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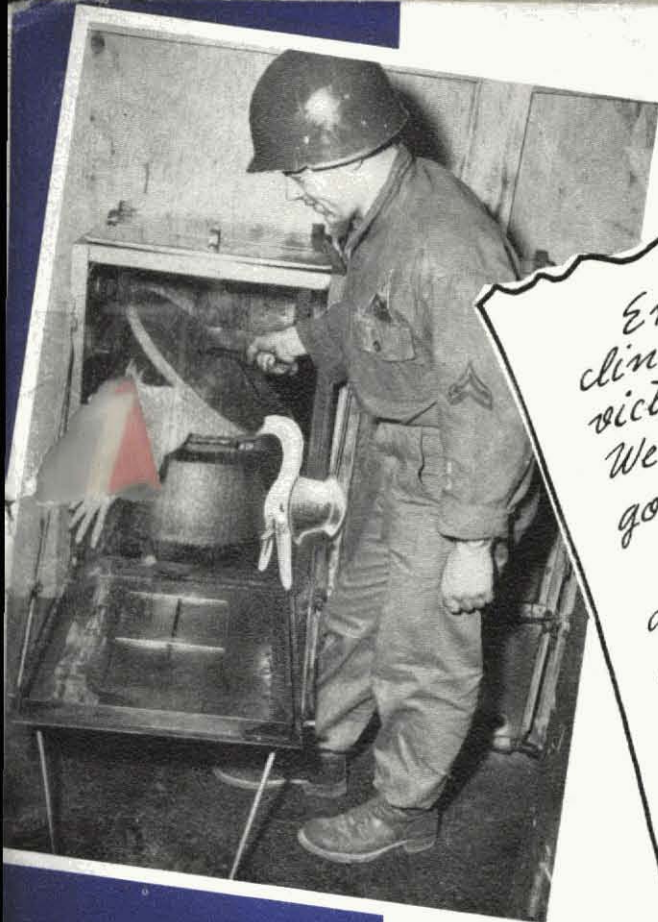
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Exercise Long Horn was clinched as a solid U.S. victory when in the final phase we had cooked the Aggressor's goose.

Back on the post, we washed down all the dust we couldn't wash off. Then we rested and got ready to go through some refresher training.

By now, I guess you know as much about my outfit as I do. I'll keep you posted on developments.  
My best to the home folks.  
Be seeing you,



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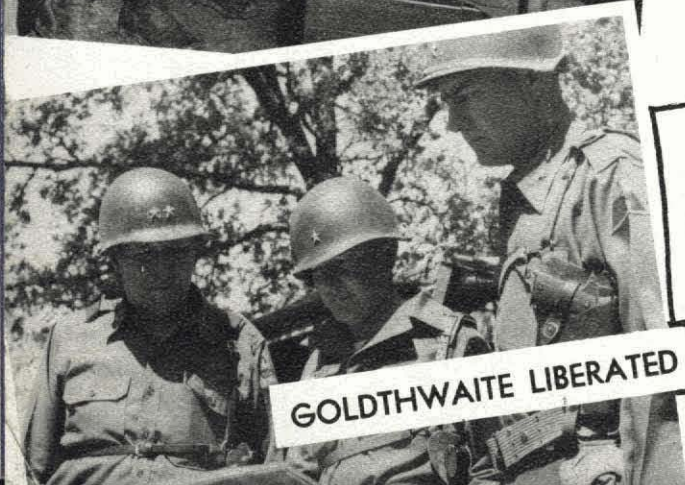
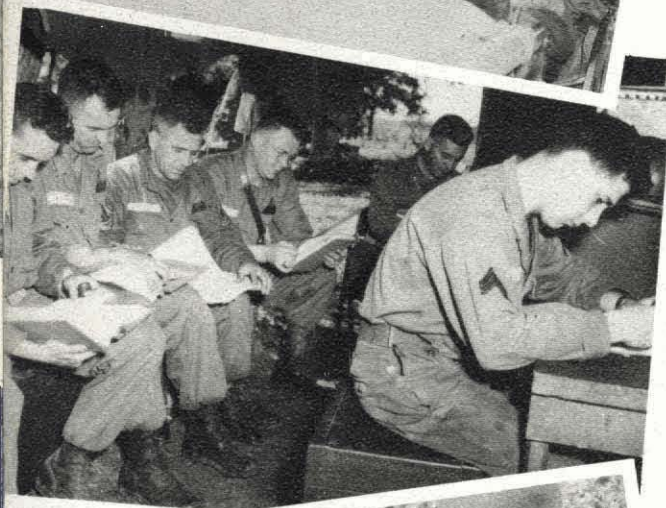
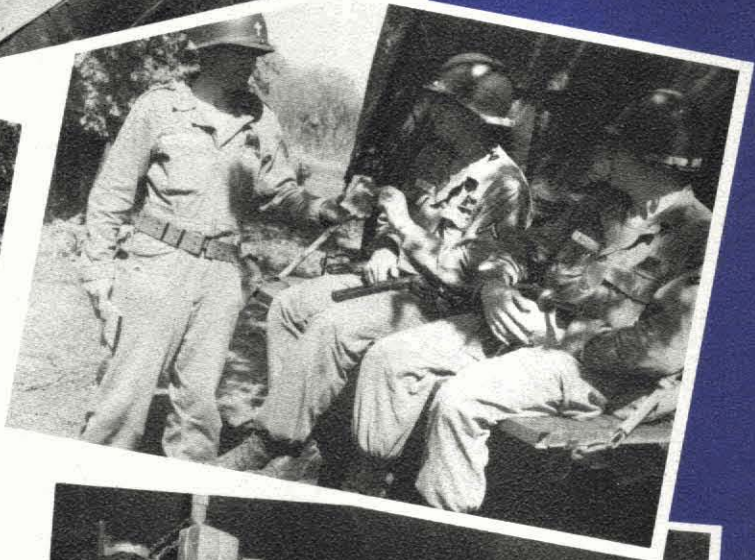
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*Division Headquarters:  
Quaterback for the Armored  
division. The plays were  
called; The visitors were  
impressed.*

## The Medics Are Playing The Most Realistic Mission Of All Units Engaged In Longhorn

NORTH FORT HOOD, April 2.—Exercise Longhorn's most realistic mission is played by the medics.

With more than 100,000 soldiers and airmen gathered for the mock war, there's not much need to simulate casualties. Enough crop up by dint of normal activity to keep medical personnel hopping.

Lt. Col. Wade F. Heritage, surgeon of the Fourth Field Army Service command here, is convinced units under his wing provide care which parallels that rendered by civilian systems—then go one step farther.

The extra step is the evacuation of casualties from front-line areas by helicopter, called by the Four ASCOM surgeon the biggest innovation in military medicine since World War II.

So far, according to Colonel Heritage, roughly 80 percent of hospitalized troops have been returned to their units. The reason the percentage is this low is because of the temporary nature of the maneuver, which makes it impractical to rush the return of some men when only a few days of the exercise remain.

The medical mission is simply stated: "To take care of the sick and wounded and return as many as possible to duty."

Carrying out this mission, both behind Aggressor and friendly forces, calls for the smooth teaming of numerous types of units.

Farthest forward and operating in direct support of infantry troops are two mobile surgical hospitals, the 3d and 7th. They are equipped to handle serious surgical cases as well as function like small evacuation hospitals.

Back in service command areas are three evacuation hospitals, the 5th, 24th and 388th. They each provide beds for 400 patients and, although they have no counterpart in civilian life, afford all types of medical care when fully staffed—including psychiatric aid.

Transporting casualties from combat zones is the job of three ambulance outfits, the 218th, 916th and 928th Helicopters, maintained and operated by the Army Transportation corps, are available to the medics upon call.

Colonel Heritage said he could not visualize a day when helicop-

ters would completely replace ambulances. He pointed out that the 'egg-beaters' still aren't capable of making landings and takeoffs on all types of terrain.

Medical supply is in the hands of the 321st Army Medical depot which, to date, has issued 80 tons from its warehouse at North Fort Hood.

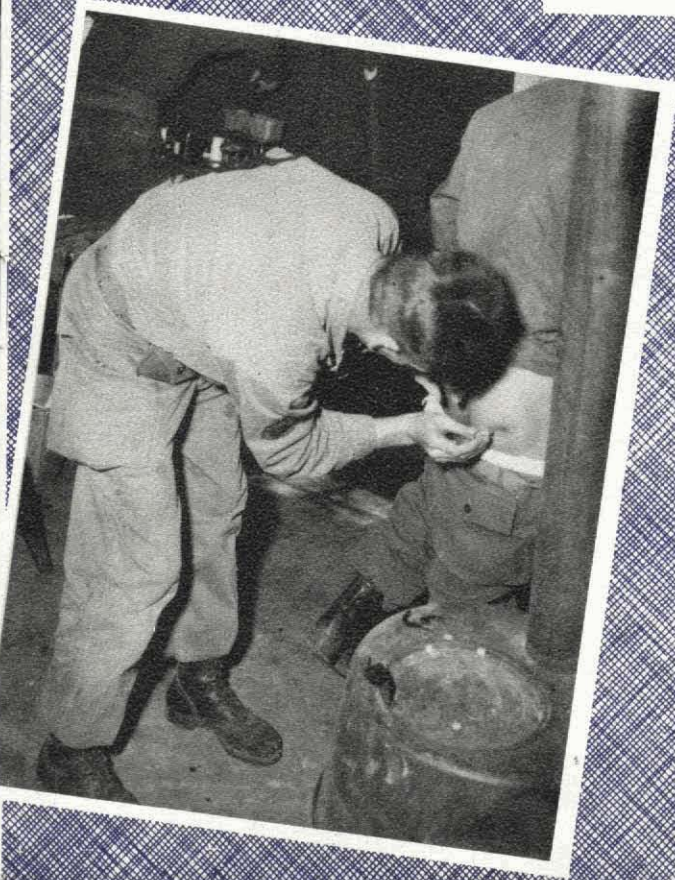
All food being fed to the maneuver forces passes through rigid checks made by the 93d and 488th Veterinary Food Inspection detachment.

Working in conjunction with the evacuation hospitals from the research angle is the 20th Medical Field laboratory.

Also helping the medics are the 498th Preventive Medicine company, 562d Preventive Medicine Detachment and the 378th Preventive Medicine Control detachment whose business it is to detect, survey and sniff out sources of danger to the health of troops.

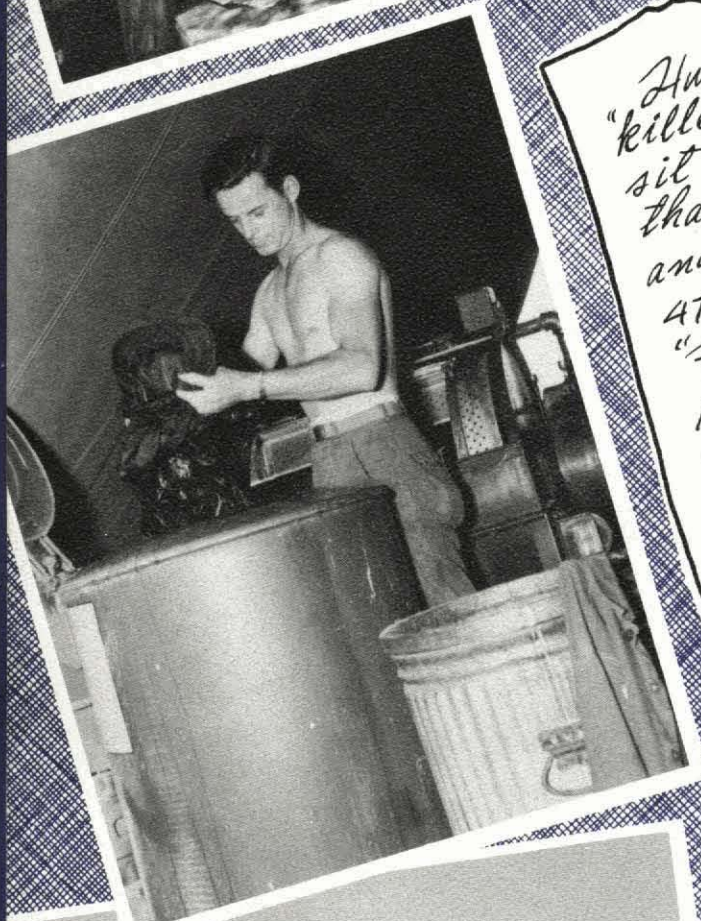
Over and above the units engaged in the care and transportation of patients are the medical administrative groups which assimilate the reams of information necessary to the efficient processing of the sick and wounded. This function is handled on Longhorn by Headquarters and Headquarters detachment of the 64th Medical group, Headquarters and Headquarters detachment of the 37th and 64th Medical battalion.

In all, there are approximately 1,500 doctors, nurses, medical service officers and enlisted technicians serving maneuver troops under the medical section of the Fourth Field Army Service command.



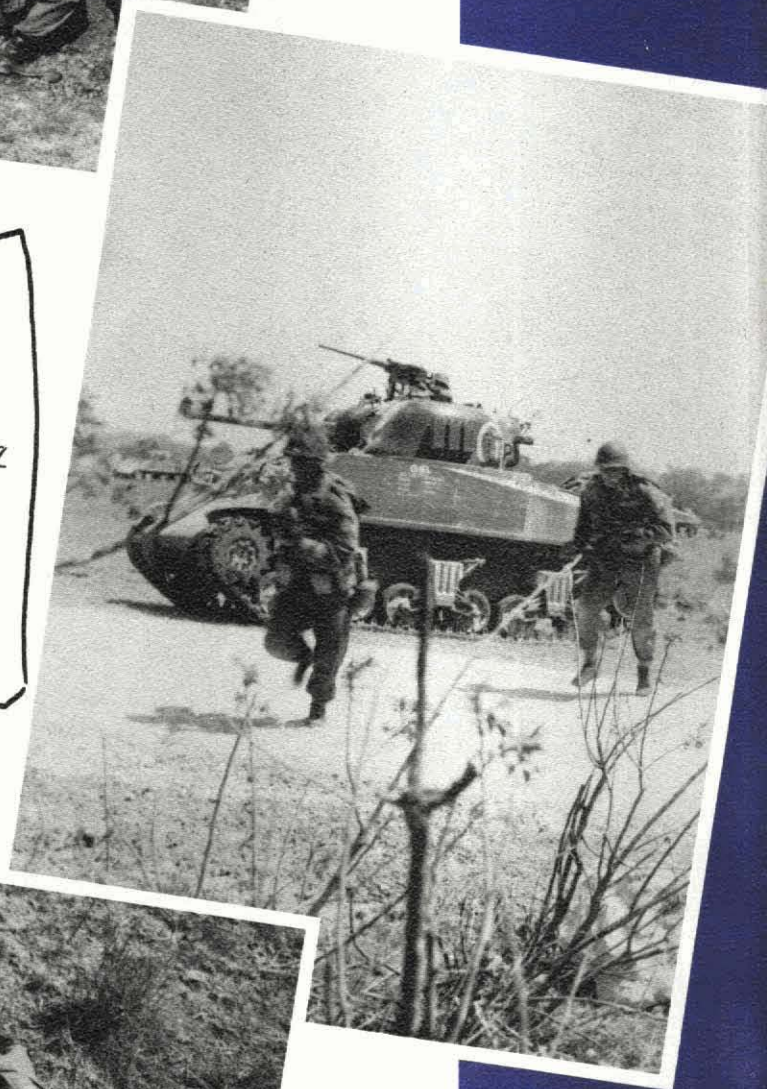


Hundreds of 1st Armored men "killed" at noon were able to sit down to a hearty supper, thanks to rapid treatment and evacuation by men of the 47th Armored Medical Battalion. "Hot chow and a shower" via the 1st Quartermaster Battalion was the dream of every revived casualty.



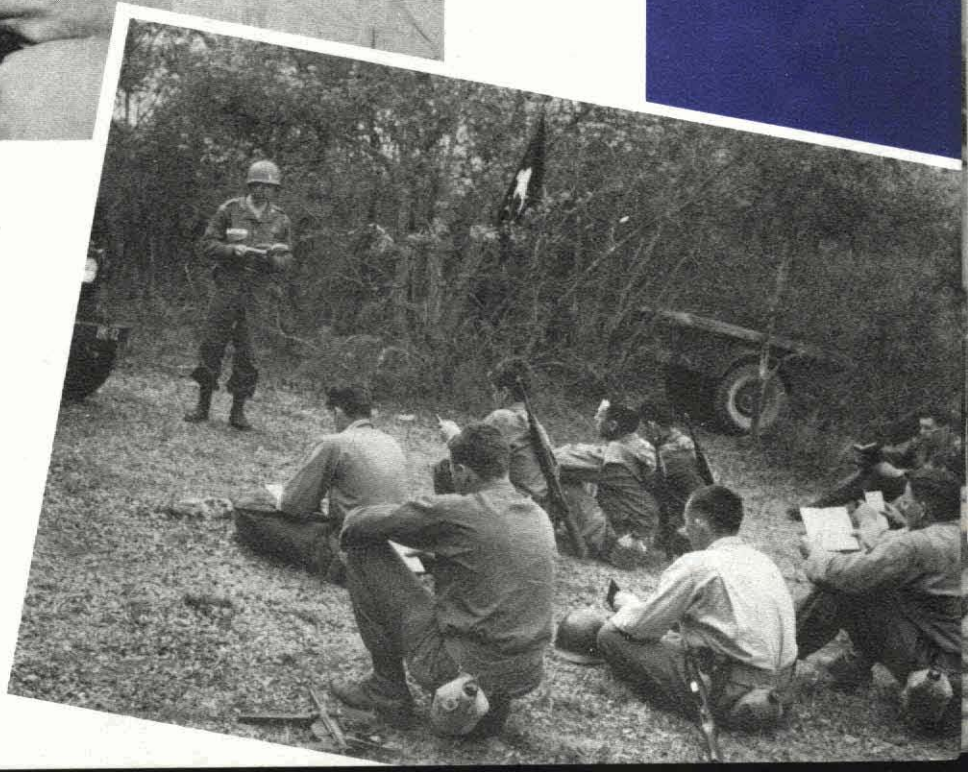
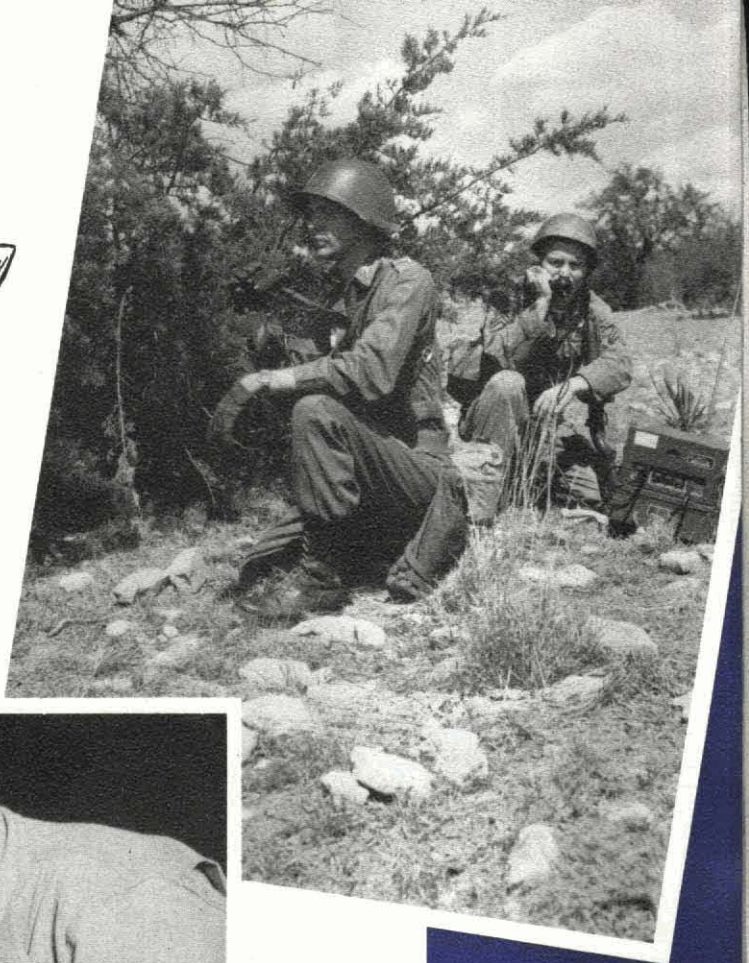


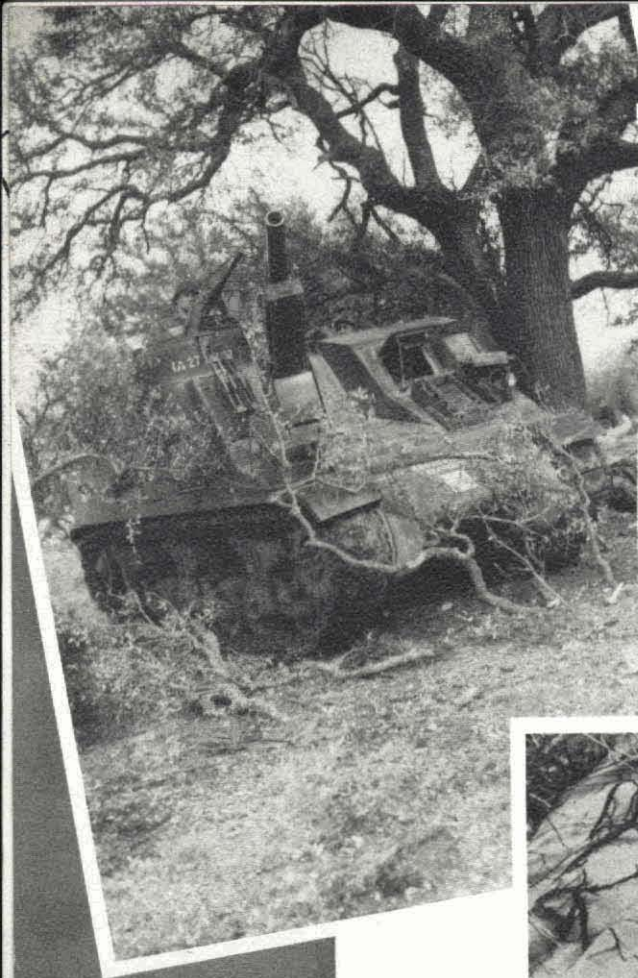
*Whole batteries of "dead" Aggressor artillerymen wandered aimlessly through a wooded area one day following a surprise ambush led by men of the 634th Armored Infantry battalion.*



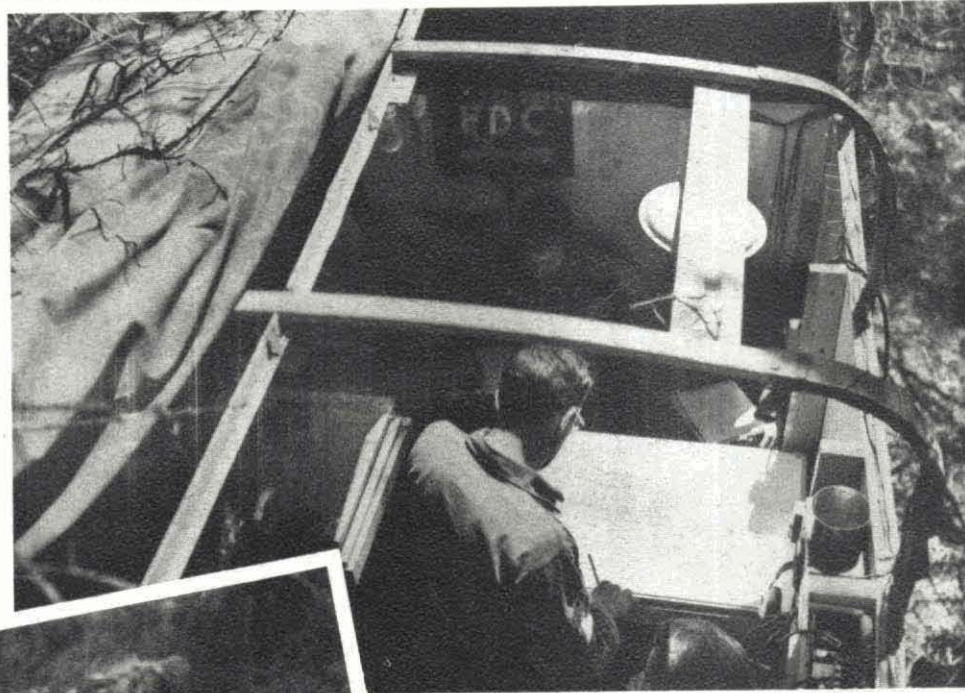






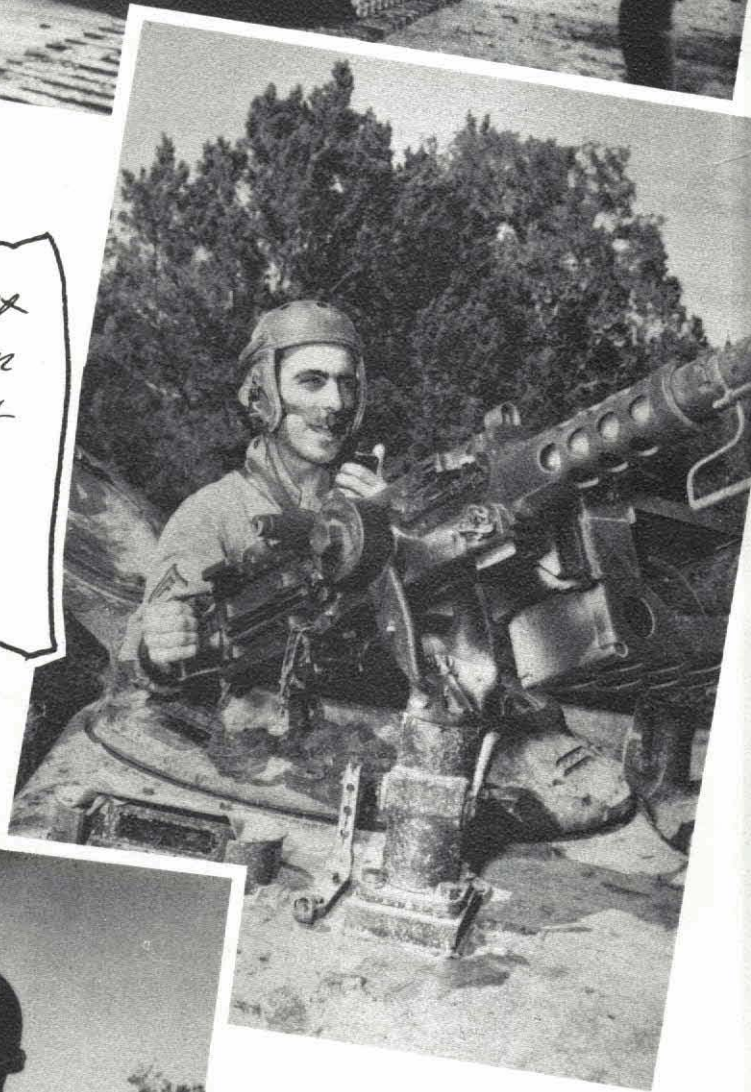


*When Aggressor captors returned the battalion commander to the 27th Armored Field Artillery battalion, batteries of that unit turned about and knocked out 20 enemy vehicles and 50 soldiers with firing data obtained from their CO.*



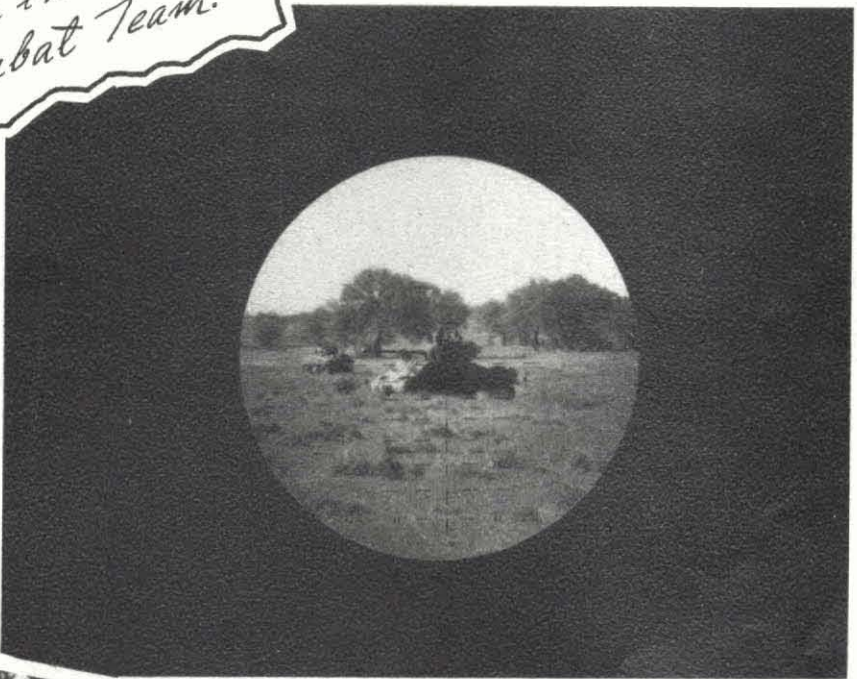
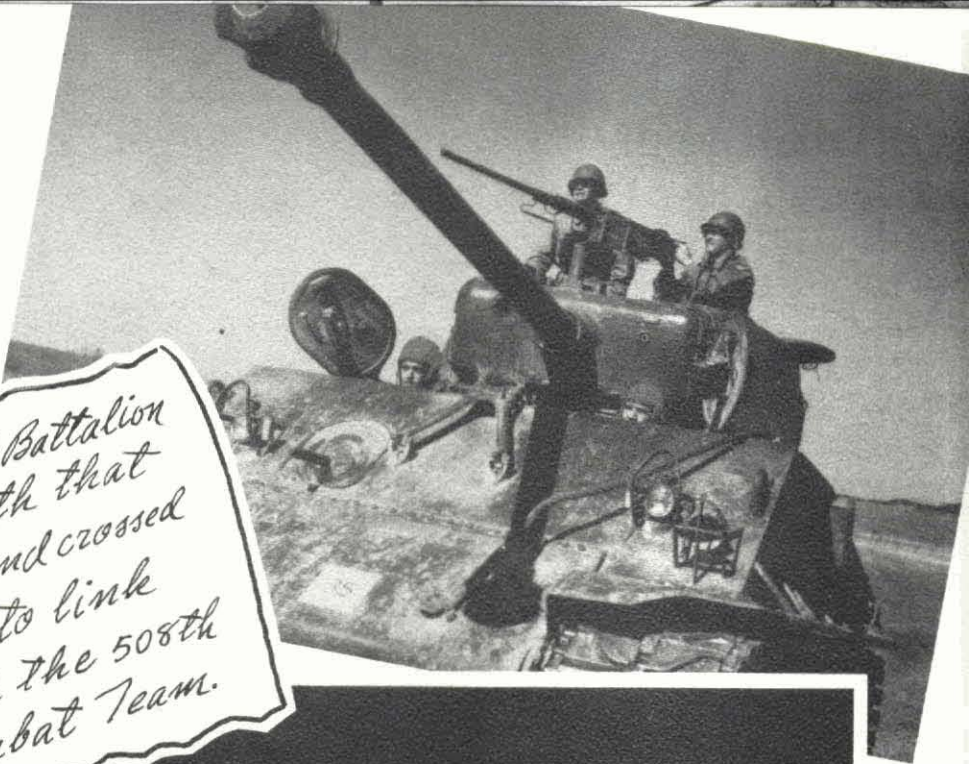


*Umpires were forced to halt a battle at 4 a.m. once when big guns of the 100th Heavy Tank Battalion helped cut an aggressor infantry regiment to pieces.*





The 1st Medium Tank Battalion  
led a dash to the north that  
took Goldthwaite and crossed  
the Colorado River to link  
the division with the 508th  
Regimental Combat Team.







