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11TH AIRBORNE DIVISION

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DIVISION BRIEFS

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

HEADQUARTERS 11th AIRBORNE DIVISION
Camp Polk Louisiana

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


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



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

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BRIGADIER GENERAL ALBERT PIERSON
Assistant Division Commander



LT. COLONEL IRVIN R. SCHIMMELPFENNIG
Chief of Staff

Division Headquarters Officers



Assistant Chiefs of Staff



General and Special Staff Section



Special Staff Chiefs of Section

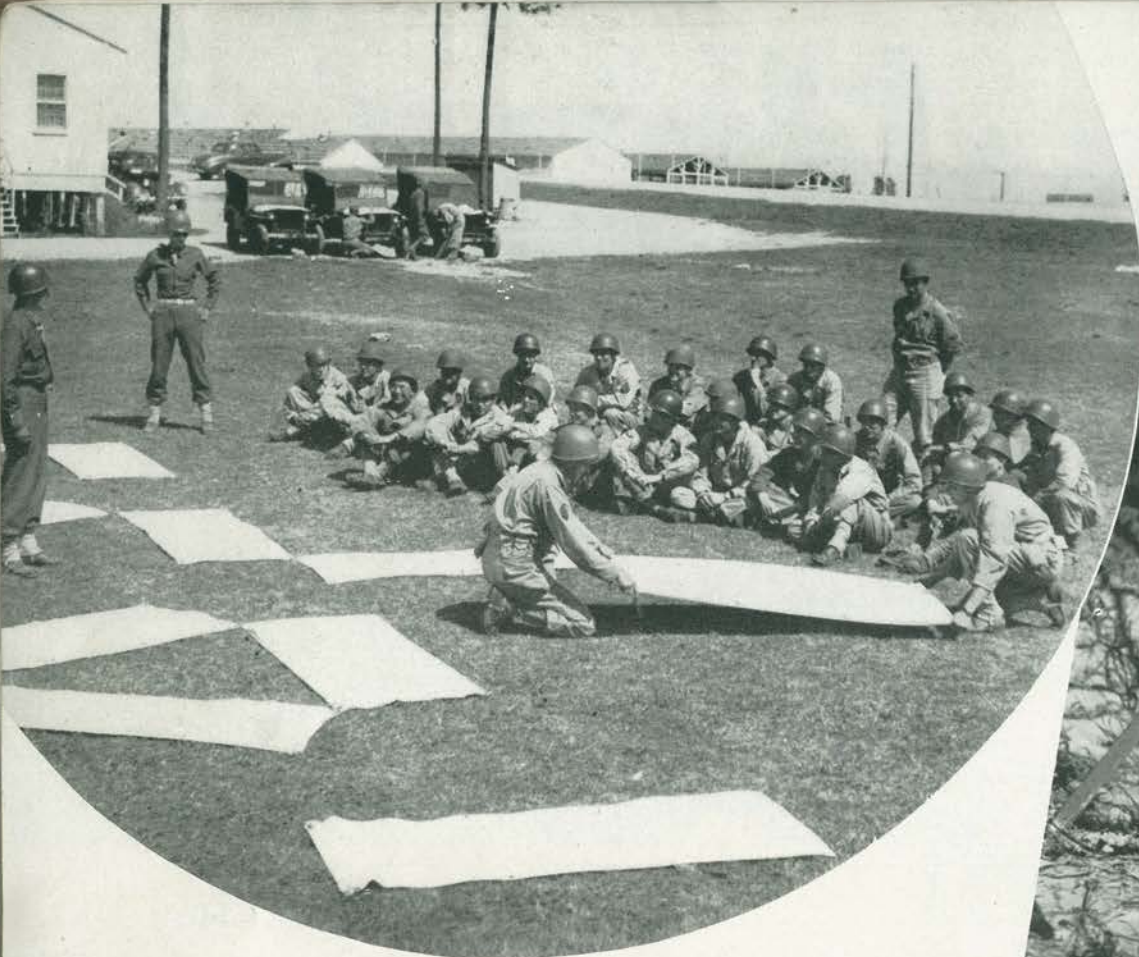
A-1 Physical Condition, First Essential
for Airborne Troops



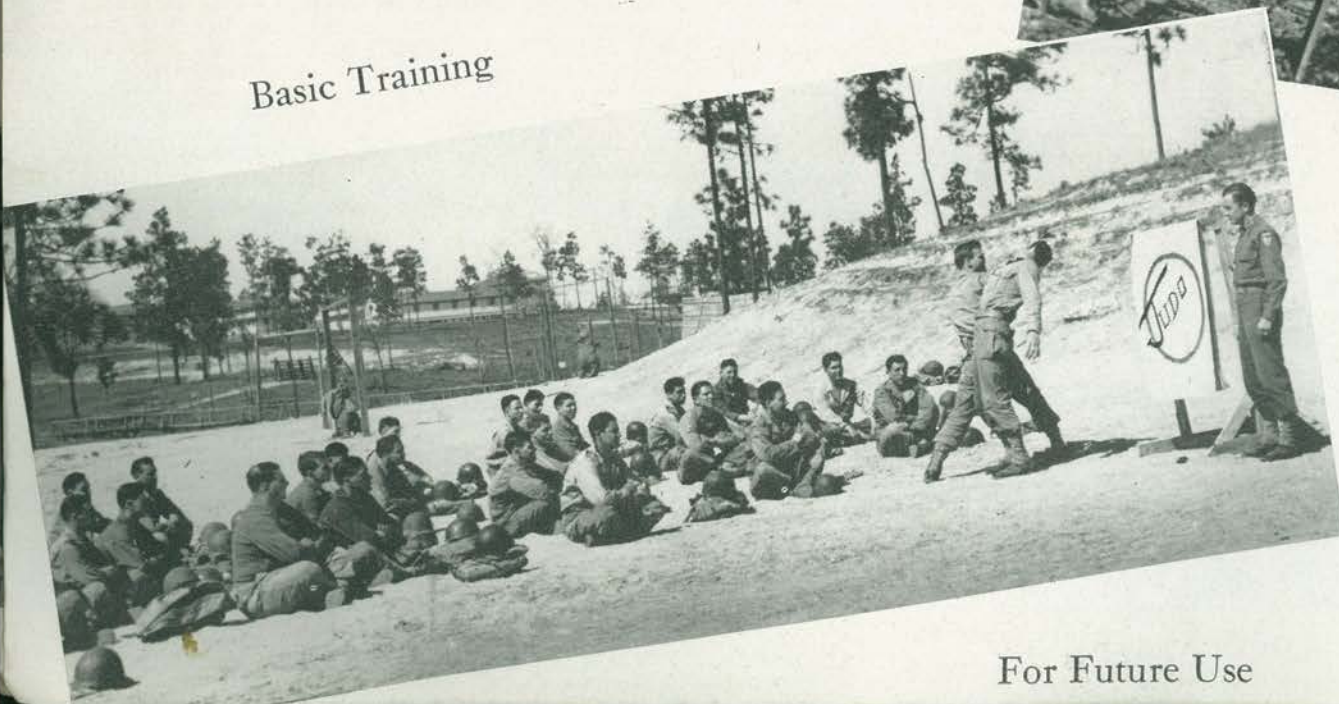
Double Time—Ho!



