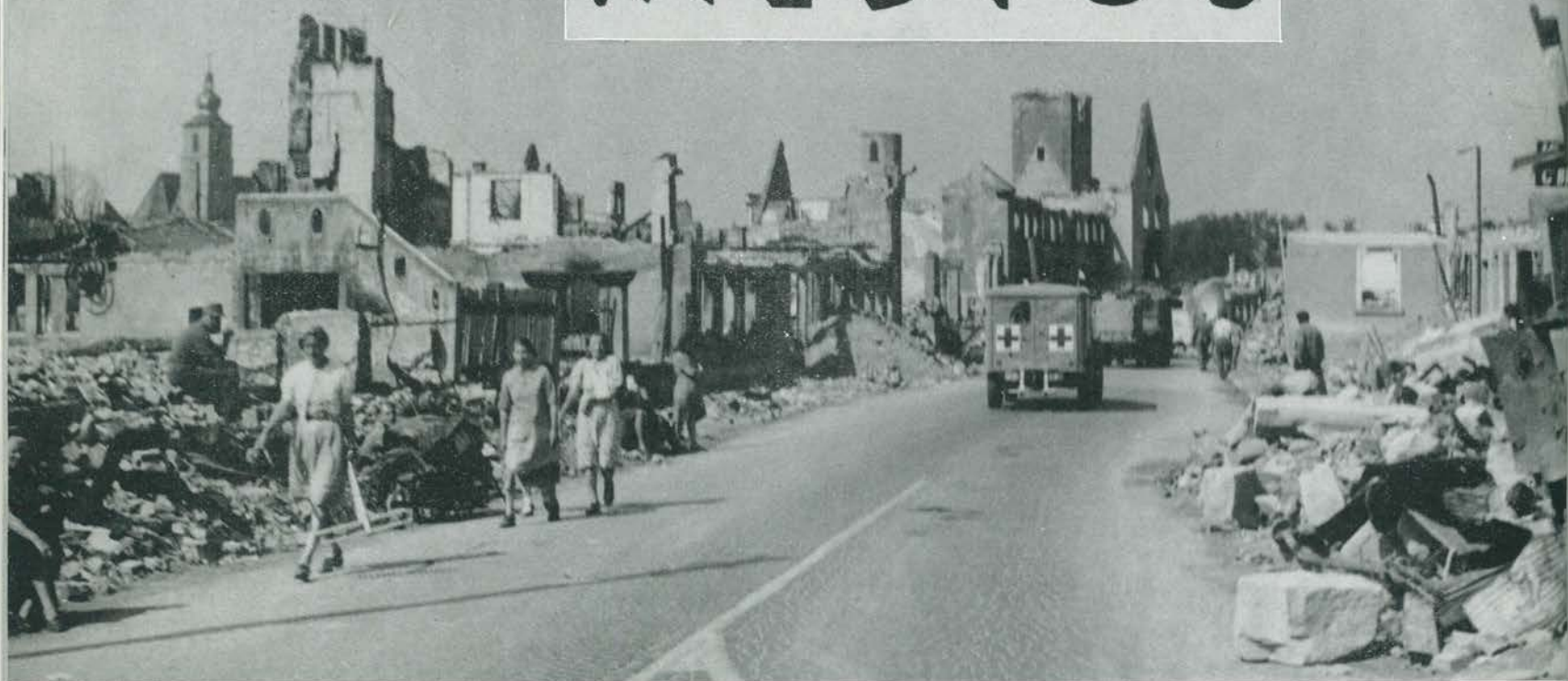


When bullets fly this is a good place
not to be.

On the heels of the fleeing Nazis—wiremen.



MEDICS





Clearing Station at Grassensee, Germany



On the Autobahn near Kaiserslautern



Open-air barber shop

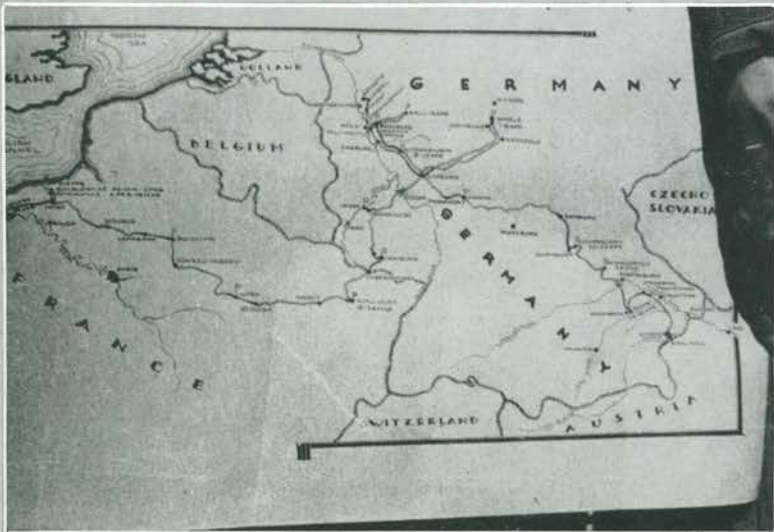


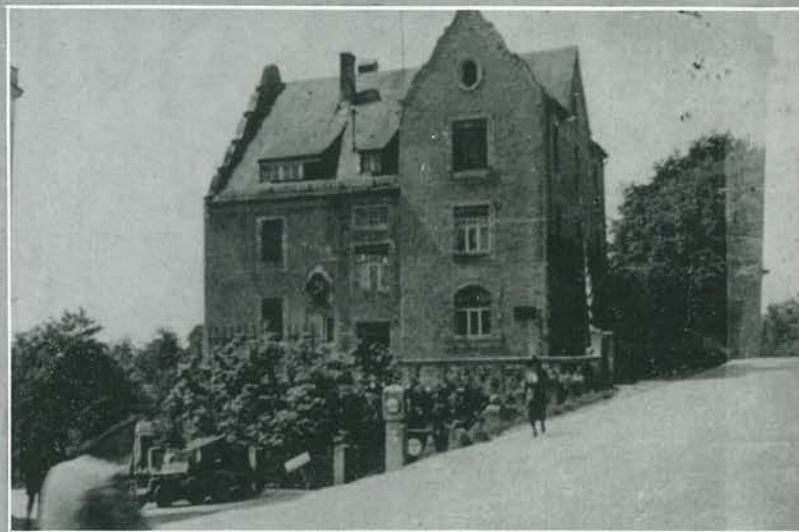
Gas burner repair



Easter Sunday

COMBAT COMMAND "A"





COMBAT COMMAND B



POM. Even the armorer doesn't need hair in Europe.



Communication Section lines up for a shot in Germany. Kirchrottenbach.



Kitchen, dining room, bedroom and home for two days.



A part of the Luftwaffe with CCB on top.



A German colonel and friend get their first peep ride.



Colonel H. G. Holt. Commanding Officer, Combat Command B.



A familiar sight. Has-been towns.



A modern kitchen? But the maintenance crew did eat at Hennef, Germany.



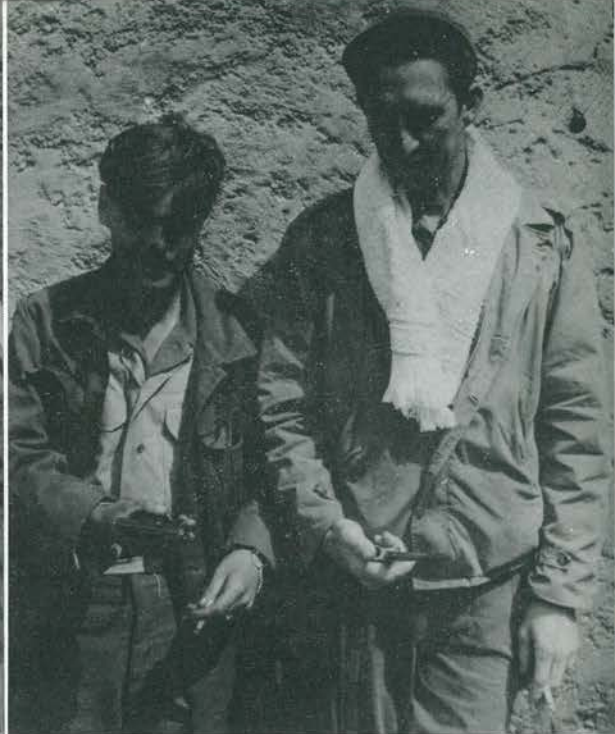
Heinies forward-marching backwards.—PW's.



One sight no one missed as 90% of CCB got to Paris.



That's no toy; it's French rolling stock with GI's about to board.



The Black Cats' advance in Bavaria meant the release of thousands of prisoners of war. Here, nine smile their gratitude immediately after they were liberated.





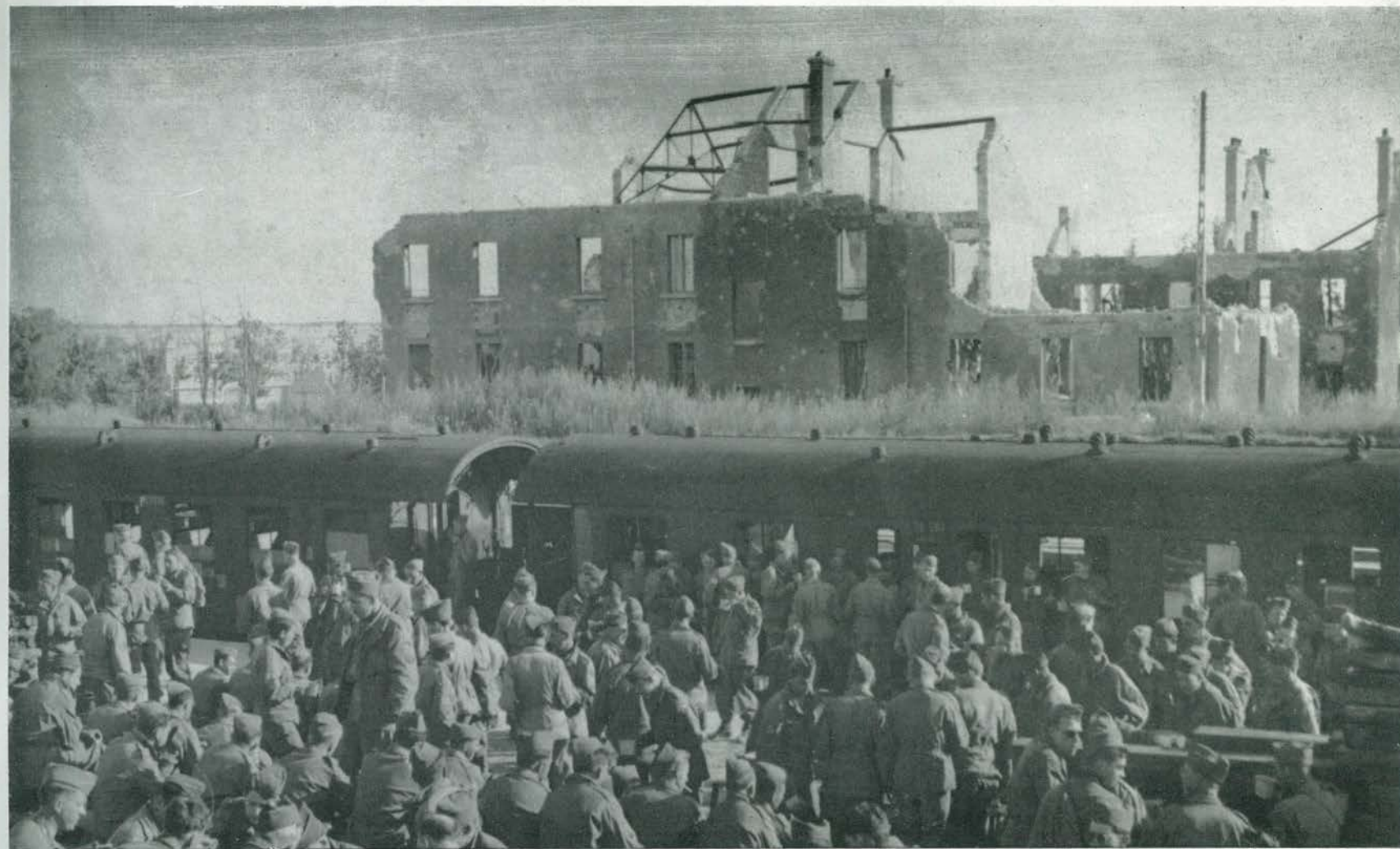
After V-E Day there was time for recreation and sightseeing.

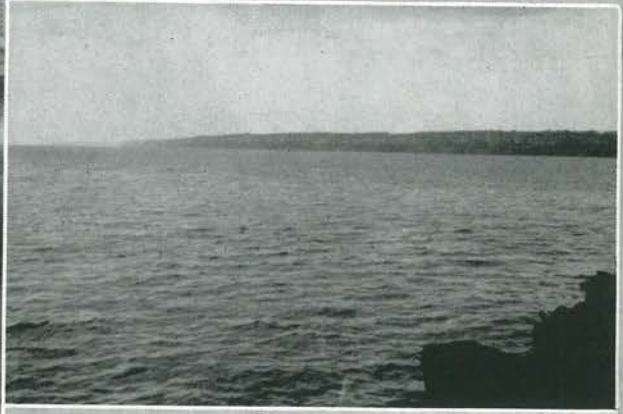


Hitler's home at Berchtesgaden was most popular spot for Black Cat sightseers.



HOMeward BOUND!







CALIFORNIA



Back once more in California—the state of its activation—the Black Cats were given a rousing welcome. Mayor Fletcher Bowron (above) proclaimed a “13th Armored Division Week” in Los Angeles. Governor Earl Warren (opposite page) presented “California’s Own 13th” with a Citation of Merit and scores of film and radio stars (below) honored the Division at a Victory Rally in Hollywood Bowl.

Every major U. S. network carried the broadcast. The 13th was home.





CITATION OF MERIT

To the men and officers of the 13th Armored Division in gratitude for your loyal and selfless devotion to duty and the singleness of high purpose which carried you to your assigned objectives, the State of California hereby formally bestows upon you this citation of Merit.

*EARL WARREN,
Governor of California.*



Lord God of Hosts
Be with us yet.
Lest we forget,
Lest we forget.

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ARTILLERY



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Executive Officer



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Headquarters Battery

A HISTORY OF HEADQUARTERS, DIVISION ARTILLERY

Housing conditions, wives, cancelled maneuvers, reorganization, both California and Texas foxholes, firing tests—World War II was fought at home and almost won abroad before the Artillerymen of the 13th Armored Division went overseas.

What has now become history started to weave itself into a story at Camp Beale, California, on the 15th day of October, 1942, when Division Artillery Headquarters was created and assigned to the forward echelon of Division Headquarters. At that time an appointment was made which was to stick through all the other changes incident to the growth and development of the 13th Armored Division Artillery: Col. Alfred E. Kastner became Artillery Officer.

The responsibility for directing and supervising the training of all the artillery within the Division was assigned to Division Artillery and included not only the artillery battalions but the tanks and assault guns in their general support functions. Despite the work entailed by this assignment, everything in artillery headquarters was blissful until August—no guard, no duty officer, no charge of quarters and no participation in the alerts of the West Coast Defense Command. All these were the lot of the battalions. We were a part of Division. This all led to loud complaints over the debut of Black Cat Headquarters into the realm of soldiering when it ventured out early in August for a week-end CPX. Tear gas and K rations were tried for the first time and each had its expected effect.

Then came a deluge of combat firing exercises and artillery shoots. Tank support problems and infantry support problems were run concurrently in all sectors of the Camp Beale reservation—with Lone Tree Hill alone common to them all.

October 15, 1943, marked a year of training and brought indications of maneuvers to come. The Division prepared for movement to Oregon, but a last minute cancellation turned the Division "Farewell Party" into a "Not Going Away" affair. Massed-fire training continued and midway through November Division Artillery conducted Practice Test No. 3 in the Waldo, Spenceville, Lone Tree Hill area.

Then "California's Own" left home. The change of station to Camp Bowie, Texas, came early in December,

and we arrived in the Lone Star State in time for Christmas and the inevitable ITP tests.

In preparation for ITP tests, basic training was begun anew on a seven day week basis, and everyone had gas mask drill, basic medical and small arms instruction, physical fitness training, and military courtesy lessons right up to "H" hour. This was followed by the never to be forgotten "snow problem," which occurred, fortunately, before anyone dreamed of trenchfoot.

In due time the Division's big day arrived. It was to rough it at last. A real field exercise was to comprise the final phase of Division training; the "D" Series lasted four weeks, after which the salt spray in the air seemed so real that wives and children were moved back home, terminal leaves were rushed through on special orders, and the local realtors began looking for new clients. The Cats were hot.

September brought the beginning of intensified and uninterrupted inspections and rumors of Louisiana maneuvers. We took to the field continuously, exploiting breakthroughs and attacking fortified areas until the grease pencils gave out. Back in garrison the paper shortage was becoming acute; so everyone turned to packing and crating, uncrating and repacking. No one would believe that plans to proceed to an east coast POE would not be changed, but somehow or other everyone got on trains and the mass of equipment on each man's back impressed him personally that these orders were not to be retracted.

Kilmer was a pleasant spot, liberal in its pass policy and ready to assist transient troops wherever possible. The stay there was all too short, for the *Marine Dragon*, anxious to push off from her Brooklyn pier on a maiden voyage that was to leave far behind our "fruited plains and amber waves of grain," had a date with a convoy. The second day out we joined another convoy down from Boston and found that among its ships was the British battleship H.M.S. *Nelson*. From then on "Forever Amber," "The Canary Murder Case," "The Dragon's Whistle," Fuller Warren's "Now Hear This," and a talented GI stage show were the only distractions to keep men from their favorite topic, "How far are the Russians from Berlin?"

On January 28th the "Marine Dragon" rounded the Isle of Wight and dropped anchor at nightfall off England's

shores. Around midnight we started across the channel with a full moon and an unannounced escort of naval protection, headed straight for the lion's mouth. The Navy saw us through all right; the beautiful port of Le Havre—twisted steel, broken stone and silent desolation—met the eyes of a serious group of soldiers on the cold overcast morning of January 29, 1945. We were not quite prepared for the acres of destruction before us. This should never happen again !!!

That night the advance party led us through the icy cold of a bitter snow-storm to our billets in St. Foy, Normandy, and by arrival time in the wee hours of the morning a shivering Headquarters Battery was ready to believe Master Sergeant (now 2nd Lt.) Whelan when he climbed on a bale of hay outside a bleak chateau and said, "Things are tough in the E.T.O." The men weren't long in naming their new abode: "Chateau de Mud."

Attempts at the French lingo, introductions to the wine shortage via Calvados, Cognac and vinegar-gone-to-war, visits to Dieppe, local dances, news broadcasts and good food were second only to the daily mail in their assistance in tiding men over from one day's work to the next. Finally the vehicles were in shape, and everything was unpacked and serviceable again. The Cats were ready!

So was higher headquarters! Seventh Army assigned Division Artillery and its component battalions under the designation of GROUP KASTNER to VI Corps Artillery Headquarters. Group Kastner was given the mission of general support of the 63d and 70th Infantry Divisions near Saarbrücken, Germany, and on March 19 moved to positions around Etzling, France. On the next day displacement was made to Ommersheim, Germany, the Siegfried Line was broken and the Allies raced to the Rhine unopposed. On March 22, having accomplished its mission, Group Kastner returned to the 13th Armored Division, now in the vicinity of Moyenvic, France.

For a while Division Artillery's mission was far removed from the din of battle. Figuratively donning M.P. brassards, it fell our lot to set up policing operations on the north side of the Moselle River at Trier in a great hospital, complete with running water and individual rooms with view. It was too good to last. It didn't. Patton had the 13th now. Everyone hung onto his hat as we took off for the front lines, crossed the Rhine at St. Goar and, despite a shortage of replacements for shredded bogie wheels, continued to assembly areas near Mosheim. Last minute plans to head toward Leipzig and meet the Russians were formed and reformed; Division patches put on and taken off again; vehicles loaded and radios tuned up—nothing

could stop us now. So with a 150-mile about face we returned to Horhausen, just south of the Ruhr pocket, where we joined the XVIII Corps (Airborne) as part of the First Army. Stieldorf was the first of a series of cellar command posts occupied by Division Artillery Headquarters. There, prior to the commitment of the 13th Armored Division as a whole, Division Artillery received the mission of reinforcing the 97th Infantry Division Artillery, commencing with the crossing of the Sieg River at Siegburg on April 11. Speeding northward next day to Romaney, we occupied a command post in a large Gasthaus, received a welcome of Heinie time fire, and departing for Dunnwald, were showered with Allied propaganda leaflets. At Dunnwald only 500 yards from the advance elements we again moved into a cellar and concentrated on a creation of war memorials. On April 15 we occupied Dunnfeld, and successively established command posts at Ohligs and Gruiten, concluding the Ruhr operation northwest of Wulfrath on April 18th.

Following the Division's return to the Third Army, Division Artillery was ordered to the south and closed in at Schweig, on the 22nd of April. We crossed the Danube near Regensburg on the 28th and established headquarters at Thalmassing. The next morning we moved to the Isar River and thence across it at Plattling. In early May Division Artillery moved into an assembly area in the vicinity of Simbach on the Inn River across from Hitler's birthplace at Braunau, Austria.

Throughout the last operation Division Artillery functioned under XX Corps and was assisted by Colonel Bernard Thimer's 5th Artillery Group consisting of Group Headquarters and three battalions: the 177th, 943d, with 105 howitzers, and the 274th, a 105 SP outfit. The 943d Field Artillery Battalion worked directly under Division Artillery control throughout the operation, while the other battalions supported either CCB, CCR, or both, depending upon the organization employed for combat.

After the welcome news of VE Day, comfortable quarters, bumper markings and haircuts were the order of the day. The pleasant hours at Simbach on Inn from May 8 to June 25 will long remain in the memory of Division Artillery, for everyone enjoyed the natural beauties of Bavaria.

Today at Camp Cooke, California, the history of the 13th Armored Division closes with each artilleryman anticipating his return to civilian life. However, thankful that V-J Day interrupted War Department plans to combat load the 13th on LSTs headed for the invasion of the Japanese mainland, each can recollect the part he played with pride. The job has been well done.

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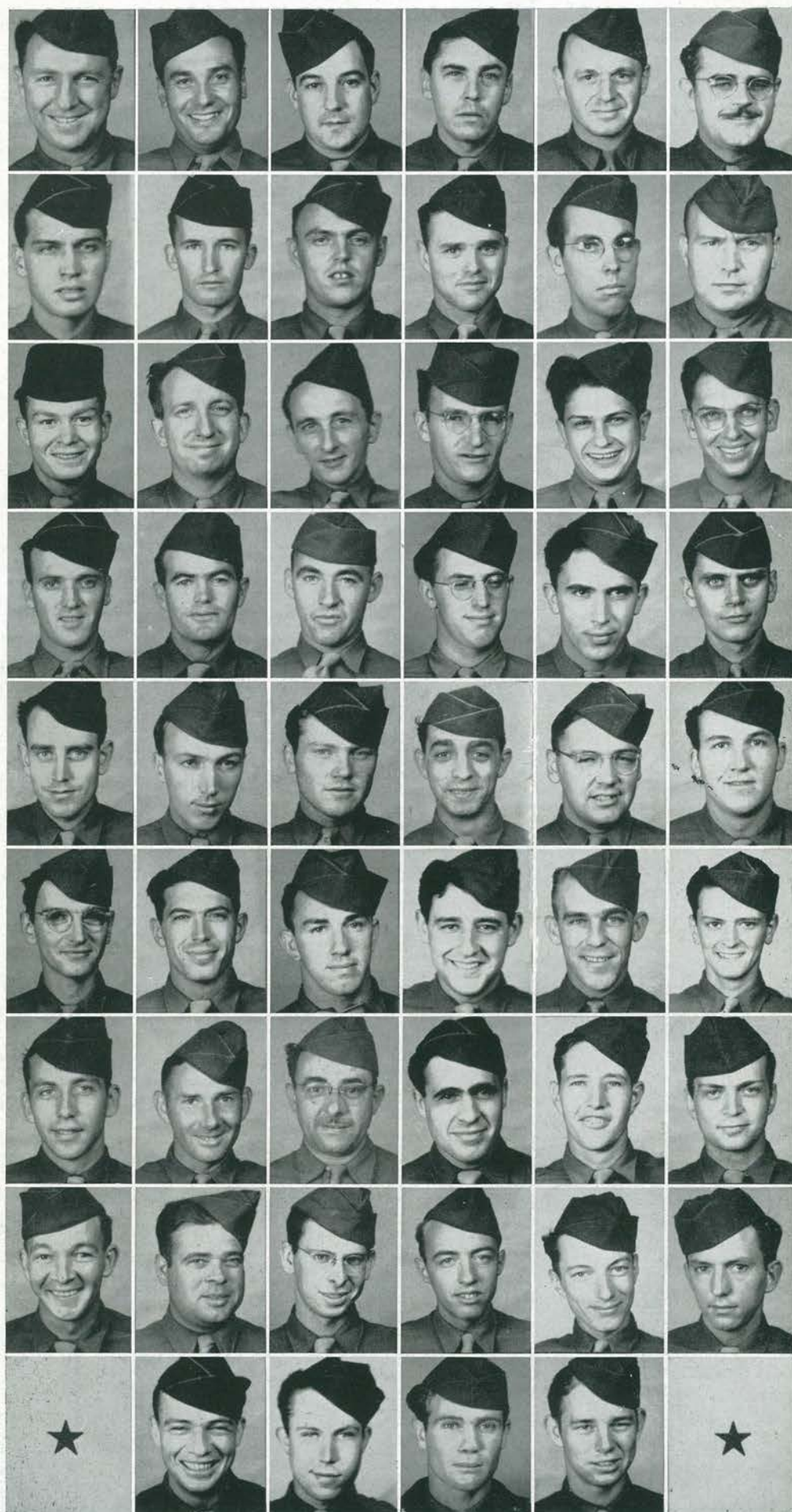
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HISTORY OF THE 496TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

It was in January of 1944 that the 496th Armored Field Artillery Battalion left its adopted home at Camp Beale, California, and headed south. And it was in another January—1945 this time—that our hell-for-leather cannoneers, by now entirely bored with the southern atmosphere, decided to push east—all the way east into Europe. So they wound up their Camp Bowie training career that witnessed two "D Series" maneuvers, "Red and Blue" wars, innumerable field problems, and hosts of "friendly" critiques, and shoved off for an honest-to-goodness war of steel. And as it turned out, it was going to be a war in which the 496th was destined to make its famous slogan "Fire and Move," a terrible acutality for the German Army.

But first we moved to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, where we prepared for our overseas venture in the shadow of New York's great metropolis. Despite the rigors of a weekend in the Big Town, the battalion managed to struggle up the gangplank of the USS Marine Dragon on January 16.

For most of us, the first experience with "mal de mer" and its resulting unpleasantness lasted only for a day or two, and having weathered one submarine scare, we landed at the battered city of Le Havre, France, on January 28, 1945. The battalion debarked in one of the worst storms in French history and moved to Longueville-sur-Scie, France, our assembly area. The fifty mile ride in open lorries in freezing weather is an event that will live forever in the memories of the men of the battalion.

Working by day and playing at night for a period of six weeks, we made fit our vehicles and weapons for combat and became acquainted with the celebrated French mademoiselles and a highly intoxicating beverage called "Calvados."

At 2200 hours on March 15, 1945, we left Longueville on a three-day march of three hundred miles to the front under Combat Command A control, stopping enroute at Soissons and Vitry for necessary rest and vehicular maintenance.

On March 19th, we were assigned to the U. S. XXI Corps and given the mission of reinforcing the fires of the 63rd and 70th Infantry Divisions' Artillery in a joint assault on the Siegfried line at Saarbrücken. We fired our first combat mission from positions at Alstingen, France, on March 20th into the bastions of the German first line of defense.

Following up the successful attack of the 63rd Division

we moved onto German soil at Ommersheim, Germany. We registered but the enemy was retreating so rapidly that within two hours they were beyond the range of our guns. For three days at Ommersheim we first became familiar with the problems of Military Government, prisoner handling, burial of the dead and occupation of a German town.

The battalion then reverted to Division control, and for the next two weeks we were engrossed in the problems which beset occupational troops both in the vicinity of Zweibrücken and later in the town of Hermeskiel near Trier, Germany. We occupied towns, guarded bridges and regulated traffic.

At the end of this period we were assigned to the VIII Corps of General George S. Patton's Third Army and given the mission of relieving the 4th Armored Division in its drive on Leipzig and Chemnitz. Departing from Hermeskiel on April 5th, a non-stop march of 177 miles carried us across the historic Rhine River at St. Goar and to the village of Eife. From there the battalion moved to Boddinger where Battery "C" personnel took several German prisoners who were posing as civilians.

In Boddinger, a change of orders sent us to the First Army with the mission of spearheading the attack of the XVIII Corps (Airborne) into the Ruhr Pocket. Under Division Artillery control the battalion fired missions to support the bridging operations of the 97th Infantry Division across the Sieg River. That evening, as part of Combat Command B, we followed the 24th Tankers and 59th Doughfeet across the river and into the city of Siegburg to spend the night under continuous counter-battery fire. During the following day we gave close support to CCB, eliminating strong enemy resistance in the town of Elsdorf. In the operation a Battery C half-track was destroyed by enemy artillery fire. In the next firing position that night in the town of Eil, a German patrol infiltrated into the Battery B position and during the ensuing firefight the German officer was wounded and four of our men were wounded, two seriously, by small arms and "Panzerfaust" fire. The following morning our guns were firing in four different directions simultaneously. Battery A firing two missions, Battery B being displaced forward with the advanced guard, while Battery C was firing directly to the rear on a combat target in Elsdorf. On the same morning the battalion S-4 and four men had their vehicles destroyed and were taken prisoner in a firefight. They were later recaptured when a task force from CCB retook the building in which they were being held.

On the 12th of April, we moved into position at Aue, destined to be the "hottest" position we were to occupy in combat. Almost every combat mission fired was counter-battery on German 88 batteries on which we were able to get observation only by the diligence of our liaison pilots and observers. As a result of the assistance of our "grasshoppers" and that of some displaced Russians who pinpricked German gun positions on our maps, we took a heavy toll of 88 batteries. During this three-day operation, Headquarters Battery lost one man by mortar fire and B and C Batteries suffered casualties.

Our mission completed, we moved to Schlebusch, thence to Puttersburg where five hundred prisoners were taken, then on through Gruiten, firing all the way.

On the morning of April 17, we moved from Gruiten to Steinkoffen and Mettman, crossing a ridge enroute later dubbed "88 Alley" by the battalion. The entire column was subjected to direct fire from German artillery firing at right angles to the line of advance. The fact that we suffered no casualties testifies to the poor marksmanship of the enemy for we were "sitting ducks" for one-half hour.

The battalion then rolled into Duisberg, the Division objective, and the job of the Black Cats in the Ruhr campaign was completed.

Following the Ruhr campaign, the Division was re-assigned to the Third Army. Another road march carried us from Duisberg to Schwaig, a suburb of Nuremburg. Here we were addressed by the Third Army Commander, General George S. Patton, and were informed that the mission of the 13th Armored Division was to spearhead the attack of the XX Corps in their final major drive of the European war.

On April 27, the 496th crossed the famous Blue Danube and rolled into action against the enemy as part of CCB. The following day in Rain, Germany, the battalion, firing with battalions from the Fifth Artillery Group, fired heavy concentrations of white phosphorous and HE ammunition into the town of Straubing. While moving up to the Isar River, the bridge we had reconnoitered was blown by the enemy and we were forced to bivouac in the vicinity of Plattling.

The 496th fired its heaviest concentration during its combat experience while the Plattling bridgehead was being established. In one twenty-four hour period the battalion expended over 2500 rounds of 105-mm. ammunition on enemy targets across the Isar River. During this operation one of our forward observation officers was fatally wounded.

On the evening of the last day of April, the battalion

moved out with CCB on a night armored attack across the Isar and on to the Inn River—a crushing night and day move that covered 60 miles in 24 hours. While reconnoitering and observing for the CCB column, one of our grasshoppers was hit and forced down and the observer was wounded by flak.

The battalion closed in Reischach, Germany, on the 1st day of May and commenced firing on the enemy across the Inn River. While in this position, German infantry fired on our attached AA unit. Driven into the woods by our heavy small arms assault, weathering a barrage of time fire during the night, they surrendered to us the next morning. We also shot down two enemy planes, our first of the war.

On May 7, 1945, we received the news that Germany had unconditionally surrendered and the European war was over.

The battalion reconverted to a garrison basis and an extensive athletic and recreation program was launched. Recreation tours to Berchtesgaden and Salzburg were conducted. A Division Artillery rest camp went into operation and many members of the battalion participated.

Finally news arrived that we were to be redeployed to the Pacific via the United States. The battalion left Reischach on June 24th and was processed in Camp Atlanta and Camp Old Gold, France. While at Atlanta, many of the men visited Paris and the battlefields of World War I.

At Le Havre we boarded the USS General Black and set sail for the United States on July 14th. Our ship finally docked at Hampton Roads, Virginia on July 23rd. We disembarked and entrained for Camp Patrick Henry and the following morning the officers and enlisted men parted for their respective separation centers and thirty days at home.

After those beautiful days of civilian life, we again returned to our battalion at the new station in Camp Cooke, California, to find that since the "Jap" war was over the Division was no longer destined for the Pacific. Those fortunate enough to have sufficient points were immediately discharged and for the remainder, it was only a question of time until the division was inactivated.

This history of the 496th Armored Field Artillery Battalion is written as a tribute to its officers and men called by Hitler three years ago, "the soft citizens of a decaying democracy." These same men have proved themselves the best soldiers in the world. No job has been too tough for the men of the 496th. Their loyalty, courage, and devotion to duty never wavered. They have fired and moved halfway across the world and back. They may be justly proud of their combat record.



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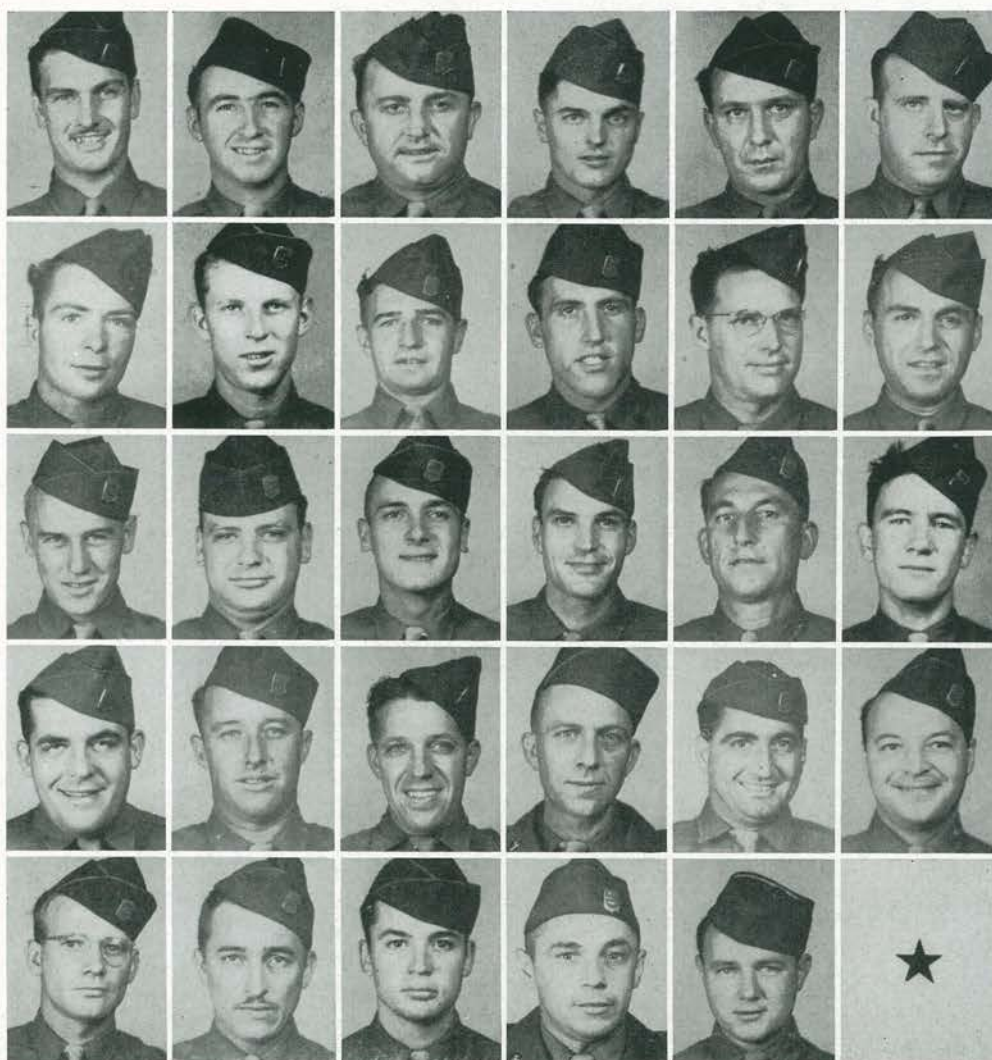
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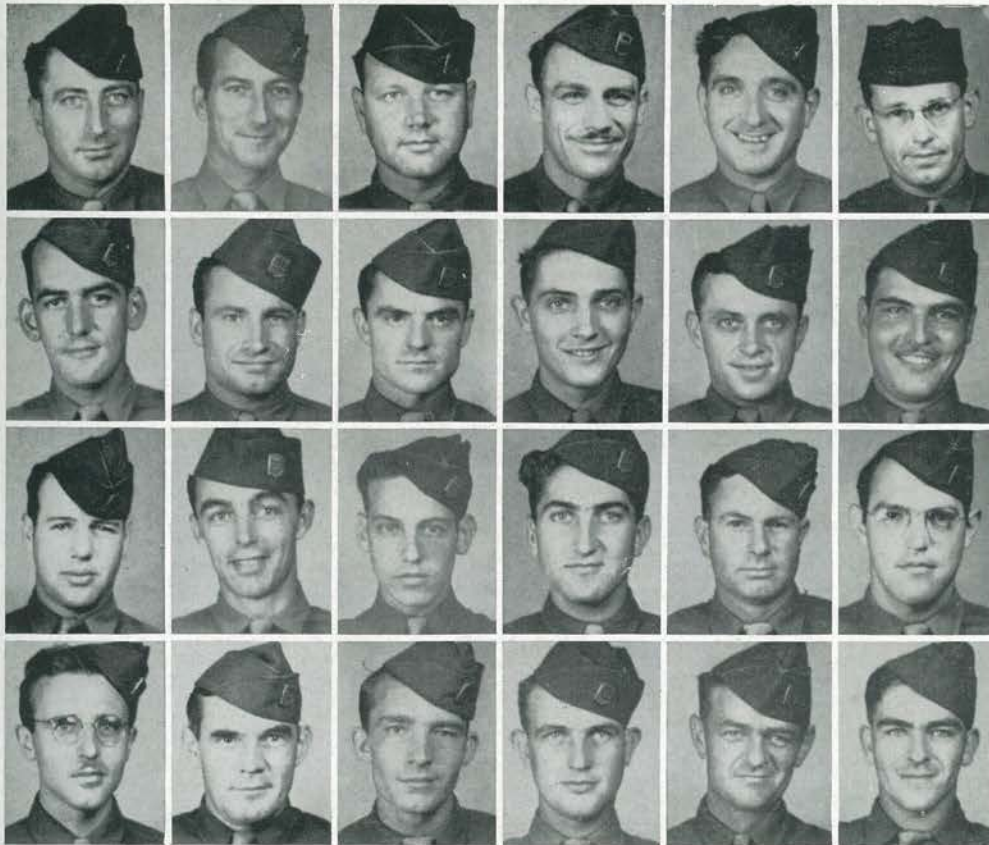
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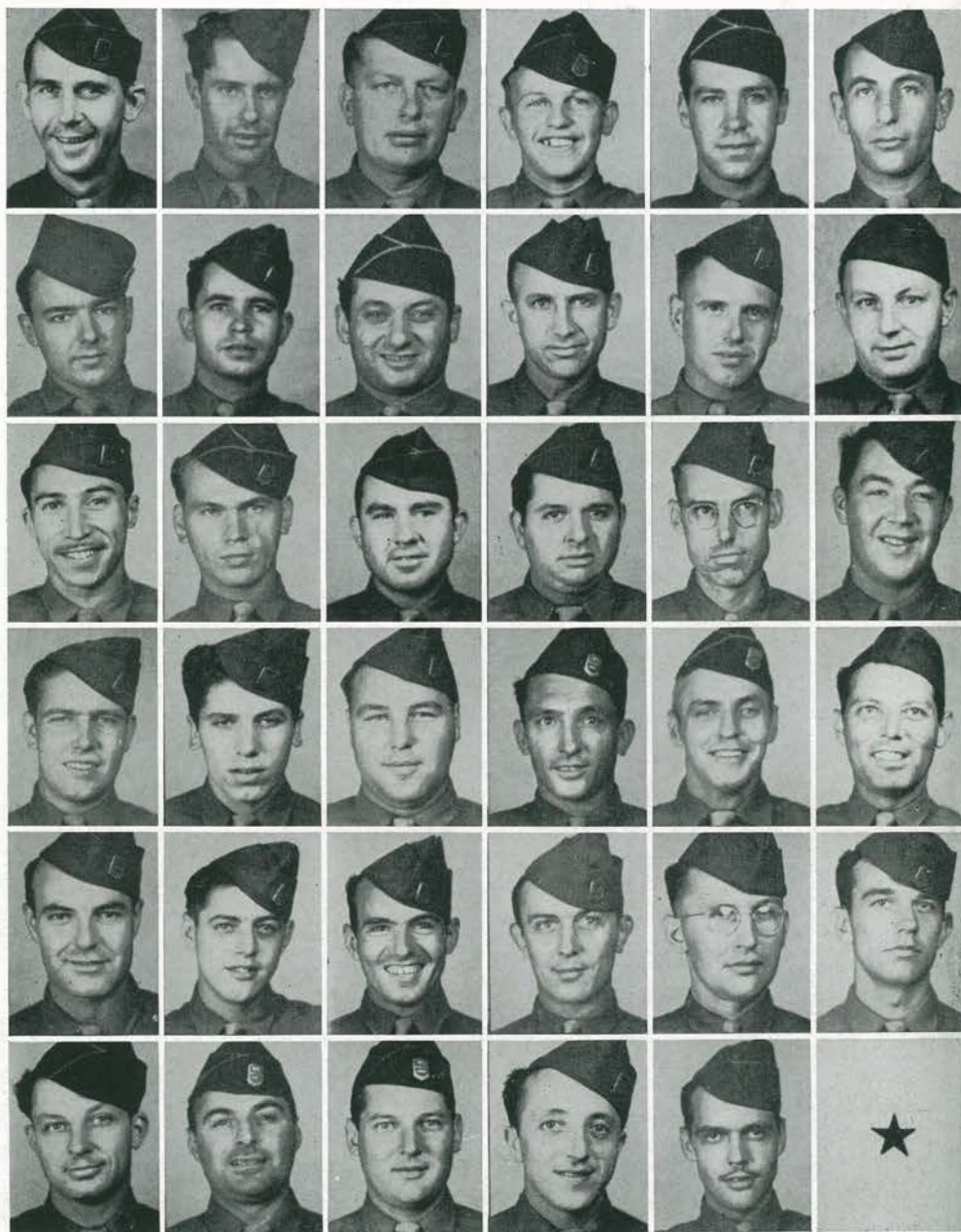
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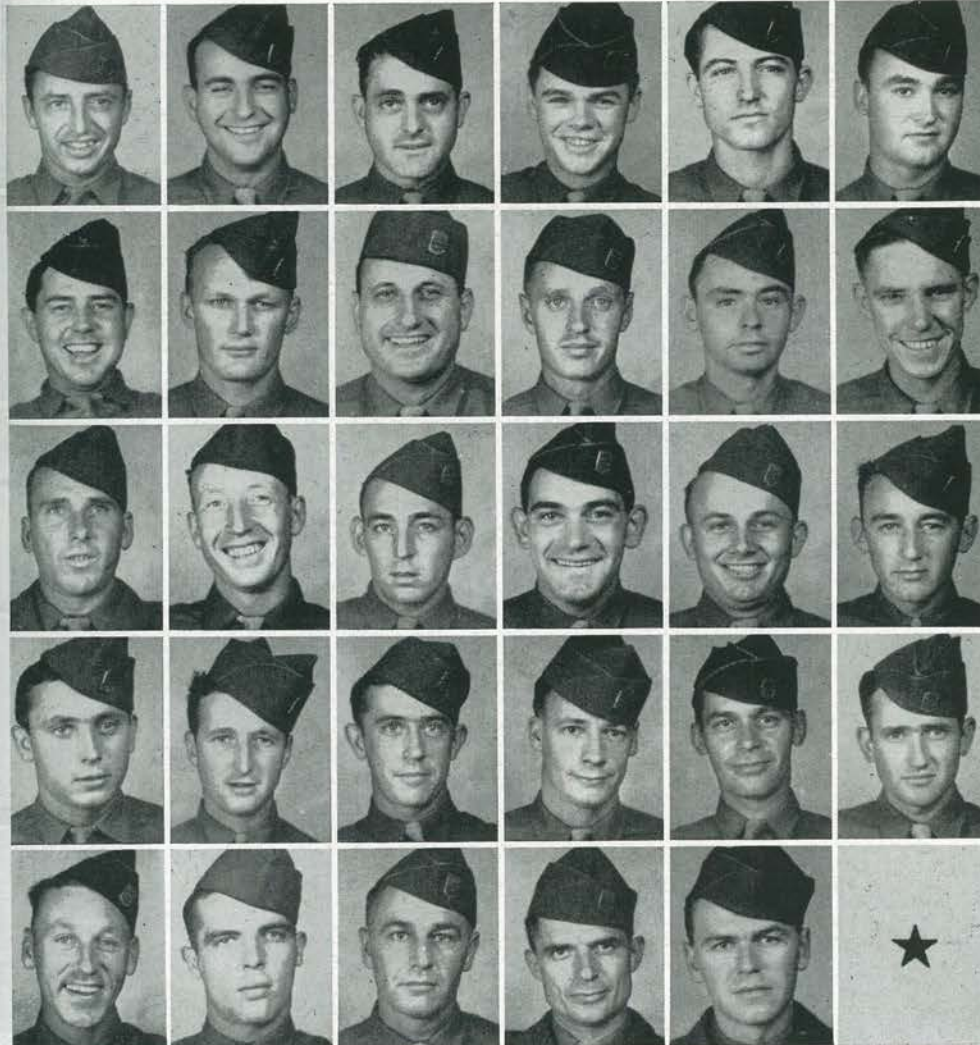
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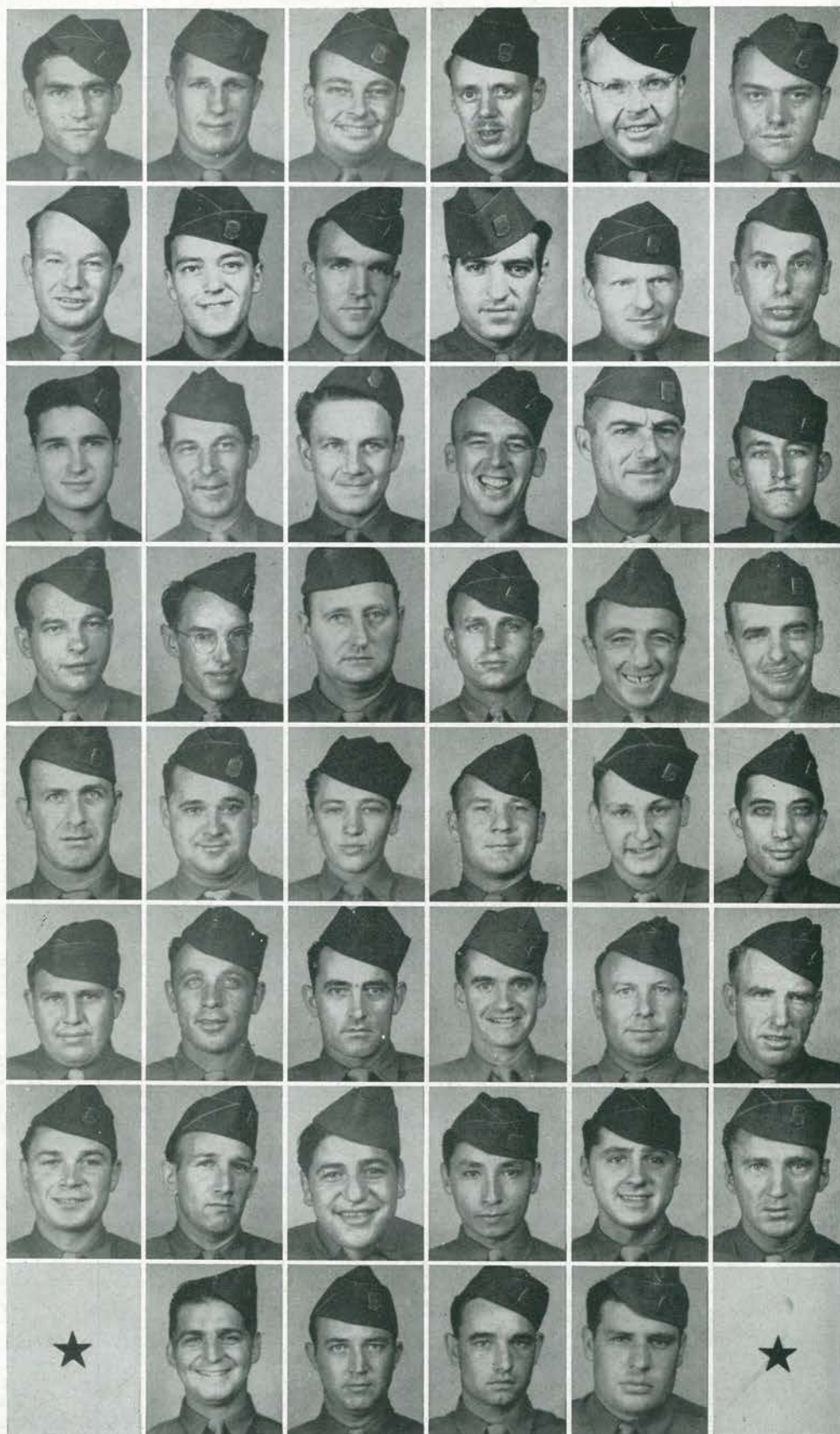
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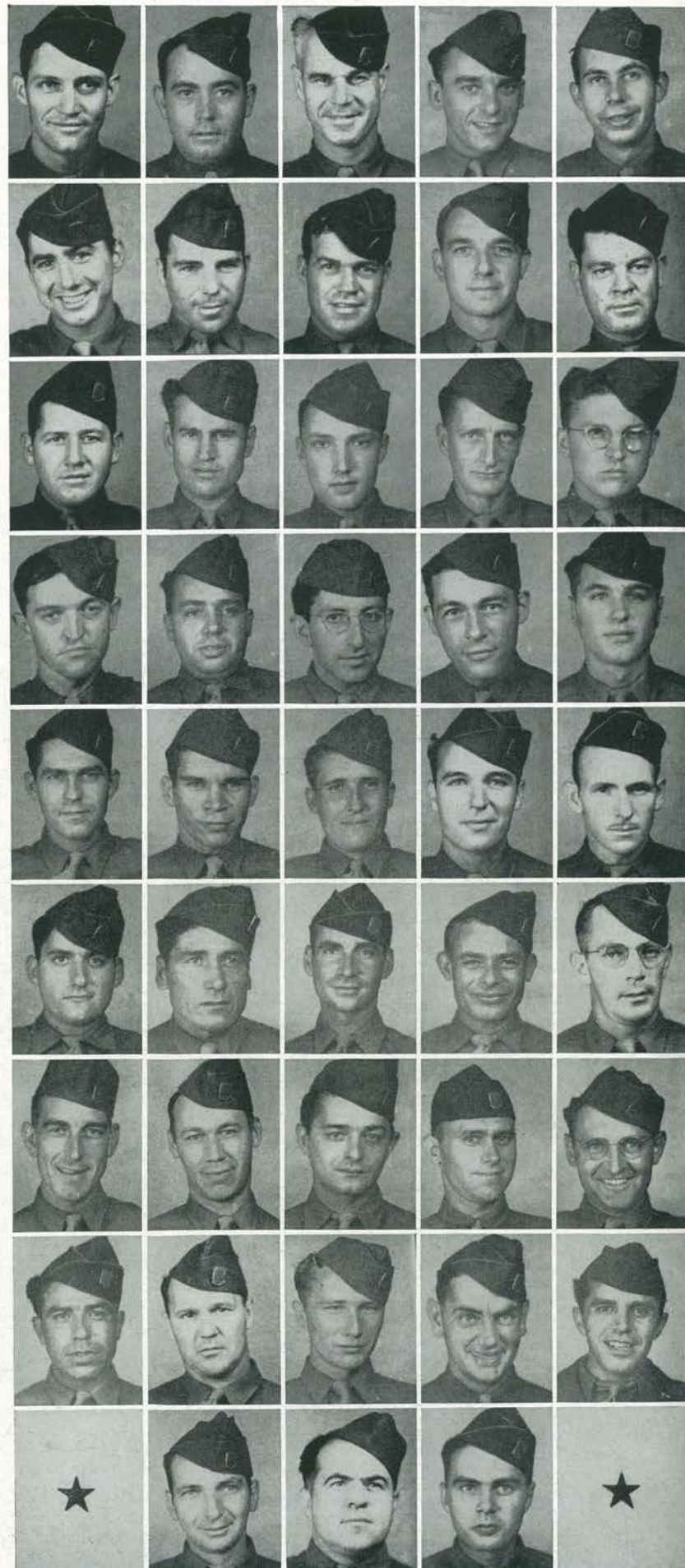
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SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO : Commanding General, 13th Armored Division

Modern warfare has made necessary the introduction of new units and new techniques to ensure victory in battle. The 13th Armored Division, activated at Camp Beale, California, on 15 October 1942 as a result of the need for armored units, proved in training and in combat the adaptability and genius of the American soldier in all methods of warfare.

Since the time when I was Commanding General of the Armored Force, I have followed the career of the Black Cat Division with interest and pride. After the completion of training, much of which you did at Camp Bowie, Texas, you arrived overseas early in 1945, and your tankers quickly earned for themselves the respect of the enemy. Joining the Third Army, you participated brilliantly in the final drive across the Danube River deep into Southern Germany. Your officers and men, despite their comparatively brief period in battle, fought with boldness, bravery and skill, winning a firm place in the heritage of our country.

Those of the 13th Armored who find themselves in new tasks, now that the division is being inactivated, will continue to serve their country, I know, with enthusiasm and steadfastness, until our military strength can safely be reduced.

The men in the 13th Armored Division will be forever included among the heroes of our country, and it is for me a proud occasion to be able to commend you most heartily, in the name of all Americans, for your gallant service in defense of freedom.

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A HISTORY OF HEADQUARTERS, DIVISION ARTILLERY

Housing conditions, wives, cancelled maneuvers, reorganization, both California and Texas foxholes, firing tests—World War II was fought at home and almost won abroad before the Artillerymen of the 13th Armored Division went overseas.

What has now become history started to weave itself into a story at Camp Beale, California, on the 15th day of October, 1942, when Division Artillery Headquarters was created and assigned to the forward echelon of Division Headquarters. At that time an appointment was made which was to stick through all the other changes incident to the growth and development of the 13th Armored Division Artillery. Col. Alfred E. Kastner became Artillery Officer.

The responsibility for directing and supervising the training of all the artillery within the Division was assigned to Division Artillery and included not only the artillery battalions but the tanks and assault guns in their general support functions. Despite the work entailed by this assignment, everything in artillery headquarters was blissful until August—no guard, no duty officer, no charge of quarters and no participation in the alerts of the West Coast Defense Command. All these were the lot of the battalions. We were a part of Division. This all led to loud complaints over the debut of Black Cat Headquarters into the realm of soldiering when it ventured out early in August for a week-end CPX. Tear gas and K rations were tried for the first time and each had its expected effect.

Then came a deluge of combat firing exercises and artillery shoots. Tank support problems and infantry support problems were run concurrently in all sectors of the Camp Beale reservation—with Lone Tree Hill alone common to them all.

October 15, 1943, marked a year of training and brought indications of maneuvers to come. The Division prepared for movement to Oregon, but a last minute cancellation turned the Division "Farewell Party" into a "Not Going Away" affair. Massed-fire training continued and midway through November Division Artillery conducted Practice Test No. 3 in the Waldo, Spenceville, Lone Tree Hill area.

Then "California's Own" left home. The change of station to Camp Bowie, Texas, came early in December,

and we arrived in the Lone Star State in time for Christmas and the inevitable ITP tests.

In preparation for ITP tests, basic training was begun anew on a seven day week basis, and everyone had gas mask drill, basic medical and small arms instruction, physical fitness training, and military courtesy lessons right up to "H" hour. This was followed by the never to be forgotten "snow problem," which occurred, fortunately, before anyone dreamed of trenchfoot.

In due time the Division's big day arrived. It was to rough it at last. A real field exercise was to comprise the final phase of Division training; the "D" Series lasted four weeks, after which the salt spray in the air seemed so real that wives and children were moved back home, terminal leaves were rushed through on special orders, and the local realtors began looking for new clients. The Cats were hot.

September brought the beginning of intensified and uninterrupted inspections and rumors of Louisiana maneuvers. We took to the field continuously, exploiting breakthroughs and attacking fortified areas until the grease pencils gave out. Back in garrison the paper shortage was becoming acute; so everyone turned to packing and crating, uncrating and repacking. No one would believe that plans to proceed to an east coast POE would not be changed, but somehow or other everyone got on trains and the mass of equipment on each man's back impressed him personally that these orders were not to be retracted.

Kilmer was a pleasant spot, liberal in its pass policy and ready to assist transient troops wherever possible. The stay there was all too short, for the *Marine Dragon*, anxious to push off from her Brooklyn pier on a maiden voyage that was to leave far behind our "fruited plains and amber waves of grain," had a date with a convoy. The second day out we joined another convoy down from Boston and found that among its ships was the British battleship H.M.S. *Nelson*. From then on "Forever Amber," "The Canary Murder Case," "The Dragon's Whistle," Fuller Warren's "Now Hear This," and a talented GI stage show were the only distractions to keep men from their favorite topic, "How far are the Russians from Berlin?"

On January 28th the "Marine Dragon" rounded the Isle of Wight and dropped anchor at nightfall off England's

shores. Around midnight we started across the channel with a full moon and an unannounced escort of naval protection, headed straight for the lion's mouth. The Navy saw us through all right; the beautiful port of Le Havre—twisted steel, broken stone and silent desolation—met the eyes of a serious group of soldiers on the cold overcast morning of January 29, 1945. We were not quite prepared for the acres of destruction before us. This should never happen again !!!

That night the advance party led us through the icy cold of a bitter snow-storm to our billets in St. Foy, Normandy, and by arrival time in the wee hours of the morning a shivering Headquarters Battery was ready to believe Master Sergeant (now 2nd Lt.) Whelan when he climbed on a bale of hay outside a bleak chateau and said, "Things are tough in the E.T.O." The men weren't long in naming their new abode: "Chateau de Mud."

Attempts at the French lingo, introductions to the wine shortage via Calvados, Cognac and vinegar-gone-to-war, visits to Dieppe, local dances, news broadcasts and good food were second only to the daily mail in their assistance in tiding men over from one day's work to the next. Finally the vehicles were in shape, and everything was unpacked and serviceable again. The Cats were ready!

So was higher headquarters! Seventh Army assigned Division Artillery and its component battalions under the designation of GROUP KASTNER to VI Corps Artillery Headquarters. Group Kastner was given the mission of general support of the 63d and 70th Infantry Divisions near Saarbrücken, Germany, and on March 19 moved to positions around Etzling, France. On the next day displacement was made to Ommersheim, Germany, the Siegfried Line was broken and the Allies raced to the Rhine unopposed. On March 22, having accomplished its mission, Group Kastner returned to the 13th Armored Division, now in the vicinity of Moyenvic, France.

For a while Division Artillery's mission was far removed from the din of battle. Figuratively donning M.P. brassards, it fell our lot to set up policing operations on the north side of the Moselle River at Trier in a great hospital, complete with running water and individual rooms with view. It was too good to last. It didn't. Patton had the 13th now. Everyone hung onto his hat as we took off for the front lines, crossed the Rhine at St. Goar and, despite a shortage of replacements for shredded bogie wheels, continued to assembly areas near Mosheim. Last minute plans to head toward Leipzig and meet the Russians were formed and reformed; Division patches put on and taken off again; vehicles loaded and radios tuned up—nothing

could stop us now. So with a 150-mile about face we returned to Horhausen, just south of the Ruhr pocket, where we joined the XVIII Corps (Airborne) as part of the First Army. Stieldorf was the first of a series of cellar command posts occupied by Division Artillery Headquarters. There, prior to the commitment of the 13th Armored Division as a whole, Division Artillery received the mission of reinforcing the 97th Infantry Division Artillery, commencing with the crossing of the Sieg River at Siegburg on April 11. Speeding northward next day to Romaney, we occupied a command post in a large Gasthaus, received a welcome of Heinie time fire, and departing for Dunnwald, were showered with Allied propaganda leaflets. At Dunnwald only 500 yards from the advance elements we again moved into a cellar and concentrated on a creation of war memorials. On April 15 we occupied Dunnfeld, and successively established command posts at Ohligs and Gruiten, concluding the Ruhr operation northwest of Wulfrath on April 18th.

Following the Division's return to the Third Army, Division Artillery was ordered to the south and closed in at Schweig, on the 22nd of April. We crossed the Danube near Regensburg on the 28th and established headquarters at Thalmassing. The next morning we moved to the Isar River and thence across it at Plattling. In early May Division Artillery moved into an assembly area in the vicinity of Simbach on the Inn River across from Hitler's birthplace at Braunau, Austria.

Throughout the last operation Division Artillery functioned under XX Corps and was assisted by Colonel Bernard Thimer's 5th Artillery Group consisting of Group Headquarters and three battalions: the 177th, 943d, with 105 howitzers, and the 274th, a 105 SP outfit. The 943d Field Artillery Battalion worked directly under Division Artillery control throughout the operation, while the other battalions supported either CCB, CCR, or both, depending upon the organization employed for combat.

After the welcome news of VE Day, comfortable quarters, bumper markings and haircuts were the order of the day. The pleasant hours at Simbach on Inn from May 8 to June 25 will long remain in the memory of Division Artillery, for everyone enjoyed the natural beauties of Bavaria.

Today at Camp Cooke, California, the history of the 13th Armored Division closes with each artilleryman anticipating his return to civilian life. However, thankful that V-J Day interrupted War Department plans to combat load the 13th on LSTs headed for the invasion of the Japanese mainland, each can recollect the part he played with pride. The job has been well done.

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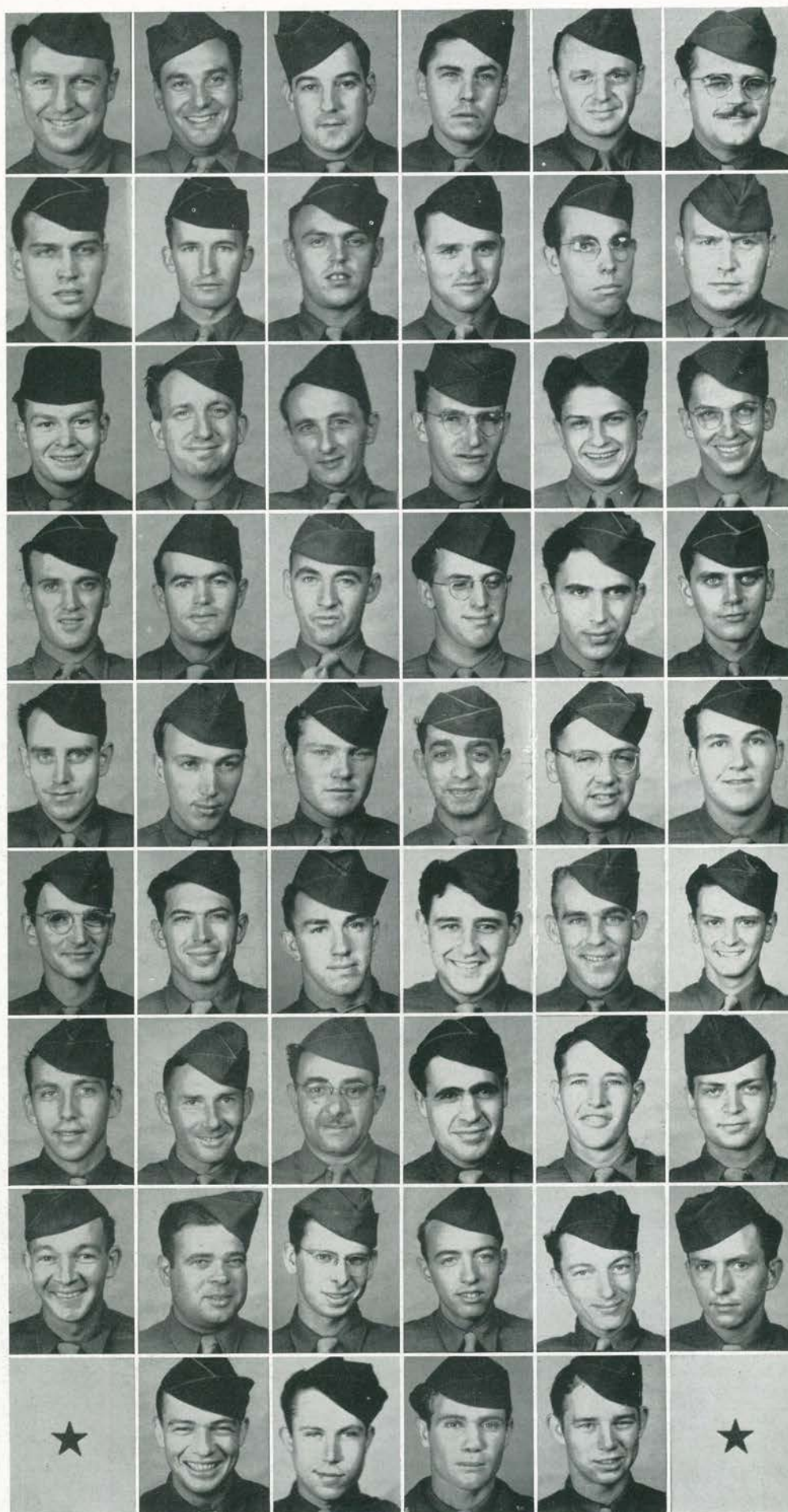
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HISTORY OF THE 497TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

We had a long way to go before we could get to shoot our guns—from California to the French-German border. Last leg was on March 19 when we proceeded through Moyenvic and Saareguemines to firing position near Spichenen, which was about 2,000 yards from the enemy lines in Saarbrücken. The rest of the Division was not in this action—the Division Artillery did the first fighting for the 13th. At 1700 on that day "A" Battery fired the first shot of the division at the enemy on a target in Saarbrücken. Our long months of diligent training paid dividends, the first round was "Effect on the Target!" The other batteries joined in, and we were embarked on our combat career. We fired during the night, and on the 20th, our supported troops moved very rapidly in on the German positions. We displaced across the German border to a position near Ommersheim, Germany, where we had only time to register before the battle again got out of range. We returned to the Division at Luneville on the 23rd of March, making a noise like veterans whenever anyone was within earshot.

We moved out on the 27th, following the successful breakthrough of the Siegfried Line, and went east and north, crossing the border between Geiderkirch, Alsace-Lorraine, and Pempungum, Germany. We rolled into Mimbach, Germany, late that day. Still part of the Seventh Army, we stayed there until the 2nd of April, searching pillboxes of the Siegfried Line and houses for weapons, etc., supervising the population in their cleanup of the debris.

On April 2nd, we moved out through Homberg, Neunkirchen, and Saarbrücken, to an area near Trier, on the Moselle River. Battalion Headquarters was in a small town called Kenn. Our task in this area turned out to be very much the same as it had been in Mimbach, with the additional duty of guarding seven bridges against sabotage by the Germans in the area. We stayed here until the 6th when we moved out again to the east. At this time, General Patton's Third Army was spearheading a drive which had progressed across Germany almost to Jena, and an operation to continue this to meet the Russians was in the wind. We went right out to the spearhead, with the purpose of relieving the 4th Armored Division. The route led across the Rhine on a ponton bridge at St. Goar. By this time we had begun to get into serious trouble with our bogie wheels on the M-7's. Replacements were few, and the tremendous amount of travelling was blowing them out right and left. It was not unusual to arrive in a new

location with only three or four of our eighteen M-7's with us, the rest trailing in from then on for about twelve hours or so. That problem was never quite cured, although toward the end of the war, the replacements began to come in faster. Meanwhile things were tough.

At Hilgershausen we found that the whole operation to meet the Russians had been called off, and we were needed up in the Ruhr instead. We were released from the Third Army, assigned to the First Army, and started off after a day's rest to the Ruhr Pocket. We moved to Niederpleis, where we were in support of the 97th Infantry Division, to help them establish a bridgehead across the Sieg River. April tenth brought us one more move, to Siegburg-Mulldorf, where we fired across the river throughout the night. It was here that the battalion received its baptism of counter-battery fire, when we were shelled by 88's intermittently. Early the next day, reconnaissance parties went across the river to pick positions in Siegburg, and the battalion moved across late in the afternoon. The Germans hit the battalion CP building with several rounds of 88-mm. fire, and dropped a few in one of the battery positions before the battery got there.

On the 12th, in direct support of CCR, we took off in a rapid advance up through the pocket which was halted by strong enemy resistance shortly beyond Berg-Gladbach, and the battalion went into position in the middle of the town, to support the attack that night and the next morning. "C" Battery opened up the bombardment, firing on a concentration of German 88's who were firing at "D" Company of the 45th Tank Battalion, which had with it as forward observer Lt. Waldron and his crew. Few of us who heard it will forget the first salvo fired from that position in the center of town. It was just after dark, and the guns sounded like the crack of doom as they echoed back from the houses close around. Glass fell out of the windows of the houses for blocks around, and the streets, which had been full of civilians a few seconds before, were cleared like magic. Lt. Waldron and his men were having troubles, meanwhile, as one of the 88's which he was firing at had apparatus that enabled them to pick up the sound of his radio, and fired at the sound every time he turned on his transmitter to give fire commands. Fortunately, the battery got the 88 before it got our observers, and the whole battalion, passing by the next morning, saw the wreck of the gun, with shattered equipment and ammunition lying all around, and a few dead Germans who had not been carried away.

On the 14th, we were continuing our advance with

CCR when the mission of the Combat Command was changed, and it, with the 497th attached, left on a long road march (over roads that had been cleared of Germans "to the ditches") which brought us, after marching all night, to a town about twenty miles north of Langenburg. We were attached to the 8th Infantry Division, and with just time to refuel after our march, took off in an attack southward toward Langenburg. Through the 15th and 16th we fought southward, going into positions, firing a few missions, then moving out and on again, time after time. We went through Langenburg on the 17th, and then on against steadily decreasing resistance to Velbert and Mettman. During these days, the German will to fight was very spotty. They were surrendering by thousands in some places—in others they fought as long as they thought they could get away with it. Snipers caused a good many casualties throughout the Combat Command. From Mettman we fired a few rounds into Dusseldorf, but that city surrendered without putting up much resistance. Our part of the Ruhr campaign ended here, and on the 19th we moved out to the vicinity of Derschlag, 50 miles away, where we rested for a day and did some much-needed maintenance on our vehicles. On the 20th we received hurried orders and moved out on our way to Bavaria, where General Patton and his Third Army again needed some help.

300 miles from Derschlag is Buchenbuhl, which was our next stop. It is a small town not far from Nuremberg, which had just been captured the day before we reached Buchenbuhl. We remained here until the 26th, resting and working on the vehicles. General Patton talked to the assembled officers and noncoms of the division, and his address measured up to expectations. The new operation was designed to sweep southeastward through Bavaria, to meet the Russians who were driving northwest from Vienna, and keep the Germans from massing their forces in the so-called "Redoubt Area"—the Austrian and Bavarian Alps—for a last stand. On the 26th we made a short move to Parsburg, and left the next day for a march which took us across the Danube. This march across the Danube, to a position at Wolkering, was only 47 miles, but due to terrible roads, deep mud, and a bottleneck at the engineer pontoon bridge, it took us 28 hours to do it. As one route got too bad to use, another would be found, and the column got completely screwed up at times. For example, Service Battery, at the tail of the column when we started out, crossed the Danube hours ahead of the rest of the battalion. We progressed southwestward, doing some firing, through Wolkering, Essenbach, Makofen, and Encherdauf, where we arrived on the 30th. This period was one of little sleep. As soon as we arrived in a town and dispossessed the Germans of their houses, served a meal and fell into bed, we would be moved out again half an hour later.

As was the case with almost all of the rivers in that part of Germany, the Isar River had no bridges left by the time that we arrived there. In direct support of CCA, we crossed the Isar on the first of May and took off for the Rott River, 35 miles away. The Division mission was then to take three bridges across the Rott River, and the hope was that they could be captured intact. The advance guard elements lost their way, and the 497th, with Major Lea flying with Lt. Masonholder in the plane and guiding the lead vehicle by radio, turned itself into an advance guard and took one of the bridges intact. The spearhead was a halftrack from Headquarters Battery followed by two M-7's from "B" Battery, all firing their machine guns as they went through the two towns that stood between us and the river, and trying to sound like a column of tanks coming down the roads. After crossing the Rott, the task force was regrouped, the advance guard was found and led out front again, and we continued on to the south. The next objective was to secure bridges across the Inn River in the vicinity of Braunau. (In this area, the Inn was the border between Germany and Austria.) We were not so lucky this time, and the bridges were blown before we got there. The battalion went into position first just north of Simbach, and the next day, the 2nd, into position at Gumpersdorf to support a projected crossing of the river near Marktl. We had registered and were ready to fire, when orders were received on the 3rd at 1055 from our liaison officer to cease all hostilities. Rest and maintenance operations immediately went into effect, while rumors flew around that this was the end of the war, that it wasn't, that we were to leave on another mission, etc., etc. It was raining hard, and the dirt roads in our area quickly became almost impassable. We stayed in this position through the fifth, and then moved on the sixth to a town named Triftern, about ten miles to the north. On the seventh, we received the long-awaited message from General Eisenhower that the Germans had surrendered unconditionally, and that hostilities had ceased throughout the European Theatre.