Portions of the 91st Armored Field Artillery Battalion met a numerically-superior aggressor force that had infiltrated behind friendly lines; promptly scattered them in three directions.



# High Toll Of 'Enemy' Casualties Taken By 1st Armored Artillery

(PIO)—“The caissons are rolling along” in the 1st Armored Division, for the division Artillery has assumed an important role in defeating the Exercise LONG HORN ‘enemy.’

Maj. Gen. Charles D. ... from the Office of the Field Forces, Fort ... Va., and 23 other top officers visited and ... Artillery units in the ... last Wednesday. These offices represent all sections of armed might in the United States.

Artillery units have accounted for many aggressor casualties to both ... and vehicles according to the judging umpires.

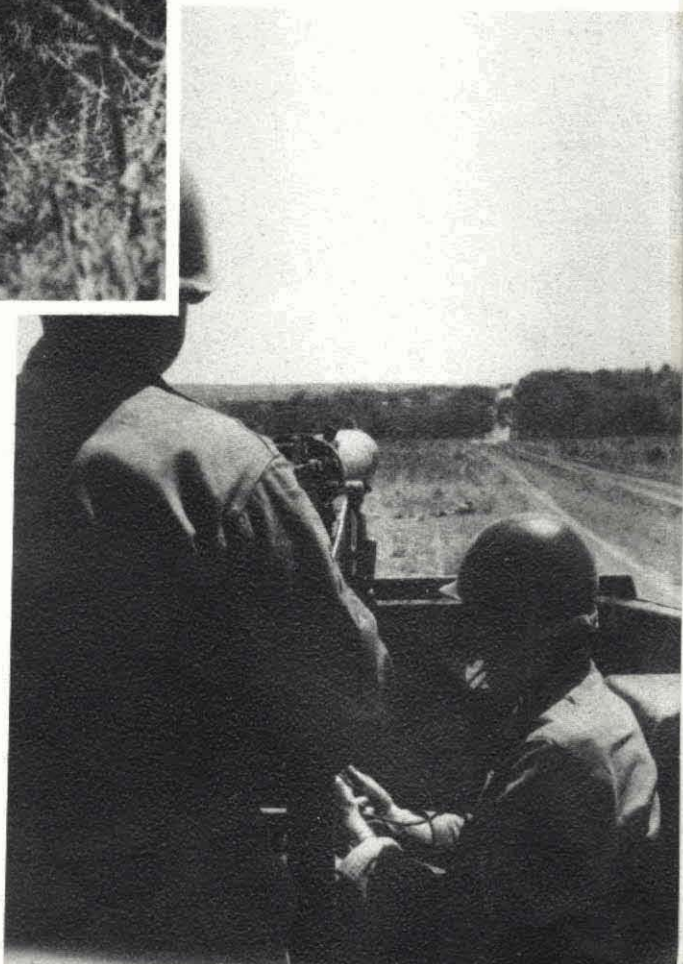
Artillery battalions moved to the field on the evening of March 25. Shortly after this the 68th and 91st AFA Bns., and the 1st Armored Division Headquarters were bombarded with ineffective ‘enemy’ artillery fire.

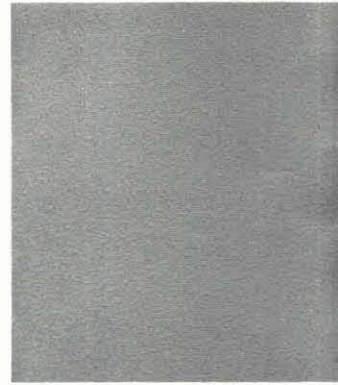
The 91st AFA's Btry. A met a company of Aggressors the morning (See **DIVARTY**, Page 3)

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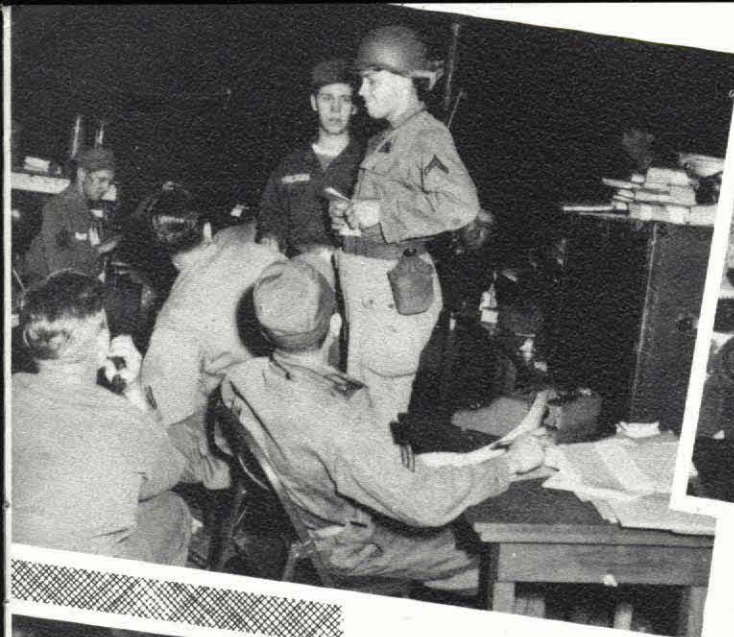






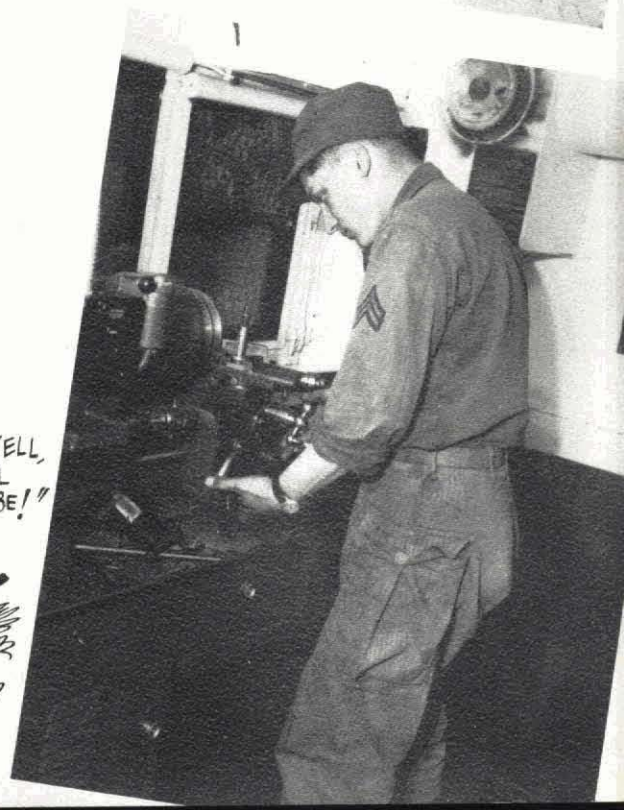
*Aggressor was put on the defense for the first time when the 702nd Armored Infantry Battalion entered the fray, supporting tank units in a wide probing action*

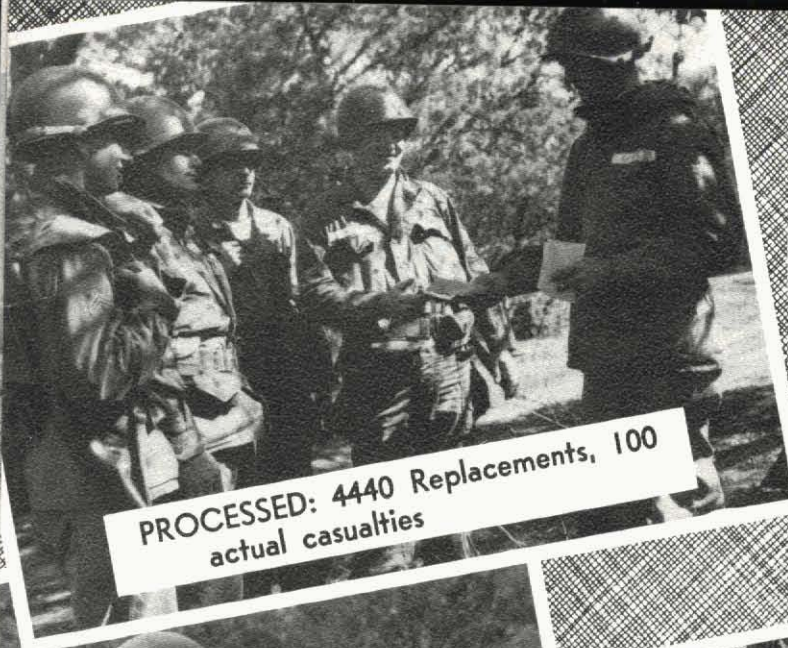




The 3,400 vehicles of the division were kept rolling toward the Colorado River by the 123rd Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion. More than 200 vehicles were repaired by the roadside and 40 others in the headquarters repair shop.

"WELL,  
OIL  
BE!"



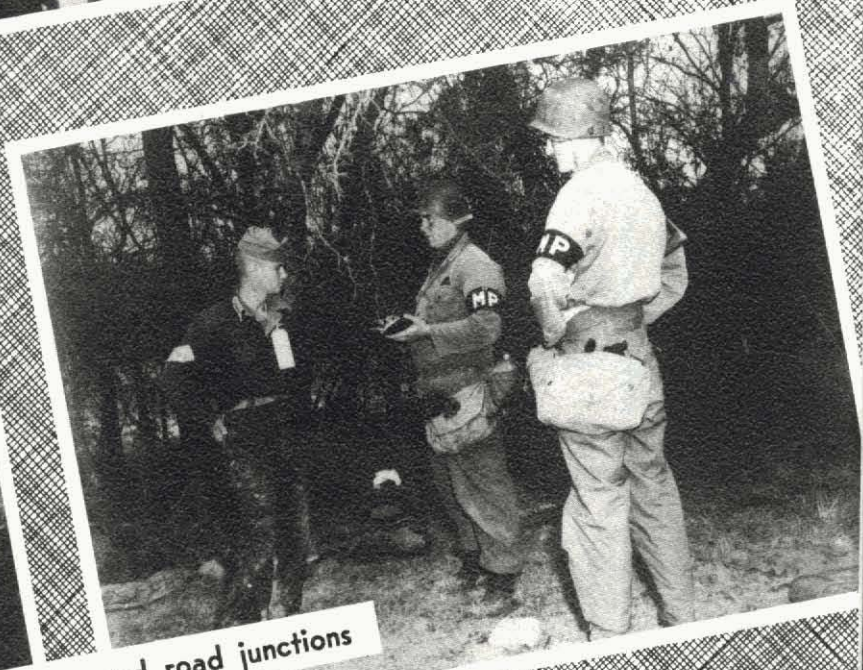


**PROCESSED:** 4440 Replacements, 100 actual casualties

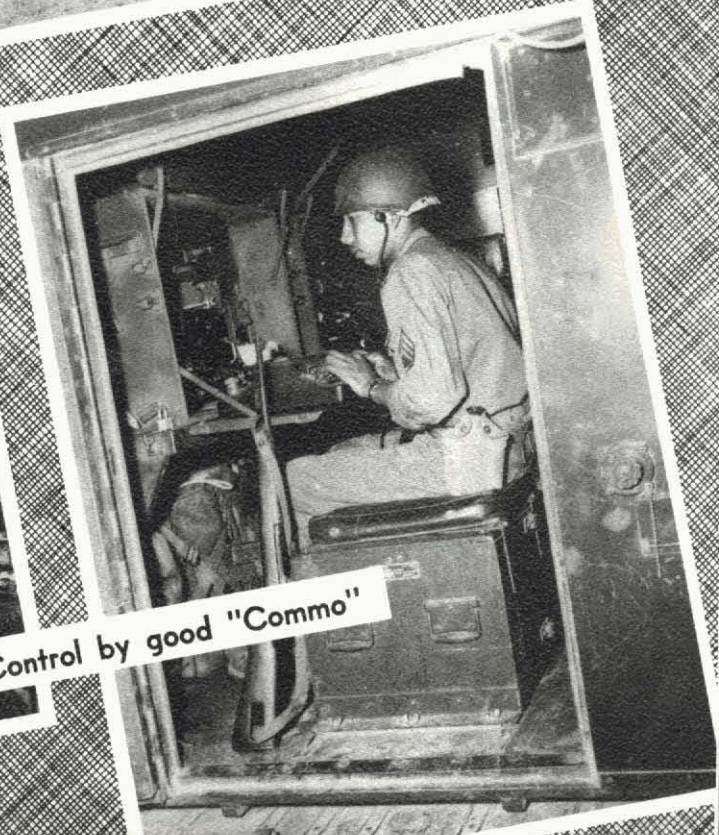
*Service units like the 501st Replacement Company, the 501st Military Police Company and the 141st Armored Signal Company compiled enviable records*

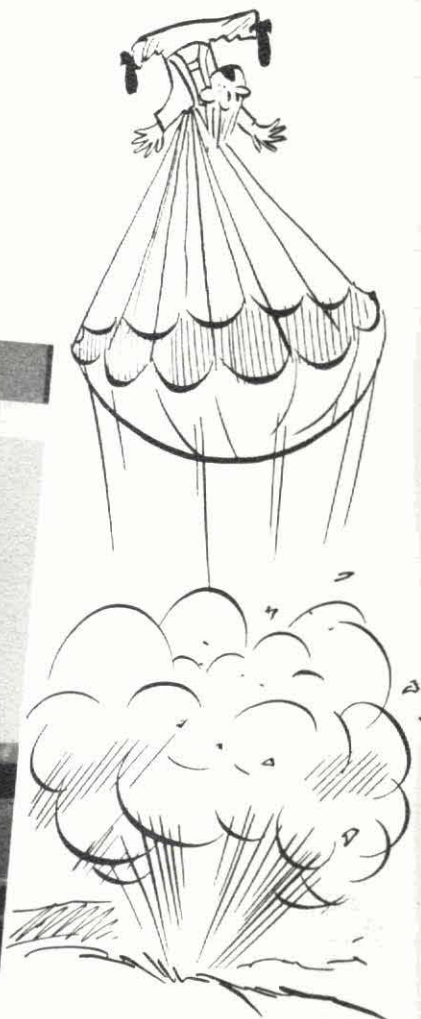
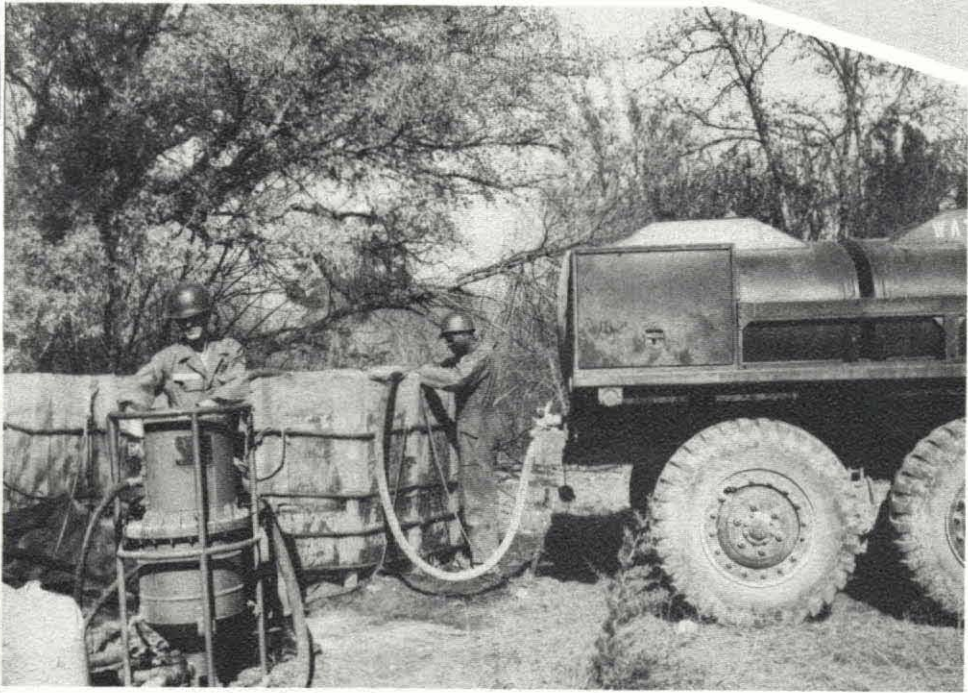


**GUARDED:** Prisoners and road junctions



**MAINTAINED:** Control by good "Commo"

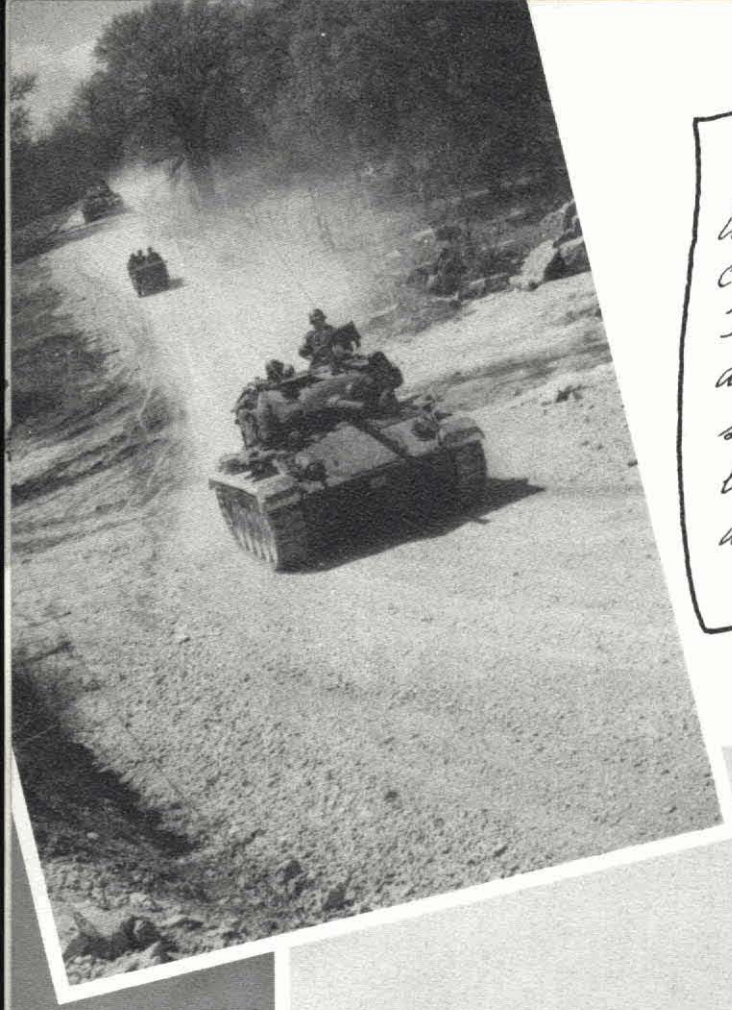




*Men and machines of the  
division pathfinder, The 16th  
Armored Engineer Battalion  
bullied the division through  
knee-deep mud, across rivers  
and along cliffs to strike the  
enemy where he least expected  
us.*



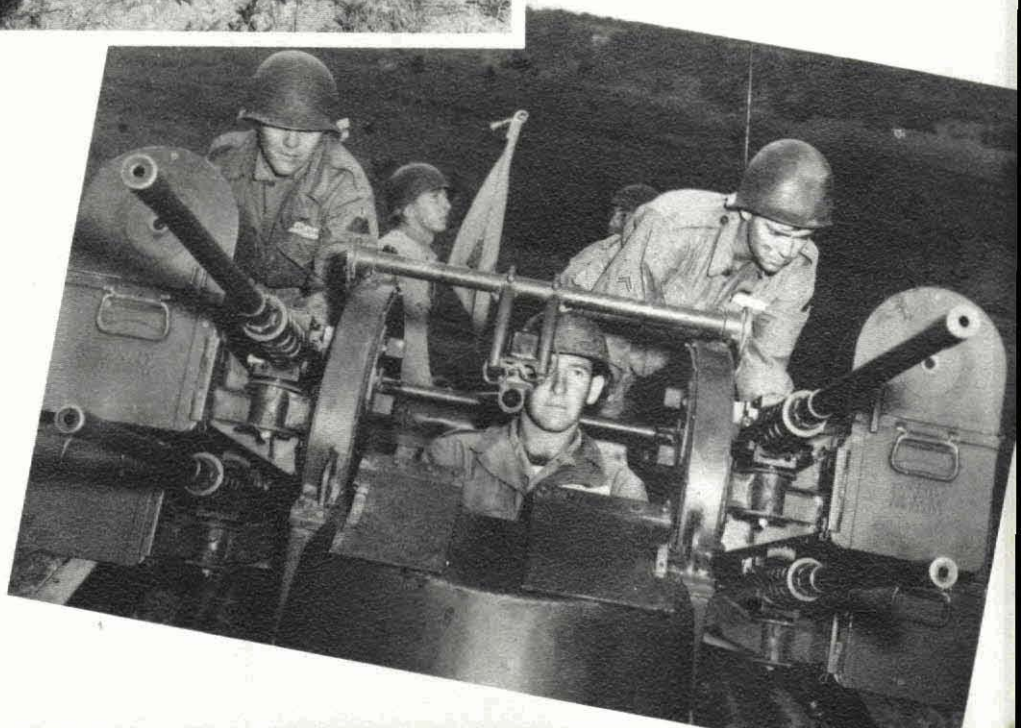




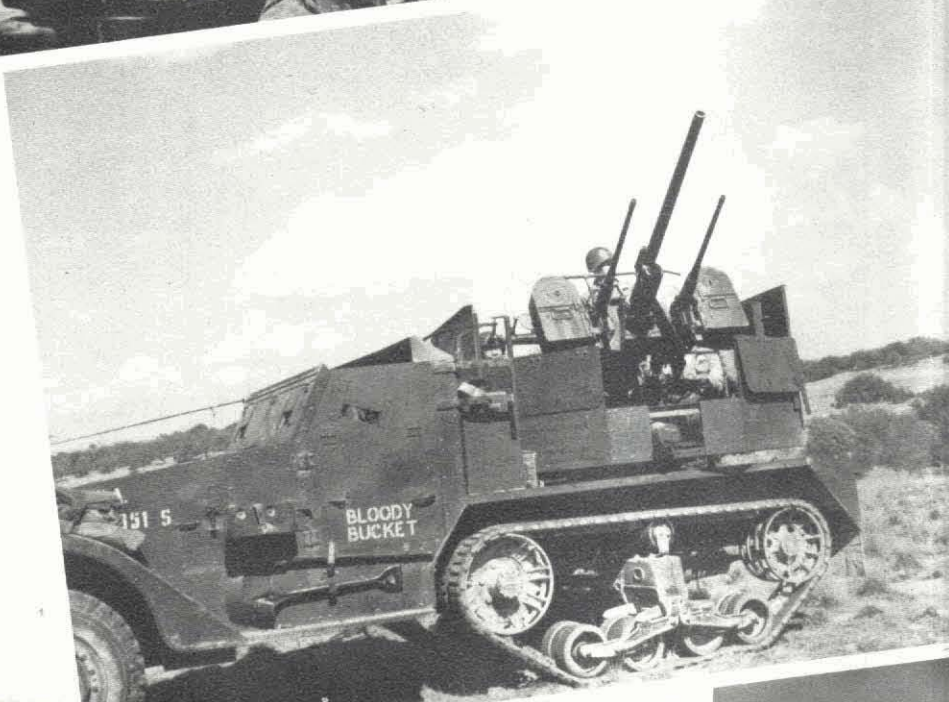
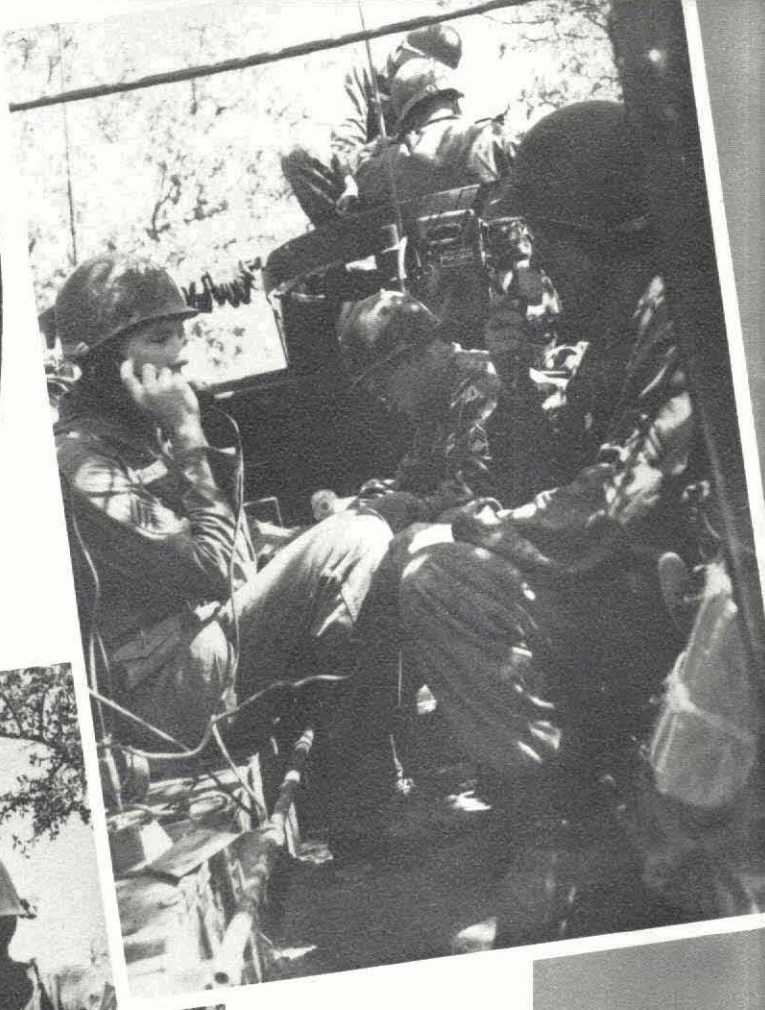
*"The 81st Reconnaissance Battalion is screening your flanks" was a common footnote to attack orders. The Honorable Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, assistant Secretary of Defense, said of this unit: You must be good. Even the umpires want to join your outfit.*

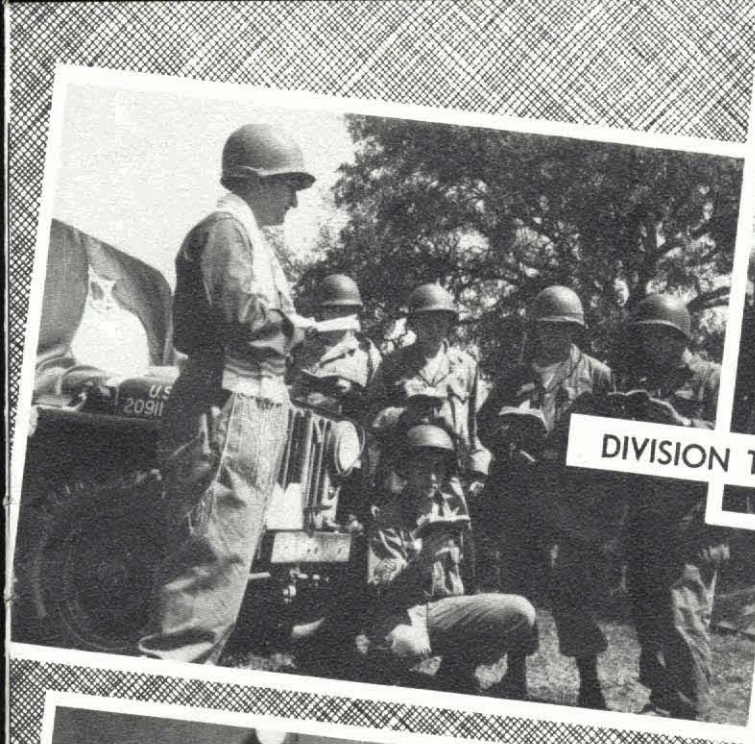




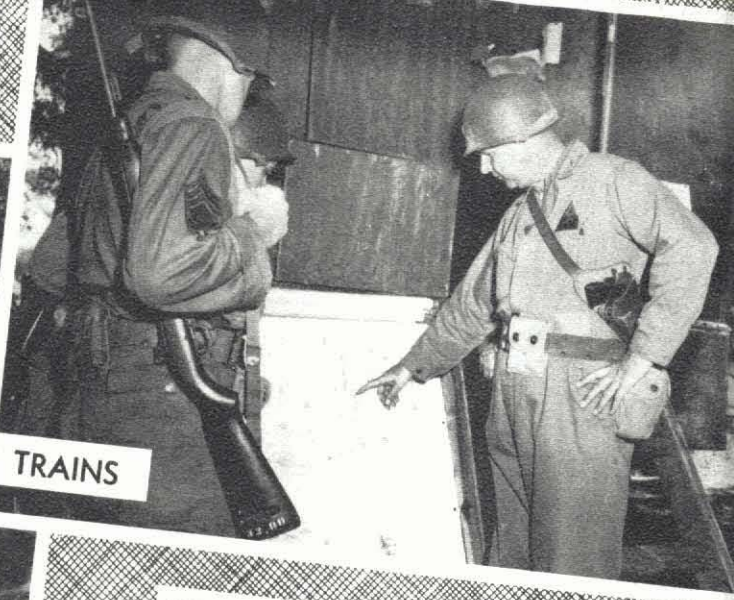


Effective fire from the craned-necked men of 2nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion kept enemy air action to a minimum. When necessary, the battalion used its mobile artillery pieces as tanks and its anti-aircraft machine guns as anti-personnel weapons to oust a determined enemy.