Communication



Basic Training



For Future Use





Explanation
Demonstration
Application



By The Numbers



Gas Mask Drill





First Stage

Daily Drill for Precision
and Prompt Obedience to
Commands



First Division Review

Machine Gun Instruction



Gun Crew Drill

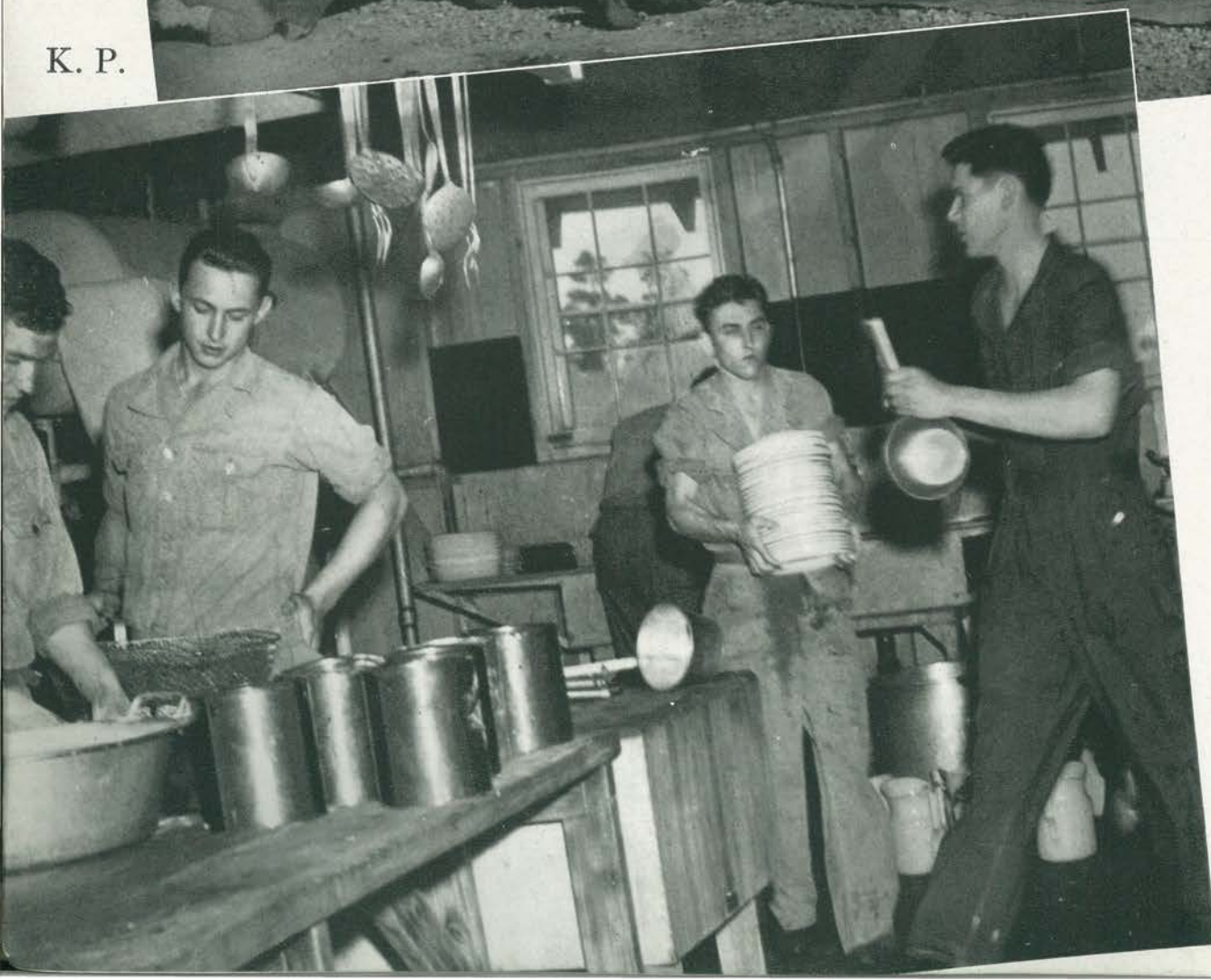




Details! For both
Officers and En-
listed Men.