There was probably never a luckier battalion. It contributed materially to the success of our army, training hundreds of replacements of officers and men for overseas duty prior to itself departing for combat. Its members participated in important operations, such as the breakthrough of the Siegfried Line in the Saar, the reduction of the Ruhr Pocket, and the race to Austria. In the course of long advances and marches through the ruins, bombing and shell fire, its members got a first hand knowledge of the ruthless destruction and carnage of war. The battalion was lucky that in these operations its sick and casualty list was nil. We all know there was never a better trained artillery battalion; surely the long hours of sweat and devotion to duty prior to combat was a contributing factor in making our battalion the "Lucky 497th."



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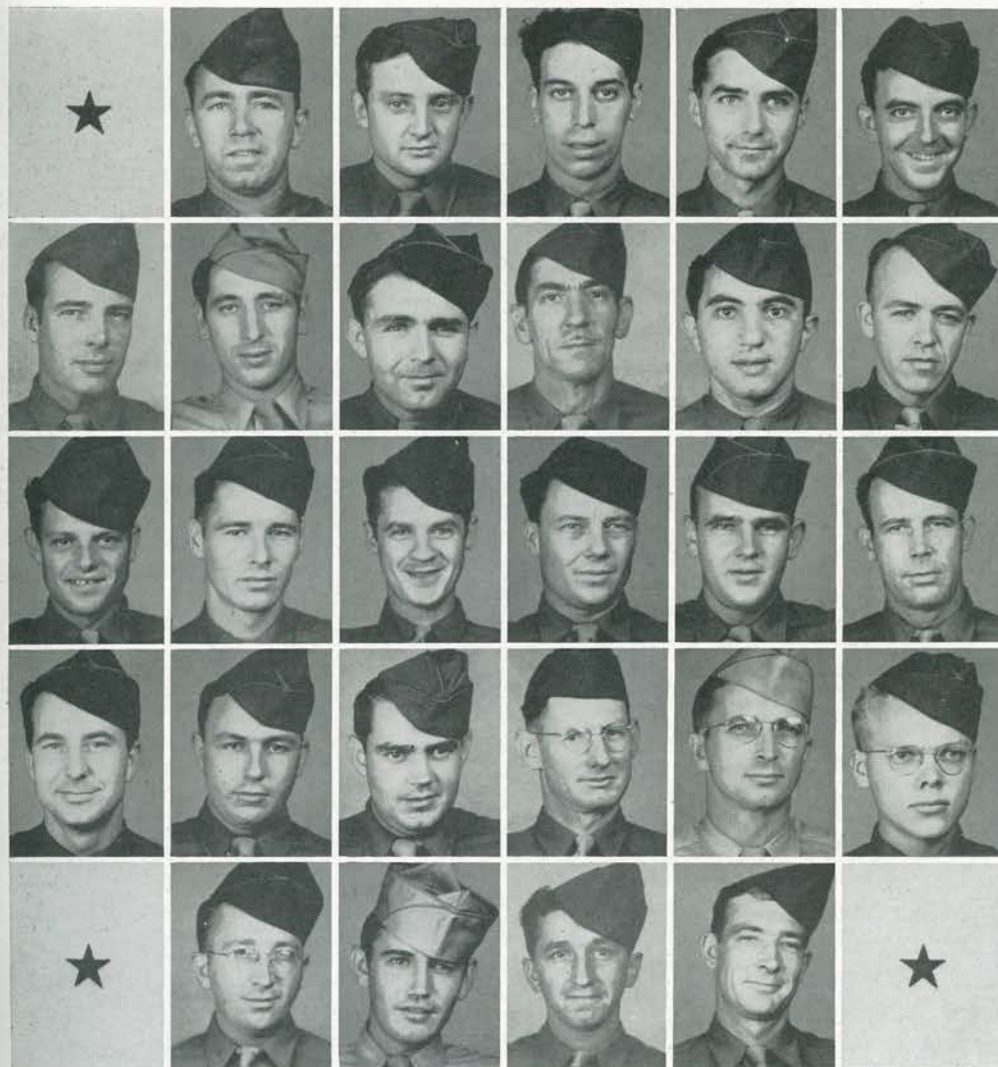


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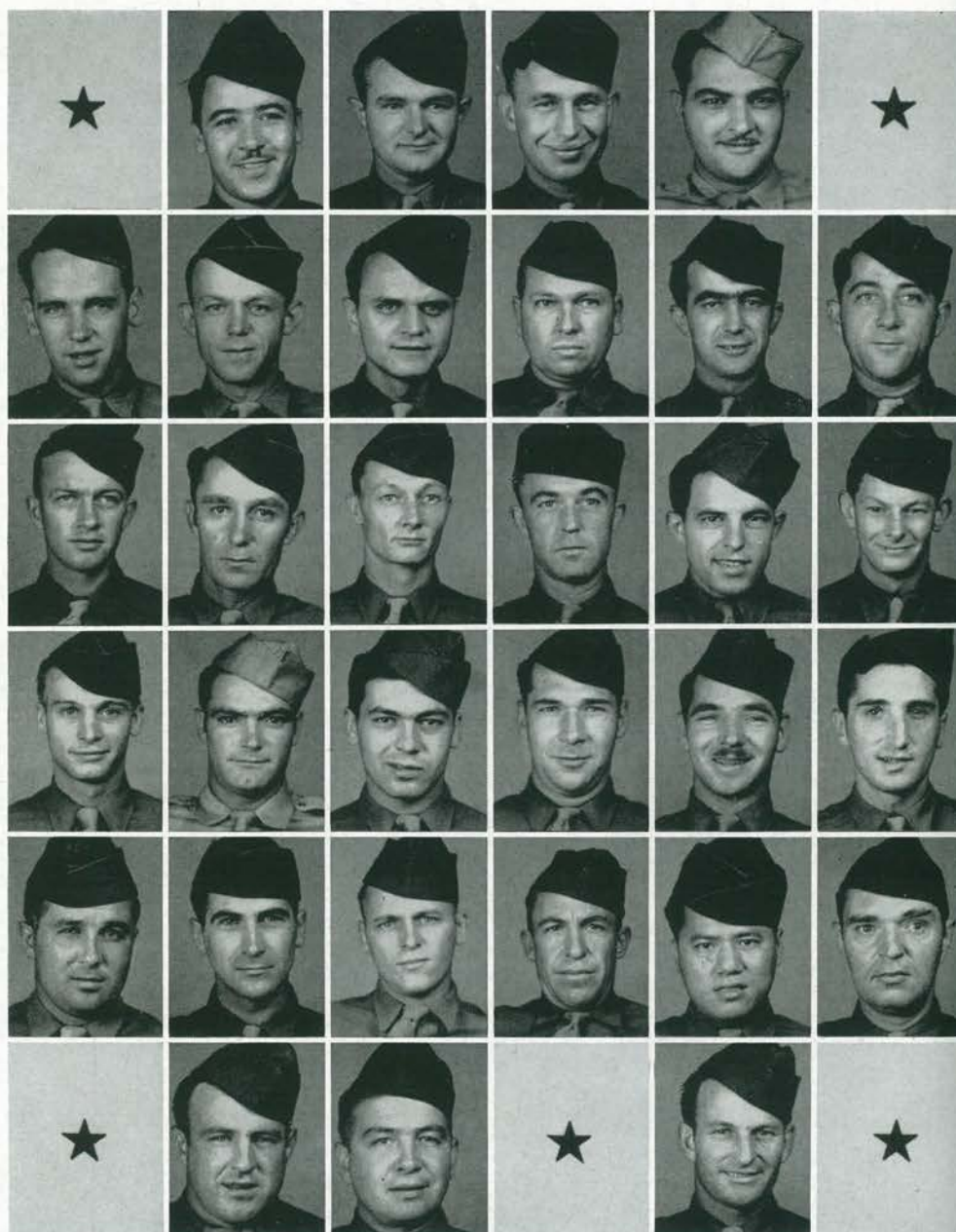
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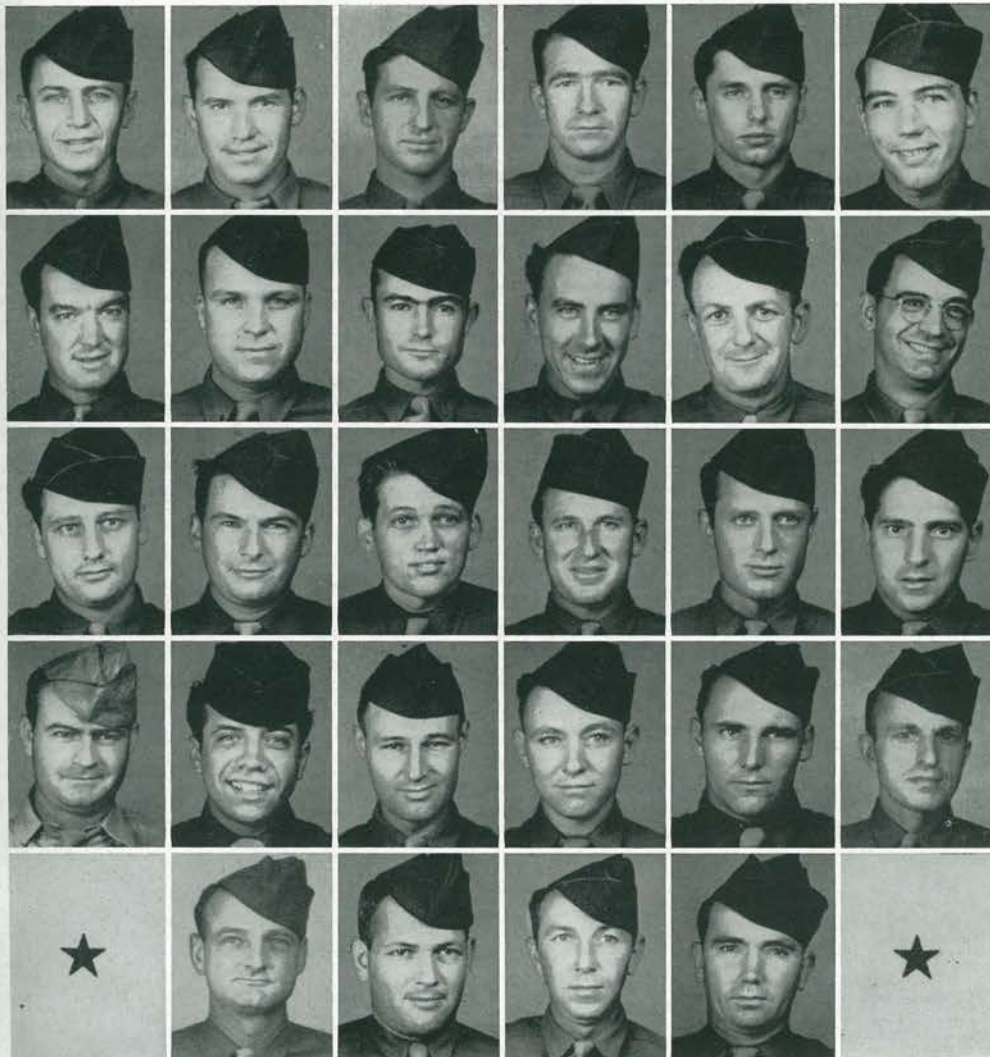


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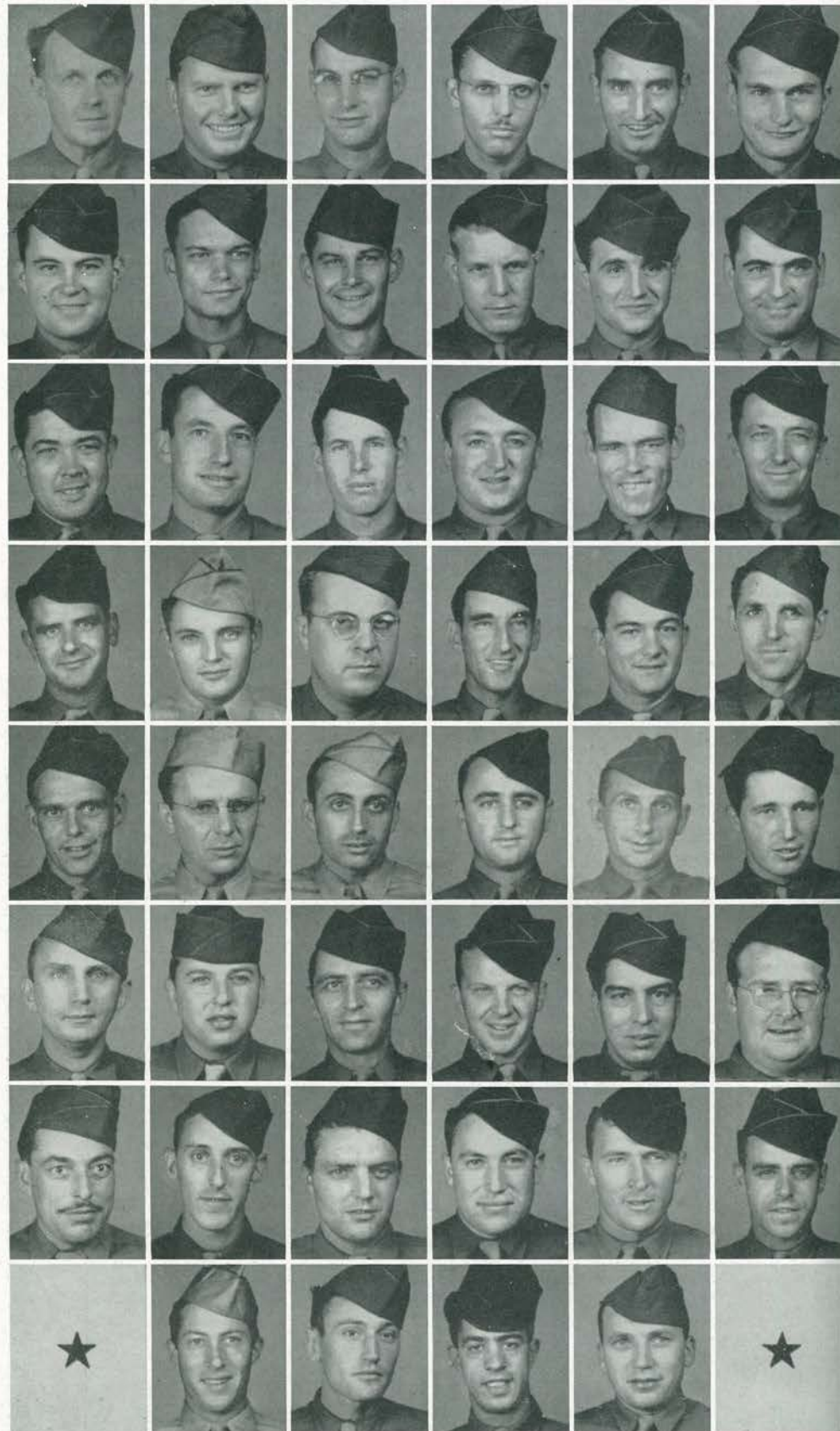
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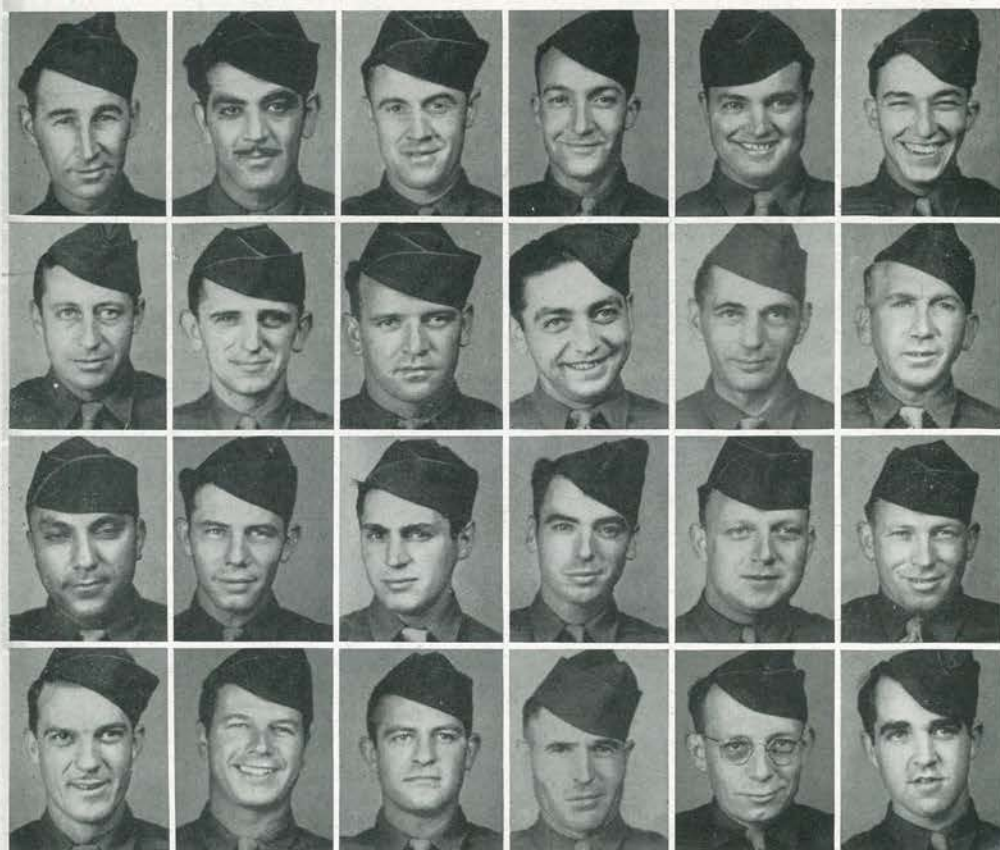


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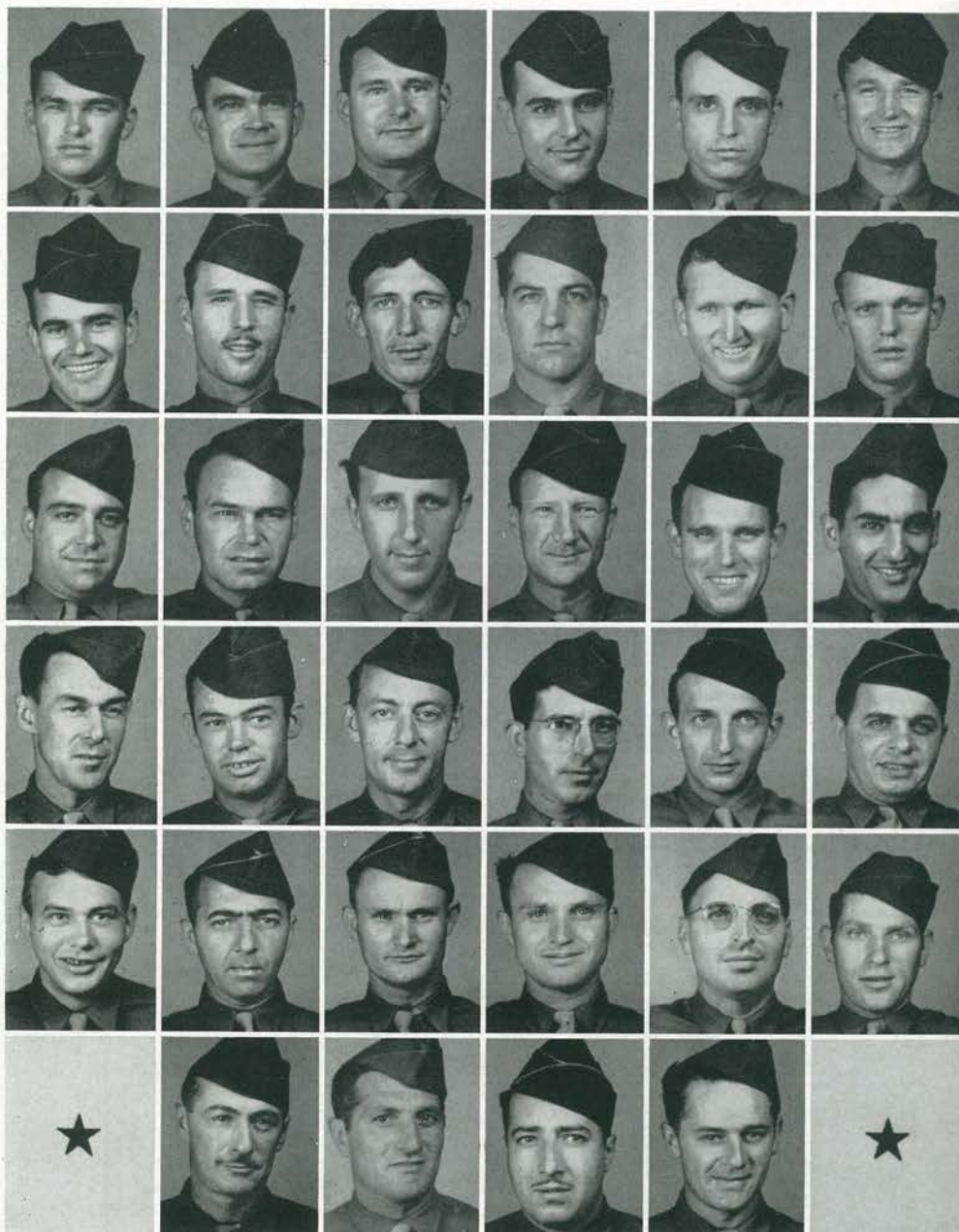
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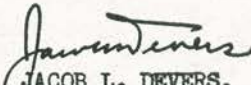
TO : Commanding General, 13th Armored Division

Modern warfare has made necessary the introduction of new units and new techniques to ensure victory in battle. The 13th Armored Division, activated at Camp Beale, California, on 15 October 1942 as a result of the need for armored units, proved in training and in combat the adaptability and genius of the American soldier in all methods of warfare.

Since the time when I was Commanding General of the Armored Force, I have followed the career of the Black Cat Division with interest and pride. After the completion of training, much of which you did at Camp Bowie, Texas, you arrived overseas early in 1945, and your tankers quickly earned for themselves the respect of the enemy. Joining the Third Army, you participated brilliantly in the final drive across the Danube River deep into Southern Germany. Your officers and men, despite their comparatively brief period in battle, fought with boldness, bravery and skill, winning a firm place in the heritage of our country.

Those of the 13th Armored who find themselves in new tasks, now that the division is being inactivated, will continue to serve their country, I know, with enthusiasm and steadfastness, until our military strength can safely be reduced.

The men in the 13th Armored Division will be forever included among the heroes of our country, and it is for me a proud occasion to be able to commend you most heartily, in the name of all Americans, for your gallant service in defense of freedom.


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HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ARTILLERY



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A HISTORY OF HEADQUARTERS, DIVISION ARTILLERY

Housing conditions, wives, cancelled maneuvers, reorganization, both California and Texas foxholes, firing tests—World War II was fought at home and almost won abroad before the Artillerymen of the 13th Armored Division went overseas.

What has now become history started to weave itself into a story at Camp Beale, California, on the 15th day of October, 1942, when Division Artillery Headquarters was created and assigned to the forward echelon of Division Headquarters. At that time an appointment was made which was to stick through all the other changes incident to the growth and development of the 13th Armored Division Artillery: Col. Alfred E. Kastner became Artillery Officer.

The responsibility for directing and supervising the training of all the artillery within the Division was assigned to Division Artillery and included not only the artillery battalions but the tanks and assault guns in their general support functions. Despite the work entailed by this assignment, everything in artillery headquarters was blissful until August—no guard, no duty officer, no charge of quarters and no participation in the alerts of the West Coast Defense Command. All these were the lot of the battalions. We were a part of Division. This all led to loud complaints over the debut of Black Cat Headquarters into the realm of soldiering when it ventured out early in August for a week-end CPX. Tear gas and K rations were tried for the first time and each had its expected effect.

Then came a deluge of combat firing exercises and artillery shoots. Tank support problems and infantry support problems were run concurrently in all sectors of the Camp Beale reservation—with Lone Tree Hill alone common to them all.

October 15, 1943, marked a year of training and brought indications of maneuvers to come. The Division prepared for movement to Oregon, but a last minute cancellation turned the Division "Farewell Party" into a "Not Going Away" affair. Massed-fire training continued and midway through November Division Artillery conducted Practice Test No. 3 in the Waldo, Spenceville, Lone Tree Hill area.

Then "California's Own" left home. The change of station to Camp Bowie, Texas, came early in December,

and we arrived in the Lone Star State in time for Christmas and the inevitable ITP tests.

In preparation for ITP tests, basic training was begun anew on a seven day week basis, and everyone had gas mask drill, basic medical and small arms instruction, physical fitness training, and military courtesy lessons right up to "H" hour. This was followed by the never to be forgotten "snow problem," which occurred, fortunately, before anyone dreamed of trenchfoot.

In due time the Division's big day arrived. It was to rough it at last. A real field exercise was to comprise the final phase of Division training; the "D" Series lasted four weeks, after which the salt spray in the air seemed so real that wives and children were moved back home, terminal leaves were rushed through on special orders, and the local realtors began looking for new clients. The Cats were hot.

September brought the beginning of intensified and uninterrupted inspections and rumors of Louisiana maneuvers. We took to the field continuously, exploiting breakthroughs and attacking fortified areas until the grease pencils gave out. Back in garrison the paper shortage was becoming acute; so everyone turned to packing and crating, uncrating and repacking. No one would believe that plans to proceed to an east coast POE would not be changed, but somehow or other everyone got on trains and the mass of equipment on each man's back impressed him personally that these orders were not to be retracted.

Kilmer was a pleasant spot, liberal in its pass policy and ready to assist transient troops wherever possible. The stay there was all too short, for the *Marine Dragon*, anxious to push off from her Brooklyn pier on a maiden voyage that was to leave far behind our "fruited plains and amber waves of grain," had a date with a convoy. The second day out we joined another convoy down from Boston and found that among its ships was the British battleship H.M.S. *Nelson*. From then on "Forever Amber," "The Canary Murder Case," "The Dragon's Whistle," Fuller Warren's "Now Hear This," and a talented GI stage show were the only distractions to keep men from their favorite topic, "How far are the Russians from Berlin?"

On January 28th the "Marine Dragon" rounded the Isle of Wright and dropped anchor at nightfall off England's

shores. Around midnight we started across the channel with a full moon and an unannounced escort of naval protection, headed straight for the lion's mouth. The Navy saw us through all right; the beautiful port of Le Havre—twisted steel, broken stone and silent desolation—met the eyes of a serious group of soldiers on the cold overcast morning of January 29, 1945. We were not quite prepared for the acres of destruction before us. This should never happen again!!!

That night the advance party led us through the icy cold of a bitter snow-storm to our billets in St. Foy, Normandy, and by arrival time in the wee hours of the morning a shivering Headquarters Battery was ready to believe Master Sergeant (now 2nd Lt.) Whelan when he climbed on a bale of hay outside a bleak chateau and said, "Things are tough in the E.T.O." The men weren't long in naming their new abode: "Chateau de Mud."

Attempts at the French lingo, introductions to the wine shortage via Calvados, Cognac and vinegar-gone-to-war, visits to Dieppe, local dances, news broadcasts and good food were second only to the daily mail in their assistance in tiding men over from one day's work to the next. Finally the vehicles were in shape, and everything was unpacked and serviceable again. The Cats were ready!

So was higher headquarters! Seventh Army assigned Division Artillery and its component battalions under the designation of GROUP KASTNER to VI Corps Artillery Headquarters. Group Kastner was given the mission of general support of the 63d and 70th Infantry Divisions near Saarbrücken, Germany, and on March 19 moved to positions around Etzling, France. On the next day displacement was made to Ommersheim, Germany, the Siegfried Line was broken and the Allies raced to the Rhine unopposed. On March 22, having accomplished its mission, Group Kastner returned to the 13th Armored Division, now in the vicinity of Moyenvic, France.

For a while Division Artillery's mission was far removed from the din of battle. Figuratively donning M.P. brassards, it fell our lot to set up policing operations on the north side of the Moselle River at Trier in a great hospital, complete with running water and individual rooms with view. It was too good to last. It didn't. Patton had the 13th now. Everyone hung onto his hat as we took off for the front lines, crossed the Rhine at St. Goar and, despite a shortage of replacements for shredded bogie wheels, continued to assembly areas near Mosheim. Last minute plans to head toward Leipzig and meet the Russians were formed and reformed; Division patches put on and taken off again; vehicles loaded and radios tuned up—nothing

could stop us now. So with a 150-mile about face we returned to Horhausen, just south of the Ruhr pocket, where we joined the XVIII Corps (Airborne) as part of the First Army. Stieldorf was the first of a series of cellar command posts occupied by Division Artillery Headquarters. There, prior to the commitment of the 13th Armored Division as a whole, Division Artillery received the mission of reinforcing the 97th Infantry Division Artillery, commencing with the crossing of the Sieg River at Siegburg on April 11. Speeding northward next day to Romaney, we occupied a command post in a large Gasthaus, received a welcome of Heinie time fire, and departing for Dunnwald, were showered with Allied propaganda leaflets. At Dunnwald only 500 yards from the advance elements we again moved into a cellar and concentrated on a creation of war memorials. On April 15 we occupied Dunnfeld, and successively established command posts at Ohligs and Gruiten, concluding the Ruhr operation northwest of Wulfrath on April 18th.

Following the Division's return to the Third Army, Division Artillery was ordered to the south and closed in at Schweig, on the 22nd of April. We crossed the Danube near Regensburg on the 28th and established headquarters at Thalmassing. The next morning we moved to the Isar River and thence across it at Plattling. In early May Division Artillery moved into an assembly area in the vicinity of Simbach on the Inn River across from Hitler's birthplace at Braunau, Austria.

Throughout the last operation Division Artillery functioned under XX Corps and was assisted by Colonel Bernard Thimer's 5th Artillery Group consisting of Group Headquarters and three battalions: the 177th, 943d, with 105 howitzers, and the 274th, a 105 SP outfit. The 943d Field Artillery Battalion worked directly under Division Artillery control throughout the operation, while the other battalions supported either CCB, CCR, or both, depending upon the organization employed for combat.

After the welcome news of VE Day, comfortable quarters, bumper markings and haircuts were the order of the day. The pleasant hours at Simbach on Inn from May 8 to June 25 will long remain in the memory of Division Artillery, for everyone enjoyed the natural beauties of Bavaria.

Today at Camp Cooke, California, the history of the 13th Armored Division closes with each artilleryman anticipating his return to civilian life. However, thankful that V-J Day interrupted War Department plans to combat load the 13th on LSTs headed for the invasion of the Japanese mainland, each can recollect the part he played with pride. The job has been well done.

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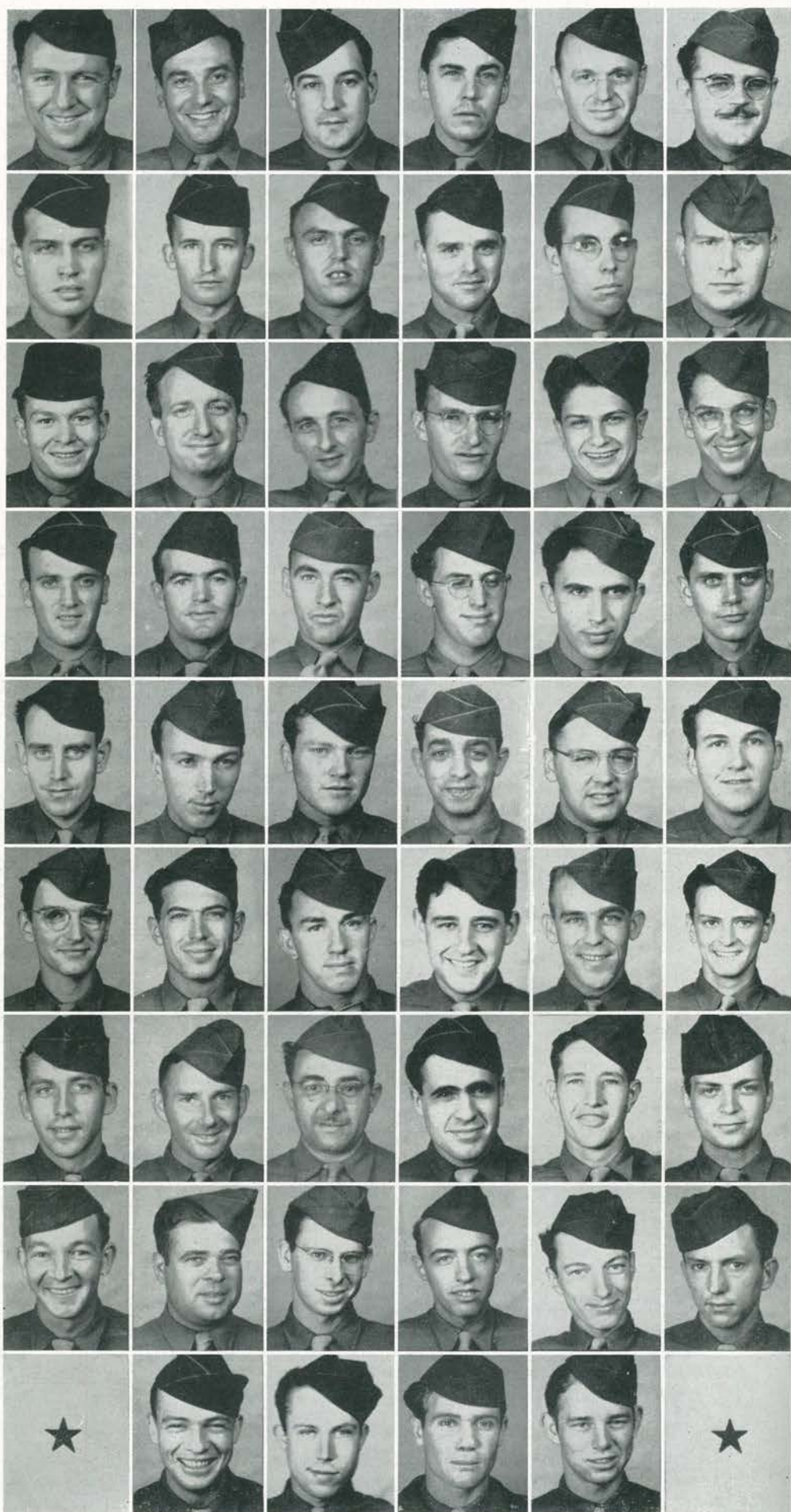
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HISTORY OF THE 498TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

The 498th Armored Field Artillery Battalion of the 13th Armored Division terminated over two years training in California and Texas with its departure on the 3rd of January, 1945, for Camp Kilmer, N. J. From there, after ten days of training and processing as well as passes to New York, the battalion went by train on the snowy morning of January 17 to the New York Port of Embarkation at Brooklyn, where they loaded on the USS *Mormacmoon*.

The voyage across the Atlantic was relatively quiet for the wartime winter months. Once a storm was encountered and twice there were submarine alerts. Just before reaching England, destroyer escorts dropped several depth charges between the *Mormacmoon* and the adjacent British battleship *Nelson*.

On 29 January, the *Mormacmoon* sailed into the battered port of LeHavre, France. The next day the battalion debarked, marched through the city, and entrained in Forty and Eight box cars for the brutal all night trip to the billeting area.

For six weeks the battalion readied itself for combat by modifying vehicles, drawing ammunition and equipment, and putting the final touches on training. This life of comparative ease was ended on March 16 when the battalion set off on the first leg of the trip to the battle front. The march carried them through Soissons, Vitry le Francois and Nancy to Bathelmont, France in the rear assembly area of the Division.

On the morning of 19 March, the battalions of Division Artillery moved to firing positions near Alsting, France. The 498th was attached to the 93d Armored Field Artillery Battalion of the Seventh Army, with the mission of supporting the 63d and 70th Infantry Divisions in their assaults on Saarbrücken. The battalion fired harassing and interdiction fire all night, and by noon of the 20th, fire slackened off as the infantry moved into the ruined city.

On 25 March, the battalion, back with the Division, was on the road to Germany, this time on a mission of aiding military government around Homberg. Here the officers and men had the experience—later to become a common practice—of dispossessing Germans of their homes. Setting up civil controls, rounding up German soldiers, Nazis, and displaced persons, kept the battalion busy until 1 April.

On the rainy midnight of 5 April, the battalion, as part of the Division, rumbled out of Trier and headed east with the mission of relieving the 4th Armored Division at the front. The Rhine River was crossed on a pontoon bridge at St. Goar. Finally, after traveling 221 miles, the battalion closed in the little town of Ostheim near Alsfeld. On the afternoon of April 8, a march order was given and the battalion moved to firing positions near Rott in the Ruhr. The Division was now part of the First Army. The guns of the battalion supported the 97th Infantry Division's bridging of the Sieg River near Hennef.

As soon as the bridgehead was secured, Combat Command A of the 13th went into the attack with the 498th in direct support. Soon the leading elements of the Combat Command pulled out of range of their organic artillery. However, late on 10 April, the 498th was finally able to cross the one way pontoon bridge over the Sieg River to Kaldauen and by noon of the 11th had moved up to the hot spot of Lohmar on the Autobahn. The battalion fired all night out of Lohmar on the enemy positions. The Germans returned the fire and laid in everything they had upon the firing positions.

Still in direct support of CCA, the battalion left Lohmar on 12 April and proceeded to Altenrath where it stayed until the next noon before displacing to Rosrath-Hack where some shell fire was received. The next day the battalion advanced to Forsbach. The only fire received here was against the observers, both ground and aerial. On April 14, the 498th advanced to Harkenrath and left the same day for

Mulheim, on the east bank of the Rhine River, opposite the much bombed cathedral city of Cologne.

On the afternoon of 15 April, the battalion displaced forward to Burriger, near Leverkusen. From here the battalion guns fired all night despite heavy enemy shelling which harassed the batteries for hours. At dawn, a battalion observation plane spotted an 88 battery and it was knocked out within 15 minutes.

Around noon, the 498th marched 18 miles to Hilden and went into firing position in an open field. Battery A had been in position north of Hilden under direct observation of the enemy, but it had to pull back when the shelling became too heavy. Making use of aerial photographs to spot the enemy positions, the guns fired throughout the night, many of the rounds with radio controlled fuse. The next day the German prisoners attested to the destructiveness of the fire by reporting that their casualties had been very heavy.

When all resistance ceased in the Ruhr, the battalion marched to Peckhaus, near Mettmann. On the 19th of April, the battalion moved 65 miles to Waldbrol and vicinity and recuperation and maintenance of weapons and vehicles. On the night of the 20th, it again hit the road for a 119-mile march to a bivouac area. After an eight hour rest, it moved on and during the night the column was bombed by German planes, and after traveling 279 miles in 41 hours closed into Heroldsberg.

Shortly after midnight on 26 April the battalion, still in direct support of CCA, left Heroldsberg to march 50 miles to the forward assembly area in the little Bavarian village of Mausheim. The 498th moved out the next day though rains had turned the roads into all but impassable sloughs of mud. On 28 April, they crossed the Danube River on a pontoon bridge near Lohstadt and proceeded to Gebelkofen. The next morning the battalion drove on the Isar River to find all bridges blown. From Einack, and Unter-Knollenbach the batteries fired across the river at enemy troop concentrations and gun positions. Battery A advanced several thousand yards into Worth on the river, but was shelled so heavily that it was forced to withdraw. Many Allied Prisoners of War were liberated in this area.

Unable to cross the river here, the battalion pulled out early on the morning of the 30th and marched 40 miles to the vicinity of Plattling. Shortly after midnight on 1 May, still with CCA, it crossed the Isar on a pontoon bridge and dashed 60 miles to Stubenberg several miles short of the Inn River. From positions here the battalion 105s delivered accurate observed fire on targets in and around Braunau, Austria, Hitler's birthplace. On May 2 more missions—the last of the war for the 498th—were fired on antiaircraft batteries and troop concentrations reported to be elements of the 6th SS Panzer Division.

On 3 May, the war was just about over for the 13th. The period from 3 May until 25 June was spent in the area east of Simbach, Germany, in military government work—searching houses, apprehending enemy prisoners, enforcing the laws—maintenance of weapons and vehicles, trips to Berchtesgaden and rest camps, and sports activities.

On 25 and 26 June, the battalion left their German billets for Camp Atlanta, France, A and B batteries traveling by train and the rest by motor convoy. Here it was staged for indirect redeployment to the Pacific. After staying at Camp Atlanta from 27 June until 9 July, the battalion departed by rail for Camp Old Gold in Normandy. Leaving Old Gold on 13 July, all batteries traveled by truck to Le Havre and boarded the USS *General McRae*, a Navy transport. After a ten-day voyage, the men of the 498th landed in the United States. Following thirty day recuperation furloughs, the men of the battalion reassembled at their new station, Camp Cooke, California, early in September, 1945.

As their commander, Lt. Col. W. S. Richards, told them before they left Germany, the men of the 498th Armored Field Artillery Battalion could look back on their days of combat with pride in a job well done. From the observer parties, firing batteries, fire direction center, to the supply and maintenance sections of Service Battery, the Battalion functioned well and was instrumental in defeating the armies of Germany. It can be said that the words of the motto on the coat of arms of the Golden Griffins, *Celeritas et Virtus* (Speed and Valor), epitomize the combat career of the battalion.



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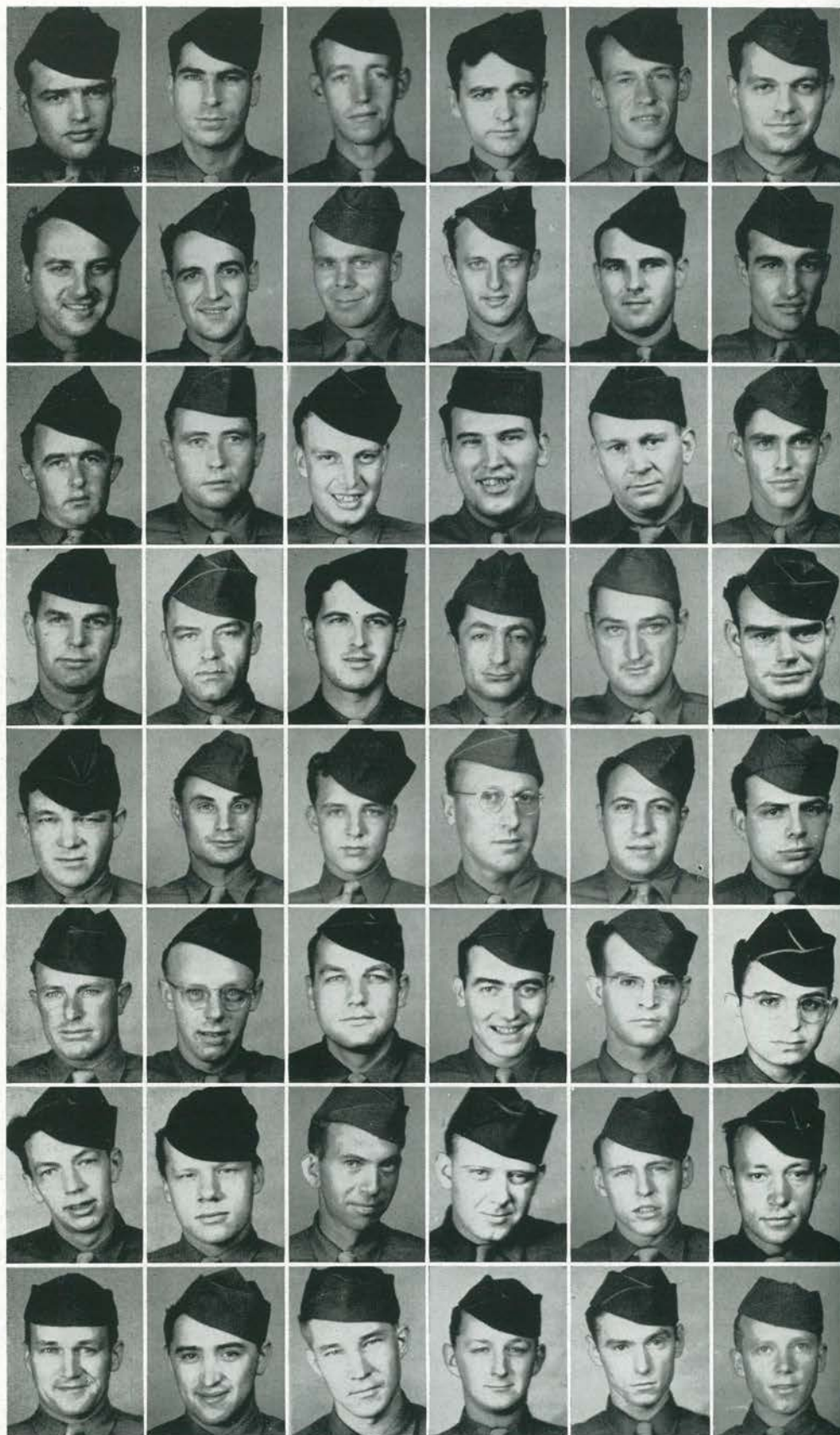
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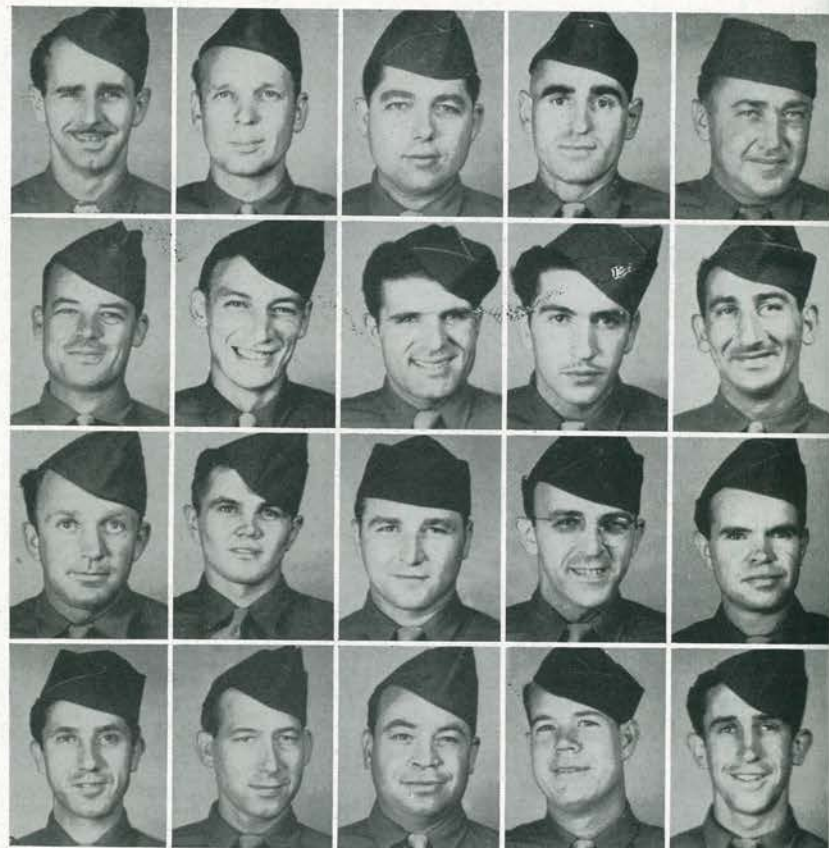
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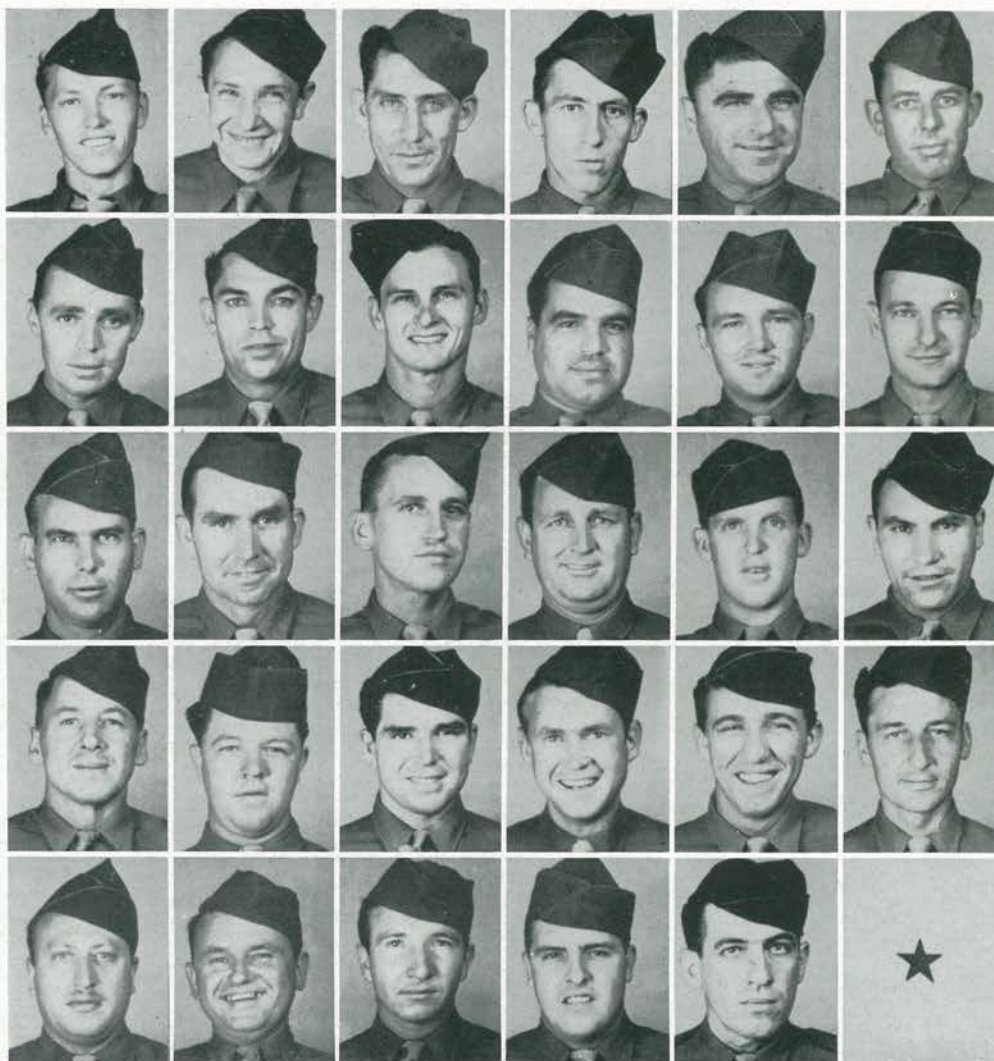
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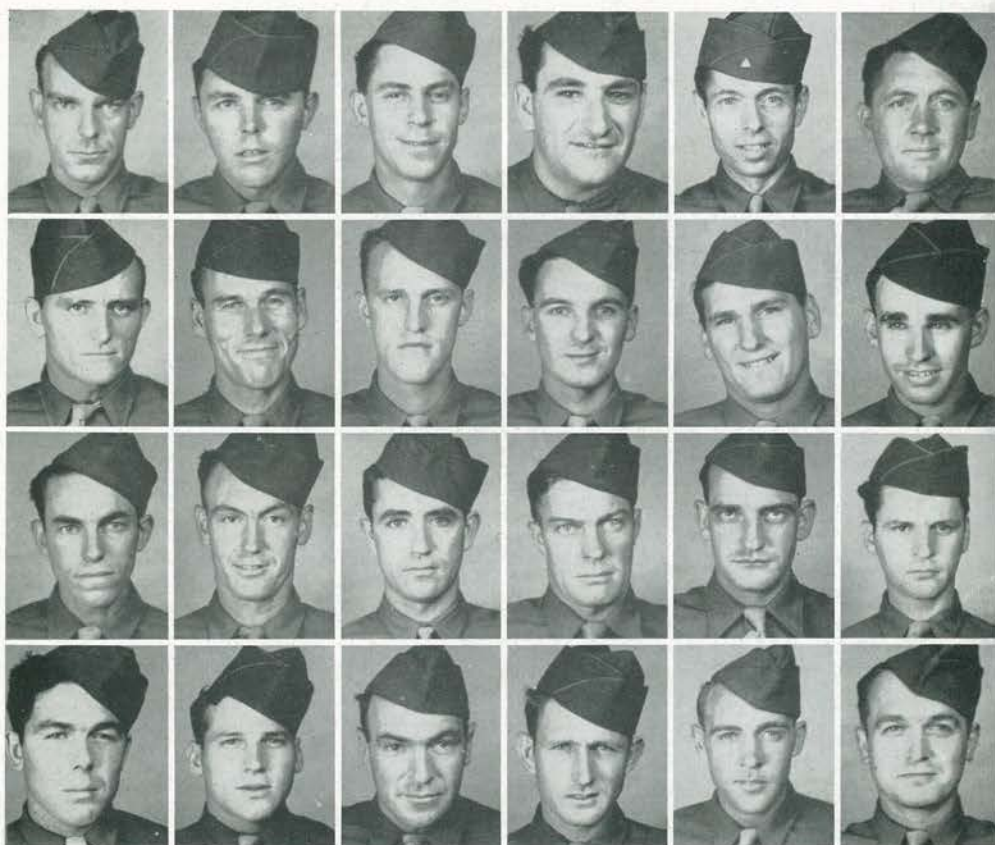
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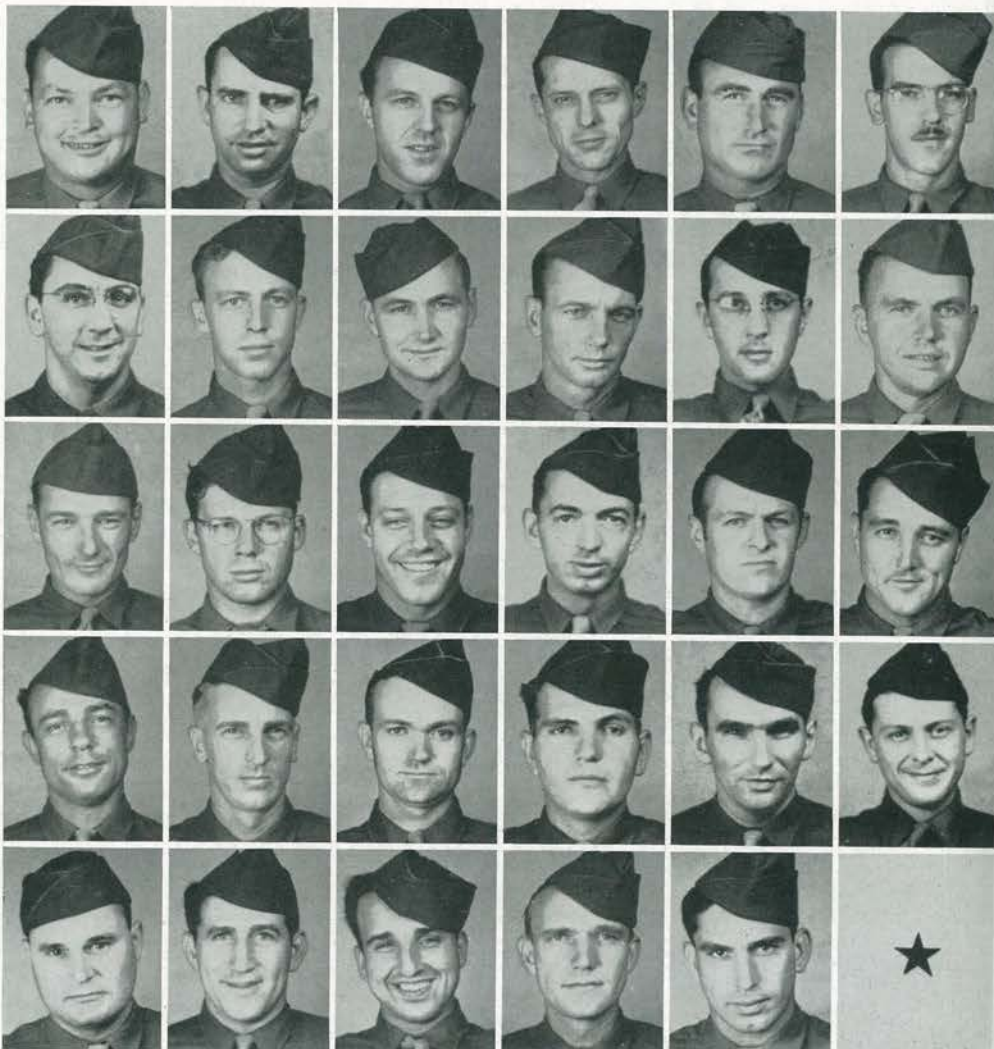
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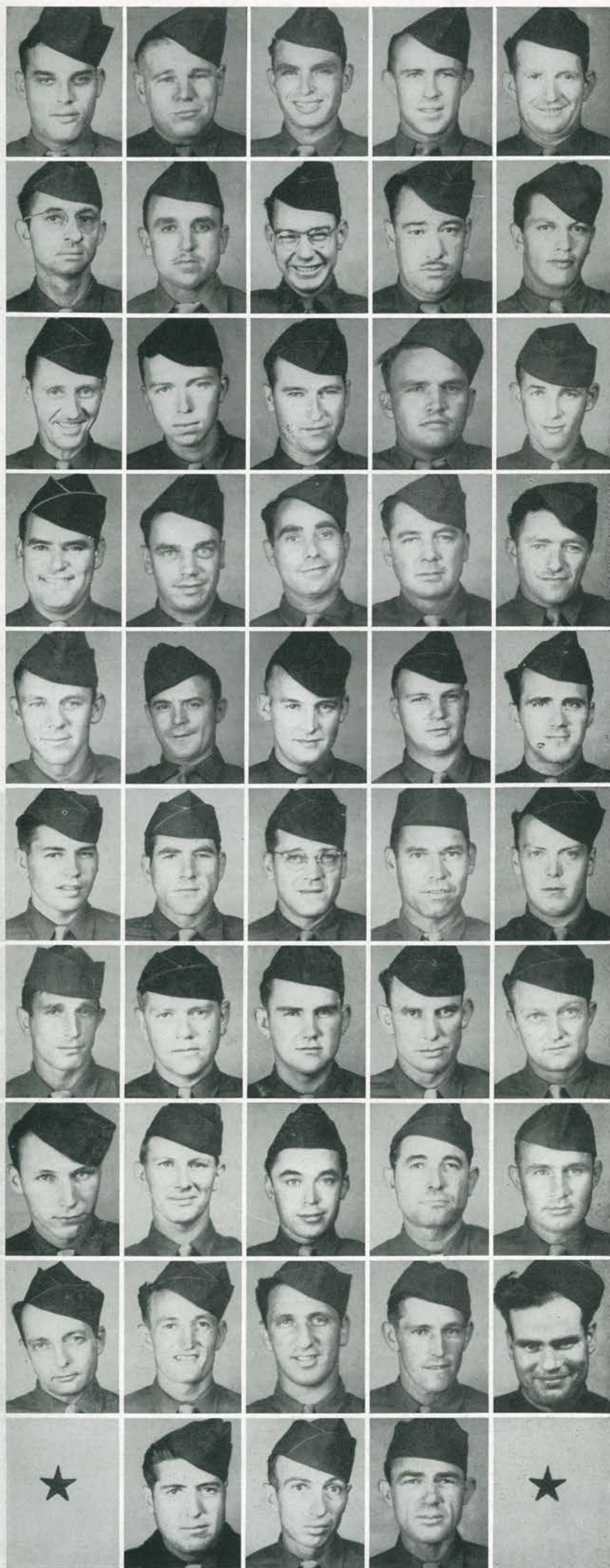
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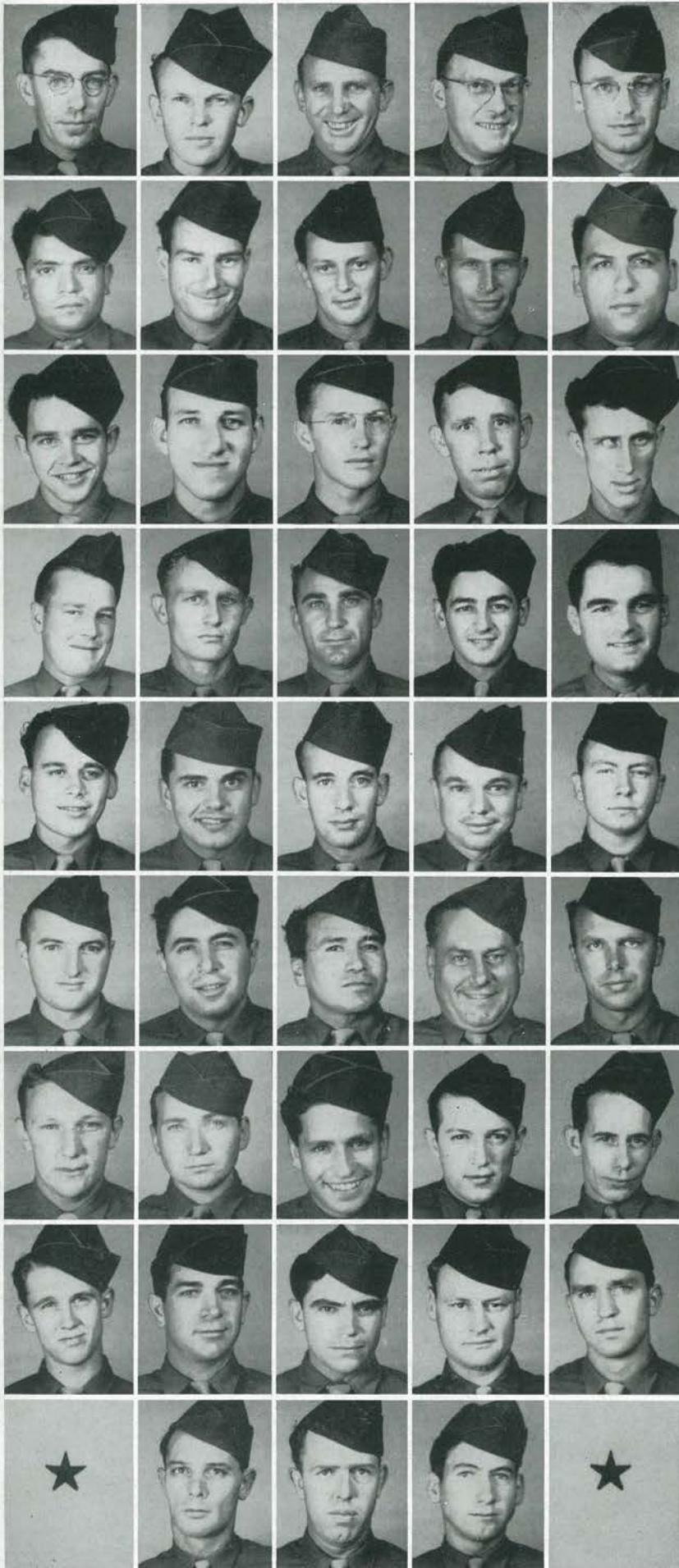
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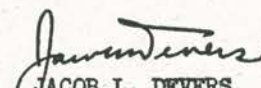
TO : Commanding General, 13th Armored Division

Modern warfare has made necessary the introduction of new units and new techniques to ensure victory in battle. The 13th Armored Division, activated at Camp Beale, California, on 15 October 1942 as a result of the need for armored units, proved in training and in combat the adaptability and genius of the American soldier in all methods of warfare.

Since the time when I was Commanding General of the Armored Force, I have followed the career of the Black Cat Division with interest and pride. After the completion of training, much of which you did at Camp Bowie, Texas, you arrived overseas early in 1945, and your tankers quickly earned for themselves the respect of the enemy. Joining the Third Army, you participated brilliantly in the final drive across the Danube River deep into Southern Germany. Your officers and men, despite their comparatively brief period in battle, fought with boldness, bravery and skill, winning a firm place in the heritage of our country.

Those of the 13th Armored who find themselves in new tasks, now that the division is being inactivated, will continue to serve their country, I know, with enthusiasm and steadfastness, until our military strength can safely be reduced.

The men in the 13th Armored Division will be forever included among the heroes of our country, and it is for me a proud occasion to be able to commend you most heartily, in the name of all Americans, for your gallant service in defense of freedom.


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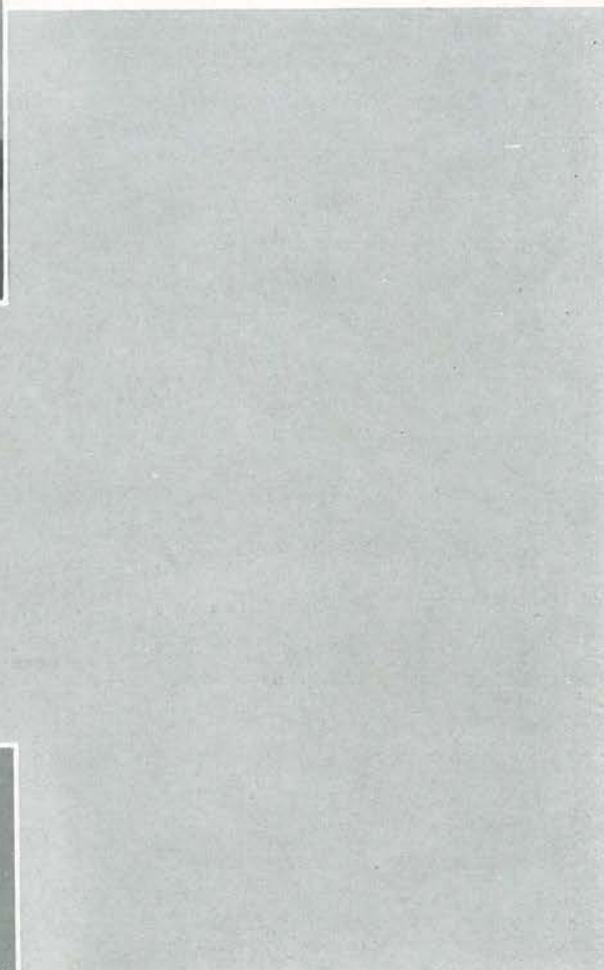
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TANK BATTALION





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HISTORY OF THE 24TH TANK BATTALION

As long as there's a breath in your body or a single person to listen to you, you'll be talking about this war. And when the time comes when no one will listen, you'll be talking to yourself. Okay, Joe, and so will we. Because nothing like this ever happened to us before. Things began to happen as soon as we climbed on that train to leave Bowie January 4, 1945, and kept right on happening.

We rolled into the staging area at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, January 8 to begin processing, checking records and clothing, and training, and visited New York for a last quick handshake with civilization before embarking. About the first thing we remember after that fling in New York was staggering up the gangplank. We wandered through the most bewildering maze of hatches, companionways, ladders and whatnot we ever saw. We ended up in little bunks—those bunks were so close together, one above the other, that we had to breath in cadence.

The ship seemed pretty big at first, sitting there in the calm harbor. But it appeared to shrink as we bored into that Atlantic. On those cold dark nights when alarm bells shrilled and depth charges drummed against the hull it almost disappeared.

January 28 we anchored off Southampton, England, to wait for a high tide before running into a French port. The morning of the 29th gave us a first glimpse of France when we tied up at Le Havre. Shattered piers and buildings testified to the terrific bombing the city had undergone. More eloquent were the people themselves, ragged and dirty, scrambling along the dock and even into the water for the cigarettes, candy bars and oranges we tossed down to them.

The French railroad still pulls those boxcars labeled "40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux" but they must have been cleaner in World War I. We rode them to St. Ouen de Breuil, then moved in trucks to Bellencombe, St. Hellier, and Rosay. The people of these little towns were glad to see us; every kid in town had a papa who smoked.

By March 17, our vehicles and equipment were

ready to go; we mounted up and rolled to Soissons, then on through Vitry to billets near Avricourt, March 19. We got under way again March 25, crossed the German border at 0855 to arrive next day in Pirmasens on the Siegfried line. Some of those fortifications were burrowed under big hills with back doors like those on bank vaults, wide enough for a truck to enter.

Our next move was a 75-mile march to Birkenfield to join the Third Army, April 2. Then we rolled 168 miles across the Rhine to Grebenau April 6, leaving almost immediately on a 52-mile run to Gensungen. April 8 we set out for Schonberg to join the First Army for a Ruhr Valley cleanup. We arrived there with only a few roadweary tanks; the rest of them were strung out over the 159-mile route with blown bogie wheels, and combat loomed the next day. We shed surplus equipment in Schonberg, moved to a forward assembly just south of the Sieg River early April 10. Maintenance crews performed the impossible by delivering most of the tanks in time for the crossing of the Sieg River in the late afternoon; night found us coiled in Siegburg, while the next morning saw us crossing the Agger, another river, to swing west toward the Rhine.

The battalion first came under fire at 1000 just west of the bridge over the Agger. Our first casualty came from antiaircraft gun fire. Sniper fire commenced, then artillery fire dropped in while Company D mangled two 88 guns at Spitze. B moved in to smash antiaircraft guns and the war was on!!! B led on through Wahnerheide, turned west into four antitank guns, flak guns and riflemen and crushed them in a half-hour fight while the battalion was reorganizing east of town. Unable to rejoin the battalion, B spent the night on an airfield southwest of Mulheim. Snapping into action at dawn when visibility revealed 88-mm. and flak guns ringing the field, alert assault gun crews from Headquarters Company, tanks and infantry fought their way from the trap and moved north to join the battalion west of Dunnwald shortly before noon on the 12th.

Enemy artillery fire which had begun falling on the bivouac position the night before increased throughout the day. Artillery, mortars, small arms and direct-firing big guns poured their loads into the bivouac, keeping men in the slit trenches and wounding the battalion commander when he exposed himself to use the radio. Later in the day the battalion moved into Dunnwald, gathered separated forces on the 13th while the 97th Infantry Division moved in.

Further advance in Wiehagen on the 14th was thwarted by blown bridges and boggy ground. We returned to Dunnwald and struck out for Opladen, blasting roadblocks with tank destroyers through sand and up to a big steel roadblock south of Opladen which had to be bypassed, while the infantry swirled through the town and held crossings against night counterattacks on the northern edge of the town.

Racing recklessly north through Haan, one Company C and two Company B tanks fell to antitank guns short of Gruiten; by 1730 we reached Mettman and were welcomed by wildly cheering liberated factory workers before they began surging through plate glass store windows on a shopping tour.

Driving onward for 24 miles the next day, the battalion linked with the 17th Airborne Division in Duisberg thus completing on the 18th, the Battle for the Rhur.

Catching our breath, we began retracing our way south April 20 through Bamberg, Altenkirchen, Schnaittach to Beratzhausen for another mission in Bavaria. Bound for Berchtesgaden, we launched our forces across the Danube near Regensburg, and on the morning of the 28th smashed on through Ram, Rinkham, Straubing and Salching. Avoiding our first minefield in Aiterhofen about noon, we pushed on to Strasskirchen, barged through smoke from burning buildings into a minebelt which wrecked four tanks of the leading platoon. A race to capture intact the bridge across the Isar at Plattling ended when the bridge erupted skyward as leading forces reached it.

The battalion waited in the town under a hot

exchange of artillery, duelling for control of the bridge site a scant thousand yards away. Finally on the 30th, infantry pushed across, engineers built a bridge and our armor poured across in the darkness, fighting on through the night while buildings flamed in our wake. The objective was now Salzburg; Eggenfelden was taken, and Company D branched off to race for another vital bridge over the Inn River but met fierce panzerfaust teams and entrenched infantry which cost them a setback and two company commanders within 20 minutes of each other. Meanwhile B, leading the main body reached the bridge at Neu Otting only to have it sent crashing into the swift river a scant 30 yards from the leading vehicle. Operations were halted and the European war ended a few days later.

Settling down to garrison life in the picturesque town of Neu Otting, the battalion cleaned up, rested, played ball, decorated its heroes with 4 silver stars, 69 bronze stars, and 100 purple hearts. A few lucky ones drew passes to Paris, the Riviera, and other resort centers while awaiting news about going home. Four battle-tested sergeants, Jarvis, Pyatt, Turnbull and Myers turned in their stripes for new second lieutenant bars.

June 25 we boarded our German train for Camp Atlanta, France, near Mailly, arriving June 27. Here we crated and packed for the ocean voyage home, took short trips to Paris and Reims and finally entrained July 9 for the staging area in Camp Old Gold. On July 14 we moved by truck to Le Havre, double-loaded on the USS *General McRae* and steamed for the States. Hampton Roads, Virginia, on July 23 and Camp Patrick Henry for a special dinner—ice cream, milk, fresh fruits and vegetables and steaks. By July 25 we were on the way to reception stations for 30 days home.

Filtering back to Camp Cooke, California, early in September, we settled down to training, discharges for some and long furloughs for others. Relieved of the task of tackling Honshu, the outfit prepared to end more than two years of eventful service with deactivation late in October.