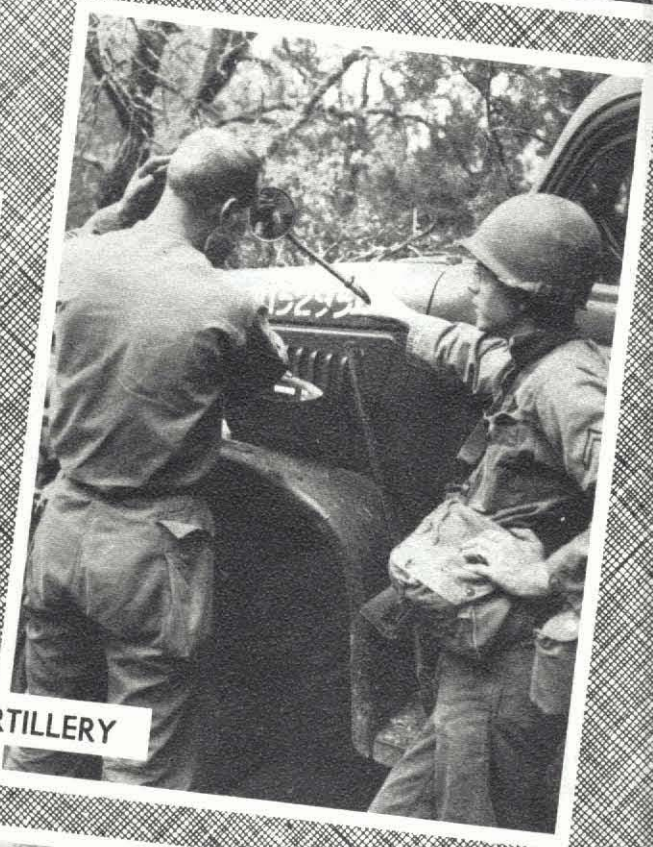




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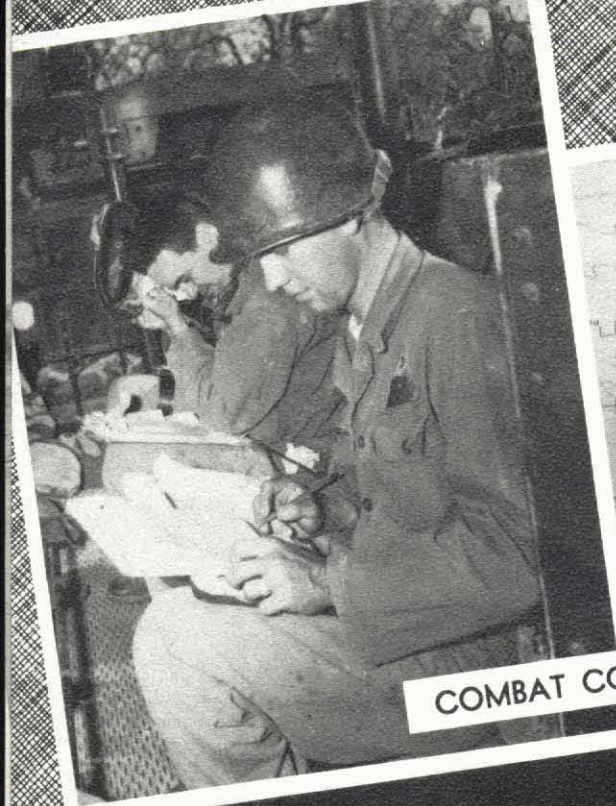
DIVISION ARTILLERY



*We got support when we needed it--rations and supplies from Division Trains, reinforcements and fire support through the combat commands and Divarty Headquarters... and a few rousing strains of "The Eyes Of Texas" from the Division band.*



DIVISION BAND



COMBAT COMMAND "A"

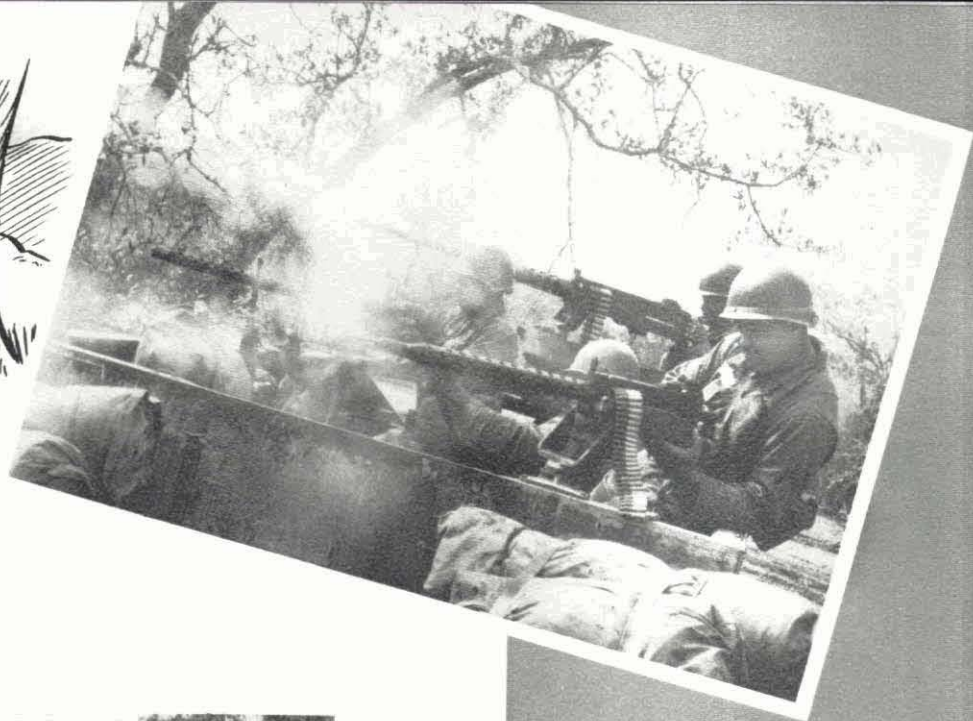
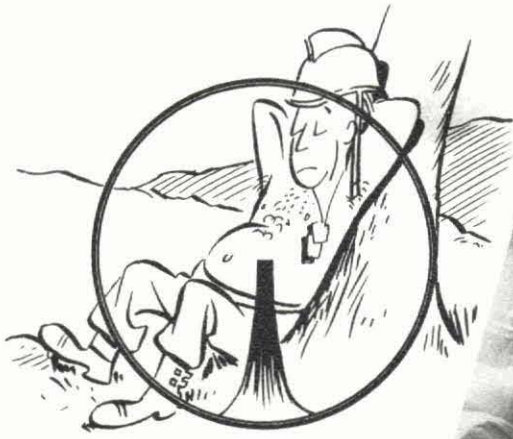


COMBAT COMMAND "B"



RESERVE COMMAND





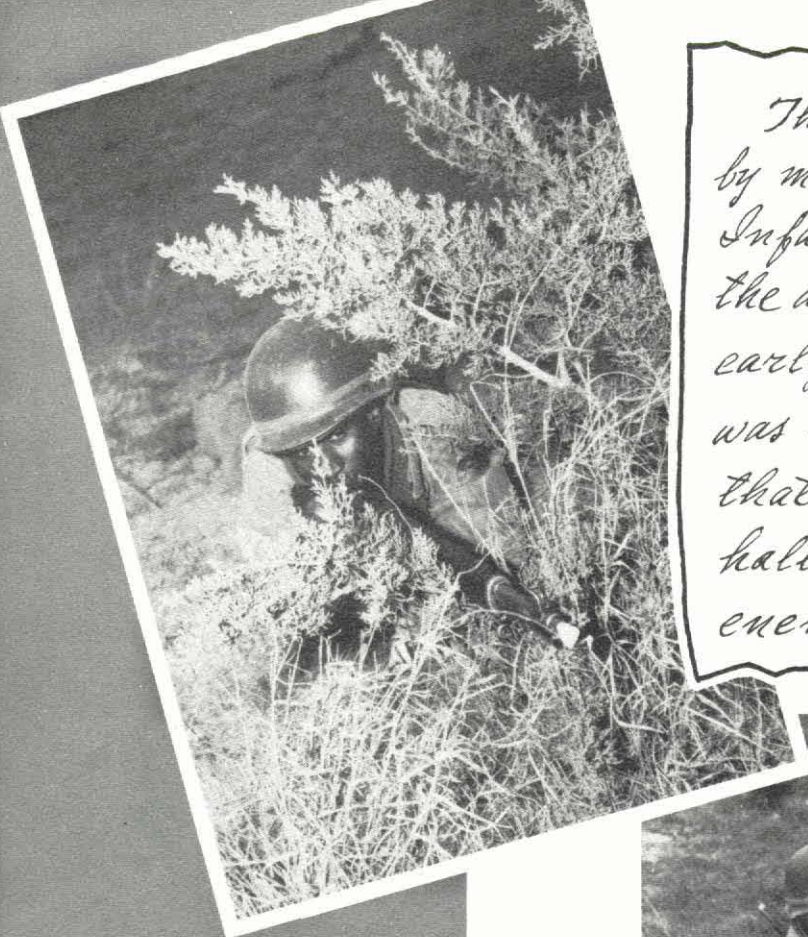
## Shines d Battles

duced the hill positions to simulated raging infernos with napalm bombs.

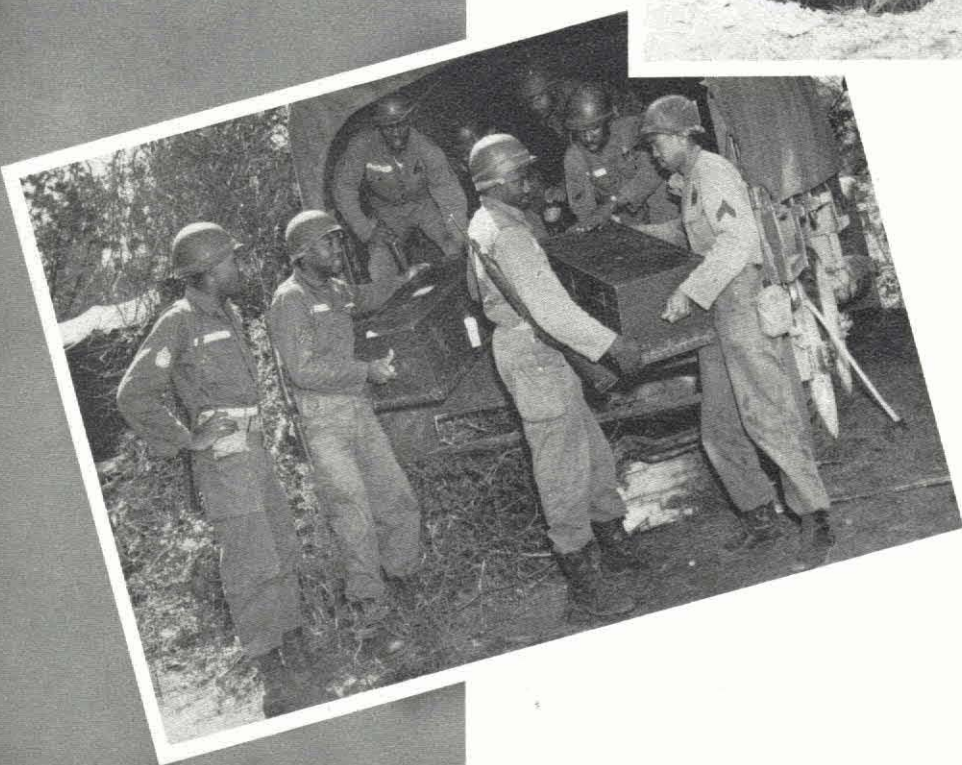
By Saturday morning, the commanding hill was still the scene of continuous fire. Baker Company, not content with looking up to the Aggressors from the bottom of the hill, staged what Lt. Col Morgan G. Rosborough, 1st Armored G-3, termed a "classic attack."

With deception, Company B crept around enemy flanks and met them head-on with a vicious attack that drove the numbed Aggressors back off the hill. Buoyed up by their success, the 25th company with 1st MTB tankers pursued the routed enemy until umpires finally halted the massacre to tally the score.





*The "Classic Attack" launched by men of the 25th Armored Infantry Battalion around the aggressor flank in the early days of the maneuver was so swift and effective that umpires were forced to halt the action to tally enemy casualties.*



## **25th AIB In Rugge**

(PIO) — After decimating two enemy Infantry battalions in three engagements, the men of Co. B, 25th AIB are convinced that in combat, armored vehicles give them the crucial advantage.

Reinforced by tankers of Co. C, 1st MTB, the 25th company was dug in on a hill last Thursday morning, assigned to cover the withdrawal of elements of the 47th Division. Aggressor Infantry units lashed out at the defensive positions that dominated the entire area.

### **ENEMY REPULSED**

Twice the enemy moved out from its staging area and struggled across a mile and a half of no-man's-land under the withering fire of mortars and 90 mm. cannons. And twice, with the chips down,

# T AD THROUGH PRAISED BY CG

over on a bridge the engineers had hastily thrown across the stream. night and made off with all his sleeping and equipment. ENGINEER CHEER "Everyone's time at my blankets," Colonel Fox said. "The

General Clarke's  
4th Medium Tank  
the division's first  
tongue probe into the  
road.



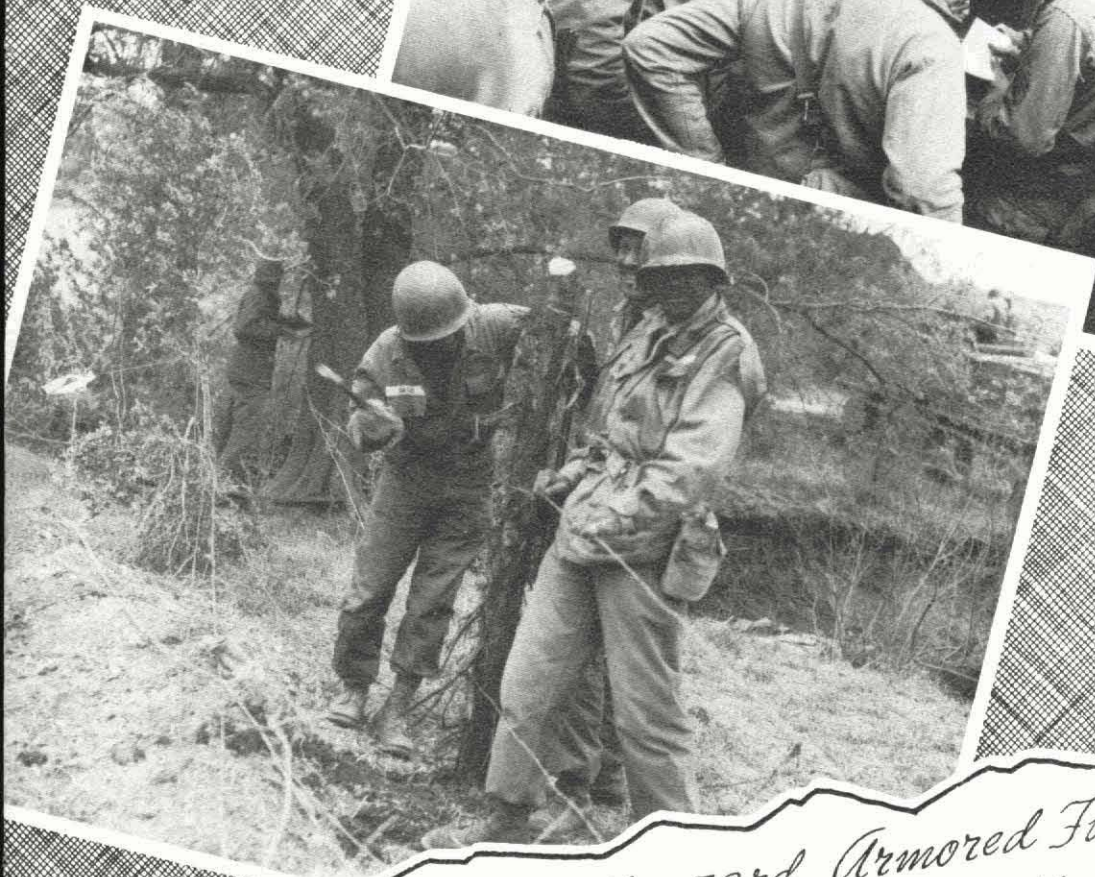
# 4TH MTB LEADS 1ST AGGRESSOR LINES;

(PIO) — General Clarke issued a "well done" to his 4th MTB last Saturday for the highly successful attack it made on Aggressor positions last week in the first major thrust by the 1st Armored Division against the green-clad enemy troops. The general's congratulatory message to the task force and its



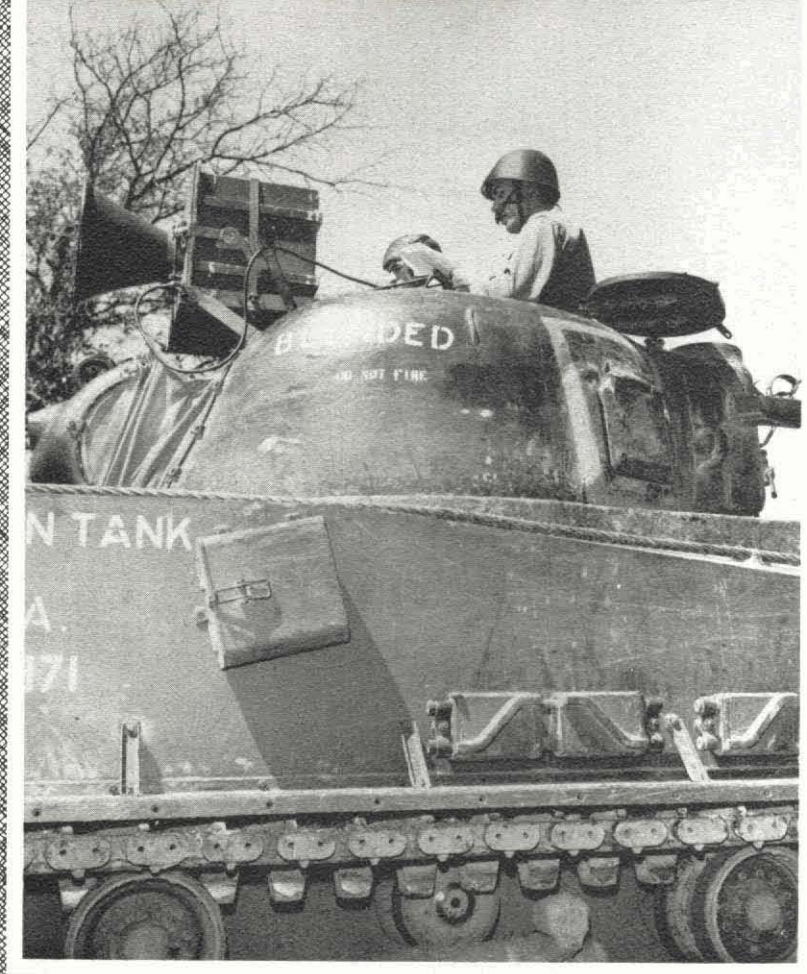
*"Well done" was Gen  
comment when the  
Battalion launched  
major thrust, a light  
aggressor's back ya*





Men of the 73rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion (with the 2nd AAA and the 68th AFA) donned their Infantry hats at one point and halted a breakthrough headed for the CP of a friendly division, helping to capture 270 prisoners.





*"Laura" dished out to the Aggressors what "Lorelei" had given us--a mild case of homesickness. Psychological warfare people reminded us daily of the snakes all around us... and of the beach parties at home.*



**1st ARMORED:**  
YOUR ATTACK IS  
**NO SURPRISE**  
TO AGGRESSOR





*Come on over to me hon...*

*Cause I'm here waiting...*

*to get you some of the things you've been missing.*

*So please hurry...*

*Your Laura*

## Black Widow

THIS ENEMY PLAYS FOR KEEPS... He and his troops don't have any rules of war. You're his target...and he never stops attacking. Maybe now. Maybe tonight. Maybe tomorrow. While you're in the field you are easy prey for these KILLERS. You get no warning. The Black Widow spider bites without being seen...without being felt UNTIL it's too late.



# Safe Conduct Pass

### AGGRESSOR SOLDIER:

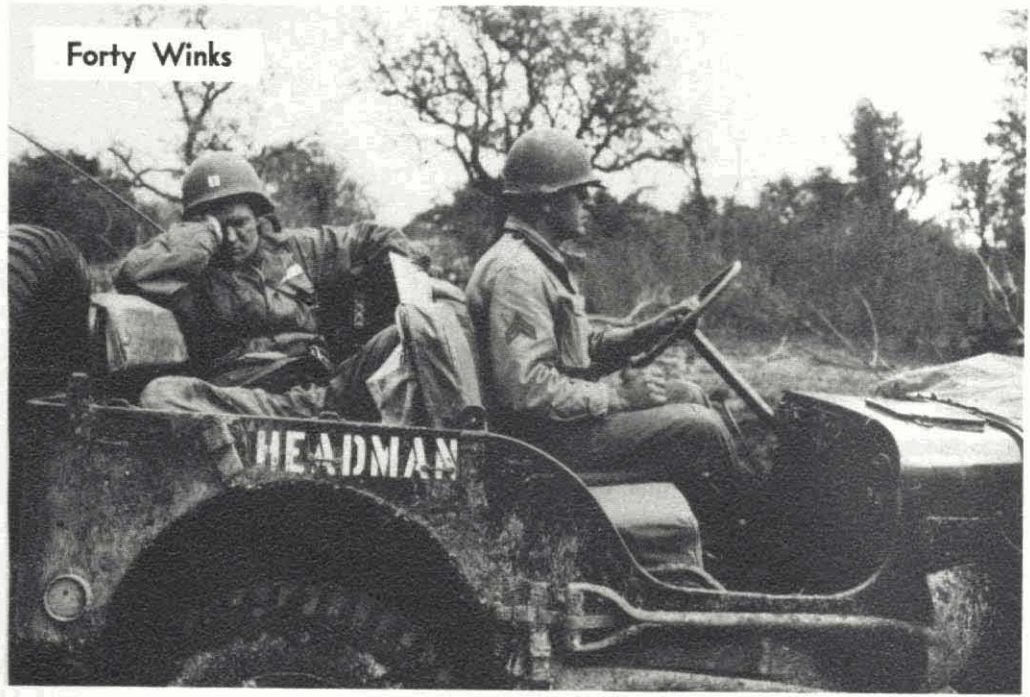
This pass is a guarantee of your safety. Keep it until you have an opportunity to use it. Then hold it above your head and walk towards the U.S. lines. No matter how many soldiers use this pass, you will not be fired upon.

I have ordered that American soldiers shall treat all prisoners of war with the courtesy and will receive all reasonable care, good food, shelter, and clothing. You will be returned to your own units when the maneuver is over.

*W. M. Hooper*

W. M. HOOPER  
Lieutenant General, USA  
1st Theater Commander

## Forty Winks



## Aggressors and Defenders Take Rest in Mock War

FORT HOOD, Texas, March 29 (AP).—Everybody taking part in Exercise Long Horn took a deep breath Saturday. Everybody needed it.

After one week of "battle" over 1,800 square miles of Central Texas ranch land, the 115,000 soldiers taking part in the biggest air-ground maneuver in United States military history will be "resting and regrouping" before a new phase in the mock war begins Tuesday.

The bullets may be blank in this war, but everything else is there, especially a bone-tired feeling after miles of marching, day and night, in rain, cold, and sun; through mud one day and choking dust the next.

Aggressor air had its biggest day Friday. It claimed it destroyed 158 tanks, 207 vehicles, wiped out 2,023 troops, destroyed 36 air craft and damaged 66 others. It also dropped a simulated atom bomb, but where and against what sort of target was not revealed.

The aggressor force continued its pressure along the entire front, over-running the command post of the 1st Armored in one hit and run drive, then withdrawing.

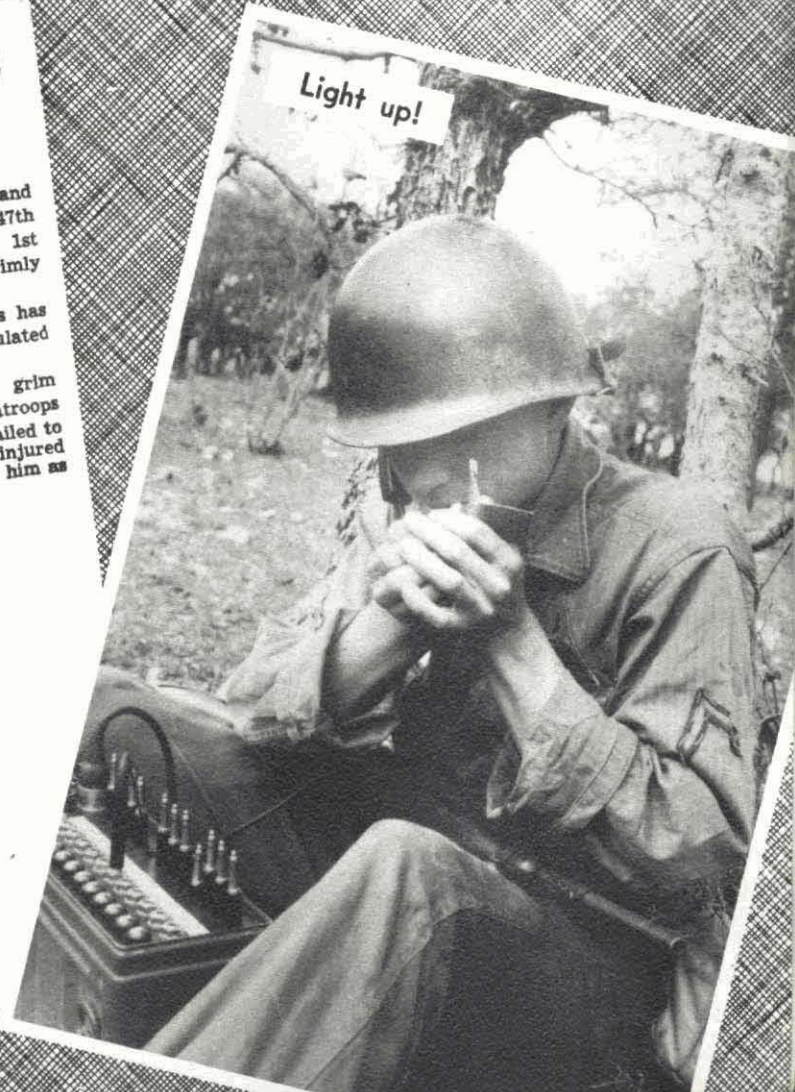
Secretary of the Army Frank Pace, Vice-Chief of Staff Gen. John H. Tamm, Gen. William H. Tunner and Gen. William H. Tunner have

and the 82nd Airborne Division and the United States forces, the 47th and 31st Infantry and the 1st Armored Divisions—are grimly serious.

Every trick of modern war has been employed, including simulated atomic artillery.