K. P.

Make It Shine
Duty Officer





Inspection





Check

... Double Check

Compass Course



Anti Aircraft



Anti Tank



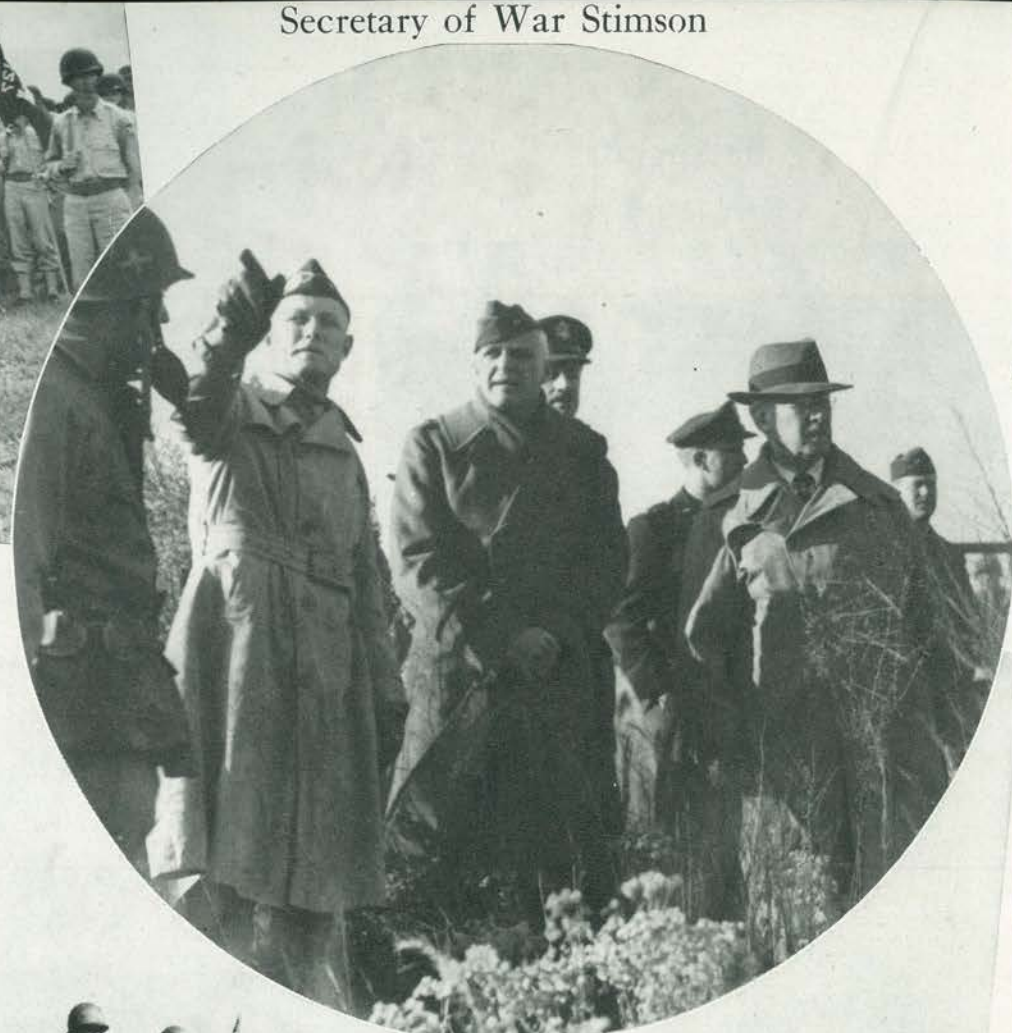
Bazooka

Practice Firing



Reviews

General Giraud



Lt. General Ben Lear

Infiltration
Course

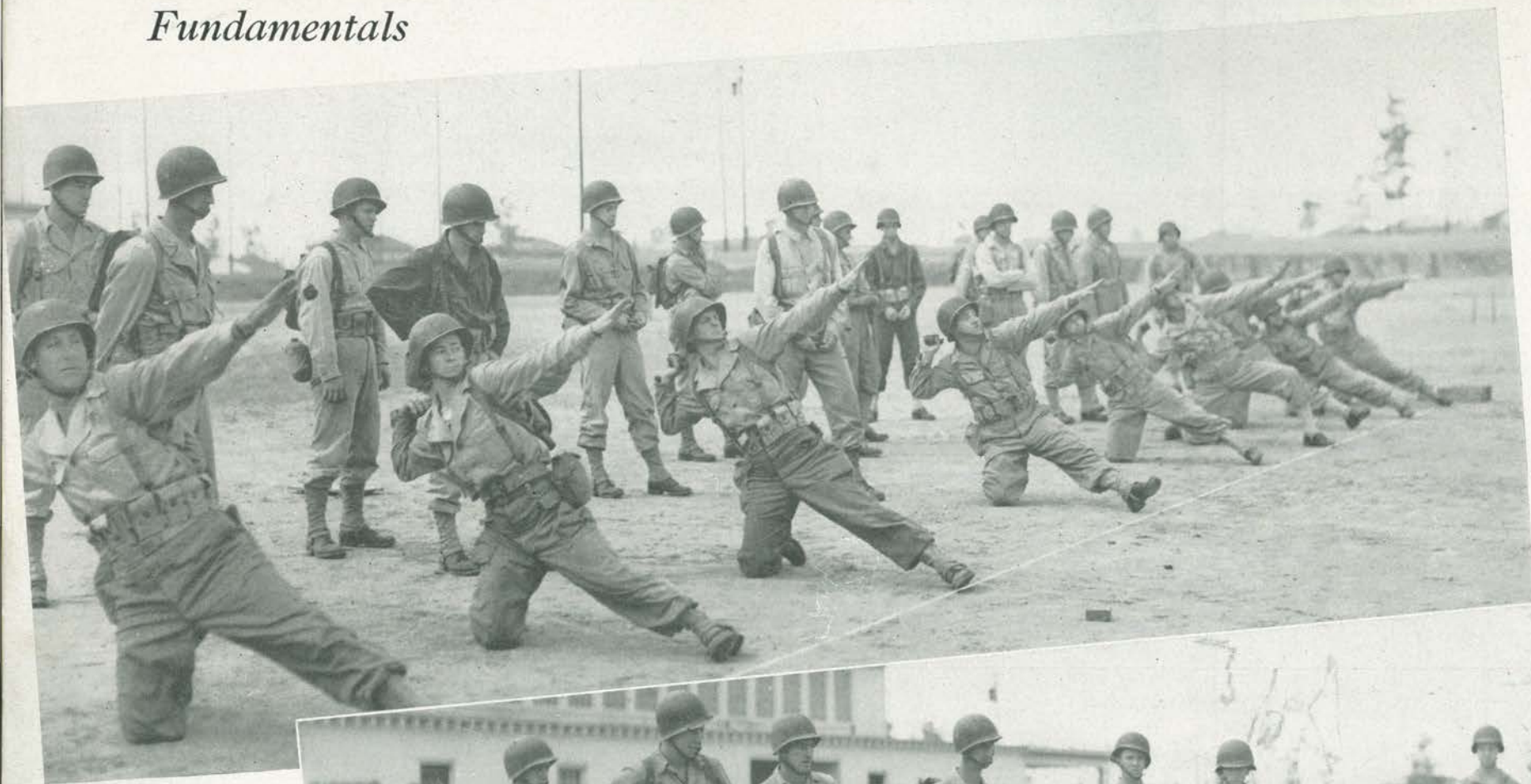


Bayonet Class



Fundamentals

Prepare to Throw



Throw—Hit the Dirt!



Sunset Landing

First Glider Flights





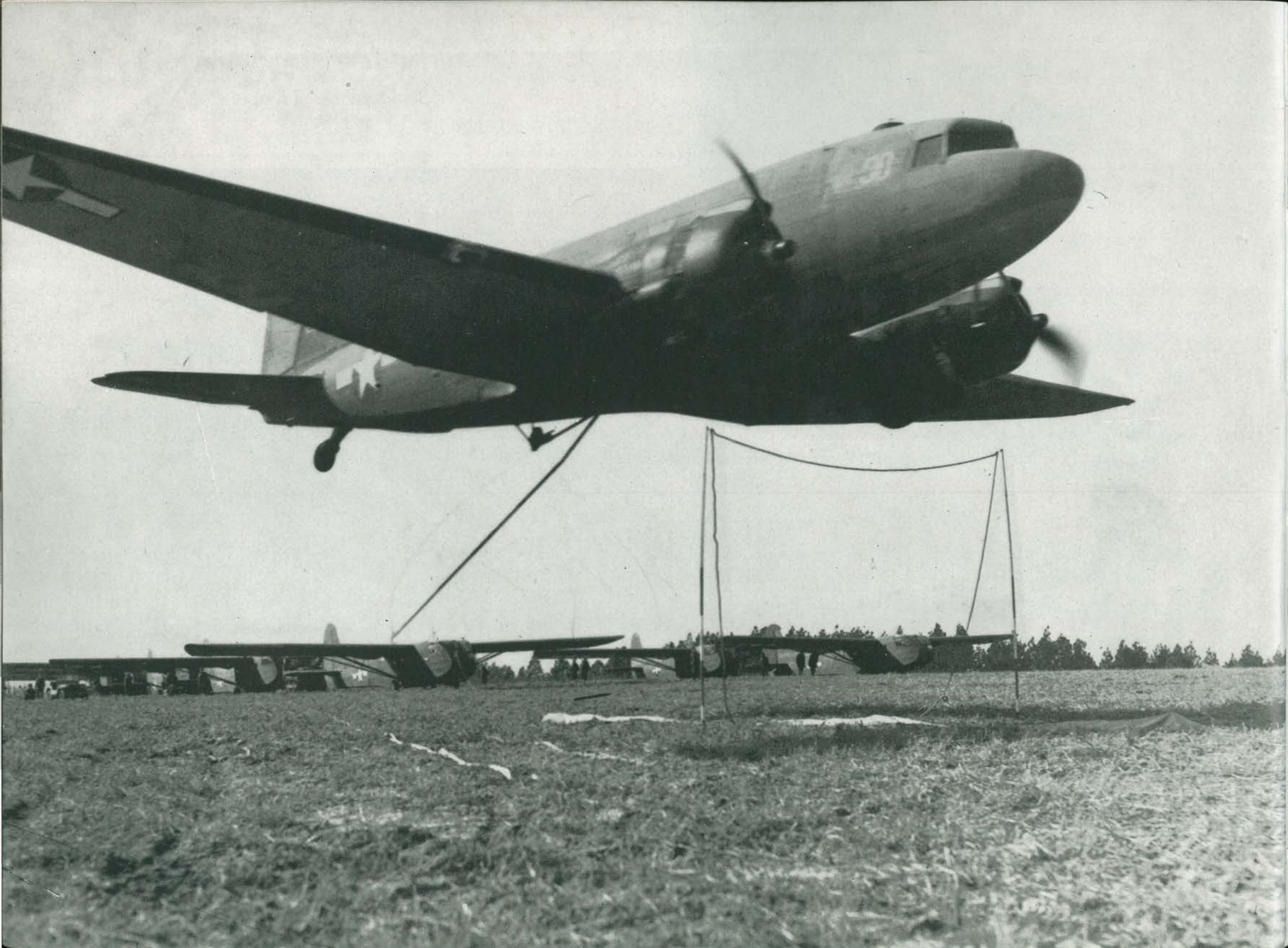
Mass Jump

Gliders
Land
Anywhere



So Do The "Troopers"