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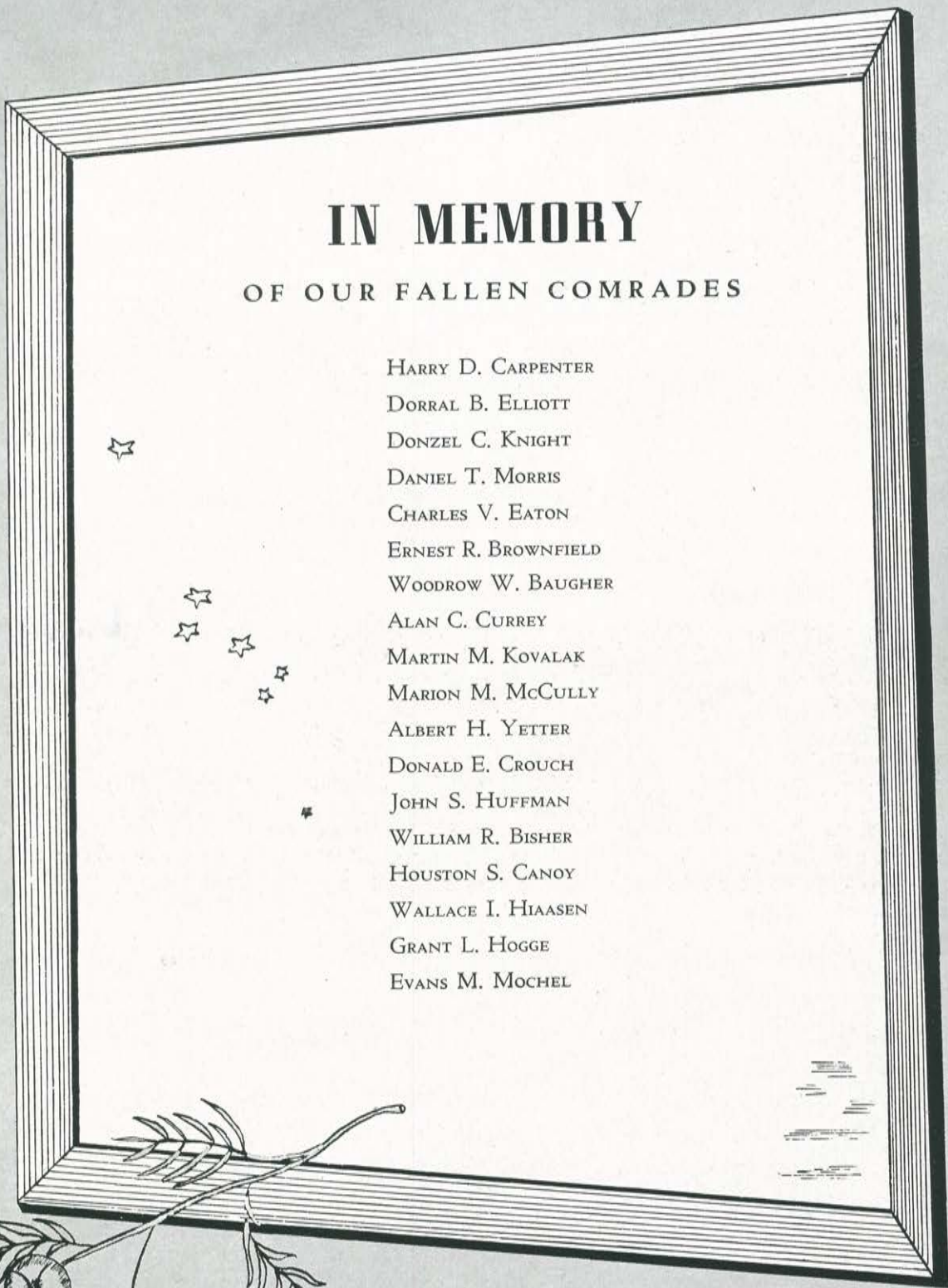
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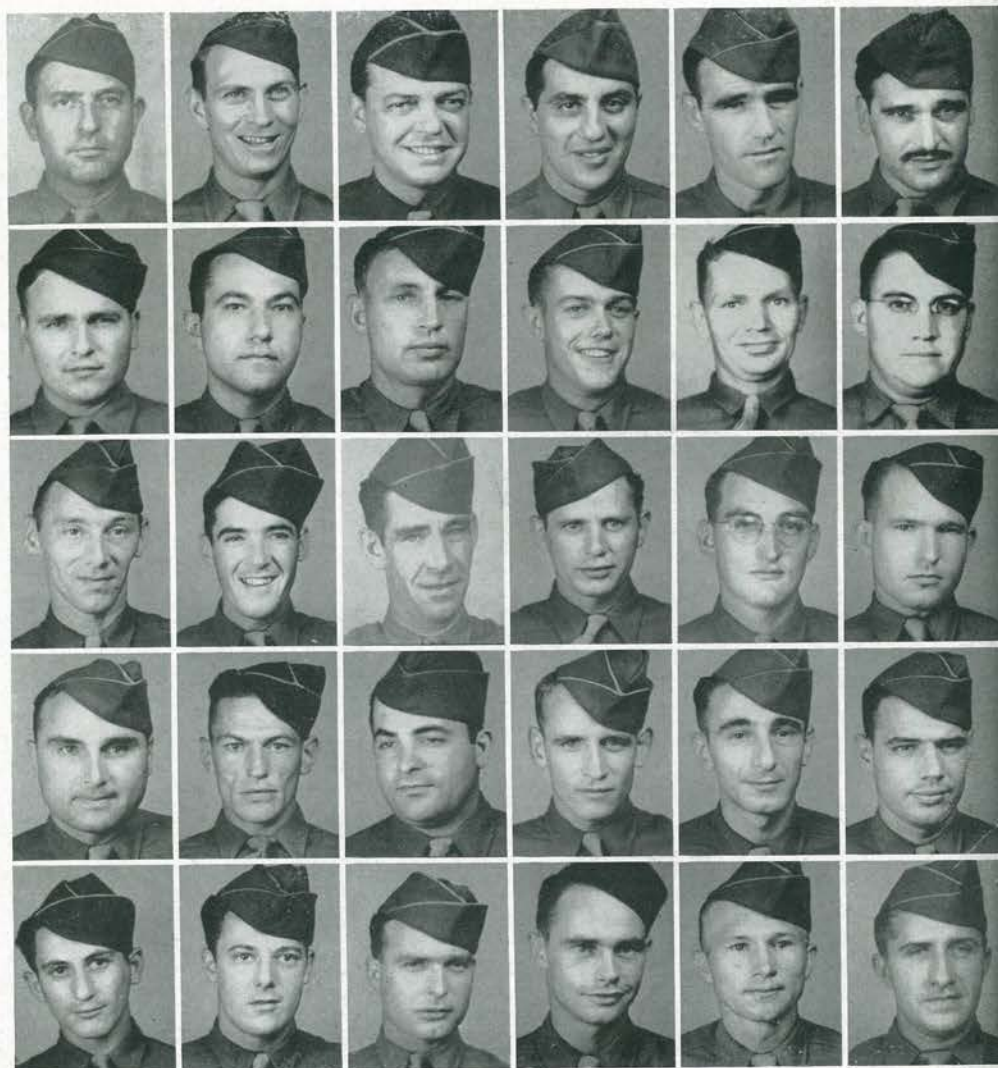
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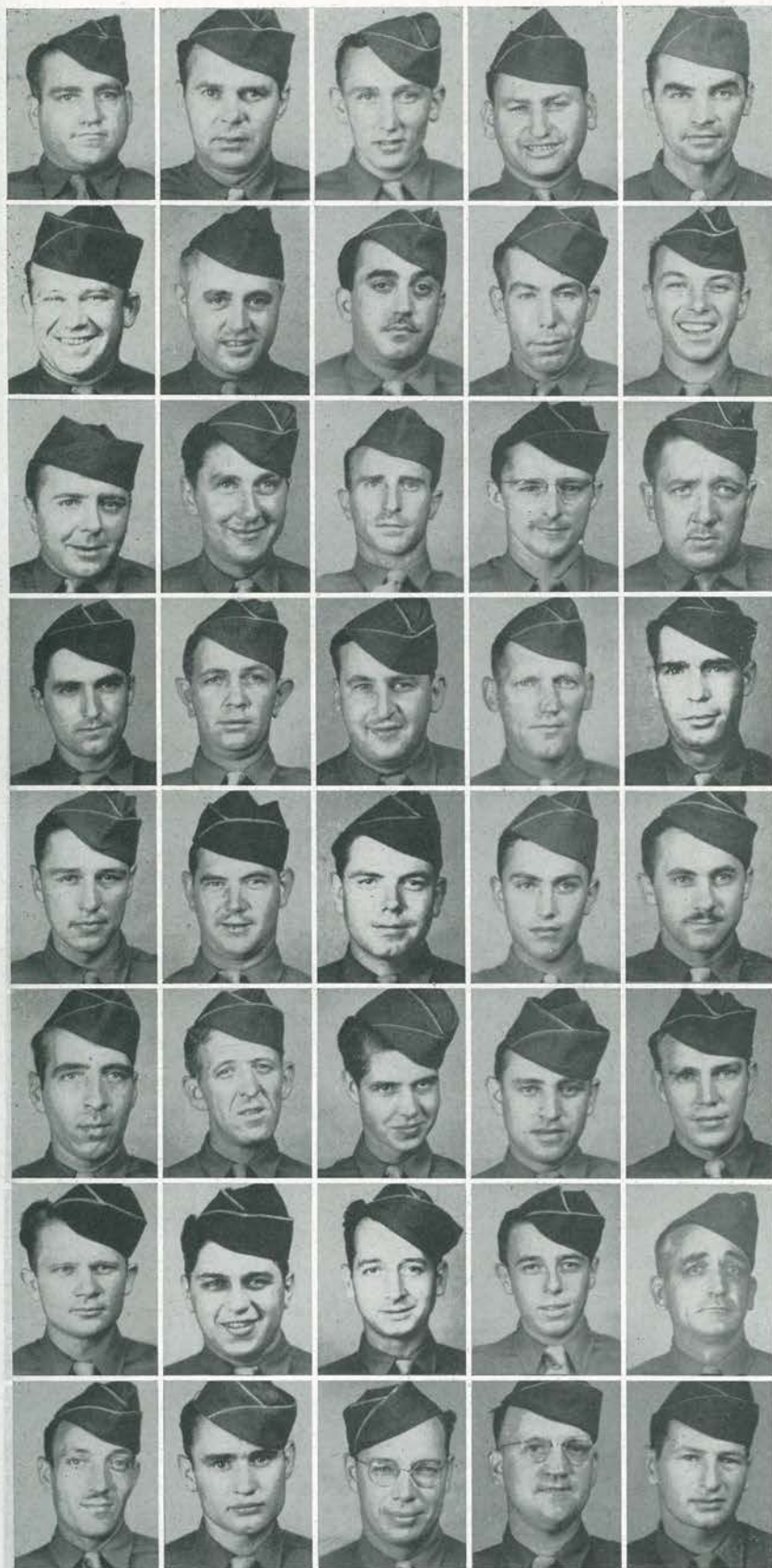
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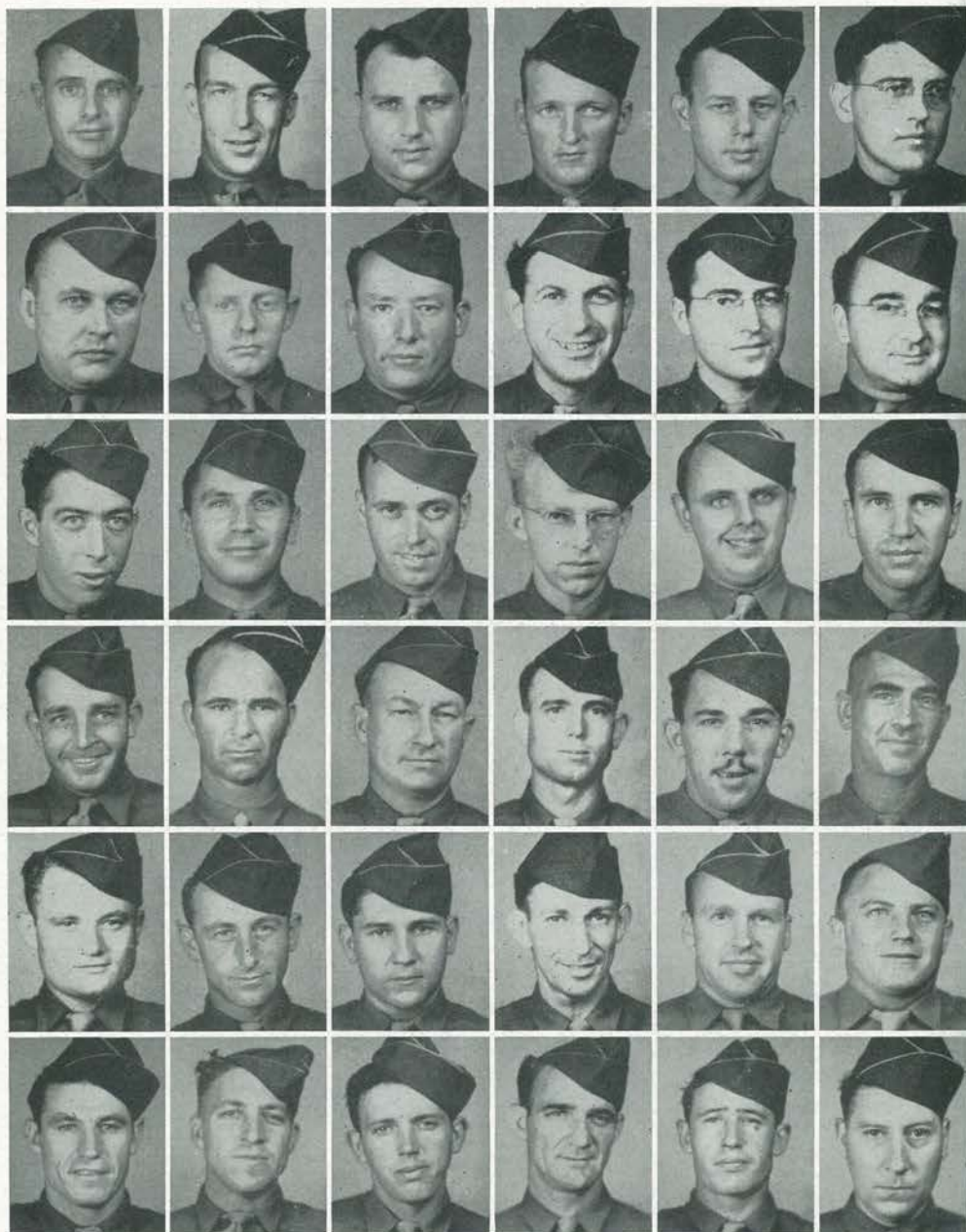
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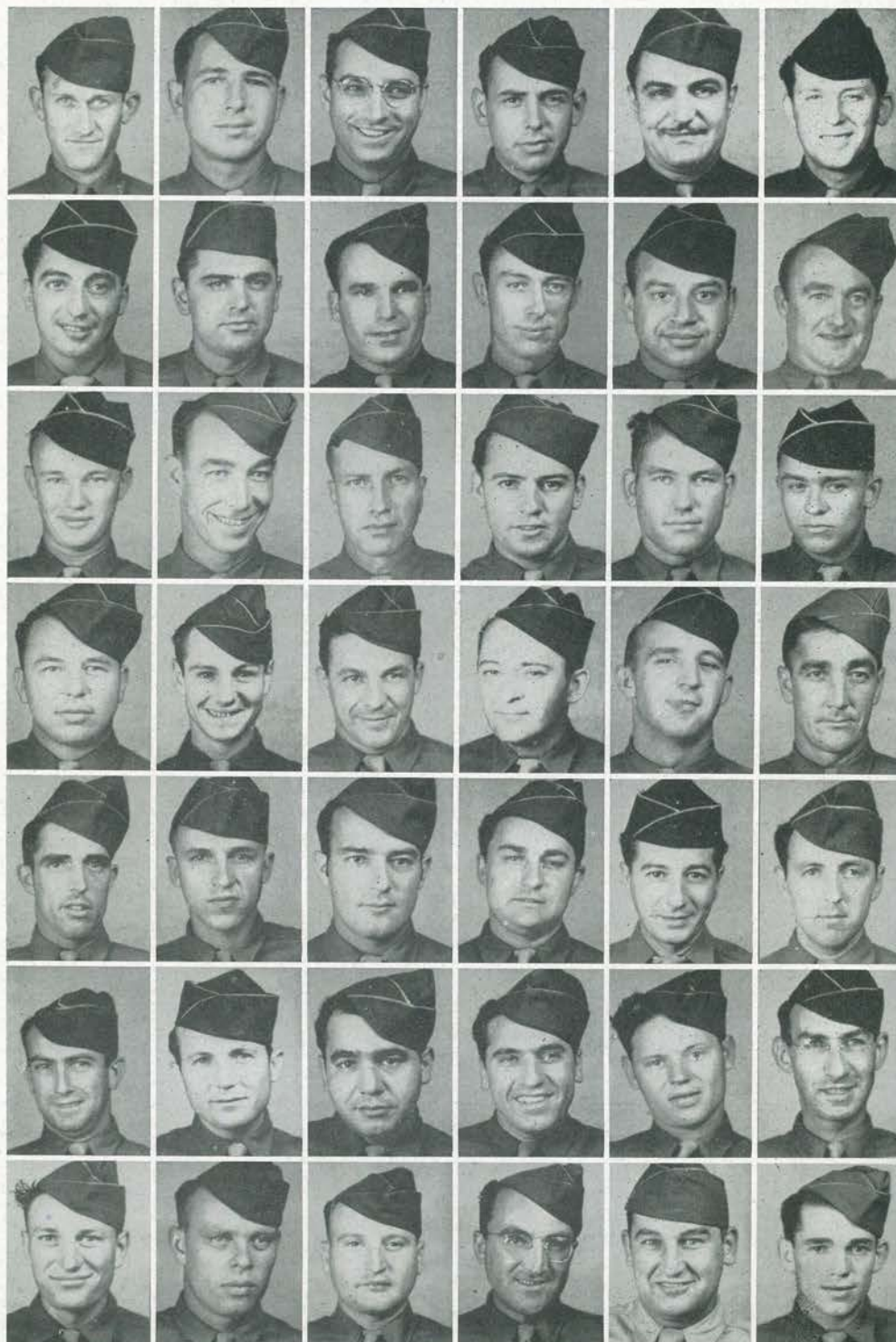
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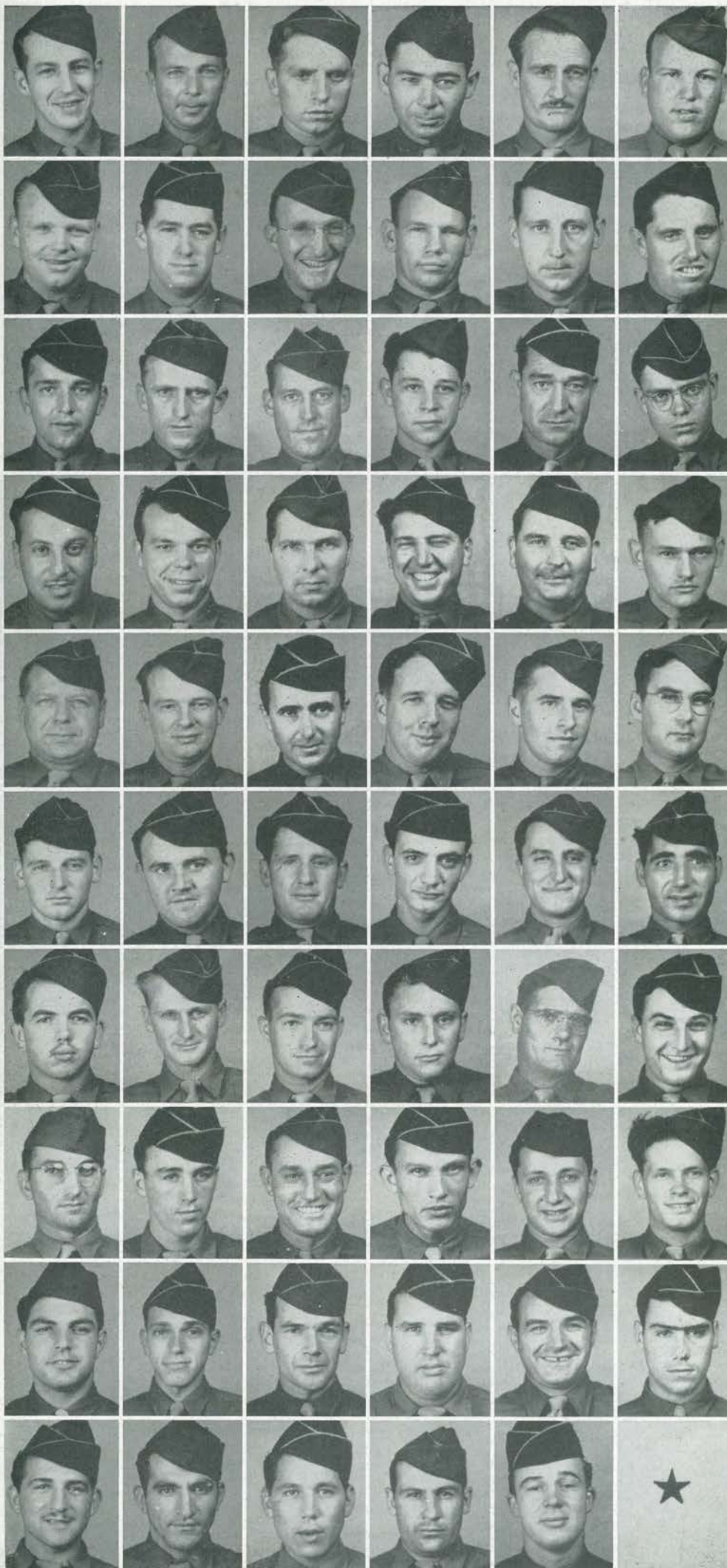
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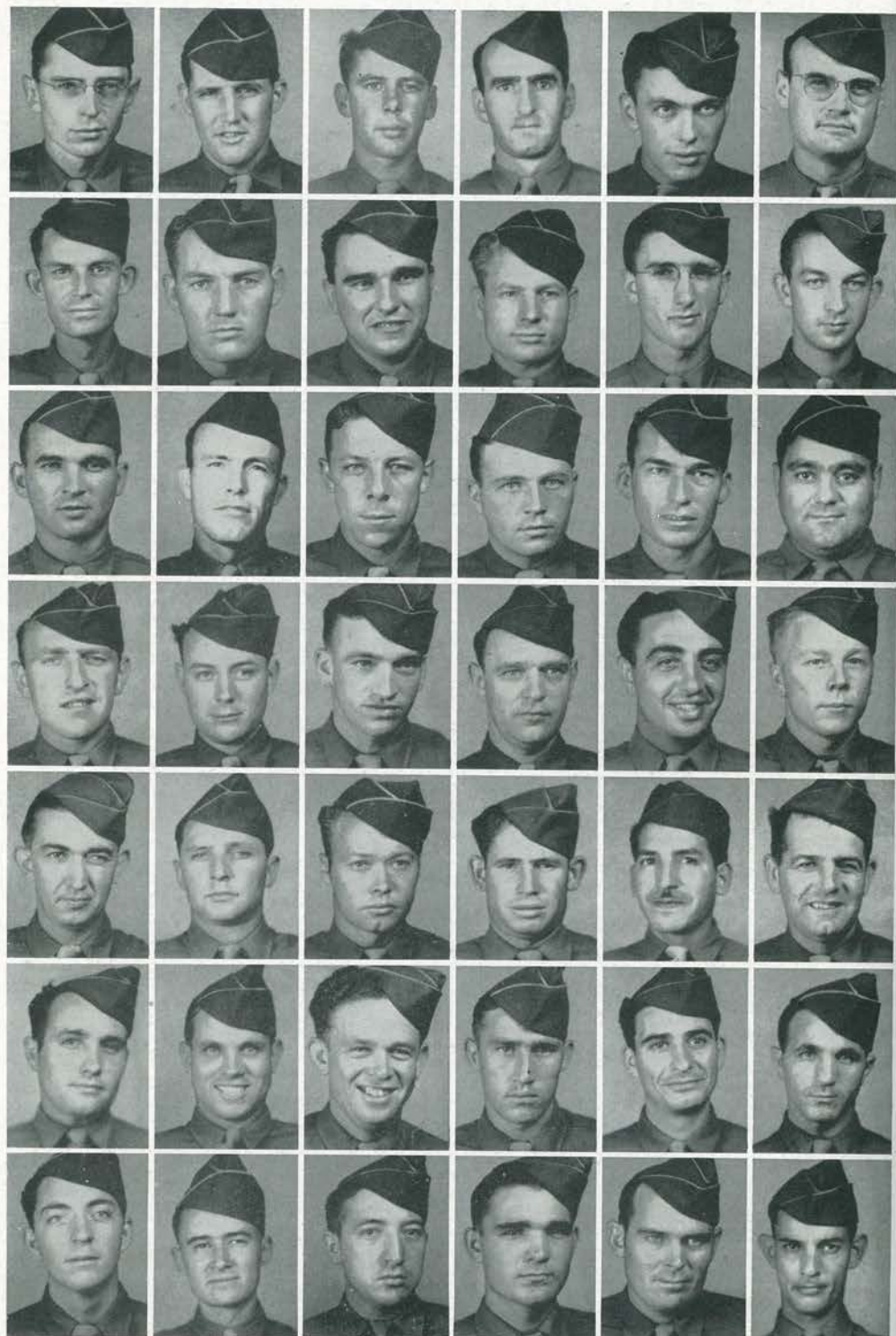
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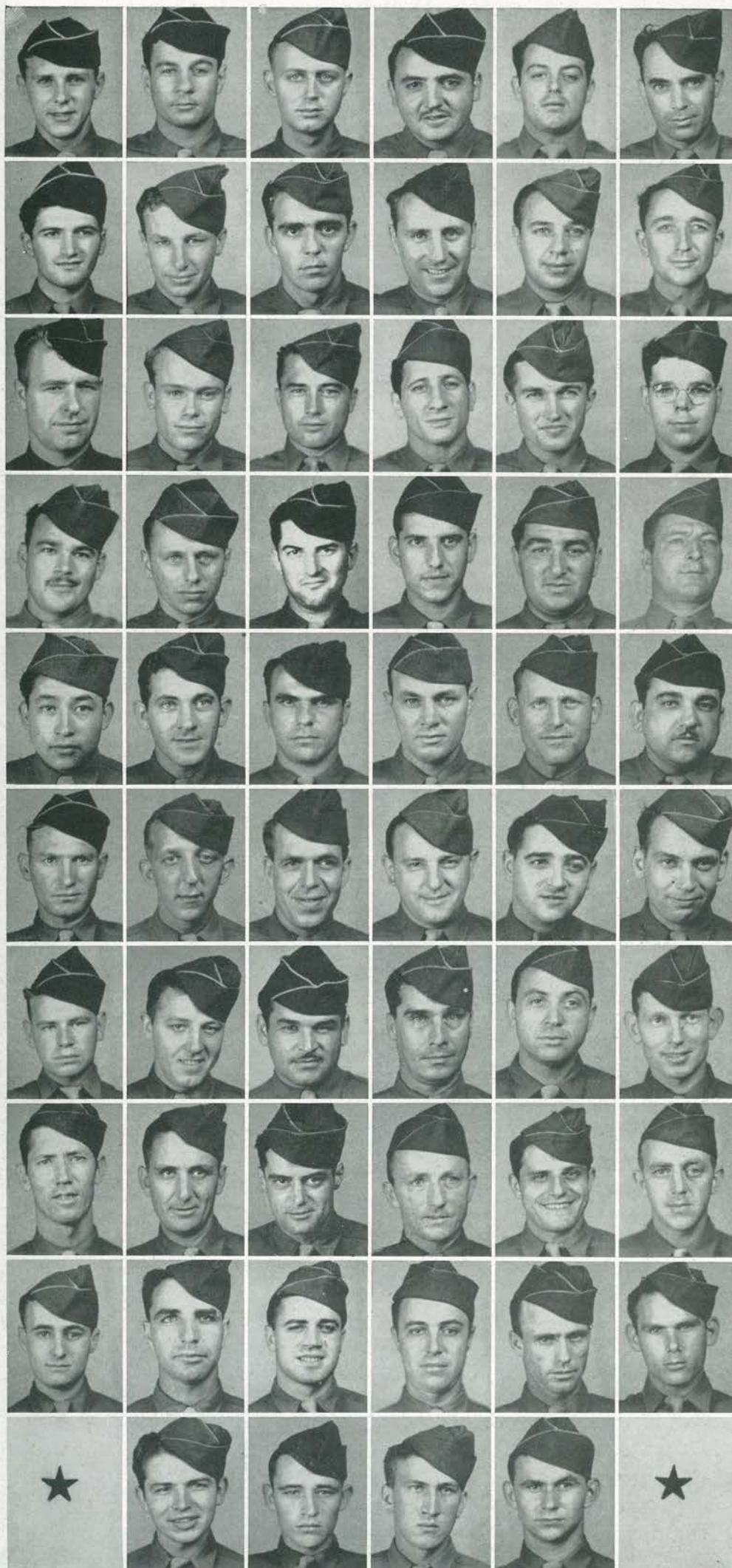
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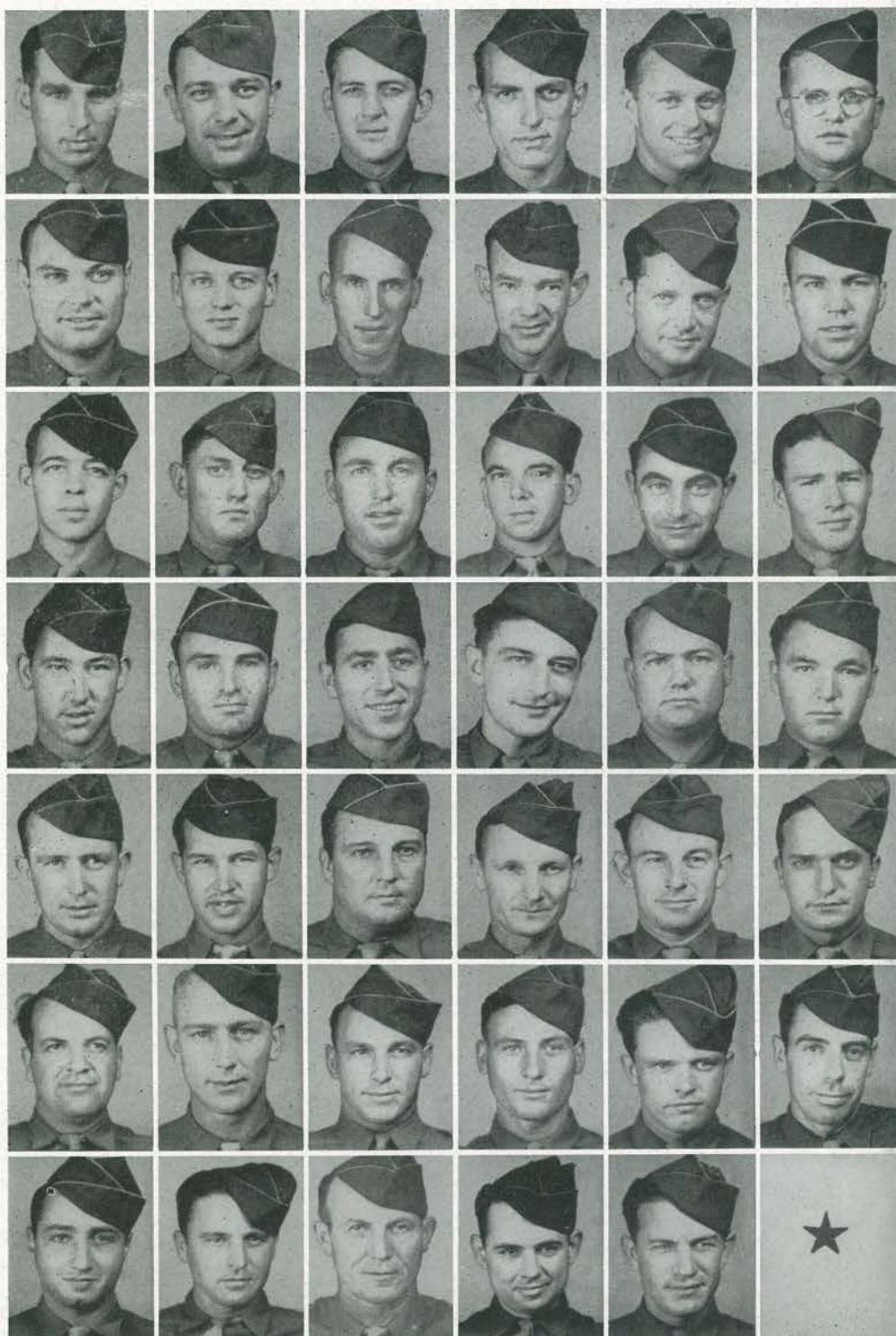
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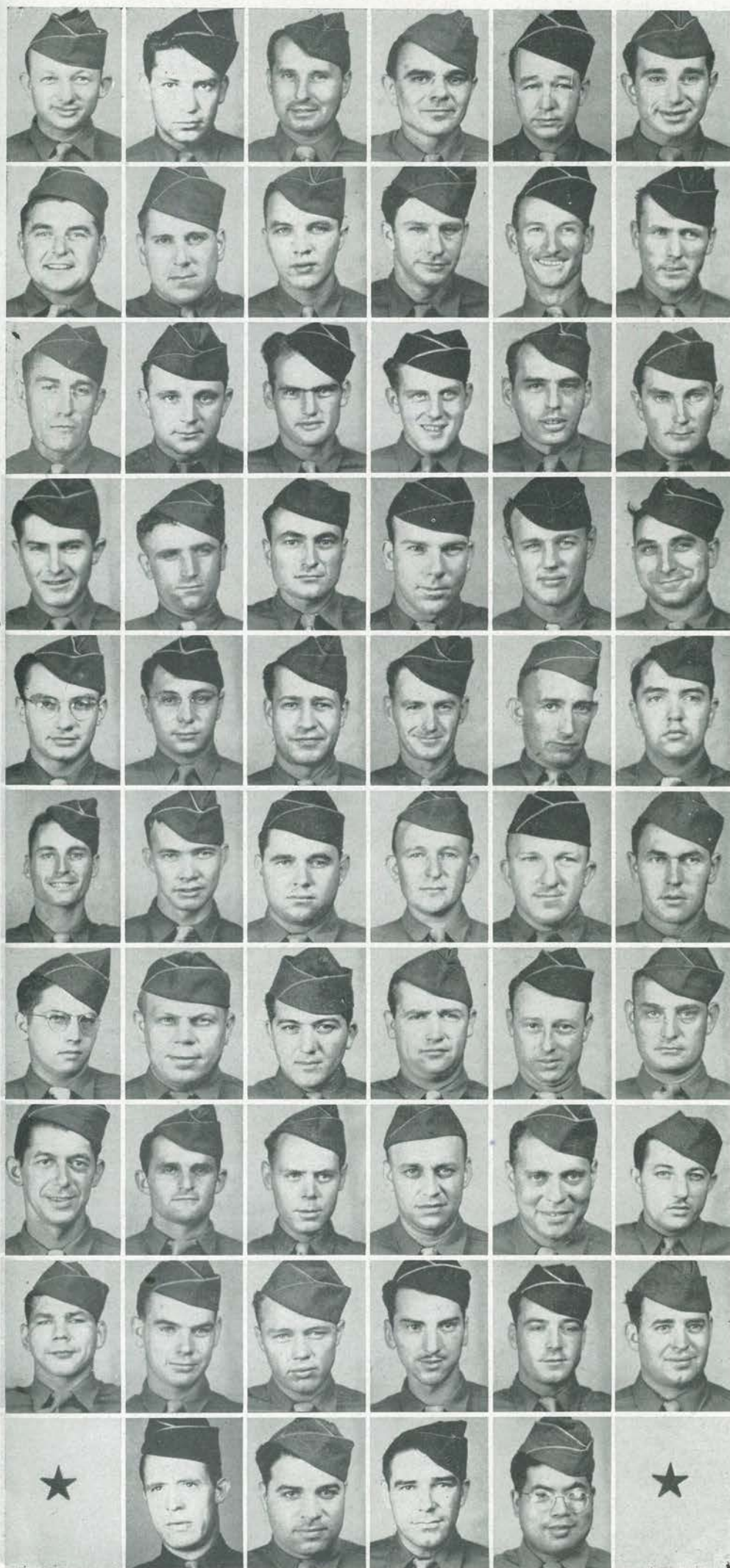
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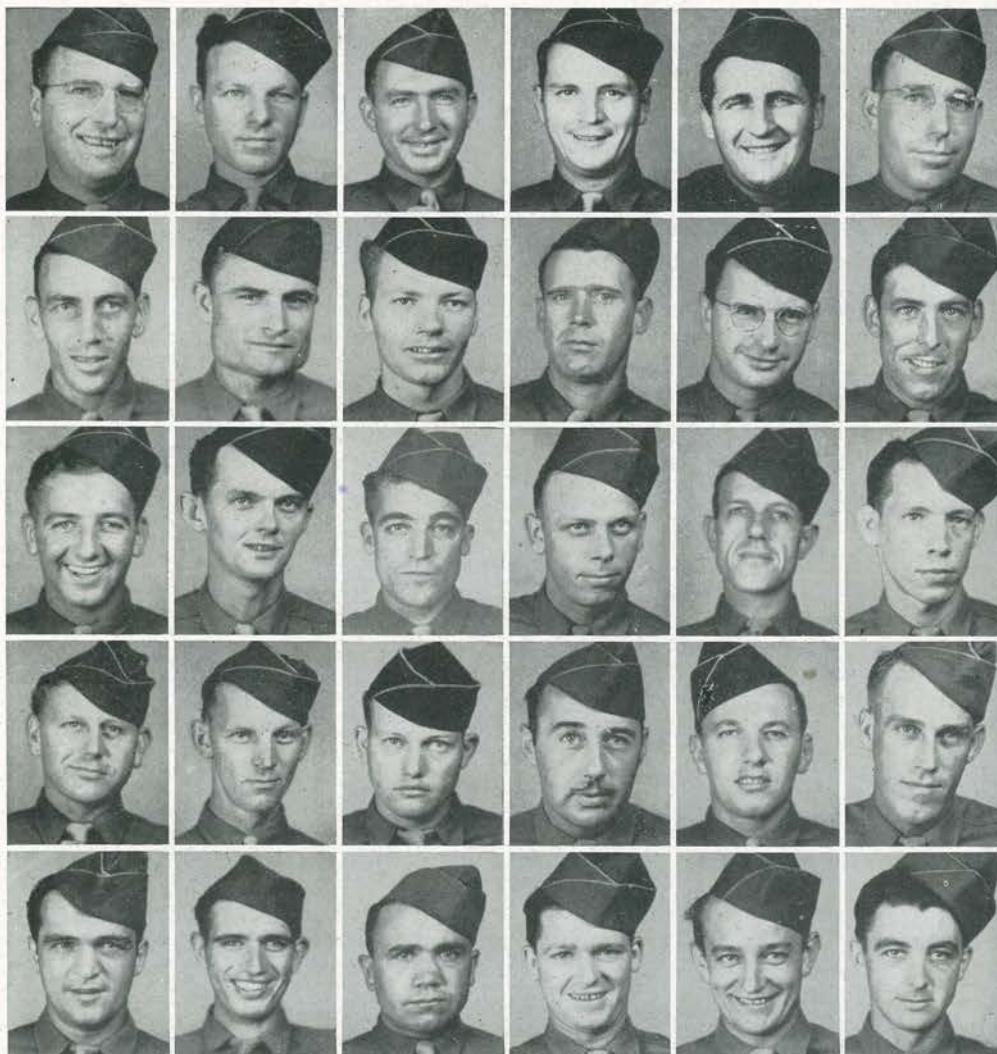
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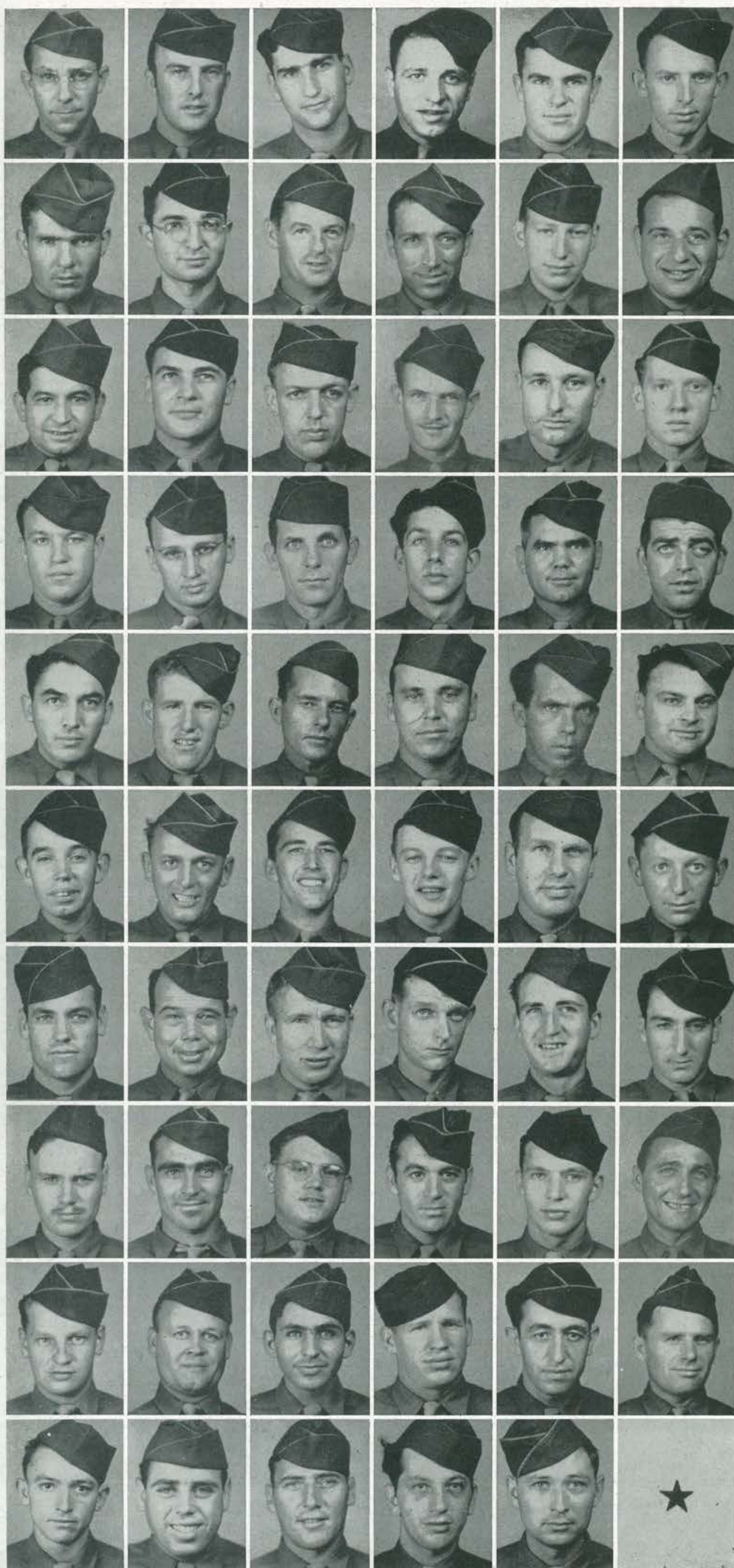
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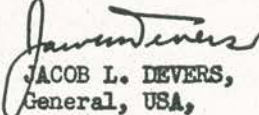
TO : Commanding General, 13th Armored Division

Modern warfare has made necessary the introduction of new units and new techniques to ensure victory in battle. The 13th Armored Division, activated at Camp Beale, California, on 15 October 1942 as a result of the need for armored units, proved in training and in combat the adaptability and genius of the American soldier in all methods of warfare.

Since the time when I was Commanding General of the Armored Force, I have followed the career of the Black Cat Division with interest and pride. After the completion of training, much of which you did at Camp Bowie, Texas, you arrived overseas early in 1945, and your tankers quickly earned for themselves the respect of the enemy. Joining the Third Army, you participated brilliantly in the final drive across the Danube River deep into Southern Germany. Your officers and men, despite their comparatively brief period in battle, fought with boldness, bravery and skill, winning a firm place in the heritage of our country.

Those of the 13th Armored who find themselves in new tasks, now that the division is being inactivated, will continue to serve their country, I know, with enthusiasm and steadfastness, until our military strength can safely be reduced.

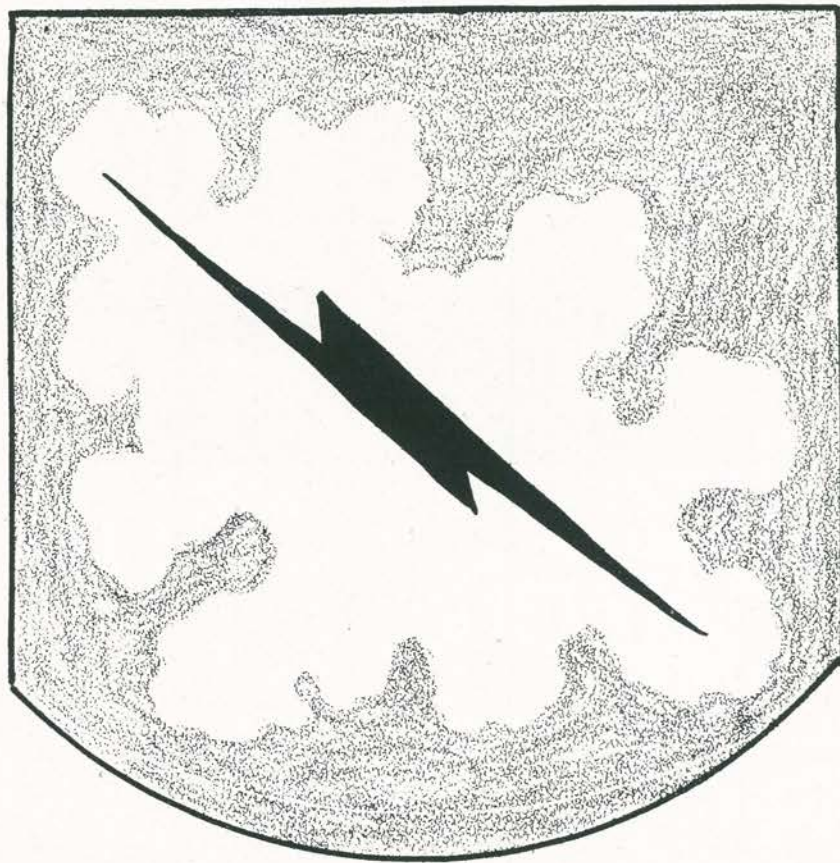
The men in the 13th Armored Division will be forever included among the heroes of our country, and it is for me a proud occasion to be able to commend you most heartily, in the name of all Americans, for your gallant service in defense of freedom.


JACOB L. DEVERS,
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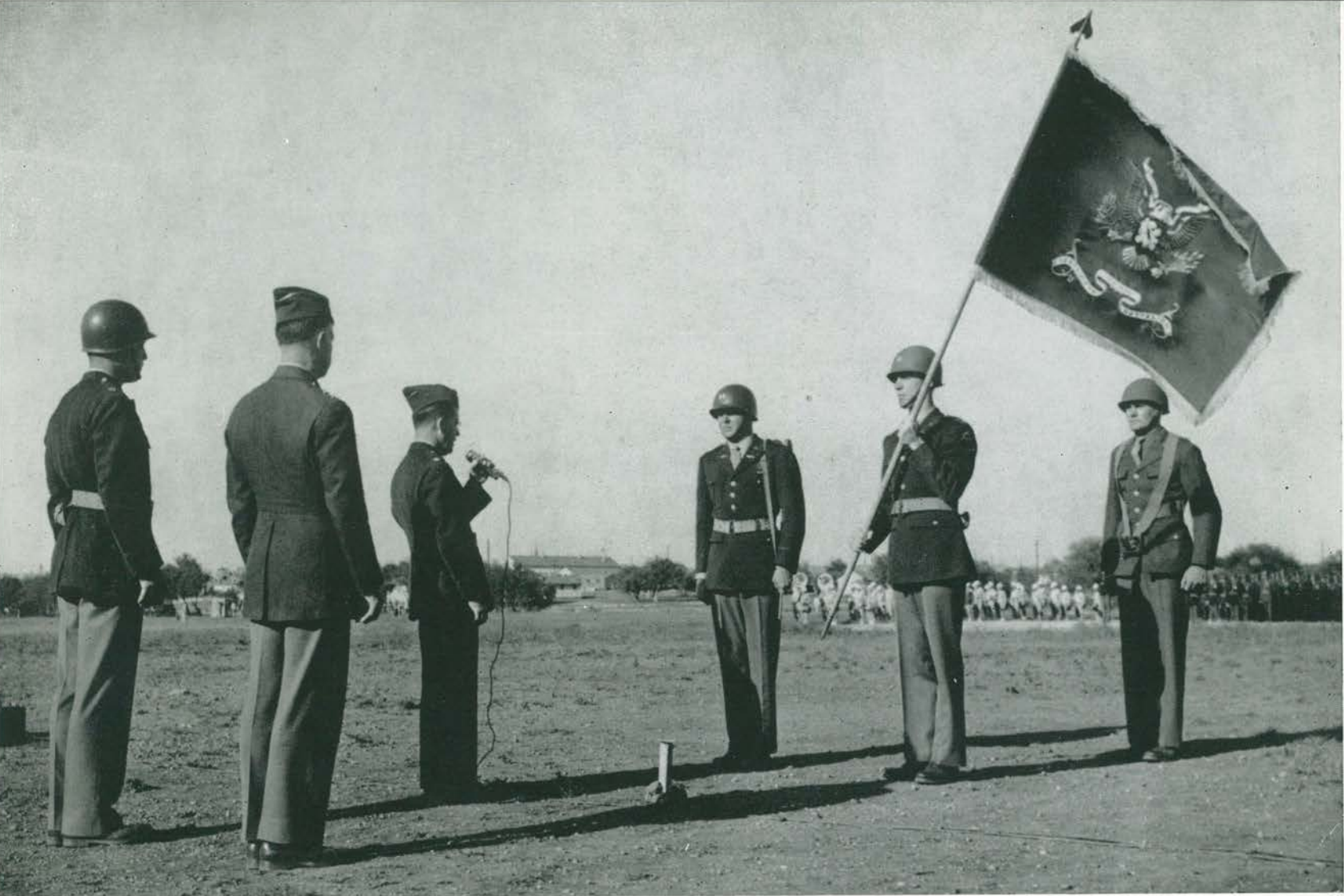
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COMBAT HISTORY

OF THE



FORTY-FIFTH TANK BATTALION



The 45th Formally Receives Its Colors from Maj. Gen. John B. Wogan

A HISTORY OF THE 45TH TANK BATTALION

More than two year's sweat and toil amid the heat and dust of Camp Beale, California and Camp Bowie, Texas, ended on the eighth of January, 1945, as the 45th boarded the waiting troop train bound for Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. Memories of weekends in Forth Worth and Dallas were mingled with mental question marks about what was ahead.

The snow at Camp Kilmer didn't prevent the majority of personnel from enjoying a day or two in New York City, the first visit for many. The passes over, another troop train, a ferry ride, and suddenly we found ourselves headed into the cold winds of New York Harbor as we nosed out past the Statue of Liberty on the SS *Sea Quail*, part of a twenty-ship convoy escorted by the HMS *Lord Nelson*.

On the 31st of January, after an uneventful trip, the *Sea Quail* docked at Le Havre during one of the coldest spells of the winter. Here the battalion came in contact for the first time with the terrible damage than can be

wrought by war. The buildings were tortured, twisted wrecks, and thereby made the port appear like a land of the lost.

By a combination of marching, train and truck riding, the battalion finally closed in its assembly area in the vicinity of Sevis, France, a small Normandy town. This was the beginning of a series of moves on European soil destined to carry the 45th all the way to Hitler's birthplace and the end of the war. "Things are rough in the ETO" became the favorite expression of all GI's. Several dances introduced GI's to the language and customs of the local French people.

In the seemingly ever-present mud of France, tankers labored long hours preparing the newly received equipment for combat. During this period, an occasional visit to battle-scarred Dieppe or Rouen made the little spare time more interesting.



LT. COL. FULTON G. GALE, JR., *Commanding*

On the 18th of March we hit the road. The long pull to the now rapidly-moving front was on. During our brief stay in France, the Allies had recovered from the Battle of the Bulge, had pushed through portions of the vaunted Siegfried Line, had taken the famous Remagen Bridgehead across the Rhine, and were now striking toward the heart of Germany. Two nights on the road were spent in Soissons and Vitry as we passed the World War I battlefields of Compiègne and Chateau Thierry. The last day of the 300-mile march took us through historic Nancy and then to Bourdonnay, a ghost town in the heart of the nowhere of Eastern France. German and American tanks rusting amid scattered minefields gave evidence of the major engagements fought in the surroundings fields.

A week of test firing and putting finishing touches on the equipment at Bourdonnay was terminated when we received orders for another move. We were headed for Germany. At the end of the March we crossed the border at Saareguemines and moved to Blieskastel, Germany, a town just east of Saarbrücken. At least we were in hostile country, but to all appearances, the local inhabitants had had a change of heart. Anything we wanted done was

done without question, and promptly. The people who could speak German became increasingly popular, and the nonfraternization policy began to be a big item of conversation. After a stay of a week we moved on again, this time into the Saar Valley, 35 miles south of Trier. With troops billeted at Saarburg, Weiskirchen, and Neunkirchen, the battalion established traffic control points along the Third Army main supply route.

The First and Ninth Armies had carved out a pocket in the Ruhr and the 4th Armored Division was deep in Germany when we received our next movement order. We moved to join the Third Army at Alsfeld, Germany, near Kassel, at that time the scene of heavy fighting. We crossed the Rhine River at 0730 on the 7th of April and arrived about 20 miles south of Kassel on the night of 8 April while the report spread that we were immediately to relieve the famed 4th Armored on the drive into the heart of Germany. Instead, orders were received to retrace our steps back almost to the Rhine and join the First Army in clearing out German resistance in the Ruhr Pocket. Leaving "A" Company stranded without bogie wheels, we went back down the autobahn and then north

to the vicinity of Altenkirchen. After a 24-hour stay, a night march was made to Siegburg, our first combat operation. At 0300 on 12 April, 88 and mortar shells began to hit in the battalion area while we remained in assembly just north of Siegburg awaiting our turn to cross the Agger River.

From this time on we operated as a task force in conjunction with the 16th Armored Infantry Battalion. The 45th became Task Force Gale. From here on and for the next week life became a nightmare of enemy fire, constant movement, with never a chance to stop and get just a little rest. Northwest, paralleling the Rhine, to Mulheim on the outskirts of Cologne, and then east toward Berg-Gladbach, we rolled. On 14 April, we headed northeast from Berg-Gladbach to Spitze where "D" Company had spent the previous night "playing" with several 88's well emplaced at a crossroads. From Spitze it was Bechen and Viersbach, both small towns, but full of krauts who used their antiaircraft and antitank guns from all directions. About 1600, CCR, of which we were a part, was ordered to move about 50 miles north to join the 8th Infantry Division in the final squeezing together of the pocket. An all night march brought us to Westerbauer and immediate employment in support of the infantry. Again a blur of action as we went through towns such as Hoppe, Ansbeck, Silchede, Hiddinghausen, Hattingen, Kupferdreh, Langenberg, Niedersprockhovel, and so on, far into several nights, until the battalion reached Velbert at midnight on the 16th and was told to stop because of the proximity of friendly troops. A tremendous ovation, from a large Displaced Persons camp greeted the leading elements as they entered the city. Except for some scattered artillery fire in the town, the Ruhr Pocket was wiped out and over 300,000 Germans had surrendered.

Back again with the Division and on the move, this time headed east toward the Danube with Third Army in its push toward the Austrian border. Our next chance to rest was at Brand, Germany, about 35 miles north of Regensburg, our projected bridgehead across the Danube. On 26 April we moved from Brand to the banks of the Danube and finally fought our way through heavy traffic across the bridge near Regensburg and south toward the initial objective, the Isar River and its crossings. By noon on the 29th we hit the Isar River only to have the Germans blow four bridges in our faces. After a reconnaissance, it was determined that we should try a crossing at

Mamming. The accompanying infantry, Company C, 16th AIB, put across two platoons without opposition until late in the afternoon when several unsuccessful counterattacks were launched at their position. The battalion was relieved at Mamming and with two additional infantry companies attempted another crossing at Landau. This time, enemy opposition and a swift flowing current made the attempt unsuccessful during the night. The following day a crossing was made by elements of the 71st Division who had been in support of the Division.

Our next objective was to obtain crossings over the Inn River and to continue south to Salzburg deep in Austria. We crossed the Isar at Plattling on an engineer bridge and headed south again. With a limited supply of gasoline, the 45th continued south behind CCB with B and C Companies reaching Tann, Germany, on the 1st of May and the remainder of the battalion following on the 2nd of May. "Baker" and "Charlie" Companies participated in the capture of the Hungarian General Staff and the Secretary of State of Hungary with all of their troops in the area as they surrendered to the Division.

On the 3rd it looked as though the war was over. We had moved to the banks of the Inn River at Marktl and were told not to cross, but to remain in our location while Seventh Army troops moved into Austria across the river. Combat in Europe was over for the 45th Tank Battalion, and everyone started to think about the Pacific Theater.

After a brief rest and reconditioning period, the battalion participated in an athletic program while settling down to a brief occupational period in Bavaria. Passes to Paris, the Riviera, and London became possible, in addition to several scenic trips to Berchtesgaden, Chiem See, and Konigsee in the Alps.

Then the word came in June. Back to the States for redeployment to the Pacific. It seemed good to hear that we at least would have a little time at home. On the 25th of June we left Marktl-am-Inn headed for the U. S. and arrived at Camp Atlanta near Mailly, France, on the 28th. After approximately two weeks at Atlanta and a week at Camp Old Gold at Le Havre, we boarded the "Explorer" bound for Boston and a great welcome home. A thirty-day furlough, "VJ" Day, a long train ride back to the State of activation, California, and Camp Cooke. Next? For some a quick discharge and "civvies," for others a little more time to "sweat it out" and dream those wonderful dreams of a world at peace.