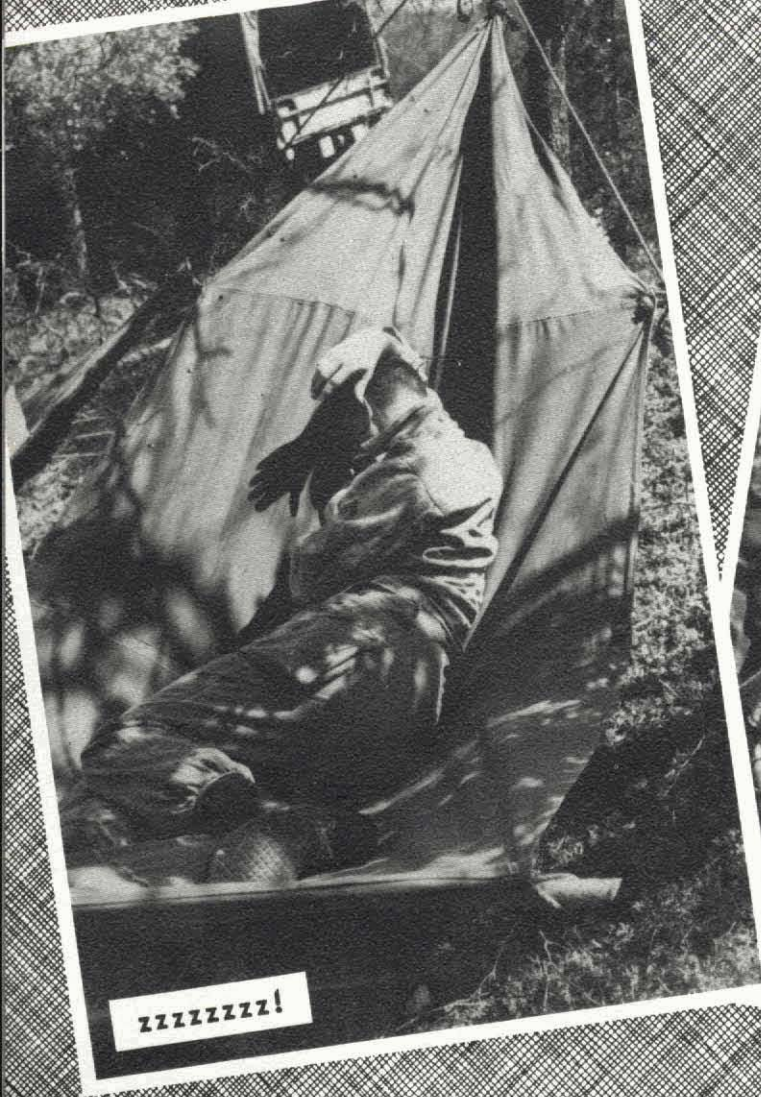
Two fatalities added a grim touch of realism. One paratrooper was killed when his chute failed to open. A soldier was fatally injured when a vehicle backed over him as he slept in his pup tent.

Light up!



THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

After the war, they think they have the action as real as it can be without bullets. Both sides—the aggressor force



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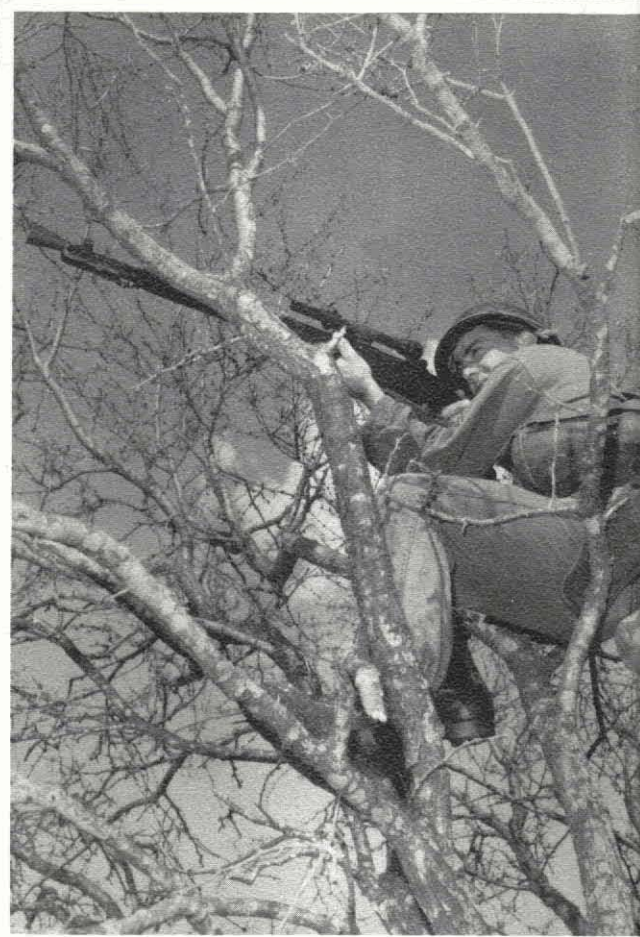
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Whistlewetters

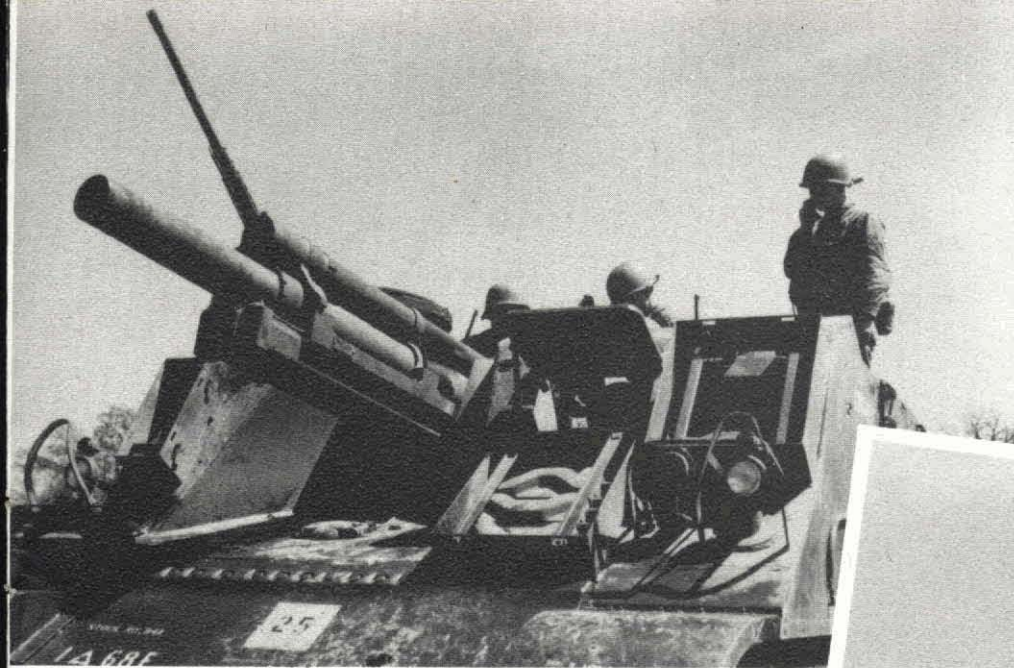


*First enemy blood (simulated type) was drawn by men of the 701st Armored Infantry Battalion in skirmishes with small Aggressor units.*









## THE AUSTIN AMERICAN

# ATOMIC ARTILLERY' WIPES OUT MANEUVER UNIT

BY J. L. BUR MARTIN  
 FORT HOOD, March 28 (AP)—Gen. John E. Hull, vice chief of staff of the Army, Friday said that simulated atomic artillery wiped out some 2,400 men (on paper) during exercise Long Horn maneuvers Tuesday.

Gen. Hull said further, that the concentration of troops dropped by parachute for using the real stuff, would be a worthwhile target for the real stuff.

The four-star general told away some of the vagueness that had surrounded the simulated use of atomic weapons in the big maneuvers that started in Central Texas Tuesday.

On Tuesday, a small burst of smoke-shaped just like the picture you see of the clouds after atom bomb bursts—appeared over the drop zone where a brigade of 82nd airborne aggressor troops had been dropped an hour and a half earlier.

Asked if that would have been a beautiful target for real atomic artillery, Hull said, "yes."

"Any time you get that number of troops concentrated as they were just after a parachute drop, he said, "that would make a good target."

Hull revealed that simulated artillery again would be used during the maneuvers, at the discretion of the field commander. Hull said he was particularly interested in the atomic phase of the huge artillery exercise and in the air-ground operation.

He arrived Thursday night, and after touring the area, and visiting each of the four divisions Friday afternoon. He revealed that another exercise was tentatively planned for this same general area next year to be known as exercise "Lone Star."

On other aspects of atomic artillery, Hull said:

"Its use in this maneuver was under Army control. The atomic Energy Commission did not participate."

Special troops have been trained to use atomic artillery.

"You have to have troops trained to use this type weapon just as they have to be trained to use any other type weapon," he declared.

Results of the simulated atomic artillery use were as "favorable" as expected.

It was announced late Tuesday

that the atomic attack cost the aggressors a brigade headquarters estimated at 100 men, an infantry battalion of about 1,000, a brigade pany of some 200 and the brigade artillery estimated at 750 to a 1,000 men. Actually, 2,310 paratroopers were dropped.

Hull said the damage results were figured from AEC's results from the use of atomic weapons.

Atomic artillery "probably" would be controlled by corps or Army and would not be an organic part of the infantry division.

He said that Army staff and staff officers probably benefited more from the simulated use of atomic weapons than the individual troops because in simulated use "troops won't benefit as much as when they see one really go like in the Nevada test."

He said the Army had a doctrine in the use of atomic artillery.

The second casualty of the maneuver was reported Friday among the 115,000 men battling in mock war through the rocky hills of Central Texas.

One soldier was killed last night when an unidentified vehicle backed over the pup tent in which he was laying. He was identified as

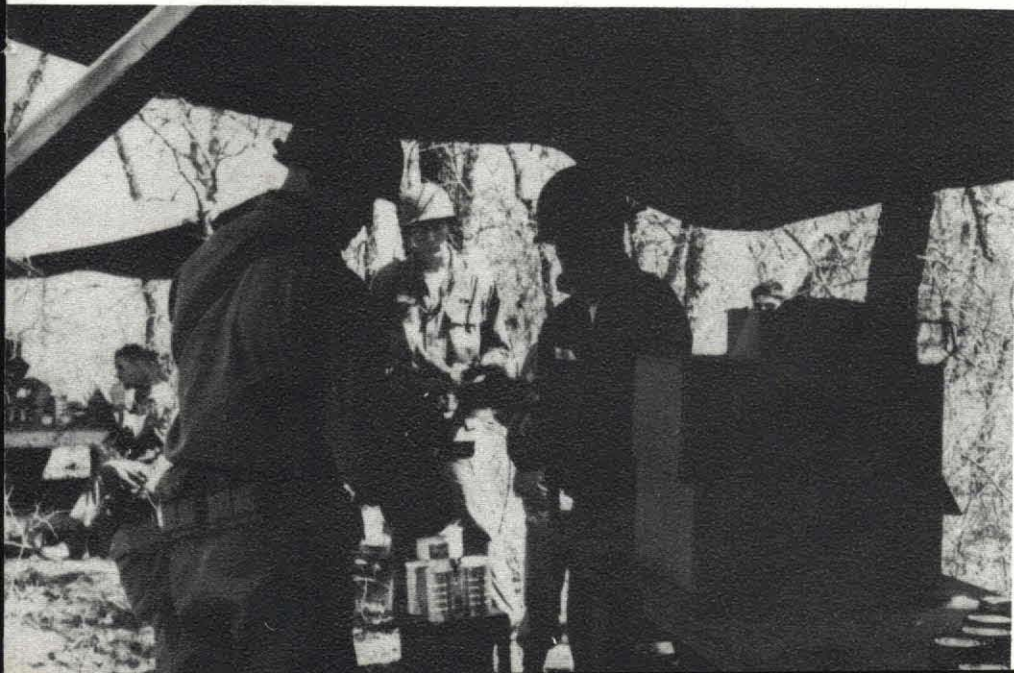
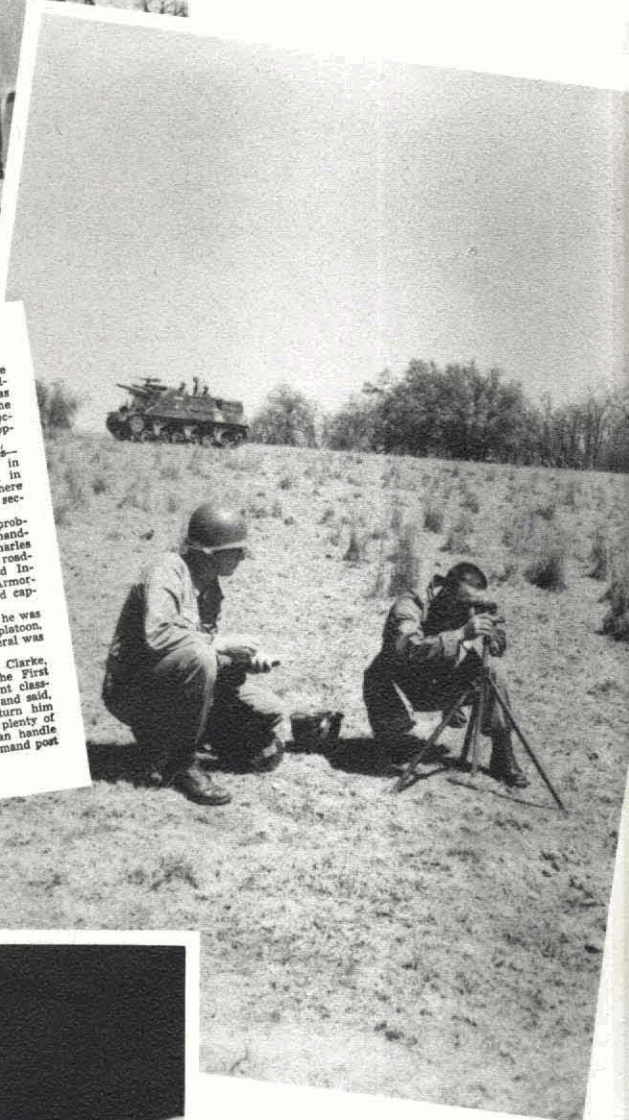
Corporal Keith P. Bryce, of the 105th Engineer Construction Battalion. His next of kin was listed as Dewey Price, Ashurst, Ariz. The first casualty of the maneuvers occurred Tuesday when a paratrooper's parachute failed to open.

The green-clad enemy hordes—the 82nd Airborne Division—held their own, and in fact, were two days ahead of where they should be in the northern sector of the front.

They squeezed by a major problem Friday when their commanding general, Major General Charles D. W. Canham, ran into a roadblock of the 634th Armored Infantry Battalion of the First Armored Division and was declared captured.

Gen. Canham insisted that he was traveling with a simulated platoon and an umpire said the general was correct.

Major General Bruce Clarke, commanding general of the First Armored and a West Point classmate of Canham, grinned and said, "I'm glad they had to turn him loose. He's going to have plenty of problems. I'm sure he can handle them better from his command post than mine."





Twenty-five Aggressor attacks by units up to and including battalion size were repulsed in a two-day period by men of the versatile 68th Armored Field Artillery Battalion.

# First Armored Marks Up First Victory For 'U. S.'

## Tankers Hit At Aggressor In Mock War

FORT HOOD, March 27—The First Armored division counter-punched an advancing Aggressor army here today and marked up the first victories for U. S. forces in this mock war.

Units of the First, held in reserve until this morning, were credited with knocking out seven "enemy" tank

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of the First — rushed into action today to relieve hard pressed infantry units — were believed engaged in fierce battle tonight, but reports were conflicting.

Elsewhere on the front ground activity was slowed to a standstill as weary GIs slogged through the muddy battlefields.

The low ceiling kept fighter planes grounded, although Ninth Air Force reported sending out light reconnaissance planes without results.

An ambush was responsible for the First Armored morning victory when Company C of the 701 AIB, re-enforced by two platoons of the 13th MTB, caught a battalion of aggressor tanks moving into its perimeter.

"It was just like shooting sitting ducks," Capt. Howard Bowden said. Umpriss credited the company with knocking out half the battalion, or 13 tanks.

Seven tanks were captured and held for five hours. This action was in the Pidcoke area.

This afternoon D company of the 701st AIB and D company of the Fourth MTB annihilated a company of Aggressor Infantry.

Elements of the 47th Infantry division and the 31st Infantry division, representing the remainder of the U. S. forces, are preparing a last line of defense on the Cowhouse creek as Aggressor units keep pushing eastward in both the northern and southern sectors of the front.





Our division was kinda quiet for the first couple of days. That didn't stop the 13th Medium Tank Battalion, though, from staggering the enemy with a left jab that hurt.

# 115,000 Troops Poised To Start Centex 'War'

## 17-Day Long Horn Battle Begins At One Minute After Midnight

FORT HOOD, March 24 (SPL)—The Lometa area was off limits to all military but the aggressor forces today as the 82nd Airborne Division and supported units in action.

At midnight today a mock war which will play 115,000 combat and air troops and all their elements of war, including simu-

lated atomic weapons, will be officially on. Within the next few hours aggressors will strike the U.S. defending forces a staggering blow, being favored by surprise and strength. From then until April 11 aggressor and U.S. troops alike will use all the war strategy they can muster in an effort to outmaneuver one another in the field.

Hundreds of umpires will judge action of the troops and their commanders in all the given situations. In theory the aggressors are ad-

vancing toward Central Texas after having made a landing on the Gulf Coast. U.S. troops and Air Force are being rushed into Texas to meet and repel the invaders. Three divisions of the crack First Armored and the 31st and 47th Infantry Divisions, both former National Guard units, will make up the backbone of the U.S. Army.

Emphasis will be placed on movement of troops at night and in situations which have confronted United Nations troops in the Korean war zone. Every branch of the services which has a part to play in combat will receive an actual workout during Long Horn.

"Exercise Long Horn" is the biggest practice maneuver in the nation's history. During the simulated fight in which a city will be seized by an "invader," strategists hope to solve some of the problems of rapid troop movement to meet surprise attacks, and to test projected tactics in the use of atomic weapons in ground fighting.

The mammoth wargame involves the 82nd Airborne Division, as the "aggressor" force which will seize Lampasas, Tex.; the 57th Infantry Division, the First Armored Division, units of the Ninth (Tactical) Air Force and the Eighteenth (Troop Carrier) Air Force, and the 31st (Dixie) Division which still is being airlifted the 1,100 miles from Shaw Air Force Base, S. C.

**Special Units Take Part**  
Special Army and Air Force units, rehearsing intelligence missions, evacuation of wounded, political repair of an invaded area and similar services also will participate.

The Dixie division airlift began last week, but was interrupted Friday and Saturday by stormy weather in the South. It resumed late Sunday with giant C-124 flying boxcars and C-46's shuttling men and equipment into Temple Municipal airport.

The Air Force expects to have air lifted the 31st's 8,500 men into position for Long Horn by late Monday night.

Lt. Gen. William M. Hoge, Fourth Army Commander and the maneuver director, disclosed Sunday that the ground action will provide the first large-scale tactical test for employing atomic weapons.

He said there will be no actual atomic explosion in the 1,800-square-mile maneuver area, but atomic blasts will be simulated with realism.

**Simulated 'All-Out' War**  
Hoge said the atom phase was introduced to accustom troops to the possibility of such all-out warfare, and to remove much of their "mental uncertainty" about the new instruments of war.

The test also will permit the Army to evaluate defense plans made against the day when U. S. Forces might encounter atomic weapons on the battlefield.

Public information officers here said the Office of the Chief of Army Field Forces, headed by Gen. Mark W. Clark, will keep a particularly close watch on these phases of the exercise.

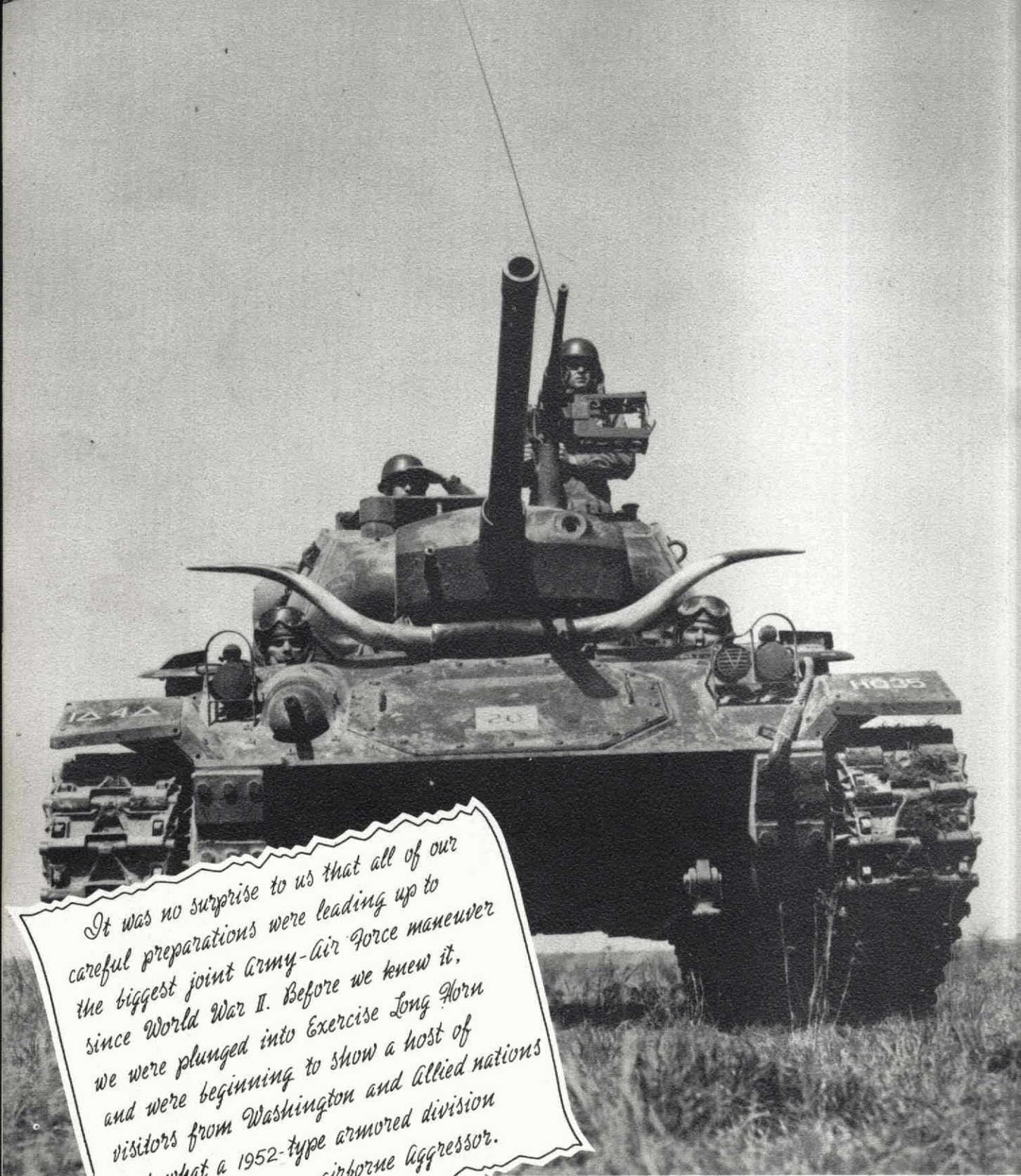
The 82nd Airborne division, as the "enemy centralist party," will seize Lampasas and wipe out the town's civil liberties to set off the games. Psychological warfare, military government and new parachute attack methods also will be tried.

Sunday 67 paratroopers made a trial jump at Camp Bowie, near Brownwood, Tex., in the third and smallest mass jump preliminary to the exercise. The Army said three of the paratroopers were hurt slightly.

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# LONG HORN



*It was no surprise to us that all of our careful preparations were leading up to the biggest joint Army-Air Force maneuver since World War II. Before we knew it, we were plunged into Exercise Long Horn and were beginning to show a host of visitors from Washington and Allied nations just what a 1952-type armored division could do against an airborne aggressor.*

# EXERCISE



A bunch of "Dixie"-whistlers dropped in on us.



A voice named "Lorelei" was singing a different tune.



Talk of war didn't bother us a bit.

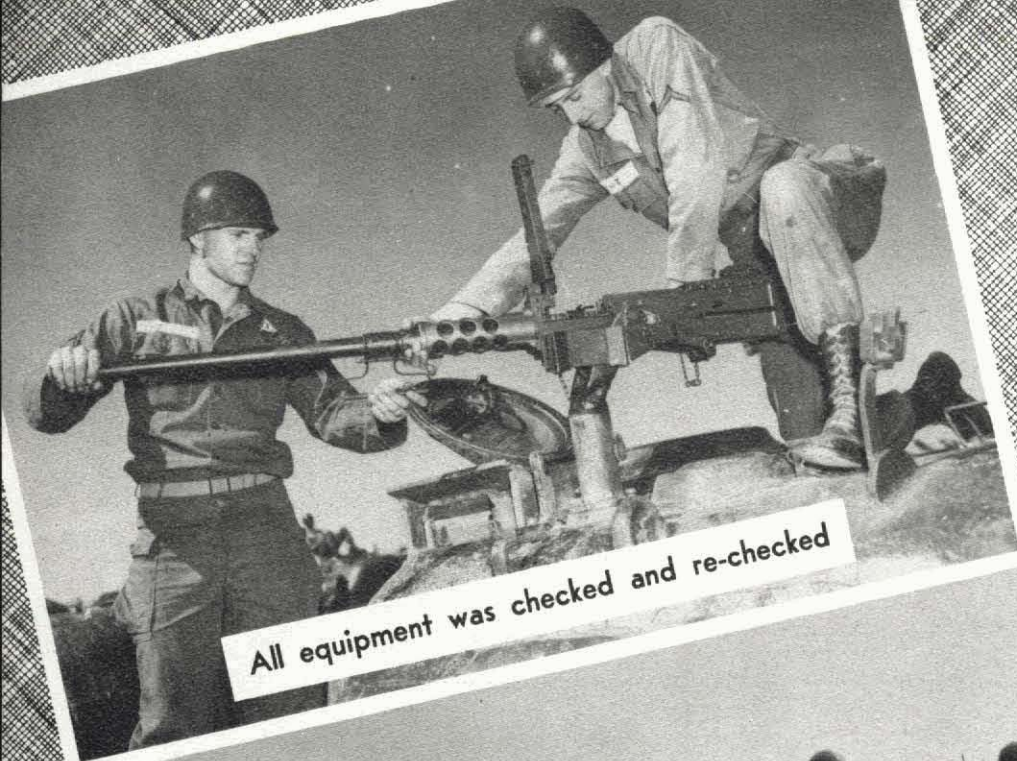
### KNOW YOUR AGGRESSOR ENEMY

COLOR DENOTES BRANCH - NUMERALS THE UNIT

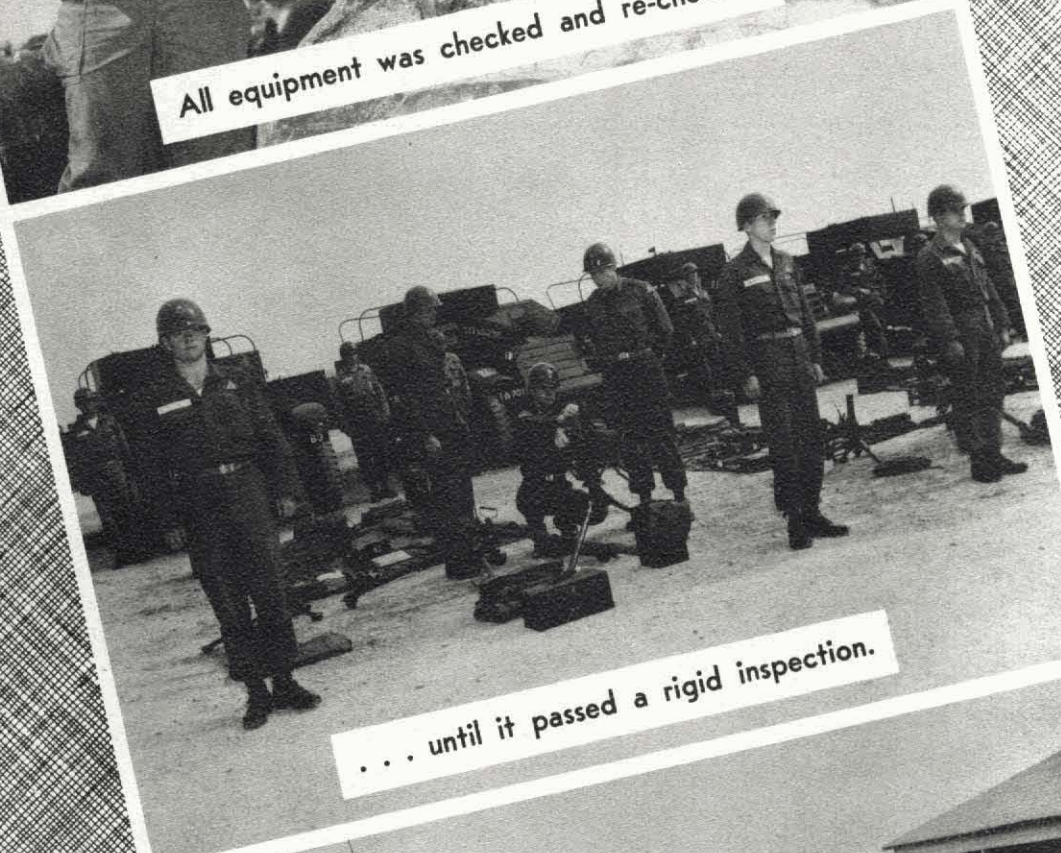
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	PARATROOPERS			OFFICERS
	OTHER BRANCHES			OFFICERS
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OFFICERS: RANK, MARK ON BOTH SHOULDER STRAPS AND CAP

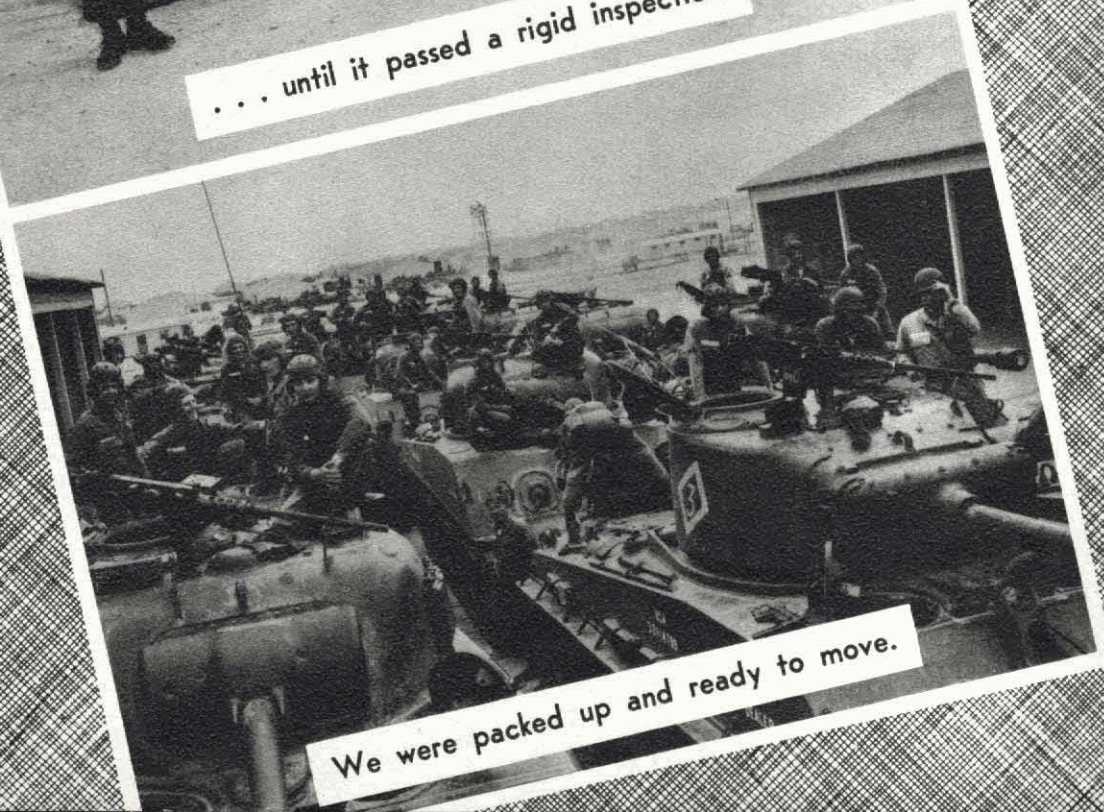
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All equipment was checked and re-checked



... until it passed a rigid inspection.