**FIRE
EXTINGUISHER**
INSIDE



Everybody Walks Away



Louisiana Maneuvers by Mulcahy





*Regimental Headquarters
1st Battalion Headquarters*



*COL. HARRY B. HILDEBRAND
Commanding Officer*

187th Glider Infantry Regiment

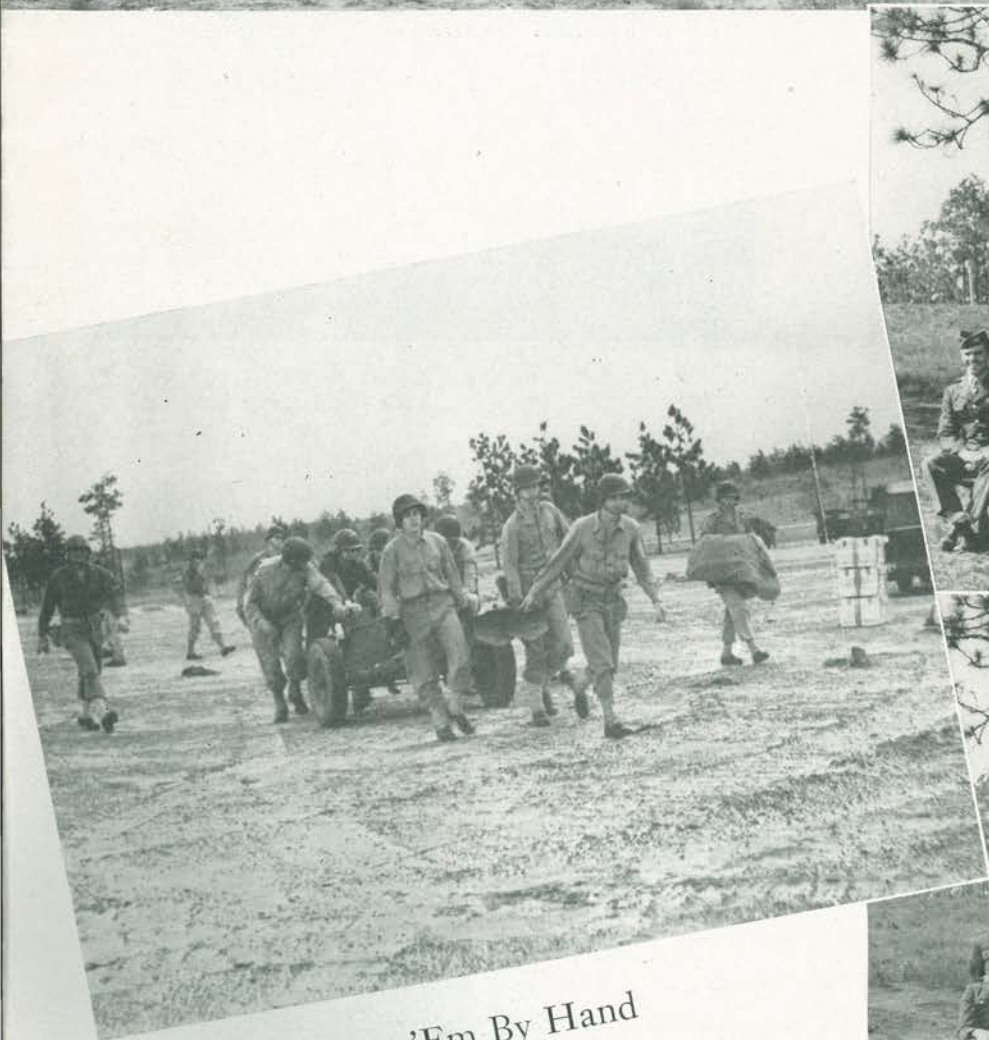
2nd Battalion Headquarters





Headquarters Company

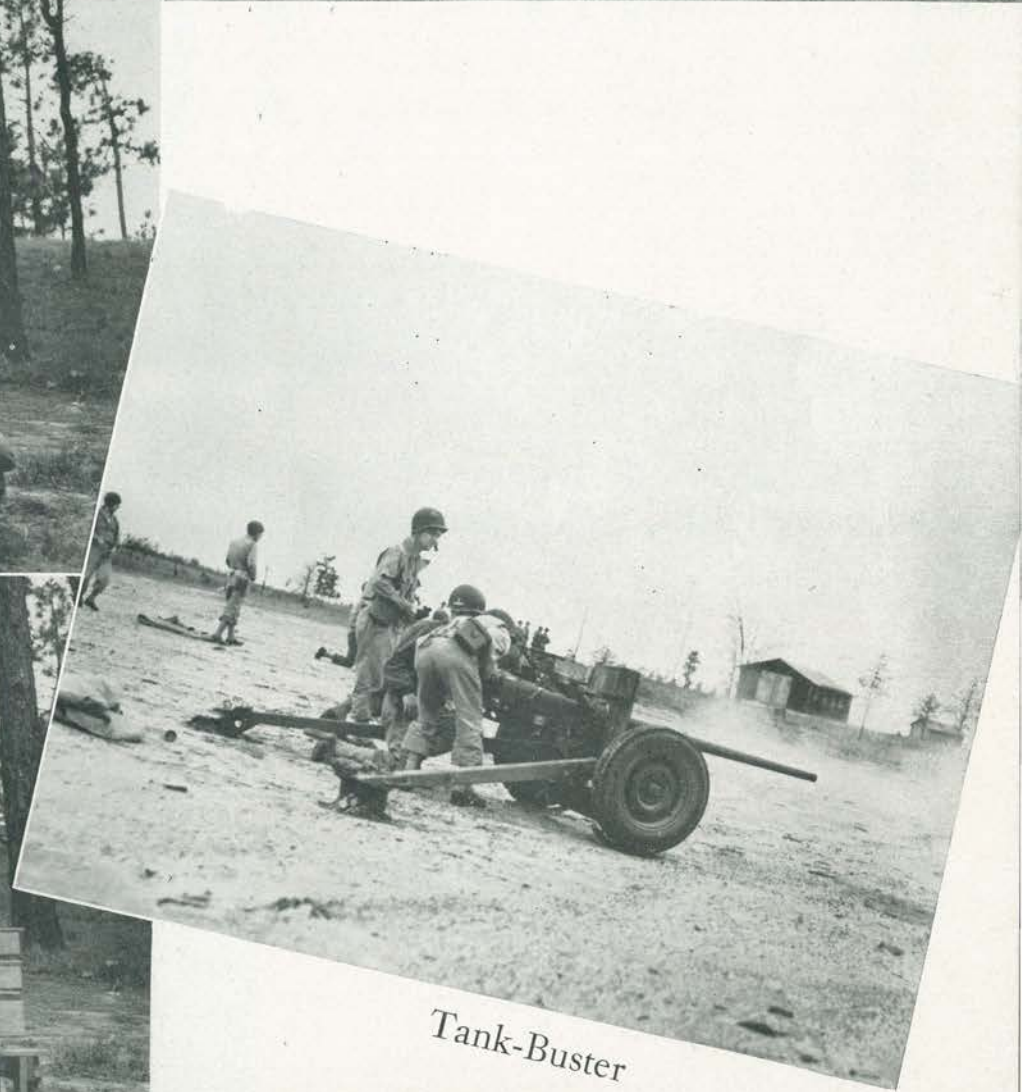
187th Glider Infantry



Hauling 'Em By Hand



Service Company
187th Glider Infantry



Tank-Buster



Medical Detachment
187th Glider Infantry





Headquarters Company

1st Battalion

187th Glider Infantry



Company A
1st Battalion
187th Glider Infantry



Company B

1st Battalion

187th Glider Infantry

The Airborne
Goes Amphibious





Company C

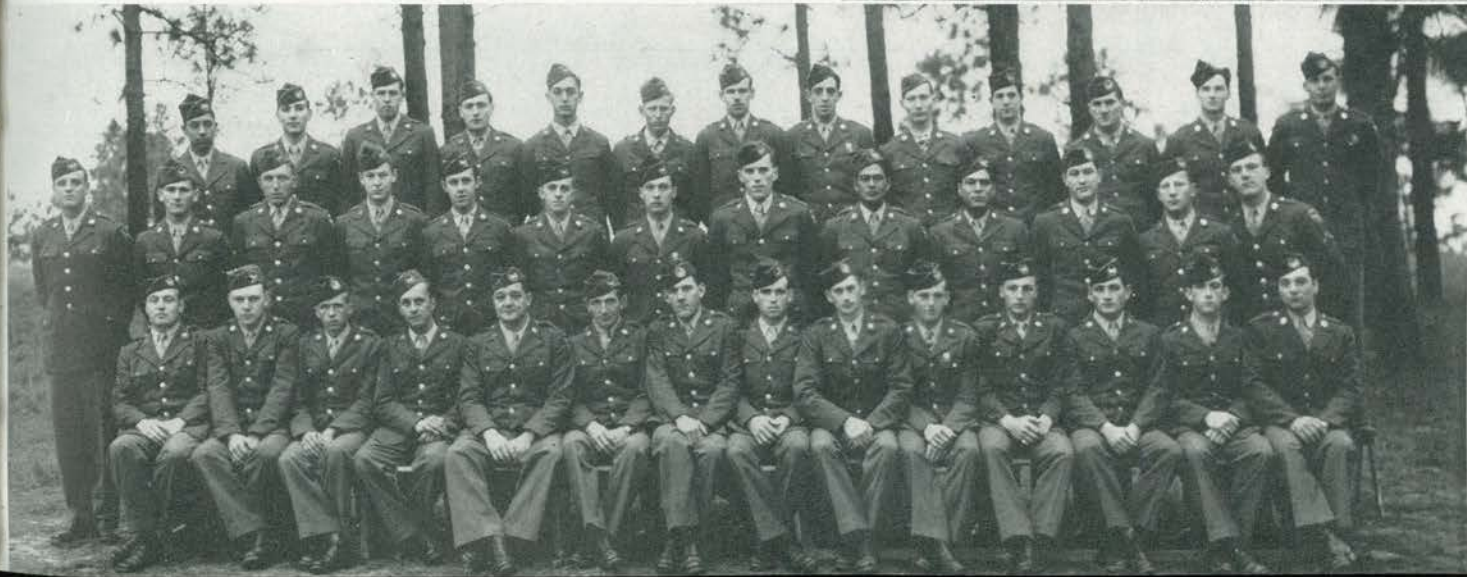
1st Battalion

187th Glider Infantry





"action"