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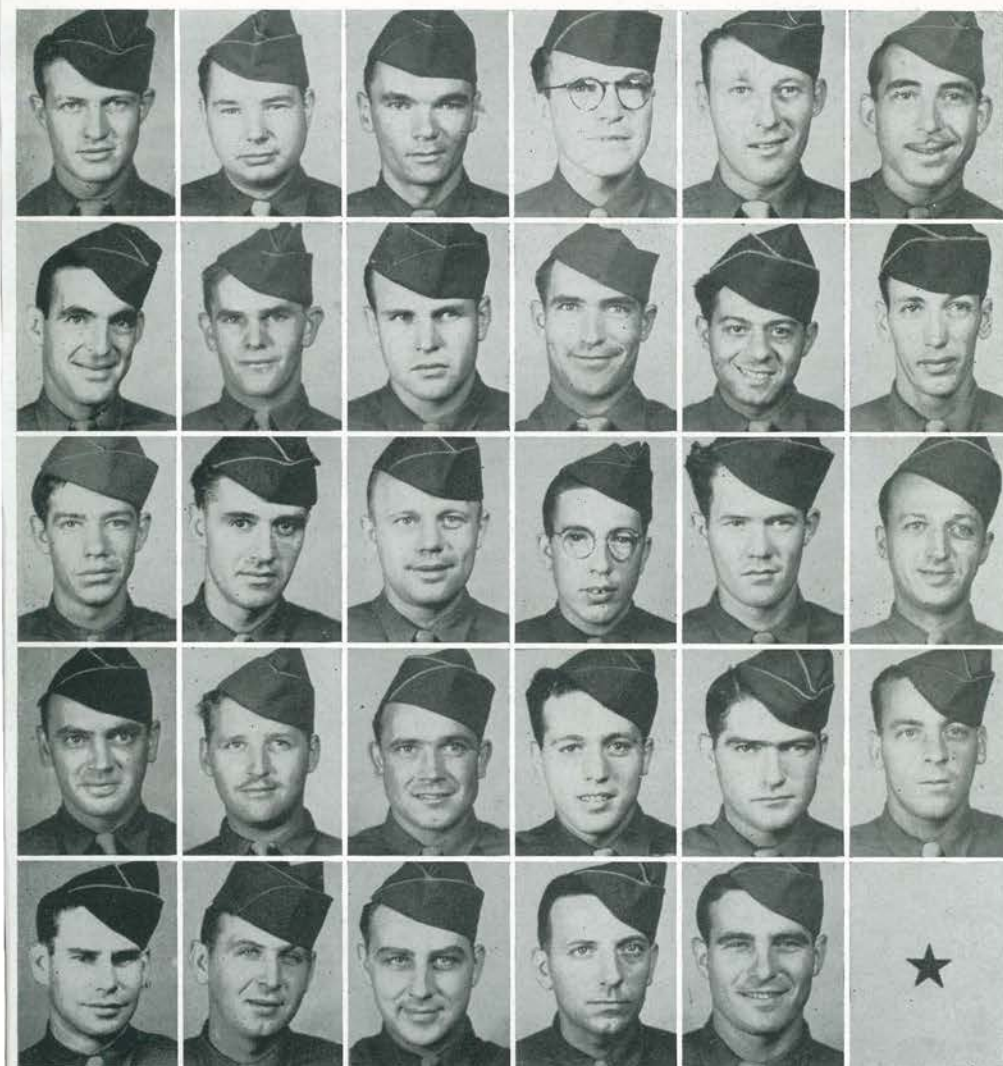
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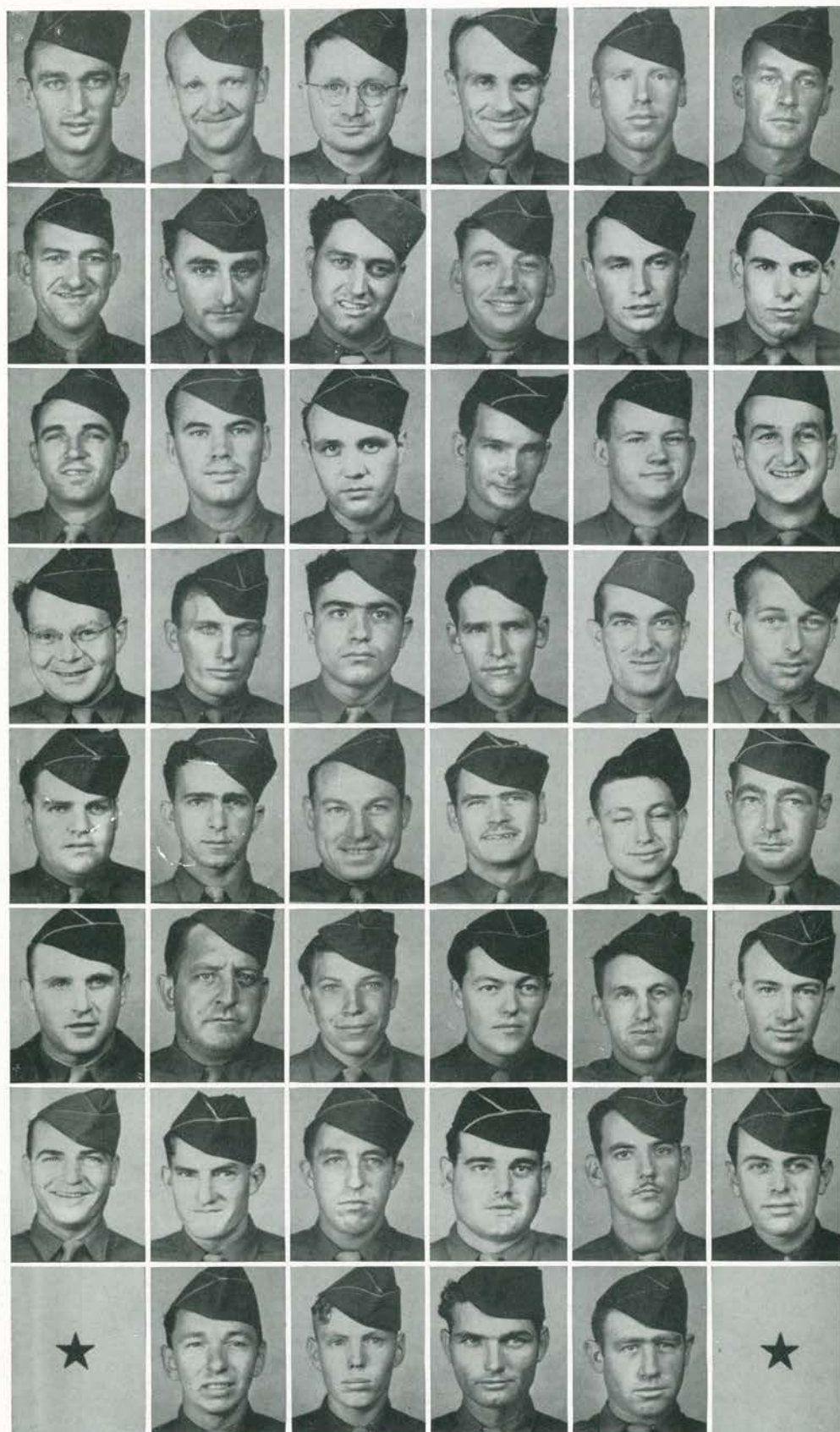
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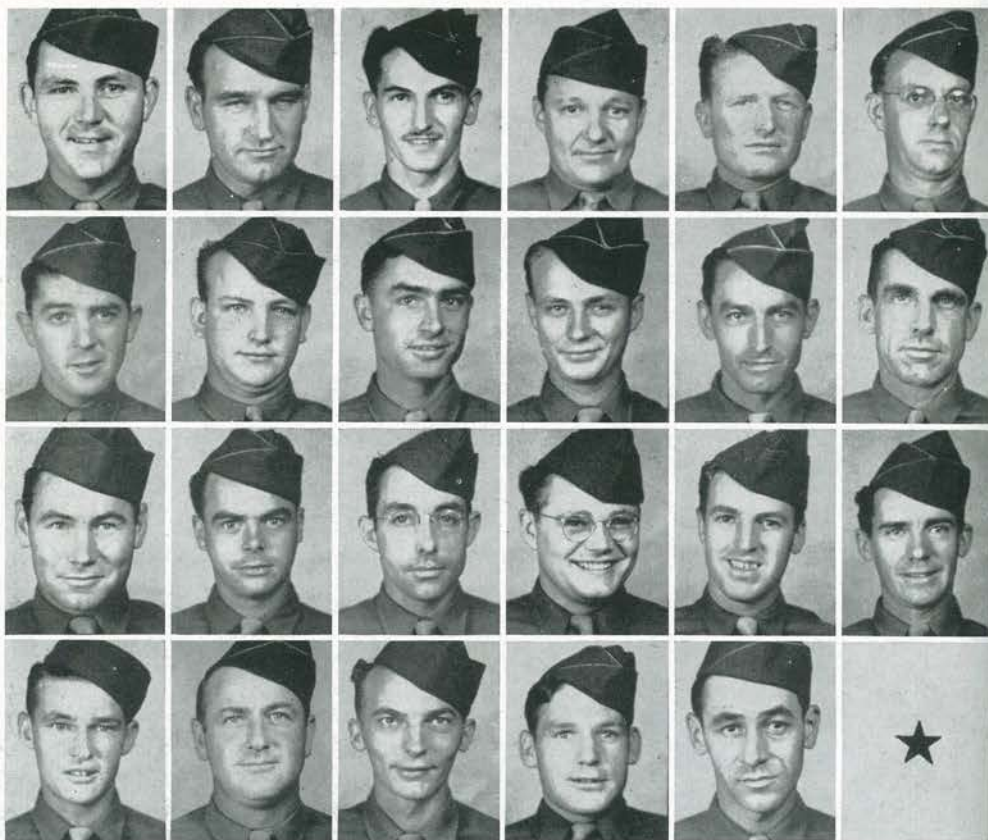
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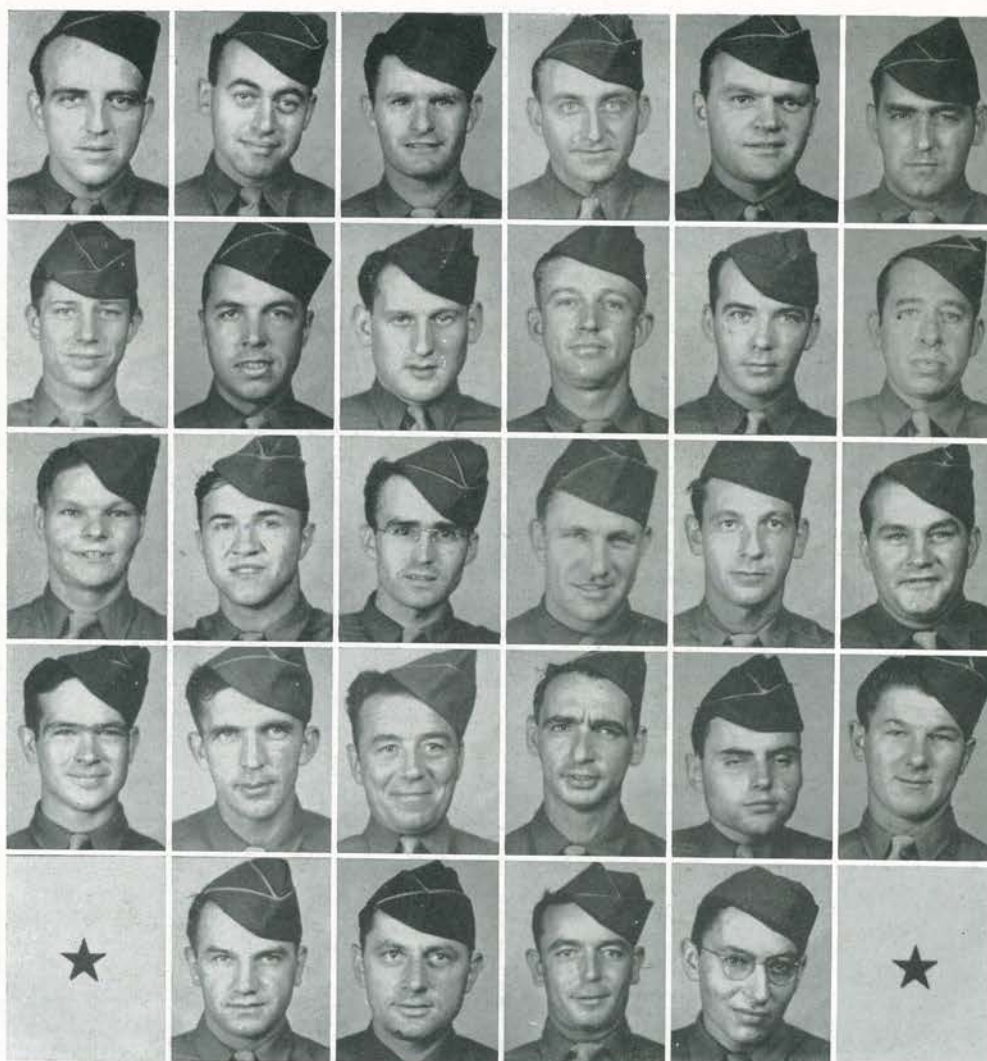
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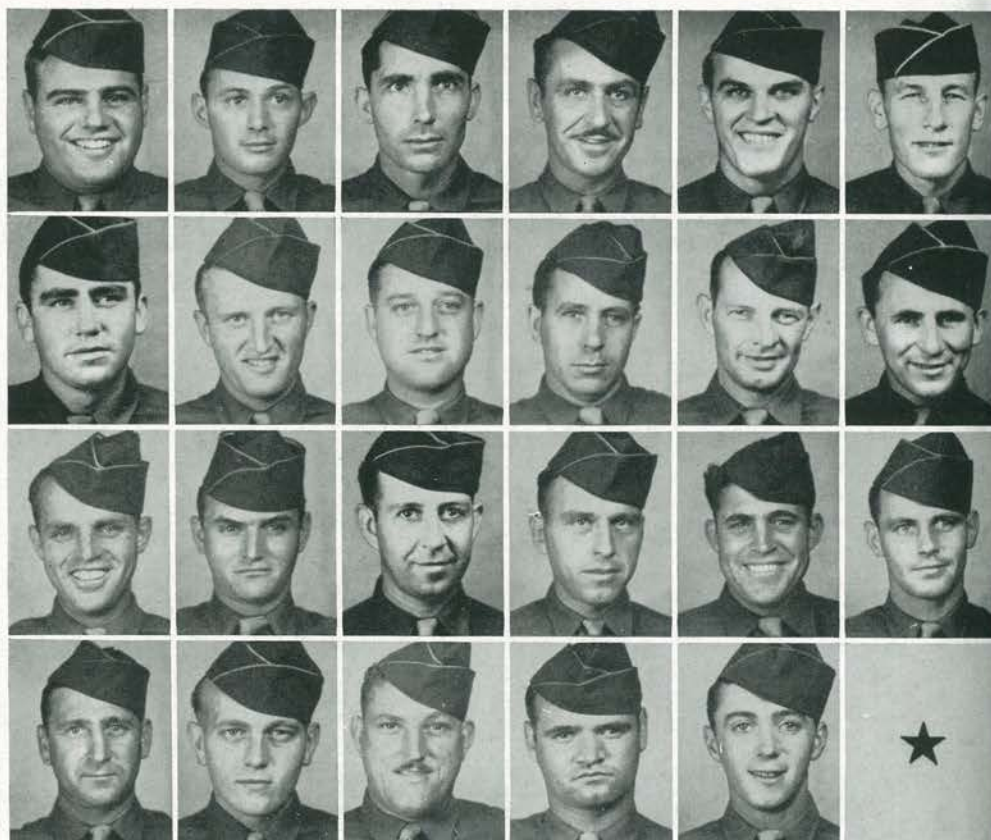
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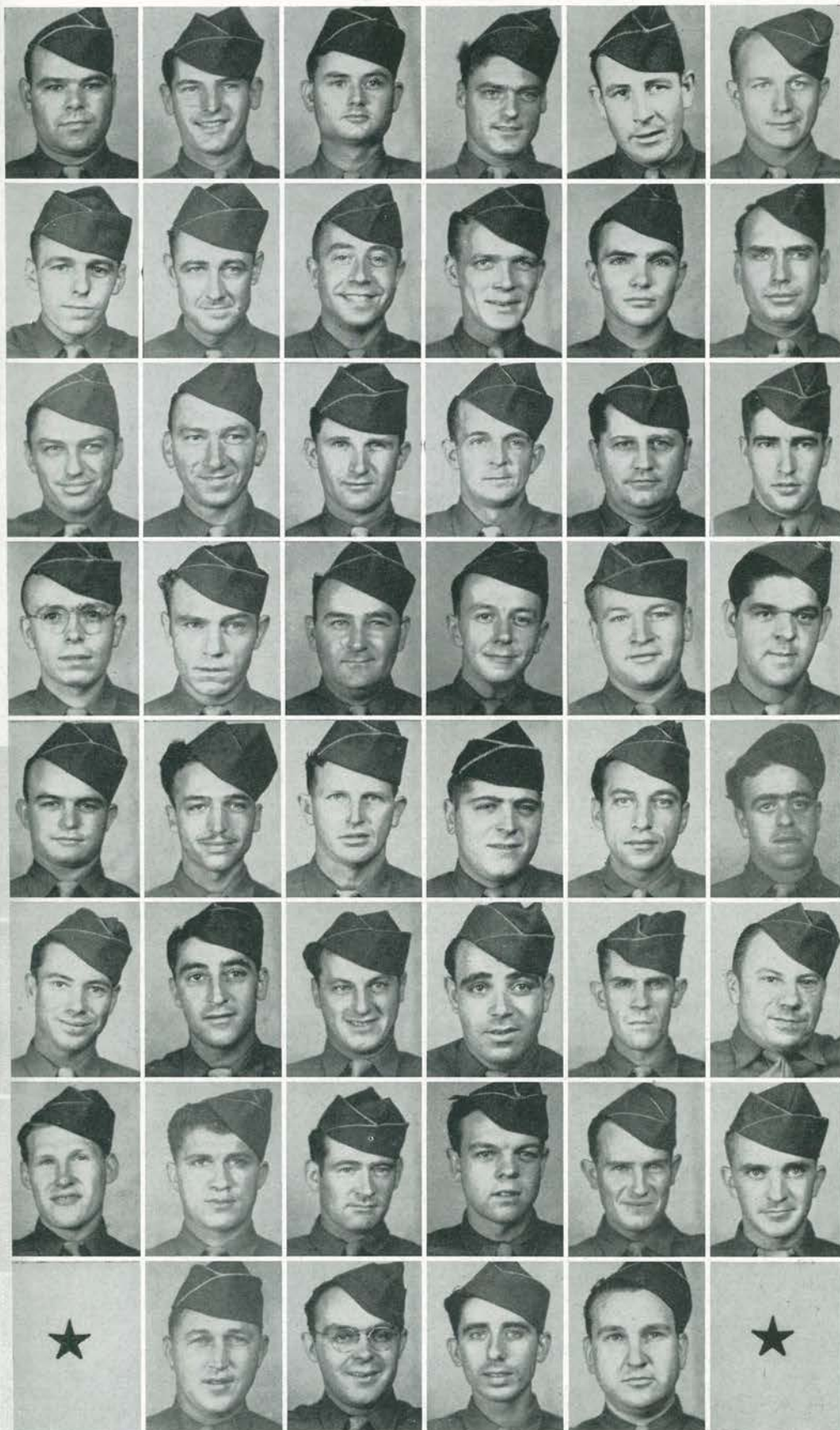
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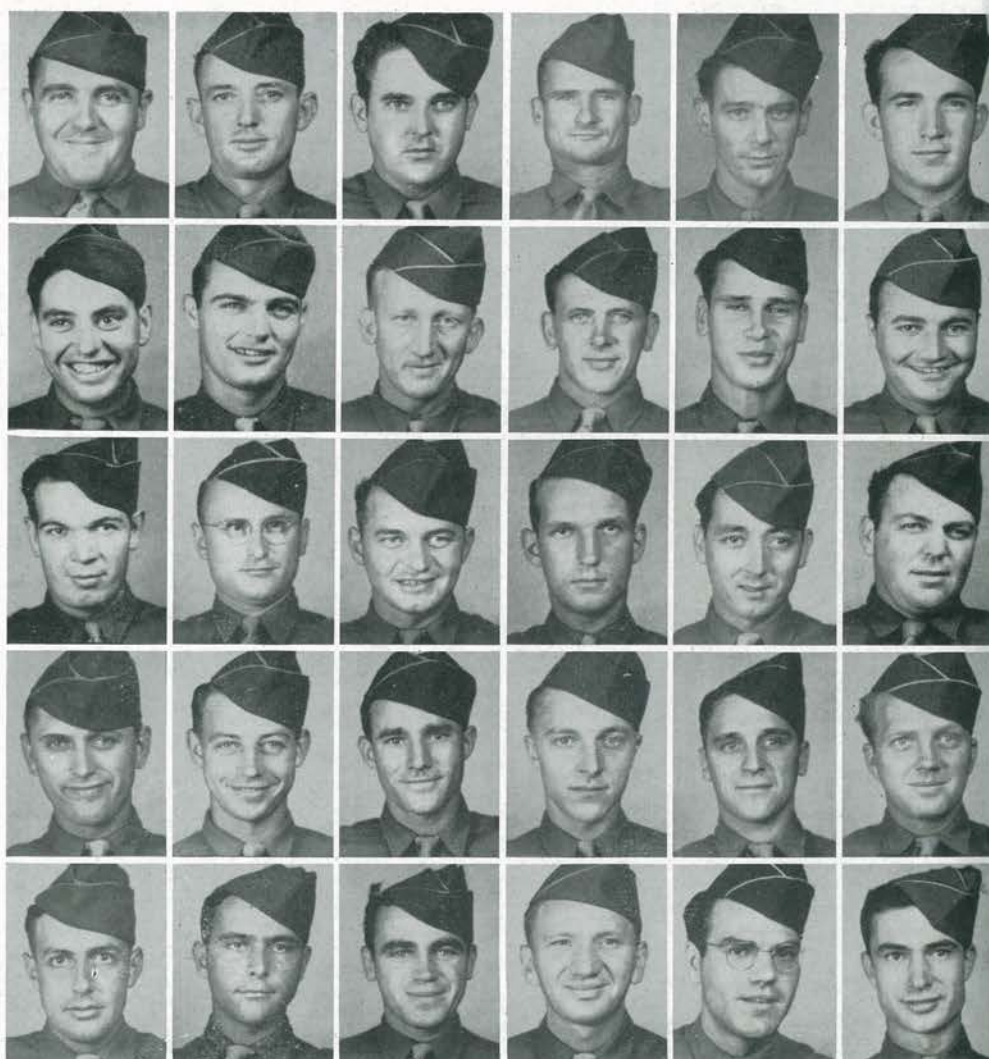
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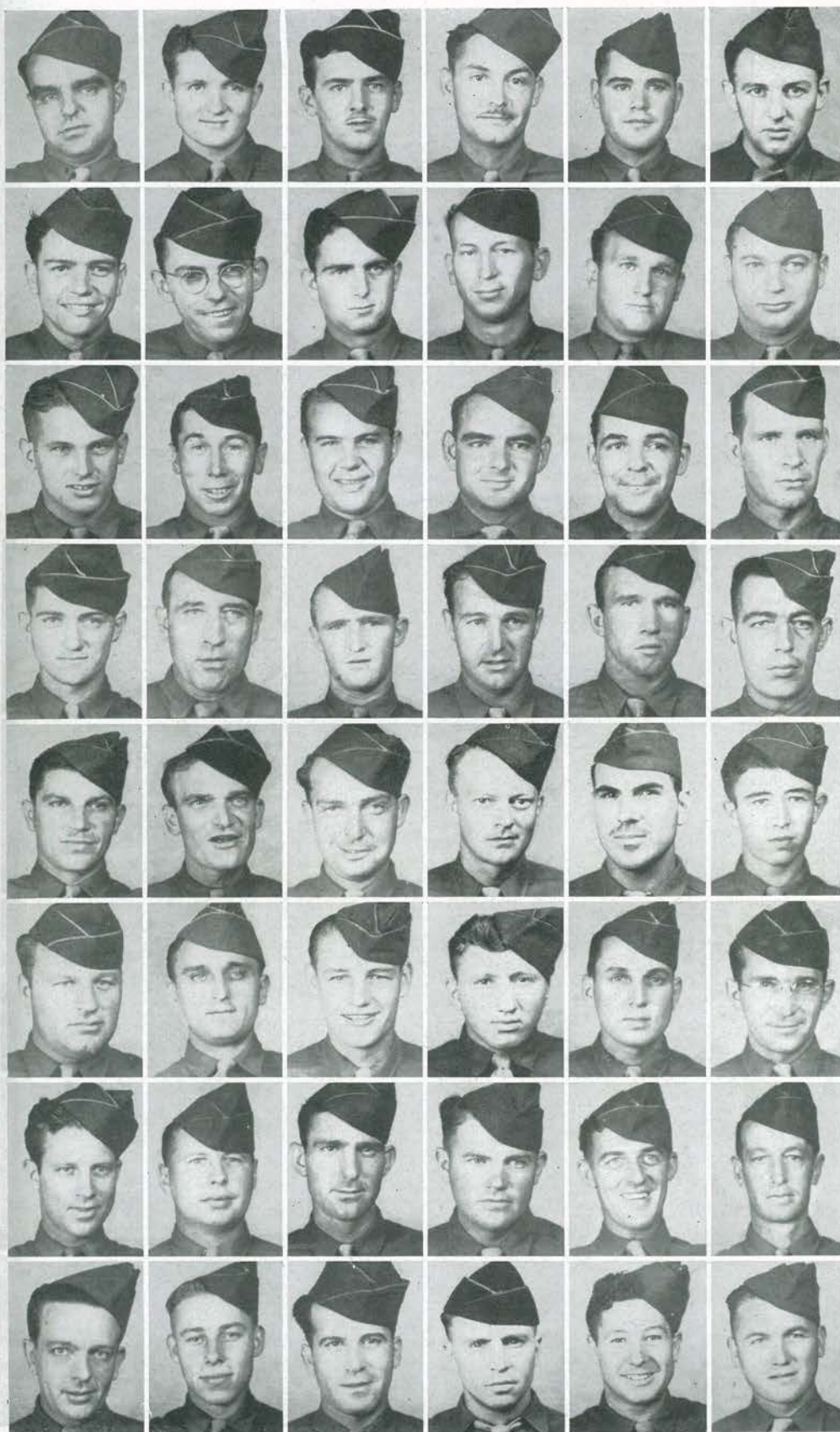
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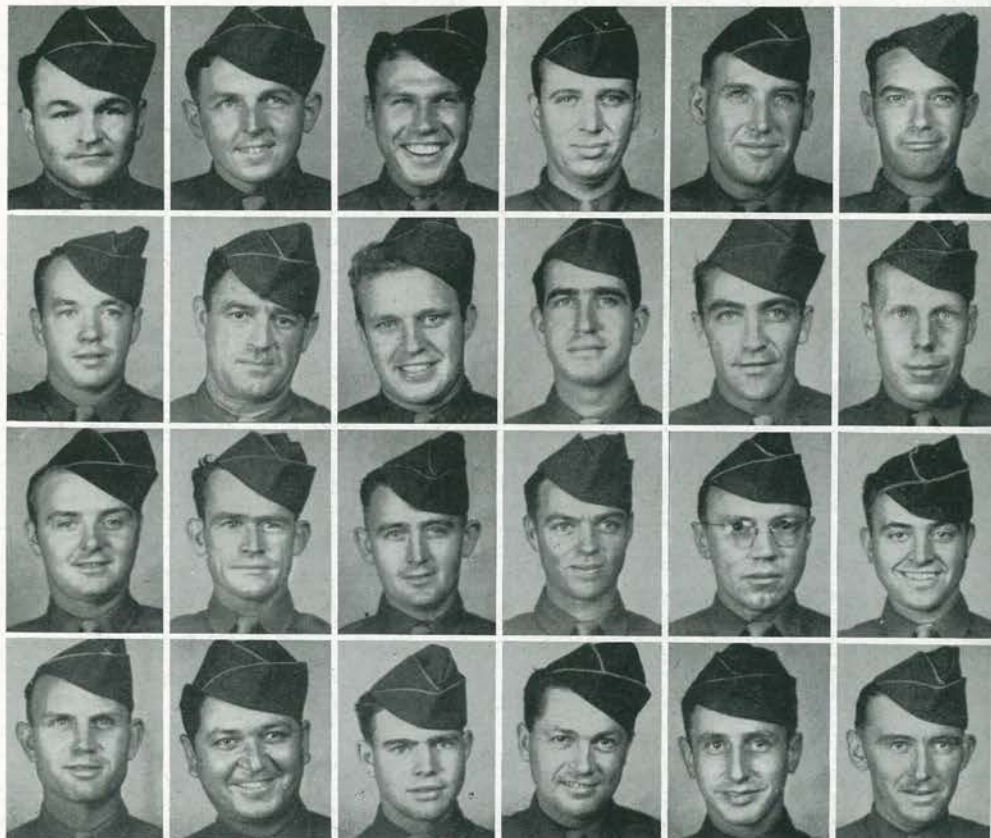
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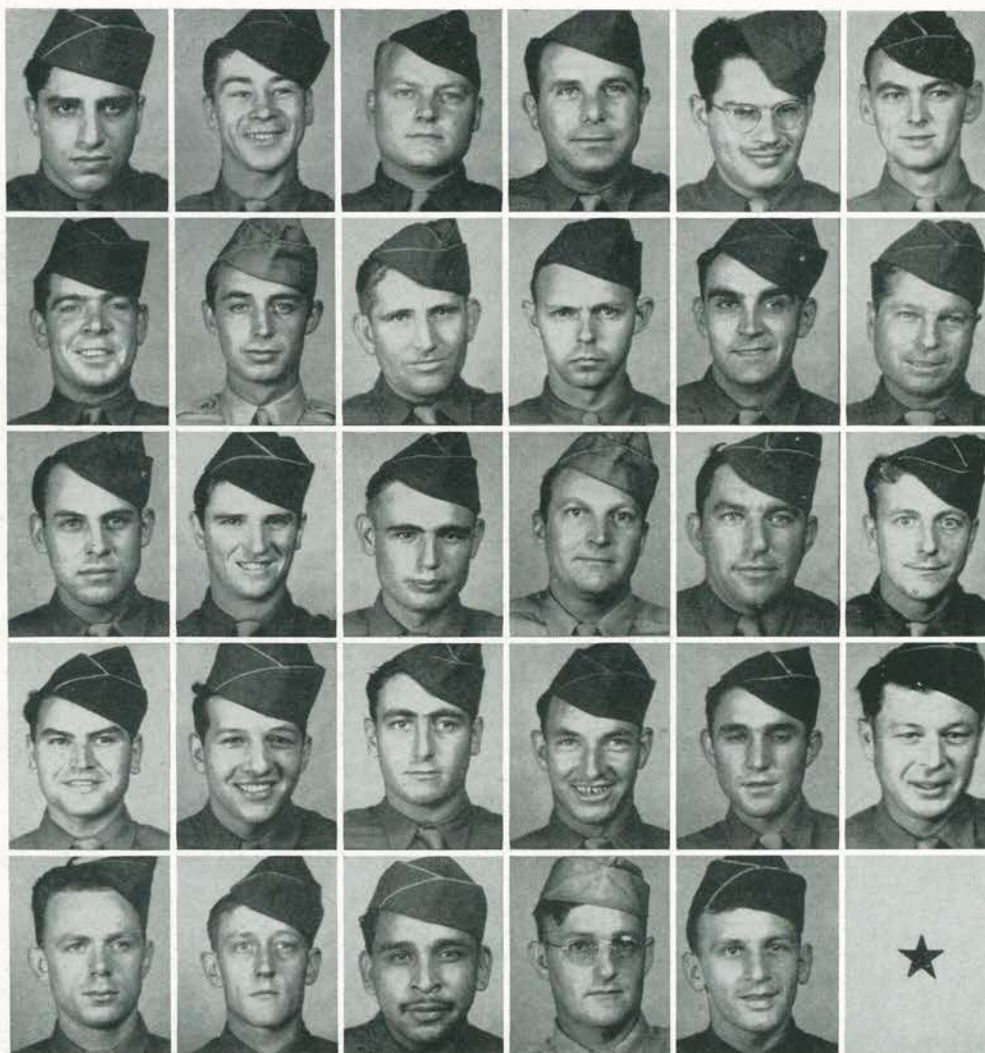
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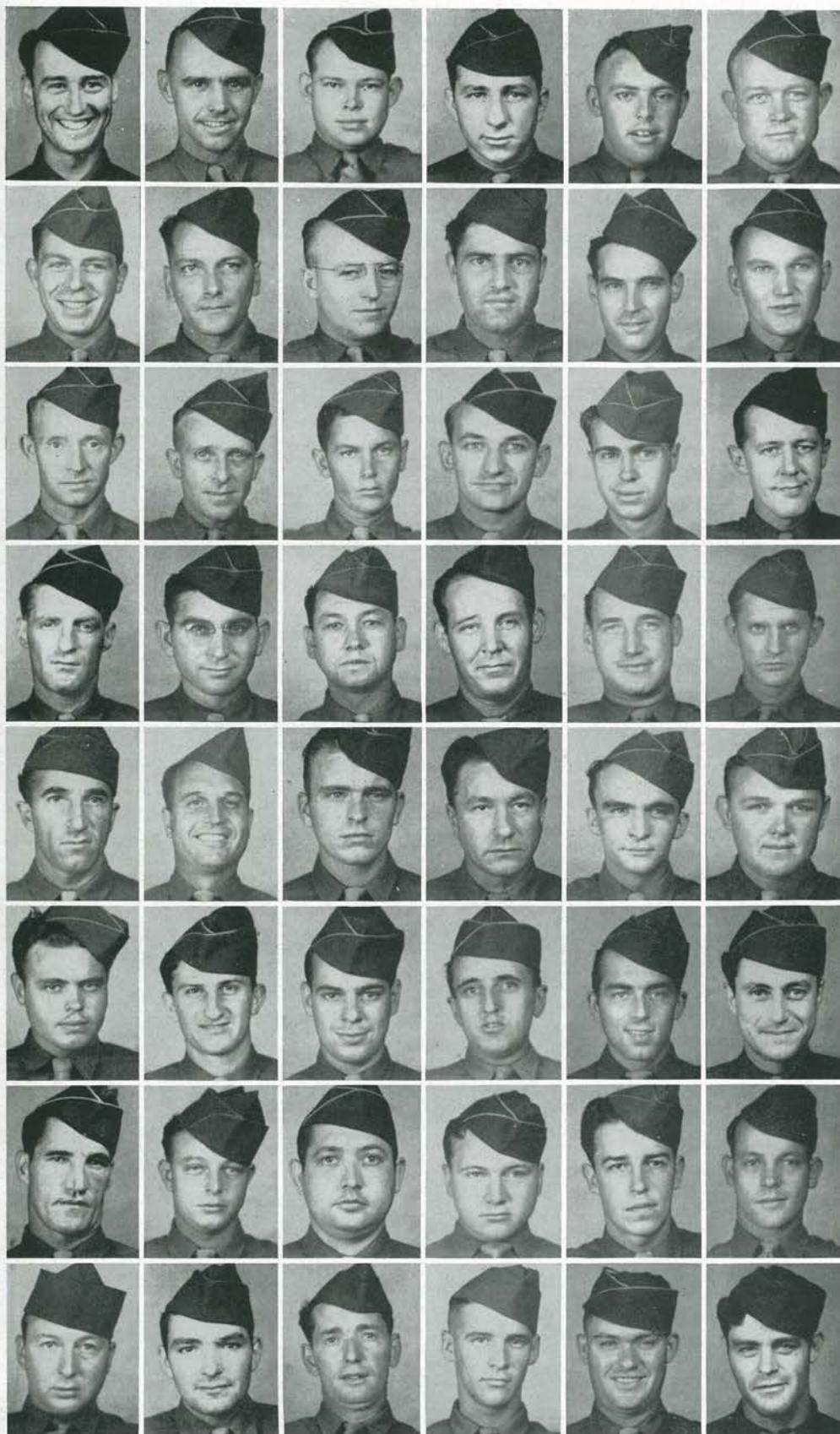


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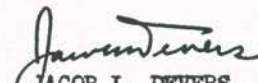
TO : Commanding General, 13th Armored Division

Modern warfare has made necessary the introduction of new units and new techniques to ensure victory in battle. The 13th Armored Division, activated at Camp Beale, California, on 15 October 1942 as a result of the need for armored units, proved in training and in combat the adaptability and genius of the American soldier in all methods of warfare.

Since the time when I was Commanding General of the Armored Force, I have followed the career of the Black Cat Division with interest and pride. After the completion of training, much of which you did at Camp Bowie, Texas, you arrived overseas early in 1945, and your tankers quickly earned for themselves the respect of the enemy. Joining the Third Army, you participated brilliantly in the final drive across the Danube River deep into Southern Germany. Your officers and men, despite their comparatively brief period in battle, fought with boldness, bravery and skill, winning a firm place in the heritage of our country.

Those of the 13th Armored who find themselves in new tasks, now that the division is being inactivated, will continue to serve their country, I know, with enthusiasm and steadfastness, until our military strength can safely be reduced.

The men in the 13th Armored Division will be forever included among the heroes of our country, and it is for me a proud occasion to be able to commend you most heartily, in the name of all Americans, for your gallant service in defense of freedom.


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IN MEMORIAM



PORTRAITS

HISTORY OF THE 46TH TANK BATTALION

As the SS "Sea Quail" slid through the tortuous, war-damaged inlets of Le Havre, France, on 29 January 1945, the 700 tankers of Lieutenant Colonel Delnore's 46th Tank Battalion thought as one man: "This is it. This is the pay-off." Hereafter the events of the boat ride, and the gruelling training of Camp Bowie, Texas, and Camp Beale, California, were past history. A new and serious phase in each man's life was to begin. It began on the pitch-black night of 31 January when the battalion debarked, formed itself on the dimmed-out, shattered streets of Le Havre, and marched away into the darkness. A six-hour ride in "forty and eights" and GI trucks carried us to our billeting area in the vicinity of Beaunay, a picturesque little village in Normandy. In this area we lived six weeks in homes and barns of the French. At night we spent happy moments in the cafes of Dieppe and Rouen, learned enough French to flirt with the girls and barter with the merchants, while by day we prepared our vehicles for combat and ourselves for the more harried life that was soon to come.

The 46th Tank Battalion received orders on 15 March 1945, to march some 300 miles to the vicinity of Avricourt, France, to wait in reserve while units of the U. S. Seventh Army crossed the Rhine River. In preparation for any impending combat mission, the 46th was formed together with the addition of "C" Company, 67th Armored Infantry Battalion. It lost its "A" and "B" Companies to Task Force Satt, a similar fighting team, organized from the 67th



"They went that way, George"

Armored Infantry Battalion; and it lost its "D" Company to Combat Command "A" reserve.

Task Force Delnore was designed to be split into self-sufficient subsidiary task forces, and as such was to help force the collapse of the Ruhr Pocket and to storm a path through Germany to the Inn River, which separates Germany from Austria.

During the last days of March and the first days of April we expected at any time to be ordered against the enemy. General Patton's Third Army had driven far and fast, and we were anxious to be a part of that great armored spear-head, thrusting rapidly, deeper into Germany. Instead we were given "policing" tasks. In the Homburg-Schorenburg area, we assisted in the movement of some 5,000 displaced personnel to a concentration area. 1 April, Task Force Delnore was ordered to the Kirchbesg-Simmern area where it aided in the control of displaced persons camps consisting of Poles and Russians. On 6 April, after being assigned to the Third U. S. Army, we packed our baggage again and were ordered to the Alsfeld area, and then on to Beiseforth, Germany, a march of 174 miles, where we again supported the military government, and prepared our vehicles for action. Shortly, the 13th Armored Division was assigned to the U. S. First Army, and Task Force Delnore, under orders, backtracked from

"Nichts S. S. ! Nichts Nazi!!"



Beisforth to the vicinity of Altenkirchen, about twenty miles south of the Sieg River, the southern boundary of the Ruhr Pocket.

There on 10 April 1945, in the middle of the night, after two days and nights without sleep, and after a fatiguing march, orders were received to cross the Sieg River at Hennef. For this operation, the first platoon of "A" Company, 124th Armored Engineer Battalion, and a platoon of 90-mm. tank destroyers from the 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion were added to the task force, which was broken down into two subsidiary tank-infantry teams: Task Force Sheffey and Task Force Feldman. Task Force Delnore with Task Force Sheffey in the lead spear-headed the Division in a northward attack on 10 April 1945. Soon our radios announced contact with the enemy. Near the rolling river country of Dienessem we received our baptism of fire from concealed 88 and 20-mm. AA-AT guns. The casualty toll of several tanks damaged, two men killed and twenty-five wounded was indicative of the fierce fighting of that first engagement. However, under the thorough artillery preparation of the 498th Field Artillery Battalion, a coordinated attack was launched the following day. By nightfall we had seized Dienessem, Birk, Inger, Algert, and Breidt, villages that will bear the scars of war for years. This mission accomplished, Task Force Delnore marched next day via Lohmar, passing to the left of Task Force Satt and sped northwest, liberating in its path 1,400 Allied prisoners. Stopping at Rath, Germany, the night of 13 April, continually harassed by intermittent enemy artillery fire, the task force took 70 prisoners, cleared Rath the following morning and continued north towards Pafrath, clearing the towns en route of enemy resistance.

The battalion staff journals were being filled with events as the task force raced to finish off the strangling Pocket. 13 April the Task Force was augmented by the addition of Companies A and D of the 46th Tank Battalion and Company A, 67th Armored Infantry Battalion. 14 April saw the race across Wupper River when we led the Division along the autobahn and road nets which were the lifelines of the industrial cities of the Rhine Valley. At Manfort our leading elements encountered a bridge-road block over the Dhunn River, strongly defended by small arms and artillery fire. Here German bullets wounded our Division Commander, General Wogan, the Battalion Commander Lieutenant Colonel Delnore, and the "C" Company Commander Captain Jackson. The road block was reduced and by-passed, and our column moved into Leverkusen. One 67th Infantry half-track blew up on a mine and three of our half-tracks were knocked out by 88-mm. fire, but we finally succeeded in fording



"Haben sie eier?"

"Get outta here and don't come back until ya gotta luger"



the Wupper River which was constantly subjected to 88 and 20-mm. fire. Captain Jacobsen was killed in Hassels when his tank column was hit with panzerfausts and 20-mm. fire.

A highlight of the Ruhr Campaign was the capture of the German Headquarters at Mudlinghoven. On 17 April the 46th Tank Battalion's reconnaissance platoon of eleven men, under the personal command of Lieutenant Colonel Delnore, captured two major generals, Rantzau and Sommerfeld, with their staffs, and forced the surrender of 600 Germans. For this action, Lieutenant Colonel Delnore received the Silver Star and his eleven reconnaissance men received Bronze Stars. The battalion was ordered to march to the Rhine River at Kaiserworth and thence to Gerresheim, finally halting at Mulheim, with the mission of supporting the Allied Military Government.

From 19 April to 22 April 1945, the battalion was constantly on the move, traveling 250 miles from Mulheim to Neunkirchen, stopping for the night at villages, sleeping in German beds, foraging for fresh eggs to supplement the tiresome "C" and "K" rations.

At Neunkirchen we reverted to the U. S. Third Army, repaired our battlestrained tanks and vehicles, heard General Patton's address to the 13th Armored Division, and regrouped.

On a rainy morning of 27 April, Task Force Delnore crossed the Danube, a river swollen and muddy from rains. A 30 mile move to the vicinity of Seedorf was prolonged twenty hours by extremely hazardous and muddy roads. Here the task force was given the mission of seizing crossings over the Isar River. The "C" Company task force, commanded by Captain O'Malley was in the lead. Only small arms resistance and undefended road blocks were encountered. The bridges across the Isar in the vi-

cinity of the town of Worth had been blown by the enemy, and small arms and artillery fire were received from the enemy side of the river. Many PWs were taken and 400 Allied prisoners of war were liberated in that town.

At 2230, 1 May 1945, Task Force Delnore, with orders to seize the crossings of the Inn River, moved out south and southwest in two columns behind a CCA screening detachment which included tanks from "Dog" Company. Only small arms fire was met and our forces covered 65 miles by 1500, 2 May, leaving in their wake disorganized Hungarian troops and gathering 485 German PWs en route. This plunge brought the battalion to Simbach on the Inn River where the two bridges leading into Braunau, Austria, had been blown as the tankers approached.

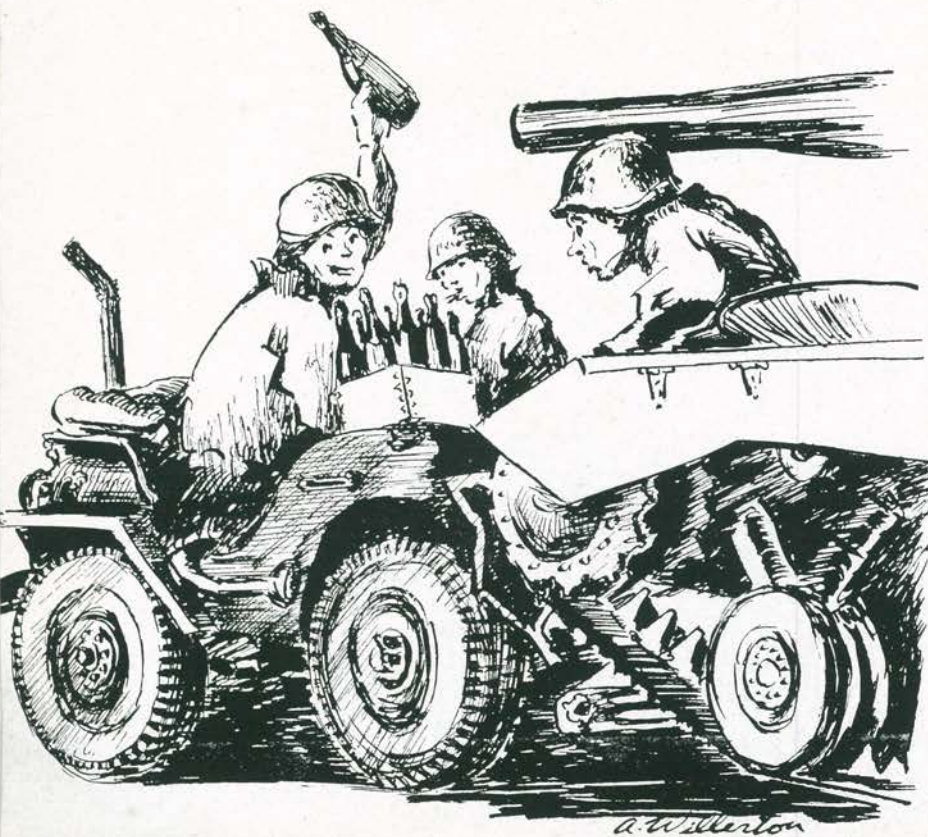
Meanwhile the enemy forces were collapsing on all sides. It seemed only a matter of hours that the war would be over. Prisoners were surrendering in droves; white flags were fluttering from every window.

The dash into Austria was highlighted by the expedition of Captain "Lou" Weaver, commander of Company "B," in which he was instrumental in rescuing 15,000 Allied PWs, including 4,000 Americans, in camps southwest of Braunau. Infiltrating seven miles behind enemy lines, he arranged with the German prison commandant for the surrender of the PW camp. He then reported to higher headquarters where a formal surrender was affected. Captain Weaver and his driver, Corporal McMahan, both received the Silver Star for this action.

With the end of the war on 8 May 1945, the battalion began the duties of assisting the Military Government in the Simbach area. The following eight weeks were spent there. In addition to military police duties the men were given every opportunity to relax. A recreation area was established in the Austrian Lake Country. Excursions were made to Chiem See, Salzburg, Berchtesgaden and to the Austrian Lakes. Some men went to the French Riviera, others to Paris and to England. A riding stable was set up, a beer hall opened, and Austrian and German streams furnished many trout to supplement the army rations. Awards and citations were given, and final reports were completed. That 30 men received the purple heart, 63 the bronze star, four the silver star, attests to the energy and devotion to service displayed by the men and officers of the 46th Tank Battalion. After a staging period spent at Camp Atlanta, France, the battalion sailed from Le Havre on Bastille Day, 14 July 1945, concluding its history in the ETO.

Words will never fully describe our experiences, either good or bad, for how can we tell others what it is to fight an unseen enemy, to be first in an advance, to tell of the weariness, dirt, laughter, boredom, sorrow, and fear that the 700 men of the battalion shared in battle? Yet who will forget the trips to Paris, the cafes in Nancy, the life with the French in Normandy, the combat period, or the boat ride home? Let this history serve to remind us of what we have done and have seen, and to make us remember that our country and our beliefs are forever worth the price that was paid.

"Wow!! Didn't break a thing"



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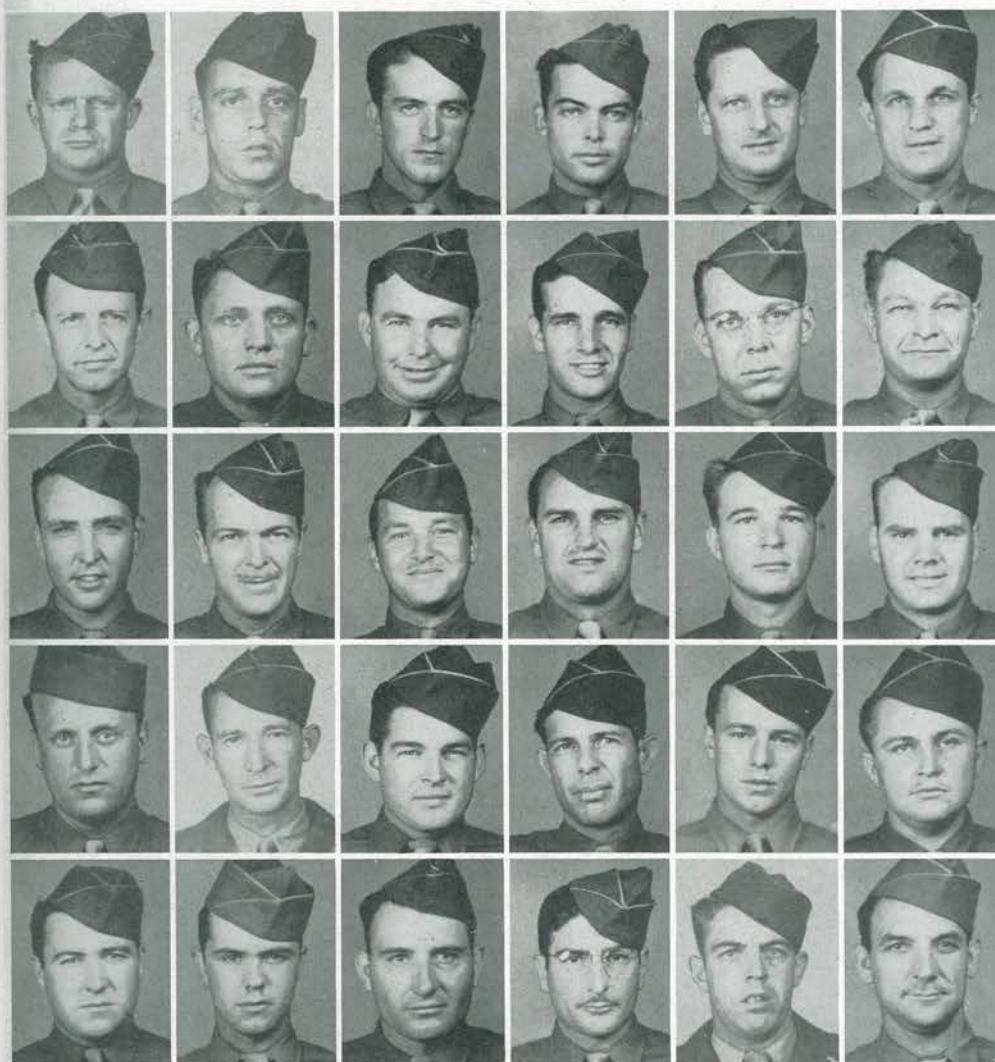
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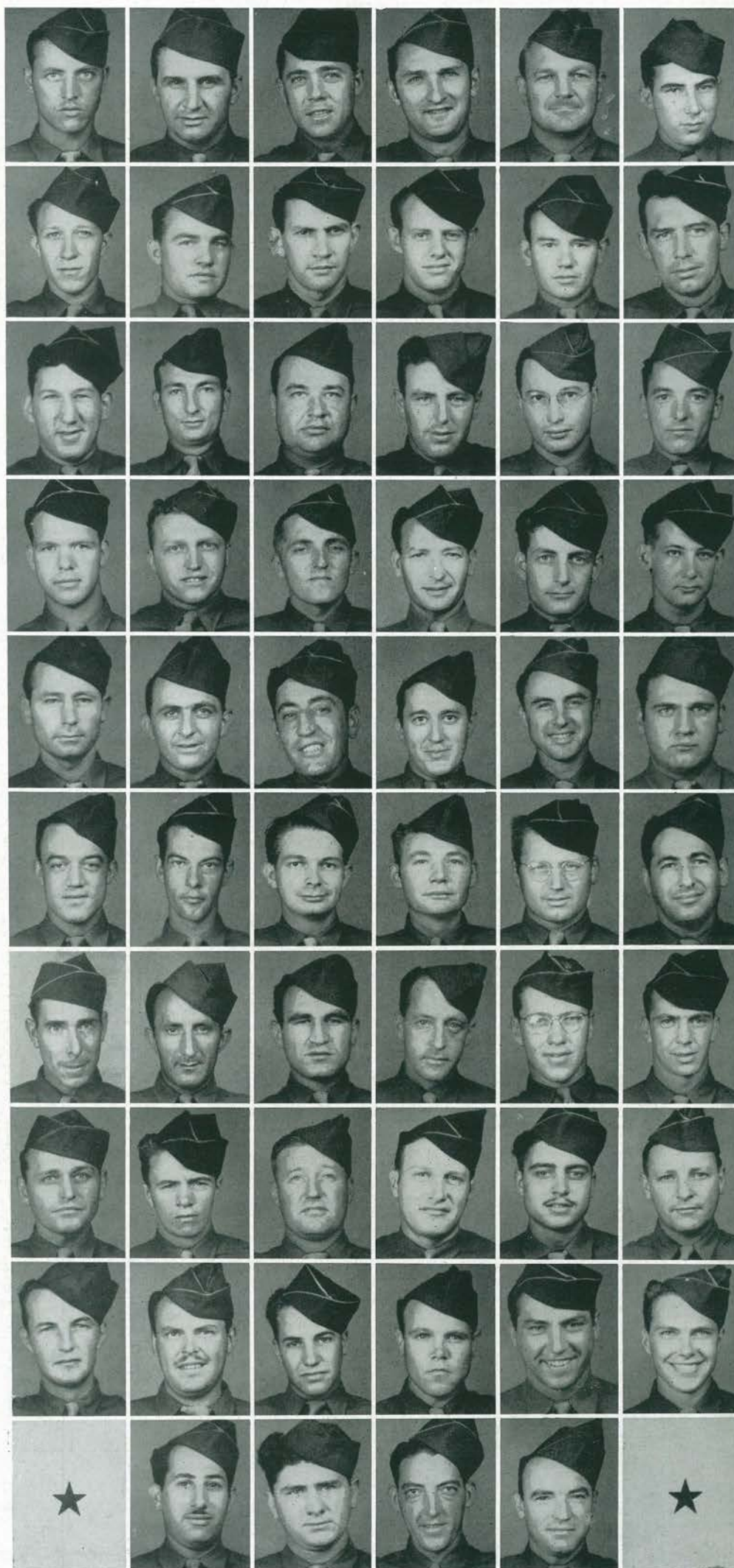
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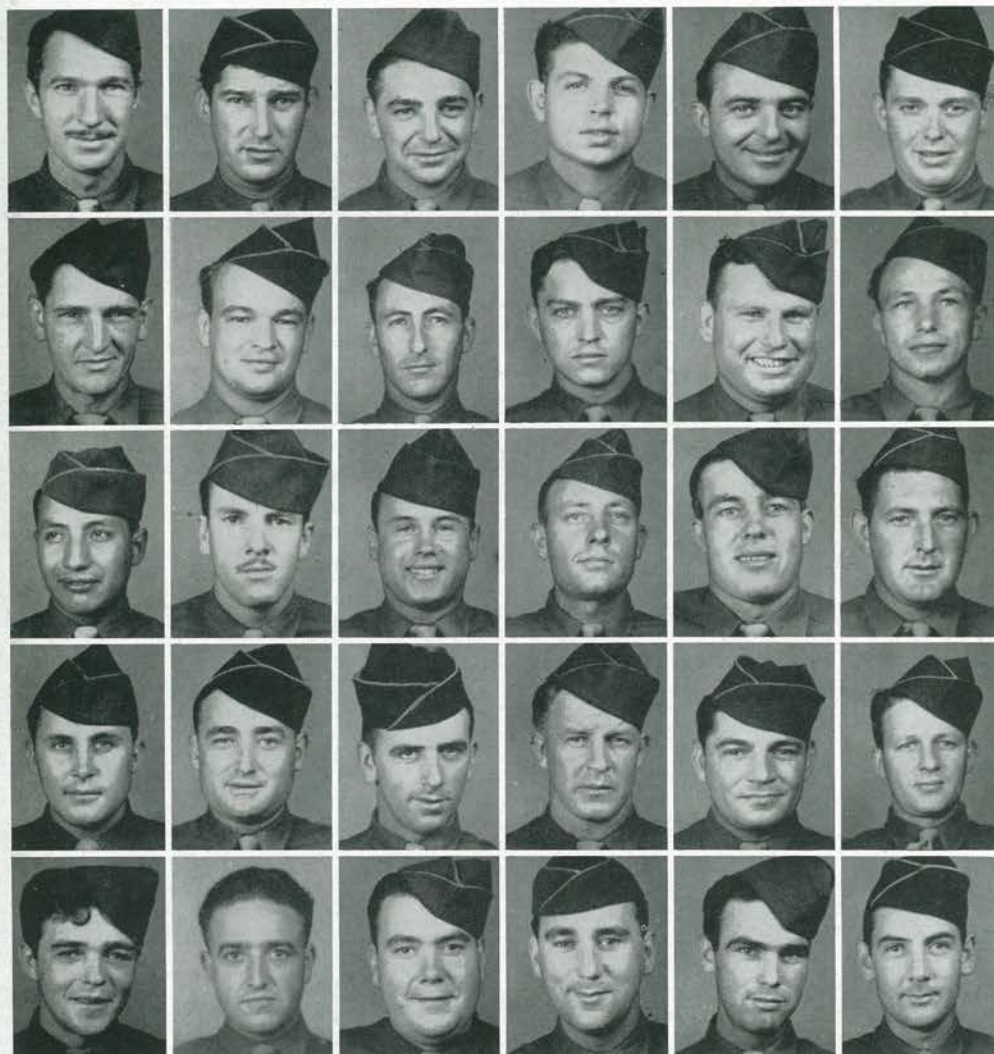
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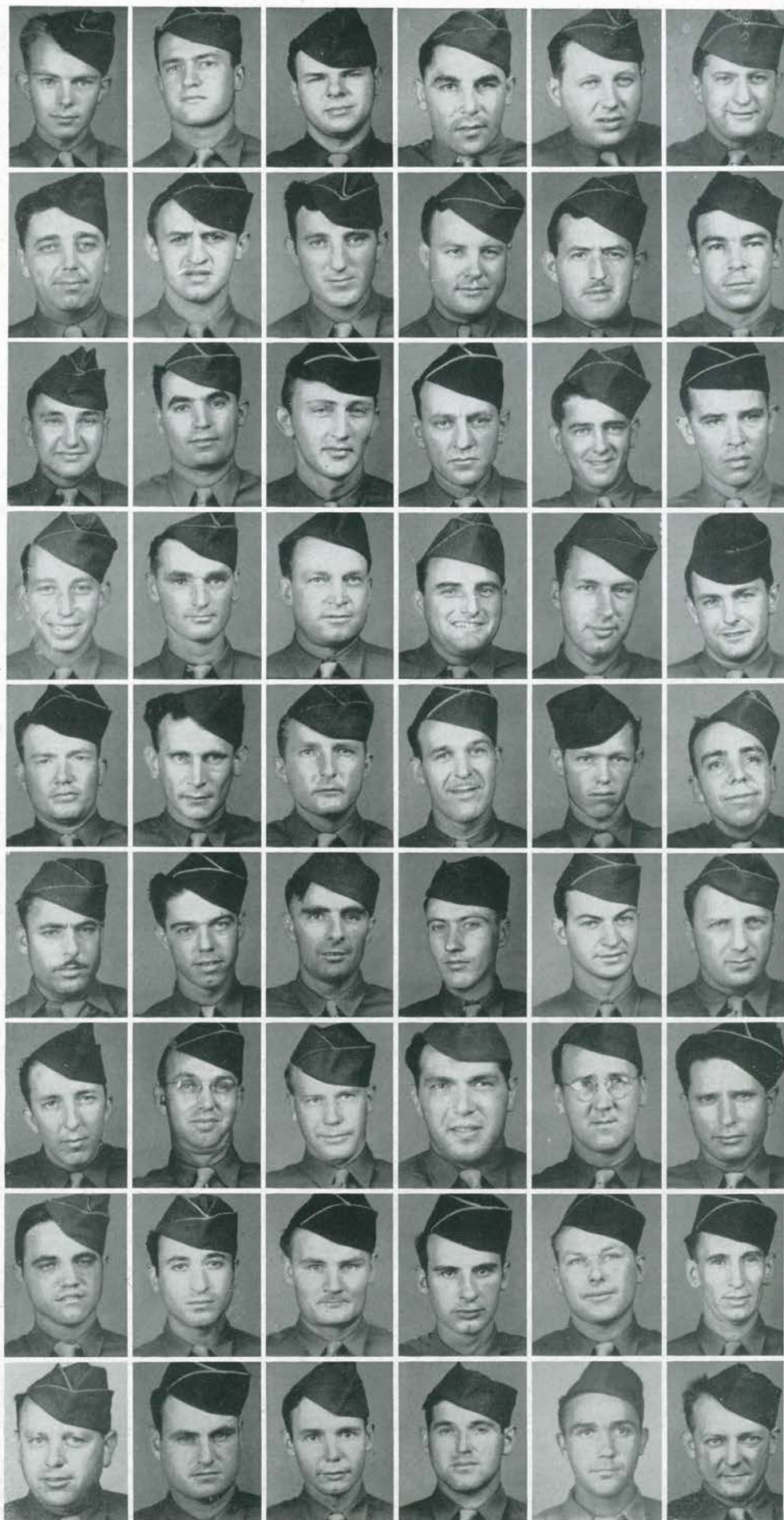
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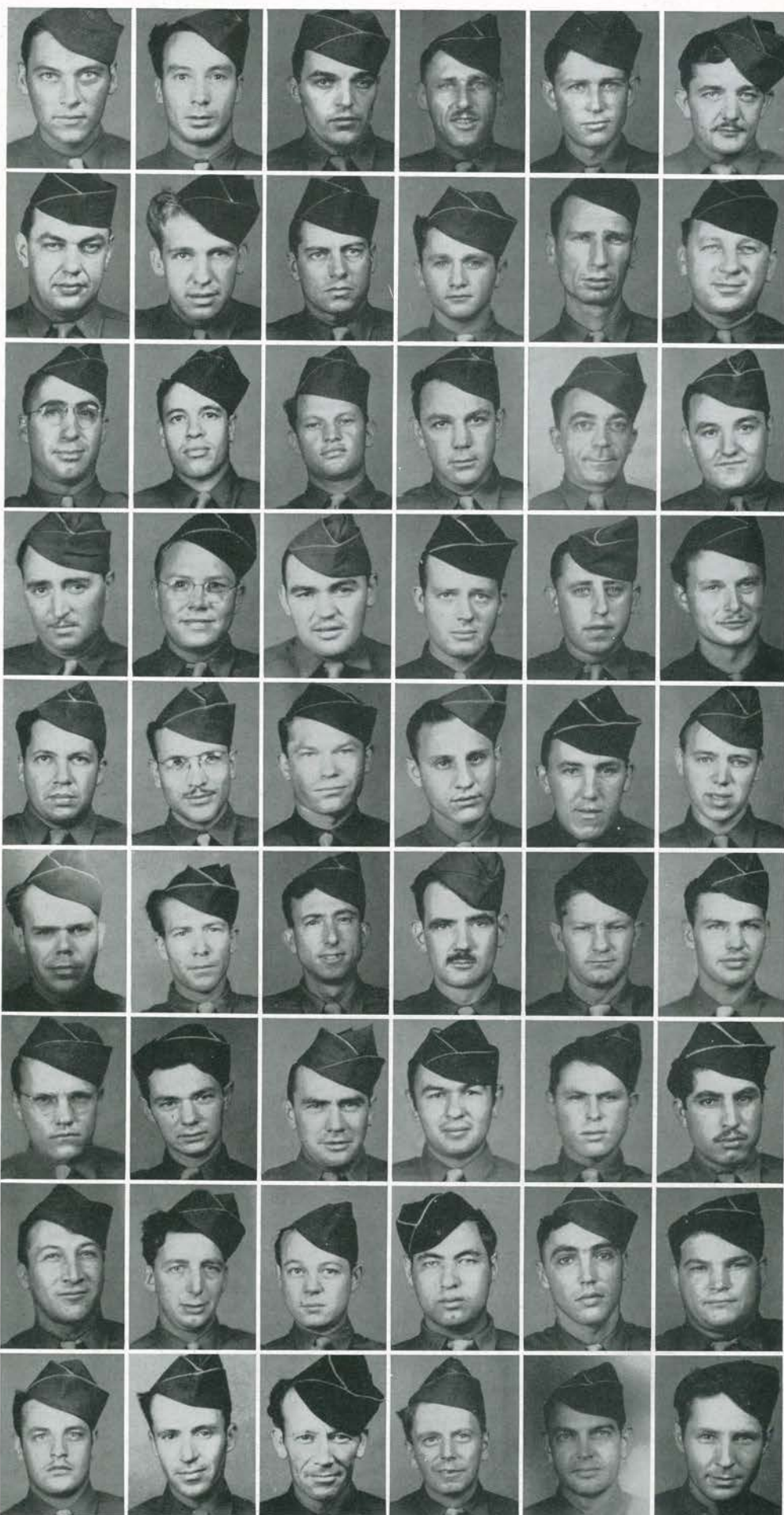
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Captain Kenneth S. Elmes, S-4.
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T/4 Edward W. Gruss.
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T/5 Alfred J. Haupt.
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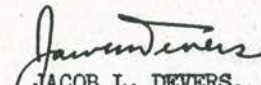
TO : Commanding General, 13th Armored Division

Modern warfare has made necessary the introduction of new units and new techniques to ensure victory in battle. The 13th Armored Division, activated at Camp Beale, California, on 15 October 1942 as a result of the need for armored units, proved in training and in combat the adaptability and genius of the American soldier in all methods of warfare.

Since the time when I was Commanding General of the Armored Force, I have followed the career of the Black Cat Division with interest and pride. After the completion of training, much of which you did at Camp Bowie, Texas, you arrived overseas early in 1945, and your tankers quickly earned for themselves the respect of the enemy. Joining the Third Army, you participated brilliantly in the final drive across the Danube River deep into Southern Germany. Your officers and men, despite their comparatively brief period in battle, fought with boldness, bravery and skill, winning a firm place in the heritage of our country.

Those of the 13th Armored who find themselves in new tasks, now that the division is being inactivated, will continue to serve their country, I know, with enthusiasm and steadfastness, until our military strength can safely be reduced.

The men in the 13th Armored Division will be forever included among the heroes of our country, and it is for me a proud occasion to be able to commend you most heartily, in the name of all Americans, for your gallant service in defense of freedom.


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What do *you* remember most vividly about our experiences in the ETO? Whenever a bunch of guys get together for a bull session you eventually get around to all the things that happened to us over there. Maybe you talk about Mamming and those Krauts that didn't know we'd come there to stay and tried to push us around a little bit. Or maybe you talk about that—what's her name?—you know, the girl at the cafe in St. Oeun du Breuil who served us cider and calvados. Or the long ride we took from Normandy to Donnelay, and how red our eyes got from the lime dust—and our faces, remember how burned they were? Or when we crossed the Rhine, remember that lump in your throat. And how did your stomach feel the first time you heard the wish-whish of an 88 shell coming your way? Wished your slit trench were twice as deep, didn't you?



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Sure, we all have little memories that belong to us alone. But we like to talk about them, especially when we find that some other joker remembers them too. We like to hear him talk about them too, because then we get so we believe the bull we've been slinging ourselves. Maybe a guy's telling about the day we landed at Le Havre and all the snow that was lying around—worst snow storm in years, the French said. And you can hardly wait until he's through to tell him about the 2½ ton truck you had to dig out of a snow drift. Or some guy from Headquarters Company is sounding off about all the eggs he got for a package of Raleighs from that farm near Val Martin. But you can top that with a yarn about the night you went hunting for chickens and ran into the CO while you were coming back. Nearly got caught that time. Yes, France was a nice place to spend a couple of months, even if we did have to do some training.

But most of all you remember what happened to you in combat. 1608 miles, we ran up on the mile-



age meters of our tracks and tanks. And, brother, that's a lot of territory. It meant work, damn hard work, by the maintenance men, but they kept 'em rolling. Some of it was tough, and some of us didn't come back, and no fighting is easy for the guy who doesn't come back—or for his folks at home, either. Yes, the Jerries had a lot of stuff in the Ruhr, and it was no fun sweating out that artillery. But we had stuff, too. Tanks, assault guns, and infantry—in infantry with bazookas, machine guns, mortars, M-1's and carbines. The krauts learned what an armored outfit can do.

Combat was no picnic. It wasn't much fun riding a tank down the road from Siegburg, where we were first committed, to Mulheim and Berg-Gladbach when a German with a burp gun or a Panzerfaust could be waiting for you in any of those fox-holes lining the road. We captured the towns—Troisdorf, Urbach, Spitze. A lot of us will never forget that Spitze. Not much of a town. Just a cross-road with a with a few houses. But the Jerries had plenty there—105's, 88's, machine guns and riflemen. It was a strong-point, all right. And we were new. It was a rugged twenty-four hours, but we took Spitze and a lot of "good" Germans were left lying around, testimony that training paid dividends. Remember when we spear-headed the 8th Infantry Division in that last drive to blast apart the Ruhr Pocket? Langenberg, Hoppe, Velbert, Heiligenhaus — remember? We had tanks and artillery, engineers and TD's, to help us, but *you* had to go in to capture and hold the towns. We panzered 'em in that push, but it wasn't any road march, and for some of our Buddies, the war was over right there. Before the Battle of the Ruhr wound up, we'd captured about 300,000 Germans—with the aid of a few more divisions and another Army, of course. At the time, what was most important, each Kraut had a Luger or a P-38, if you could find it. So that when we rejoined Patton's Third a few days later, there weren't many guys who couldn't sport two guns on *their* belts, too.

Then there was the long march we made in our half-tracks from Freudenberg to the Danube. Half-way across Germany it was, and it took us a week to get there. Of course, we had several missions to accomplish before we hit the Danube, such as helping the recon screen the Division advance. We stopped at Hanau and then at Forth, near Nuremberg. It was at Forth that the Jerry plane paid us nightly visits. You could almost set your watches by that distinctive, uneven engine. And it was at Forth that the

chaplain held services for the fellows we'd lost in the Ruhr. On the 28th of April we finally crossed the "Beautiful Blue Danube"—but it wasn't blue at all. And not really as beautiful as the Hudson or Columbia. Just "another damn river," the engineers labeled it.

About the time you're recalling this, a guy from the recon platoon puts in his two cents worth. He was one of the men who were captured by the Krauts while we drove from the Danube down to the Isar river. You have to admit that he's got you there, so you listen to him with one ear while you're trying to think up a good story of your own. He says that his recon section of six men ran into an ambush and they took on a whole company of Germans until they ran out of ammunition. Their sergeant was killed and the rest of them taken prisoners. They thought for a while that they'd be shot, but the Krauts finally turned them loose.

If you're from "C" Company, you'll never forget the Battle of Mammern. For you it was the Bulge and the Anzio beachhead all rolled into one. Remember how the bridge over the Isar was blown and the only way you could get across was to climb over on the girders. And remember how tense you were, and that empty place in the pit of your stomach as you scraped your knees on the steel and tried not to see the water rushing by a mile a minute right under you? And once you were across and into Mammern, how surprised you were that the enemy would counterattack, not just once, but three times? How about that Jerry that put an MG-42 into action under your window? You polished him off with your Garand, and two more who tried to take his place. Or the one who crawled up close enough to knock out your machine gun with a panzerfaust. It was comforting to have the assault guns and mortars of Headquarters Company giving you plenty of support that night. And it was good to know that Service Company was keeping the ammunition rolling up there. You didn't give an inch that night, and when the 80th Infantry, with their red scarves, came over the next day to relieve you, there were plenty of dead krauts, and you still held that bridgehead.

If you're from "A" Company or "B" Company, you recall the crossing you started at Landau, or do you like to remember that morning? At 0405 the morning of the 30th, it was. You pushed off in an assault boat, with nine other men, paddling like hell to beat the swift current. And all around you seven



more boats bobbed about and were swept downstream, while the Germans raked the river with machine gun and rifle fire. Only thirty of you got across, and even then maybe you had to swim part way when you boat capsized. Remember how you hugged the bank all day, and how you thanked God when Captain Geyer brought some men over to bring you back?

And then there was the drive from the Isar to the Inn River, seventy-one miles in nineteen hours, and the towns fell like rows of dominoes under our fire power. Wisselsing, Pfarrkirchen, Tann, and Marktl, and there we were at the Inn, the gateway to Austria. You probably remember standing around in Tann with Lieutenant Colonel Downey, watching the Chief of Staff of the Hungarian Army surrender to the 13th Armored Division. The Colonel had carried that BAR of his all through the Battle of Germany, but he didn't need it that night. The Hungarians had long since had their fill of combat. You didn't know then that you'd be back there a few





days later and that you couldn't turn around without having a Hungarian Officer salute *you*.

From then on it was easy, except that some guy decided that the infantry was for walking, and you had to hoof it all the way from the Inn to Burghausen and Hohenwarth. Go loaded for bear the CO said, and you carried a couple of hundred rounds for your M-1, and your pockets were full of hand grenades. And the guy next to you lugged a 42 pound mortar on his back the whole distance. Once in Burghausen, you'd have traded the kit and ka-boodle for a couple of K-rations.

And can you ever forget those three days in Burghausen? How we freed those 2,000 slave laborers, and how they swarmed all over you trying to kiss you or shake your hand? And those gaunt American PW's, 4,000 of them, who roamed the town and the

countryside rounding up more prisoners of war for us? And the Leicas and the Voightlanders that were liberated there? When we were finally relieved by the 86th Infantry Division, we had to use horse carts to haul out the pistols, rifles and shotguns we'd picked up.

Then the war was over, and we became occupation troops, sweating it out in Bavarian towns like Unterturken, Marktl, and Schildthurn, until they decided they needed the 13th for the assault on Japan. For many of us that period has the fondest memories—of a trip to Berchtesgaden, or a vacation on the Waginger See. Then we hit France again, and we saw the Reims or visited Paris. Remember the Metro and Eiffel Tower, the Louvre and Pigalle? Was there ever another city like Paris?

Finally they sent us home. And we could tell our folks about the combat medics we saw pull off operations under shell fire and never bat an eye. Or the time the men from Service Company went up to the Siegfried Line to carry bodies back—both German and American. And back at Camp Cooke after our 30-day leaves, we could talk about the atomic bomb, and the peace. But mostly we talked about points, and when we were going home, which is as it should be. And before you knew it, you were home, and you never did get a chance to tell the guys about the time you should have got the Bronze Star and didn't. And probably it's just as well, too, because then you'd have had to listen to more of *their* stories.





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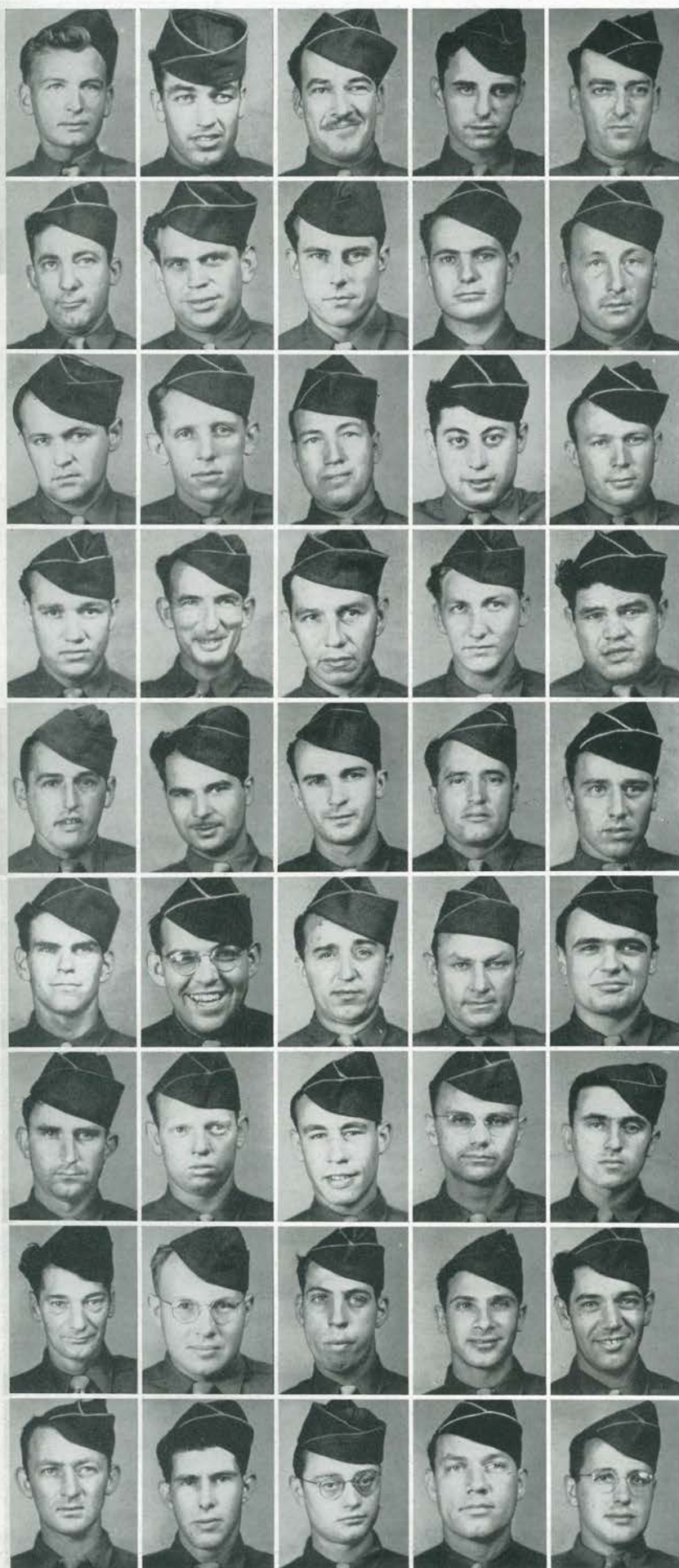
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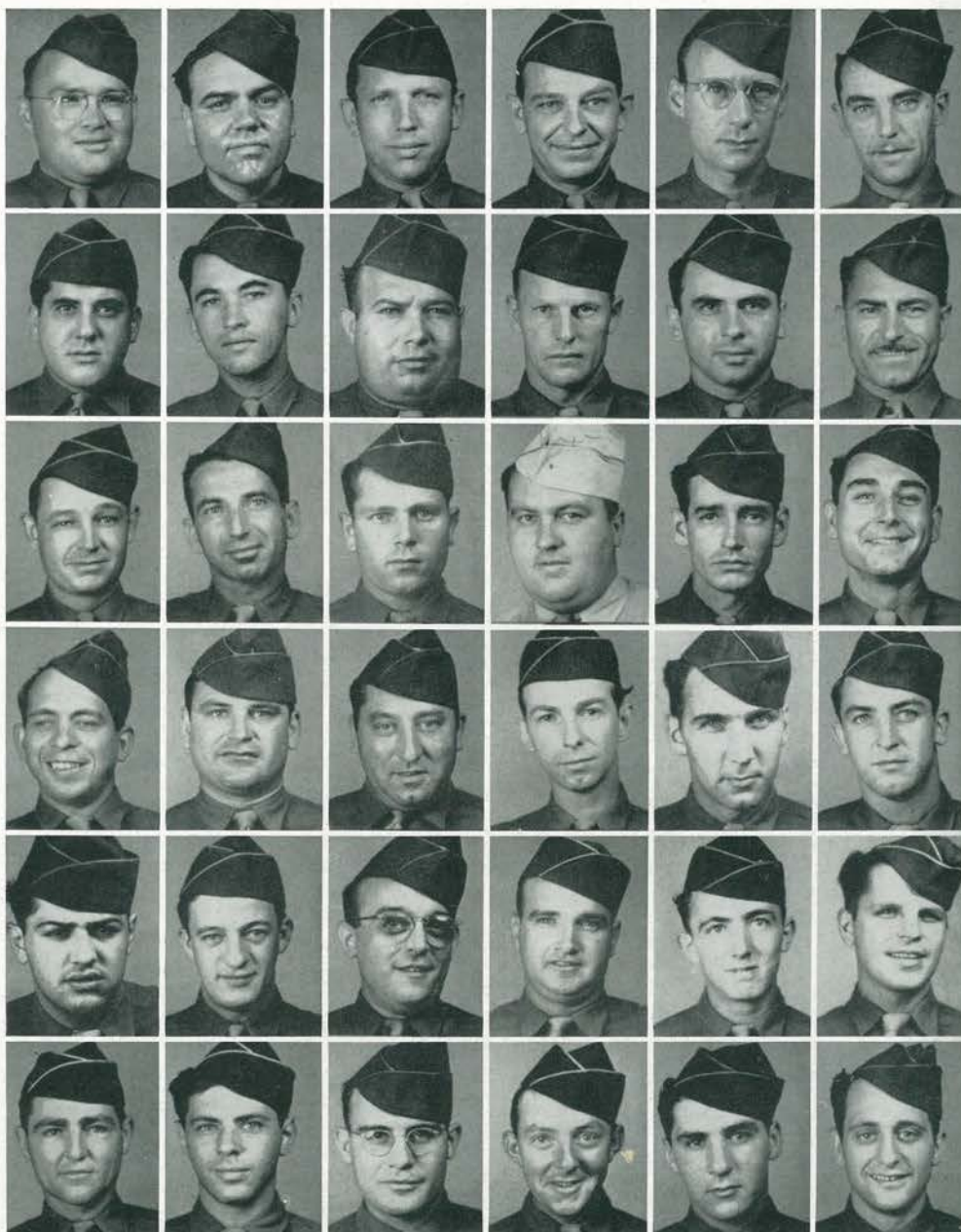
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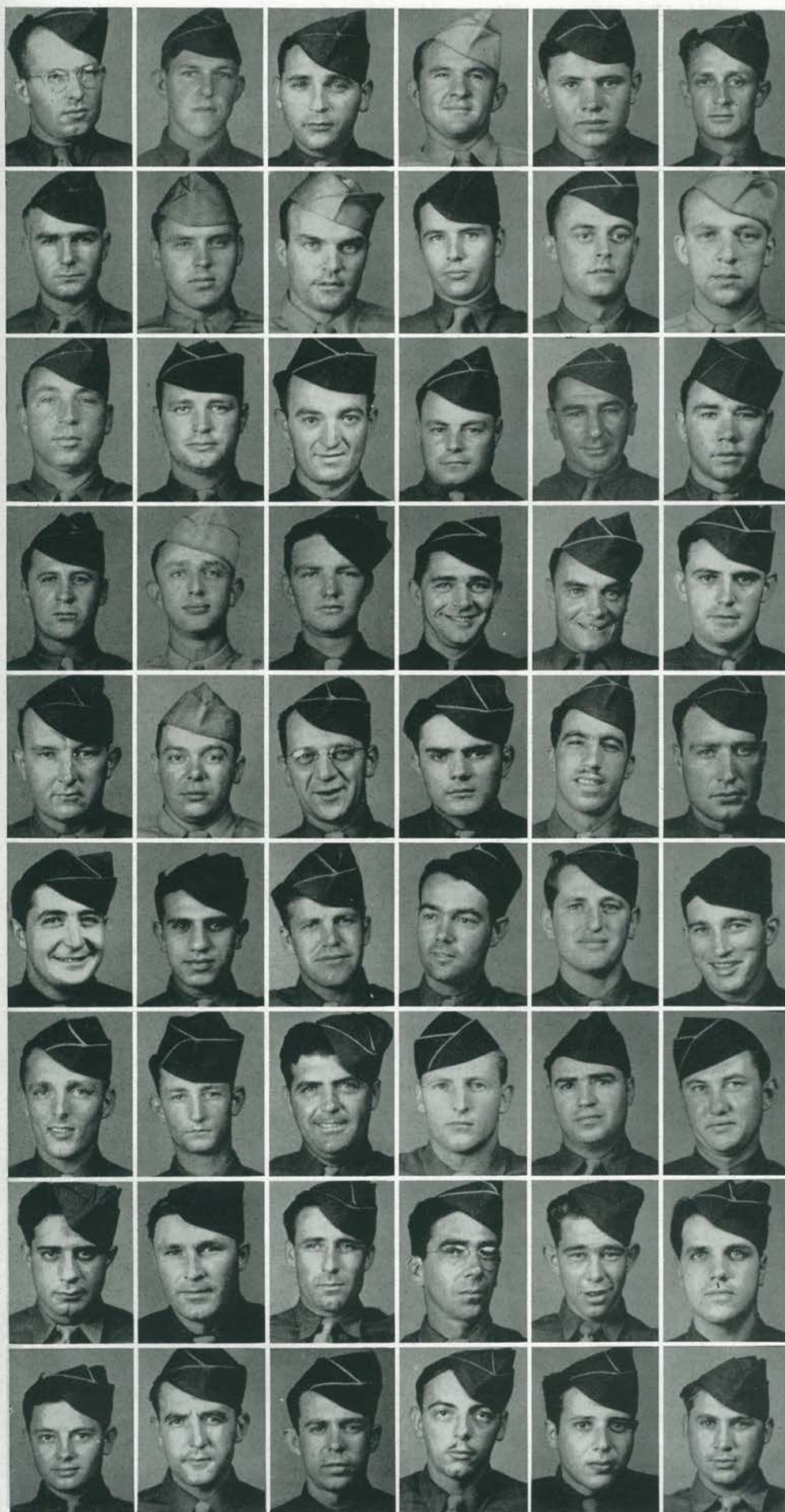
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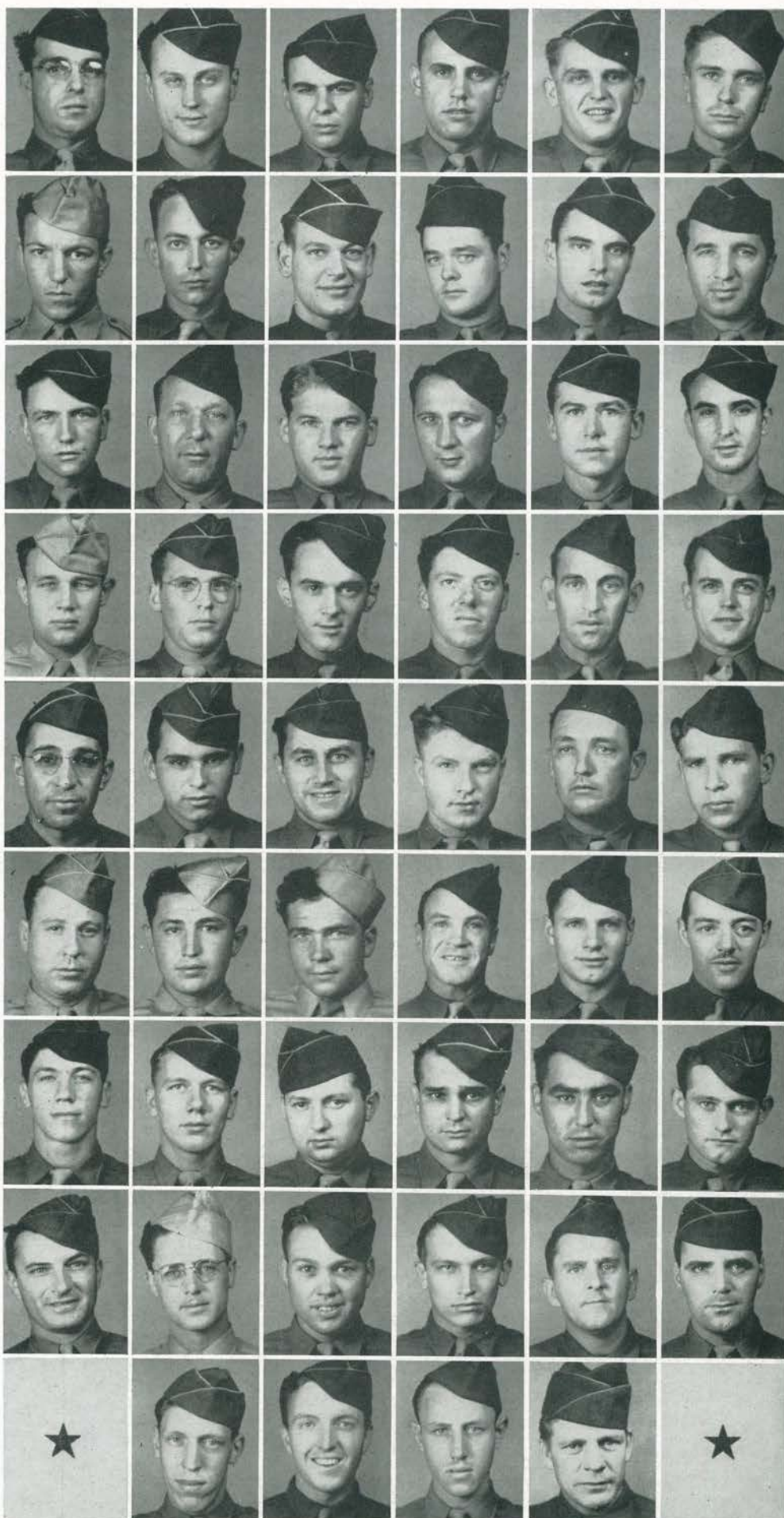
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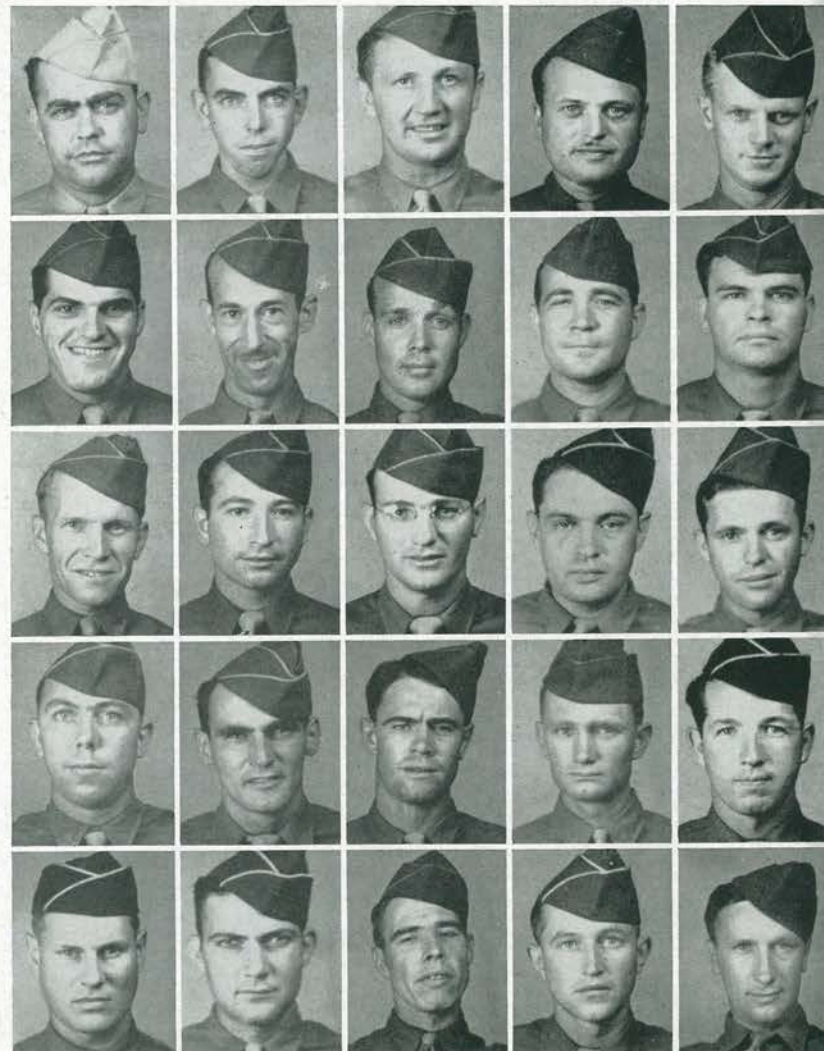
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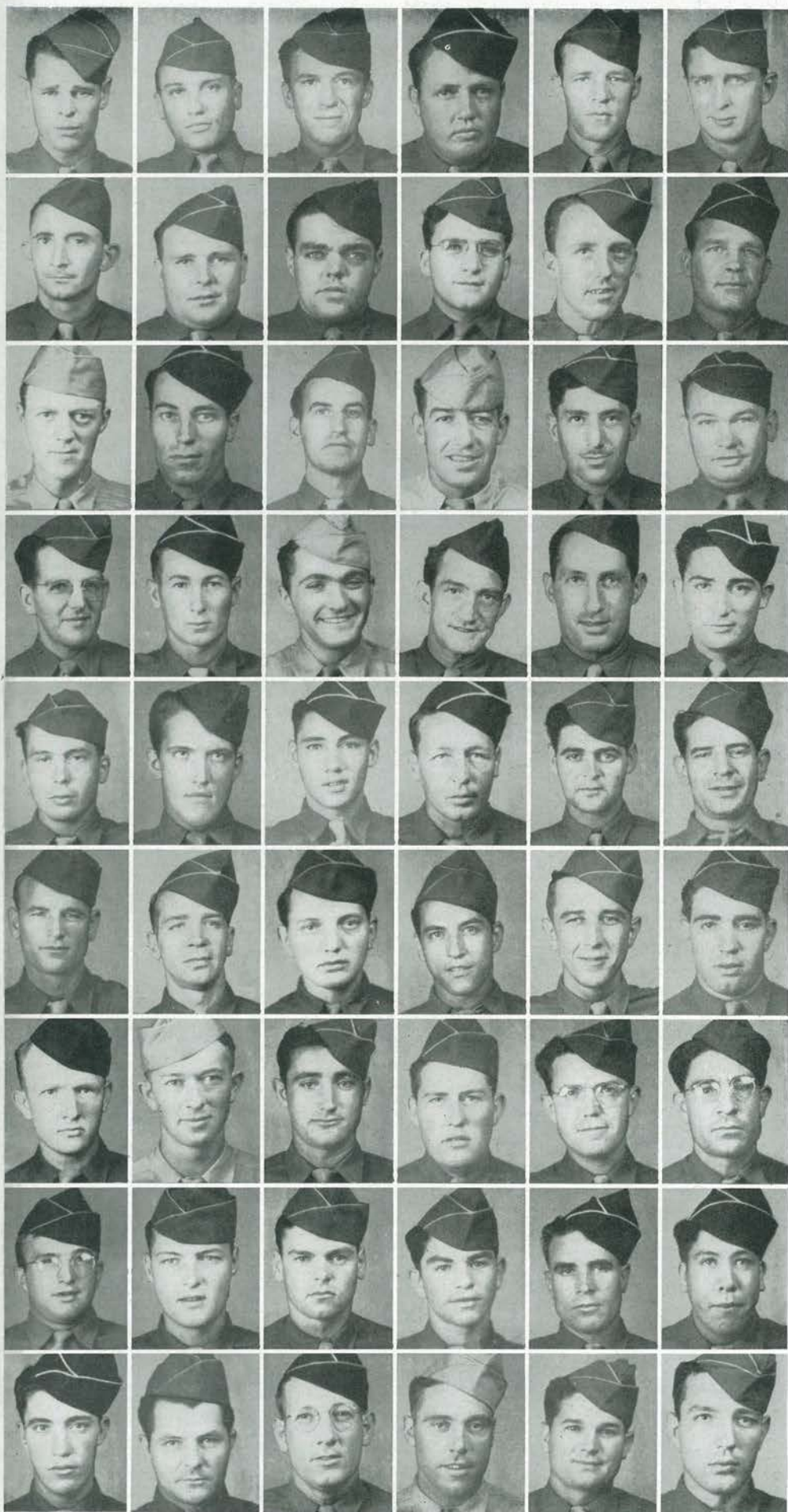
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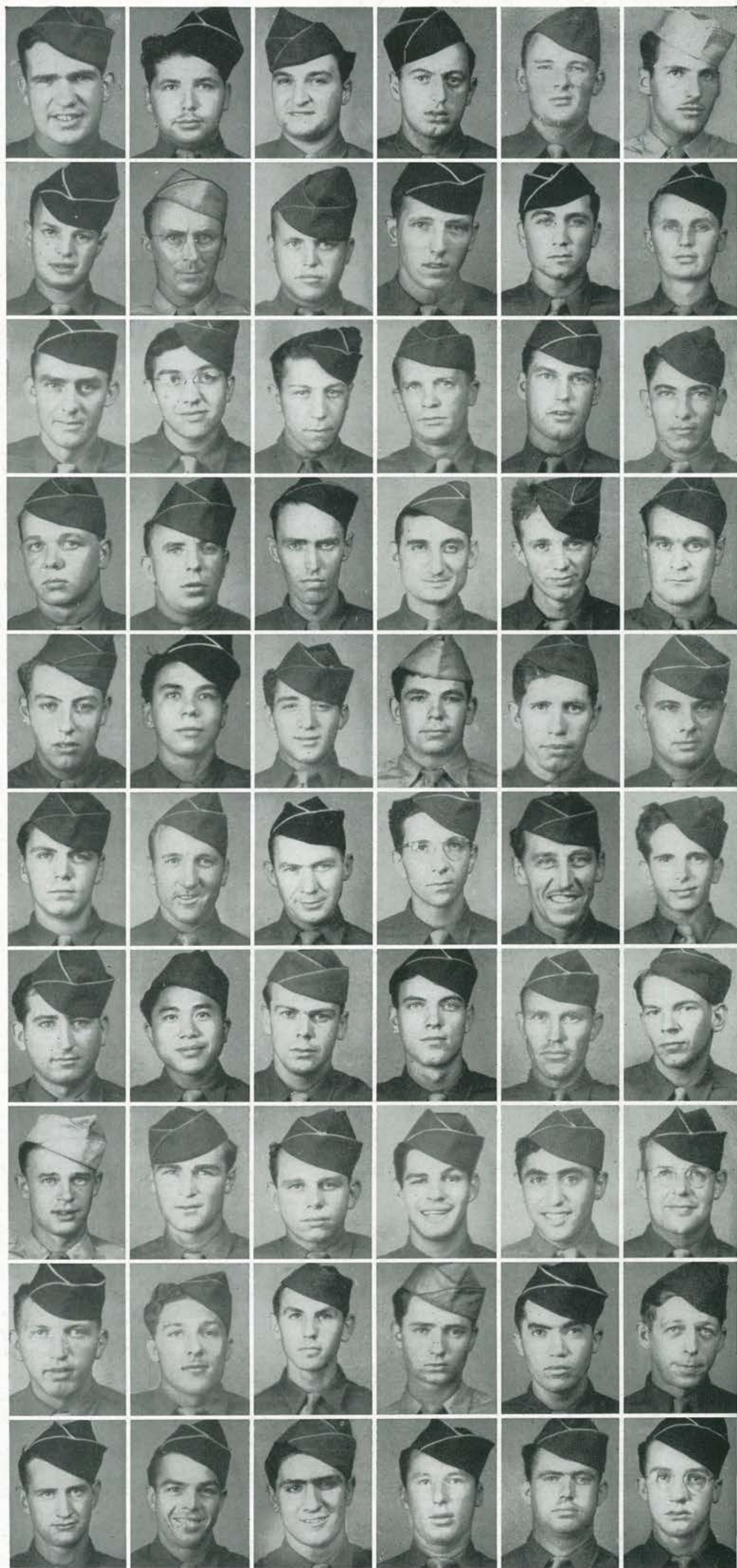
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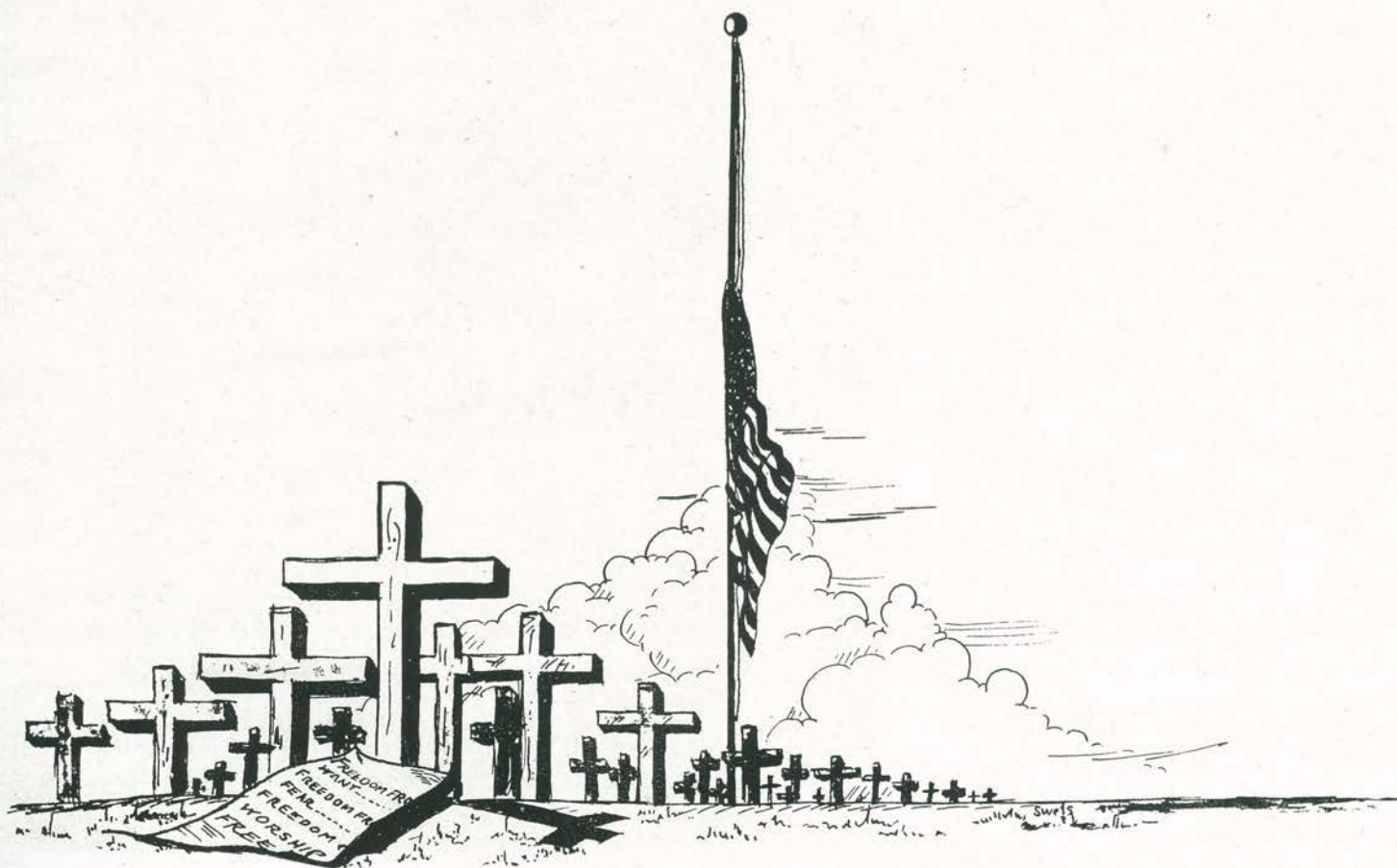
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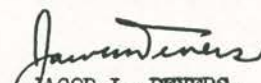
TO : Commanding General, 13th Armored Division