We were packed up and ready to move.





Tankers were busy



... sprucing up their tanks

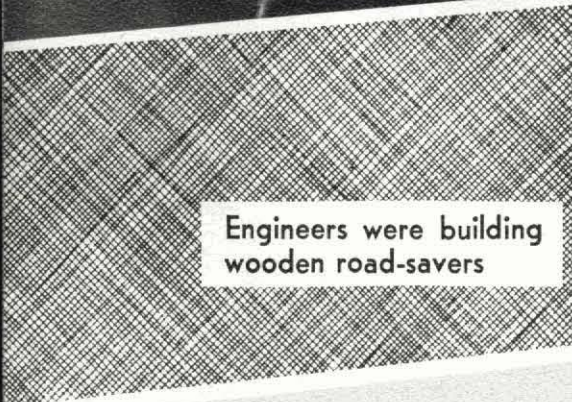


... and getting their weapons battle-ready.

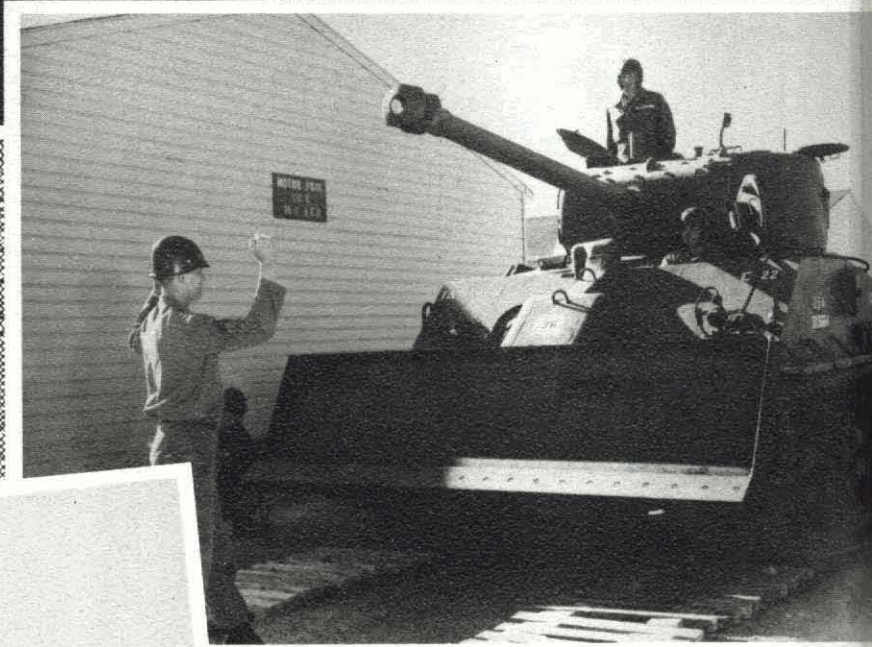
*A year's training over, we relaxed on passes that were handed out liberally. Then a lot of strange doings began to occur and it was obvious that we were in for something big.*



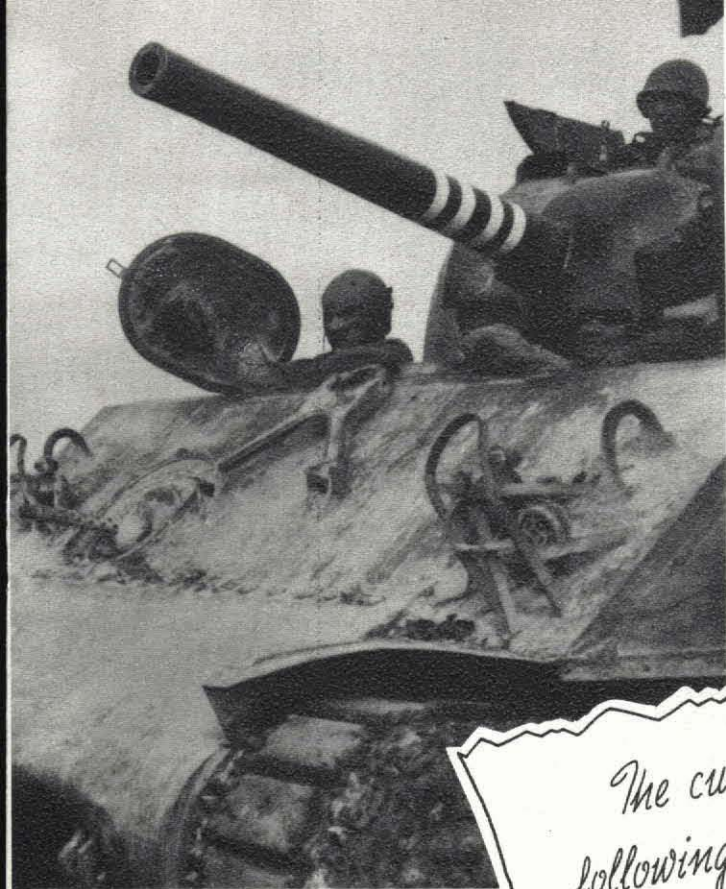
100-gallons worth of hat met the general.



Engineers were building wooden road-savers

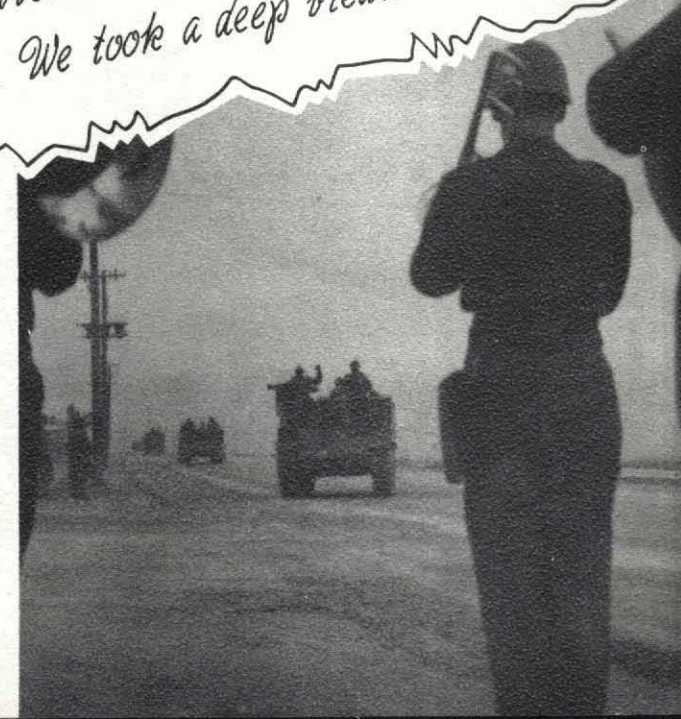
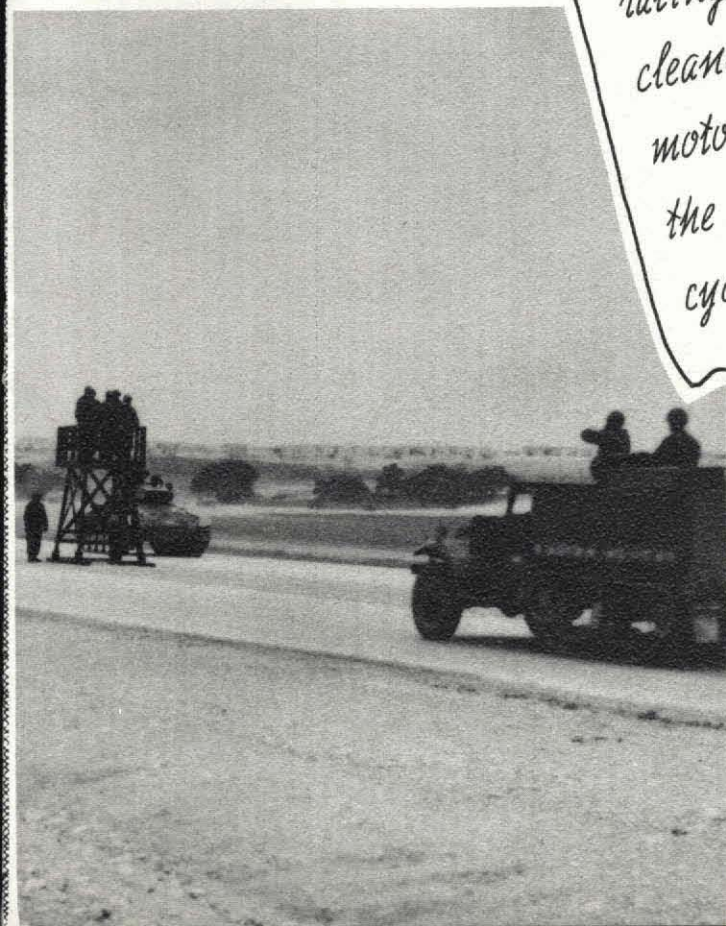


... and were turning soldiers into part-time ranchers.



## OF TRAINING

The curtain fell on our training cycle following a 300-tank attack on Anderson Mountain at the close of the division field exercise. We had scored an overall rating of "Excellent" on unit tests. We cleaned up...were reviewed in a division motor march... and were welcomed back by the division band. The end of our training cycle. We took a deep breath.





Advance and be recognized . . . Aha!"



A Mighty Fortress . . .

# 9th INNING



Clean sheets



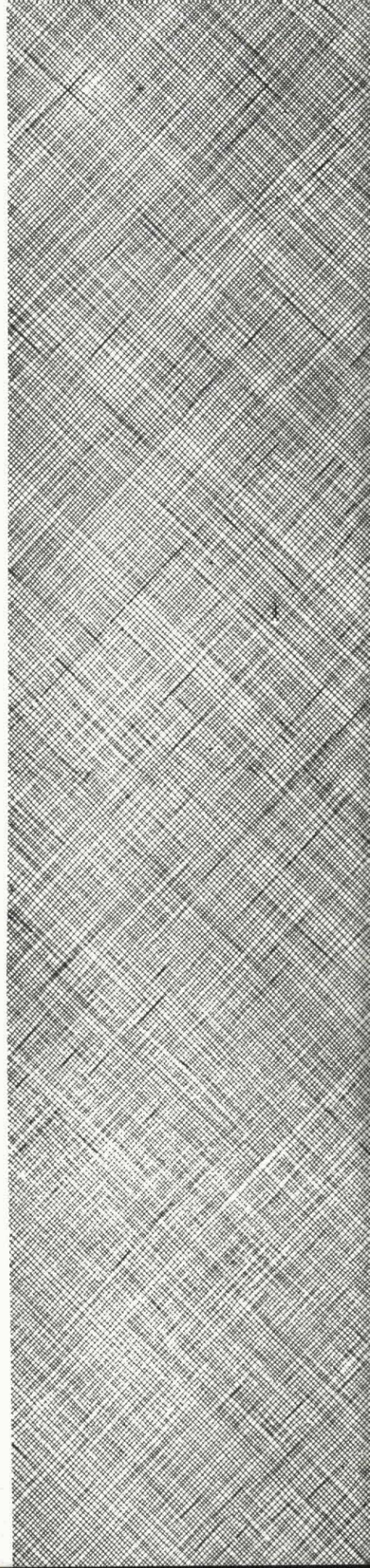
Night fueling—no fooling

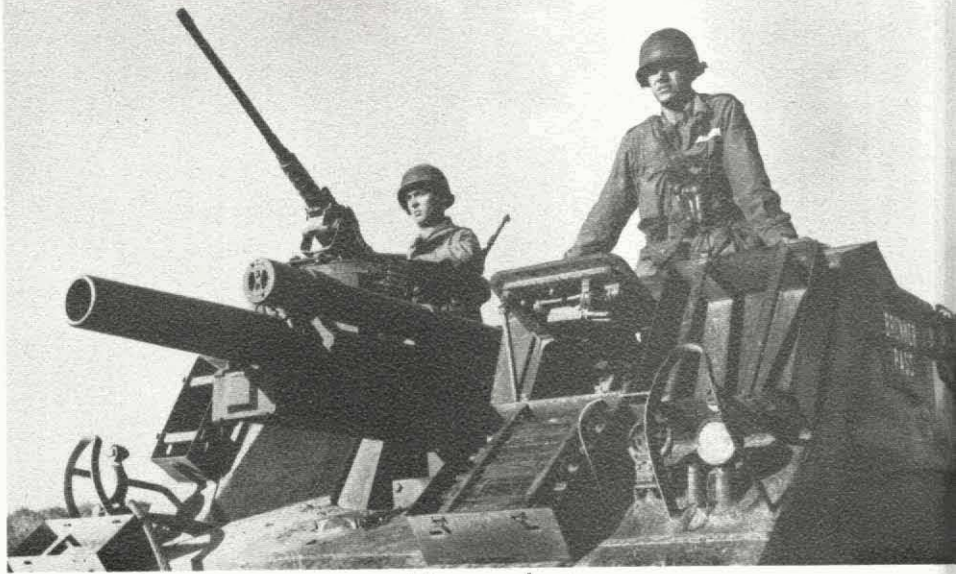


"We move at dusk"



Plane talk





Keep alert



Delaying action

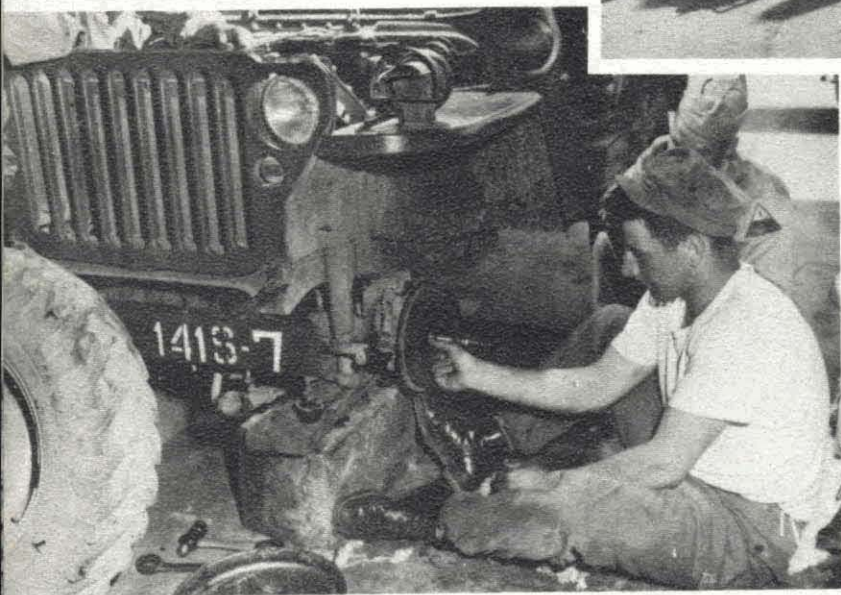


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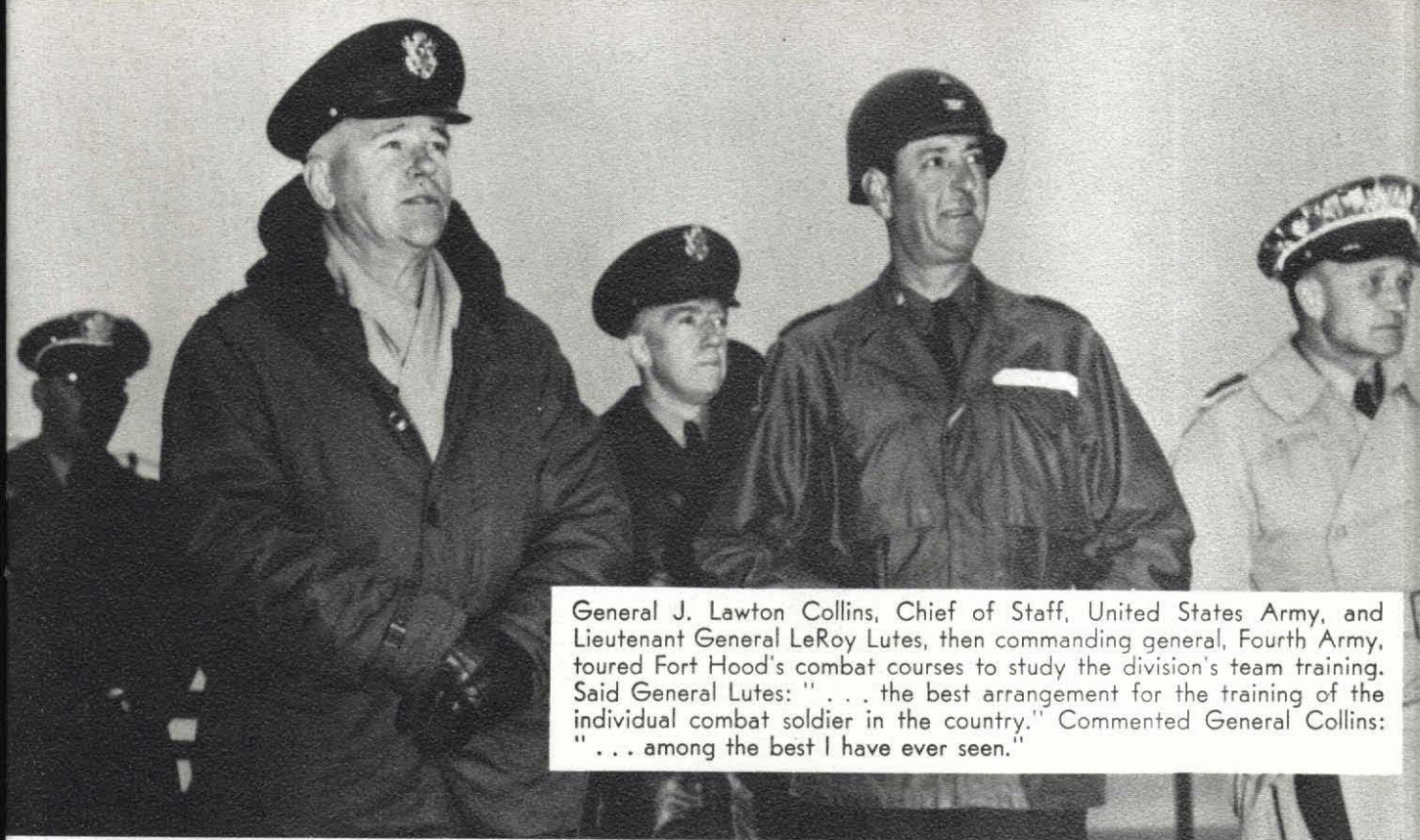
# UNIT TESTS



*Vehicles and equipment were inspected...  
and serviced... and checked again. Then we  
were ready to move out on our company,  
battalion and combat command tests.*







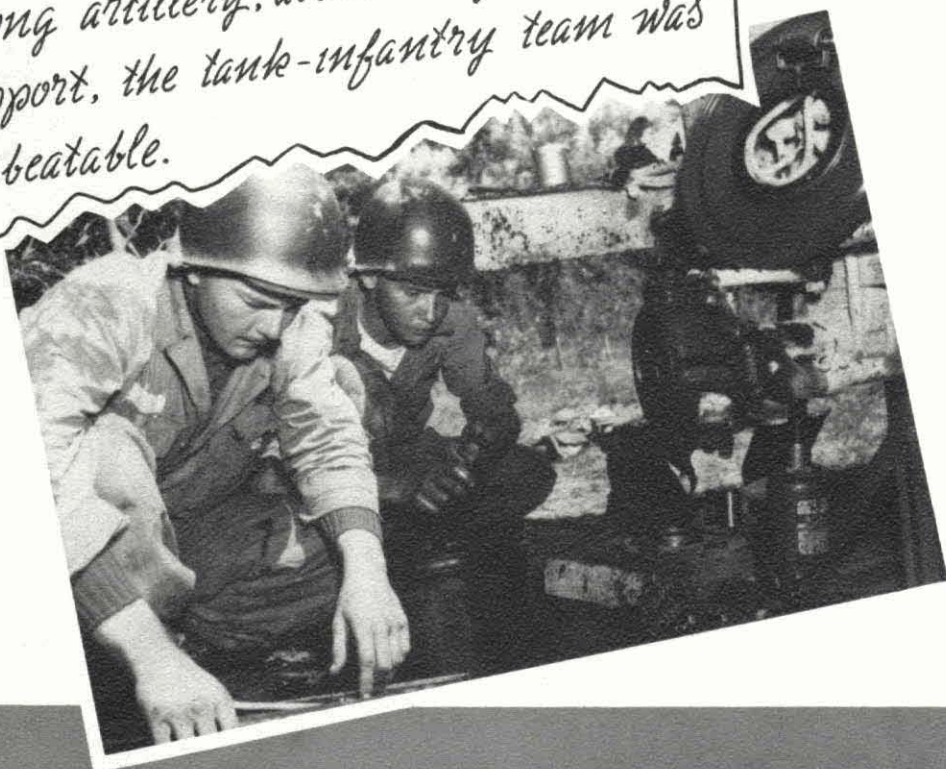
General J. Lawton Collins, Chief of Staff, United States Army, and Lieutenant General LeRoy Lutes, then commanding general, Fourth Army, toured Fort Hood's combat courses to study the division's team training. Said General Lutes: "... the best arrangement for the training of the individual combat soldier in the country." Commented General Collins: "... among the best I have ever seen."



# THE ARMORED DIVISION TEAM

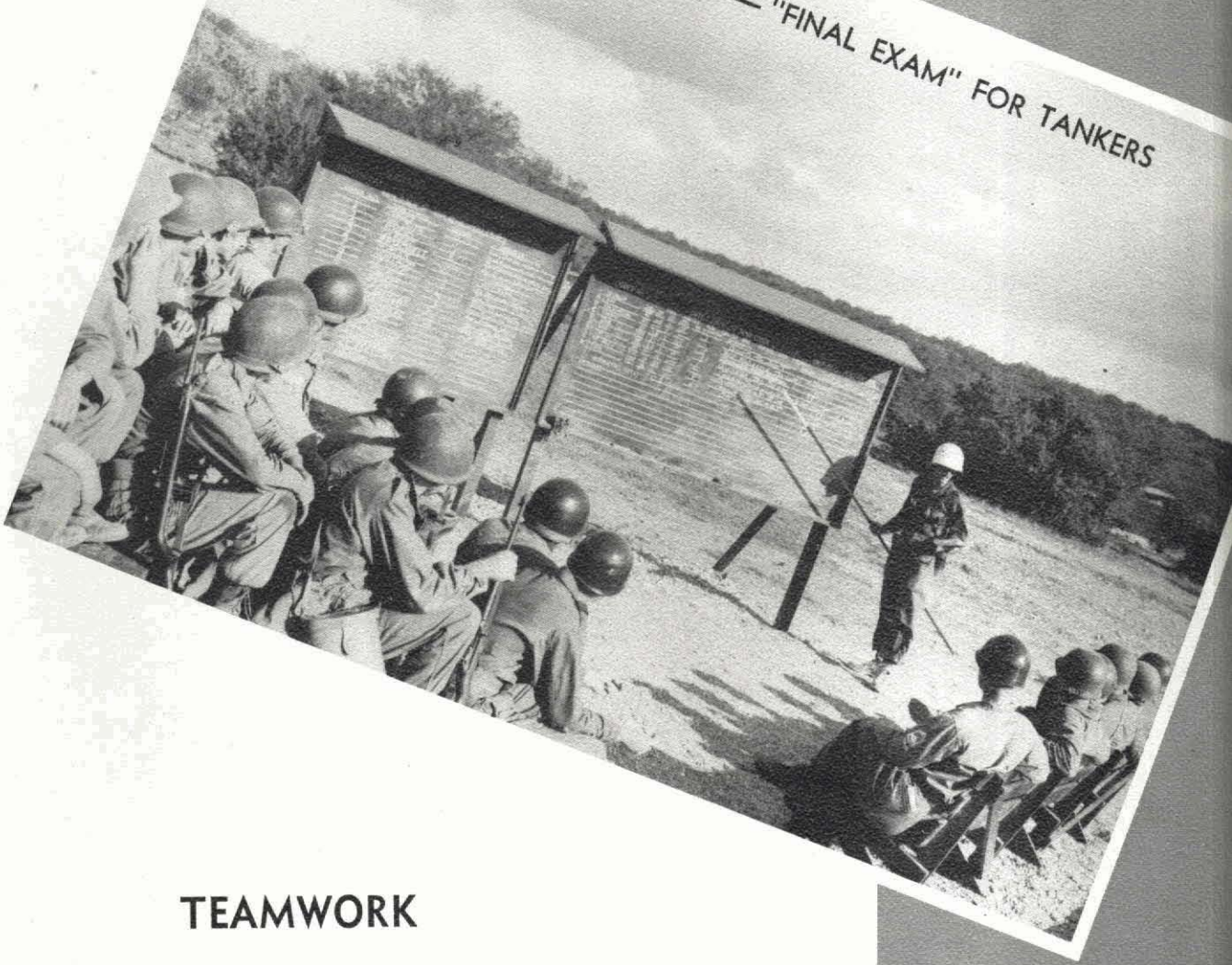


*The tank-infantry platoon combat course taught us a recipe for success in armored warfare. We saw that with strong artillery, air and engineer support, the tank-infantry team was unbeatable.*



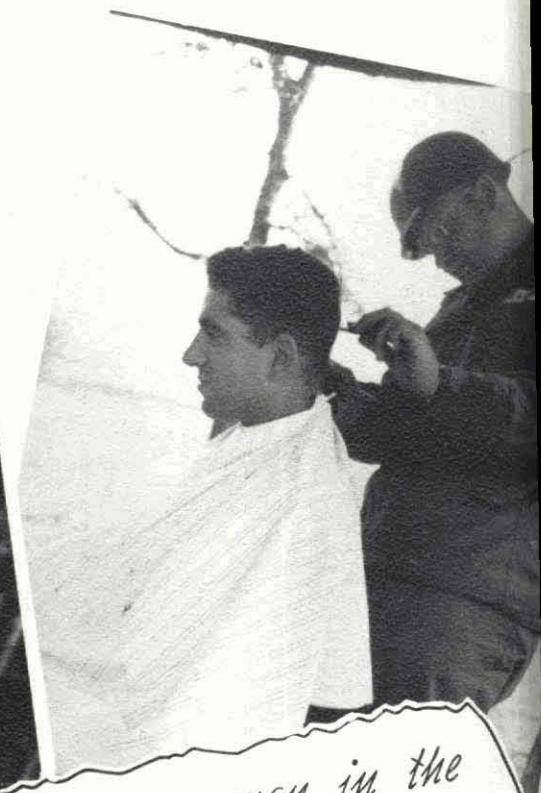
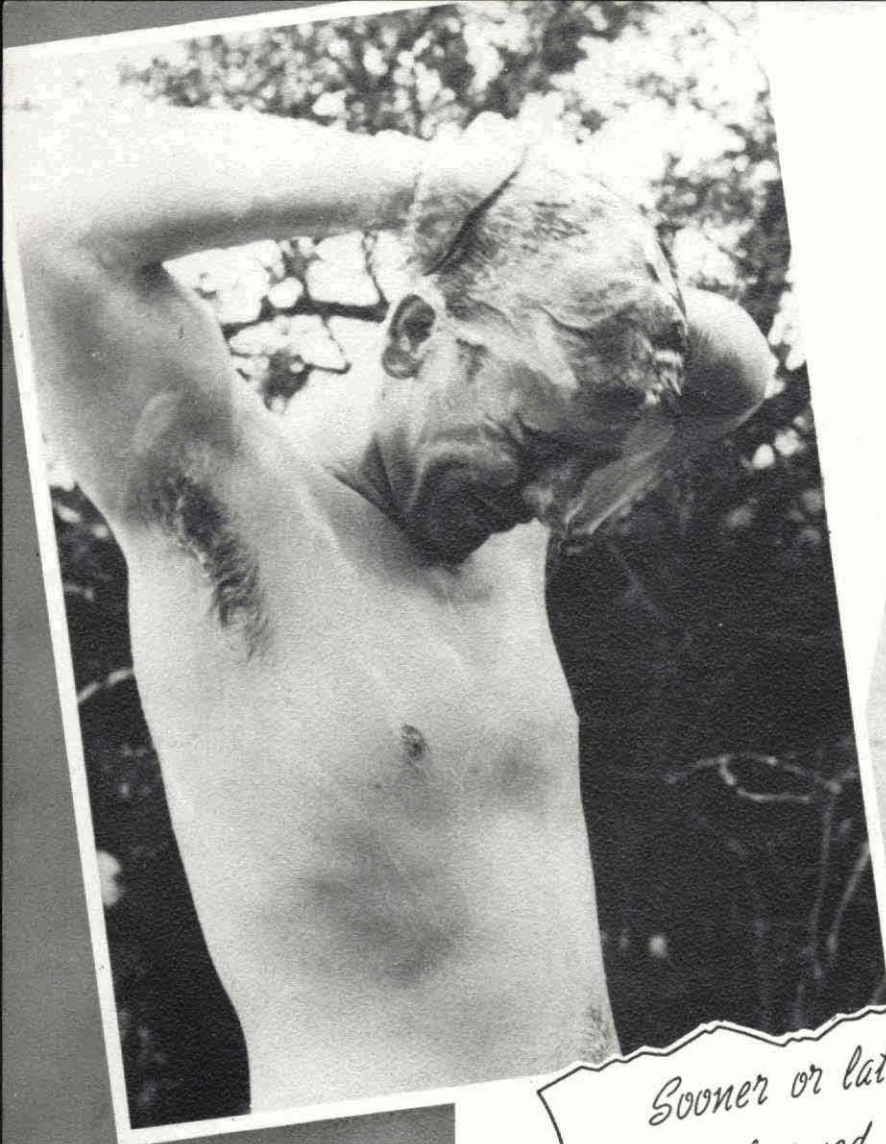
**FIRST WAR GAMES** *Starring*