Headquarters Company

2nd Battalion

187th Glider Infantry

Company E

2nd Battalion

187th Glider Infantry





Company F

2nd Battalion

187th Glider Infantry

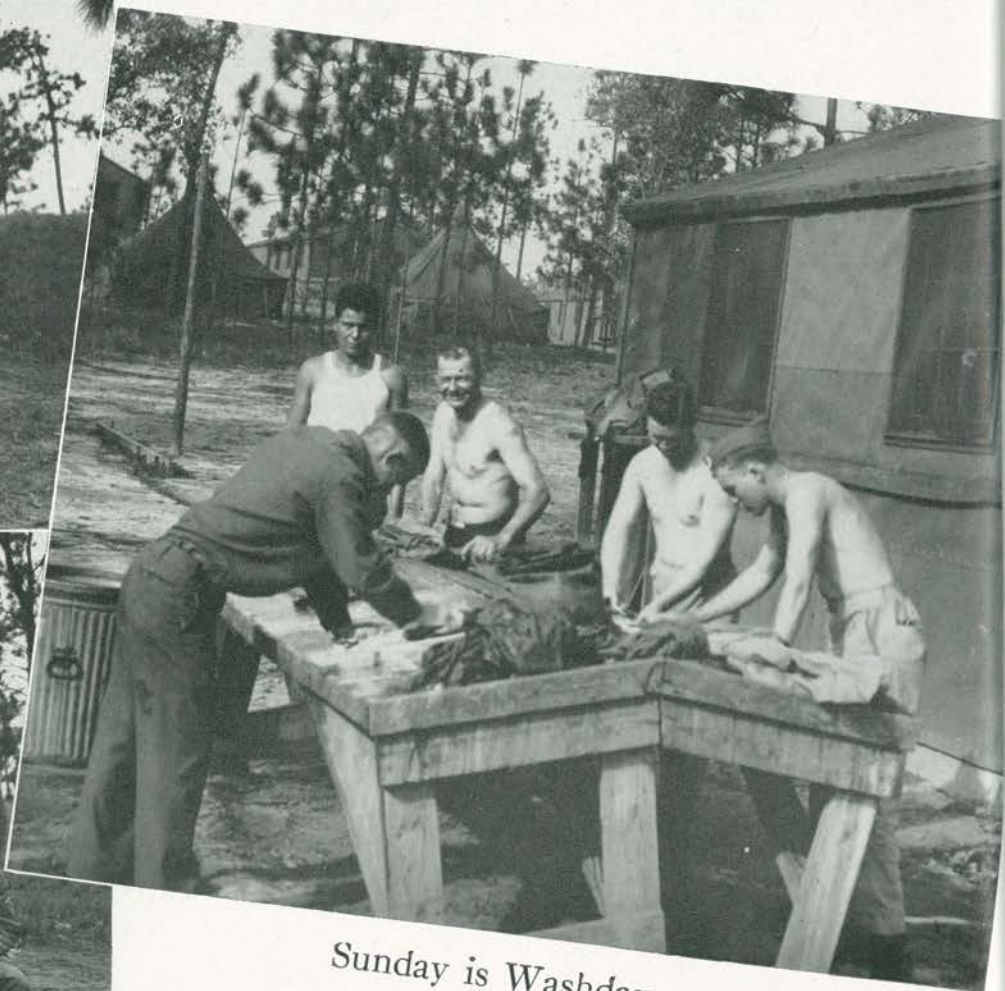




Company G

2nd Battalion

187th Glider Infantry



Sunday is Washday



188th Glider Infantry Regiment Staff Officers



COL. ROBERT H. SOULE
Commanding Officer

Regimental Headquarters