Modern warfare has made necessary the introduction of new units and new techniques to ensure victory in battle. The 13th Armored Division, activated at Camp Beale, California, on 15 October 1942 as a result of the need for armored units, proved in training and in combat the adaptability and genius of the American soldier in all methods of warfare.

Since the time when I was Commanding General of the Armored Force, I have followed the career of the Black Cat Division with interest and pride. After the completion of training, much of which you did at Camp Bowie, Texas, you arrived overseas early in 1945, and your tankers quickly earned for themselves the respect of the enemy. Joining the Third Army, you participated brilliantly in the final drive across the Danube River deep into Southern Germany. Your officers and men, despite their comparatively brief period in battle, fought with boldness, bravery and skill, winning a firm place in the heritage of our country.

Those of the 13th Armored who find themselves in new tasks, now that the division is being inactivated, will continue to serve their country, I know, with enthusiasm and steadfastness, until our military strength can safely be reduced.

The men in the 13th Armored Division will be forever included among the heroes of our country, and it is for me a proud occasion to be able to commend you most heartily, in the name of all Americans, for your gallant service in defense of freedom.


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59TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION

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HISTORY OF THE 59TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION

With an air of justified pride Black Cats tell and retell their stories of the "Fighting 59th." As part of Combat Command B they distinguished themselves as a leading force of the 13th Armored Division. Never once did the 59th fail to live up to the noble name and fighting spirit gained by their predecessors, the old 59th Infantry Regiment, which won distinction with the 4th Division during World War I.

The history making activities of the 59th AIB, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel William F. Malone, began when it departed from Camp Bowie, Texas, on January 7, 1945, after more than two years of intensive training. The battalion arrived at Camp Kilmer, N. J., on January 11, where troops were processed for overseas duty. On January 18, 1945, the U.S.S. *Marine Raven* became "home" for 12 long, seasick, tiresome days. The 59th soldiers arrived at war-torn Le Havre, France, on January 29. Packed into trucks they started a trip into the interior of Normandy with the worst freezing weather experienced in that region for several years. The frostbitten GI's finally arrived at their designated billeting areas, with battalion headquarters established in a chateau at Bourdainville. Other troops stayed in French homes and some even found barns to be their sanctuaries.

During the following two weeks the armor and weapons began to arrive and 59th Black Cats busied themselves unpacking, cleaning, and servicing equipment. A training program occupied most of the time from the second week until March 15.

On the evening of March 16, 1945, the battalion as part of Combat Command B left for the vicinity of Luneville, France. After a 300-mile jaunt, the battalion established their Command Post at Leintrey near Avricourt. On March 26, the battalion marched to Zweibrücken, Germany, and 59th soldiers caught their first glimpse of the "Super Race." The mission was to police the area and support Military Government. Sobernheim was the next stop, still as an occupying and Military Government force.

On April 4, 1945, CCB was attached to the VIII Corps and was ordered to the vicinity of Alsfeld, to relieve elements of the 4th Armored Division. However, on the 8th of April a new mission directing the Command to engage the enemy in the Ruhr Valley was received.

On 8th and 9th Black Cats sharpened their claws for battle.

The 59th AIB entered combat on the afternoon of April 10, when Task Force Malone was to secure a crossing of the Agger River. A blown overpass blocked the advance temporarily, but a bypass was established and here Company A suffered the first casualties. Advancing northeast the task force arrived at the Agger River. The bridges had been destroyed, and the river was found to be unfordable. At 2000 the First Platoon of Company A established a bridgehead under intense mortar, artillery and flak fire from the vicinity of Troisdorf. During the night several of the enemy guns were silenced by the Assault Gun and Mortar Platoons of Headquarters Company.

The three companies forming the bridgehead held their positions during the night and at 0730 on the morning of April 11 encountered small groups of enemy and took their first prisoners. The entire task force then pushed through, receiving intermittent artillery and mortar fire. By daylight on April 12 the task force coiled at Vingst ready to move toward Dunnwald. On the morning of the 12th, with C Company as the point of the force, the column was ambushed at a small village where civilians were waving white flags. Resistance was eliminated and the task force moved rapidly toward Dunnwald. At the outskirts of Dunnwald the column was delayed by a defended road block. As the First Platoon of Company C attempted to reduce it, the enemy counterattacked down two parallel streets. C Company "Doughs" fought valiantly and repulsed the attack only after bitter fighting in which they lost four men killed and five wounded. The task force proceeded to Dunnwald and bivouacked there for the night. On this same day the Transportation Platoon of Service Company suffered heavily with four drivers killed and six wounded.

The success of the fighting units depended immensely upon the superhuman job of Service Company men, who operated almost continuously in enemy territory to maintain supply.

The task force next received orders to attack to the northeast, departing on Friday afternoon, April 13th. The full significance of the date was to be revealed by nightfall. As the leading elements entered Kemper a half-

track was smashed by two enemy bazooka shells and simultaneously, large numbers of automatic weapons opened up from the houses, forcing the men to dismount and deploy. A fierce struggle ensued as Black Cats clawed their way slowly into the town. By dusk the 59th had lost eight men killed and nineteen wounded.

On the morning of the 14th Company C, supported by the assault gun and mortar platoon of Headquarters Company, launched a dismounted attack in the face of heavy resistance. By early afternoon they had advanced 1,500 yards through three villages. Due to lack of support on either flank, considerable trouble was encountered by enemy groups infiltrating into the houses and sniping from them. At this time the Combat Command was ordered to change direction and attack to the north, with Mettman as the objective. On the following morning the attack across the Wupper soon became a rout and the task force moved swiftly to Haan. Masses of dejected prisoners heading to the rear gave an indication that the Battle of the Ruhr was nearing its close. From Mettman the battalion moved to Grossenbaum, and the Battle of the Ruhr was over.

With the Ruhr Campaign past history, maintenance, resupply and the resting of weary troops took priority. Preparations were made for a march to the southeast to join the Third Army. On April 24th, General George S. Patton, Jr., Commander of the Third Army, addressed officers and non-commissioned officers of the Division. He spoke highly of the Division's work in the Ruhr and also stressed the importance of the final push against the Nazis.

On the 26th of April the task force moved to a forward assembly area closing at Pruntha on the 27th. The following day the Danube River was crossed and the force proceeded to Mosham; that same afternoon an attack was launched, hampered by rain mud and poor roads. The progress was slow and it became necessary to detour and retrace several times along the route. Spasmodic mortar and small arms fire harassed the progress of the Infantry near Ober-Harshausang and near Dunnhardt along the Kleinladder River. This opposition overrun, the task force continued almost unopposed to Lailling, where the battalion spent the night.

The next morning a bridgehead was made across the Isar River at Plattling. By nightfall of the 30th of April a bridge had been constructed and the task force crossed the Isar under complete blackout conditions, behind the Reconnaissance Platoon of Headquarters Company. As the Armored Divisions approached Osterhofen, civilians turned

on their house lights and cheered the column as it sped by. The column proceeded southwest and kept moving through the night without opposition. By daylight it had progressed 32 miles. Just prior to daylight at Jagerdorf, a number of anti-tank guns and flak guns were found in the streets unmanned and 150 prisoners taken.

Just at daylight the leading elements ran into trouble at Malgersdorf, which came to be known as Hell's Corner. Opposition was neutralized, but not until four of our tanks had been knocked out by a battery of 88's at point blank range. The attack then proceeded to Falkenburg where two 88's fired on the leading tanks. In a brilliant display of gunnery these tanks destroyed them with one round each before they were able to fire again.

The Task Force then moved unopposed to the Inn River. At Eisenfelden on the 2nd of May Company B reverted to the task force and crossed the Inn River in assault boats, pushing unopposed to Neu-Otting.

At this point on the Inn River, the Combat Command had rolled victoriously over 60 miles in less than 24 hours.

B Company fought the major part of the campaign in support of tank companies and received high commendation by Division leaders.

The washout of the Germany Army was made official when the Fourth Reich surrendered on May 8 and after a giddy celebration, the battalion converted itself from a combat to an occupational force.

Then, almost before we knew it, we were all rushing back to the States. We stopped long enough to get that long-awaited visit to Gay Paree and then we were back at Le Havre ready for another bout with seasickness. It was a happy voyage, that return trip, because the battalion was going home. Nobody cared then about looking ahead at the point where our second war lay in wait for us.

As it turned out, that second war never did get into the stage of reality. As Southern California turned on all its Kleig lights to applaud its own Black Cat soldiers for a job well done in Europe, the Japanese Empire caved in and so there we were at journey's end. For those of us who survived the ordeals of ETO warfare, there was the glorious reward of being welcomed home to stay by our families and loved one.

But there were many men from the "Fighting 59" who didn't receive "Welcome Home" celebrations. They are lying now under white crosses and Stars of David in Germany soil. There is no longer anything we can do for them except remember them—and the curse of Naziism which took them from us.

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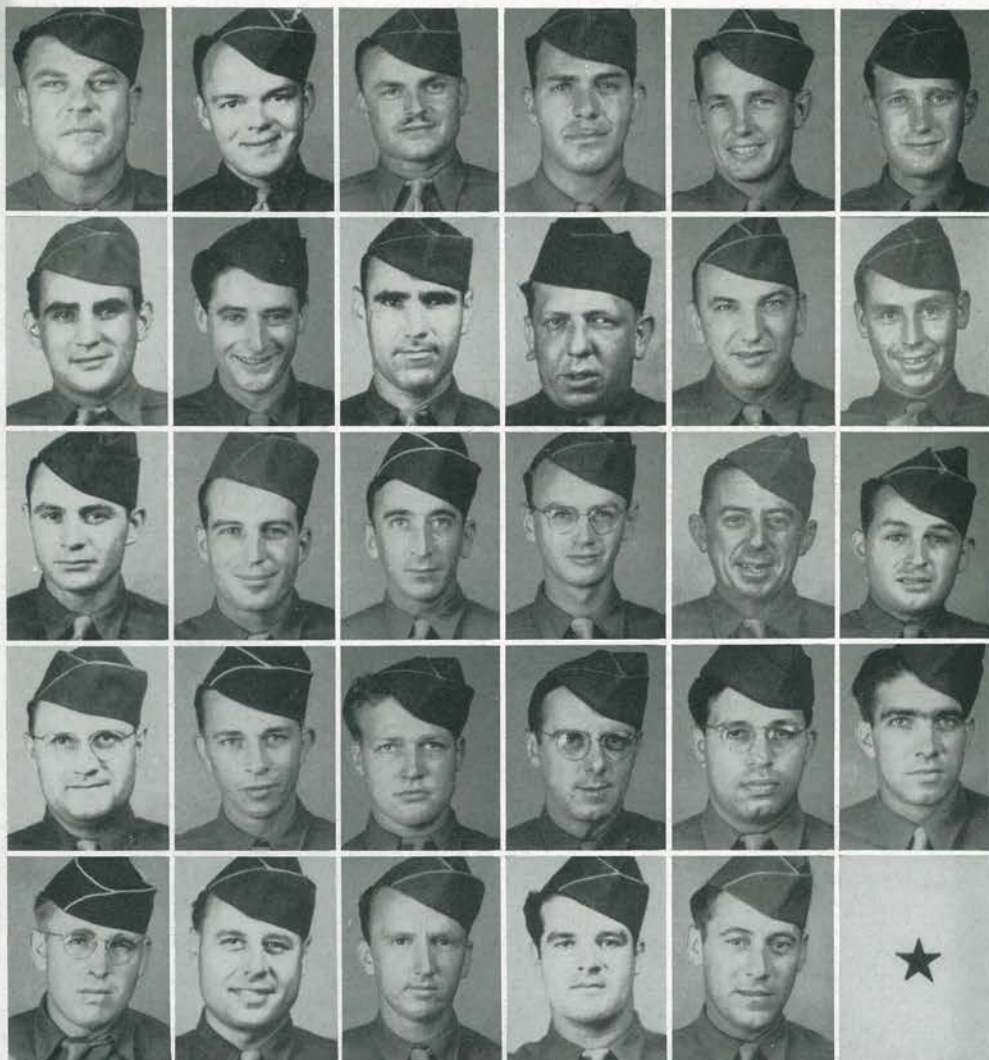
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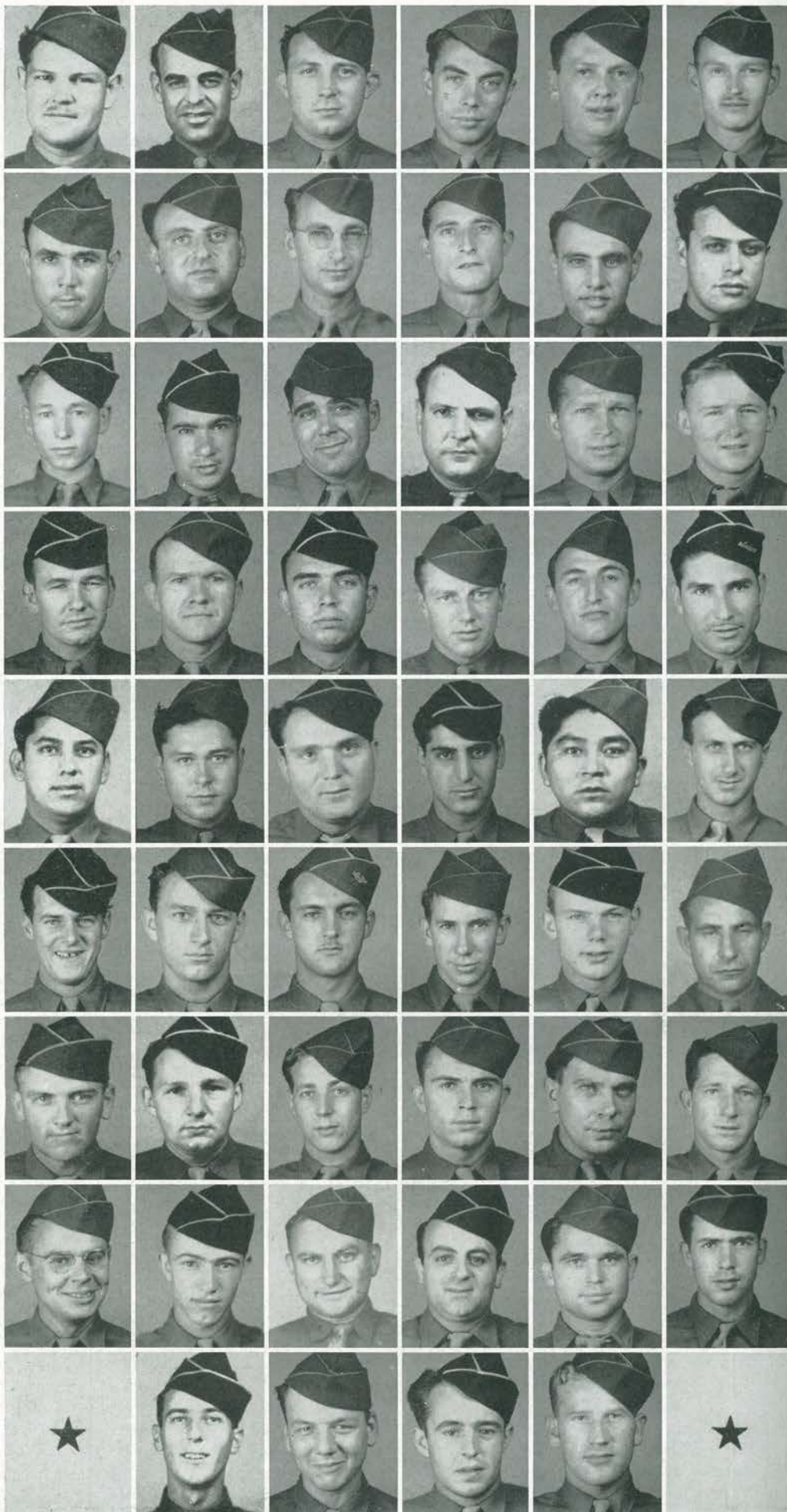
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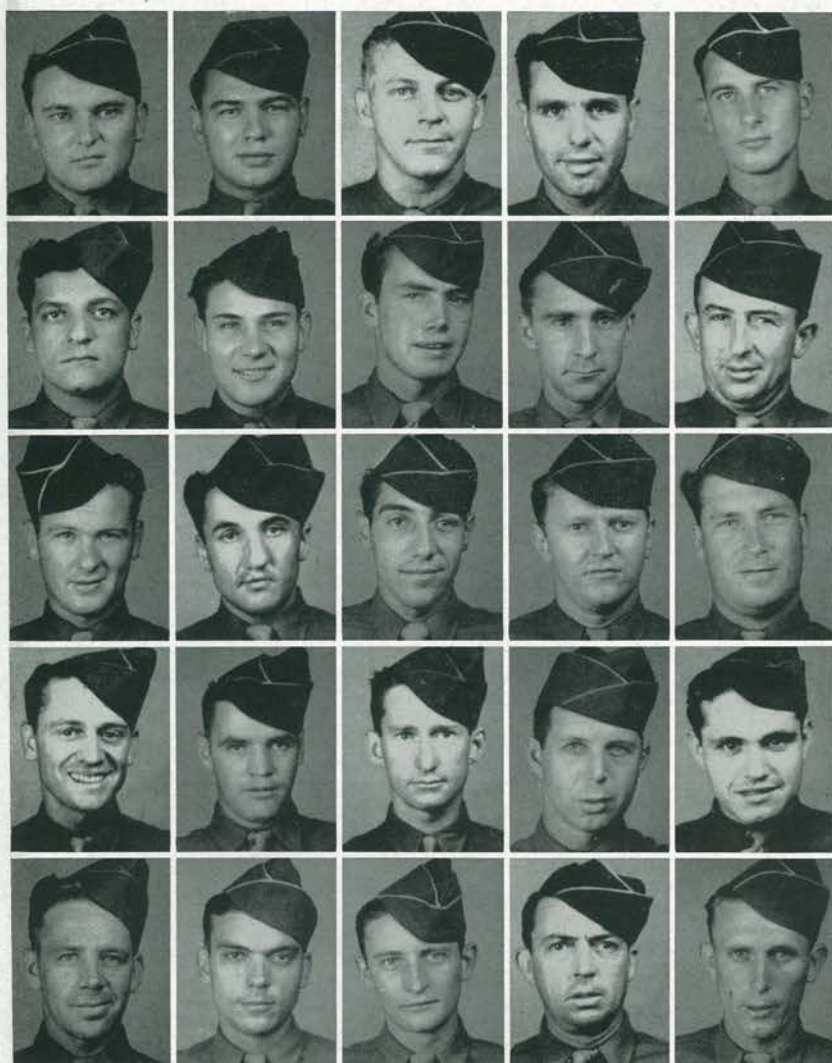
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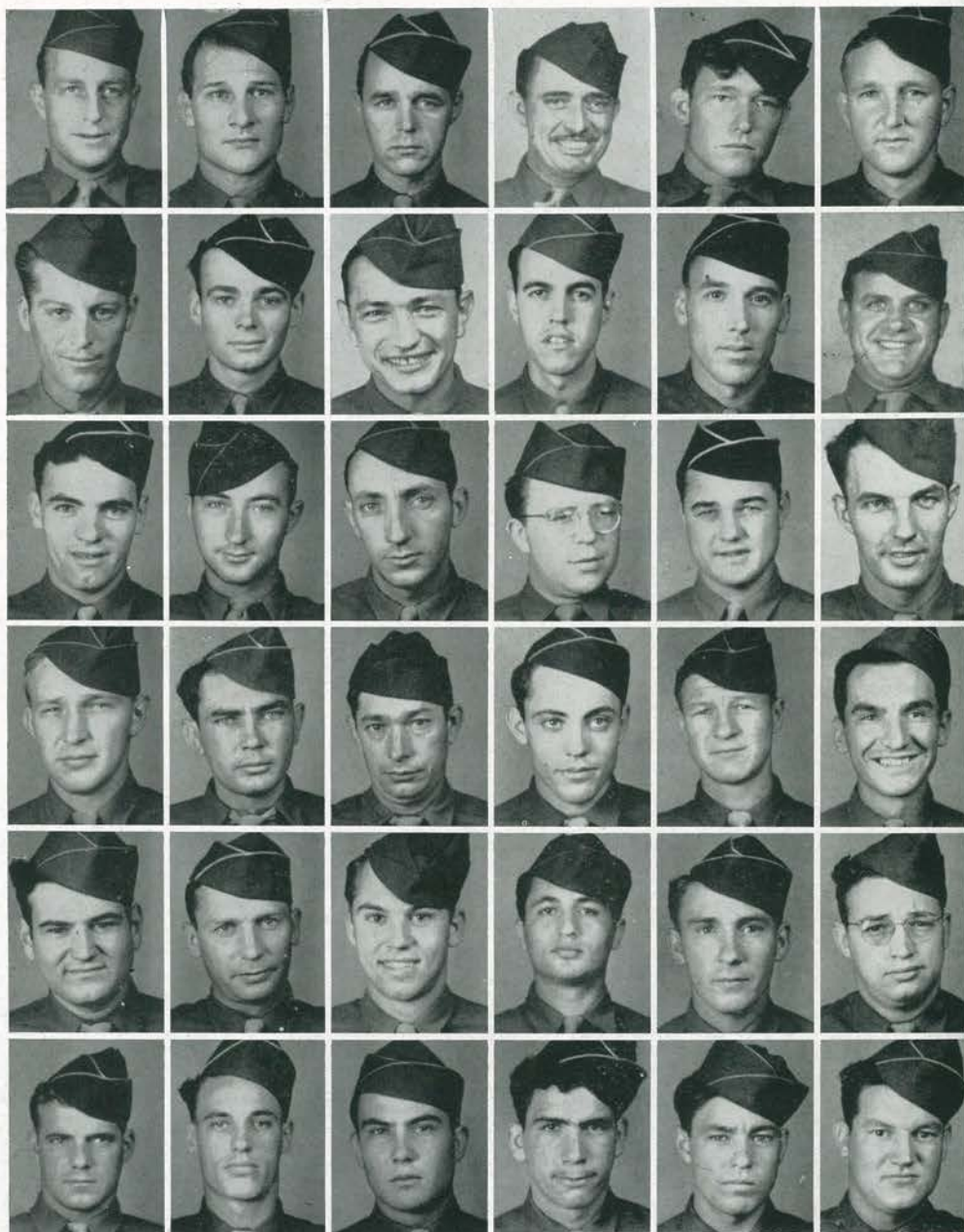
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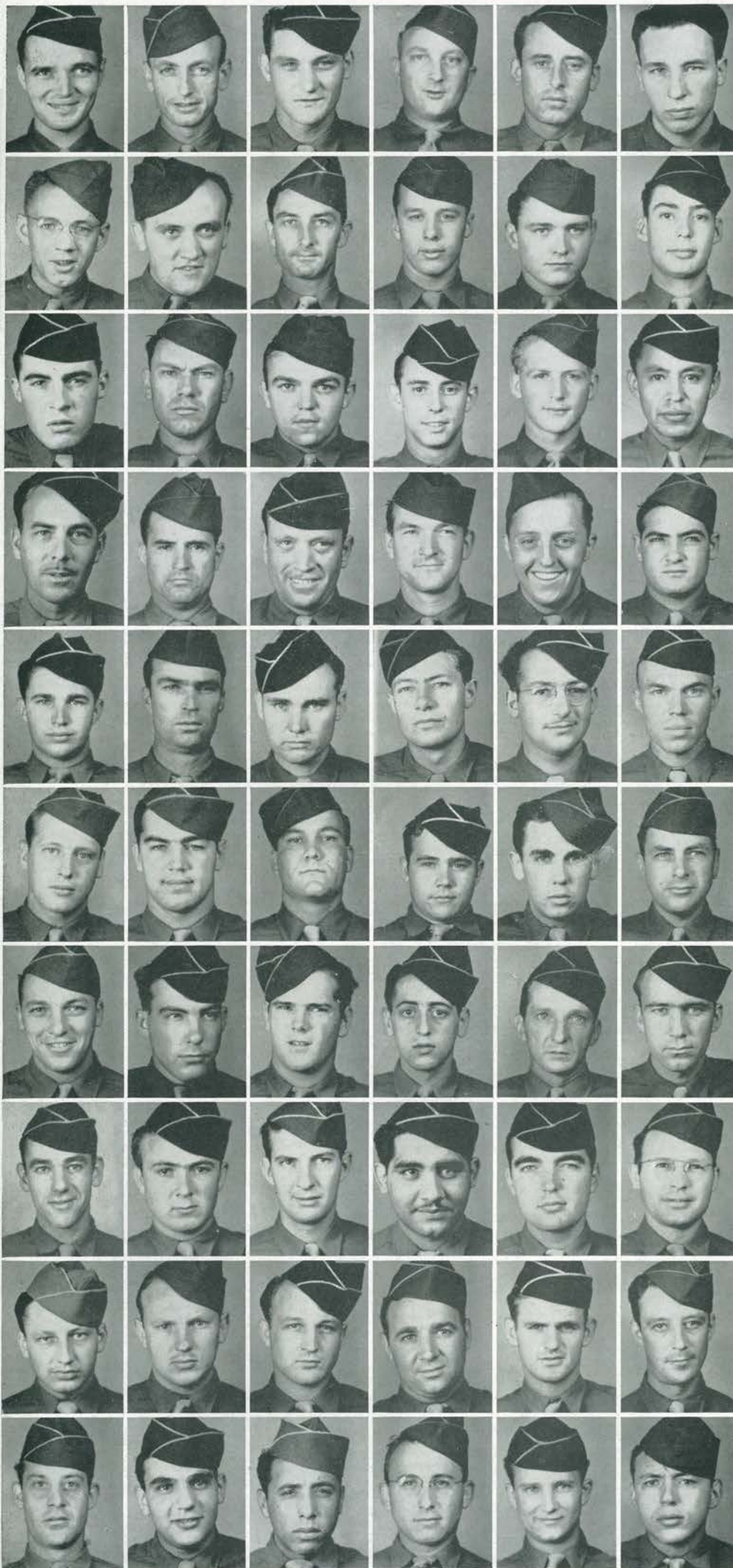
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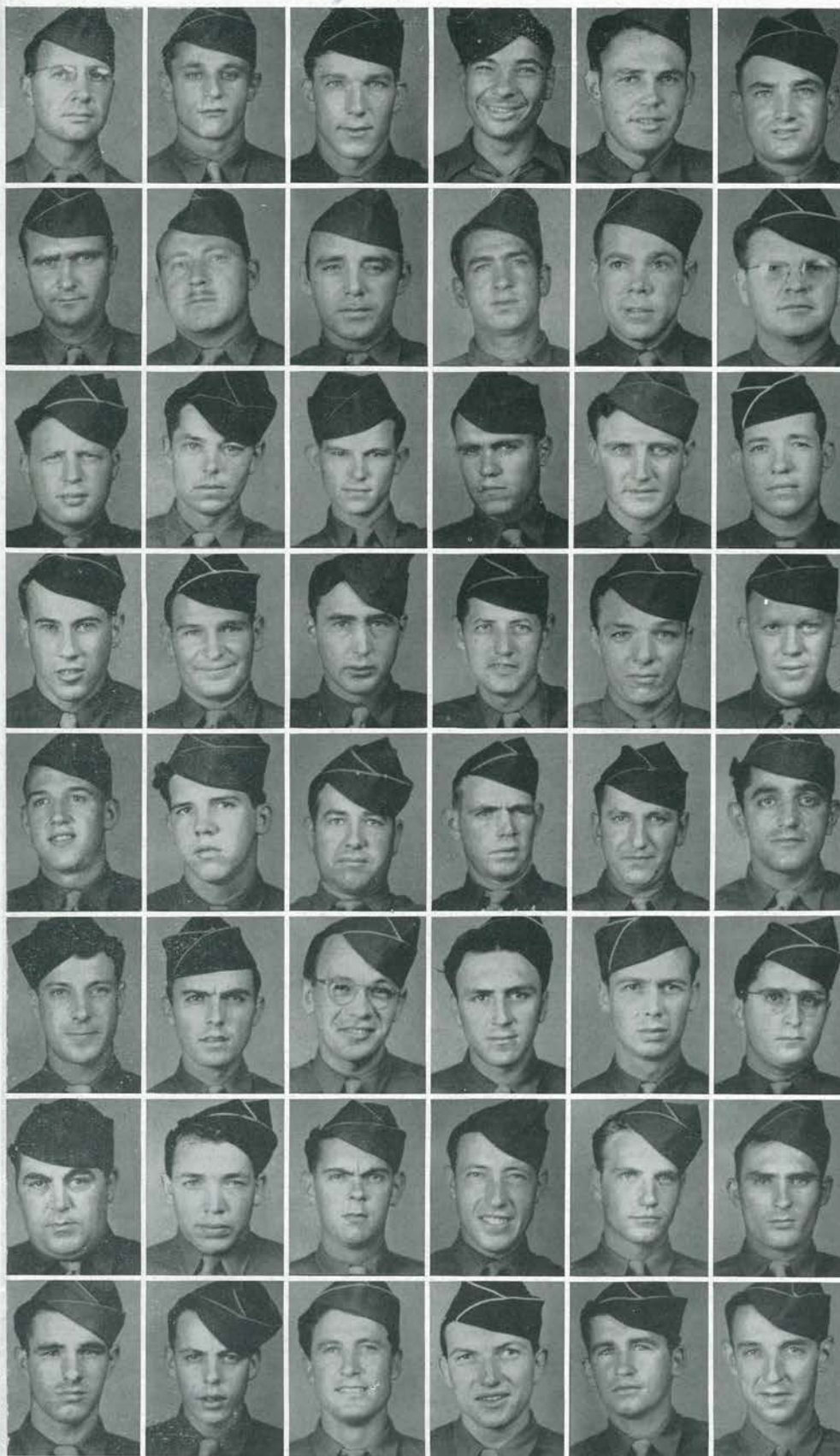
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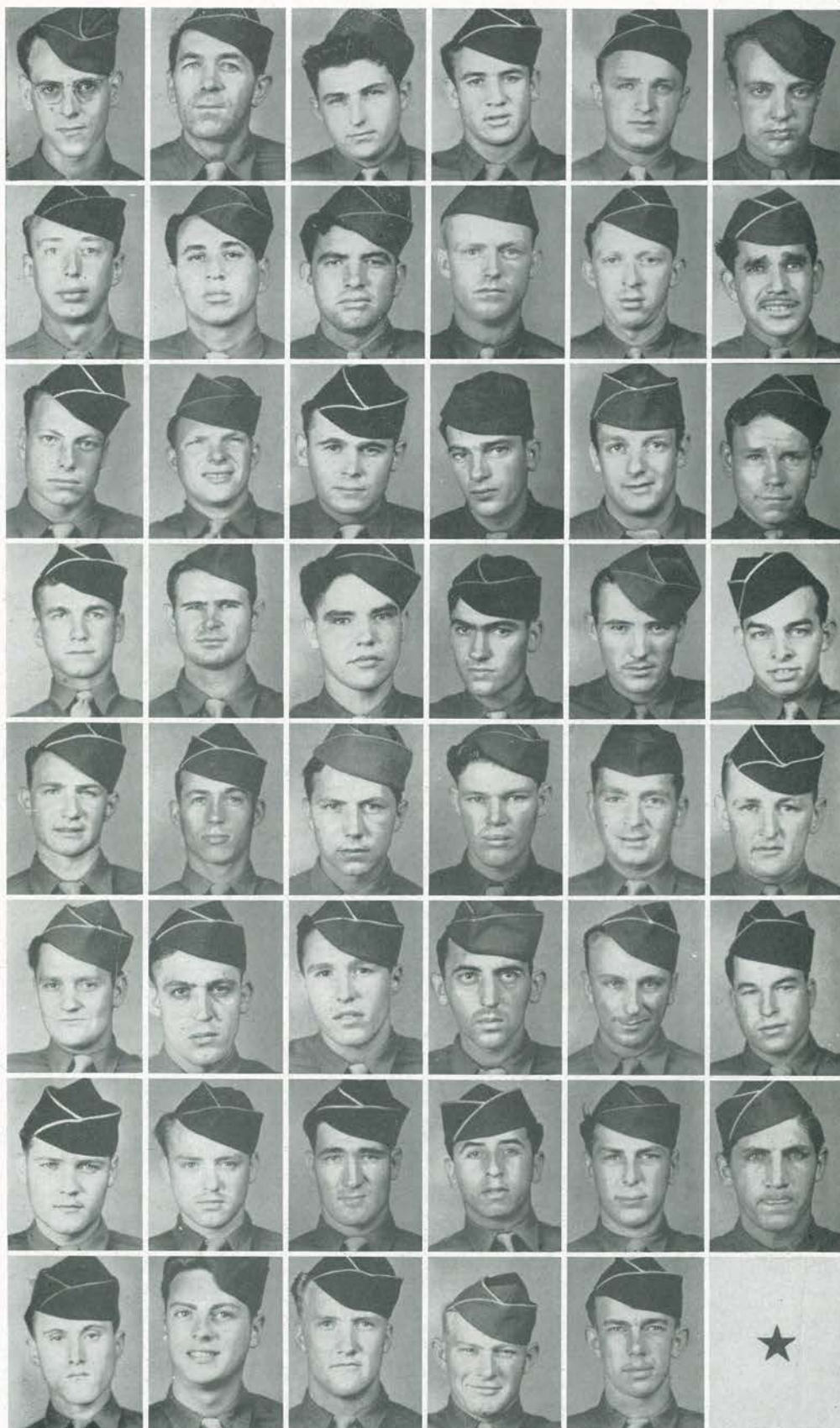
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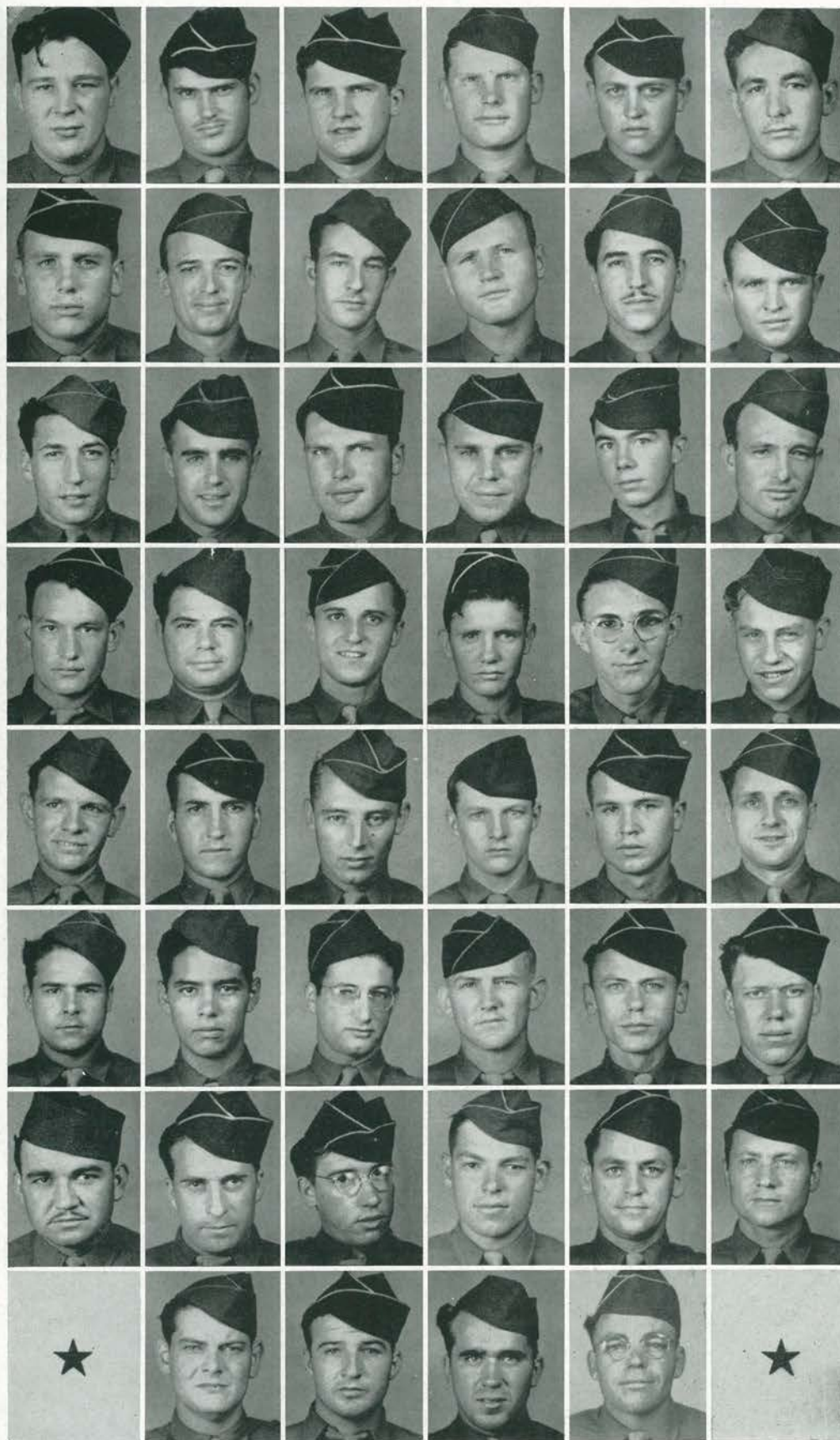
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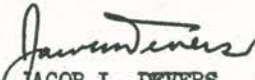
TO : Commanding General, 13th Armored Division

Modern warfare has made necessary the introduction of new units and new techniques to ensure victory in battle. The 13th Armored Division, activated at Camp Beale, California, on 15 October 1942 as a result of the need for armored units, proved in training and in combat the adaptability and genius of the American soldier in all methods of warfare.

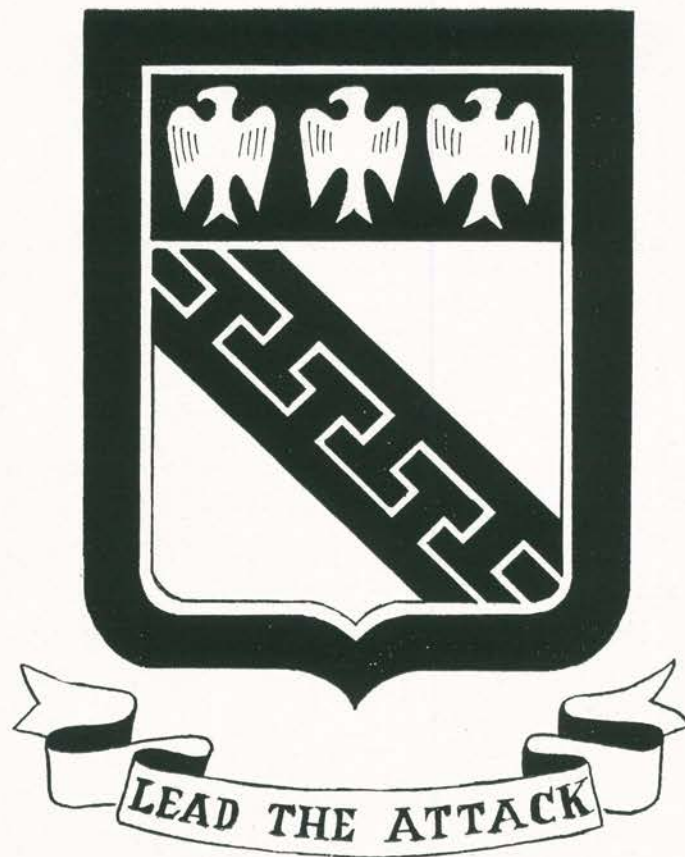
Since the time when I was Commanding General of the Armored Force, I have followed the career of the Black Cat Division with interest and pride. After the completion of training, much of which you did at Camp Bowie, Texas, you arrived overseas early in 1945, and your tankers quickly earned for themselves the respect of the enemy. Joining the Third Army, you participated brilliantly in the final drive across the Danube River deep into Southern Germany. Your officers and men, despite their comparatively brief period in battle, fought with boldness, bravery and skill, winning a firm place in the heritage of our country.

Those of the 13th Armored who find themselves in new tasks, now that the division is being inactivated, will continue to serve their country, I know, with enthusiasm and steadfastness, until our military strength can safely be reduced.

The men in the 13th Armored Division will be forever included among the heroes of our country, and it is for me a proud occasion to be able to commend you most heartily, in the name of all Americans, for your gallant service in defense of freedom.


JACOB L. DEVERS,
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HISTORY OF THE 67TH ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION

By the time September of 1944 had rolled around, the handwriting was plain on every wall and the whole 67th Armored Infantry Battalion was mentally adjusting itself in preparation for a trip to war against a particularly vicious enemy. Movement plans got snagged a little when the Division was ordered out into the field for a three-week combat exercise stint, but the delay was only temporary. Early in January, the battalion slammed shut the gates on a period of garrison life and hopped off to the overseas battle area via the New York Port of Embarkation.

Few of us will forget how bitterly cold it was that night we boarded ship and how high the snow was banked along the piers. On January 18, our transport, the *SS Marine Dragon*, headed out into the rocky Atlantic and a wave of seasickness raced through the crowded hulls like a wild prairie fire. Late in the afternoon on January 28, the convoy docked safely in Le Havre, France, after shaking a few persistent submarines, and the officers and men were transported by truck to Royville on the plain of Normandy.

At Royville, the battalion drew its equipment, launched a vigorous physical conditioning program and learned a little about the French language and new developments in enemy methods of making war. On March 16, we set out across France toward the town of Avricourt. The trip to Avricourt carried the group through Soissons, Vitry and Nancy, battlegrounds of World War I. Completing the movement at 1430, 18 March, the battalion set about making last minute preparations for the drive into Germany and their first dealings with the enemy.

Following a week's stay at Avricourt, the battalion was ordered to the vicinity of Homberg (in the Saar), Germany, where it was to garrison and police the area and support the Military Government set up in this lately conquered section of Germany. For this movement the battalion was reorganized as Task Force Satt, composed of: Headquarters and Headquarters Company-67, A-67, B-67, Service-67, A-46 Tk Bn, B-46 Tk Bn, and Medics-67.

Company C was attached to Task Force Delnore, which organization, charged with a similar mission, was to operate out of Waldmohr, Germany.

From 25 March until 2 April the task force carried through its mission from Rohrbach, Germany, which was at the center of the organization's area of responsibility. Early on 2 April, TF Satt was ordered to Wittlich, Germany. At the same time, Company C, with TF Delnore, moved to Mengerschied, Germany.

At Wittlich TF Satt was again regrouped, with D-46 Tk Bn, D-93 Rcn Sqdn (Mecz) and one platoon of the 124th Armd Eng Bn being attached to Hq and Hq Co-67, A-67, elements of Service-67 and the Medics-67. The new organization moved out to Wittlich as an independent task force with the mission of securing the XII Corps rear area. B-67 and the remaining elements of Service-67 stayed at Wittlich, while Company C continued to bivouac in Mengerschied.

After travelling throughout the night on a journey that carried them across the Rhine River near Mainz, the task force made contact with the Second Infantry Regiment on 3 April and set about accomplishing its mission. The work of combing the wooded areas around Birstein, Lichenroth and Hartmannshain, Germany, took until 6 April, when the organization, at Herbstein, Germany, was ordered to rejoin the 13th Armored Division in the vicinity of Malsfeld at this time.

Here the task force was again regrouped. Two sections of Battery A, 574th AAA AW Bn (Self-Propelled), A-46 Tk Bn and B-46 Tk Bn joined Hq and Hq Co-67, A-67, B-67, Service-67 and Medics-67 to form the new TF Satt. Company C remained with TF Delnore. Concurrently the two task forces left the Malsfeld area to move into the developing Battle of the Ruhr.

TF Satt drove into the Ruhr area over the Sieg River, not far from Siegburg, on 10 April. The same date, Company C, with TF Delnore, entered the area near Hennef. Both organizations ran into immediate and heavy enemy artillery fire. TF Satt was forced to halt its advance near

Lohmar, and TF Delnore met a similar situation near Diesem, then broke through to Birk, Algert, Winkle, and Breidt.

On 11 April TF Satt by-passed Lohmar and moved to Altenrath, where enemy artillery interdiction again caught them, and action was limited to patrols. Overcoming resistance, the group pounded its way through Rosrath to Bensberg, pulling up there under heavy enemy artillery assault on 13 April. Meanwhile, Company C was driving to Rath where they captured a German Stalag and freed approximately 1,000 Allied POW's.

From Bensberg, TF Satt drove to Romney and from that point made contact with the 78th Infantry Division near Wuppertal. Concurrently, Company C hammered through Asselborn and pulled up near Wuppertal. On 15 April a bridgehead was established over the Wupper River just west of Manfort. Both task forces crossed the river the following day and Company C moved behind the enemy line to Laacherhof. TF Satt pounded through Meilbruck, Richroth and Hilden to the vicinity of Mettman, from which point it moved at high speed to an assembly area at Koxberg, arriving there late on 16 April. At the same time, Company C drove from Laacherhof to Uckerath, arriving there in the early hours of 17 April.

On the afternoon of 17 April both task forces were charged with the mission of capturing Field Marshal von Model and his headquarters, reported to be in the vicinity of Mudlinghoven, west of Dusseldorf. The coordinated attack was followed through successful, although the field marshal was reputed to have shot himself prior to capture. The entire staff and Corps Headquarters was surrendered.

With the entire Ruhr Pocket having collapsed, TF Satt met little resistance in its final drive from Peckhaus to the Rhine River the next day. Meanwhile, Company C had moved into a bivouac area at Pabsthof.

For the next few days both task forces readied themselves for the drive into southern Germany as part of the Third United States Army. On 27 April Company C had moved from Pabsthof to cross the Danube near Regensburg, and TF Satt, after holding the outpost line of the Corps' right flank during 25 April, crossed the river at Abbach.

By 2000, 28 April, TF Satt had moved into Weillohoe where Lieutenant Colonel Elmer A. Satt was evacuated through medical channels and Major Francis J. Palmer assumed command of the group. Meanwhile, Company C, with TF Delnore, was moving toward Seedorf.

From Weillohoe, the group, now known as Task Force Palmer, moved to Essenbach and freed approximately 1,000 Allied prisoners there and at Altheim. Palmer's soldiers then dashed for Plattling and early on 1 May they crossed the Isar River and raced through Krugstore, Kosslern and Ehring to link up with Lieutenant Colonel Ridgway P. Smith's advance unit. The linkup was effected at Simbach.

On 2 May, Lieutenant Colonel Smith assumed command of the 67th and took over Task Force Palmer.

Company C seized the Ering Dam intact and then A and B companies prepared for an assault on Adolf Hitler's famous birthplace city of Braunau, Austria. Braunau lay just across the Inn River from Simbach but the Germans had blown the bridges across the water just before our forces were able to reach it. The German garrison at Braunau at first defied our surrender order but capitulated just before we were scheduled to pound the city with our artillery. B Company and A Company crossed over the fast-moving Inn in leaky rowboats and over a hastily improvised footbridge and seized the town. A counterattack by a force of SS men was beaten off that night, and some 20,000 Allied POW's were liberated at an aluminum factory jail at Ranshofen, Austria.

A clearing station was set up for the freed POW's and then the battalion was reconstituted intact. Company A settled on the German side of the Inn with the rest of the unit bivouacked in Austria. The expected surrender of the German Army came, and after a hectic celebration, the battalion settled down for a stretch of occupation and busied itself with things like repatriating liberated Russian prisoners and rounding up stray Nazis.

Then, almost before we knew it, we were back at Le Havre and off on another ocean trip. The blessed U.S.A. loomed at the other end of the line this time and there were big, juicy furloughs coming up—and then another war.

As it turned out, we rated the furloughs—but not the war. Our next mission was supposed to have been an assault on the home islands of Japan. And we probably would have done as good a job on the Japs as we did on the Nazis. But as it turned out, we were glad old Atom Bomb did the job for us. Because we left some fine Americans behind us in Europe and it's a wonderful feeling to know that we didn't have to deposit more of the same in the rotted soil of the Japanese Empire. The more 67th guys we have turning up at those forthcoming veterans conventions, the better we will like it.