ITC — "FINAL EXAM" FOR TANKERS

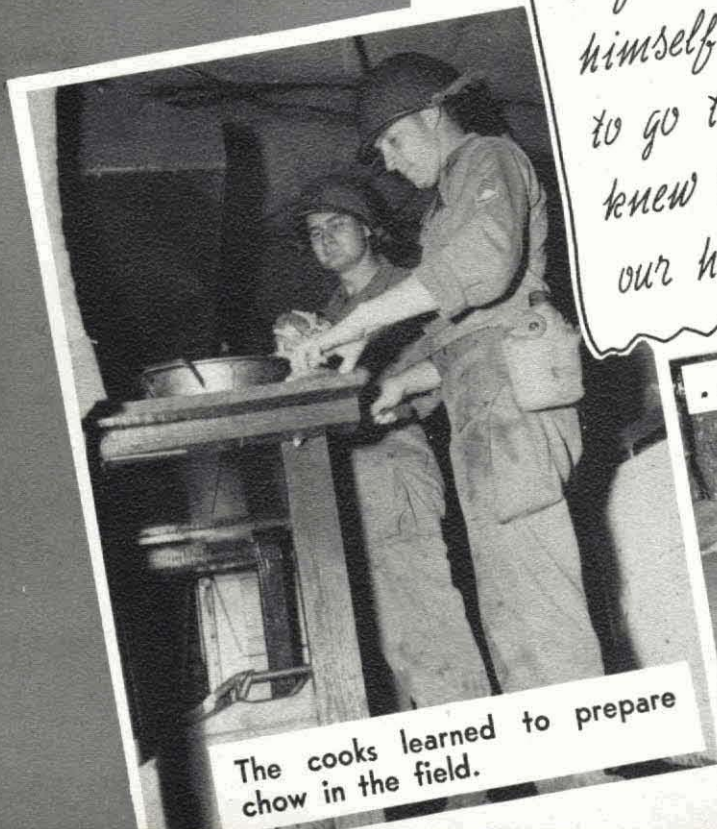


**TEAMWORK  
PAYS OFF**

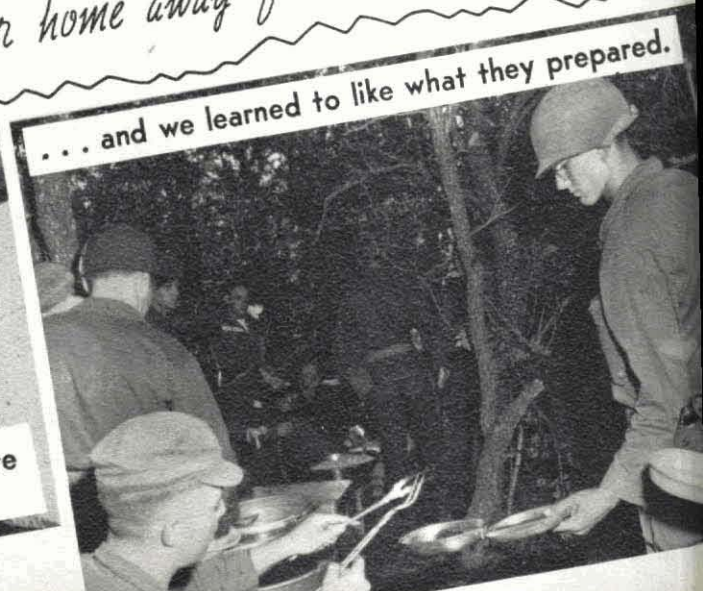




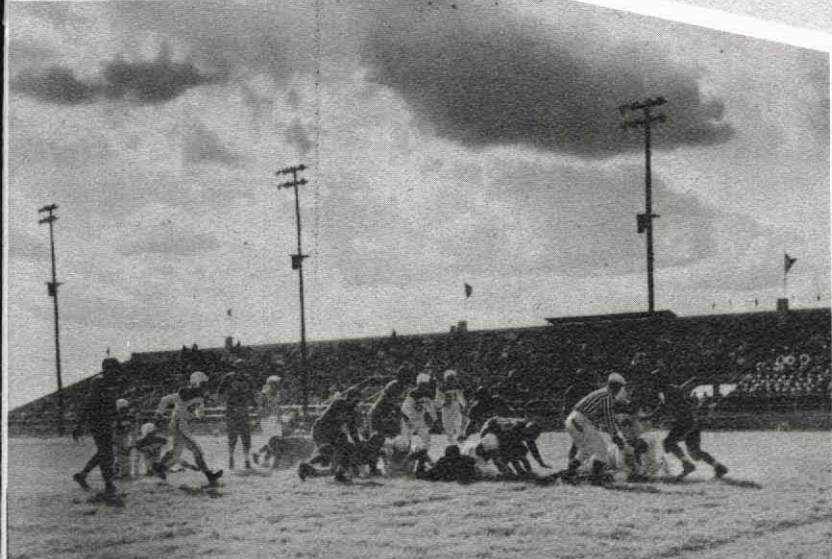
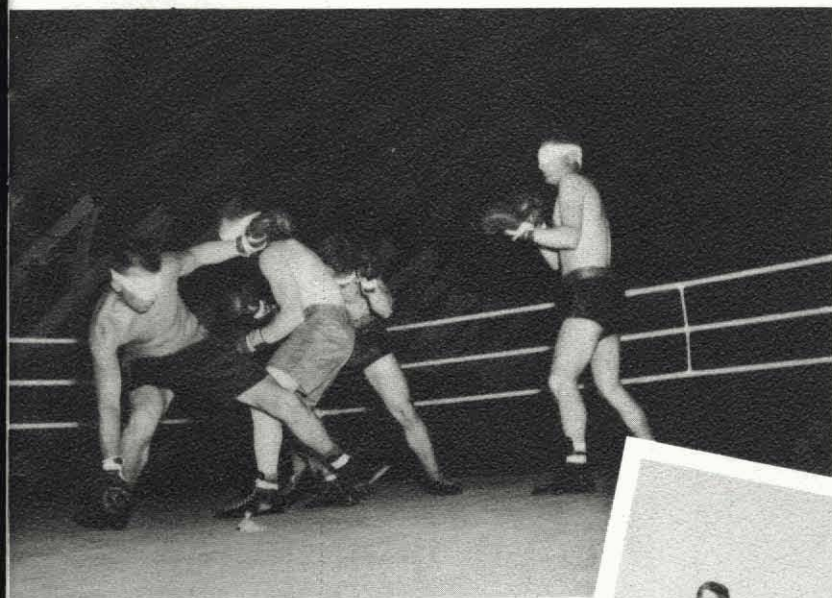
Sooner or later, every man in the outfit learned how to take care of himself in the field. When we began to go through the combat courses, we knew that "the field" was about to become our home away from home.



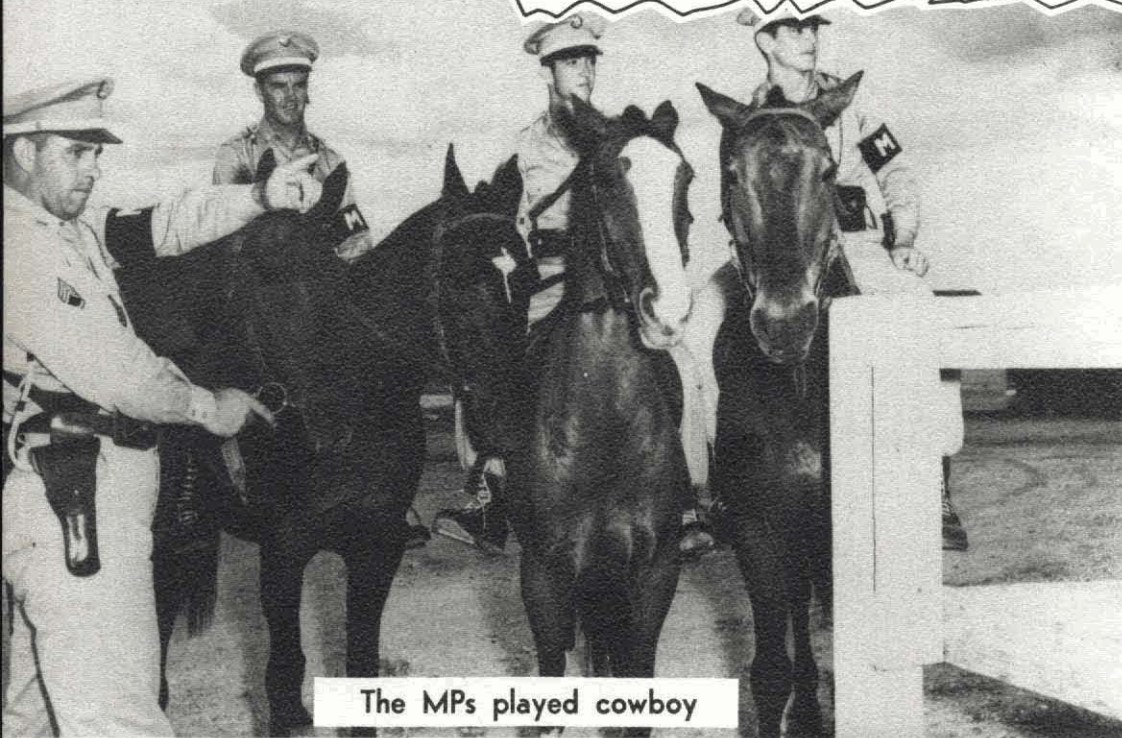
The cooks learned to prepare chow in the field.



... and we learned to like what they prepared.



*Special Services provided plenty of spare time activities. (I wonder who was supposed to provide the spare time?) Anyway, our everyday work provided plenty of exercise and a fair share of laughs.*



The MPs played cowboy

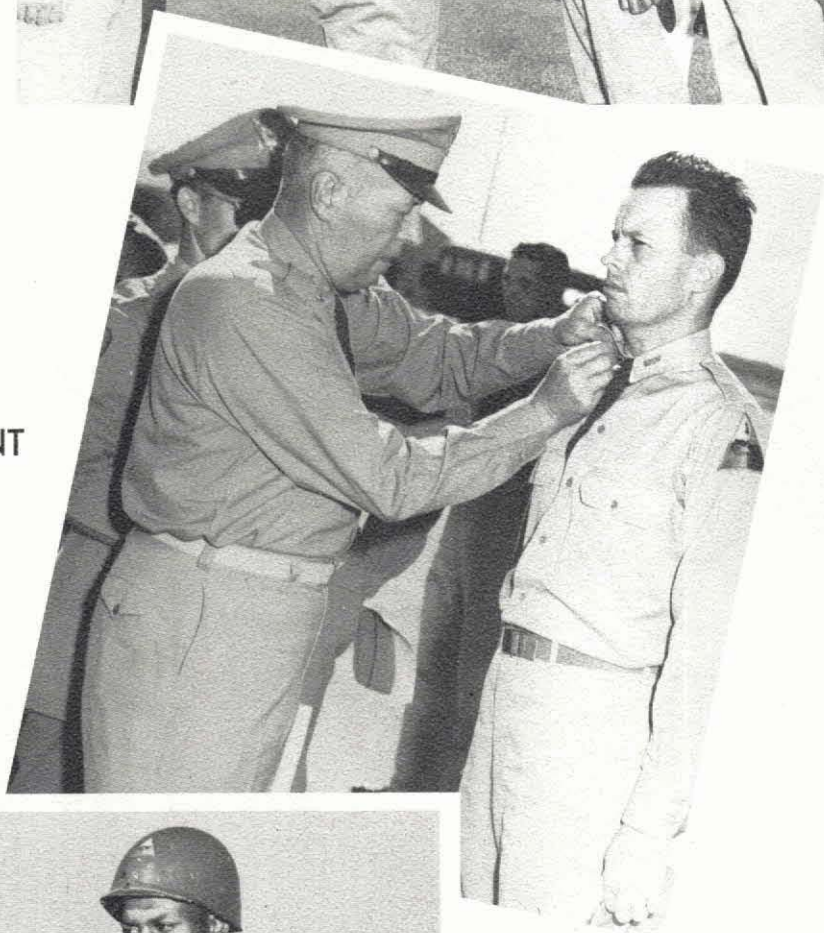


And the kids played MP

FOR MERITORIOUS  
SERVICE  
. . . decorations.



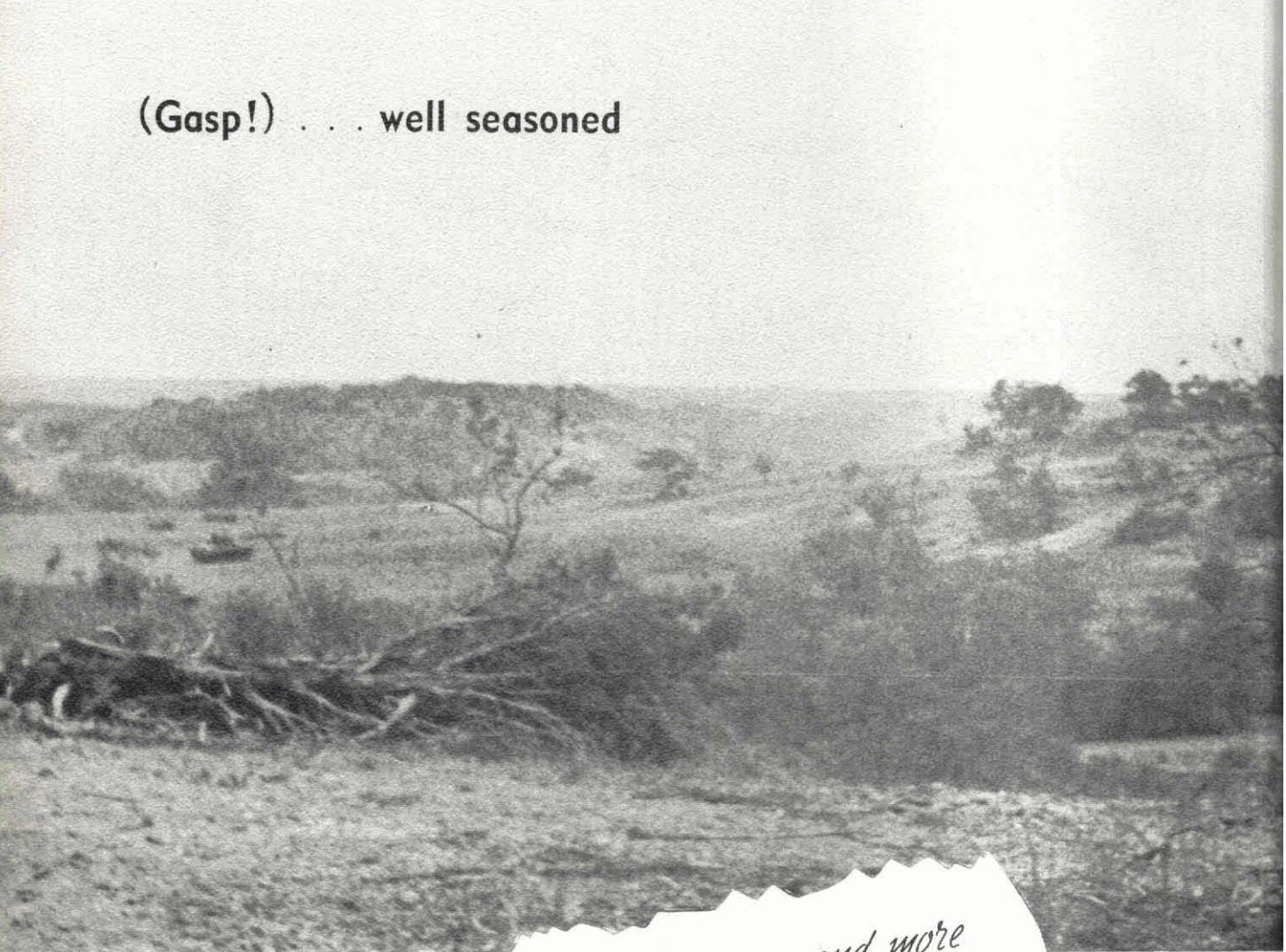
FOR ACHIEVEMENT  
. . . promotions.



AND FOR JUST BEING  
"A GOOD SOLDIER"  
. . . airplane rides.

# "WE WERE SEASONED"

(Gasp!) . . . well seasoned



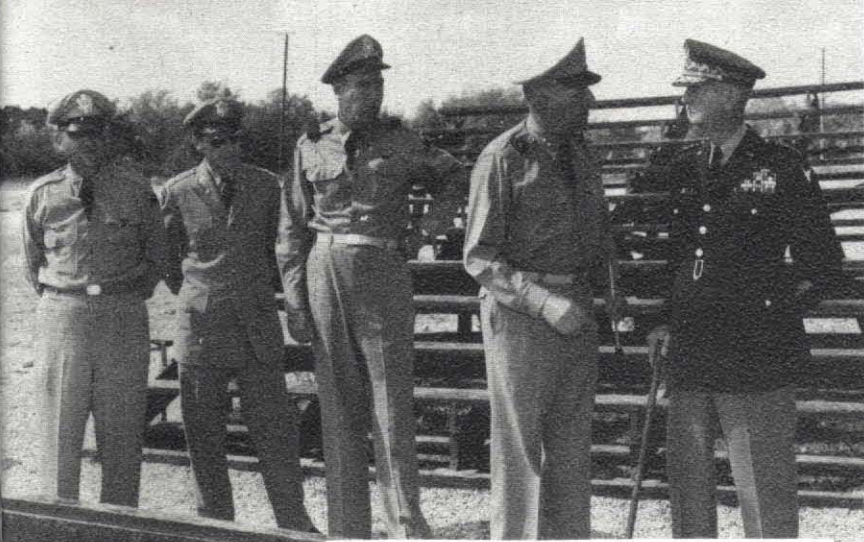
*As time passed, we saw more and more Korea veterans filling top NCO spots. These were good men and they had a lot to teach us. Now, for those who had weathered the Korea winter and for those who had weathered gone through a Fort Hood summer, there were rewards.*





The "green recruits" of April were good enough, by summertime, to put on some demonstrations for ROTC cadets. A hand-picked group of men were sent to the division's NCO academy for leadership training.





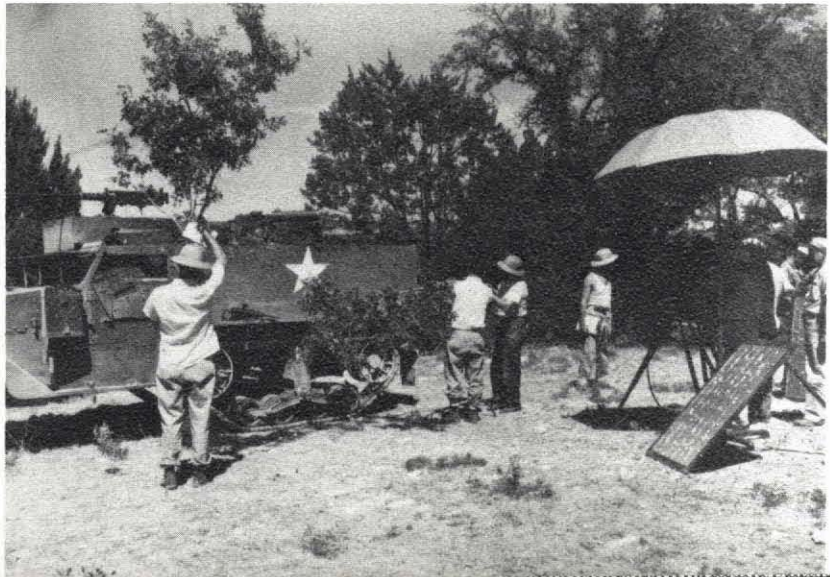
General Jonathan M. Wainwright

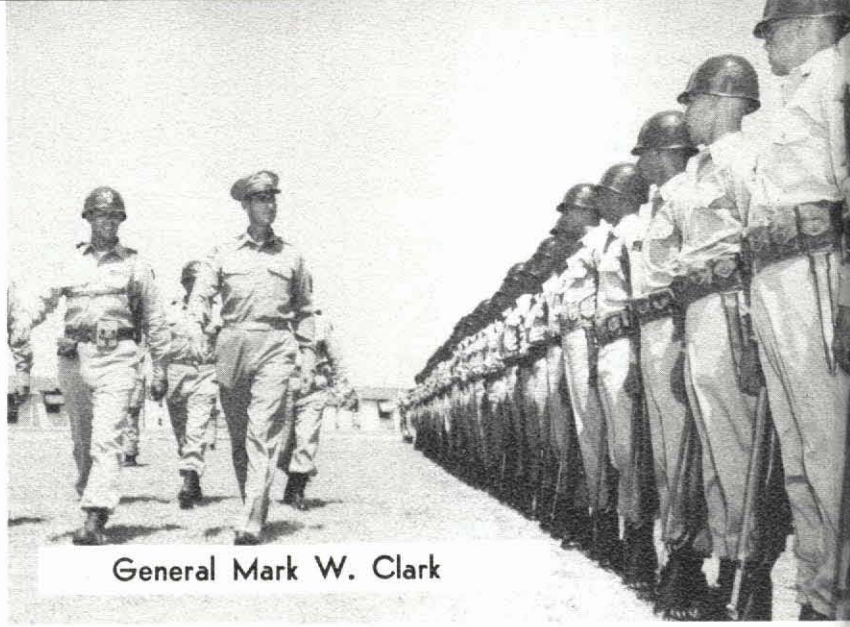


Major General John H. Collier

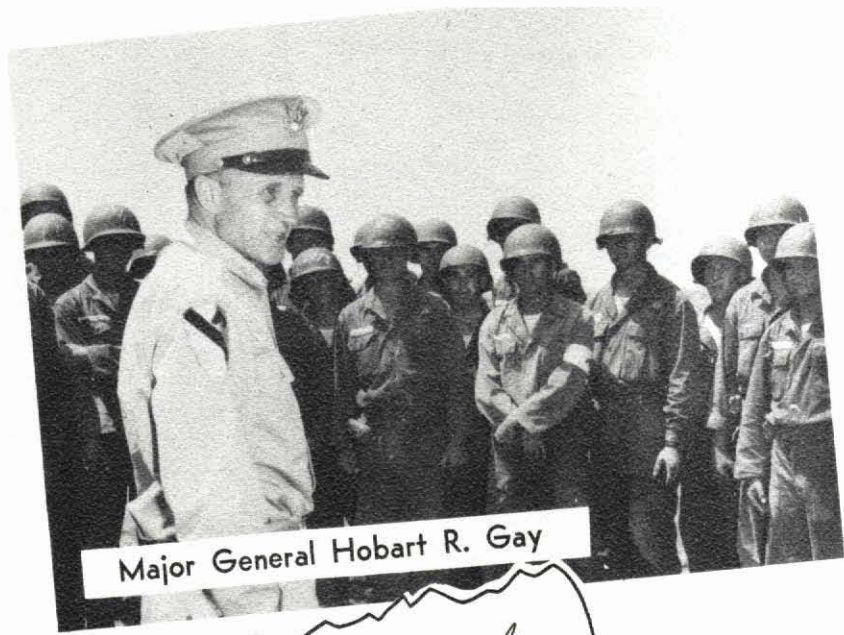


# "OPERATION HOLLYWOOD"





General Mark W. Clark



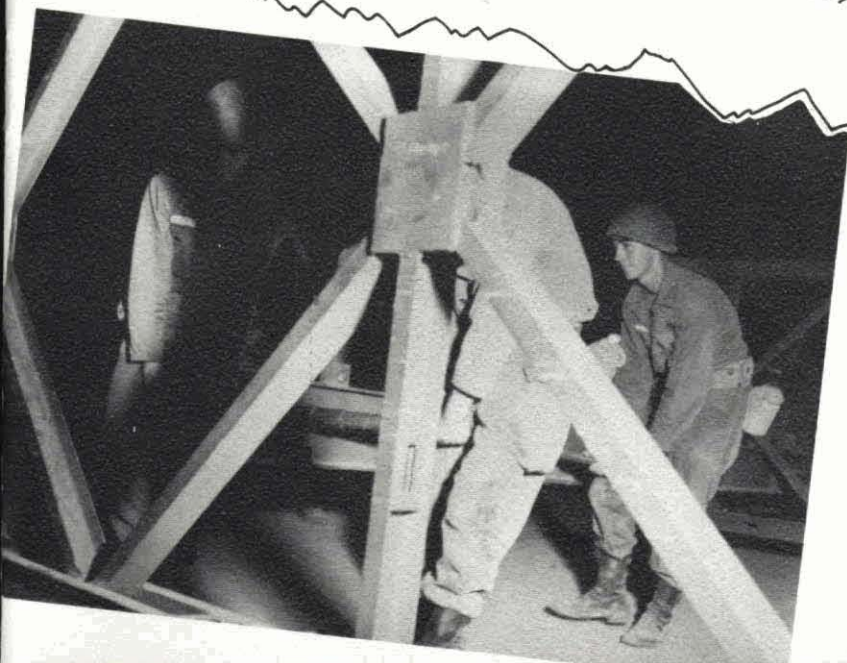
Major General Hobart R. Gay

We could see that a lot of important people had their eyes on the 1st Armored. Visitors from the Pentagon and from Army headquarters... a lot of newspaper and magazine guys..and then there was that training film crew that borrowed some of the privates in the outfit to don a leaf or an eagle for their movie.





We won't soon forget the Inles lake river crossing problem--courtesy of the engineers. Bridge construction was another of their specialties.

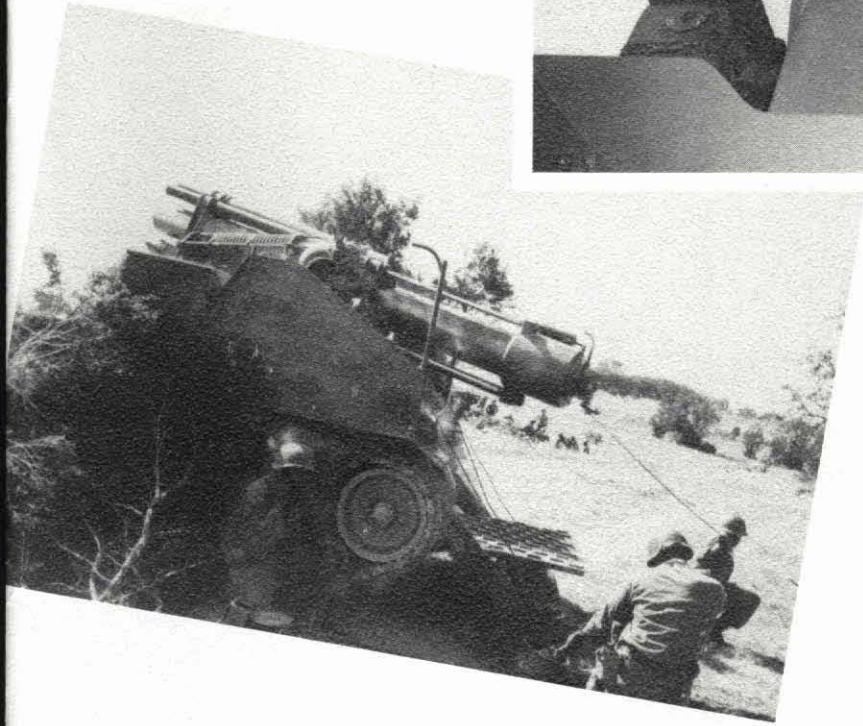




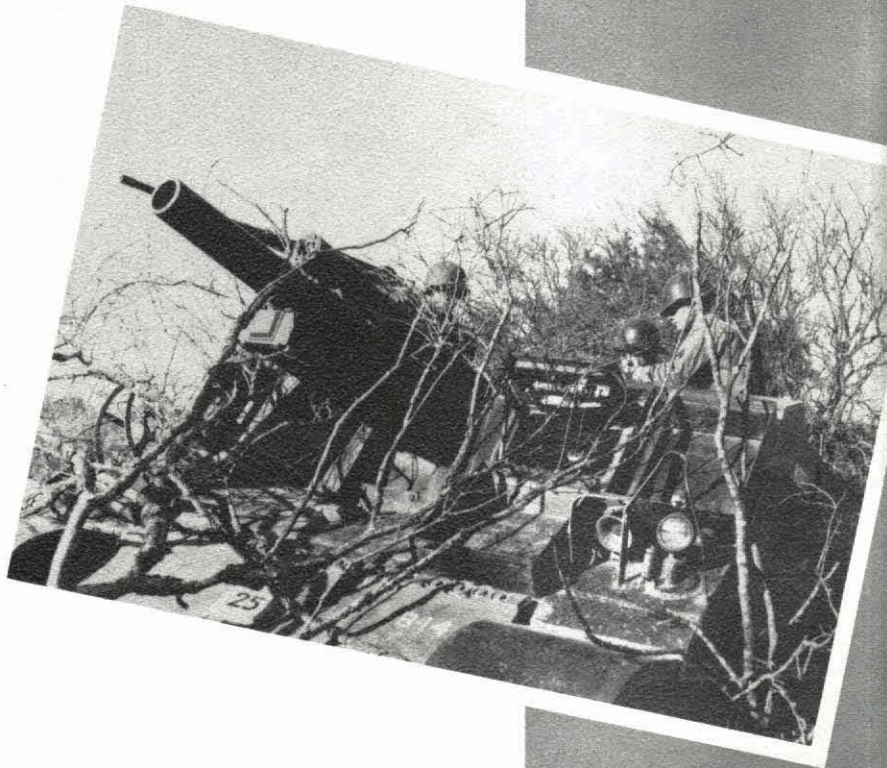
SHOVE OFF!