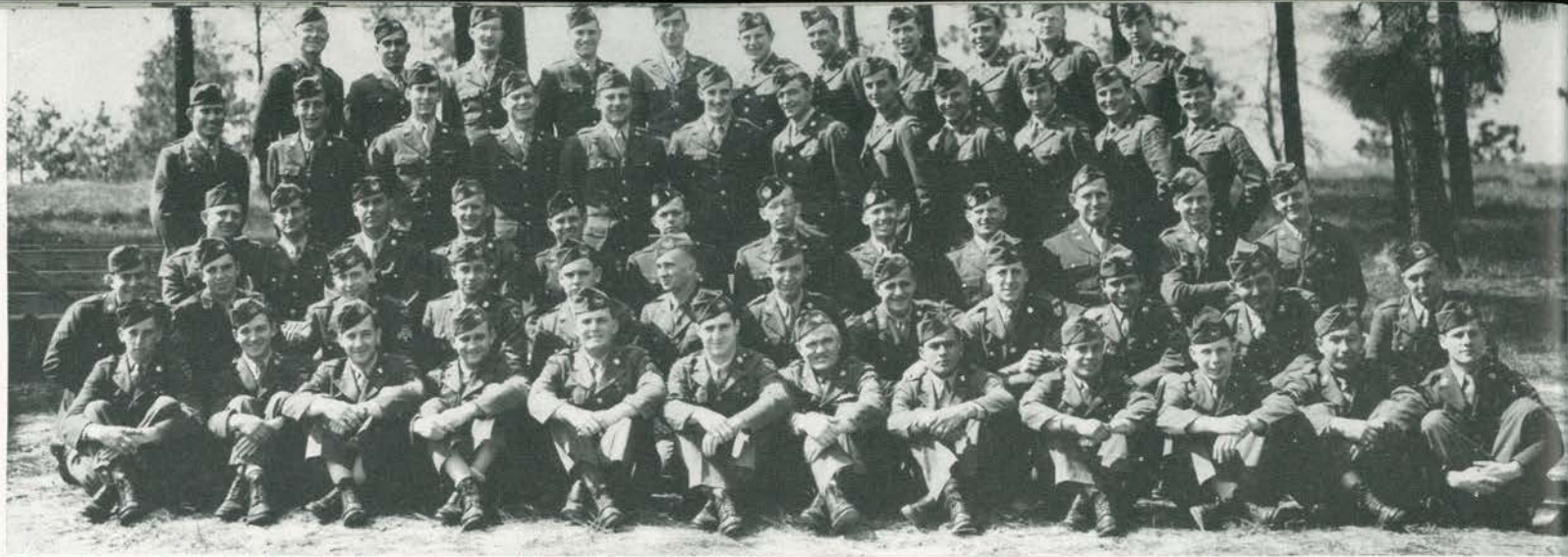
1st Battalion Headquarters



2nd Battalion Headquarters

Headquarters Company

188th Glider Infantry





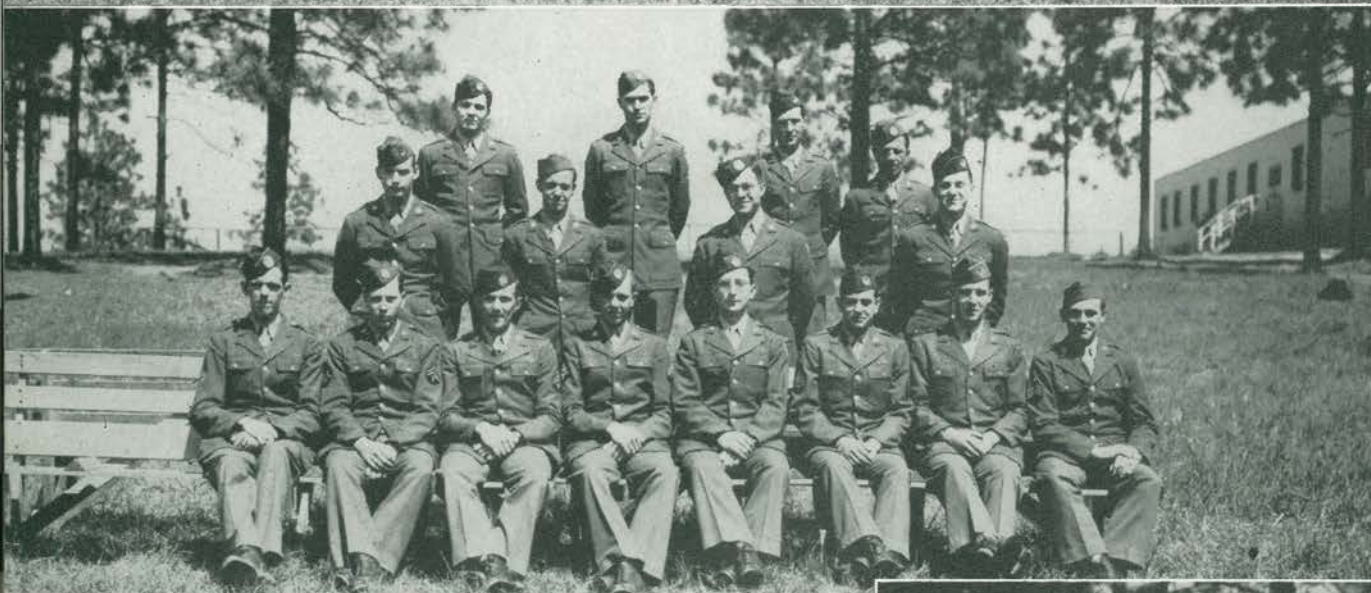
Service Company

188th Glider Infantry

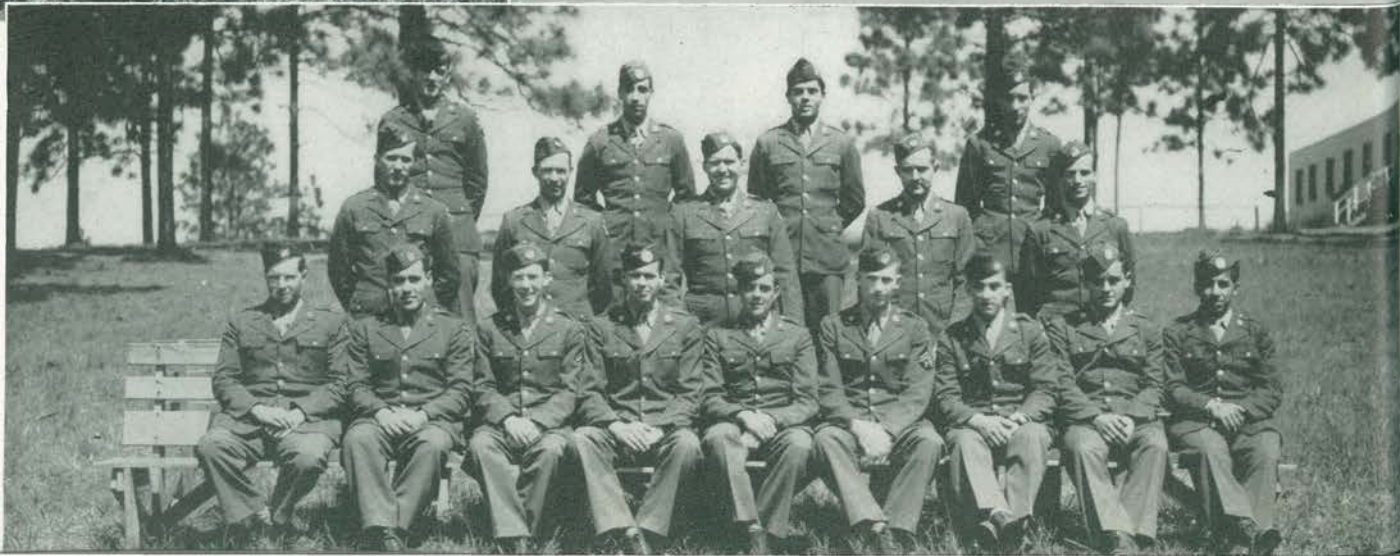


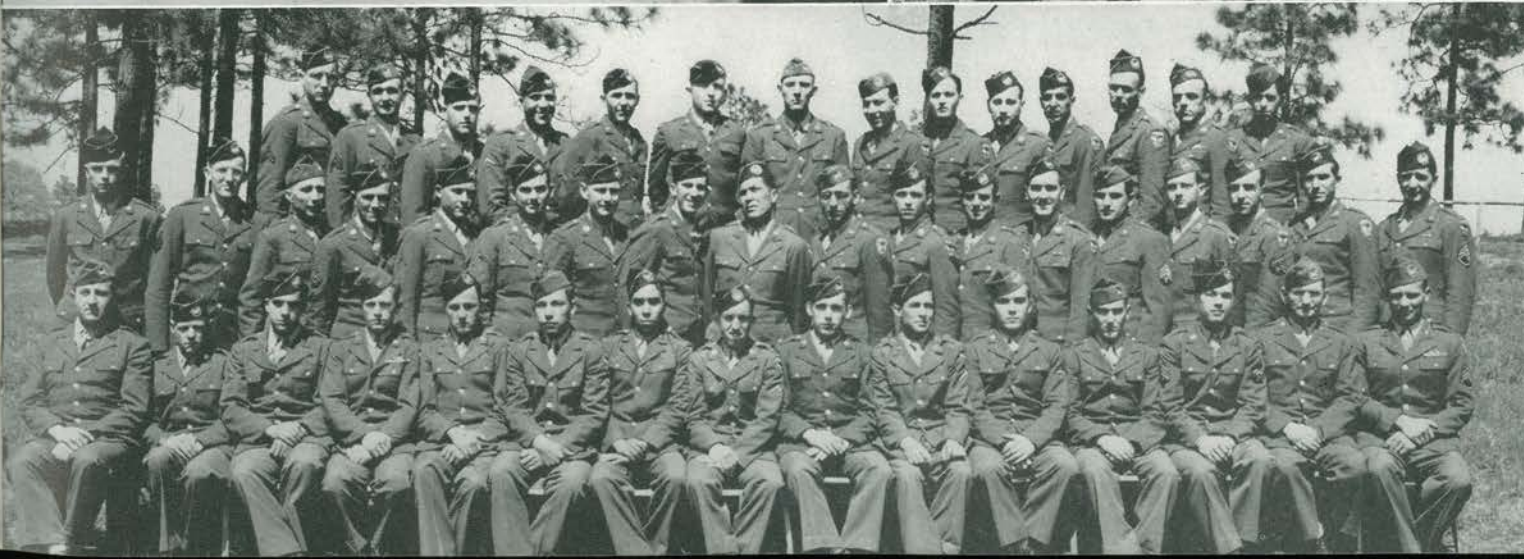
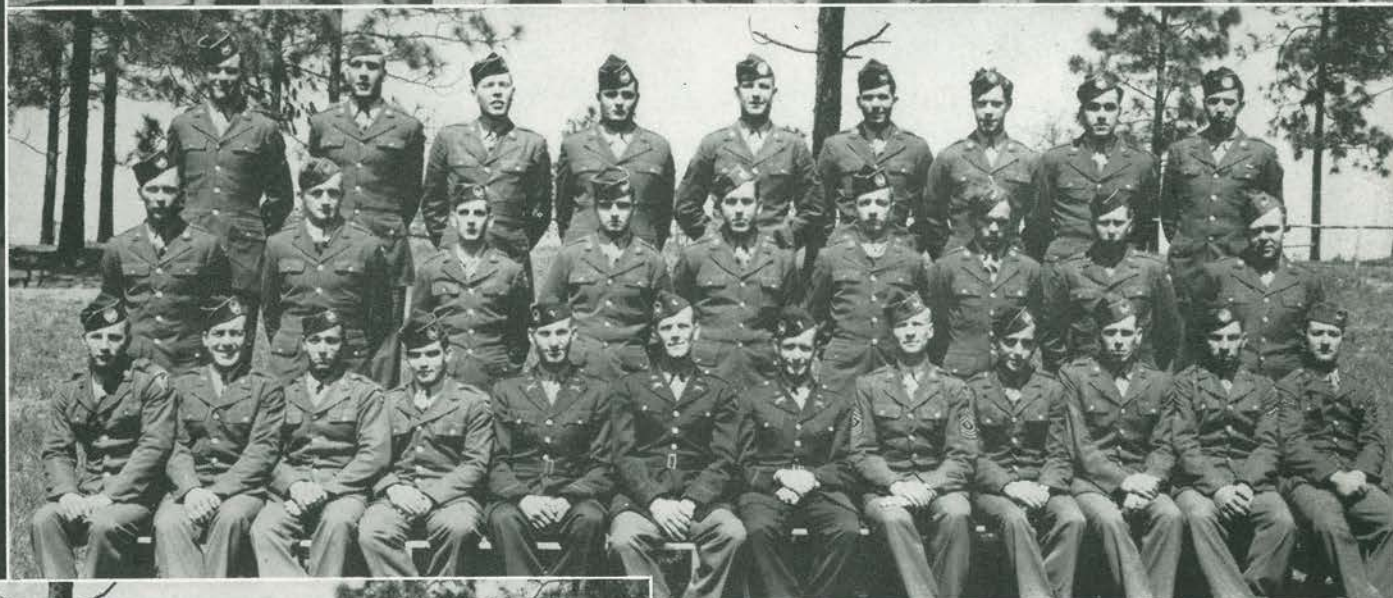
Panel Display