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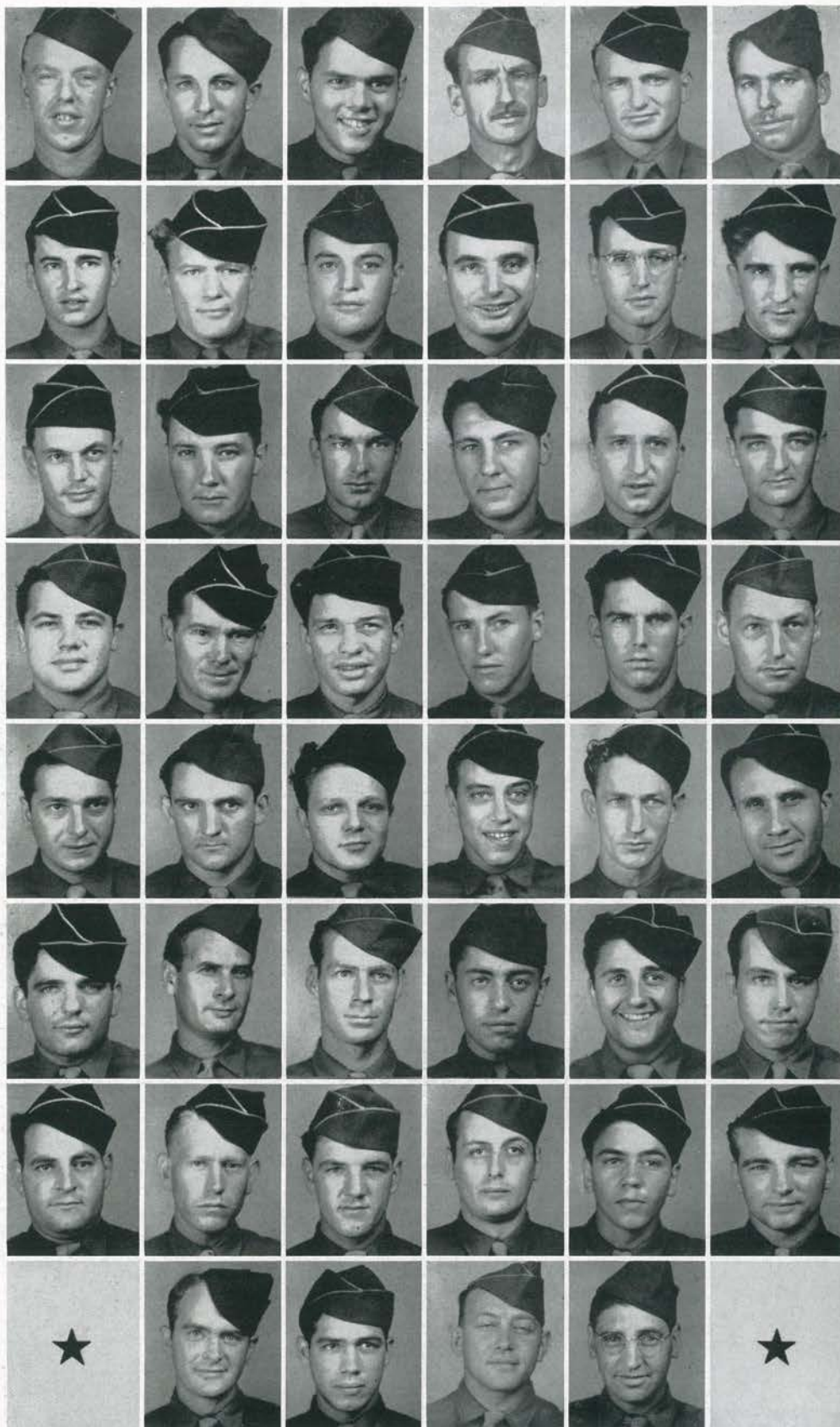
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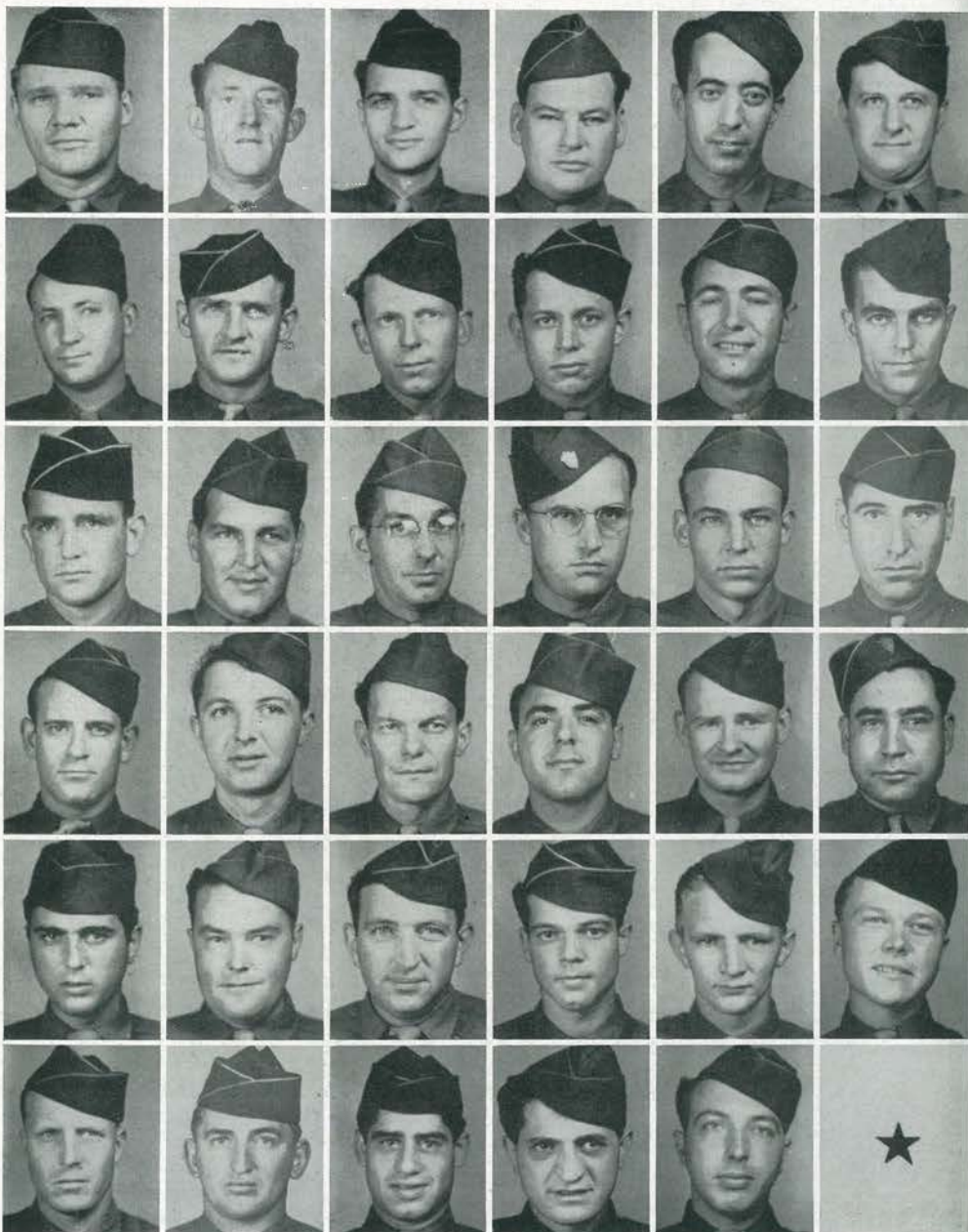
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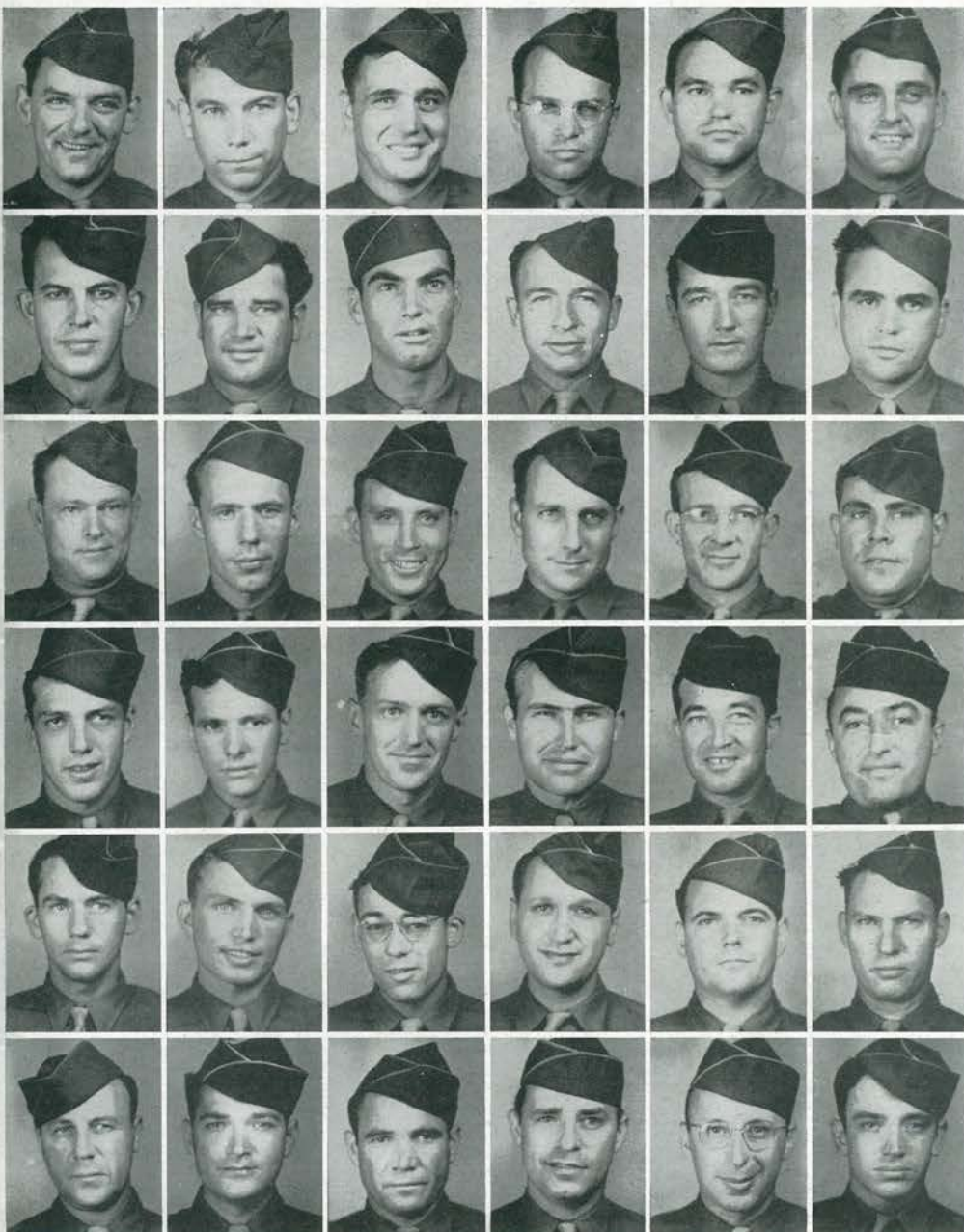
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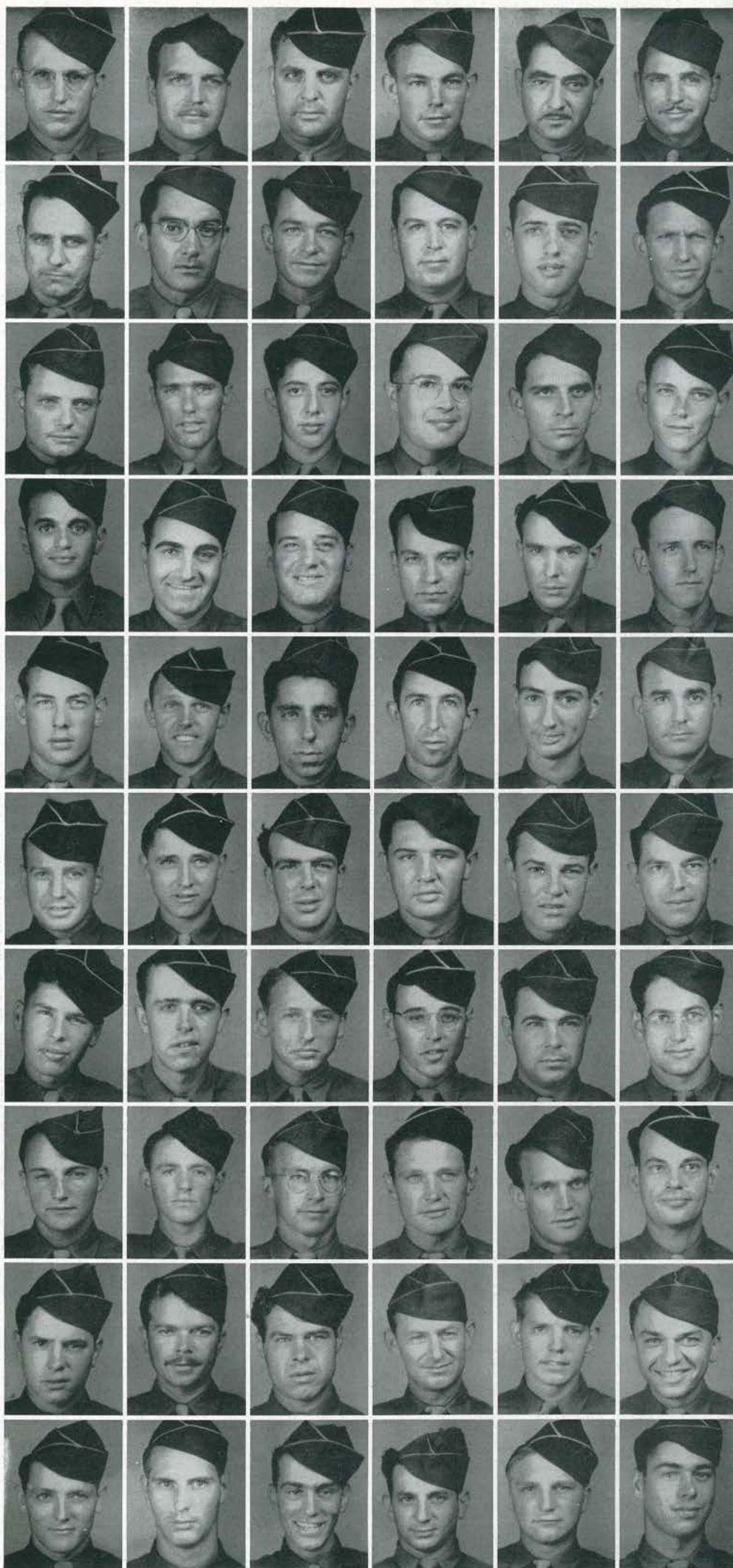
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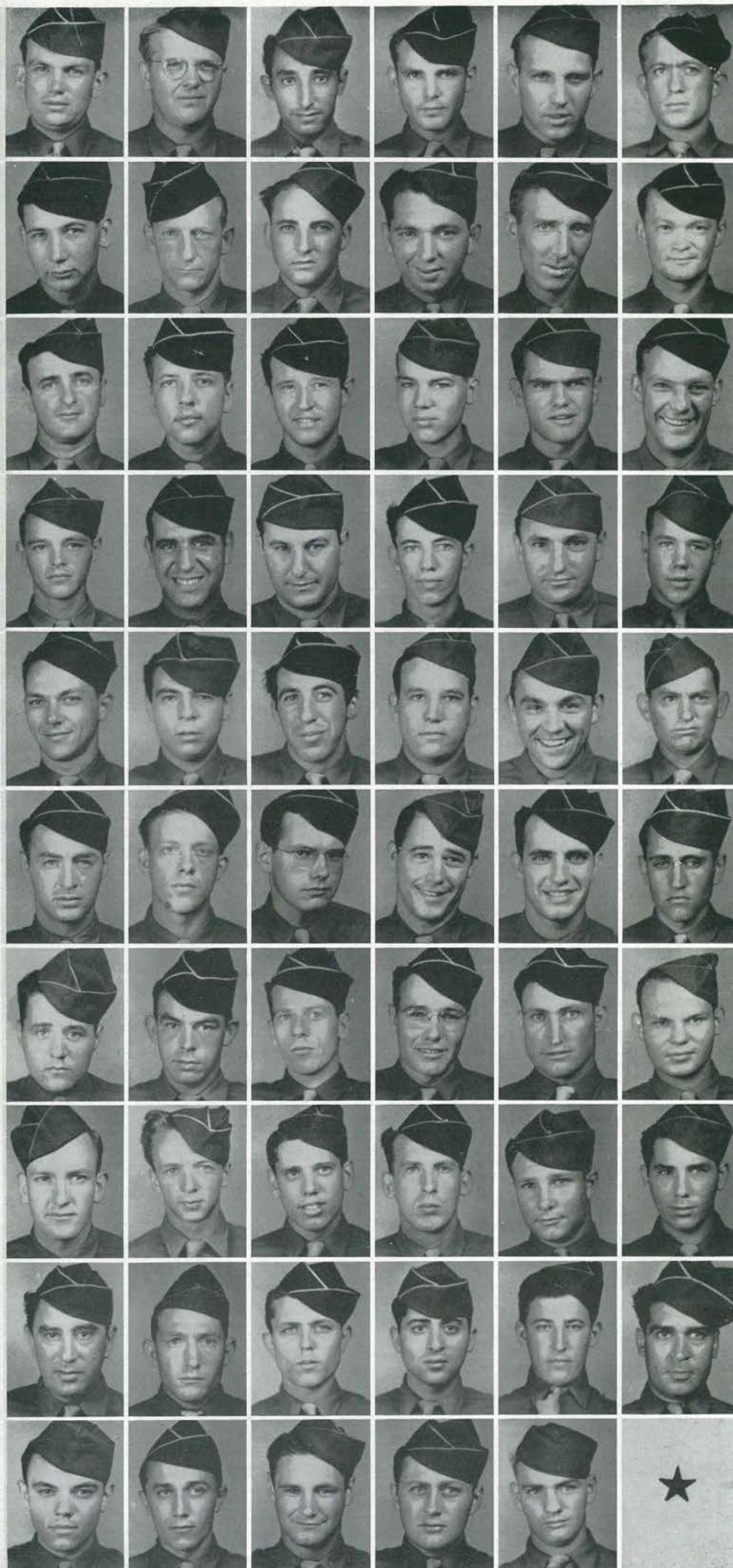
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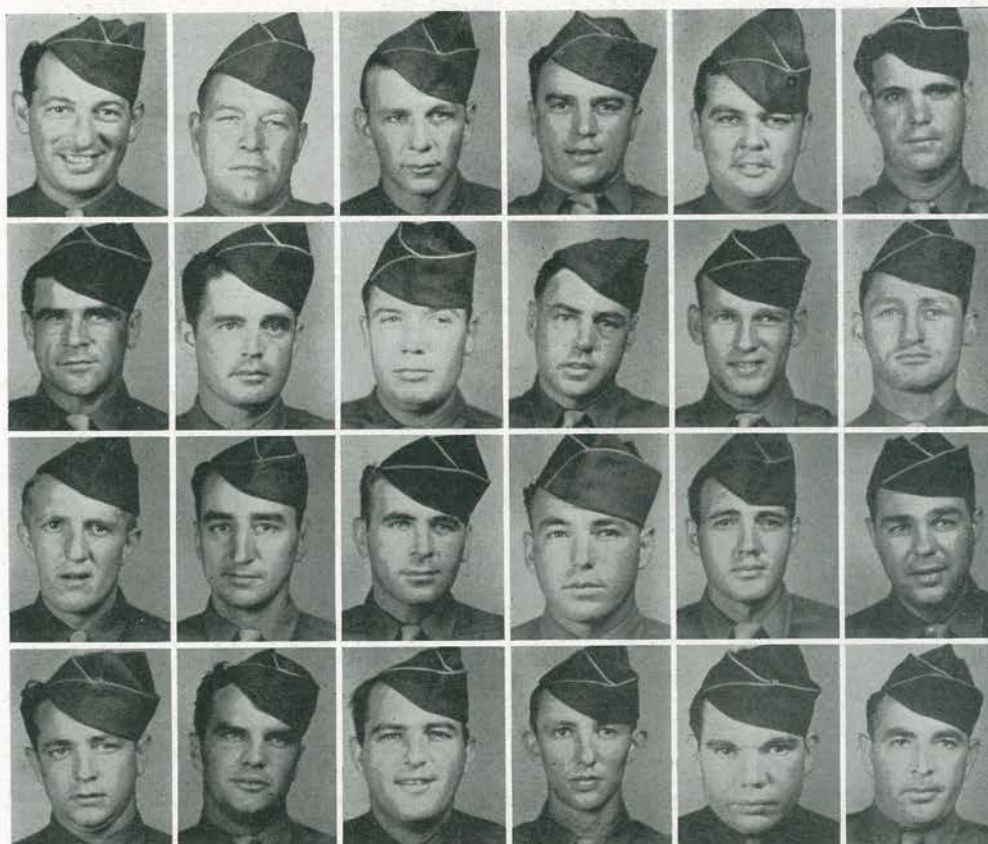
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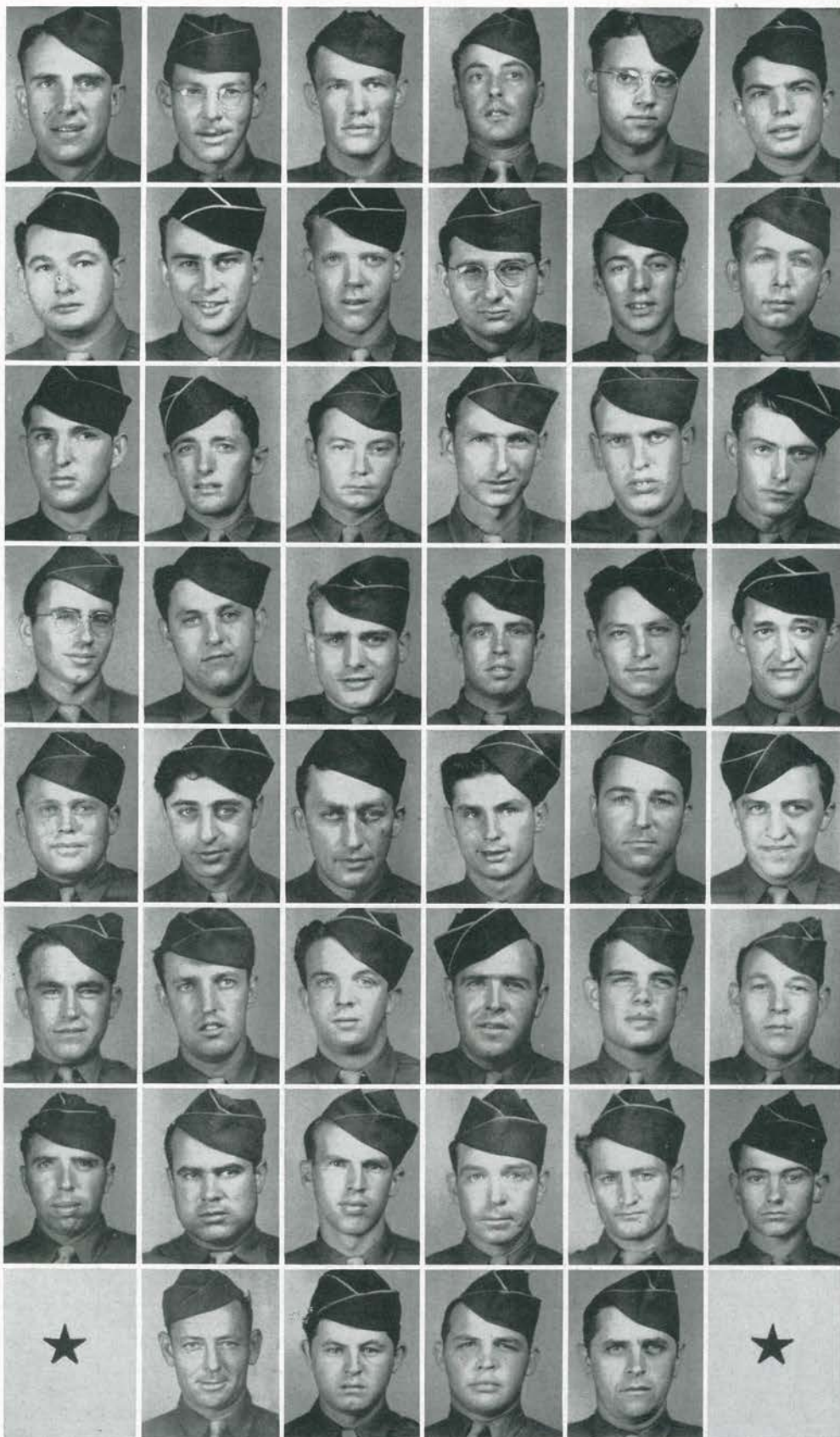
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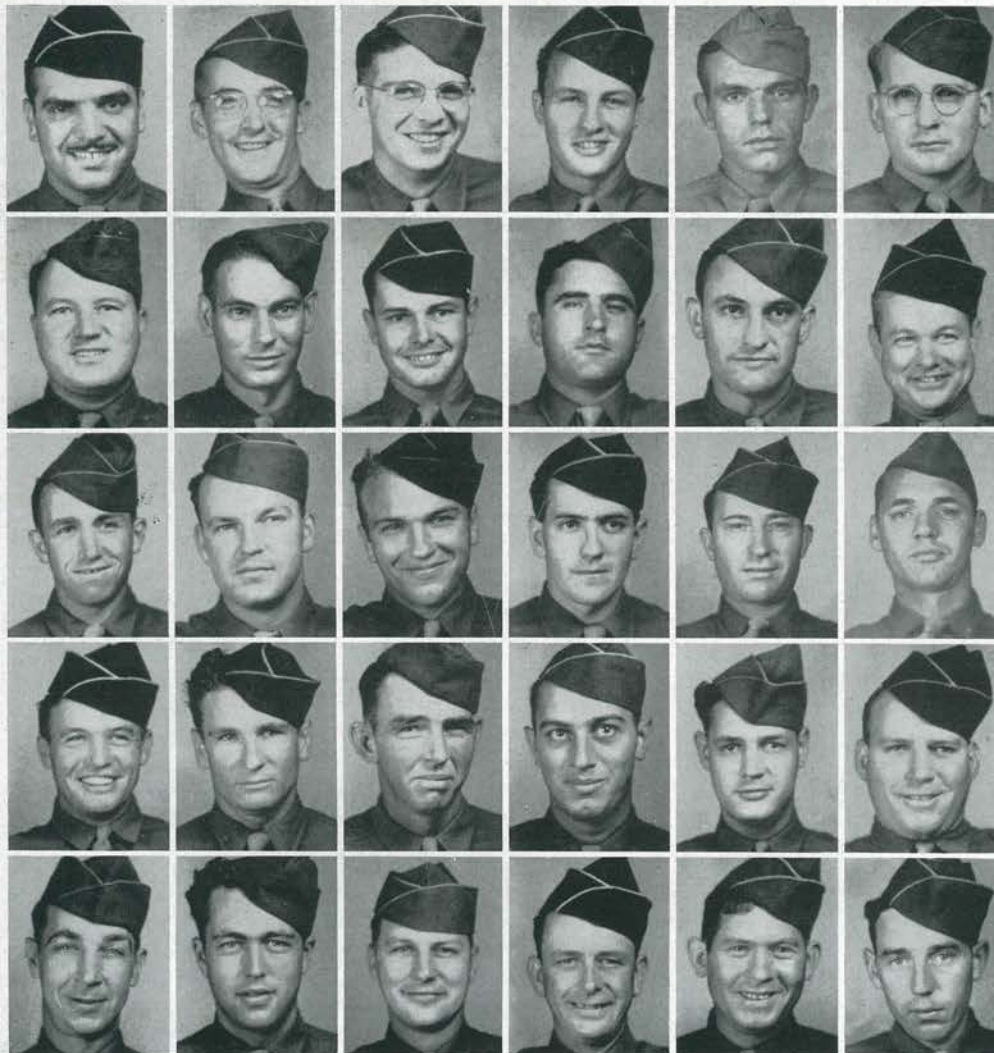
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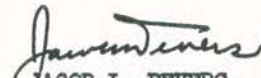
TO : Commanding General, 13th Armored Division

Modern warfare has made necessary the introduction of new units and new techniques to ensure victory in battle. The 13th Armored Division, activated at Camp Beale, California, on 15 October 1942 as a result of the need for armored units, proved in training and in combat the adaptability and genius of the American soldier in all methods of warfare.

Since the time when I was Commanding General of the Armored Force, I have followed the career of the Black Cat Division with interest and pride. After the completion of training, much of which you did at Camp Bowie, Texas, you arrived overseas early in 1945, and your tankers quickly earned for themselves the respect of the enemy. Joining the Third Army, you participated brilliantly in the final drive across the Danube River deep into Southern Germany. Your officers and men, despite their comparatively brief period in battle, fought with boldness, bravery and skill, winning a firm place in the heritage of our country.

Those of the 13th Armored who find themselves in new tasks, now that the division is being inactivated, will continue to serve their country, I know, with enthusiasm and steadfastness, until our military strength can safely be reduced.

The men in the 13th Armored Division will be forever included among the heroes of our country, and it is for me a proud occasion to be able to commend you most heartily, in the name of all Americans, for your gallant service in defense of freedom.


JACOB L. DEVERS,
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93RD CAVALRY RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON



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HISTORY OF THE 93RD CAVALRY RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

On 15 October 1942, General Order Number One, Headquarters 13th Armored Division, activated the 93rd Armored Reconnaissance Battalion at Camp Beale, Calif.

Housekeeping was set up by an experienced cadre of officers and enlisted men under the command of Major Marshall W. Frame. Drawn from the 5th and 8th Armored Divisions, these men formed the foundation on which was to be built a combat unit. Fillers to bring the battalion up to full strength began arriving early in December.

Basic training was begun in earnest in January and when completed all men were assigned positions in the organization. Then followed various phases of unit training. Sections, platoons and companies learning to function as units. This period was climaxed with a battalion test in late summer, 1943.

The battalion was reorganized and redesignated as the 93rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, on September 22, 1943.

Early December 1943 found the squadron moving to a new home in Camp Bowie, Texas. The entire month of February, 1944, the squadron spent in the field with the rest of the Division participating in the "D" Series Field Exercises. After losing a large group of men as overseas replacements in March and April the Squadron again settled down to a serious field training, culminating in a squadron test in late summer and a three week series of Division field exercises ending in the middle of October.

By this time the Division had been alerted for overseas duty. After the task of packing was completed a good deal of our time was devoted to athletics and physical training. During this period our squadron basketball team annexed the Division Championship.

Our cross country jaunt to the New York Port of Embarkation, Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, was begun January 8, 1945. Here we had our final check and last opportunity to replace old and worn equipment.

The squadron sailed from New York aboard the USS *Marine Devil* on January 18, 1945. This ship was not very large and many will attest to the fact that for smooth riding it left much to be desired. The *Marine Devil*, however, was not destined to take us to our destination. Two days out she broke down and four days later limped into

New York Harbor with her load of returning "vets."

After a one-night stand at Camp Shanks, New York, we boarded the Army Transport *George Washington* and sailed again on the 26th. This ship proved to be much more comfortable and durable than the first. In the foggy darkness of 0300 hours, February 8, we filed silently ashore into the bomb-battered shell of what was once the thriving port of Le Havre, France.

Daylight found us rolling through the picturesque Norman countryside to our assembly area. Squadron Headquarters, A, C and E Troops at St. Saens; B Troop at La Crique; D Troop at Bellencombe, and F Company at Beaumont. Our time in Normandy was devoted to unpacking and preparing our vehicles and equipment for combat and in preparing ourselves physically, mentally and spiritually for the task which lay ahead. Spare time evenings were spent trying to "Parlezvous Francais" and perhaps an occasional visit to one of the nearby towns for a glass of beer, cognac, or calvados, in the quaint old cafes.

Our stay in Normandy ended on March 17, when we moved to Luneville, France. Beauvais, Clermont, Compiègne, Soissons, Void, Toul, Nancy . . . one after another they passed by. The United States Military Cemetery at Chateau Thierry was a grim reminder of the past . . . and the future.

Luneville was reached on the 21st and the squadron billeted in adjacent villages. Evidences of battles not long past lay all around us. We worked feverishly here to put the final touches on our guns, vehicles and other equipment. Life was beginning to look more serious and much more dear.

The morning of the 25th found us once more on the road. Our destination this time Zwiebrucken, Germany. Along the road there were countless wrecked and burned vehicles, uncleared minefields, barbed wire entanglements; while in the towns hardly a building was left standing. Plainly the German was fighting more fiercely on his own soil. In Zwiebrucken Troops C and D were given the mission of patrolling the city; Troop A was given the mission of cleaning out Siegfried Line pillboxes in the area. Troop B, attached to Combat Command B was patrolling the town of Primasens.

Easter Sunday the squadron moved to Koblenz to assist

Military Government in the policing of the city. Troop D meanwhile was attached to Task Force Satt to assist in mopping up a small pocket of German troops in the Taunus Woods near Frankfurt.

On April 7, the squadron was ordered to march to an assembly area in the vicinity of Alsfeld almost 200 miles to the northeast. We expected to go into action with the Third Army, but two days later, due to a change in plans, we were assembled near Hasselbach preparing to fight with the First Army in the Ruhr pocket. The squadron mission was to protect the division flank. During most of the Ruhr fighting Troop B was attached to Combat Command B, while Troop A was operating as a special information service for Division.

During the period of fighting in the Battle of the Ruhr Pocket in which the squadron participated between the 10th and 18th of April, when the battle ended, our missions were at various times, screening flanks, reconnaissance of enemy positions, attacking gun positions and night partolling, and seizing and securing bridges. We gained much ground, destroyed many artillery pieces and captured more than 1,200 prisoners. When the battle ended the entire squadron was assembled in the vicinity of Lustheide and Bruck and spent the next two days cleaning up and preparing to return to action with the Third Army.

We moved, on April 20, to a new assembly area near Nuremberg. On the 23d, Troop D was given the mission of reconnoitering routes for the Division through the 65th Infantry Division to the Danube River. On the 24th, Troop A was given a similar mission in the zone of the 71st Infantry Division. Most of the remainder of the squadron had the mission of screening the Division right flank while it prepared for the next operation.

Troops A and D were recalled from their missions on the 25th and the rest of the squadron was recalled the following day. Troops A and B were then ordered to contact Combat Commands A and B respectively for the forthcoming operation. Troop D was sent to Division for liaison.

Troop B leading Combat Command B crossed the Danube River near Regensburg and moved rapidly toward Plattling to seize the bridge over the Isar River. They arrived at Plattling on the 29th but found the bridge blown.

The Danube was crossed by Troop A late in the afternoon of the 27th near Matting, Combat Command A was to cross after Troop A followed by the remainder of the squadron. Troop A reached the Isar on the 29th near Worth but here also the enemy had destroyed the bridges.

Division decided to build one bridge over the Isar at Plattling, which was completed at 2000 hours on the 30th. Troop A, this time leading Task Force Smith, moved out immediately. Objective: Braunau, Austria. After seizing intact bridges over the Rott and Vils Rivers the Troop was stopped at Simbach, on the Inn River, when the bridge was blown when they were only 15 yards away. Meanwhile Troop B again leading Combat Command B, attempted to capture the bridge at Marktl, several miles below Simbach, but had no better luck. The remainder of the squadron moving through the zone between Troops A and B reached Simbach in mid-afternoon May 1, about four hours behind Troop A. The squadron was then ordered to reorganize in the Simbach area and be ready to move out to capture the city of Salzburg, Austria, when a bridge over the Inn River was built. However, this mission was cancelled on May 3, and the squadron was still in this area when the war ended.

With the end of the war in Europe we had time at last to get a much needed cleaning up, more time to sleep, a chance to regain some of the weight we lost worrying over where the next shell would drop and some good healthful relaxation. We played baseball, went fishing and horseback riding and took sightseeing trips. Much time was also spent on speculating on our future. Army of Occupation of Japan? We did not have to wait long.

The 13th was ordered redeployed to the Pacific Theater of Operations for the final assault on the Japanese Empire—the invasion of the Nipponese home island of Houshu. The squadron pulled up stakes in the small Bavarian towns where the men had been billeted and left Germany for the long trip to the Pacific—by way of the United States. The first stop was Camp Atlanta, France, near Mailly, where the men were processed for the redeployment, and also received passes to visit Paris, and Rheims. Processing over, they entrained for Camp Old Gold, in the Le Havre port area, and then to Le Havre, itself.

The ocean voyage home was even less eventful than the first trip across, and the USS *Explorer* docked in the Boston harbor on the 27th of July. From nearby Camp Myles Standish, the squadron received 30-day leaves before reporting to Camp Cooke, California, for training for the Japanese invasion. But the atomic bombs ended the war while the men were still at home, so that when they arrived at Camp Cooke, their fighting days were over. Peace brought discharge for some, occupational duty for others. But, each man knew that whatever his job in the 93d, he had done it well and had earned the right to be a civilian again.

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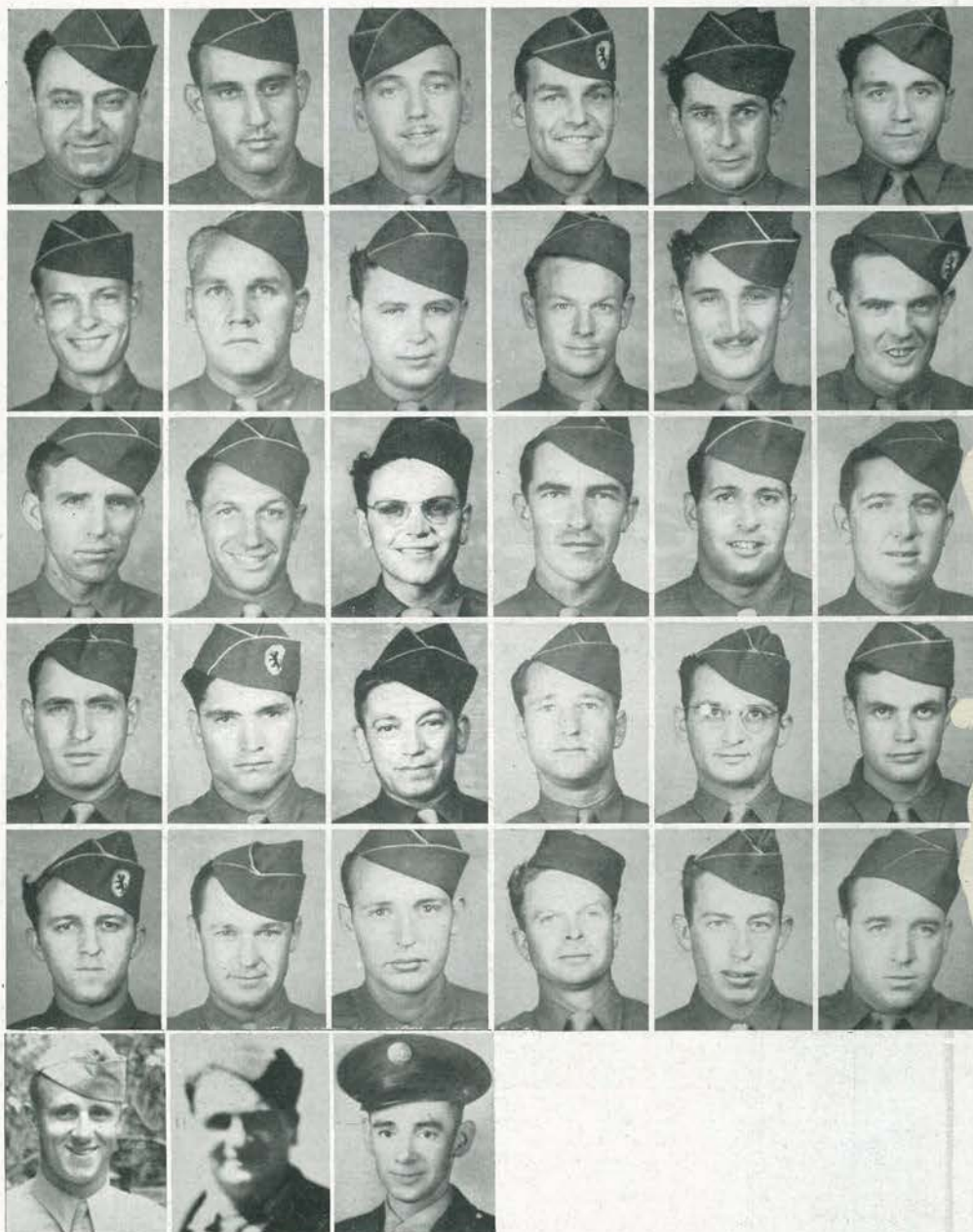
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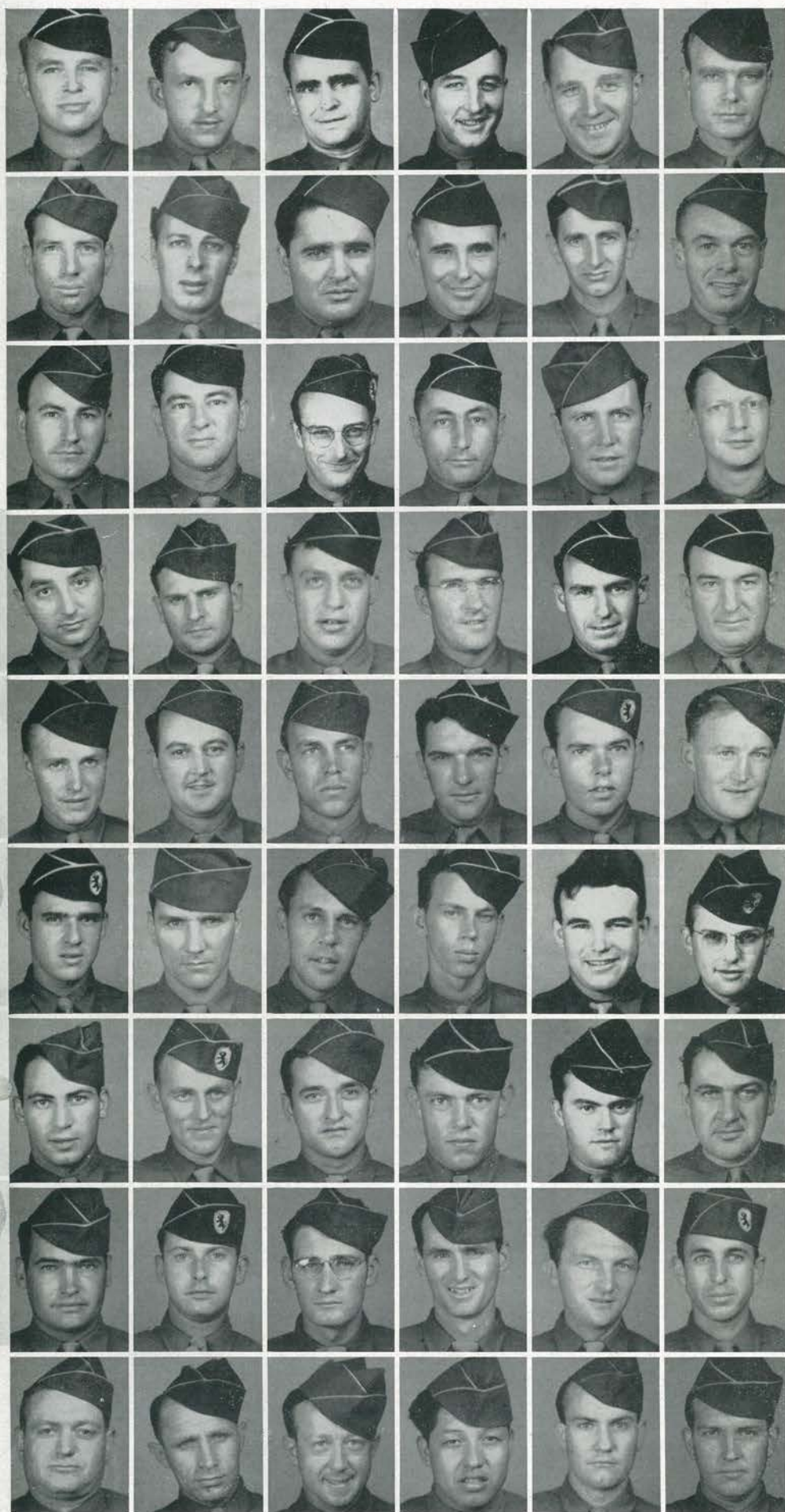
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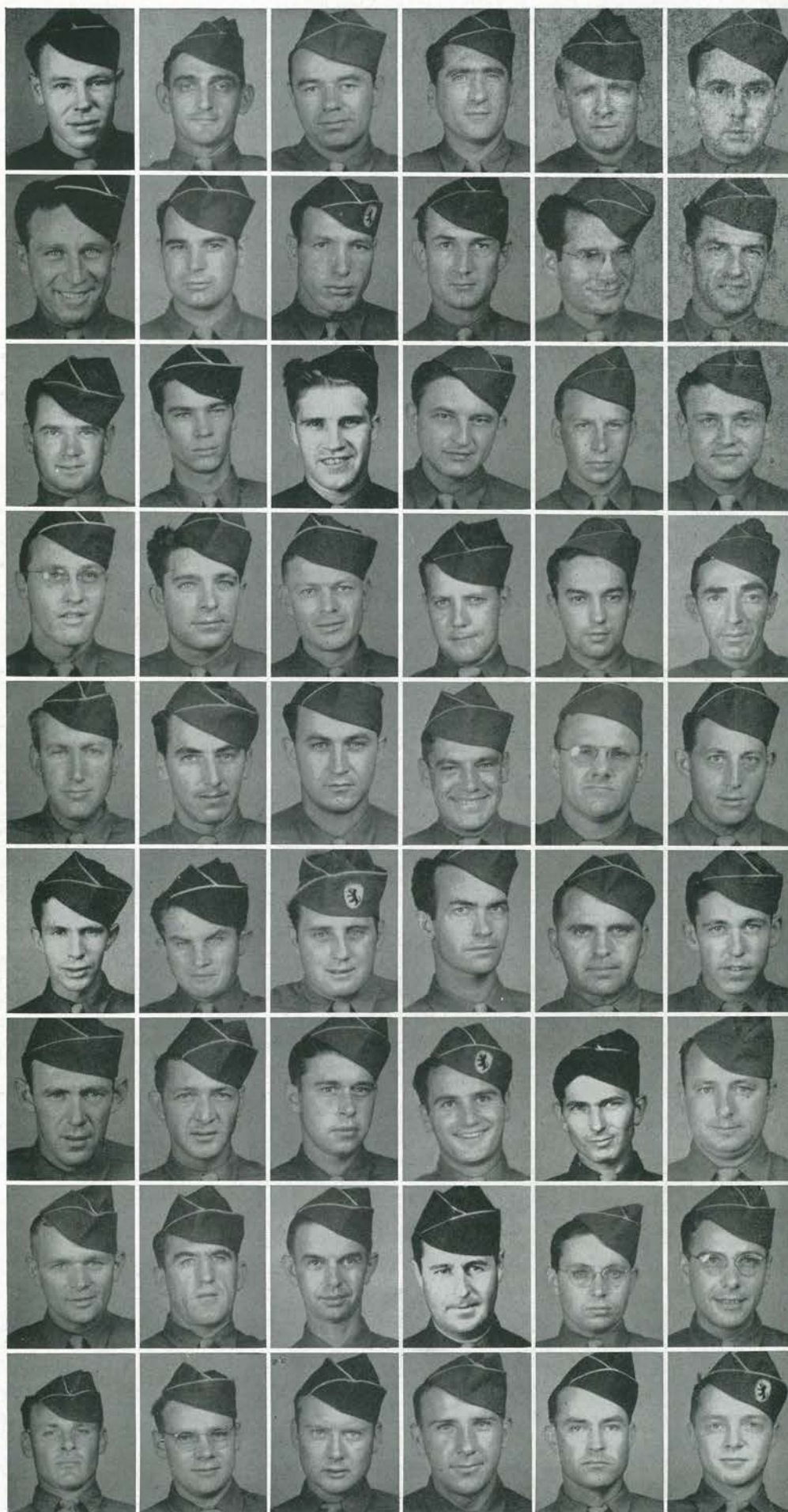
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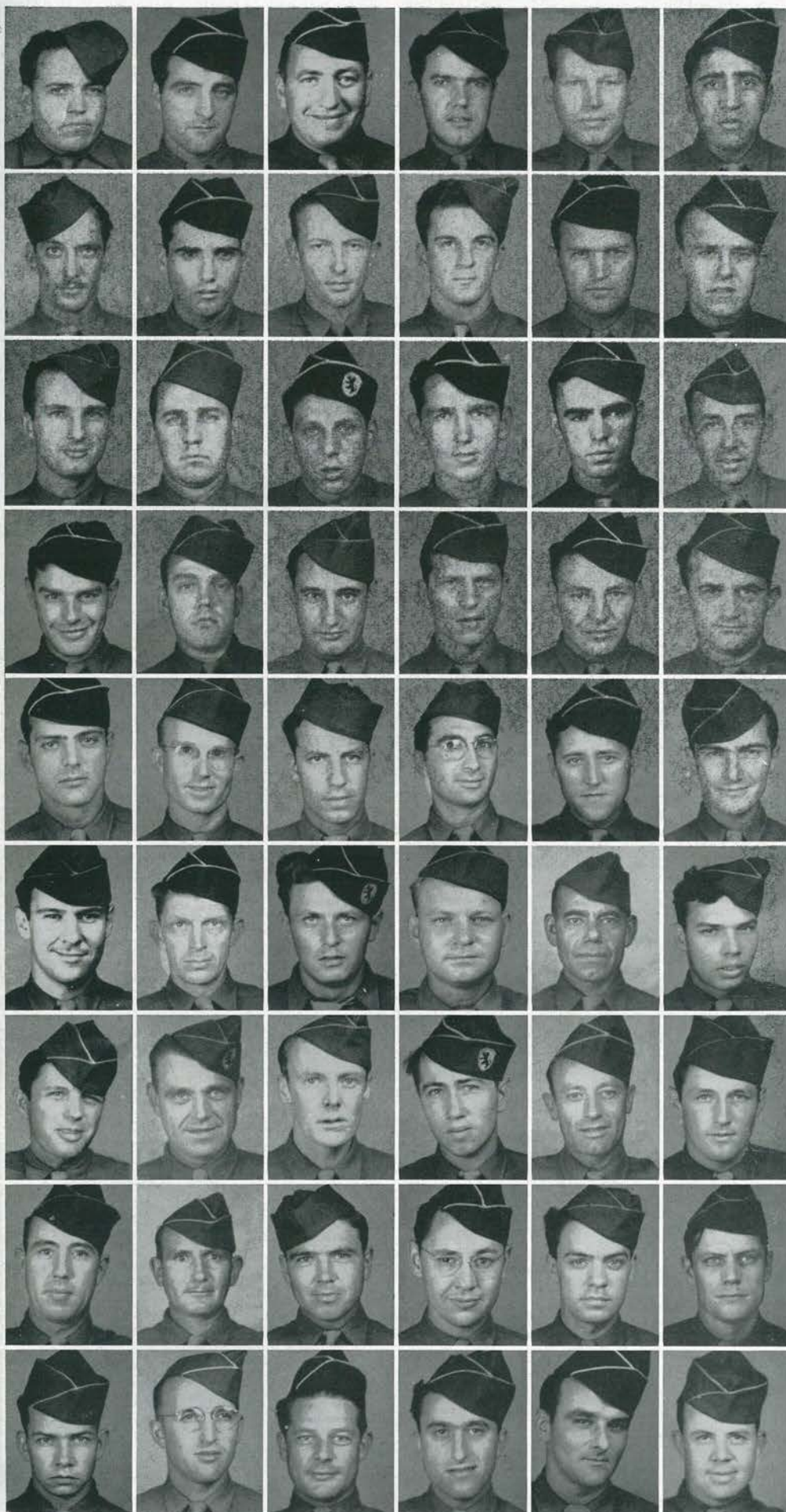
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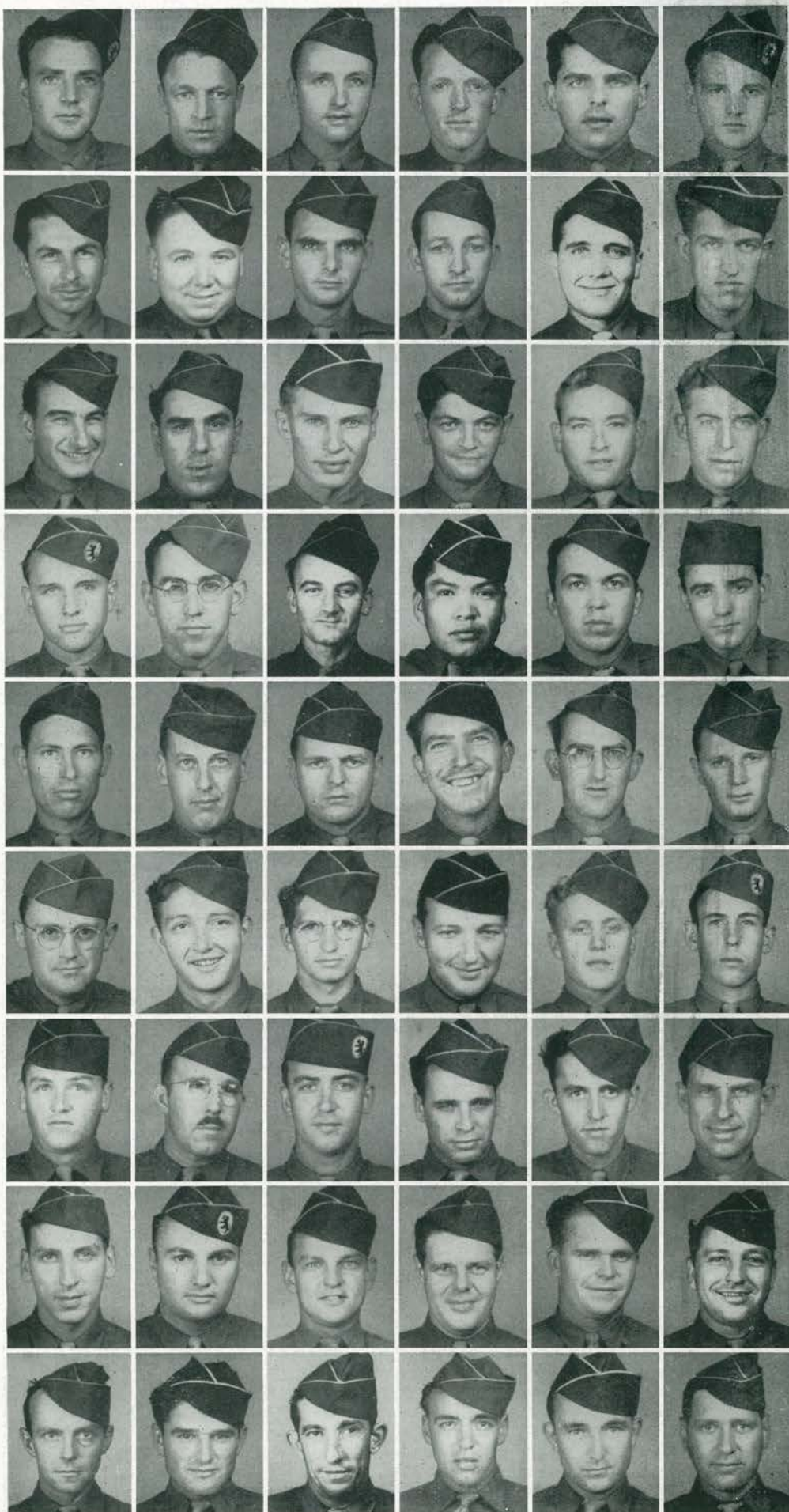
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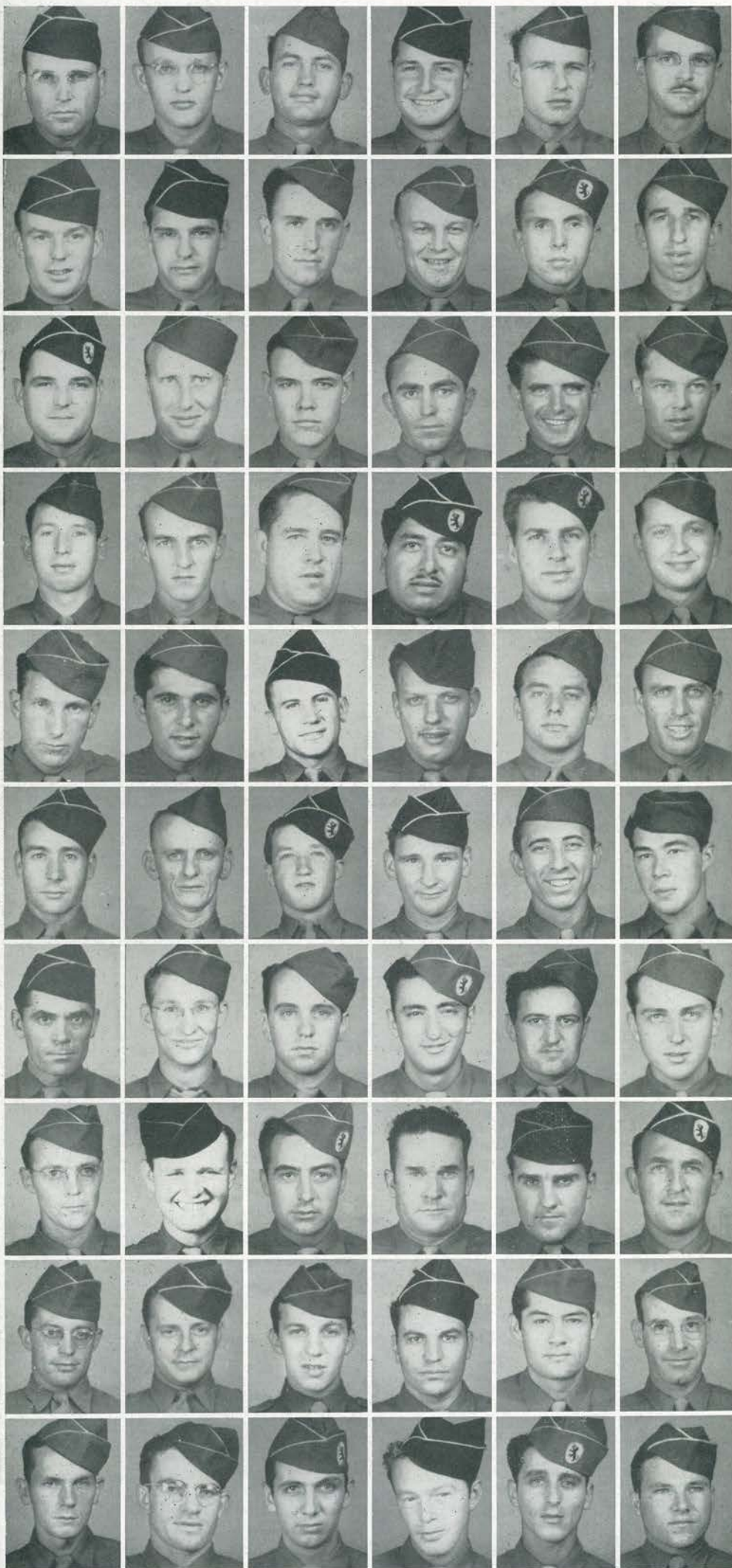
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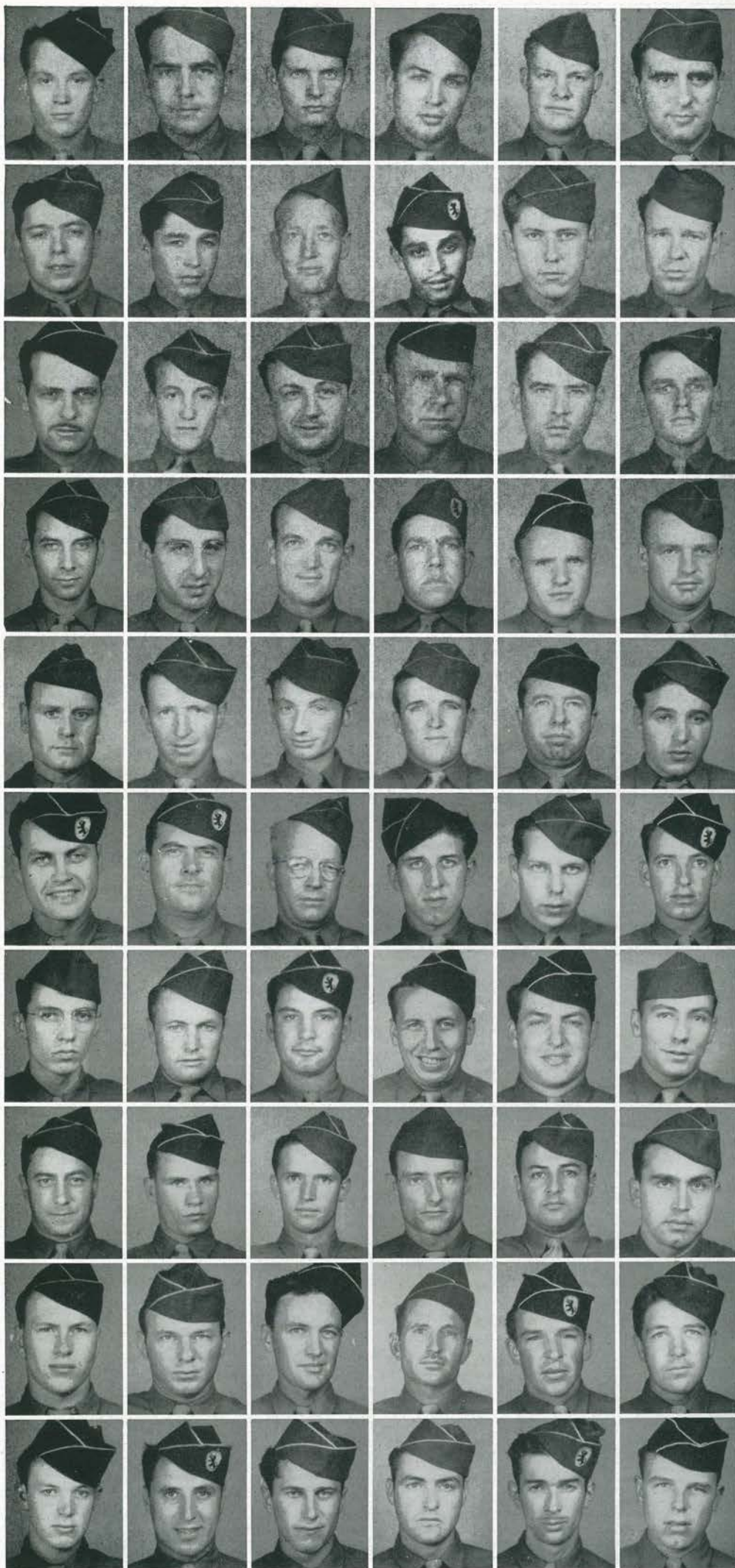
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TO : Commanding General, 13th Armored Division

Modern warfare has made necessary the introduction of new units and new techniques to ensure victory in battle. The 13th Armored Division, activated at Camp Beale, California, on 15 October 1942 as a result of the need for armored units, proved in training and in combat the adaptability and genius of the American soldier in all methods of warfare.

Since the time when I was Commanding General of the Armored Force, I have followed the career of the Black Cat Division with interest and pride. After the completion of training, much of which you did at Camp Bowie, Texas, you arrived overseas early in 1945, and your tankers quickly earned for themselves the respect of the enemy. Joining the Third Army, you participated brilliantly in the final drive across the Danube River deep into Southern Germany. Your officers and men, despite their comparatively brief period in battle, fought with boldness, bravery and skill, winning a firm place in the heritage of our country.

Those of the 13th Armored who find themselves in new tasks, now that the division is being inactivated, will continue to serve their country, I know, with enthusiasm and steadfastness, until our military strength can safely be reduced.

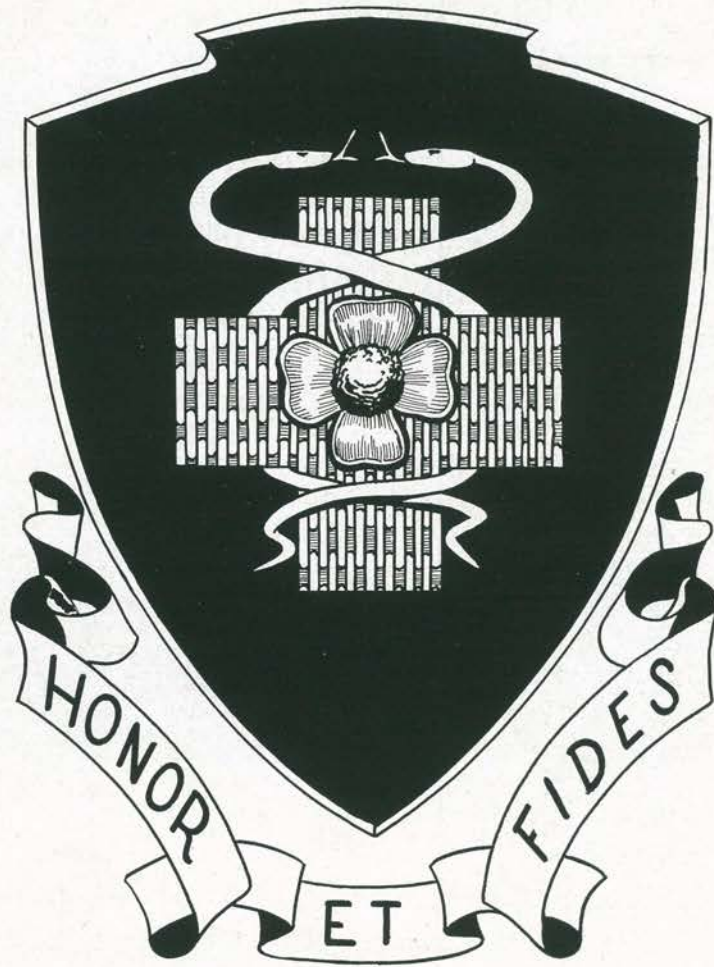
The men in the 13th Armored Division will be forever included among the heroes of our country, and it is for me a proud occasion to be able to commend you most heartily, in the name of all Americans, for your gallant service in defense of freedom.

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83RD ARMORED MEDICAL BATTALION



HISTORY OF THE 83RD ARMORED MEDICAL BATTALION

The 83rd Armored Medical Battalion ended more than two years of hard training when they prepared to leave Camp Bowie, Texas, for the New York Port of Embarkation during the first days of January, 1945. With a cadre backbone from the 5th and 8th Armored Divisions, the battalion had trained at Camp Beale, California, and Camp Bowie under Lt. Col. William L. Heizer. During 1943 and 1944, the battalion program had progressed through basic training, elementary and advanced medical training and had fitted the men for their duties as combat medical soldiers.

The battalion arrived at Camp Kilmer, N. J., on the 11th day of January, 1945, and was processed for the trip to Europe. After several days of training and passes to New York, the men sailed from New York aboard the S.S. *Marine Dragon*. The voyage was comparatively peaceful except for two submarine alerts and an epidemic of seasickness.



LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM L. HEIZER, JR.
Commanding Officer

Debarkation at Le Havre, France, on 30 January 1945, was attended by a terrific cold wave and blizzard. The severity of the weather was reflected in the high rate of sickness among all troops. The battalion set up Company A at Chateau de Beauville, near Totes, as a 20-bed holding hospital, caring for many of the upper respiratory infections and frost bite cases which would normally have been evacuated.

Meanwhile, the main battalion effort was directed at preparation for combat, and with the arrival of vehicles, the unit was fully prepared except for a shortage of seven medical officers. In preparation for a contemplated move, two lettered companies were assigned to Combat Commands, and on March 18, 1945, the battalion marched by convoy across France toward Nancy, finally bivouacking near Luneville.

The mission of the medical battalion consists of the following: (1) evacuation of battalion aid stations; (2) second echelon medical service; (3) supplying division medical installations with supplies. In this area the battalion first began to assume its full responsibilities. Although no actual combat was in progress during this period, casualties of various types were becoming more numerous. An advance into Germany on 27 March 1945 found the battalion elements widely scattered with their respective Combat Commands. Company B, located on the main supply routes at Homberg, near Zweibrücken, was bombed and strafed on the night of 27 March 1945 by a lone enemy aircraft. Two men were killed, and eight were wounded, of which three required evacuation. In addition, thirteen vehicles were destroyed and much property lost. A holding hospital was kept in operation by Company C in Zweibrücken, but on April 1 Company C was attached to CCR and the holding hospital was disbanded. On April 2, 1945, the Division moved north to occupy a new area with the medical battalion headquarters at Morbach.

On April 6, 1945, medical battalion headquarters moved with CCA through Limburg and Giessen, on the approach to Kassel, finally bivouacking at Homberg. A change of plans directed the Division to retrace its path, heading for the Rhineland city of Siegburg for its first taste of combat. The battalion closed at Raubach, Germany, on April 9, 1945, and two companies departed in the early morning to support their respective Combat Commands, which were open to an attack early on April 10, 1945. Army established ambulance service with the battalion on April 10 for the first time, and conducted all evacuations from the lettered companies to the evacuation hospitals.

The nature of the battle as it progressed north from Siegburg put a heavy strain on the battalion evacuation system, for, with addition of other combat units to support the Division, there were not enough ambulances to maintain effective casualty control. Additional ambulances were finally obtained from Army. Meanwhile, the line troops, extending their front rapidly, pulled away from the supporting medical companies and evacuation hospitals with such speed that evacuation lines became over-extended—at one time well over 100 miles. Casualties averaged 25 per company per day, though they were unevenly distributed. On April 12, Company A was cut off from the line elements of CCB by infiltrating enemy infantry, and although no approach was made to the bivouac site, two ambulances loaded with patients were captured in the night. Although the ambulances and property were lost, all personnel were recovered at Solingen, when the 97th Infantry succeeded in occupying that city. On April 15, Maj. Gen. John B. Wogan was evacuated through Company B with wounds of the neck and arm. The march to Dellbrück marked the position of greatest advance of the battalion headquarters, though the companies had moved on much farther. On April 20, action ceased for the Division in this area, and after a brief rest, the Division moved out across Germany towards Regensburg.

When the assault across the Danube at Regensburg began on April 28, all three lettered companies were attached to Combat Commands for support. The drive was even more rapid than that in the Ruhr,

and ambulance service was again put to a severe test to render efficient service. By May 1, all companies were in the vicinity of Tann, Germany, and the casualty rate, which had never equalled that of the Ruhr battle, began to drop appreciably. Active combat ceased about 2 May, and battalion headquarters moved to Pfarrkirchen.

A recapitulation of casualties cared for during the period 1 April 1945 to 4 May 1945 showed that 799 patients were treated; of these, 104 were returned to duty and 691 evacuated. Only four patients died in Clearing Stations, and none died during the long process of evacuation to hospitals. This was evidence of the superb work of medical personnel throughout the echelons of division medical service.

For the next month, activities centered about a modified garrison life, an accentuated athletic program, and educational and recreational trips to various points of interest in Germany and Austria.

In anticipation of indirect redeployment to the Pacific theater, the battalion began preparations for return to the United States. All medical equipment in the division was recalled and trucked to a medical depot near Nancy. The battalion, now free of most of its property, entrucked for Camp Atlanta, France, near Mailly on 25 June 1945. The stay at this assembly station afforded time for a short rest, with side trips to Paris and Rheims for most of the personnel. On July 8, the Division moved by rail to Camp Old Gold for processing, and on 14 July 1945 the battalion embarked on the Navy Transport U.S.S. *General McRae* at Le Havre for Hampton Roads, Virginia.

From Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia, the men of the battalion were routed to their respective reception centers and received 30-day leaves before reporting to Camp Cooke, California, for further training. But the war ended suddenly while they were still at home and when the battalion was reassembled at Camp Cooke, it was only for the deactivation of the Division. For some of the men this meant discharges, for others a 45-day furlough and perhaps occupational duty in Japan or Germany. But for all it meant that the days of combat for the 83rd were over.

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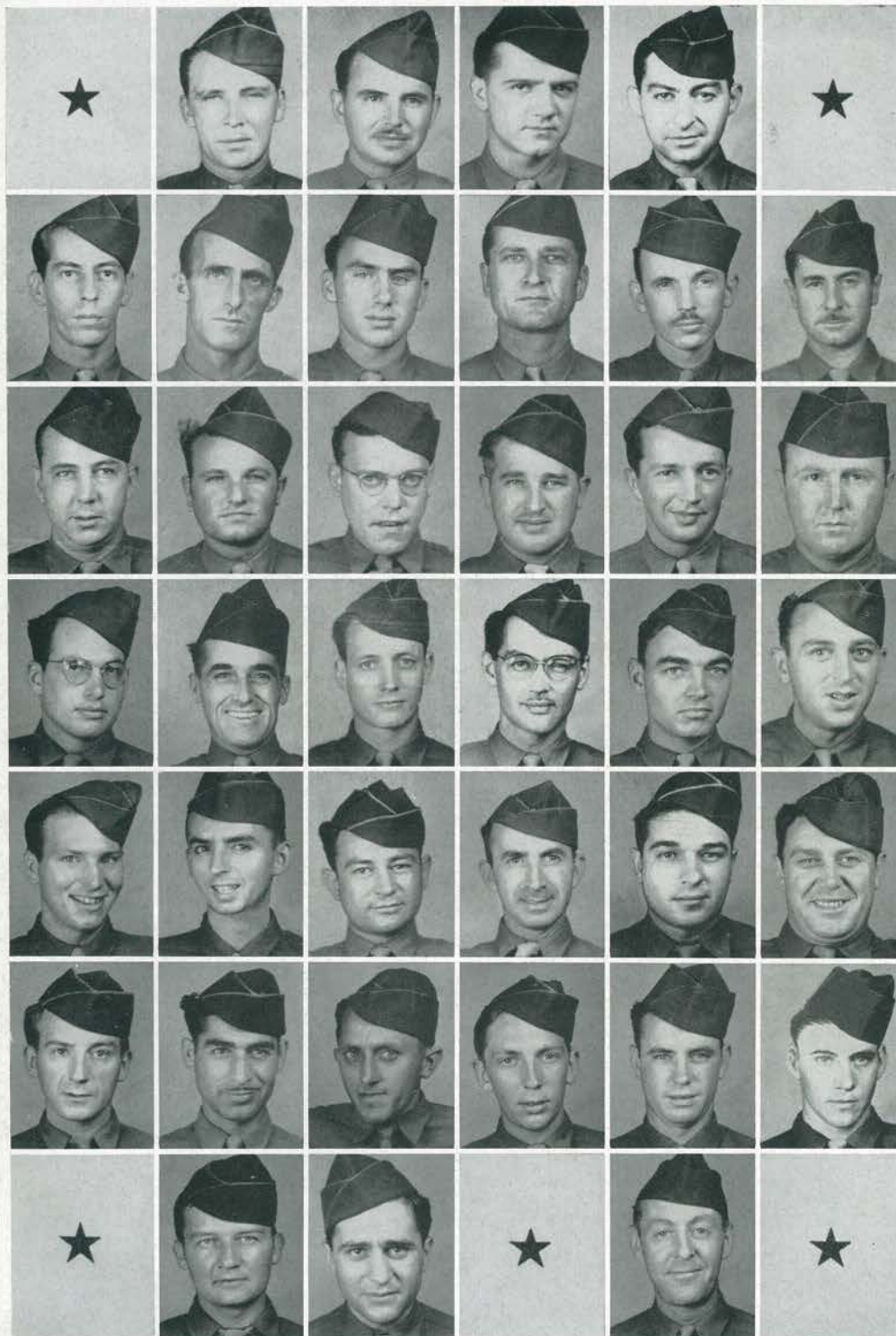
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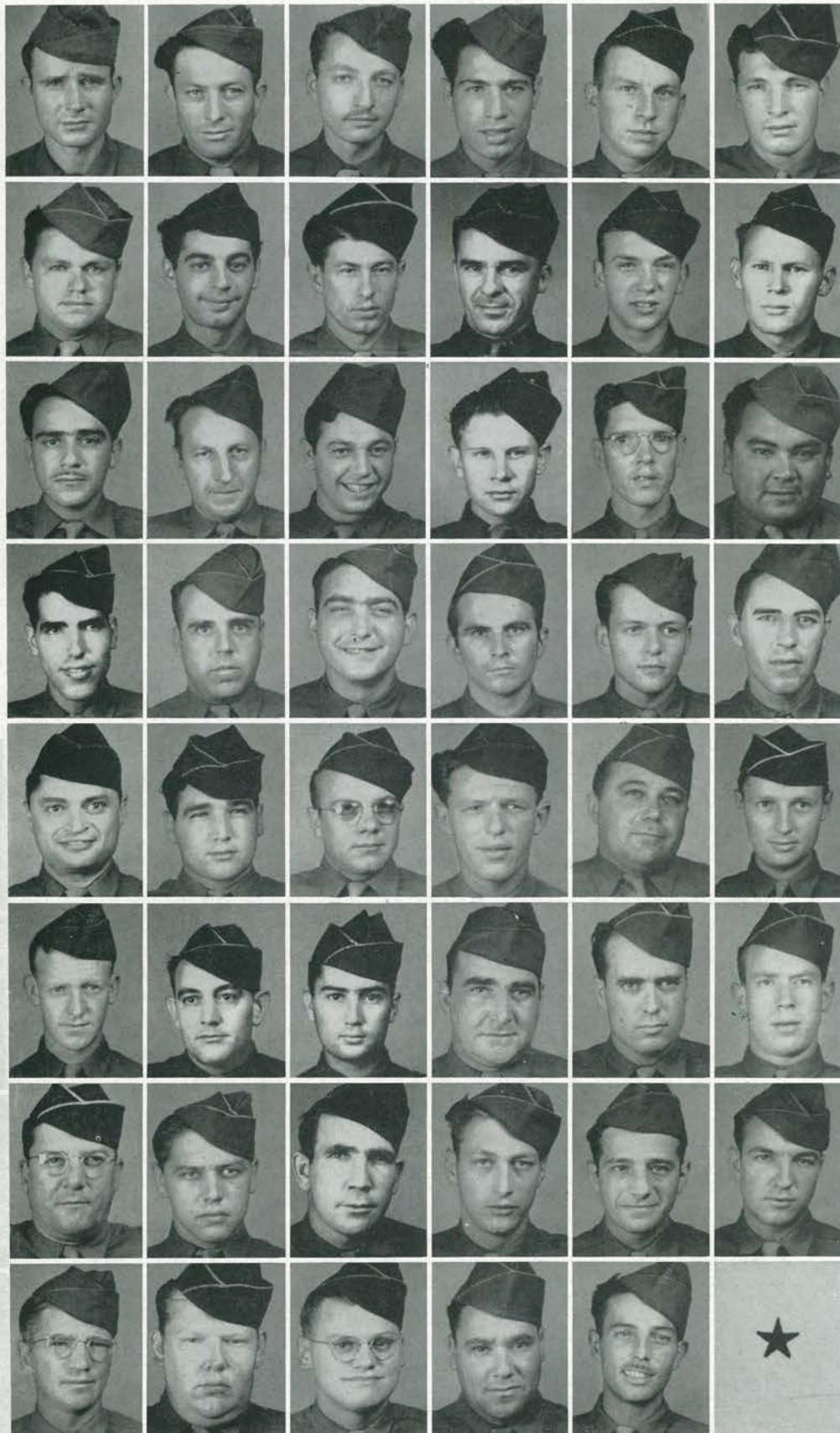
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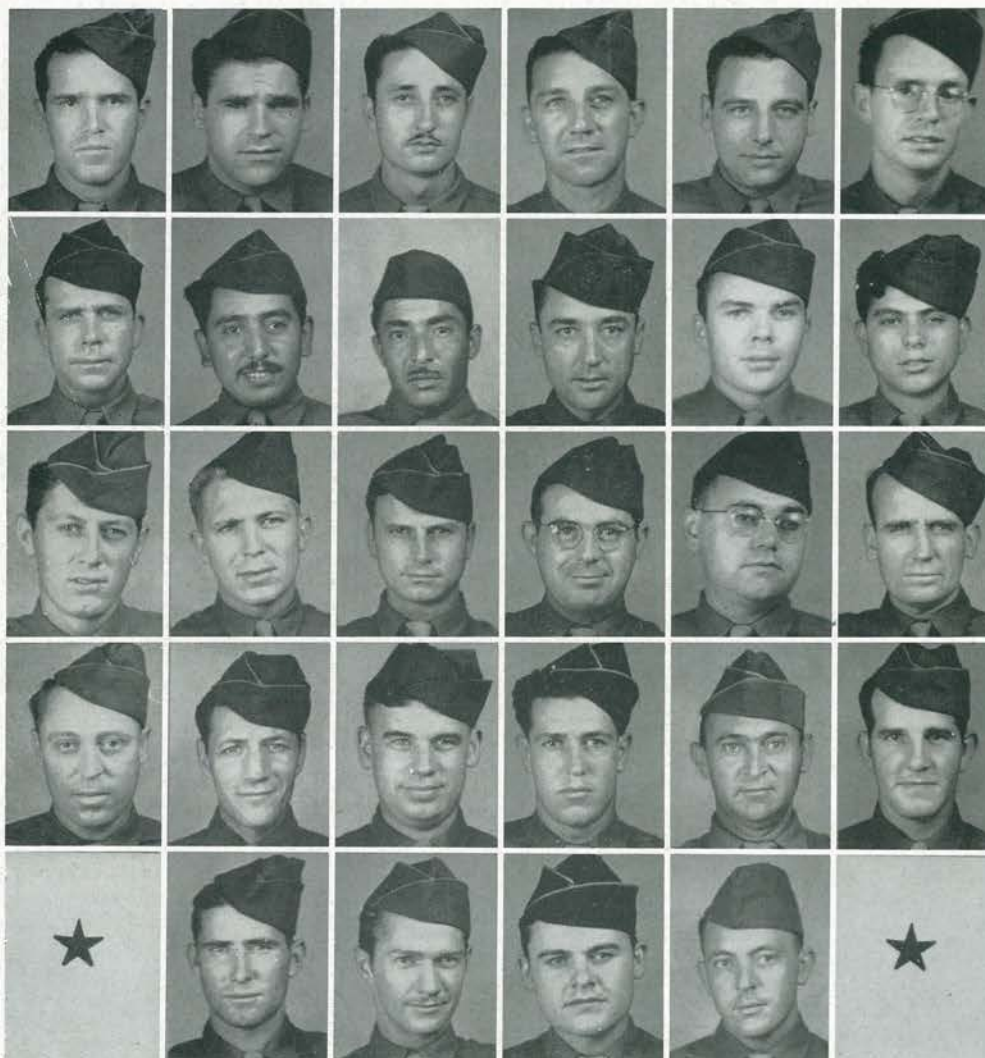
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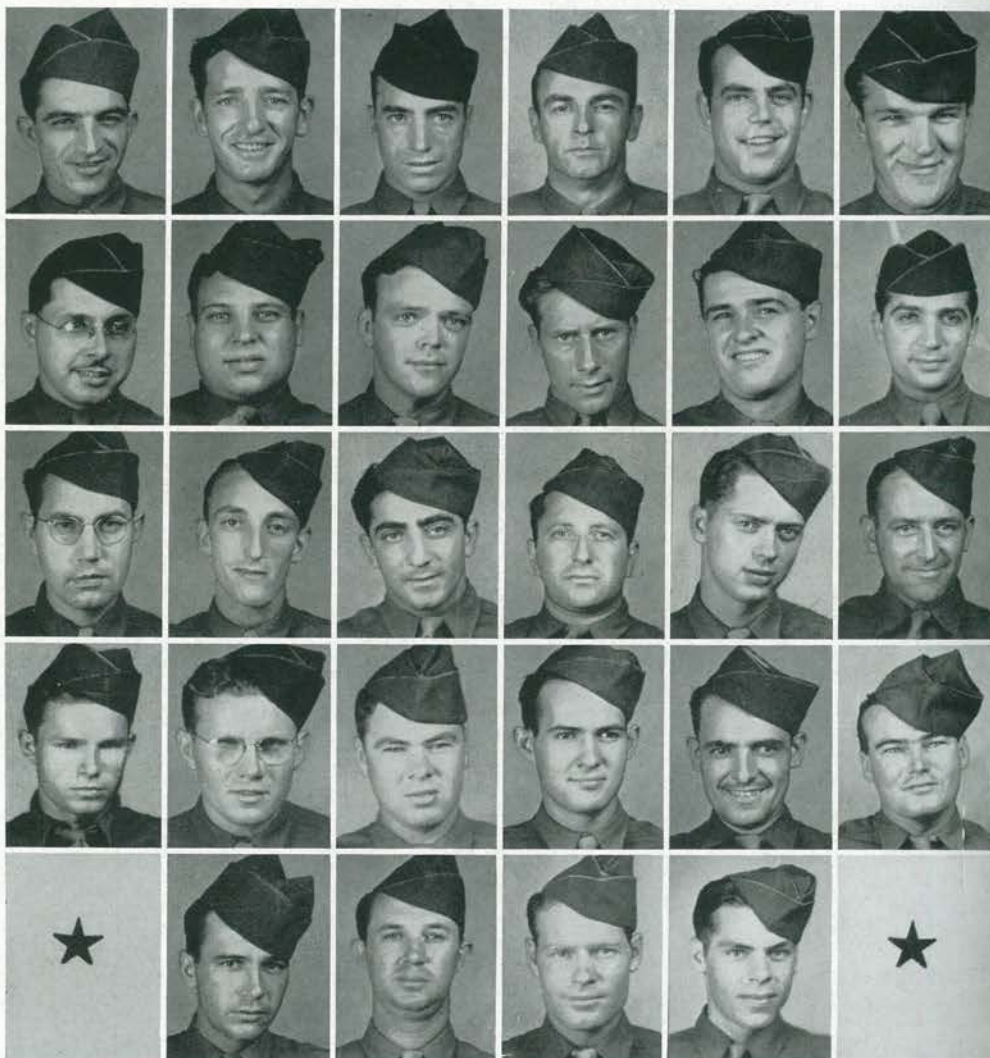
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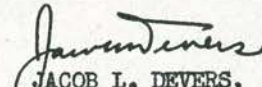
TO : Commanding General, 13th Armored Division

Modern warfare has made necessary the introduction of new units and new techniques to ensure victory in battle. The 13th Armored Division, activated at Camp Beale, California, on 15 October 1942 as a result of the need for armored units, proved in training and in combat the adaptability and genius of the American soldier in all methods of warfare.

Since the time when I was Commanding General of the Armored Force, I have followed the career of the Black Cat Division with interest and pride. After the completion of training, much of which you did at Camp Bowie, Texas, you arrived overseas early in 1945, and your tankers quickly earned for themselves the respect of the enemy. Joining the Third Army, you participated brilliantly in the final drive across the Danube River deep into Southern Germany. Your officers and men, despite their comparatively brief period in battle, fought with boldness, bravery and skill, winning a firm place in the heritage of our country.

Those of the 13th Armored who find themselves in new tasks, now that the division is being inactivated, will continue to serve their country, I know, with enthusiasm and steadfastness, until our military strength can safely be reduced.

The men in the 13th Armored Division will be forever included among the heroes of our country, and it is for me a proud occasion to be able to commend you most heartily, in the name of all Americans, for your gallant service in defense of freedom.


JACOB L. DEVERS,
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124th Armored Engineer Battalion

Life of Lt. Col. Clay E. McCullough



On 18 May 1945 Clay E. McCullough, O 305 804, Lieutenant and Colonel, CE was awarded the SILVER STAR MEDAL for gallantry in action in Germany. On 15 April 1945 near LEVERKUSEN, GERMANY the Division was halted temporarily when advance elements reached the WUPPER RIVER. With utter disregard for his own safety, Lt. Col. McCullough went forward amid intense mortar fire and small arms fire to personally reconnoiter a site for the river crossing.