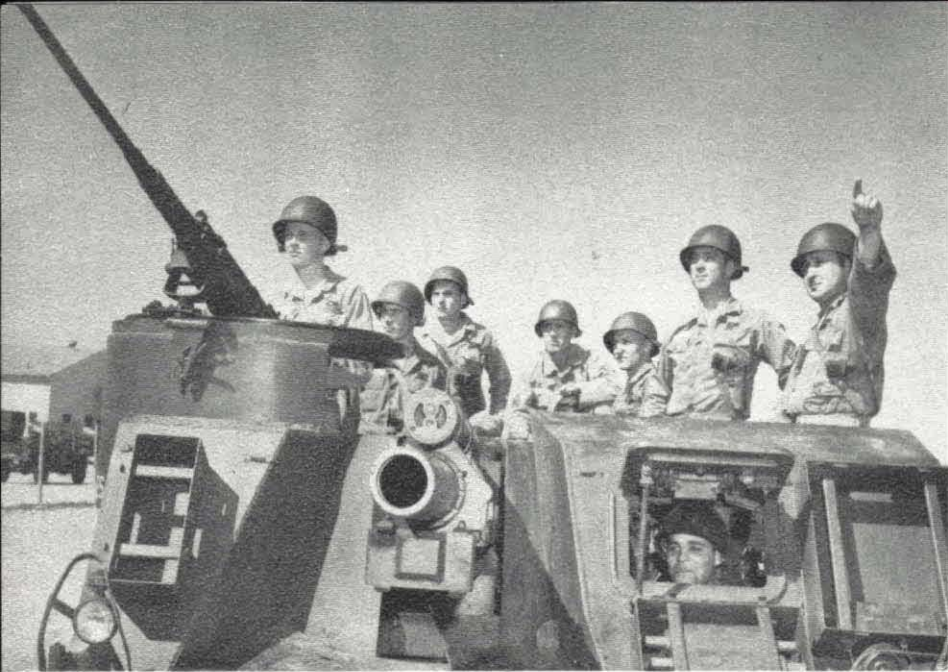


HIT IT!



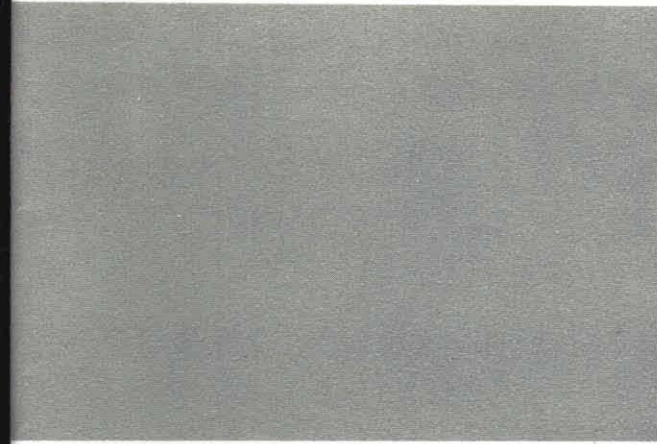
showed us how com-  
"the big stuff" in support.



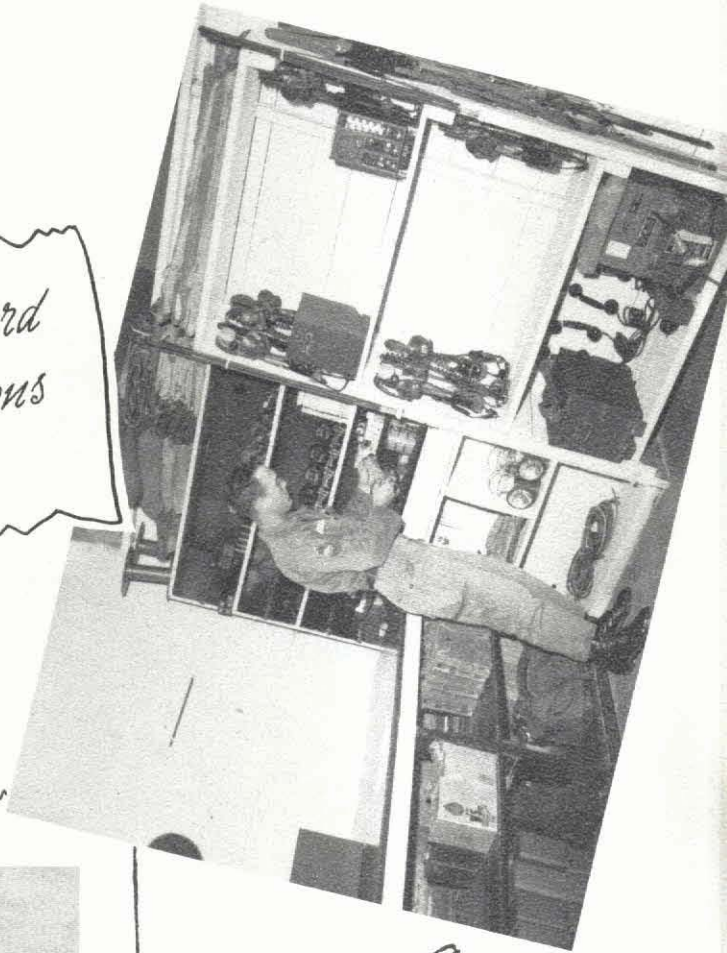


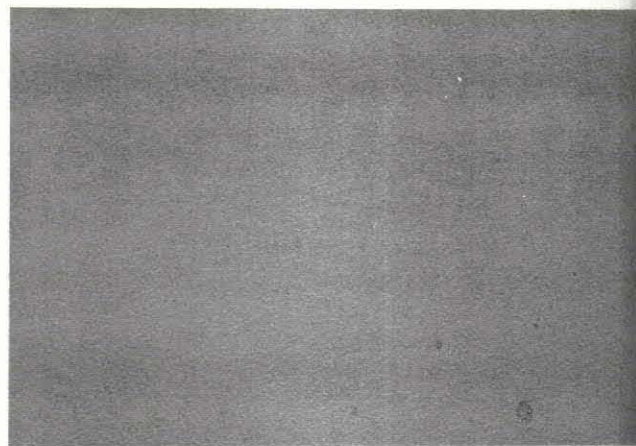
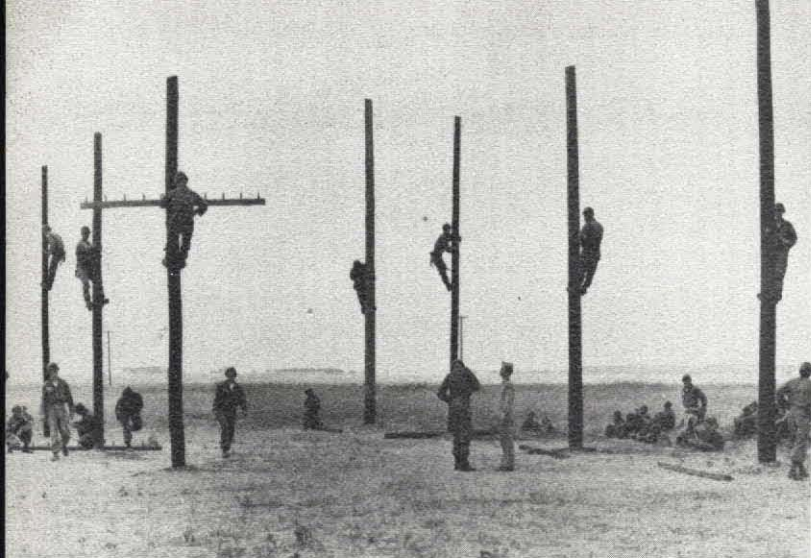
*Division Artillery  
forting it is to ha*





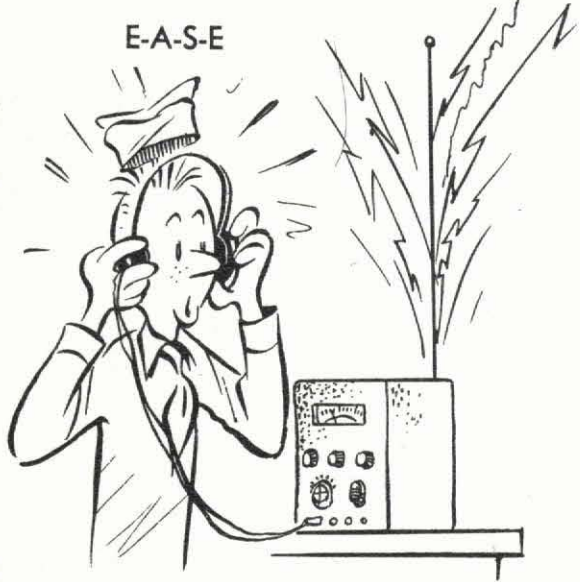
*We all learned-- sometimes the hard way-- that without good communications we couldn't even win a "war game."*





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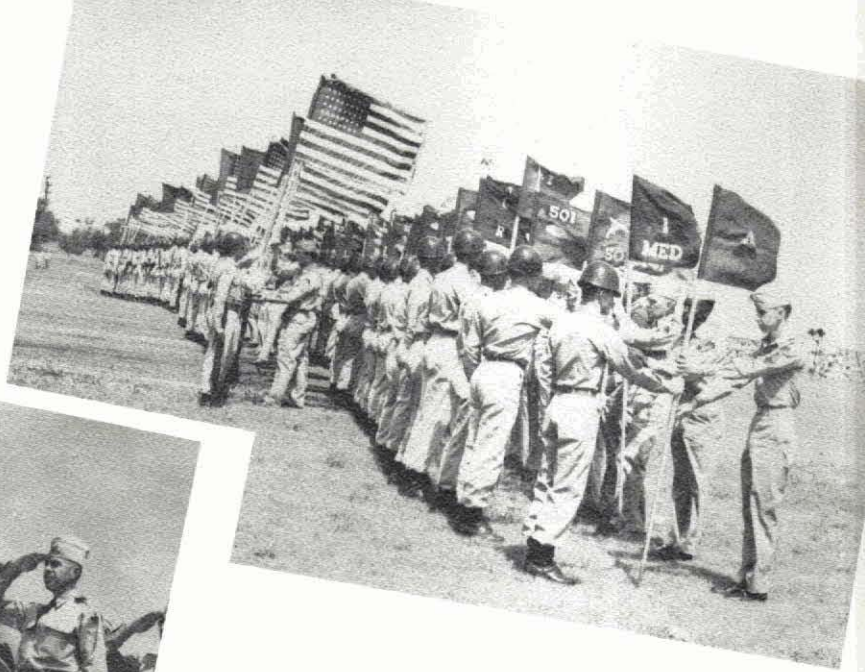
By early summer, the instructors had finally let us find out just what those tanks and half tracks looked like from the inside.





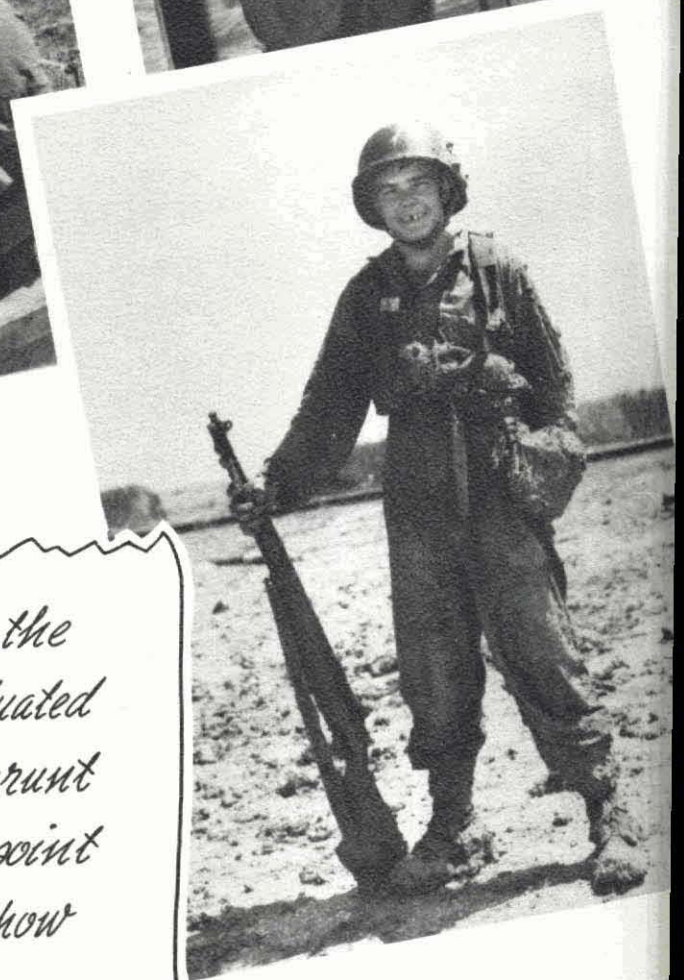
Every so often, we would be tested to find out how well this fast and furious training was sinking in.





*Somehow or other, our drill sergeants got us all in shape for our Activation Day parade in May. Colors and guidons were received that day; This was the first parade for the division since 1945.*



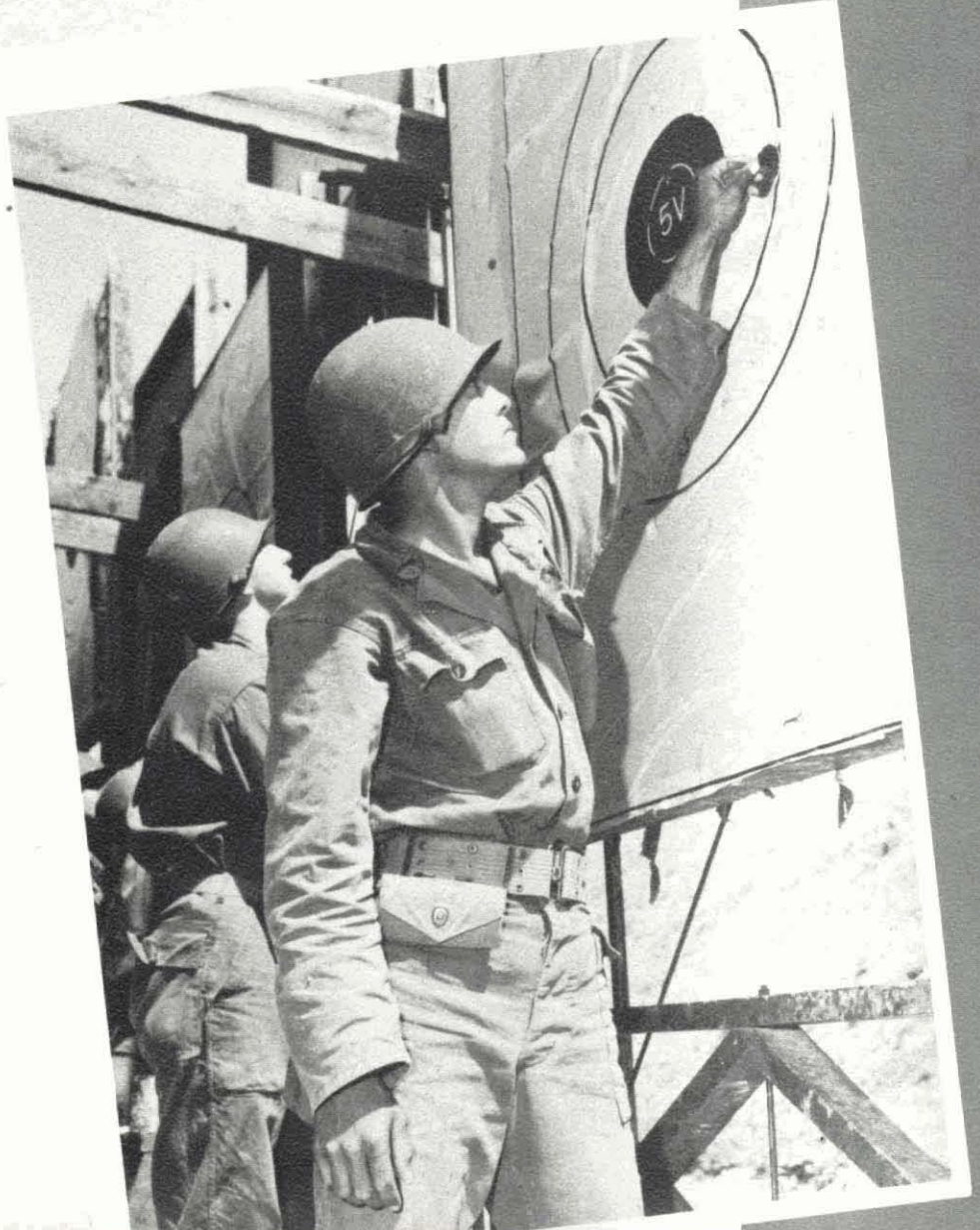


*After we'd been limbered up on the basic skills of a soldier, we graduated to the battle indoctrination or "grunt and groan" department. At that point some of us had not yet learned how to keep our weapons clean.*





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CONFIDENCE COURSE



POPULAR PASTIME

GAS MASK DRILL



SQUAD TACTICS

# BASIC



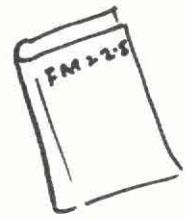
" . . . to be especially watchful at night."

The early part of basic training really kept us hopping. It was like a department store on Christmas eve--until we learned the meaning of *The Big Picture*.



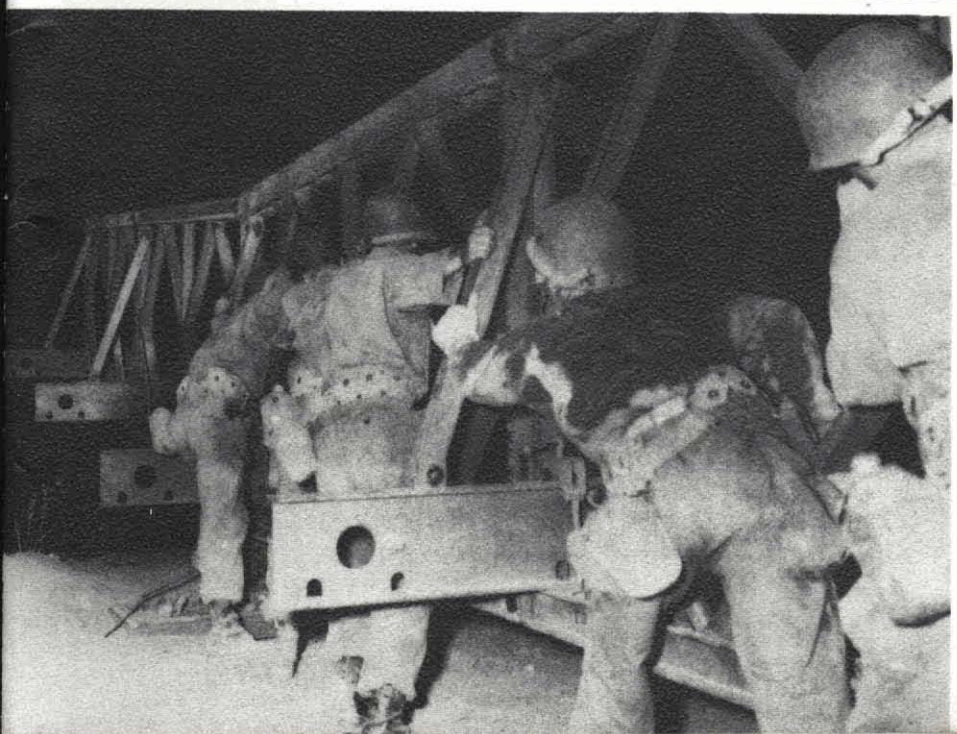
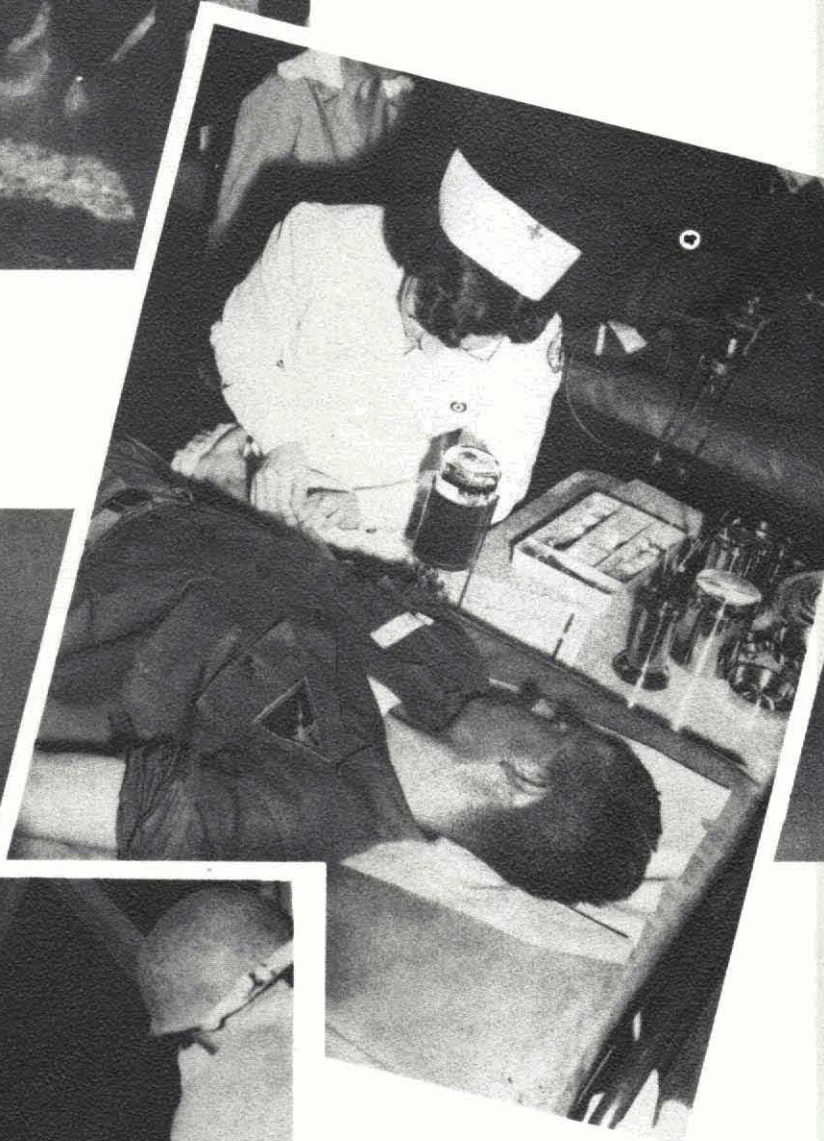
**HOT Stuff**





*Training, we were  
Armored Division  
heard time and again.*

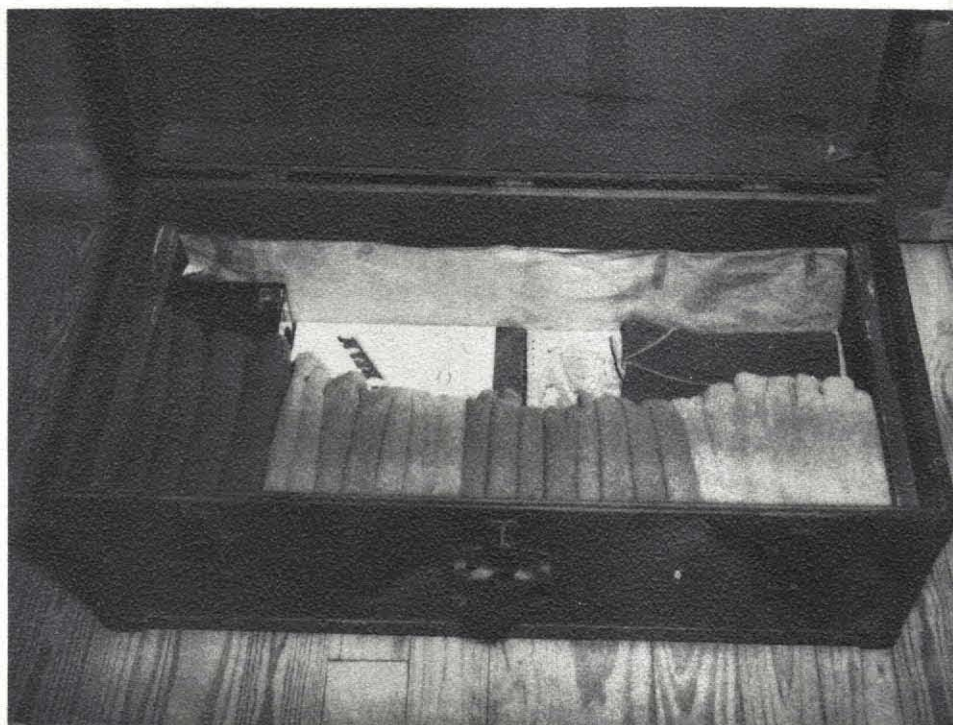
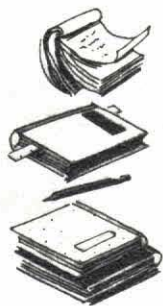
START WORKING  
AS  
A TEAM.

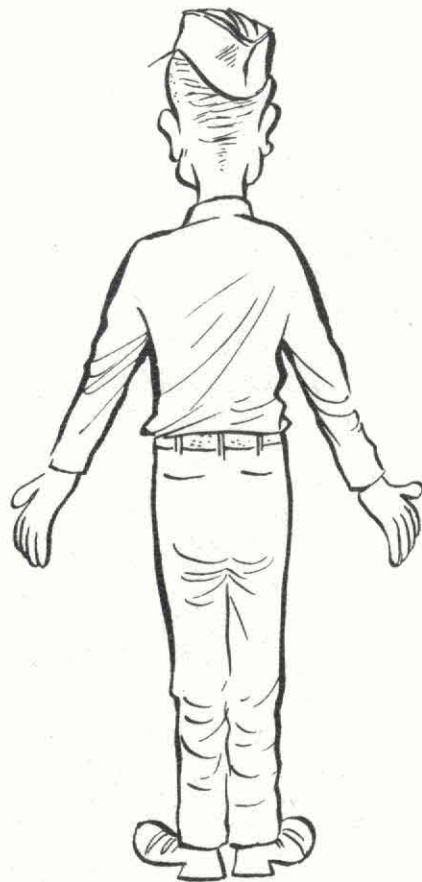




*Even before basic  
learning some 1st  
lessons--which we*

**TAKE CARE  
OF THAT  
EQUIPMENT!**

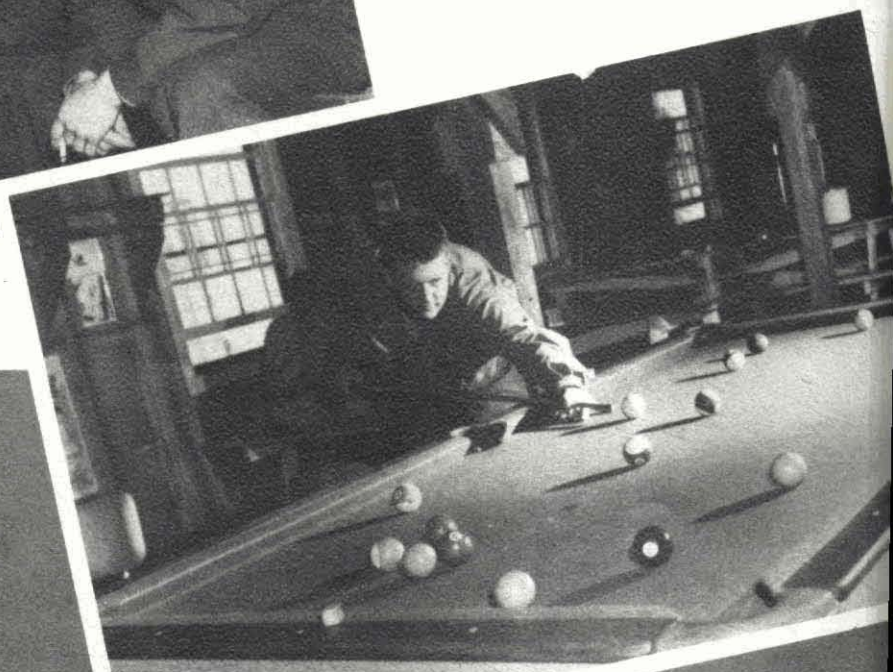




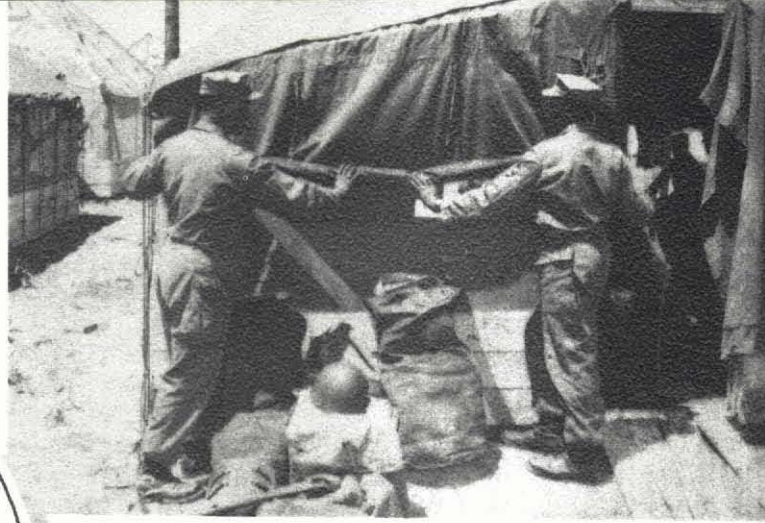
*Seemed like everywhere we looked we saw more big vehicles. This, we decided, was going to be a fast-moving outfit.*



We were given a permanent address  
the day we arrived. It didn't take  
long to adjust to this "new home."