Medical Detachment
188th Glider Infantry





Headquarters Company

1st Battalion

188th Glider Infantry



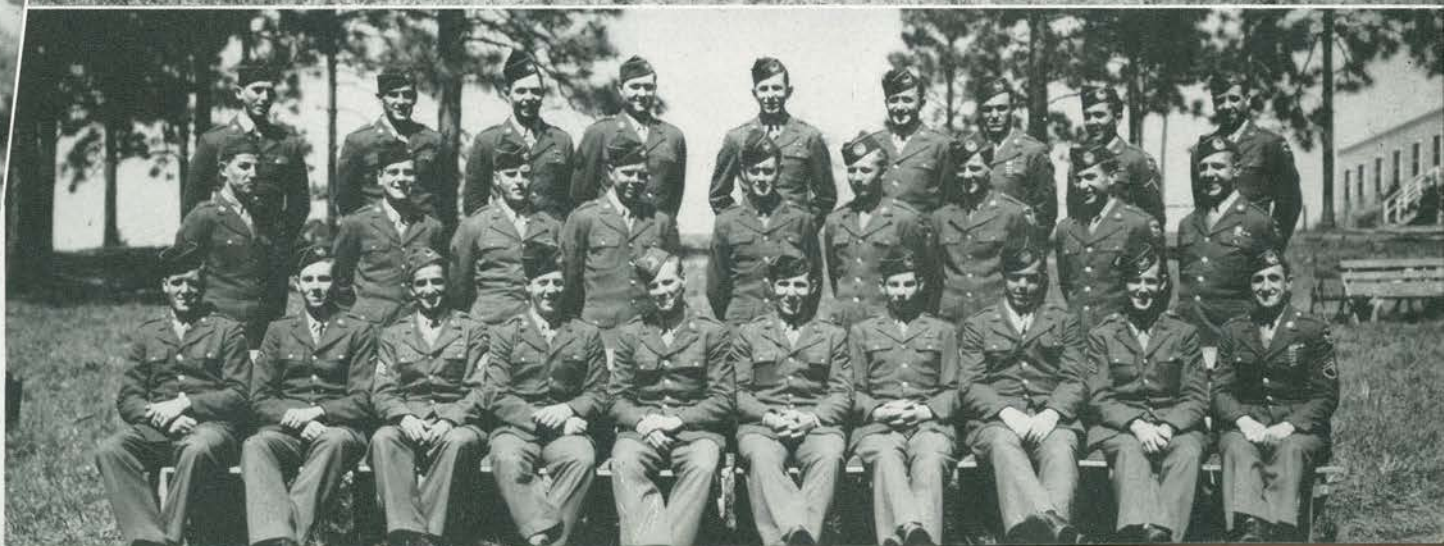
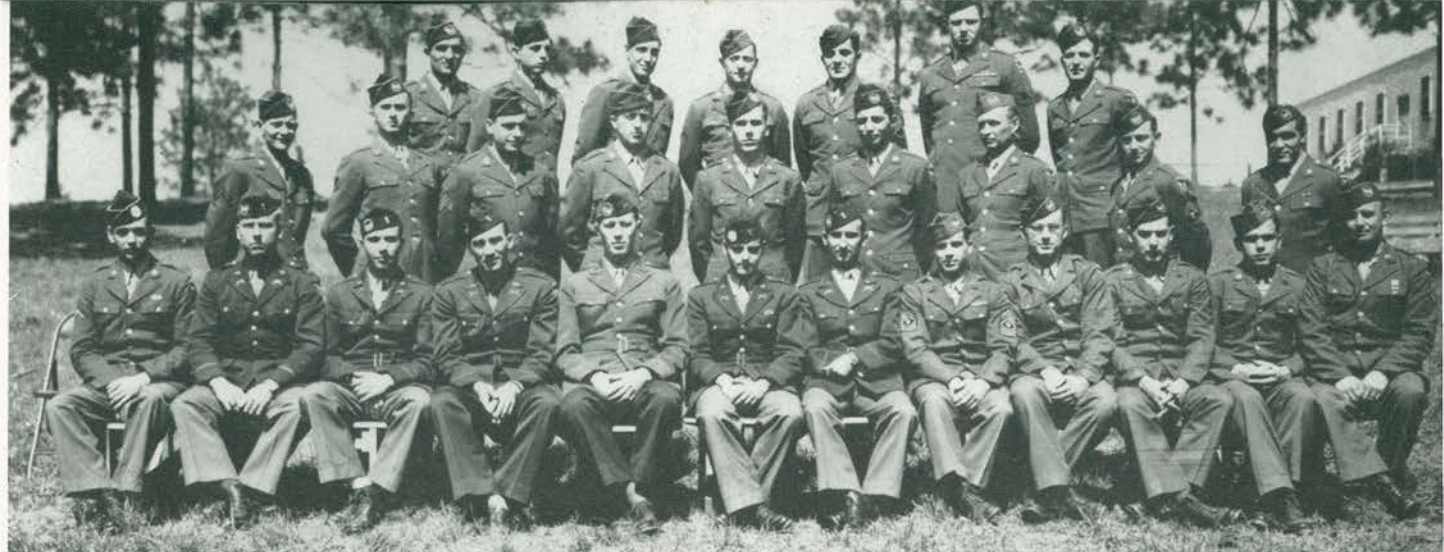
Company A
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188th Glider Infantry