Through his efforts a prompt successful crossing was made. On 27 April 1945, in operations near PLATTING and MAMMING, GERMANY, a group of the 1st Infantry Division was stalled on the north bank of the ISAR RIVER. His energetic, personal reconnaissance and technical skill and sound judgment enabled troops to effect a successful crossing with minimum delay despite heavy concentration of enemy fire while engaged in the operation of a suitable site for the river crossing. Lt. Col. McCullough was severely wounded. He was evacuated to a hospital in England where he died on 3rd June 1945.

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Infantry School	2-1-42, 4-1-44
Engineer School, Ft. Leonard Wood	2-1-42, 6-1-42
Armored Force School, Ft. Knox	6-5-42, 8-9-42
Engineer School, Ft. Belvoir (Cade Co)	8-10-42, 9-9-42
Engineer School, Ft. Belvoir (Sud O. Base)	1-18-43, 3-13-43
Engineer School, Ft. Belvoir (Cade Co Base)	5-5-44, 5-20-44

Duties:

Co. Commander, Co. E 124 th AEB	9-9-42, 2-1-43
Executive Officer, 1st Bn. Hq.	4-1-43, 9-22-43
S-3	9-23-43, 2-2-44
Executive Officer	2-3-43, 6-11-44
1st Bn. CO	6-12-44, 4-30-45

Date of Rank - Lt. Col., 1 Apr 1945.



Page from the Battalion history dedicated to Lt. Col. Clay E. McCullough, former Battalion Commander.

Major Myron S. Berry, Battalion Commander, from 29 April 1945 to 1 October 1945.



Highlights From the Battalion History!



ETOUSA MINE SCHOOL

On 25 February 1945 the Engineer Battalion (less Hq Co) left Frenay Le Long and moved by motor convoy to Sassetot near Fecamp for a refresher course in German Mines and Booby Traps. The school was conducted at Headquarters, ETOUSA by Headquarters, 1151 Combat Engineer Group.

From 26 to 28 February the instruction consisted of indoor classes on the various types of German Antitank and Antipersonnel Mines and Fuzes including the methods of deactivating and neutralizing each type.

Early on 28 February, the Battalion made a foot march from Sassetot to St. Pierre-en-Port, a distance of 2 1/2 miles. bivouac was established and preparations begun for practical work in clearing live German minefields in the vicinity of the town. The companies entered the minefields the first time on the afternoon of the 28th.

The Division Commander, General Wogan, visited the minefield site on 3rd March. He expressed great pleasure in the progress the Battalion was making in its initial encounter with enemy mine obstacles.

In a period of two and one half days the Battalion cleared an area of 21,185 square yards. 347 Antitank mines and 419 Antipersonnel mines.



EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

The Battalion debarked from the USAT GEORGE WASHINGTON at 2030 7 February 1945 in LCT's and landed on the beach at LE HAVRE, FRANCE. At 2330, the



Battalion was moved by a QM Truck Company to the village of FRESNAY Le LONG near TOTES. The Battalion CP opened in FRESNAY Le LONG at 0430 8 February 1945. The Battalion advanced detail reoccupied the Battalion at this time. The Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company were billeted in

Chateau Neaufort. Companies "A", "B" and "C" were billeted in houses scattered throughout the village. Shortly after the arrival of the Battalion personnel at FRESNAY Le LONG, the equipment was hauled from Le HAVRE. It arrived without any serious damage or major shortages and was soon prepared for combat use.

While billeted at FRESNAY Le LONG the Battalion maintained roads in the Division Area and also built CP Trunks for Division Headquarters.

On 25 February 1945, the reconnaissance section, the Engineer Platoon, the S-2 and S-3, and the ADE section moved to Sassetot near Fecamp, FRANCE to attend lecture and refresher course on German mines and booby-traps, given by the 1151st Engineer Combat Group. The morning of 28 February, the Battalion moved to St. PIERRE-en-PORT to remove German mine fields which had been laid to protect the French Coast. As the interest shown by the men and the amount of work accomplished, the Battalion received commendation from the



MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE



ON 16 JUNE 1945 the 124th ARMED ENGINEER BATTALION WAS AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE, by direction of the PRESIDENT, under the provisions of SECTION I, CIRCULAR Number 345, WAR DEPARTMENT, 23 AUGUST 1945. The PLAQUE is AWARDED to SERVICE UNITS for SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY in the PERFORMANCE of EXCEPTIONALLY DIFFICULT TASKS and the ACHIEVEMENT and MAINTENANCE of a HIGH STANDARD OF DISCIPLINE for the PERIOD from 15 NOVEMBER 1944 to 15 MAY 1945.

From the time of activation to the present date an accurate record of the 124th Armored Engineer Battalion personnel and their activities was kept by the S-2 Section. This volume contains 150 pages, over 300 photographs and drawings and many newspaper clippings.

HISTORY OF THE 124TH ARMORED ENGINEER BATTALION

This history is dedicated to the achievements of the 124th Armored Engineer Battalion and to the men who died to make this history possible. The men of the battalion worked hard in training and doubly hard in combat. Whether the job was to erect an 82-foot flagpole at Camp Beale, Calif., or throw a treadway bridge across a Bavarian river under fire, they knew their stuff, and got the job done. Training at Camp Beale and Camp Bowie, Tex., stood them in good stead on the battlefields of Germany.

In the early days of January, 1945, the Engineers completed their preparation for combat as they got ready to pull out of Camp Bowie. Behind them were many months of hard training, building bridges, laying mines, constructing fortified areas for division problems, and going on maneuvers. Ahead were the minefields of France and Germany, the blasted bridges, and the ever-present 88s which the Germans were to use so profusely. The battalion arrived at Camp Kilmer, N. J., on January 14, was processed for the trip to Europe, and sailed three days later from New York on the U. S. S. *Marine Devil*.

Early on the morning of the 20th the ship developed engine trouble and was forced to fall out of the convoy. Although damages were repaired in 18 hours, the ship was not allowed to rejoin the convoy because of the suspected presence of enemy submarines between her and the convoy. Escorted by a Navy Escort Destroyer, and Lt. Kelsey looking for submarines from the bridge, the ship returned to the United States at Staten Island, on the 24th of January.

Here the battalion debarked and proceeded by rail to Camp Shanks, N. Y. After a rush clothing inspection, the battalion boarded the U. S. Army Transport *George Washington*. The ship sailed the following morning, and the battalion debarked on the night of 7 February at Le Havre, France, and proceeded to Fresnay le Long, France, arriving there at 0430, 8 February.

It was here that the advance detachment rejoined the battalion. Headquarters and Headquarters Company were billeted in Chateau Neauflard. Companies A, B, and C secured billets by moving the cows into one end of their barns and themselves into the other. Shortly after the arrival at Fresnay le Long, battalion personnel unboxed and prepared its equipment for combat use. On 25 February the battalion—minus Headquarters Company—moved

to Sassetot, near Fecamp, France, to attend a refresher course in German mine fields.

After a lecture course which lasted for three days, and several night problems in the local cafe, the battalion moved to St. Pierre-en-Port to remove German mine fields which had been laid approximately a year earlier to protect the French coast from invasion. In a period of two and one-half days the battalion cleared an area of 21,185 square yards. 347 anti-tank mines, 419 anti-personnel mines were removed, nine 270-mm. French naval shells were defused. During the period there were no casualties.

On Friday the 16th of March the battalion left Fresnay le Long, for Luneville, France—a rear assembly area—before being committed to action. The 320 mile trip took three days to complete. The next few weeks were spent in various parts of Germany, including Zweibrucken, Idar-Oberstein and Homberg. During this period the battalion supplied the Division with maps, and water, and maintained roads while the Division supported Military Government. A few hours were also spent in basements, dodging “Bed Check Charlie,” a Jerry plane which returned each night at dusk to strafe.

While at Homberg, near Kassel, the Division received orders to relieve the Fourth Armored Division, but before any elements were committed, the Division was assigned to the XVIII Corps (Airborne), of the First Army, and marched 148 miles to the vicinity of Siegburg to assist in cleaning up the Ruhr Pocket. The companies were attached to various Combat Commands.

On the 10th and 11th of April, after jumping off in the attack at Siegburg, Company C built a 228-foot treadway bridge over the Agger River, in the vicinity of Siegburg. Company B erected an 82-foot treadway bridge over the Agger River, at Lohmar. Company A, during this period, constructed a 72-foot treadway bridge over the Wupper River, at Burrig. Captain Karrick and Company A, craftily sought to deceive the enemy by performing the operation during darkness, but all their plans were to no avail as Company B succeeded in placing a trailer loaded with 1,500 pounds of TNT directly in the path of a German mortar shell. The resulting boom and flash left no doubt in the enemy’s mind that something was cooking. Company A also discovered and marked a mine field at Hennef, and disarmed H. E. charges on a bridge in the vicinity of Burrig.

The combat life of the battalion in the Ruhr was brief, however, for on 18 April while the battalion CP was at Mettman, southeast of Dusseldorf, the Germans in the pocket surrendered, and the battalion moved south to Dell bruck, east of Cologne, to prepare for future operations.

On the 20th of April orders were received to return to the Third Army, and the battalion moved to Southern Germany along with Division under XX Corps control. The first move was to a forward assembly area in the vicinity of Nuremberg. Jumping off again by crossing the Danube River, the battalion followed CCB to Straubing. At this time, the entire Division was held up along the Isar River, from Plattling to Worth.

On 29 April the first major engineer casualties of the campaign were suffered. Lt. Col. McCullough, Battalion Commander, was seriously wounded by artillery fire at Mamming. Major Berry, Battalion Executive Officer, was also wounded, but took command of the battalion. First Lt. John E. Kelly, first platoon leader of Company A, was killed by enemy artillery fire while reconnoitering a bridge site at Mamming.

Company B, with the aid of the 245th Engineer (C) Battalion and the 995th Treadway Bridge Company, constructed 540 feet of M-2 floating treadway bridge over the Isar River at Plattling. The bridge enabled the division to cross the river and chase the Germans southward to the Inn River. On 1 May the companies were set up, in a light snow, along the northern side of the Inn River, between Braunau and Neu Otting. On 2 May 1945, the first platoon of Company A assisted Task Force Downey in a boat crossing of the Inn River at Kohlburg, and later constructed a flying ferry to transport light vehicles. On 3 May plans had been completed and construction was well under way to the extent of completing the approaches of an M-2 floating treadway bridge at Marktl, when orders were received to suspend operations.

After V-E Day, while waiting to be redeployed the men of the battalion participated in an extensive athletic program. The Special Service Officer also made arrangements for the men to visit Chiem See, Konig See and Berchtesgaden. When word was received to start packing and prepare for shipment to the United States, the various companies of the battalion took over German lumber mills and equipment to make a sufficient number of boxes to move the equipment of the Division.

On the 25th of June 1945, Companies B and C left Marktl by motor convoy for Camp Atlanta, in the vicinity of Rheims, France. The following day, Headquarters and Company A started the trip by rail, in the French "40 & 8's". The entire battalion was assembled at Camp Atlanta by 1 July. While at Camp Atlanta, the men of the battalion received new clothing, completed the packing



LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLAY E. MCCULLOUGH
Former Commanding Officer

of TAT equipment, and saw gay Paree with its wine, women and song. The evening of 11 July the battalion boarded a train for a two-day trip to Camp Old Gold in the vicinity of Le Havre. On the evening of 13 July the men were transported to Le Havre, and boarded the Dutch Ship *Noordham*, and at 0600 the following day said, "Au Revoir" to France.

After a ten-day trip across the Atlantic the ship docked at Pier 16 at the Staten Island Terminal. From the terminal to Camp Kilmer, everyone gazed with wonder at the girls, who, when whistled at, responded with a "hello" or "hi" instead of "Nix Fershtay" or "No Compree." Kilmer looked better in July than in January.

While at Kilmer, the main topics of conversation were, "When do we get home," and "How many points have you?" However, the paper mill at Camp Kilmer finally ground out its last order for the battalion, and about 1800 on July 24th, the 124th began its last train ride toward those much spoken of 30 days at home.

But, even before their 30 days had passed, the war ended with an earth-shattering roar as the atomic bombs hit Hiroshima and Nagasaki. So when the Division re-assembled again at Camp Cooke, Calif., the days of fighting were over for the Engineers. Days long to be remembered with memories of both joy and sadness but above all—of a job well done.

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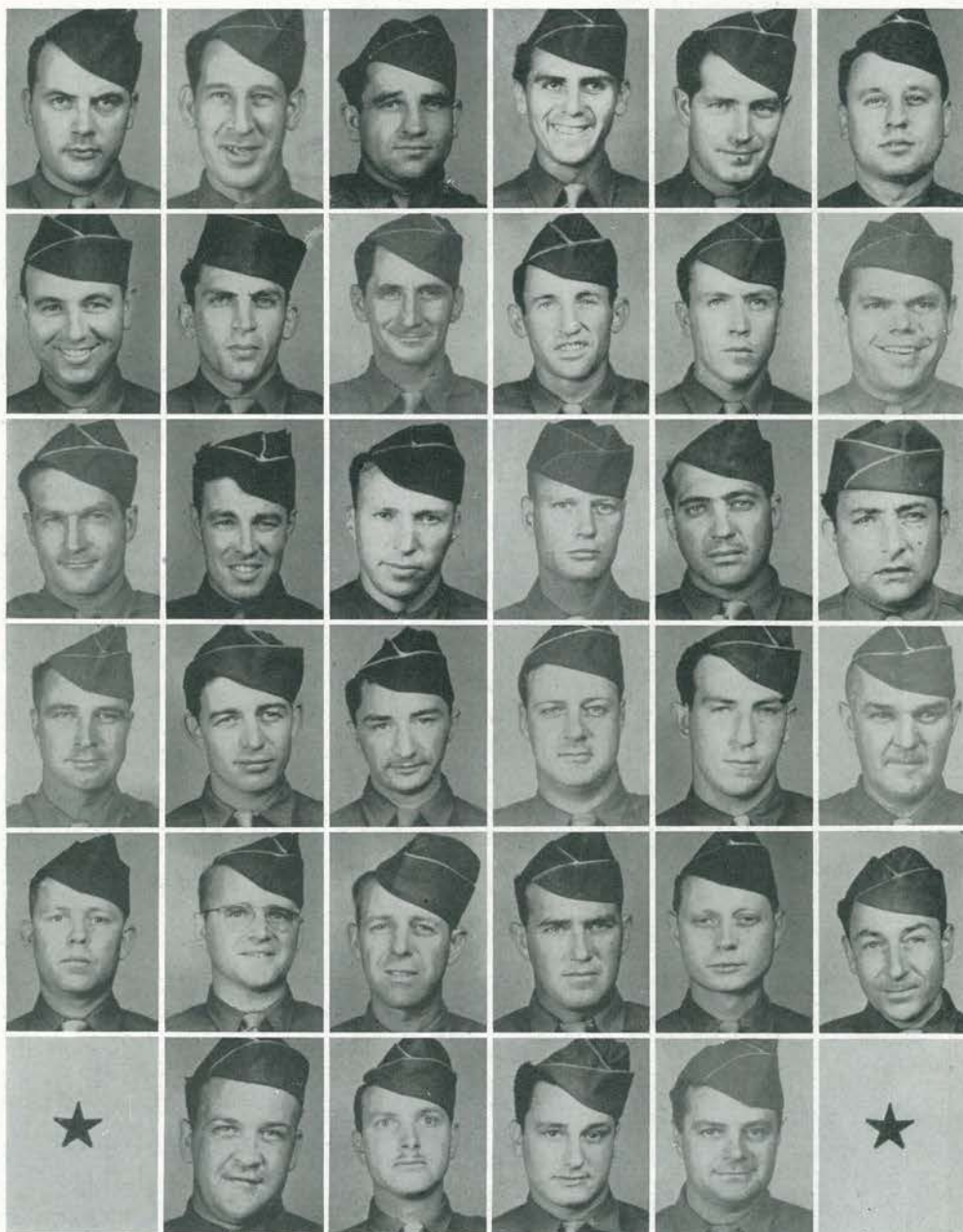
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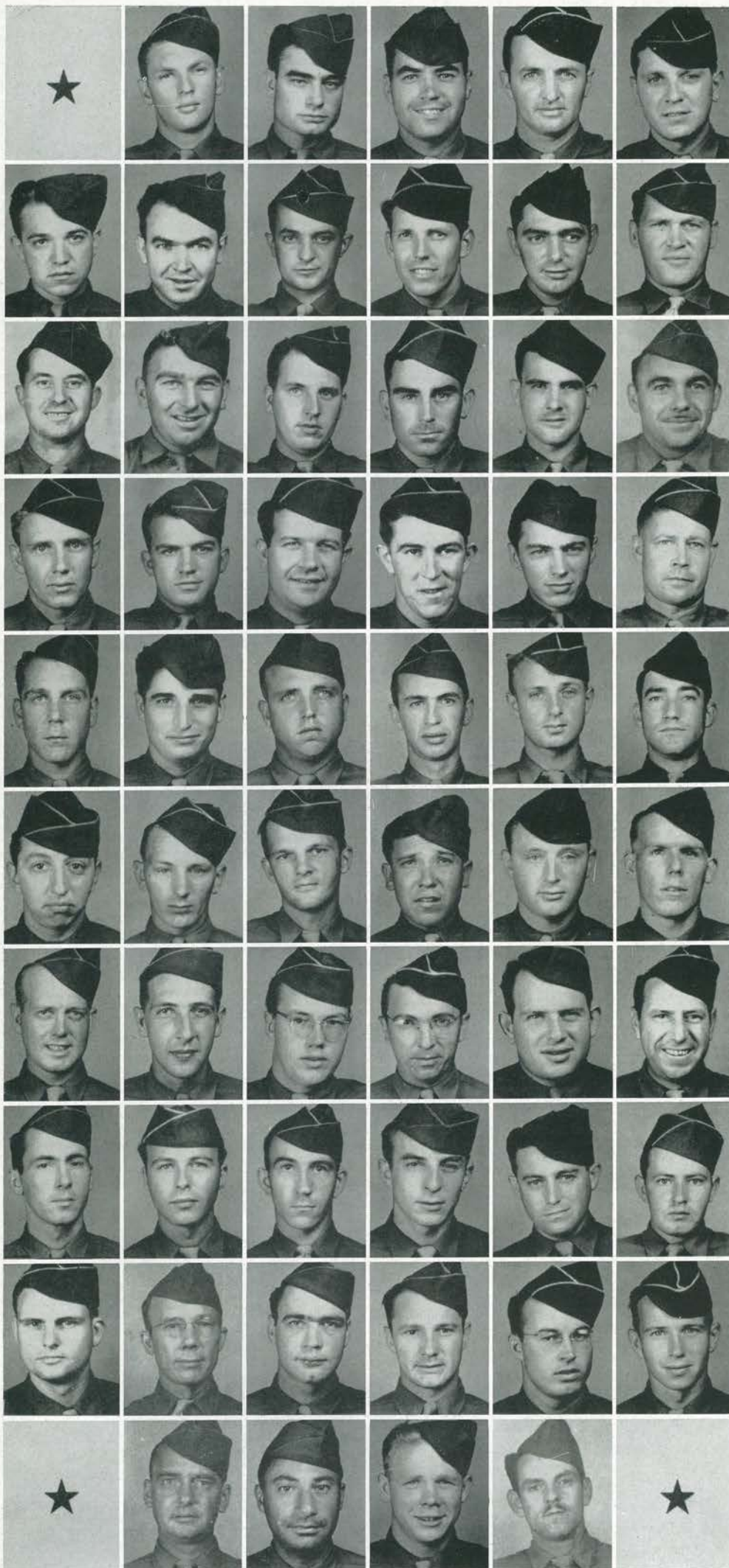
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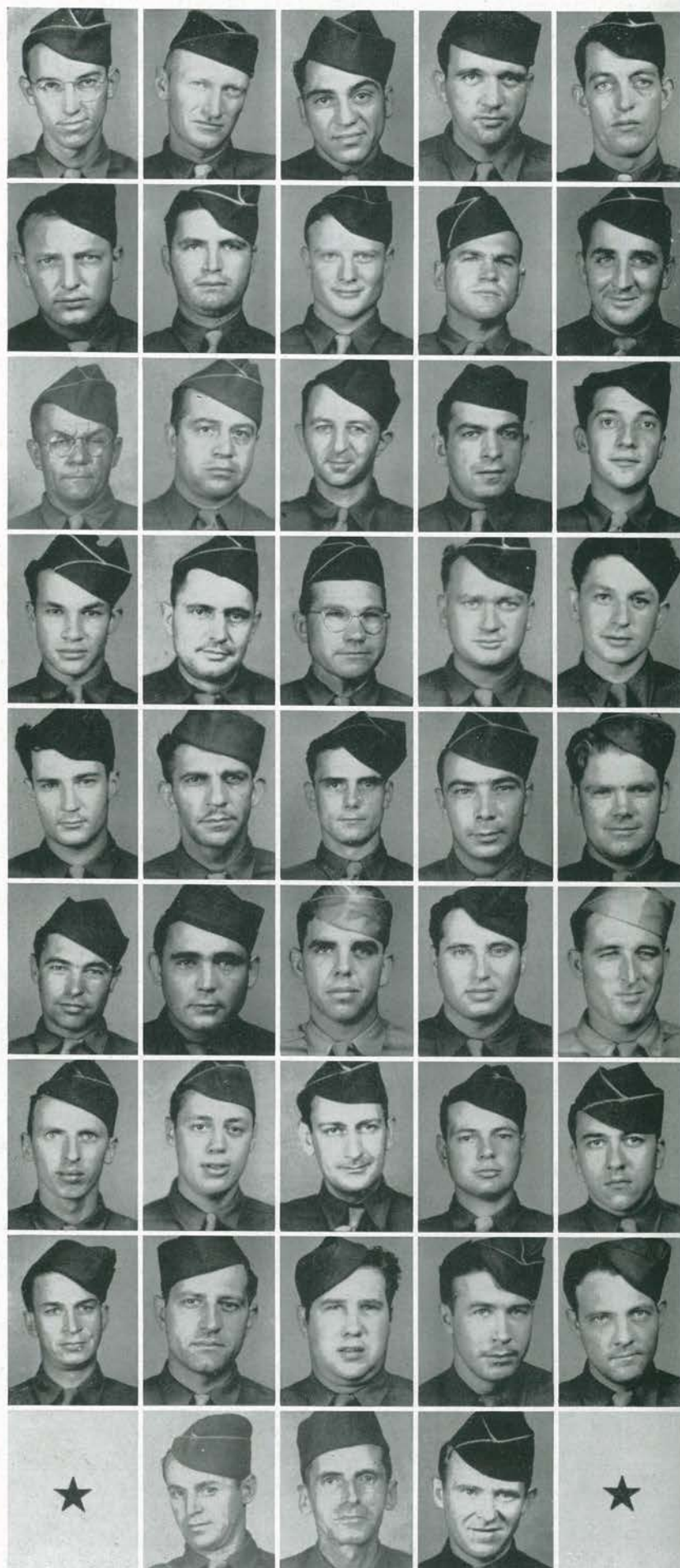
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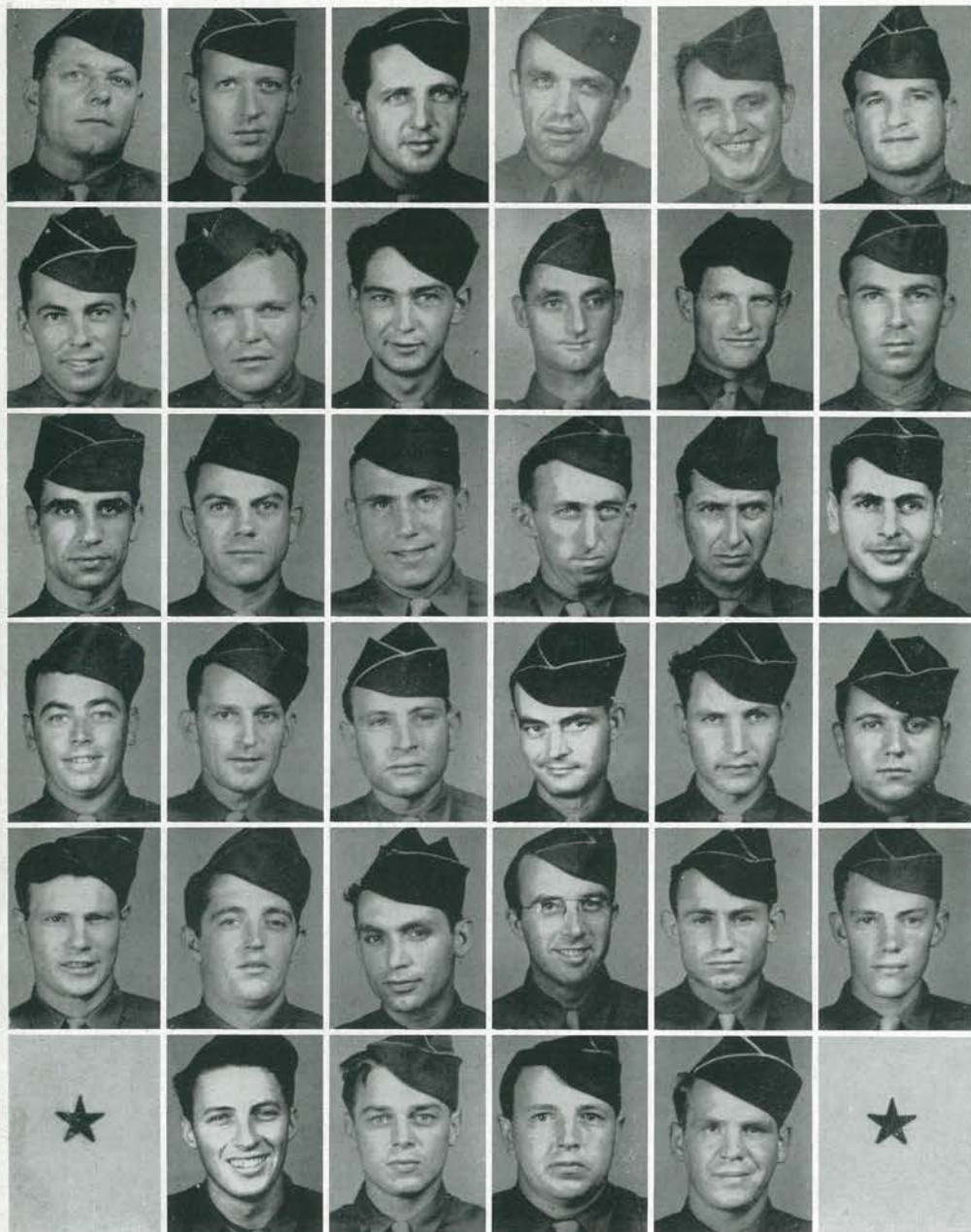
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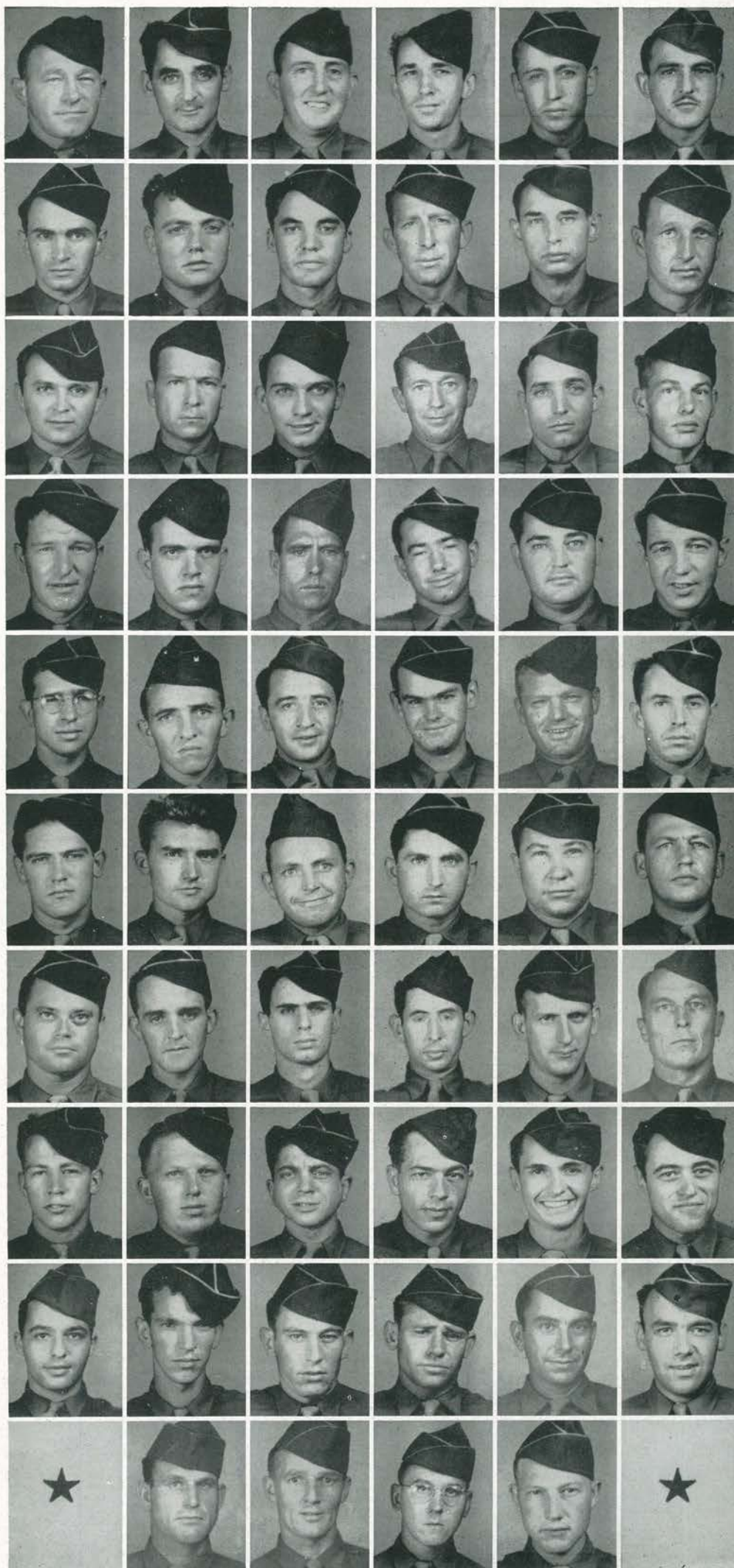
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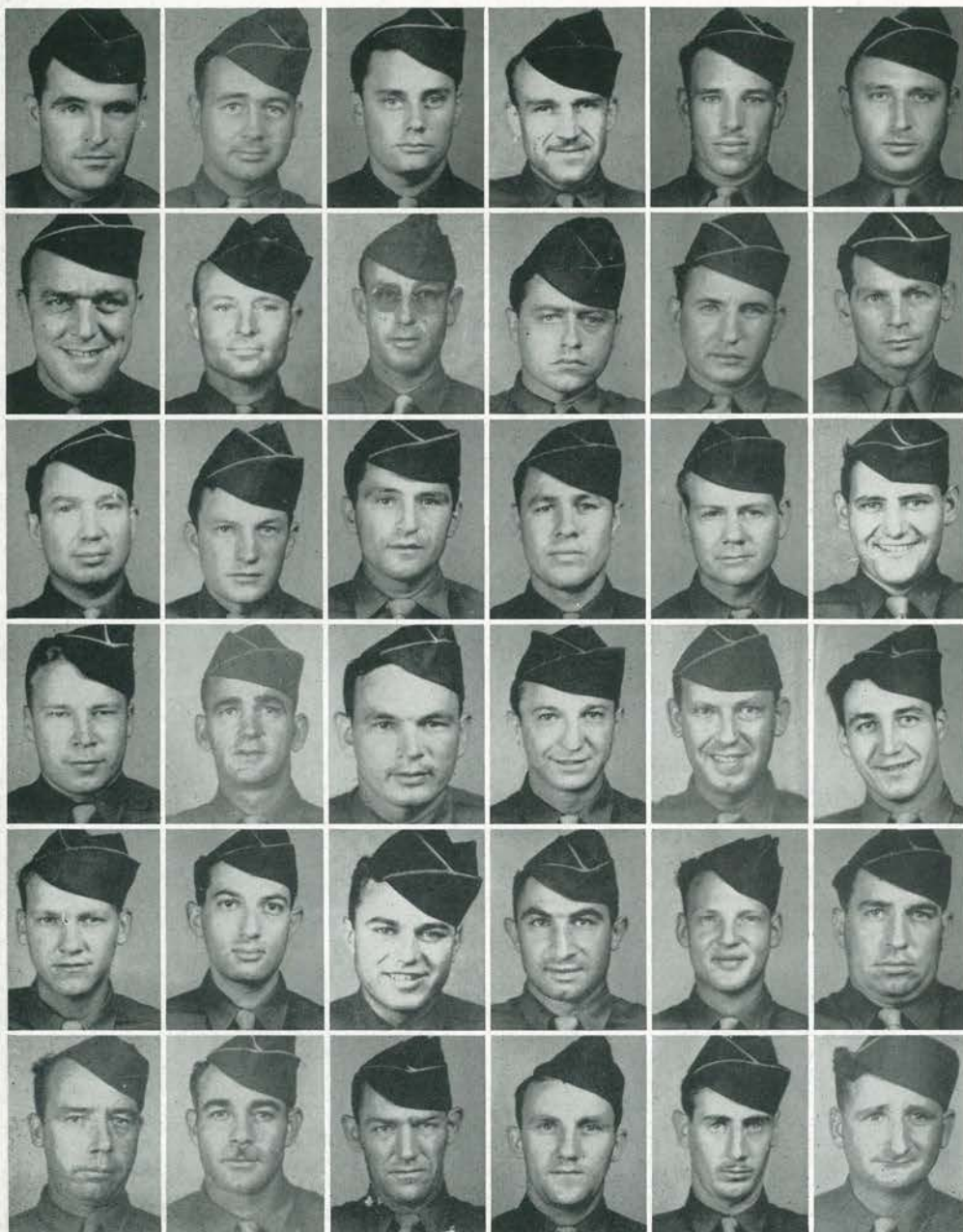
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SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO : Commanding General, 13th Armored Division

Modern warfare has made necessary the introduction of new units and new techniques to ensure victory in battle. The 13th Armored Division, activated at Camp Beale, California, on 15 October 1942 as a result of the need for armored units, proved in training and in combat the adaptability and genius of the American soldier in all methods of warfare.

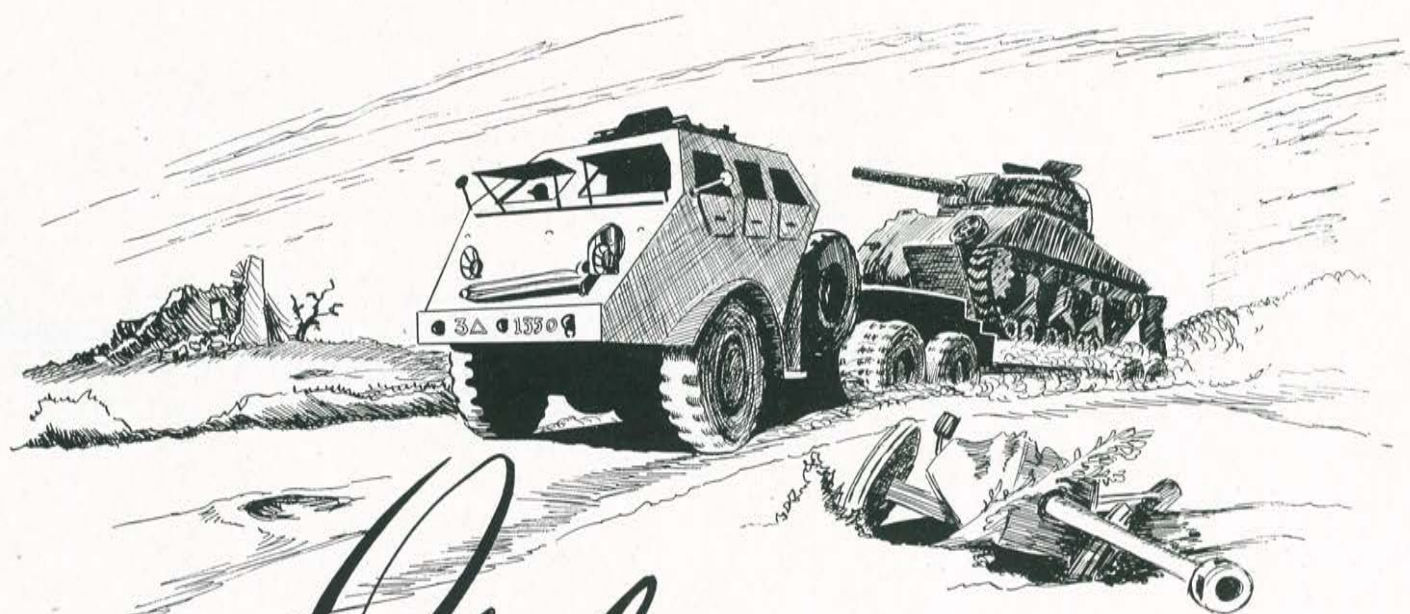
Since the time when I was Commanding General of the Armored Force, I have followed the career of the Black Cat Division with interest and pride. After the completion of training, much of which you did at Camp Bowie, Texas, you arrived overseas early in 1945, and your tankers quickly earned for themselves the respect of the enemy. Joining the Third Army, you participated brilliantly in the final drive across the Danube River deep into Southern Germany. Your officers and men, despite their comparatively brief period in battle, fought with boldness, bravery and skill, winning a firm place in the heritage of our country.

Those of the 13th Armored who find themselves in new tasks, now that the division is being inactivated, will continue to serve their country, I know, with enthusiasm and steadfastness, until our military strength can safely be reduced.

The men in the 13th Armored Division will be forever included among the heroes of our country, and it is for me a proud occasion to be able to commend you most heartily, in the name of all Americans, for your gallant service in defense of freedom.

Jacob L. Devers
JACOB L. DEVERS,
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135th Ordnance Maintenance Battalion



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A HISTORY OF THE 135TH ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE BATTALION



LT. COL. RICHARD A. BLAIR, *Commanding*

The 135th Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion was activated on September 15, 1942 at Camp Perry, Ohio. The battalion departed for Camp Beale, California, on October 21st of the same year, and there became a part of the 13th Armored Division. At Camp Beale training consisted of individual and unit tests followed by combined operations. On December 14, 1943 the Division traveled to Camp Bowie, Texas where further combined training, field exercise and POM requirements were carried out. Finally the Division was alerted for overseas movement, and the battalion departed by rail for the Camp Kilmer, N. J., staging area on 10 January 1945, arriving there January 13th. On 18 January the battalion left New York Pier 61 aboard the S.S. Marine Devil. The voyage was uneventful until the morning of 20 January, when engine trouble forced the ship to ride at sea anchor throughout the entire day with only one destroyer escort vessel left behind for protection. The following day, however, found the ship on its way back to the New York port where we landed on 23 January and then traveled to Camp Shanks, N. Y. The following day we left the NYPOE again aboard the USAT George Washington.

The second crossing was uneventful, and the ship docked at Le Havre, France on 6 February. Debarking in LCVP's we boarded large Quartermaster trucks, and after a quick glimpse of war-torn Le Havre proceeded to Auffay,

France, in the Division assembly area. Here shop areas were prepared, unpacking was begun, and the battalion began an active period of processing the Division's vehicles and rolling stock as well as designing and applying a large number of modifications.

Finally preparations were completed, and movement orders received by the battalion on 16 March. The companies moved out in convoy travelling eastward across France into the Seventh Army sector with Hq. and A Companies arriving in Einville, Company C at Serres, and Company B in position at Mazieres. From this point the Division was first committed to action when artillery, supported by an Ordnance detachment, fired its first rounds on German soil.

The battalion departed from its area on 26 March and on that date moved into Zweibrucken, Germany. We had our first taste of enemy activity on the night of the 27th when a German plane bombed and strafed an adjacent unit, inflicting damage and casualties. We came under Third Army control on April 1st and 2nd with Hq. and C Companies at Morbach, Company A at Saarburg, and Company B at Kirn. From this location the battalion began a series of rapid moves, supporting the Division as it moved forward to a position southeast of Kassel to relieve the combat weary 4th Armored Division.

At the same time, however, crack Nazi divisions which

had been cut off and surrounded in the Ruhr Valley now threatened to break out of the pocket. The Division was alerted to move under control of the First Army.

The battalion assembly area at the termination of this 175 mile move into First Army territory was near Uckerath which was very close to the front lines where the Division was attempting to bridge a river in the vicinity of Siegburg and Hennef. The next advance made on 11 April carried the battalion into the city of Siegburg, which was within range of the enemy, with 88's shelling a road junction not far from the Company B area on the German Autobahn.

On 14 April all four companies moved forward to the Ruhr city of Dellbrück, which had not been completely cleared by the time of our arrival. The battalion was located in former Nazi garrison buildings, and by being close to the front was able to furnish immediate maintenance to all units within the Division.

From this location the three Combat Commands separated and took different routes in the Ruhr Pocket assault. On 5 April Company B was detached to CCR which was to move forward with the 8th Infantry Division in support of the attack to the northeast. Hq. and A Companies departed from Dellbrück on 17 April and closed in the following day at the forward area of Mettmann. By this time the Division had captured nearly 12,000 German prisoners and the Ruhr campaign was rapidly drawing to a close. On 18 April Company B returned to battalion control and went into bivouac at Ruppichteroth.

With the Battle of the Ruhr terminated, the Division was faced with the tremendous problem of moving all its men and equipment hundreds of miles southeast across Germany to rejoin the Third Army for the Danube Basin operations.

At the time of the movement the Division was spread throughout the southern half of the Ruhr with units at Bensburg, Siegburg, Wissen, Morsbach and Siegen. The Division planned to move out of the Ruhr area on three routes, all to finally converge at Limburg. The Ordnance plan was to place small maintenance crews in Vehicle Collecting Points at various intervals on all routes of march with these crews leap-frogging forward as their areas were cleared of work. Company C remained at Hennef to finish all back-logs of work left by the Division in the Ruhr area while Headquarters Company furnished a roving spare parts section in support of the latter company Vehicle Collecting Points. Company B opened Vehicle Collecting Points at Burbach, Hanau, Wachtelsbach, Lohr, Werneck, Hasfurt, Bamberg, and Uttenreuth, and Company A supplied two roving patrols as well as maintaining Vehicle Collecting Points at Altenkirchen, Limburg, Esch, and Morlen.

The movement was completed between the 19th and

26th April with a total of approximately 750 bogie wheels exchanged during the march. By the 28th of April the Division was committed to combat in the Danube Basin operation with 95% of its vehicular strength.

The Danube Basin Campaign carried the Division across the Danube and Isar Rivers and through the key German cities of Regensburg and Straubing. By April 29 the battalion had moved forward as far as the Mitt Harthausen Airfield near Straubing, where shops were set up in hangars. On 2 May battalion headquarters and Company A arrived in Eggenfelden setting up billets in the town square and adjacent areas, with Hq. Company and Company C arriving there the following day. The battalion received some 240 liberated American prisoners for temporary care, and gave them large quantities of clothing and other personal items as well as a good shower.

C Company moved from Eggenfelden to Simbach while B Company finally located in Eisenfelden. At 0001 on May 9th the official proclamation of the end of hostilities in the ETO was announced and the foremost question in all minds rapidly became "What next?" During the next few weeks the Division had a period of police duties and recreational features, which included trips to Hitler's birthplace at Braunau and his mountain retreat at Berchtesgaden. Finally on 10 June the Unit was alerted for redeployment by way of the USA.

On 24 June the battalion departed by truck for Camp Atlanta near Mailly, France arriving there on 27 June. At this location final equipment turn-in was completed and on 9 July we left for Camp Old Gold by rail, arriving there the following day.

Here we awaited our ship, the USS Explorer. We boarded her on the 19th of July and sailed the same day. After an uneventful voyage we docked in Boston on the 27th and proceeded by rail to Camp Myles Standish where we remained approximately 24 hours. The battalion then split up as the men left for their respective state reception centers and a well earned thirty days at home.

The month spent at home provided some of the most spectacular news in a great many years, with the devastating atomic bomb and the final capitulation of Japan being the highlights. The first week in September found the battalion returning from leave and assembling at Camp Cooke, California.

Since our arrival here, the main topics of discussion have been the point system and discharges. Quite a few of our high point men are already wearing civilian clothes again. Further history of this unit as a battalion will be one of a gradual reduction in personnel until the 135th no longer exists, but the memories of a job well done and the many friendships developed will remain with all of us for a long time to come.

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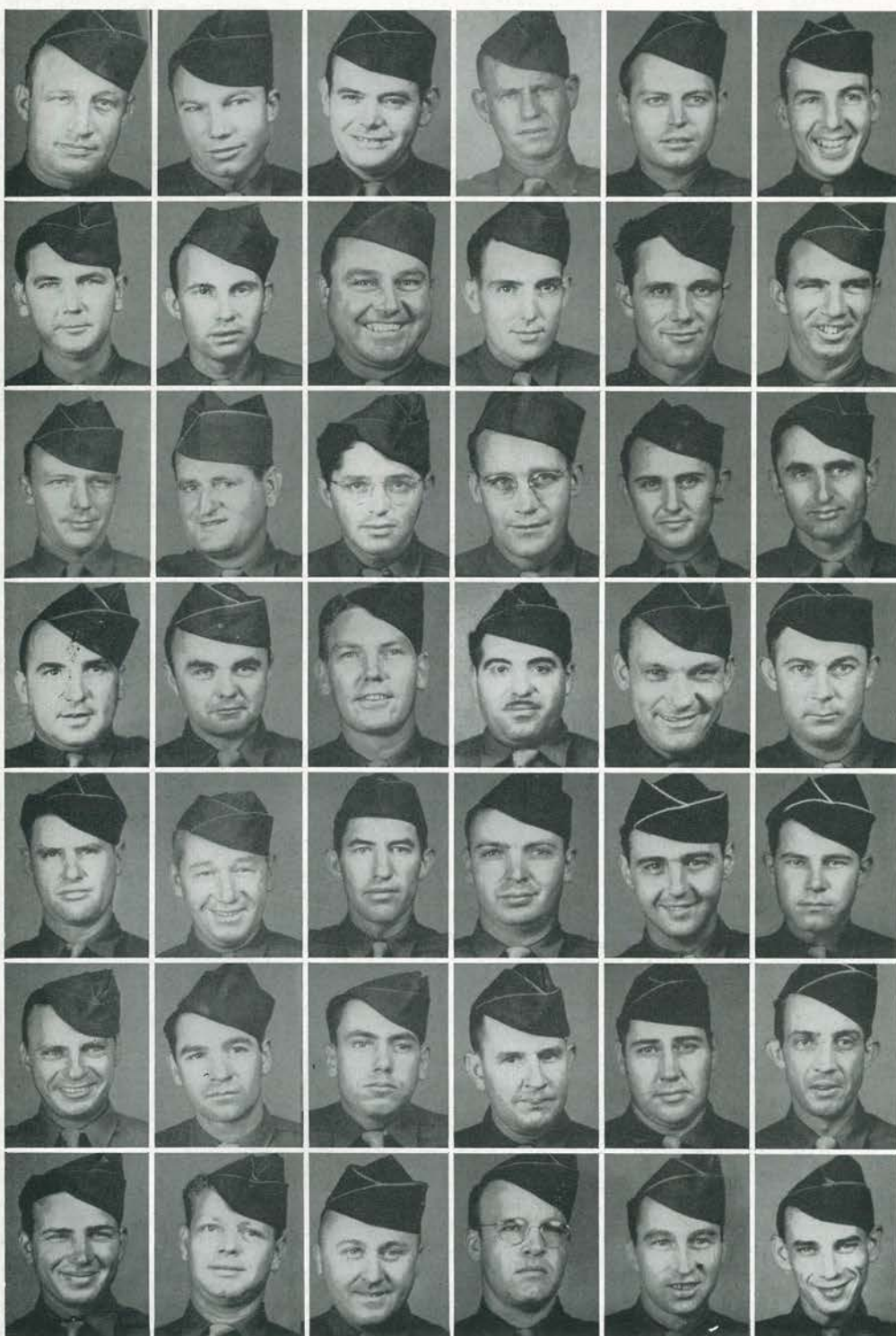
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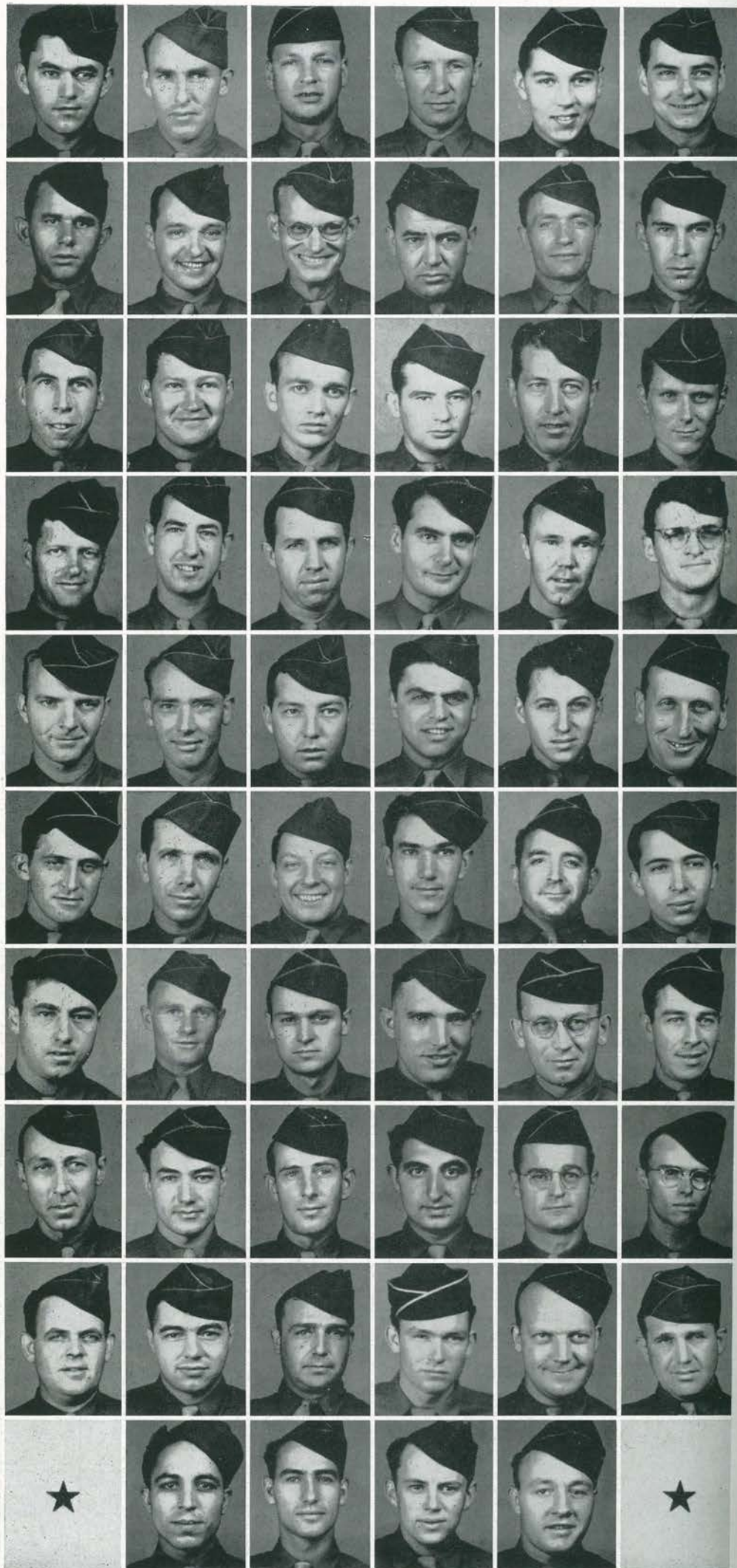
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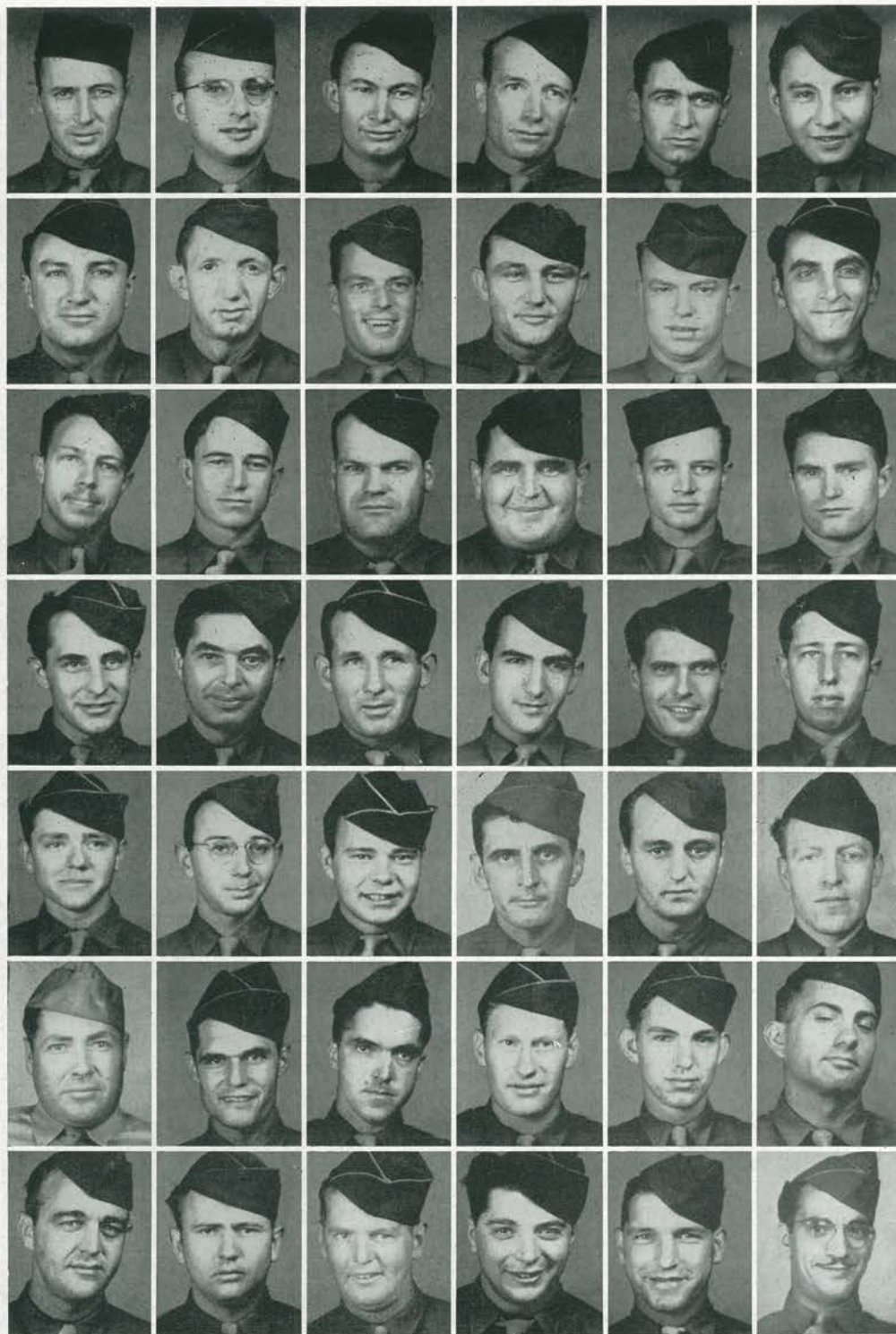


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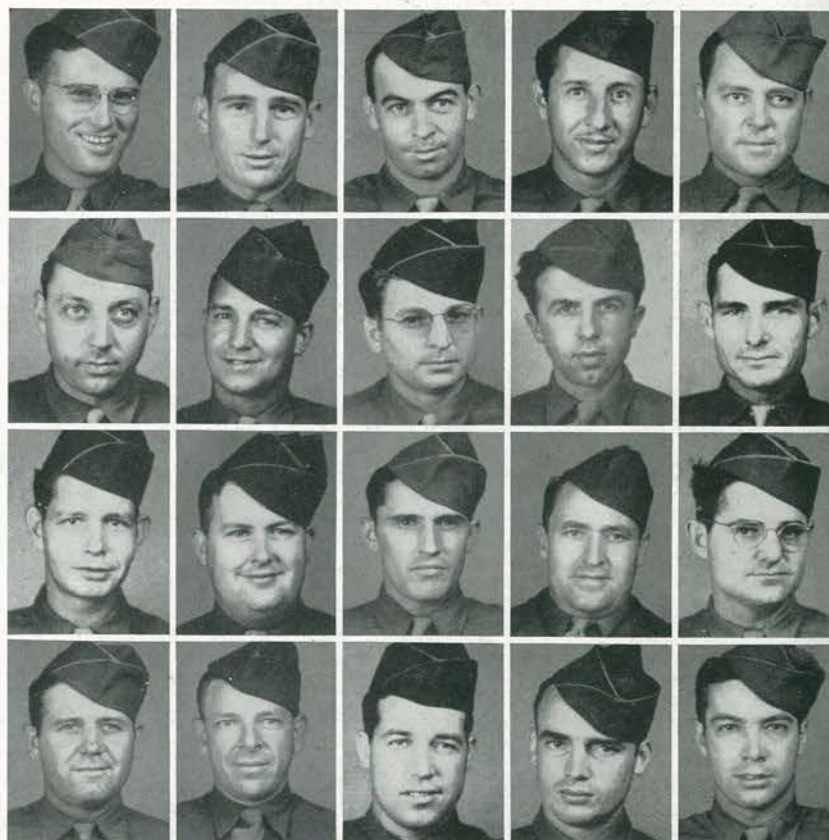
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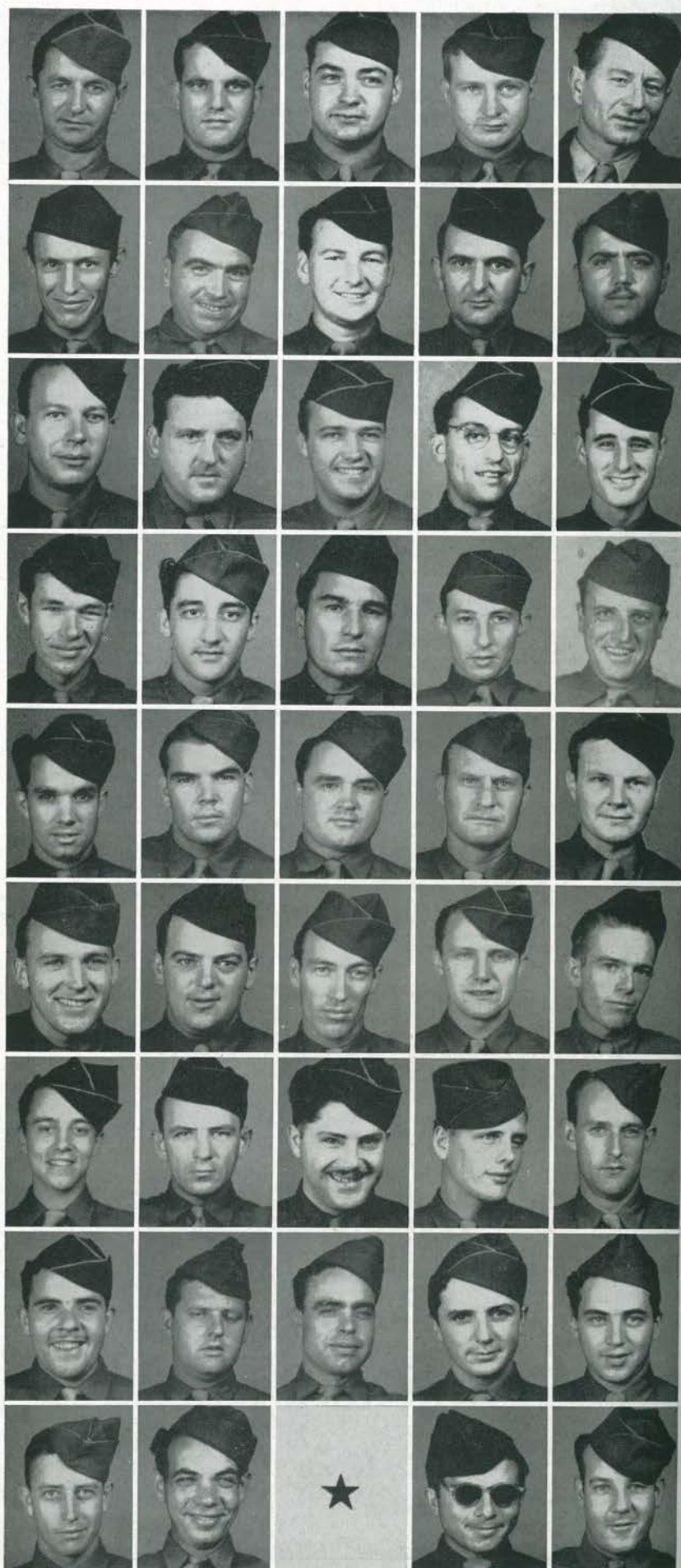
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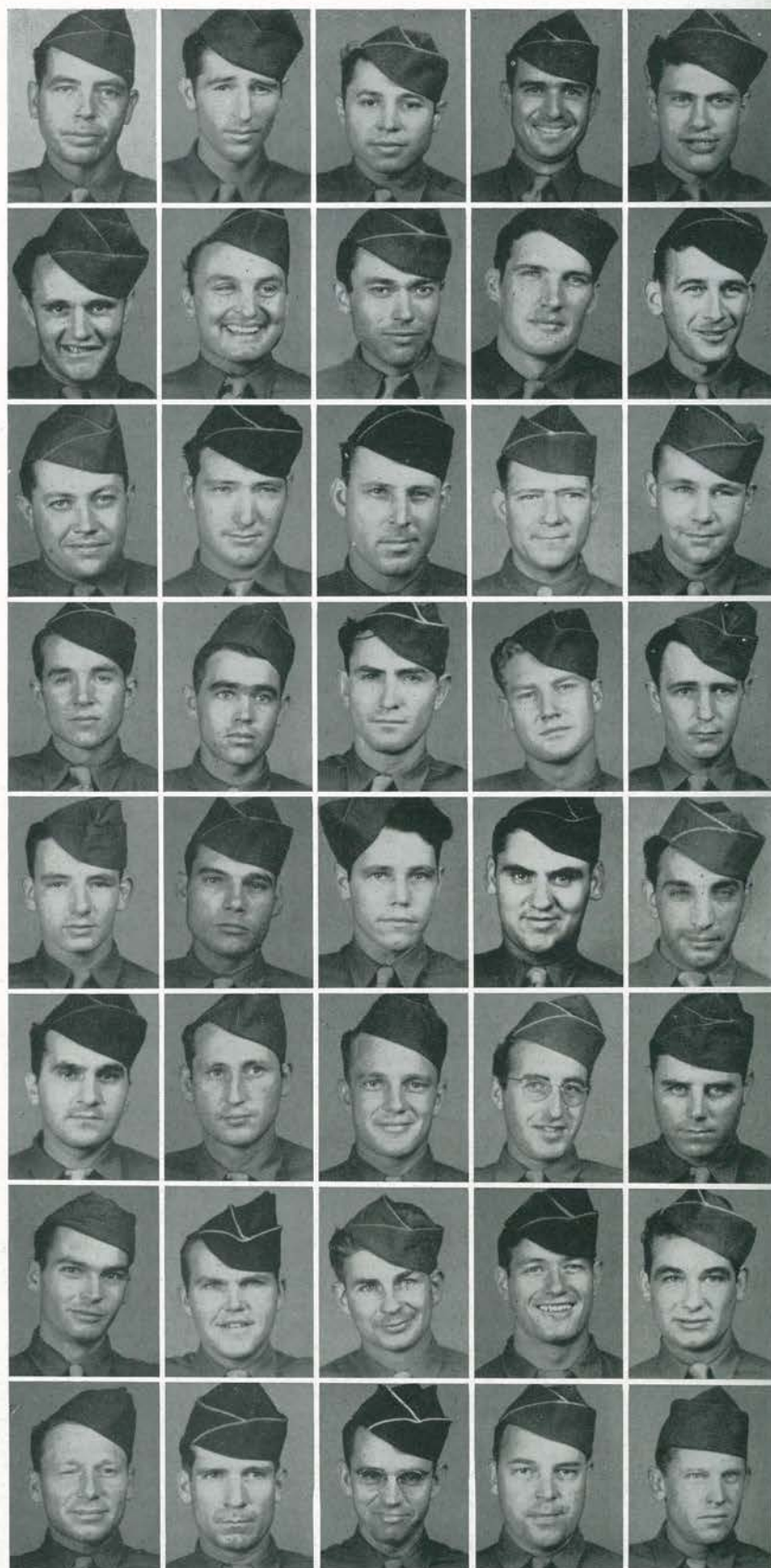
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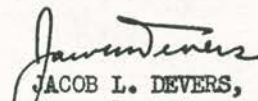
TO : Commanding General, 13th Armored Division

Modern warfare has made necessary the introduction of new units and new techniques to ensure victory in battle. The 13th Armored Division, activated at Camp Beale, California, on 15 October 1942 as a result of the need for armored units, proved in training and in combat the adaptability and genius of the American soldier in all methods of warfare.

Since the time when I was Commanding General of the Armored Force, I have followed the career of the Black Cat Division with interest and pride. After the completion of training, much of which you did at Camp Bowie, Texas, you arrived overseas early in 1945, and your tankers quickly earned for themselves the respect of the enemy. Joining the Third Army, you participated brilliantly in the final drive across the Danube River deep into Southern Germany. Your officers and men, despite their comparatively brief period in battle, fought with boldness, bravery and skill, winning a firm place in the heritage of our country.

Those of the 13th Armored who find themselves in new tasks, now that the division is being inactivated, will continue to serve their country, I know, with enthusiasm and steadfastness, until our military strength can safely be reduced.

The men in the 13th Armored Division will be forever included among the heroes of our country, and it is for me a proud occasion to be able to commend you most heartily, in the name of all Americans, for your gallant service in defense of freedom.


JACOB L. DEVERS,
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You are in Division Headquarters and so there are orders to attack and there are the objectives plotted clearly on the impersonal overlays. Then there are momentous messages that filter in from field command posts and you learn that "Task Force Yon" has crossed the Sieg River and "Task Force Smith has captured Braunau." You are then right in the middle of the Big Picture, but all of this time things are happening to you and these are the Little Pictures. They don't pop up in the history books, these two-bit items, but because they belong only to you and the men you shared K-Rations with, they are the things you remember most as you sit around and look back on it all today.

There was, if you want to think about it, that great fleet of ships waiting to convoy a mighty armored division to a war across the seas. But there were also the cold winds that whipped around New York harbor and the snow

and the murderous weight of the duffel bag on your poor GI back as you staggered up to the deck of the transport *Marine Raven* and then practically collapsed down into the sweating hold. Then there were throbbing engines and hulls swishing through water and then that vast Atlantic Ocean which you scarcely noticed because you were too busy being seasick over the side of the ship.

German U-Boats nosing around the convoy gave you a few rugged moments on the night the transport was heading toward the English Channel. It was as dark as Hitler's heart there in the bowels of the boat and the *Raven* shuddered and shook every time there was an explosion in the nearby waters. Of course those noises were really friendly sounds. Just depth charges going off—but how were you to be sure they weren't torpedoes? You laughed and told the boys that "Adolph has his nerve trying to sink the 13th Armored" but then you excused yourself and went to the latrine. And couldn't get in because the house was sold out.

Remember the arrival in Le Havre? The numbing sight of the rubble and wreckage and the shattered remains of what was once one of Europe's greatest ports? And the shabby freezing men huddled along the pier who begged for smokes and mumbled "Merci" as they scrambled for your presents? "Merci" was the first French word you heard spoken in France but you kept hearing it again and again during the next month as you handed out chocolate to scrawny boys and cigarettes "pour Papa" and gum to curly-haired little girls and soap to curly-haired bigger girls. And as you tossed over crisp franc notes to cafe proprietors in return for that amazing liquid mixture of Lord-knows-what-kind-of-ingredients. They called that combustible drink "Calvados" and you won't soon forget its taste.

Think back too, to those French towns. First Omonville, the little Normandy village which we reached after a ride in open trucks from Le Havre on the coldest night in the history of La Belle France. We crowded into straw-bedded lofts and stables, slept close to each other to fight off the cold, and tried drinking cider as well as Calvados.

We weren't very sorry about leaving that town and heading over to Bacqueville, where we took over a French Chateau as a Division CP. There weren't any beds left in the Chateau but the floor wasn't too hard and the pungent stable odors were happily absent. Men from Headquarters Company moved into an abandoned hospital on the other side of town and we all proceeded to get better acquainted with our Normandy neighbors. We discovered the town was quaint albeit dirty and we found the poor villagers very enthusiastic about the American 13th Armored Division. The women wept when we finally loaded into our half-tracks and pulled up stakes—and later on, after the war had ended and we'd returned to Normandy, a few of us managed to re-visit Bacqueville and the whole town turned out to cheer and to set them up at the local Cafes.

Avricourt followed Bacqueville and we reached it after a three-day road march across the heart of France. It was a town that had been caught in the fury of two wars and so there wasn't much to it except blasted houses and piles of wreckage. While in Avricourt, Division Artillery went into action to support the Seventh Army's drive through the Siegfried Line and then we all headed across the border into the Saar Basin and the country that produced Adolph Hitler and two wars within one generation.

The AG Office and the Administration Center crowd by this time had moved from Totes up to Luneville and were proceeding to bury themselves under a mountain of per-





sonnel records and reinforcement reports. APO 263's collective back was collapsing at the spine under a staggering load of sugar reports and money order requests and Finance's big money men were busy transforming francs into marks. The troops like all varieties of money, was the way they felt about it. Meanwhile the Chaplain's Section was borrowing civilian churches for GI worship and steeling itself for the task of spiritually caring for Black Cat wounded and dead.

Now how about those German towns? Well, there was Zwiebrücken, which was still smoldering from the Yank artillery pasting it had just received but some parts of the city were still intact and we were startled to discover homes where stolen wealth and easy living had left their marks in living rooms and furnished cellars.

Then there was Idar-Oberstein, a picturesque German town set in the beautiful, rolling valley of the Rhineland. We were amazed to find it absolutely unmarked and to see plump, bovine German citizens strolling down its streets dressed in modern finery. Our next way stop was Homberg and we had to go clear across a pontoon bridge over the Rhine and streak deep into the German Reich before

we reached it. By this time we were about ready to swear off K and C rations for life but we kept right on eating the stuff for all our complaints. Well, we had to live, didn't we?

We got ready to go to war as soon as we settled in Homberg, but our original mission to relieve the Fourth Armored Division on the line was changed and we took the long, long road that led to the First Army front in the Ruhr. On April 10, our forward units contacted the Krauts and on April 11 we whipped over the Sieg River into Siegburg. Artillery and 88 fire was very heavy all around Siegburg, but we were soon on our way into Dellbrück, where we plunked ourselves on feather mattresses and lounged in beautifully decorated, opulent quarters, and remember how we helped liberate a few things the Germans had been nasty enough to steal from our Allies? And the liberated slave laborers who kissed us and cried over us and kept telling us how they'd waited for us for four years or more?

General Wogan was severely wounded while we were at Dellbrück and General Millikin assumed command two days later. We pushed up to Hilden, arriving in town

about an hour after the Germans had skipped out. The firing was very heavy on the edge of the city and we discovered that we were ahead of our armored infantry units. On April 17, we moved over to Mettman while German opposition started to collapse all around us as our armored columns broke through the Nazi defense lines. German soldiers, by the hundreds and the thousands, straggled by us looking for PW cages and we sneered a little and said, "Humph, Supermen, eh?" And remember the Nazi general who assembled together with his staff on the lawn of the Division CP and how we were already becoming expert at making lavish feasts out of C rations cooked on German stoves.

Then the Germans were Kaput in the Ruhr and there were civilians crawling all around us and begging to shine our shoes and insisting again and again that they were "Nichts Nazis." These were the same people who'd thrown out their arms heiling Adolph Hitler a short time back and so we got disgusted and decided to leave them. So off we hurried to Eschenau, a small country town, way down in Bavaria and now we belonged to the Third Army again and we had another job on tap.

General Patton addressed officers and non-coms of the Division at Eschenau—he was exactly the General Patton we'd expected from the newspaper accounts and the newsreels and he left us with the idea that killing German soldiers was an extremely necessary kind of duty. So we went off to action again and remember, please, the Danube, which wasn't blue after all, and the way we struggled to get our vehicles across the river what with the dark and the rain and the quagmires they called roads.

We moved like bolts of blue lightning through Bavaria and found that the plumbing wasn't as good as the Ruhr variety even if the Kraut civilians were the same kind of bootlicking scamps. We hurried in and out of Parsberg and Duerling and Ober-Traubling and Sunching, breathing right down the necks of our forward Combat Command units all the way. In Sunching we found ourselves a castle to bed down in for a night and then there was Aiterhofen. Oh yes, and how about that Nazi flier who was shot down in our area? He maintained that he'd been on the Italian front, heard the war was over and decided to fly home to Leipzig and become a civilian. That was quite a laugh he gave us.



But it was hard to laugh when we got the news that Pfc. Frank Schecter and Capt. John J. Mulvany of the Military Government had been captured by the Germans, lined up in a ditch and murdered. Frank had escaped from Dachau in 1939, came to America and joined the Army so his death at a time when the German Reich was being washed out of the war was all the more disheartening.

It was raining when we got into Tann and we couldn't even push into the town at first because hordes of surrendering Germans were blocking the way into the main square. And then the Hungarians, with their smartly-plumed hats and their medal-clogged uniforms and their attached female contingents, rode the surrender waves into our town and we were almost drowned in the PW flood. We tried to talk the Hungarians out of surrendering to us but those guys just wouldn't take "no" for an answer and pretty soon they were saluting every American private and T/5 in Bavaria, just to keep us hep on our military courtesies.