# NORTH CAMP

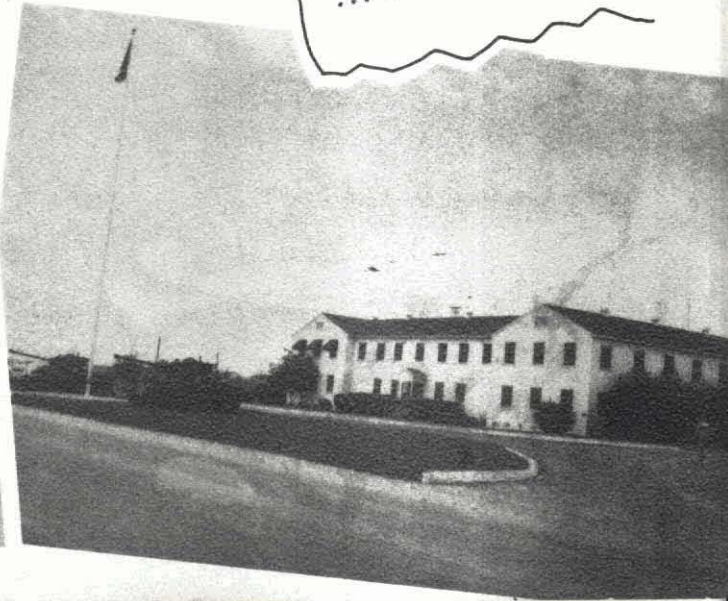


*Of course, some assignments  
didn't seem quite so attractive..*



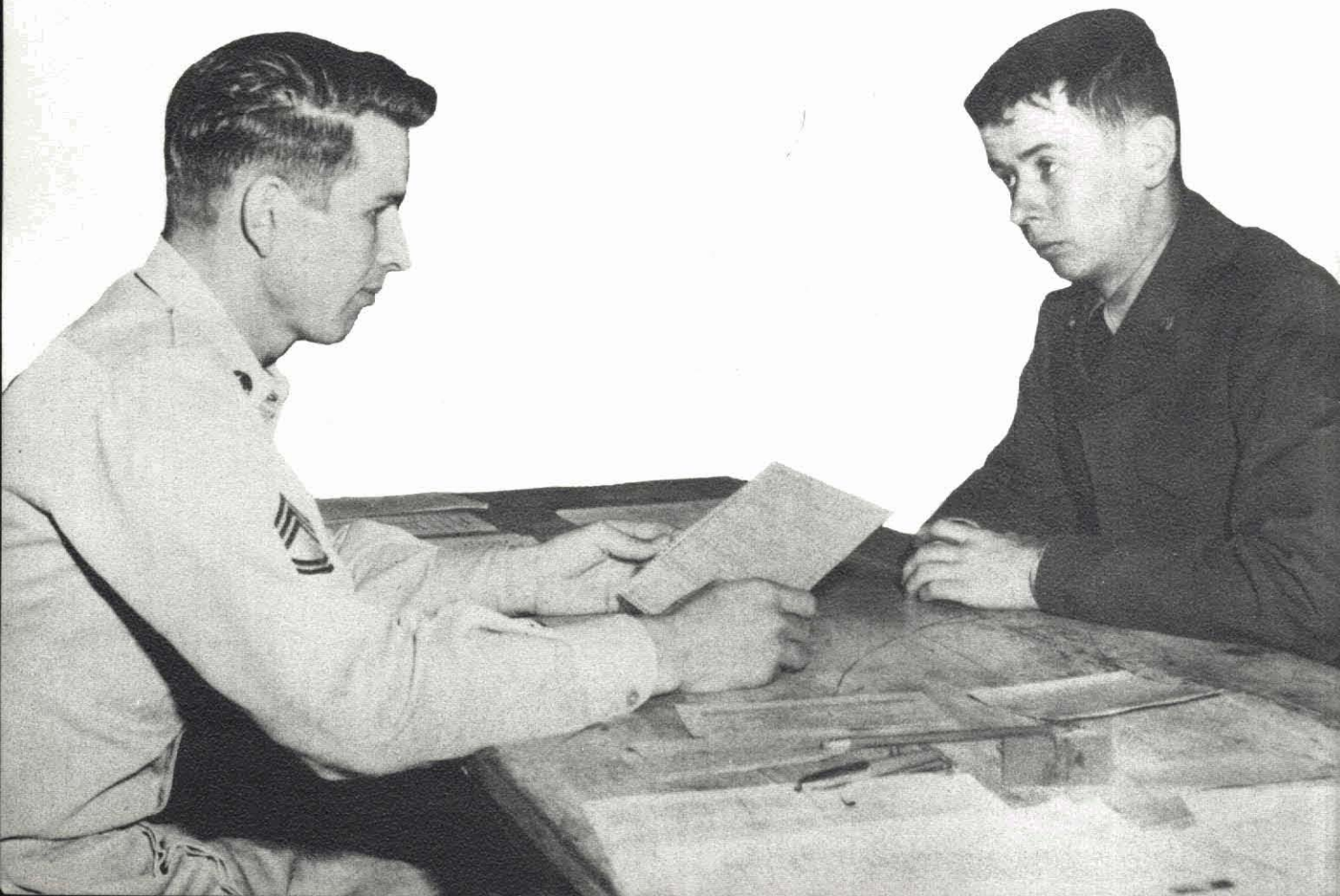
# SOUTH CAMP

*... as others.*



Most of the men were as green as Dublin on St. Patrick's Day when they arrived. We soon found, however, that the "big brother" stories we'd heard about Army job assignments were a bit exaggerated.

Rail Operator?  
Tanker?  
Clerk-Typist?





# TUNISIA • NAPLES – FOGGIA

## OTHER UNITS

Twenty-seven battle honors have been won by the 2nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion for service in the War of 1812, Civil War, Mexican War and World War II. Silver bands for guidon peaks have been awarded three batteries: A, 1; B, 5; C, 2.

The 501st Military Police company participated in five campaigns with the 1st Armored Division as the 501st Military Police platoon. The 501st Replacement company is credited with participation in the Rhineland campaign.

The 701st Armored Infantry Battalion was attached to "Old Ironsides" throughout the division's seven campaigns. Company B is entitled to carry a streamer in the colors of the French Croix de Guerre with palm.

Five battle honors were won by the 702nd Armored Infantry Battalion in Europe. The unit was cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in Belgium and again in the Ardennes. Company B is entitled to the distinguished unit streamer and headquarters company to the meritorious unit streamer.



# NORTH APENNINES • PO VALLEY

# ALGERIA – FRENCH MOROCCO •

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A 100th TANK BATTALION IS A DEFENSE POSITION FORMING AGAINST AXIS ADVANCE TOWARD LOCAL CASERNE NEAR TUNISIA. BATTERY "B" AND "E" AFFILIATED SET UP IN MARCH. MID-BLOCK BRIDGE



The battle records of nine 1st Armored Division units were earned while serving with other divisions in World War II.

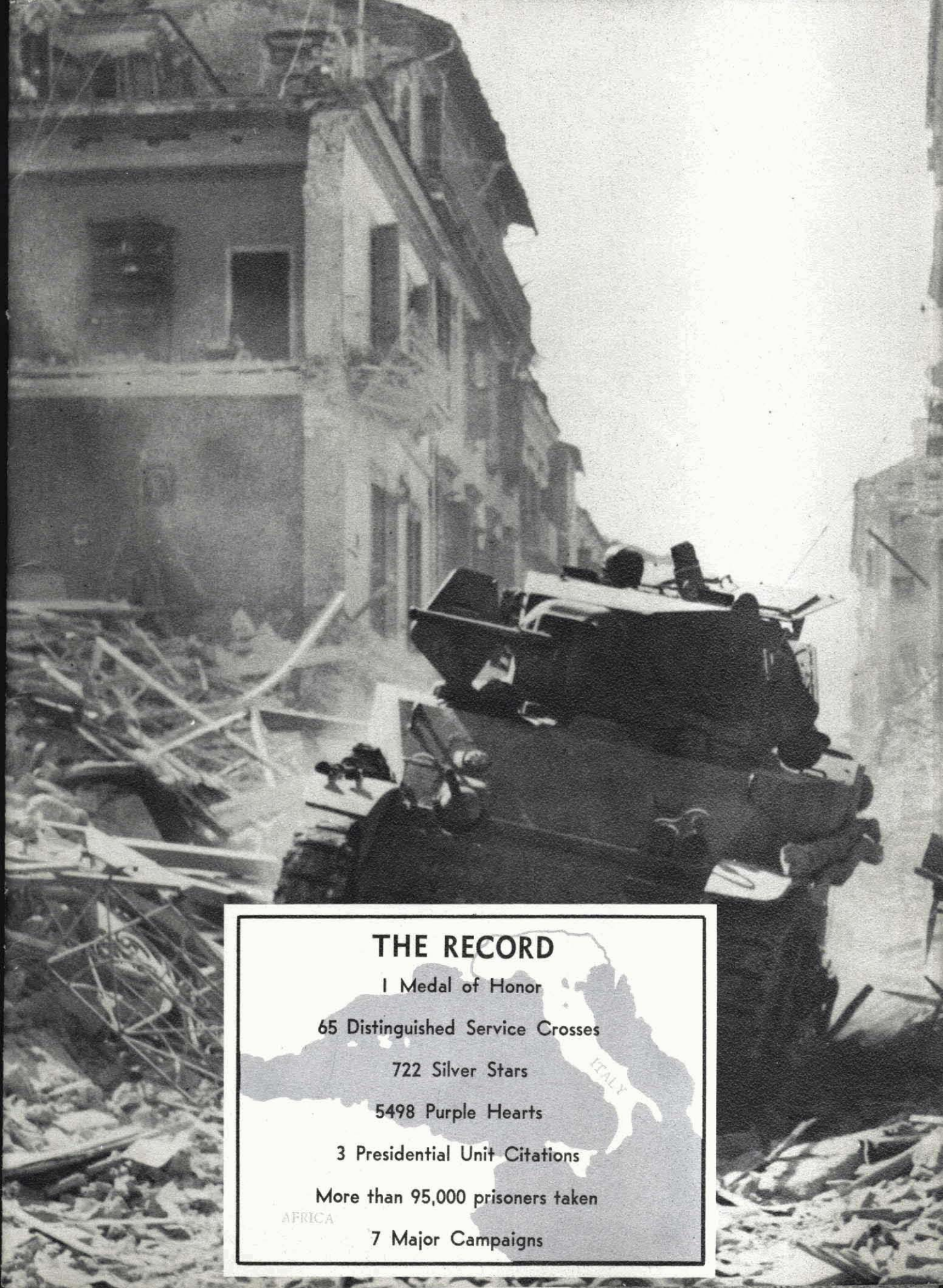
The 100th Tank Battalion (Hv) holds 22 battle honors for service in the Indian Wars, the Civil War, the War with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection and World War II. Company C is entitled to six silver bands for participation in the Mexican War.

The distinguished unit streamer was awarded the 73rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion for service with the 9th Armored Division through three campaigns in Europe. Service battery is entitled to display the meritorious unit streamer.

Action in the area of Mons and again in the area of Eupen-Malmedy won for the 634th Armored Infantry Battalion a citation in the Belgian Order of the Day. The battalion won five battle honors.

The 25th Armored Infantry Battalion received battle honors during the Indian Wars, War with Spain, Philippine Insurrection and in World War II. The "Onward" battalion served 10 years in Texas during the Indian Wars.

# ANZIO • ROME – ARNO



## THE RECORD

1 Medal of Honor

65 Distinguished Service Crosses

722 Silver Stars

5498 Purple Hearts

3 Presidential Unit Citations

More than 95,000 prisoners taken

7 Major Campaigns

AFRICA

## "OLD IRONSIDES"

In the early years of World War II, the United States formed and shipped out a hastily-organized and trained experimental armored units as its hopeful answer to the furious German Panzer divisions of the Afrika Corps.

"Old Ironsides" was the name tacked onto this division, activated at Fort Knox, Kentucky on July 15, 1940. The name proved an appropriate one for by May 2, 1945, the armored drive spearheaded by the 1st Armored division had knifed its way beyond the Swiss border in an effort to meet French troops in a two-way push which preceded the complete German collapse in Italy.

The route between those dates had been long and difficult—arduous maneuvering in Louisiana and the Carolinas . . . hard training over the hills of Ireland . . . an inch-by-inch fight against an enemy who usually had air and armor superiority.

During 30 months of combat, the division compiled an outstanding record. Enemy losses in men and equipment could not be counted; more than 95,000 Germans surrendered to the division's 13 battalions.

The 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion spent more than 550 days in firing position and had more combat time than any other organization in the division. Battery C was awarded a presidential unit citation for its heroic stand north of Medjez el Bab in Tunisia.

For its role in covering the withdrawal through Kasserine Pass against a heavy armor attack, the 68th Armored Field Artillery Battalion was awarded a presidential citation.

For service behind enemy lines while with the 88th Infantry Division, the 81st Reconnaissance Battalion was awarded a streamer in the colors of the French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

The 16th Armored Engineer Battalion perfected the U.S. technique of removing German mines, and in combat developed a tank-dozer that was adopted as an improvement over the War Department model. Company A is entitled to carry a distinguished unit streamer for action at Mt. Porchia.

The 91st Armored Field Artillery Battalion set a unique record in May, 1944, by firing 10,500 rounds of 105 and 75-mm ammunition at the Germans in a 24-hour period.

The 1st Medium Tank Battalion, tracing its history to the old 1st Cavalry Regiment, can point to 61 battle streamers on its standard.

The 13th Medium Tank Battalion, first organized in 1901 under another name, participated in all seven of the decisive 1st Armored Division campaigns in World War II.

Veterans of the 1st and 13th were taken from their units in 1944 to form the 4th Medium Tank Battalion.

Invention of a surgical truck and a "rolling drug store" is credited to the 47th Armored Medical Battalion. That unit is entitled to a meritorious unit streamer embroidered.

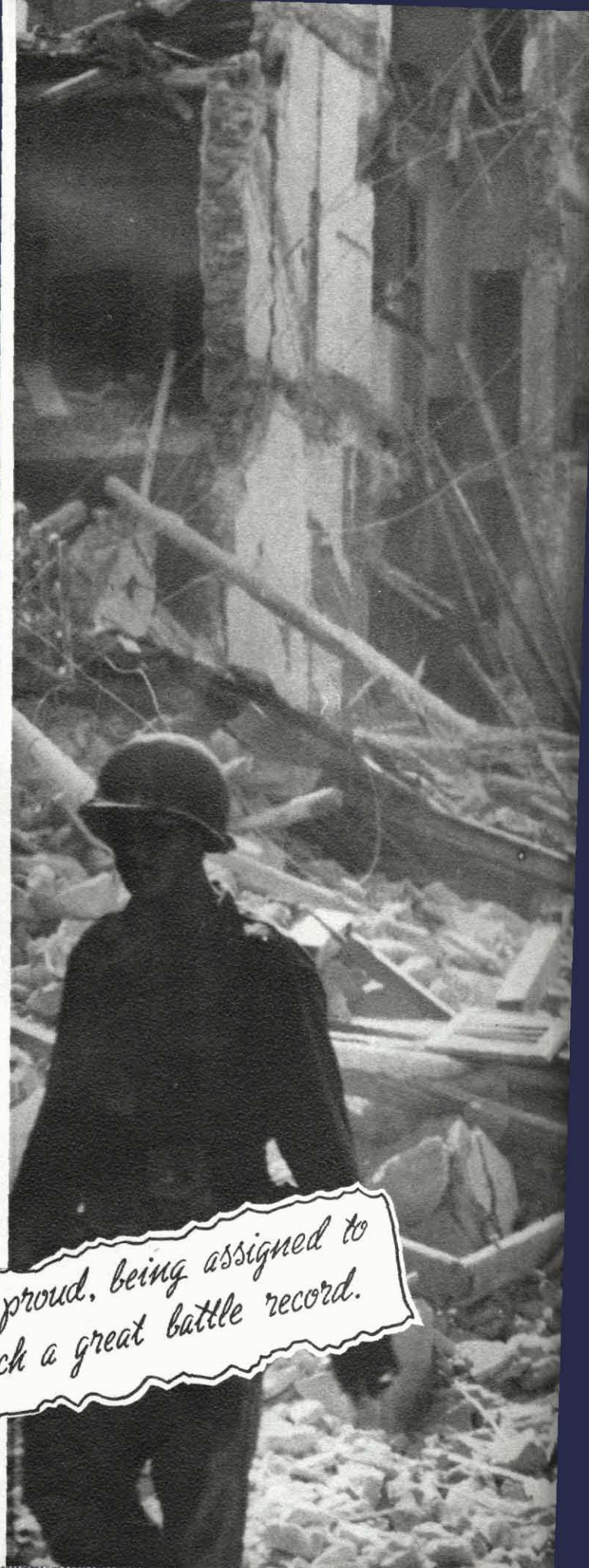
The 123rd Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion is also entitled to a meritorious unit streamer embroidered. That unit issued more than 10,000 replacement vehicles during the war period.

The 141st Armored Signal Company, participants in all seven campaigns, kept 1400 radios and 400 telephones in working order and laid or issued more than 54,000 miles of telephone wire.

The 1st Quartermaster Battalion participated in the landing near Oran, North Africa, and followed the division through five World War II campaigns. The 1st Armored Division Band, formed from bands of the 1st and 13th Armored Regiments, was with the division through four campaigns in Italy.

Major commands with "Old Ironsides" all participated in three or more campaigns in Africa and Italy.

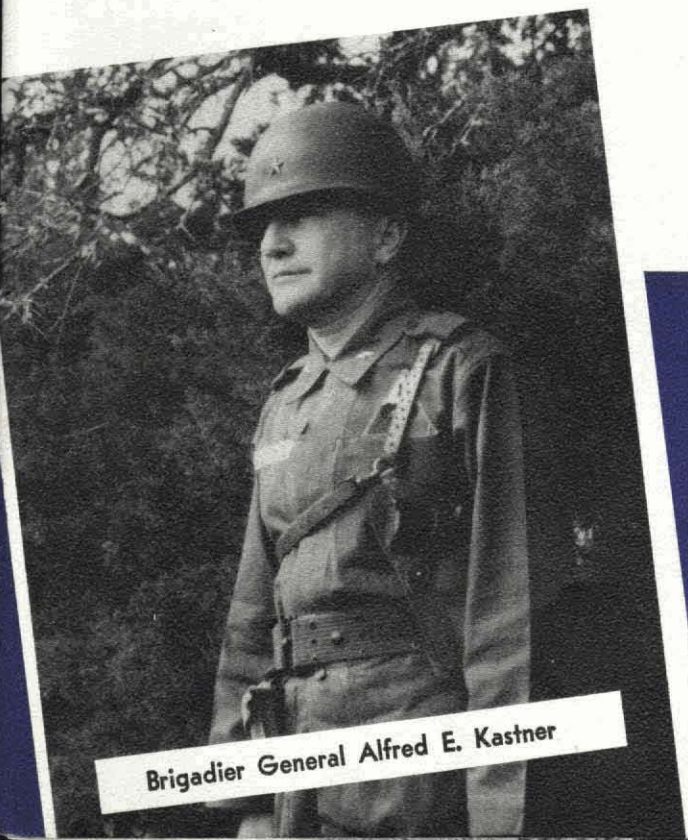
This proud battle record, forged by the men of "Old Ironsides" in seven bloody campaigns in Africa and Italy, stands as a challenge to the well-trained STOUT HEARTED MEN of the new 1st Armored Division.



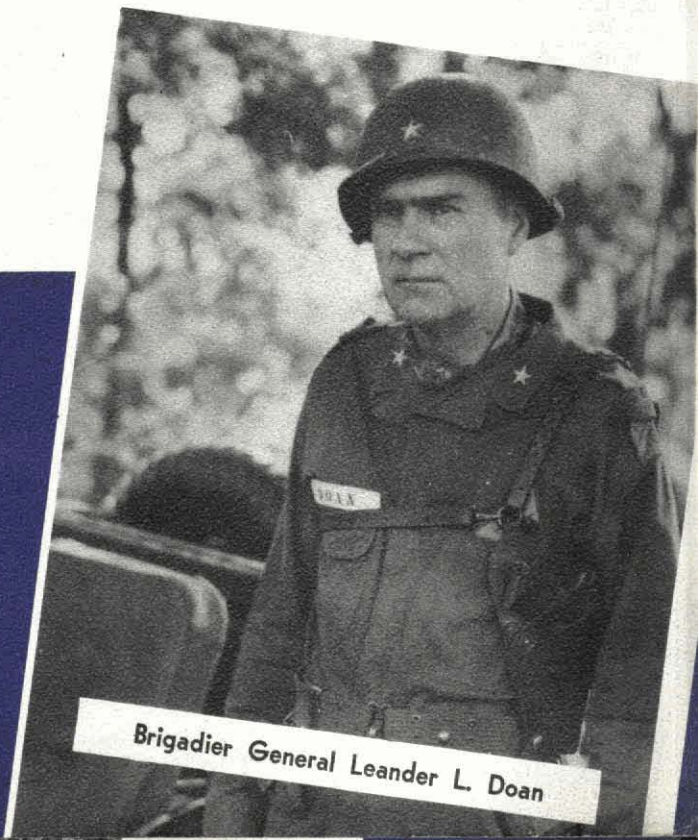
*I felt mighty proud, being assigned to a unit with such a great battle record.*



"My staff, my commanders and I... are proud to have commanded you."



Brigadier General Alfred E. Kastner



Brigadier General Leander L. Doan



HEADQUARTERS 1ST ARMORED DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
FORT HOOD, TEXAS

30 April, 1952

### SOLDIERS OF THE 1ST ARMORED DIVISION

The pages that follow picture to a small degree the history of this great Division, particularly the period from its re-activation through its prescribed training cycle and Exercise "Long Horn."

The whole story cannot be told, for each one of you have in your memory much more than is needed to fill this book. I hope that this book will recall now and in the years to come, memories of achievements that will fill you, your family and friends with great pride.

I hope that your pride is equal to the pride felt by my staff, my commanders and me for having had the opportunity of working with and commanding such a fine group of American soldiers.

*Bruce C. Clarke*  
Major General, U.S.A.  
Commanding



Fort Hovv, --  
April 30<sup>th</sup> 1952

Dear Folks:  
Here's that letter you've been asking  
me to send for the past year ---all  
about my outfit and the men who  
work with me.  
It's kinda hard to tell a year's-worth  
of division history in a few pages.  
Probably General Clarke would know  
how to begin, because he re-activated  
the division last March.

27th Armd FA Bn

68th Armd FA Bn

73d Armd FA Bn

91st Armd FA Bn

81st Recon Bn

16th Armd Engr Bn

1st QM Bn

123d Armd Ord Maint Bn

47th Armd Medical Bn

COMPANIES &  
DETACHMENTS

Hq Co, 1st Armd Div

Medical Det, Div Hq

Medical Det, Div Arty

1st Armd Div Band

141st Armd Sig Co

501st MP Co

501st Repl Co

Hq, 1st Armd Div

#### MAJOR COMMANDS

Hq and Hq Co, CC "A"

Hq and Hq Co, CC "B"

Hq and Hq Co, Res  
Comd

Hq Div Arty & Hq Btry

Hq and Hq Co, Div  
Trains

#### BATTALIONS

1st Medium Tank Bn

4th Medium Tank Bn

13th Medium Tank Bn

100th Tank Bn (Hv)

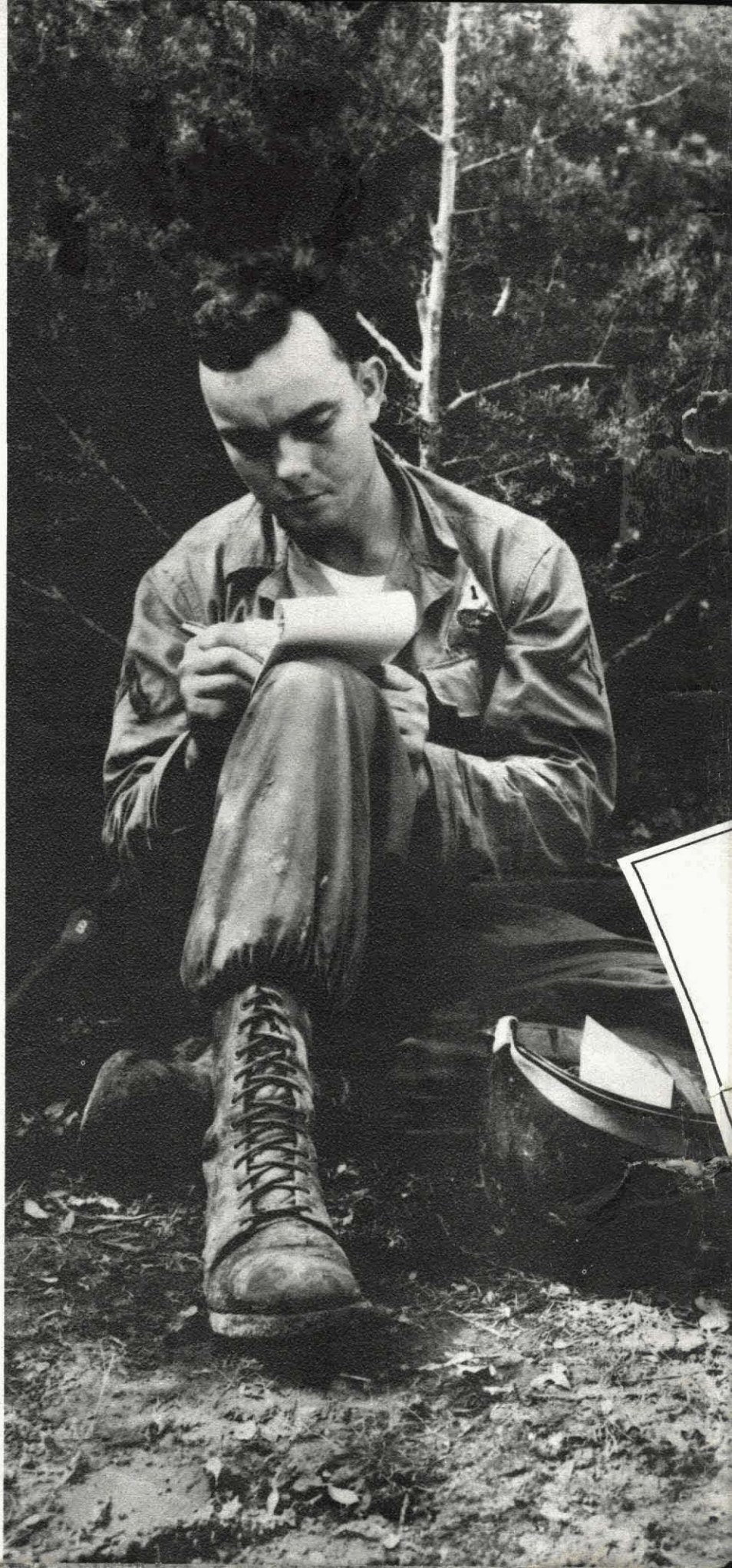
25th Armd Inf Bn

634th Armd Inf Bn

701st Armd Inf Bn

702nd Armd Inf Bn

2nd AAA AW Bn (SP)







# STOUT-HEARTED MEN



## LONG HORN IN RETROSPECT

A post-armistice view of the 17-day maneuver period cut an impressive record that few individual participants appreciated:

We had no fatal or serious accidents. The sick rate hit an all-time low and vehicle maintenance was at an all-time high. No company or large-size unit of the division was surprised or captured. Many of the Aggressor units were taken en masse.

The division's mobility impressed everyone. Some armored units advanced as much as 20 miles in 90 minutes, and the division drove back the Aggressor 30 miles in 24 hours of attacking along a 30-mile front. The division aviation section flew a total of 831 hours; during one night's operation, the section recorded 268 landings and take-offs in a 190-minute period.

The maneuver ended. Many new "Firsts" had been added to the division's proud record.

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