Then there were our Yugoslav pals who went to work in our field kitchen and learned how to talk a straight GI language. Remember how we dug those crumbled mark notes out of OD pockets to finance the boys' return jour-



ALL THE WAY across the Atlantic, these two sad-faced German boxer dogs lay huddled in the inky blackness of Cpl. Joe Shevak's field bag. But when the 13th debarked at Hampton Roads, Va., Joe trotted them out into the American sunshine. Joe liberated the hounds in Eggenfelden, Germany, and named them "Tito" and "Tann."

ney to Yugoslavia. That was one time when that pithy proverb "It's better to give than to receive" came home to roost.

We remained in Tann until the climactic announcement of Germany's surrender was flashed to the world and after a hectic V-E Day celebration, we settled down in our role as occupation troops.

Then, almost before we knew how to take it, we were rushing back to the States. But we got into Paris before we left Europe and can you ever forget a deal like that Pigalle? Camp Atlanta next and there was Le Havre again only this time the duffel bags were even heavier because of all those Luger pistols and Leica cameras. And there was another Big Picture coming up—an assault on the main island of Japan. And many more Little Pictures that would revolve around the misery of another war. But these Pictures went out of focus and the Atom Bomb suddenly turned out to be the new version of the Big Picture while the beckoning fingers of Main Streets, U.S.A., became the brand new Little Pictures for all of us. And who were we to complain about a little change of focus?



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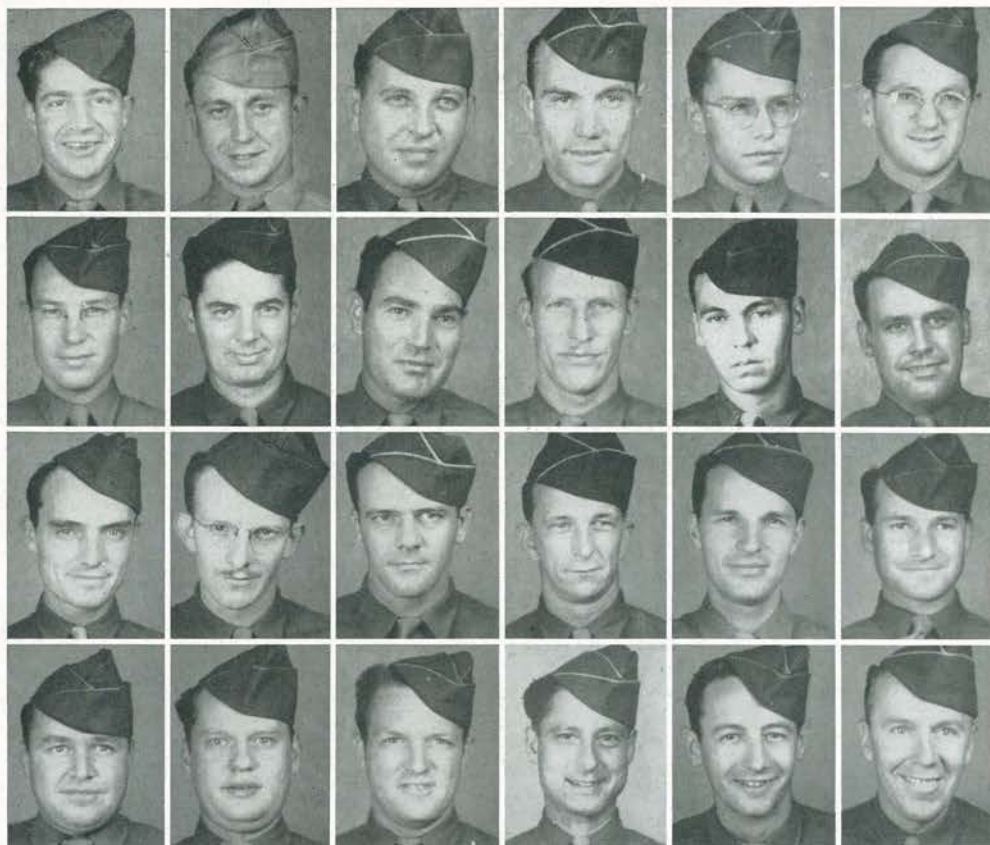
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A HISTORY OF COMBAT COMMAND A

It was cold, on that night of January 17 and for a long time we'll remember vividly the frosty air and the snow flakes that curled around the New York harbor as we hurried on board the "banana boat" that was going to take us to the European Theater of Operations. It had been a long time in the making, this journey to war, but once we moved out of the Port of Embarkation, we found ourselves moving from one event to another with breath-taking speed.

Despite a few submarine scares, our convoy reached Le Havre without incident and CCA debarked on the night of January 29. We rode in open trucks to a small town called Bacqueville and two days later shifted over to Omonville.

For a month and a half CCA underwent a period of

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Commanding Officer



processing in preparation for movement to a combat area, and on 15 March orders were received to move up. The column traveled largely at night in its own vehicles, moving through Compiègne, Soissons, Chateau Thierry, Vitry and Nancy to a forward assembly area in Avricourt, near Luneville on the 18th. The town was badly wrecked by shell-fire, but a large part of the civilian population had returned.

At midnight on the 25th, CCA moved out, headed for German soil. The border was crossed at day-break, and the unit reached Homberg, Germany, in the Saar district, late in the morning. This city showed effects of a terrific Allied bombing and had been taken only five days prior to arrival of the advance units of the 13th.

CCA's mission at Homberg was to assist the Military Government representatives in the area. On April 2, we moved to Lieser on the banks of the Moselle River, and were quartered in a large and picturesque house which had originally been owned by Hitler's Minister of Agriculture. Military Government activities were continued here, and some of the personnel had opportunity to "liberate" German wine.

On 6 April CCA moved to a forward assembly area at Harle, as part of a maneuver in which the 13th Armored Division's mission was to relieve the 4th Armored, then in the Erfurt area. However, new orders were received and a long counter-march was made to Altenkirchen, which was reached on the 9th. A large part of this town was totally wrecked, and effects of accurate Allied shelling and bombing were particularly apparent in the railroad yards and adjacent areas.

It was obvious to everyone that the outfit was getting ready to go into action, and early on the 10th these suspicions were confirmed on receipt of orders to move into the Ruhr pocket area. CCA marched to the vicinity of Hennef, the jumping-off point and bridge site for crossing the Sieg River. The CP and bivouac were set up in a wheatfield on the afternoon of the 10th, and it was in this vicinity that CCA sustained its first losses. First Lieutenant Wilon D. Miller, motor officer, and Corporal Ralph Rich-

ardson, dispatcher, were killed, and Staff Sergeant Edgar D. Riles, motor sergeant, was seriously injured.

Late in the day, CCA moved up to a bivouac in a field near Siegburg. Enemy resistance was strong ahead, and it was learned that German 88-mm. gun positions were strong and numerous in the area. Enemy artillery harassed units under CCA at several points. The weather turned bad, and a steady drizzle set in. Reports were received that the total enemy strength in the Ruhr pocket was greatly in excess of the previously estimated figures. These reports were verified by subsequent operations.

On April 13, CCA was bivouacked near the town of Ball, which was still burning in the wake of our strong artillery bombardment. The next morning we moved into Ball where we were held up by bitter German resistance. On the 14th, we pushed past Mulheim and then continued our advance despite strong artillery, 88 and panzerfaust fire near Hilden. We moved our command post into the city, found time to catch up on our bathing in Hilden's luxurious bath tubs and then took off to continue the advance.

The next day, we started to encounter large columns of surrendering German troops but the German resistance remained strong until the headquarters of Major General Wagener, Von Model's Chief of Staff, was captured. Then organized opposition collapsed. We headed up toward Ratingen where Staff Sergeant William F. Dunn was seriously wounded and then on the 18th we dropped into Berg-Gladbach. On the 18th the Ruhr pocket was declared cleared and on the following day CCA headed back toward Third Army area.

On 26 April CCA moved to Dettenhofen, and the drive on Austria was begun. Weather grew bad during the days that followed, and progress was slow, but enemy resistance proved weak. The Danube River was crossed on the 28th, and CCA was billeted in Postau, where several houses were still burning from artillery shelling. The unit moved out early the next morning, and two days later reached Rottenmann, where Brig. Gen. Weyland B. Augur, resumed command. Word was received here of the death of Captain John J. Mulvany, formerly of CCA.

Enemy forces surrendered in large numbers during the following day's march, merely fighting a delaying action by blowing bridges and then giving themselves up. The

column crossed the Isar River early on 1 May as it neared the Austrian border. That afternoon CCA moved into Simbach, directly across the Inn River from Braunau, Austria, Hitler's birthplace. Braunau was captured the following day, but a serious fuel shortage had developed throughout the Division, and the various units were compelled to remain in their positions. Continued strong reports came in that German military power was collapsing. These reports persisted, and on 8 May the unconditional surrender of the German armies was announced.

During the weeks that followed, CCA remained in Simbach, operating practically on an occupation basis. Late in June we were ordered to turn over our vehicles in preparation for return to the United States and redeployment to the Pacific theater. On 26 June CCA boarded a troop train made up of an assortment of German and French box cars, and headed back toward France. Eight days were spent at Camp Atlanta during which time most of the organization had opportunities to visit Paris and Rheims. On 8 July CCA moved by rail to Camp Old Gold, near Le Havre.

On the morning of the 14th, CCA traveled by truck to Le Havre, boarded the U.S.S. *General McRae*, and by noon had cleared the harbor. Homeward bound!

The company was double-loaded and consequently quarters were cramped, but complaints were few, due to everyone's elation over going home. The Pacific loomed ahead but nobody seemed to be thinking that far in advance. Early on the morning of 23 July the *McRae* steamed into Hampton Roads. Bands blared as CCA and the accompanying organizations debarked and were loaded aboard trains which took them to Camp Patrick Henry. Processing of the most efficient sort began at once, and early the next day members of the company left for their separation centers and thirty-day furloughs.

CCA, along with the other units of the 13th Armored Division, reported at Camp Cooke, California, early in September. V-J Day had come in the interim, and the question on everyone's lips was "now what?" The "point" system became the topic of the day, and then men began to head down the return trail to civilian life, taking with them lasting memories of friendships made during war in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Command A.

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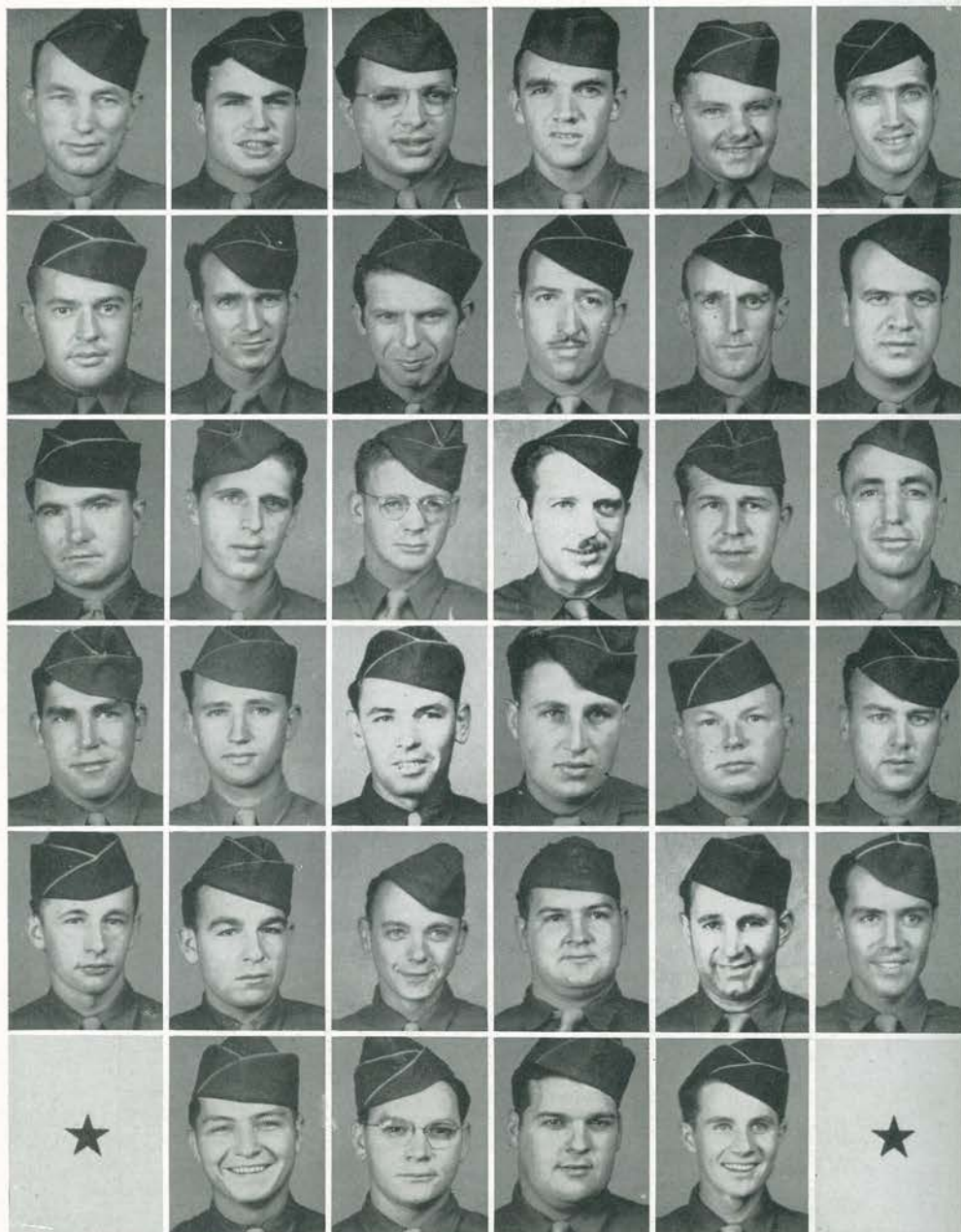
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A HISTORY OF COMBAT COMMAND B

It was on the 11th of January in 1945 that Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Command B, turned in the keys for its installations at Camp Bowie, followed the rest of the Division to the New York Port of Embarkation and proceeded to forget all about garrison life in the United States. On the 15th, we pulled into Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, found the rest of the Division ready to sail to Europe, ran through a clothing check, received an injection or two and hurried on to the gang plank of the U.S.S. *Sea Quail*.

The next day, we were out on the open sea and groping for our seasick pills. On January 29, we pulled into snow-covered, war-shattered Le Havre and debarked on the frozen soil of France. An old and battered train hauled us into our first home in Europe—the ancient village of Muchedent, in the heart of Normandy.

Six weeks were spent in Muchedent during February and

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Commanding Officer



March. The company was busy receiving, unpacking and servicing TAT, organizational equipment, and vehicles, and the headquarters staff was engaged in planning for operations against the enemy; several tactical problems for commanders were prepared and executed.

On 14 March 1945, Headquarters, CCB issued its first field order in Europe by which the command marched to an assembly area vicinity Avricourt, France. CP was set up in Chateau de Gd Seilles near Chazelles, France. The Division was now in Seventh Army Reserve and spent one week there preparing for an expected combat mission.

With the mission of supporting Military Government and policing vicinity Zweibrucken, Germany, the Combat Command marched to that area on 26-27 March and the Command Post was set up in a schoolhouse at Hornbach, Germany. On 28 March the CP was moved to Pirmasens, Germany, and on 2 April when the Combat Command was ordered north to continue police and Military Government support, the Command Post was established in Kirn, Germany.

On 4 April the first personnel of CCB crossed the Rhine River, in the person of the S-3 who accompanied G-3 of the Division to Third U. S. Army Headquarters in Frankfurt on Main. He returned with orders which directed the Division to relieve the 4th Armored Division vicinity of Eisenbach, Germany. CCB crossed the Rhine River at St. Goar on 5 April 1945 and moved into an Assembly Area vicinity Alsfeld, Germany. On 6 April the Command Post was moved from Alsfeld and established in an abandoned German Army installation at Melsungen, where it remained until 8 April 1945.

When the 13th's mission was changed from relieving the 4th Armored Division to that of spearheading the southern attack on the Ruhr pocket, CCB moved its Command Post to Limbach, Germany; and prepared plans for the CC's initial action—that of leading the Division's attack across the Sieg River. On April 10, CCB moved to a forward assembly area south of the Sieg River and at 1630 of the same day we kicked off to the attack.

The Command moved smoothly north to the Aggar River with Headquarters Company following the infantry and tank task force across the Sieg into Siegburg. Our

attack continued northward and on the night of April 12, CCB coiled south of Eil, Germany, hard by the bivouac area of the 496th Armored Field Artillery.

The next morning, the trains of the 59th Armored Infantry Battalion were ambushed in Urbach. A task team from Headquarters Company, CCB and other parts of CCB reserve was rushed to the rescue and after a stiff fight killed 50 Germans and captured 250 to save the Combat Command's supply line from being cut.

Later the same day, the Command Post was established at Dunnwald and a new attack was mounted on April 13. The Germans fought bitterly to hold back our armored thrusts and our CP came under a heavy artillery attack.

The attack directed toward Wiehagen was begun again on 14 April and had advanced to the vicinity of Kalmuhten when the mission of the command was changed. The CP was established northeast of Dunnwald and plans were prepared to attack across the Duhnn and Wupper Rivers through Opladen and toward Mettman. The next night found the CP in Sand and by 1730 on 16 April on the CC objective at Mettman, making plans to continue attack to north.

On the morning of 17 April elements of the CC reported contact with the 87th Infantry Division and the CC moved practically unopposed to Duisburg gaining contact with the 17th Airborne Division and ending the Ruhr Pocket battle.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company spent most of two days at Duisburg and on 18 April led the CC column to the south to an assembly area close to Siegburg. CP was set up in Hennef from which town the CC was directed to make a long march to the Third U. S. Army front at Bamberg, and in that area CCB operated from its CP in Kirchrottenbach. The Division's mission was announced—"cross Danube River, attack to east and contact Russian forces driving west toward Linz, Austria."

Moving to a forward assembly area in See, Germany, CCB prepared its plans and at 1830 on 27 April the head of the CC's column crossed the Danube. It halted for the night in Geisling, and prepared for an early attack on 28 April. This attack was launched and proceeded as far as the Isar River where it was halted by blown bridges. Closely following the attacking forces, the CP closed in Plattling on the Isar River by 1900. There it was decided to build a treadway bridge in CCB's zone. The Commanding Officer, CCB, therefore directed the establishment of

a bridgehead by the 59th Armored Infantry Battalion, and made plans for continuing the attack when the bridge was completed.

The bridge was finished on the evening of 30 April and the CC launched a night attack. The direction of attack was changed to the south and by evening of 30 April all elements of the CC had reached the Inn River on the German-Austrian border. The CP was established in Hirschoorn and CCB awaited orders after being told that the Division was not to go farther south than the Inn River.

Expecting a further mission, possibly of attack to the east, CCB concentrated on making plans and on vehicular, personnel and equipment maintenance. On 3 May the CP was moved to Zeilarn, Germany, to the center of the CC area.

With the German surrender on 8 May, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, CCB breathed a sigh of ease and turned to the important job of police and control of its assigned zone. All German military and all Nazi party personnel were rounded up and sent to Division Headquarters for screening.

While in Germany, after the war's end, the members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, CCB availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the famous cities and sights of Germany, Austria and France. In Munich, Salzburg and Berchtesgaden the men saw anew the results of the might and fury of the allied air power.

In the middle of June, word came the 13th was to be redeployed to the Pacific—through the United States. CCB supervised the movement and turn-in of all tanks and half-tracks of the Division to Ordnance Depots in Germany and France. Accordingly the CP was on the move from 23 June until 27 June across Germany and into the Division Assembly Area—Camp Atlanta near Mailly, France.

At Camp Atlanta, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, CCB prepared for its eventful journey back to the States. On July 14—Bastille Day for the French—we boarded the U.S.S. *General McRae* at Le Havre and began the return trip home.

Ahead loomed furloughs—and then another war. But as it turned out we got the furloughs and not the war. And at Camp Cooke, California, we wrote finis to the story of Combat Command B, although the memories of the friendships we forged in its ranks will undoubtedly linger through countless reunion sessions.

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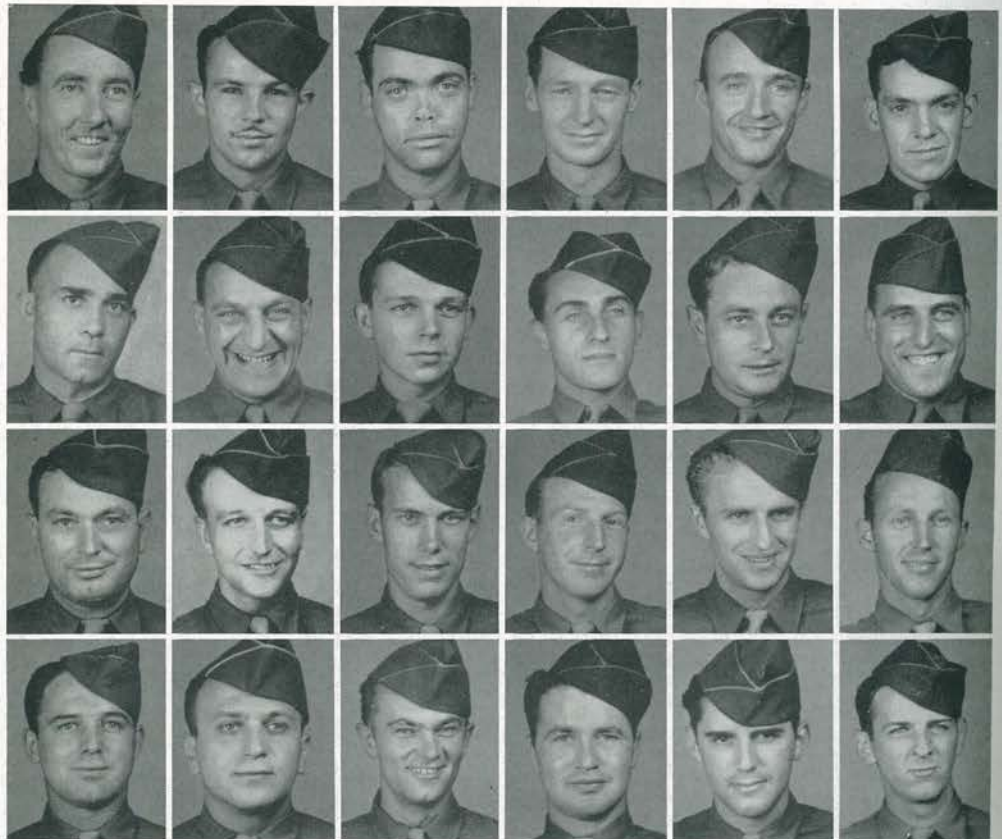
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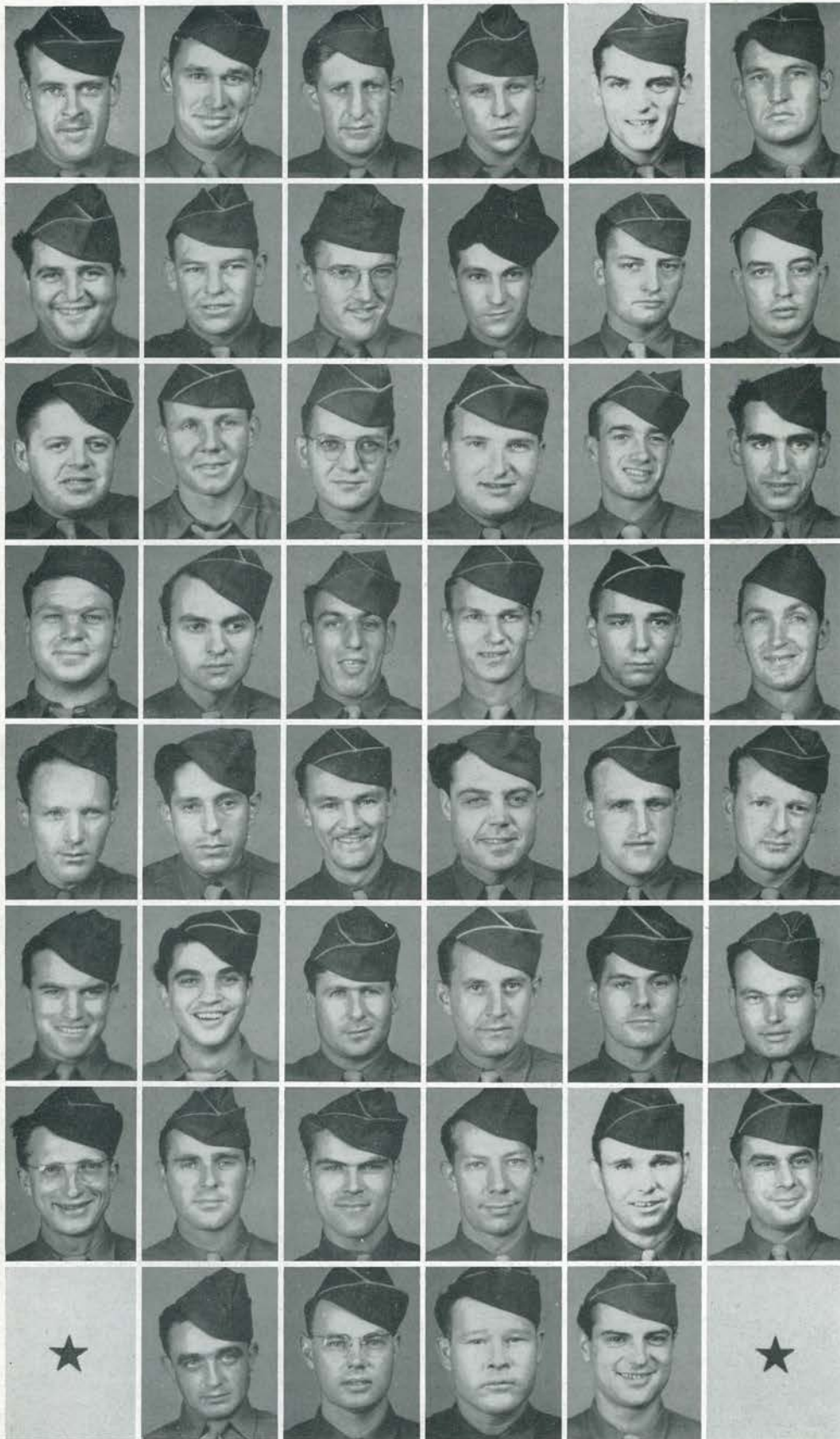
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A HISTORY OF COMBAT COMMAND R

On the 6th of January, 1945, the Reserve Command of the 13th Armored Division under the command of Colonel Frank R. Williams, left Camp Bowie, Texas, for Camp Kilmer, N. J., and the New York Port of Embarkation. After several days of processing and training for the ocean voyage, and passes to nearby New York, we departed from Camp Kilmer and loaded aboard the S.S. *Marine Raven* on the night of the 17th. The next day, the ship sailed for the European Theater of Operations.

After eleven uneventful days at sea, we docked at Le Havre, France, on January 29, and proceeded by truck to Totes in the Seine-Inferieure. Shortly after arrival at Totes, Headquarters, Reserve Command became the nucleus of an additional Combat Command, known as CCR. Actual combat experience in the ETO had proved the necessity for three equally constituted combat commands within the light armored divisions. Additional personnel were drawn from all units of the Division, and the vehicles and equipment to outfit this new Combat Command Headquarters and Headquarters Company were also obtained from the other Divisional units. The first headquarters was set up in a large chateau in Totes.

On March 17, CCR left Totes by motor convoy and moved to a forward assembly area in Bourdonnay, France. Leaving Bourdonnay ten days later, the Combat Command moved to the vicinity of Blieskastel, Germany with the mission of assisting the Military Government, and then to Merzig, Germany for a similar mission. Here the men patrolled the German towns, searched the houses for weapons, and screened the civilian population for Nazis and German soldiers.

On April 6, CCR was alerted to move to the vicinity of Mardorf, Germany, but later the destination was changed to Homberg, near Kassel. The 4th Armored had reached Kassel in their drive spearheading the Third Army advance toward Central Germany, and the mission of the 13th was to relieve the 4th Armored. However, after a march of 230 miles to Homberg, a disappointed Combat Command learned that this mission had been changed and the time of fight had not yet arrived.

Instead, the Division was attached to the First Army and moved to the vicinity of Altenkirchen to assist in the clean-up of the Ruhr Pocket. CCR was assigned a zone of advance between CCA and CCB, and they crossed the

Sieg River at dawn of April 11, moving to an area two miles south of Lohmar, to await orders to attack. During the move to the initial objective along the Division's west route of advance, orders were received to continue on to the Division objective. Spitze was taken during the next night with heavy enemy casualties and many prisoners, and CCR headquarters took up positions at Rafrath.

On April 14, CCR continued the advance toward the final objective on the axis Berg-Gladbach—Bechen—Huckhausen, and during the morning the column ran into an artillery concentration as it passed through Berg-Gladbach, suffering some casualties. The advance elements reached Bechen, when orders came to cease forward movement. It was that afternoon that CCR was given one of the most difficult missions in warfare—to break contact with the enemy in daylight. This was accomplished, and then orders were received to make a forced march that night and join the 13th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division, at Westerbauer, Germany.

Also on 14 April, the 7th Armored Group Headquarters and Headquarters Company, commanded by Col. Charles G. Rau, having moved south from Heerlen, Holland, where it had been with the Ninth Army, joined CCR. There had been a unanimous demand among commanders in the European Theater for putting CCR on a par with the other combat commands, and the Armored Group Headquarters was attached to fill this urgent need for a properly organized Reserve Command Headquarters. On arrival at Westerbauer, the two headquarters were merged and Col. Rau became commander of CCR.

CCR then spearheaded the drive of the 13th Regiment from Gevelsburg between the Ruhr and the Wupper Rivers. They captured Velbert and made contact with the 17th Airborne Division at Kettwig at dawn of April 17. On the same day, the Combat Command was relieved from attachment to the 8th Infantry Division and rejoined the 13th in the vicinity of Mettmann. The closing of the Ruhr battle saw CCS performing occupational duties under the XVIII Corps (Airborne), before moving to Eschenau to rejoin the Third Army. The Division then marched to the Danube river where it was committed to battle as part of the XX Corps of the Third Army.

Crossing the Danube in the 71st Infantry Division zone with CCR Headquarters leading, the Combat Command closed into Dengling on April 27. CCR then drove south through Gieselhoring and captured Hainsbach. On April 29, the Combat Command launched an attack with the objective of securing crossings over the Isar River at Dingolfing and Landau. Though all the bridges had been destroyed, bridge heads were established at Mamming and

Landau, despite the treacherous river current, superior enemy observation, and heavily concentrated enemy artillery, mortar and automatic fire. The bridgeheads were tenaciously held by small but determined teams of armored infantry until it was determined that a bridge would be built at Plattling, whereupon CCR was relieved in its zone by the 71st and 80th Infantry Divisions and moved northeast to a position to cross the river in the CCB zone.

The head of the column crossed the ponton bridge over the Isar on May 30, and the Combat Command closed in the vicinity of Ottmaring. The same day, CCR moved to Krohsrof and Zimmern. Late the next afternoon the Combat Command was directed to establish a bridgehead over the Inn River in the vicinity of Marktl and the next day the 16th Armored Infantry Battalion was shuttled over the river on a civilian ferry which the battalion commander forced the Germans to operate. The doughboys established a beachhead in complete secrecy from which a surprise attack was immediately launched. The bridge over the Salzach River to Austria at Burghausen and three bridges over the Alz River at Hohenwarth were captured intact by the dismounted infantry.

Tanks rumbled into an assembly area at dusk, preparatory to crossing the Inn River at dawn of May 3 with the mission of continuing the attack to Salzburg, Austria. However the work on the bridge at Marktl by the 124th Engineers was halted because of a change in Army Group boundaries and the Combat Command coiled itself astride the Inn to await further orders. An Allied PW camp, concealed in the forests between Braunau and Burghausen was captured by Company B and Company C of the 16th during the advance into Austria. The infantry companies captured 743 prison guards and liberated more than 11,000 Allied prisoners, of whom 4,100 were Americans.

On May 6, the Combat Command withdrew its troops from the area of the Inn River and from Austria and went into an assembly area generally north of the river, bounded by Marktl, Tann, Unterturken and Haunreit. The next day orders were received to cease all forward movement and secure the positions then held. For all practical purposes the war was over.

With the surrender of the German armies on May 8, Headquarters and Headquarters Company of CCR turned to the important job of police control of its assigned area. All German military and all Nazi party personnel were rounded up and sent to Division Headquarters for screening. While in Germany after the war's end, the members of CCR availed themselves of the opportunities of visiting the famous cities of Germany, Austria and France. In Munich, Berchtesgaden, and Salzburg, the men saw anew



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the results of the might and fury of the Allied air power.

On May 16, orders were received from the Twelfth Army Group releasing the 7th Armored Group from assignment to the Division and from duties as the CCR. The personnel and equipment of Reserve Command returned as a special staff section to Division Headquarters and in that capacity returned to the United States for redeployment to the Pacific.

We boarded the U.S.S. *General Black* on July 14, after

processing at Camp Atlanta and Camp Old Gold, France, and visits to Paris and Rheims. After nine days at sea, we arrived at Hampton Roads, Virginia, and entrained for Camp Patrick Henry, and then to the various reception centers for 30-day recuperation leaves. It was during this 30 days that the two atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki blasted the Japs out of the war, and when CCR reported to Camp Cooks, California, the 13th Armored Division was deactivated.

A HISTORY OF DIVISION TRAINS



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Full realization that a war really existed came when the first contingent of troops left Camp Bowie for Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, our first leg of the journey into the paperhanger's Fortress Europe. A certain amount of worry and fear was present, but these were compensated by an unusual amount of humor.

It was cold at Kilmer, extremely cold, and preparation for embarkation was accompanied by the usual bitches and wisecracks. It seemed such a crime to take the usual physical examination, a simulated facsimile of a morning visit to the latrine.

Those packs were heavy, the fury was damp and cold, and those Red Cross girls who dished coffee and Hershey bars were just a trifle too gay for such a tragic occasion. But, we were soldiers (so it said in the orders) and war is Hell, (so some General once said) so, things went just as smoothly as could be expected. Those guys who fanned us on the dock were probably wondering why in hell they had to miss a night in town just to make us feel a little more patriotic.

The French call it *mal de mer*, land lubbers call it seasickness, but a soldier on his first ocean voyage calls it

every bad name in his vocabulary. If war is hell, seasickness is the portal.

The *Marine Devil*! Sitting out there in the middle of nowhere, our convoy gone, and our hearts beating wildly, we began to remember movies we'd seen about those submarines in the Atlantic. That water sure did look cold! But slowly and surely, we came back to New York, froze for a night at Camp Shanks, and began the same damn problem over again.

The *George Washington* was okay, seems someone told us it was constructed in Stettin, Germany, and was taken over by the United States at the outbreak of World War I.

The first land was England; we didn't see very much of it. Just across the channel we ran into a place which once was called Le Havre.

We landed in France in LCI's, we couldn't get into the docks. The major wanted to make an impressive picture by standing on the gate, but some Army-wise sailor just happened to let the gate slip. No brass has ever moved so fast, or gotten to wet.

France, The geography books told us all about a beautiful country, pretty women, and brave men. We saw barns, women without teeth, and public latrines.

That barn was nice. The farmer (through monetary persuasion) was happy to move the cows over and let us sleep where they had stood. We were beginning to live up to the name in those orders, that sleep was the best we'd ever had. We were awakened each morning by a female dracula who came to milk the cows, toss the hay, and shovel around the barn. The longer we stayed, the more beautiful she became. We soon began to call her Hedy.

Cognac, beer, and wine took the place of water in France. The cognac was plain alcohol, the beer was sour water, and the wine was spoiled apple juice. Some of the guys left their intestinal fortitude lying on the pleasant roads of France. Will anyone ever forget Andre, the local pub keeper?

The war was in Germany now, we were in France. On official orders, that doesn't make sense, so, we moved into Germany. We began to see the people we were fighting, mean, sullen people, beaten but unbowed, and it became evident to most of us that a war in Europe had to be won.

We lived like kings in the first German town until the officers read up on the AR which pertains to looting and pillaging. Well, at least, we had mattresses left after the confiscation.

There's plenty of beautiful country around the Rhine and on into Homburg. Some forgetful civilians pulled out and left their chickens and geese to starve in Homburg. Being a man with foresight, one of our cooks decided to save the fowls from death by starvation, so, we had fried chicken and geese with all the trimmings.

Raubach presented a weird contrast in humor, when we placed our kitchen in the local cabinet shop. Seems the cabinet maker also served as undertaker (a very busy vocation in Germany at the time) and town burgomeister, and his shop contained a finished coffin and a box of

shrouds. Our chief cook presented an eerie sight when he chose to use one of the shrouds as an apron.

The Ruhr was far from lovely, and our most anxious and exciting moments came within the short time we were in the pocket. Phoney infiltrations, the sound of 88's in the vicinity, and an occasional trigger-happy Joe kept us pretty nervous. Our only casualty shot himself in the foot.

The biggest scare came when we were enjoying the news of victory in the Ruhr. Seems the heating system in our billet snafued and blew the lining out of the interior of the house. Some guys swear until this day that it was the work of a local prankster with mayhem on his mind.

The next objective was Bavaria, and we were told our honor was to be upheld by a final victory in that area. Will any of us ever forget the quadruple traffic on the autobahn, the blasted Nazi towns, bridges, and factories, or the welcome sight of white flags all along the tortuous road through the Third Reich?

V-E Day came just after we entered Bavaria; we were in the picturesque little town called Eggenfelden. Remember the little theater, the swimming pool we requisitioned, McLaughlin Field, the bell on the chaplain's peep, the stack of human bones in the church, the pretty frauleins, and the ban on fraternizing?

Fraternization was a problem to the GI's but they soon learned to cope with it. The more regimented ones took the easy way by concentrating on the Russian and Polish refugees. All in all, it was a difficult pill to swallow, those frauleins couldn't have hurt a fly. But, rumor has it that they certainly raised hell with our pilots who were shot down before we got in there! No one will forget the stories of the Rhine maidens.

Before we knew it, we were on our way out of Europe, destined to be one of the first armored divisions to play hob with Hirohito. Our temporary stops included Camp Atlanta and Camp Old Gold, before we finally shoved off for the States. Any guy who figured he still had his sea legs figured wrong.

The States hadn't changed much. They were beautiful. Camp Patrick Henry gave us the much awaited opportunity to soak up a six months supply of good American beverages. We ate real food, slept on good beds (with sheets) and sat on a good seat at the theater.

Finally, we received orders for our furloughs, and one by one we drifted out to our respective reception centers for our thirty day recuperation furloughs.

One by one the trains brought us to our new home in Camp Cooke, California. The war was now over, the conversation had changed from women and war to women and points. Some of us were old enough to get out, some of us had points enough, and some had to wait. The percentage who accepted the wonderful opportunity of signing for another hitch was so small we won't even mention it.

Both wars are over, we've seen victory, we're tired, and we want to go home and settle down. There are no horrible things we want to forget, only good things we choose to remember. We didn't win the war, but we helped, and we're mighty damn proud of it.



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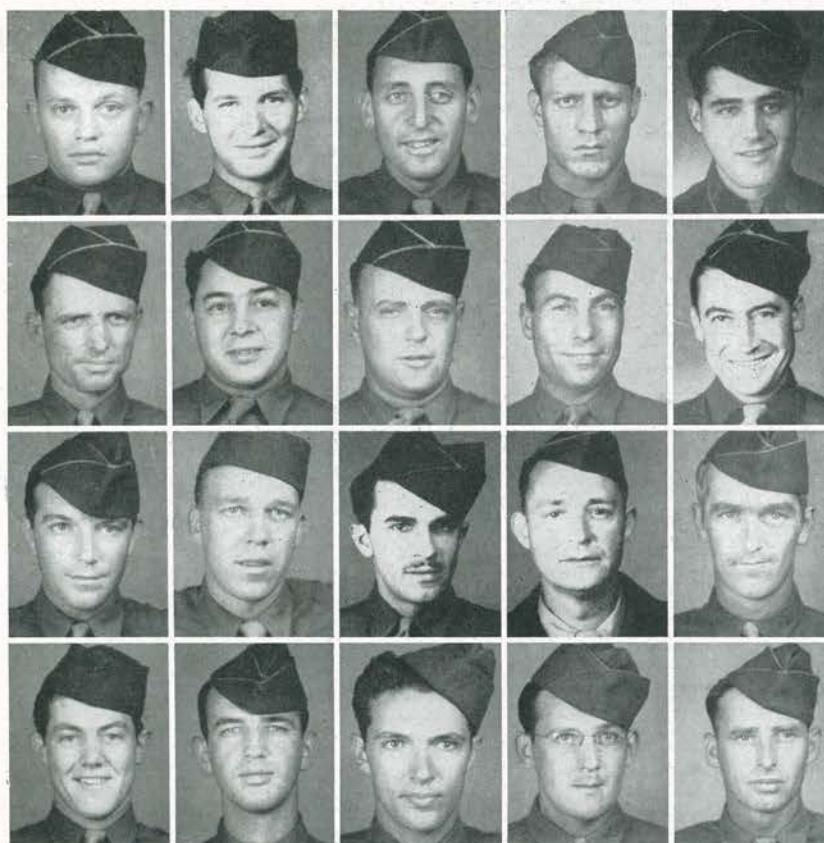
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A HISTORY OF THE MILITARY POLICE PLATOON



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Two years of garrison duty in the States, routine jobs so familiar to all Military Police, and we were ready for the big job. Most of us wondered what it was really like, just what mission we were supposed to accomplish. This business of war was comparatively simple, nothing complicated about it, we had learned much as Beale and Bowie, we were ready.

France was almost the same as the States, as far as duty was concerned, we were confronted with the same problems. The job was tremendous, the power we could see all around us, it made us feel a little more secure, and mighty proud.

Lesson number one came when we moved down to clear the roads for the Division movement into Germany. We weren't just a bunch of road guides, we were soldiers, front line soldiers, and the job

wasn't easy. There was responsibility, danger, and hard work. It was just a little short of hell.

The Ruhr was rugged. The estimation of about 60,000 Germans in the pocket was a bit shy of being correct, it was more a matter of 350,000. Those babies were tough, they had to be watched, it was our job to watch them, and it wasn't a one man job.

The sight seeing tour came when we made a path into Bavaria, the cradle of the paperhanger's childhood. The Germans and Hungarians began surrendering by divisions, we were forced to work day and night in order to control them. That was the way it was happening when the news of victory came.

Our job may have seemed secondary, but it was important. We did it the best we could and we're proud.



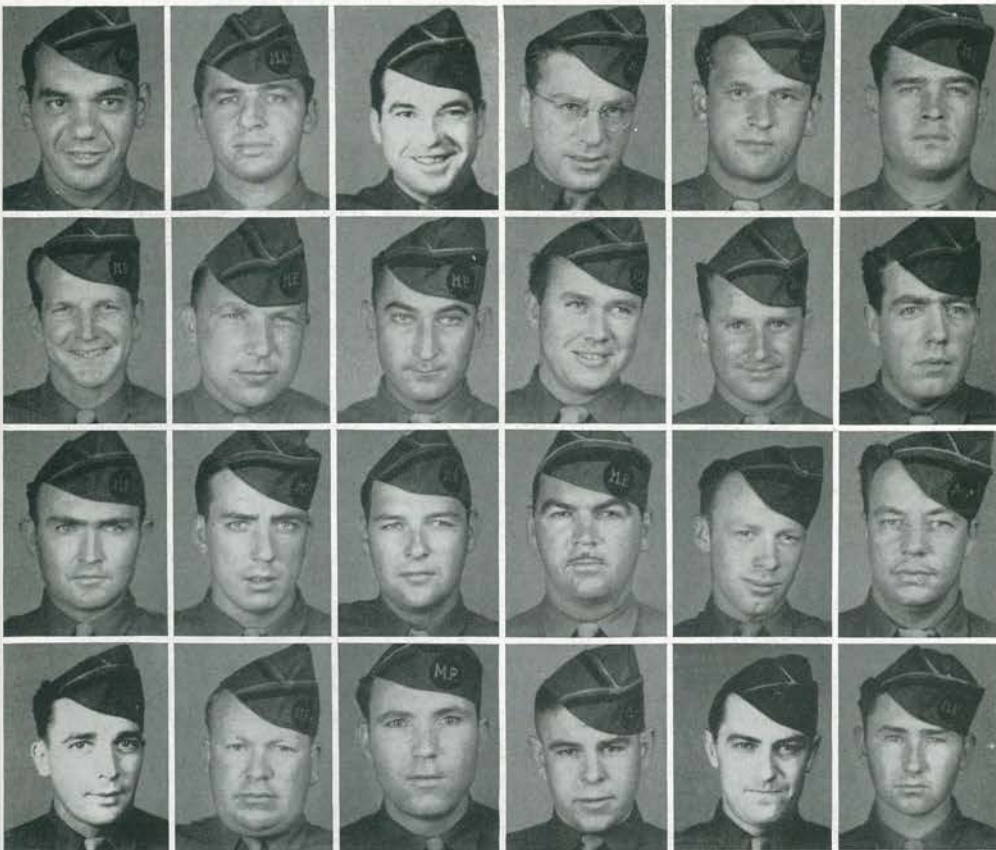
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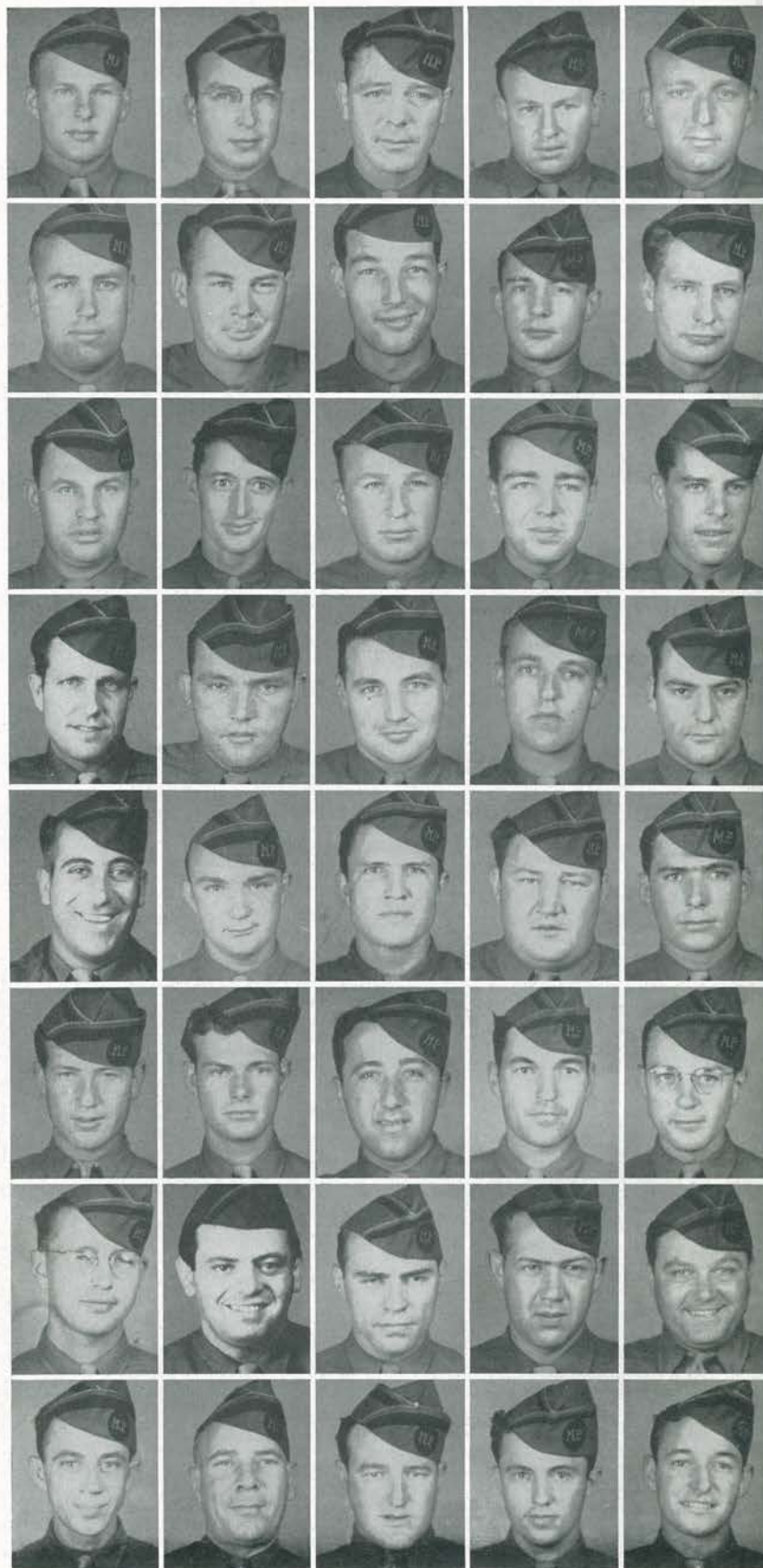
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A HISTORY OF THE DIVISION BAND



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WALTER W. YORK
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Most of us were wondering, as we stood on the dock in New York waiting out turn to board ship, if those guys in that band which was down to play for us had had the good time that we had had while we were in the States. The music sounded swell, we were just a little out of place with our instruments packed in the ships' hold. It seemed funny, just a trifle ironic, that we should suddenly become soldiers.

It was nice in France, except for the cold and smell of those barns we slept in, the French enjoyed our playing, and we welcomed the opportunity to be able to unpack our instruments and give the "foreigners" some real music.

We formed dance bands in our spare time and gave the guys a chance to listen to jive as well as regimental and concert music. Most of the time our only audience for the practice sessions were the little French kids and the cattle.

We found that music was appreciated in Hitler's Third Reich, too, we did our best to change the goosestep to two step. It was rough, it was different, and it was very often lots of fun. We were the band, and we were soldiers. It was often necessary to play our instruments while we kept our guns slung over our shoulder, sleep with our music sheets weighted down by our carbines.

Our playing carried us to all parts of Germany. We ended up down in Bavaria just as the war ended. Our job had just begun, we gave concerts and musical shows for the guys until they gave us our return orders.

Probably, some of the fellows had looked forward to giving a recital in Japan, we would have done our best to give a good one. We were a part of the war in Europe, we feel we were pretty important, and we can be proud of a job well done.

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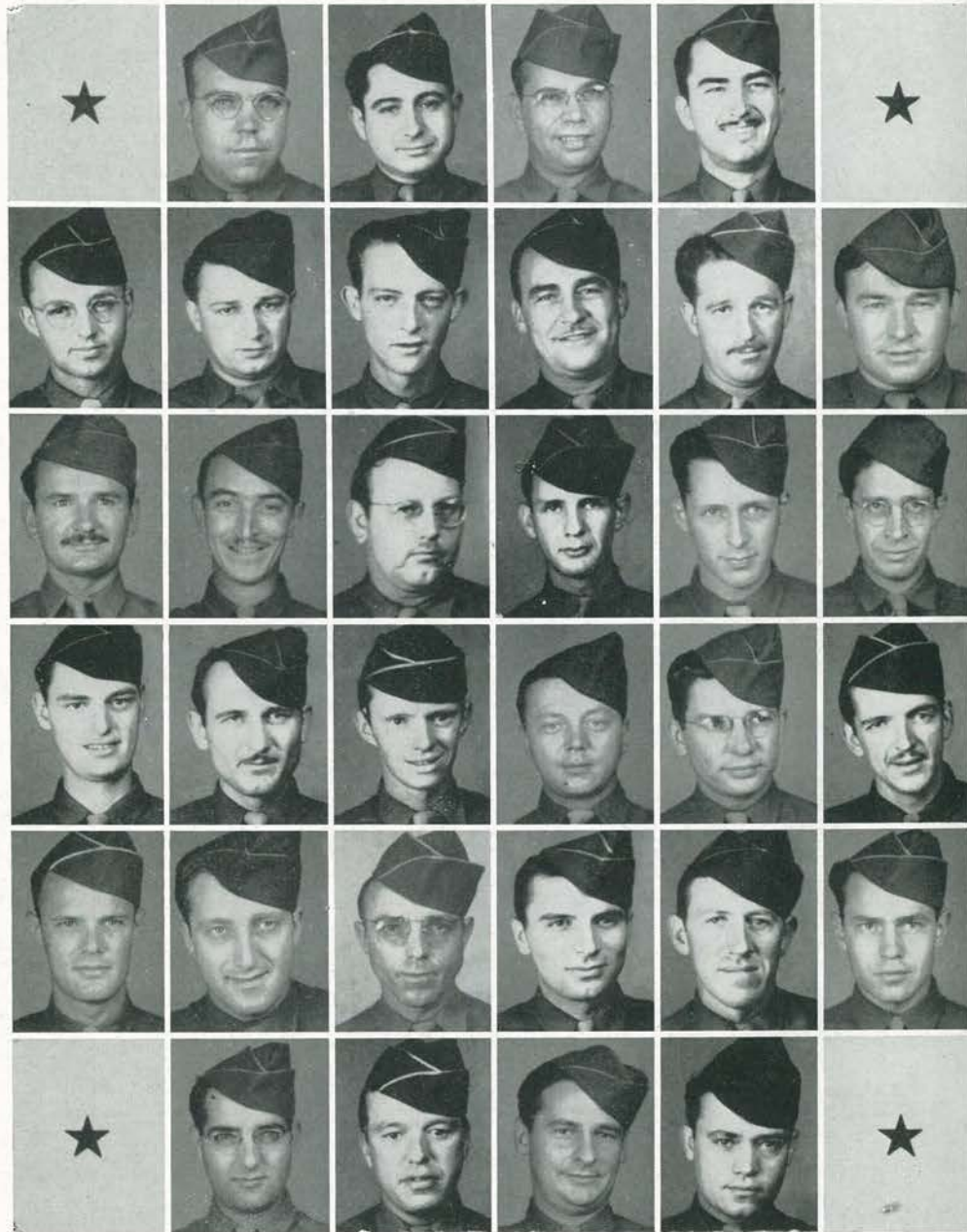
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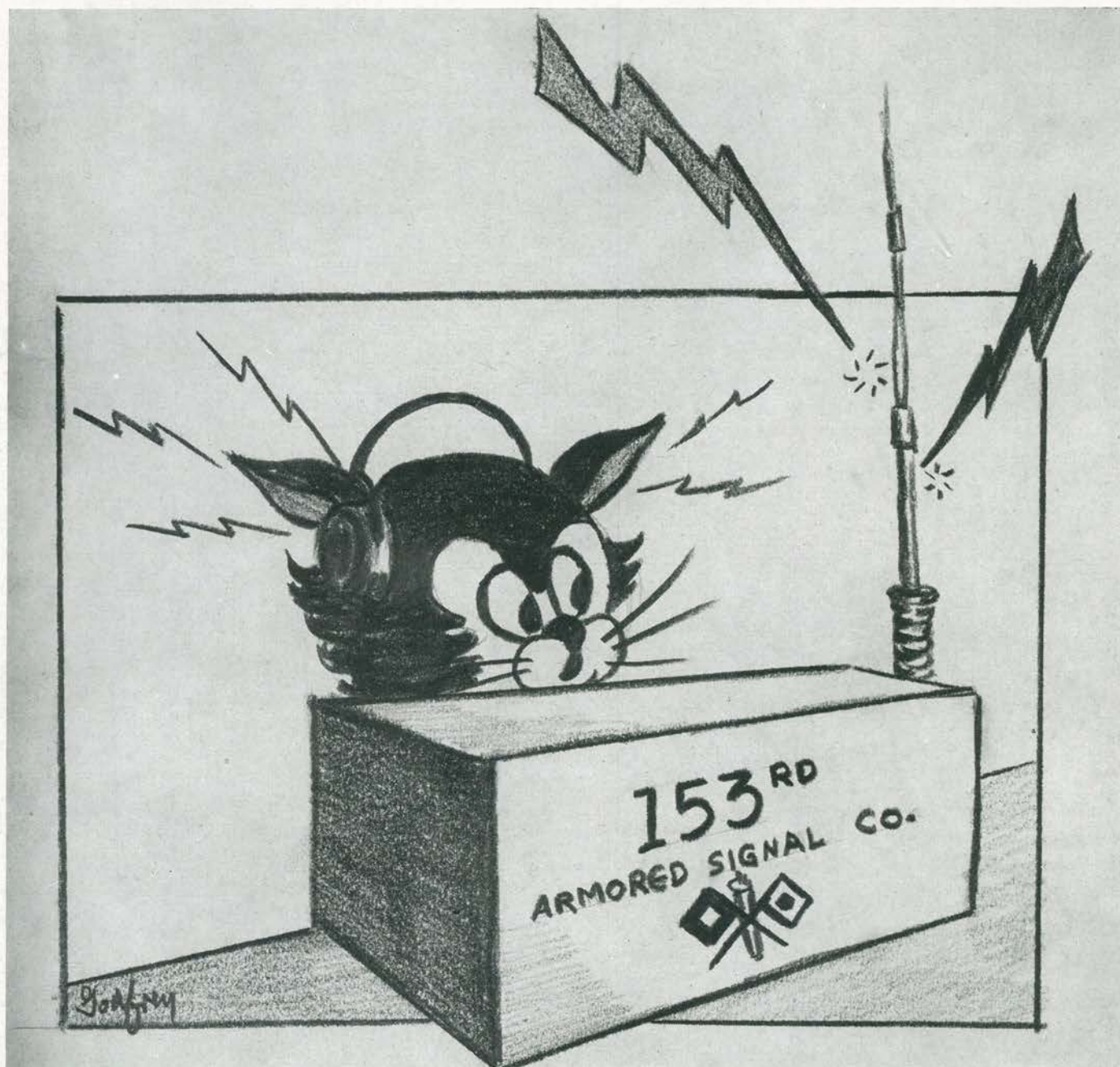
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A HISTORY OF THE 153RD ARMORED SIGNAL COMPANY

On the morning of January 2, 1945, the 153rd Armored Signal Company left Camp Bowie for the New York Port of Embarkation—their first step toward the European Theater of Operations and the Battle of Germany. Behind them were months of training at Camp Bowie and Camp Beale, California . . . months of code lessons, tinkering with radios and stringing mile after mile of wire. In combat they would be the nerve center of the Division, and they had learned their job well.

Arriving at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, on January 5, the signalmen were put through their final overseas training and processing and found enough time for passes to New York and a last fling at the Great White Way. On

the 18th they sailed from the New York harbor aboard the *S.S. Sea Quail*.

After a hectic voyage, marred by seasickness and submarine alerts, the company debarked at Le Havre, France, where they got their first glimpse of the devastation of war. Trains carried them to Totes, a typical Normandy village and they billeted in farm houses while they put the communications of the Division in order.

In order to carry out future signal operations successfully, Message Center placed its section in operation in both forward and rear echelon. Radio Maintenance began installing radios in all combat vehicles and repairing damaged equipment. The motor section made modifications on

the new vehicles which the company had been issued in France. Radio Operations installed and tuned radios and the Wire Section began construction of their vast network of communications.

On March 15, the company began its move across France. On the route to Moussey, in the vicinity of Luneville, the Signalmen passed through Beauvis, Compeigne, Soissons, Chateau-Thierry, Sezanne, Vitry and Nancy by motor convoy.

From Moussey, the company sent radio teams with the Division Artillery who shared in the bombardment of Saarbrücken. On March 25, the 153rd moved from Moussey to Zwiebrücken, Germany, where the Division mission was to support the military government in the area. The company was billeted in an apartment house which was completely furnished in the most modern style.

On the first day of April, the Division moved to the vicinity of Idar-Oberstein and came under Third Army control. The company was now permitted to use radio facilities for the first time, and radio silence was broken. From here a task force was sent into action in the area east of Frankfurt to root the Nazis out of the Taunus Woods and the Signalmen supplied communication teams for the tanks and infantry.

The Division was then ordered to Homberg, Germany, to relieve the famed 4th Armored Division, and on April 6, the company closed into the Division assembly area. However, the orders of the Division were changed at the last minute and we were attached to the XVIII Corps (Airborne) of the First Army to engage in the Battle of the Ruhr Pocket. The 153rd proceeded with the Division to Altenkirchen, near the southeast corner of the pocket.

The 13th began the attack north on the 10th of April across the Sieg River, through the city of Siegburg, and continued north toward Berg-Gladbach and the Wupper River. The Division had observed radio silence until contact was made with the enemy to achieve the maximum surprise possible, and wire communication had been furnished to each Combat Command prior to the jump-off. This communication by wire was extended to the Combat Commands during the advance, but CCB got so far ahead of the rear echelons that the only contact possible was by radio. However, night radio communication with CCB was poor due to heavy enemy interference.

The fast moving fight in the Ruhr carried the Division to an area east of Düsseldorf and during this operation the Message Center maintained contact with forward units by messenger. Due to the speedy advances made by the Combat Commands it was often necessary for these messengers to travel through enemy held territory in order to reach their destination. These runs were made several times daily to various units in the Division and sometimes covered a round trip distance of 100 miles. Enemy artillery was heavy and many times the messengers were forced to change tires or perform other maintenance on the vehicles while under fire. During the nine day period of the operations these Signal Company messengers traveled approximately 52,000 miles.

During the Ruhr battle, the Message Center handled an average of 175 tactical messages and 1,500 administrative messages each day, as well as maps, overlays and other materials for the Division. The Signal Supply Section made round trips of 300 miles daily in order to keep the Division supplied with wire, radio sets, parts, and other items of Signal equipment.

When all resistance had ceased in the Ruhr, the Division was ordered back to the control of the Third Army, and on the 18th of April the Signal Company moved from Mettmann in the Ruhr to the vicinity of Dieringhausen, Germany, where the 13th was assembling in preparation for the march to Bavaria.

Upon joining the Third Army, the Division was assigned to the XX Corps and began operations from the area north of Nuremberg, Germany. The primary means of communication during the drive through Bavaria into Austria was by radio and this means of communication proved to be very efficient and provided uninterrupted contact during the entire period. FM radio reception was exceptionally good, and communication over distances of 20 miles were common. To improve the efficiency of the Division network a modification was put on one of the Division radio sets so that radio calls could be switched from the set to a central switchboard and from there to any telephone in the Division.

This improvisation proved invaluable during forward displacements of the Division command post. However, on one occasion during the rapid advance of the 13th, the radio link at the advanced CP was unable to obtain telephone communication with corps, so important reports were then forwarded from the CP by FM radio to the Division Signal Office radio, through the switchboard, and by telephone to corps.

When the German armies finally capitulated on May 8, the Signal Company was located with the Division CP at Tann, Germany. With the end of the fighting in Europe, the 13th returned to occupational duties in the district of Pfarrkirchen, Bavaria, and the 153rd established communications throughout the area covered by the Division. The Signalmen then launched a program of athletics and recreation, took trips to the Austrian and Bavarian lake resorts and visited Hitler's mountain retreat at Berchtesgaden.

When the Division was ordered redeployed to the Pacific by way of the United States, the Signal Company moved to Camp Atlanta, near Mailly, France. While being processed for the return trip, the men found time to visit Paris and nearby Rheims. After a short stop at Camp Old Gold in the Le Havre port area, they embarked for the voyage home.

The end of the Japanese war found the Signalmen in the middle of 30-day leaves at home, so that when they reported to Camp Cooke, California, at the end of their leaves, they knew that their fighting days were over. For some men, the sudden end of the war meant going home. For others, it meant waiting for points to be lowered. But for all the Signalmen, it meant the end of a job well done.

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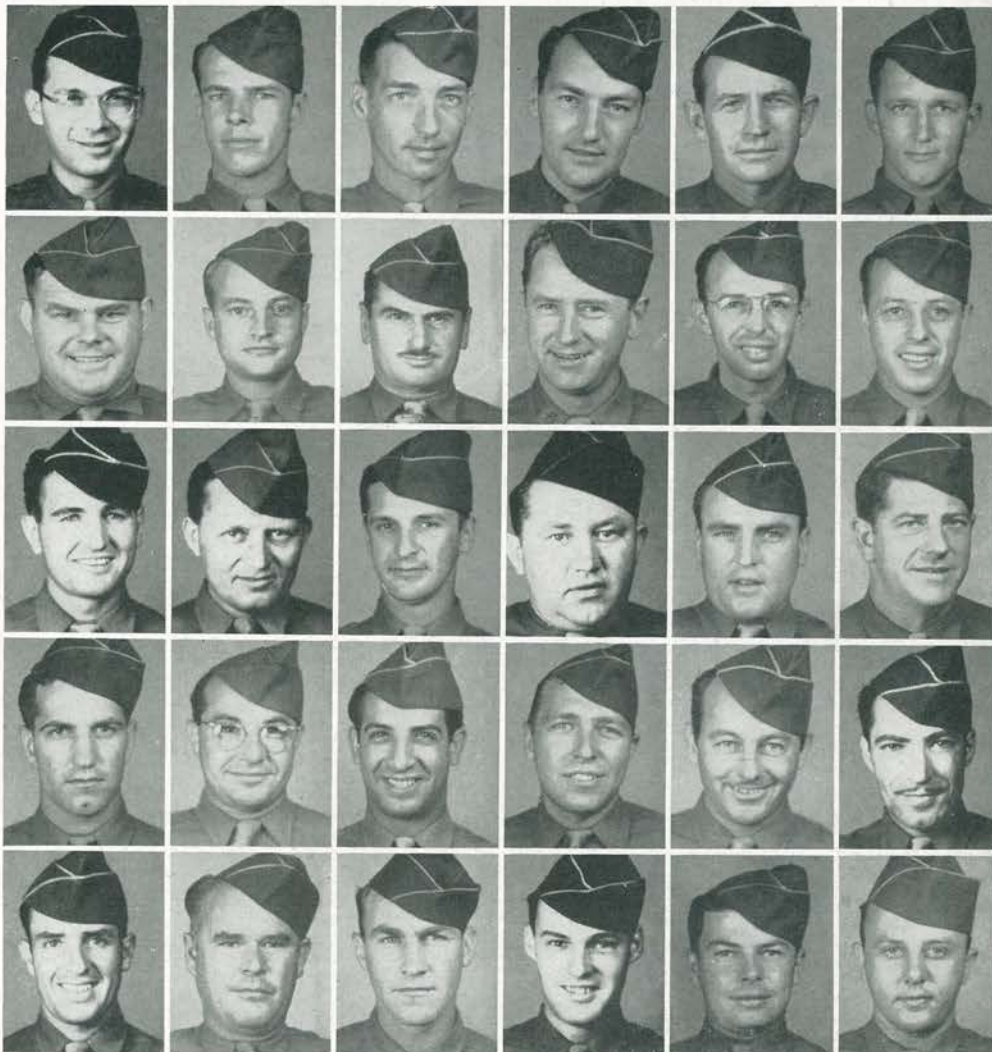
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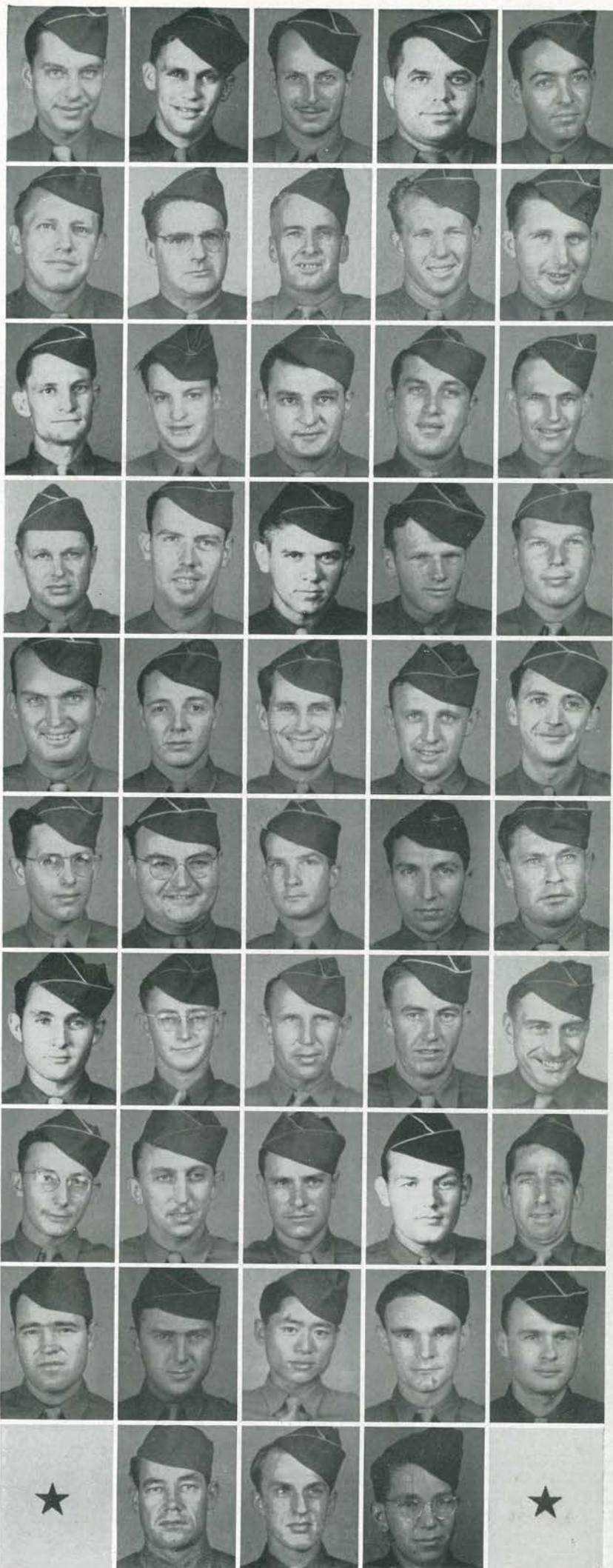
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TO : Commanding General, 13th Armored Division

Modern warfare has made necessary the introduction of new units and new techniques to ensure victory in battle. The 13th Armored Division, activated at Camp Beale, California, on 15 October 1942 as a result of the need for armored units, proved in training and in combat the adaptability and genius of the American soldier in all methods of warfare.

Since the time when I was Commanding General of the Armored Force, I have followed the career of the Black Cat Division with interest and pride. After the completion of training, much of which you did at Camp Bowie, Texas, you arrived overseas early in 1945, and your tankers quickly earned for themselves the respect of the enemy. Joining the Third Army, you participated brilliantly in the final drive across the Danube River deep into Southern Germany. Your officers and men, despite their comparatively brief period in battle, fought with boldness, bravery and skill, winning a firm place in the heritage of our country.

Those of the 13th Armored who find themselves in new tasks, now that the division is being inactivated, will continue to serve their country, I know, with enthusiasm and steadfastness, until our military strength can safely be reduced.

The men in the 13th Armored Division will be forever included among the heroes of our country, and it is for me a proud occasion to be able to commend you most heartily, in the name of all Americans, for your gallant service in defense of freedom.

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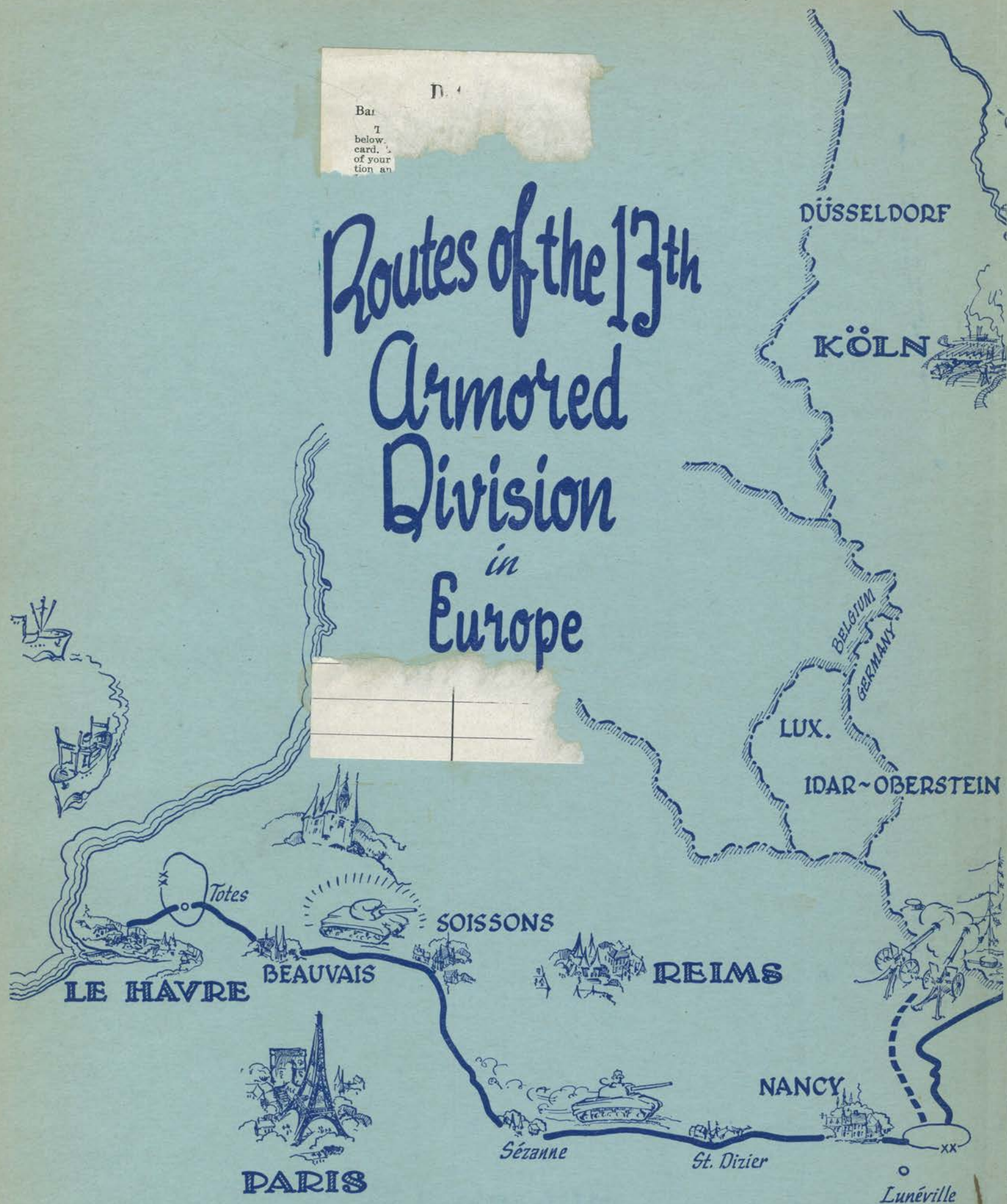
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