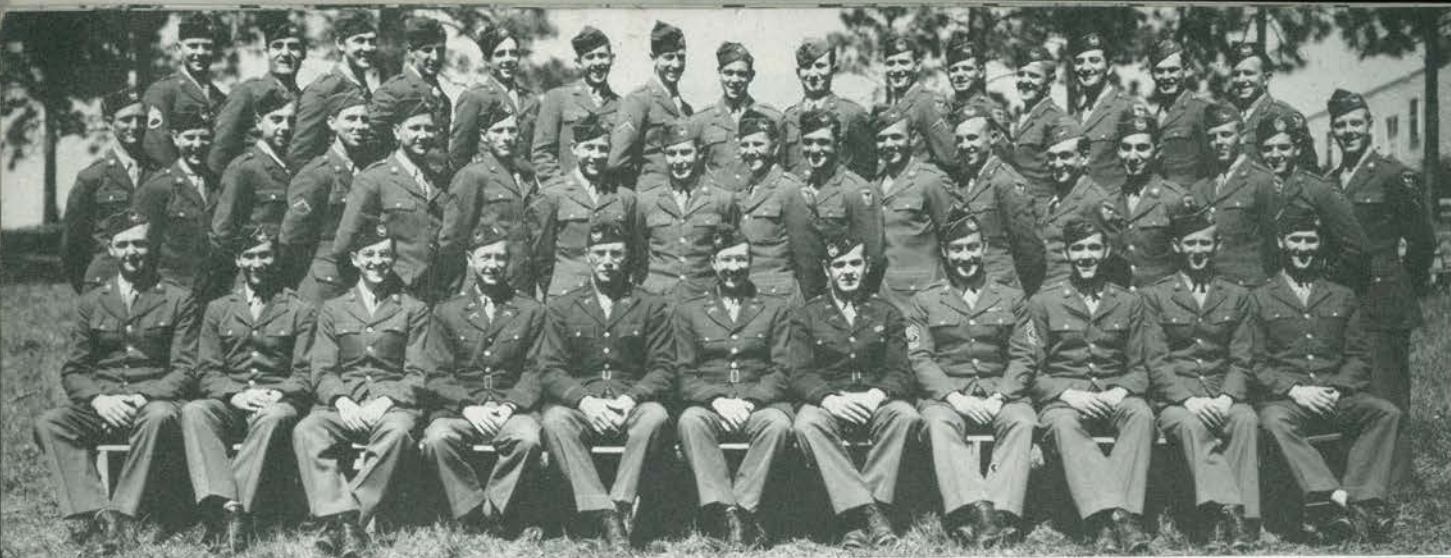


Judo



Company B
1st Battalion
188th Glider Infantry



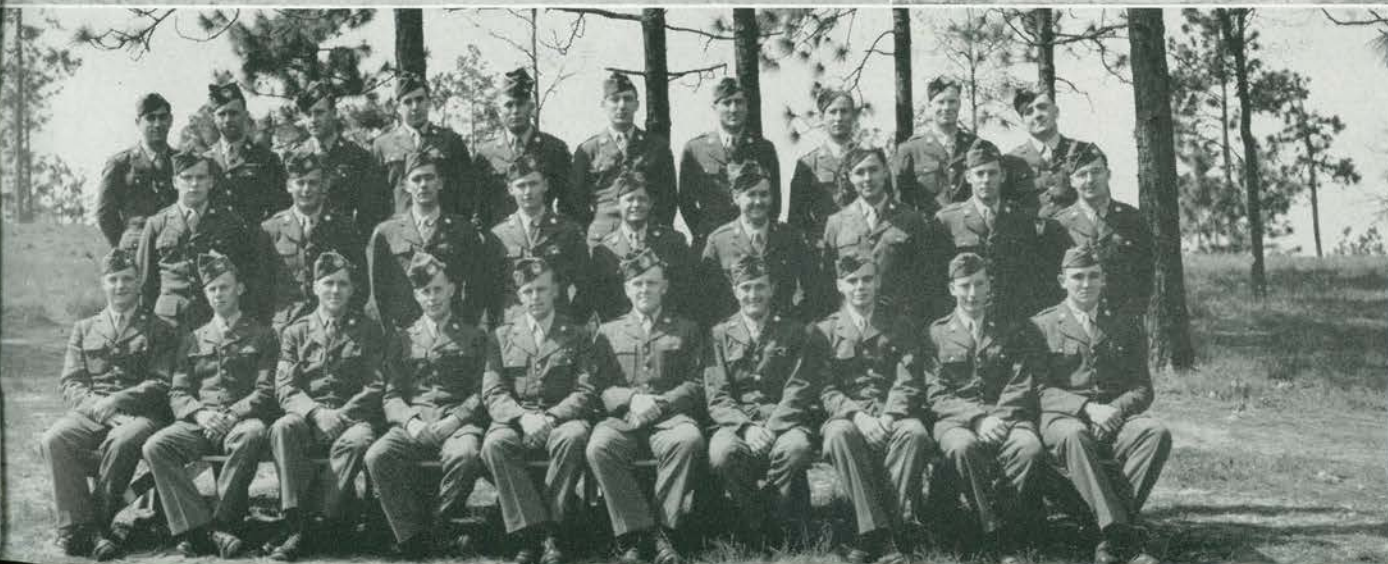


Company C

1st Battalion

188th Glider Infantry





Headquarters Company

2nd Battalion

188th Glider Infantry



Company E

2nd Battalion

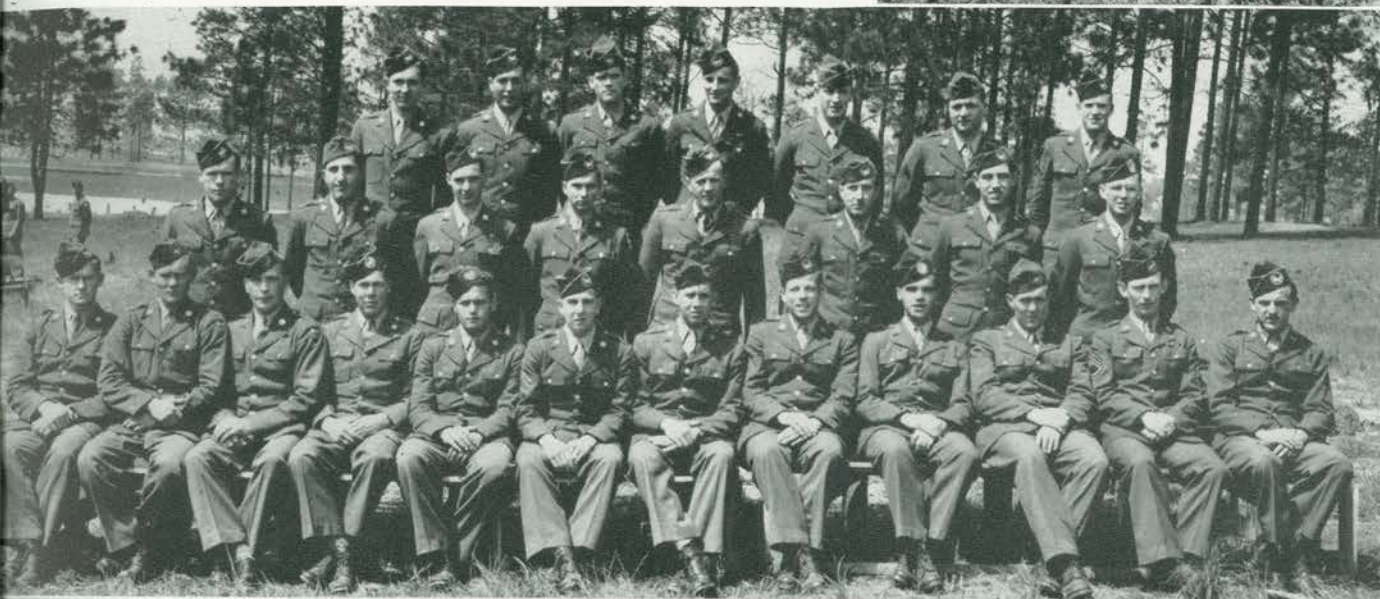
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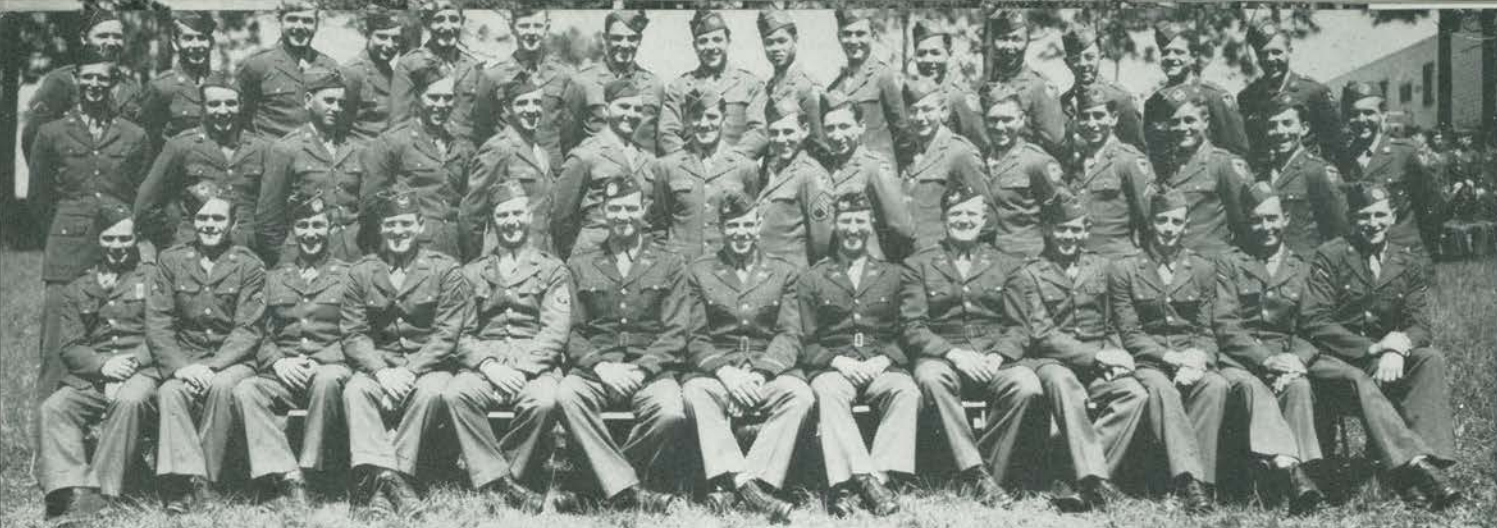


Company F

2nd Battalion

188th Glider Infantry

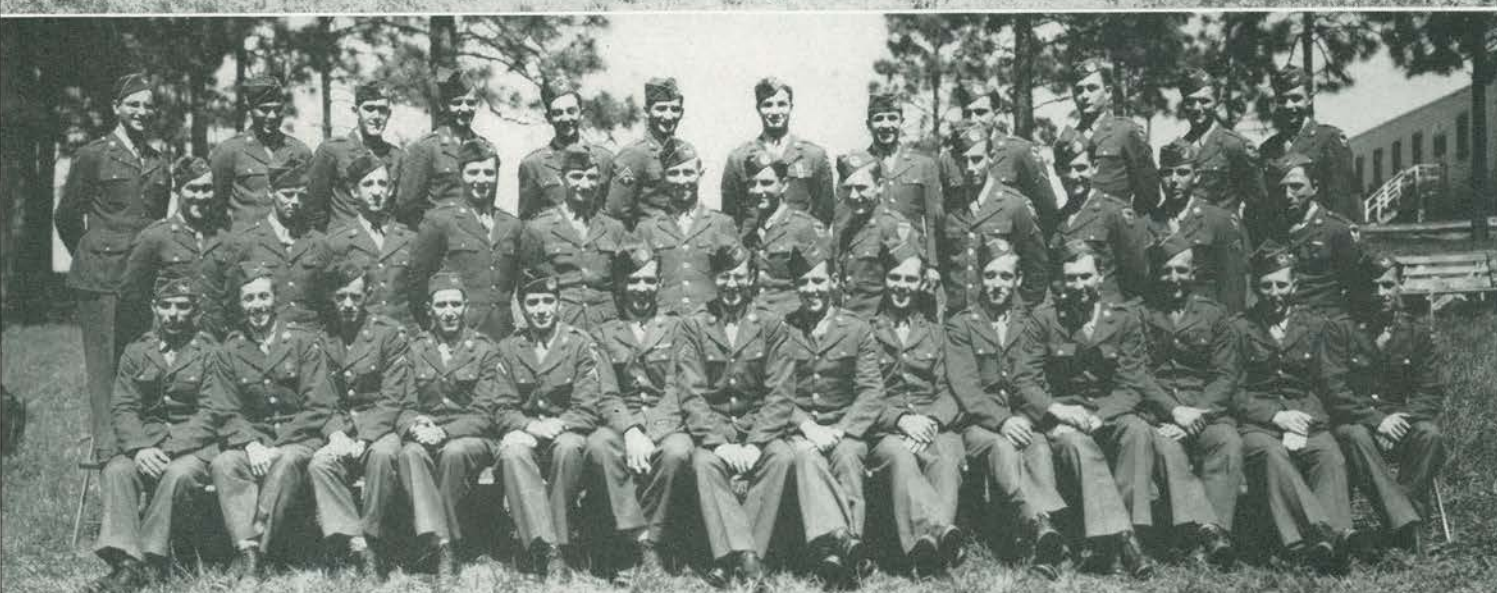




Company G

2nd Battalion

188th Glider Infantry



Charge



Regimental Headquarters



COL. ORIN D. HAUGEN
Commanding Officer

511th Parachute Infantry Regiment



1st Battalion Headquarters



2nd Battalion Headquarters

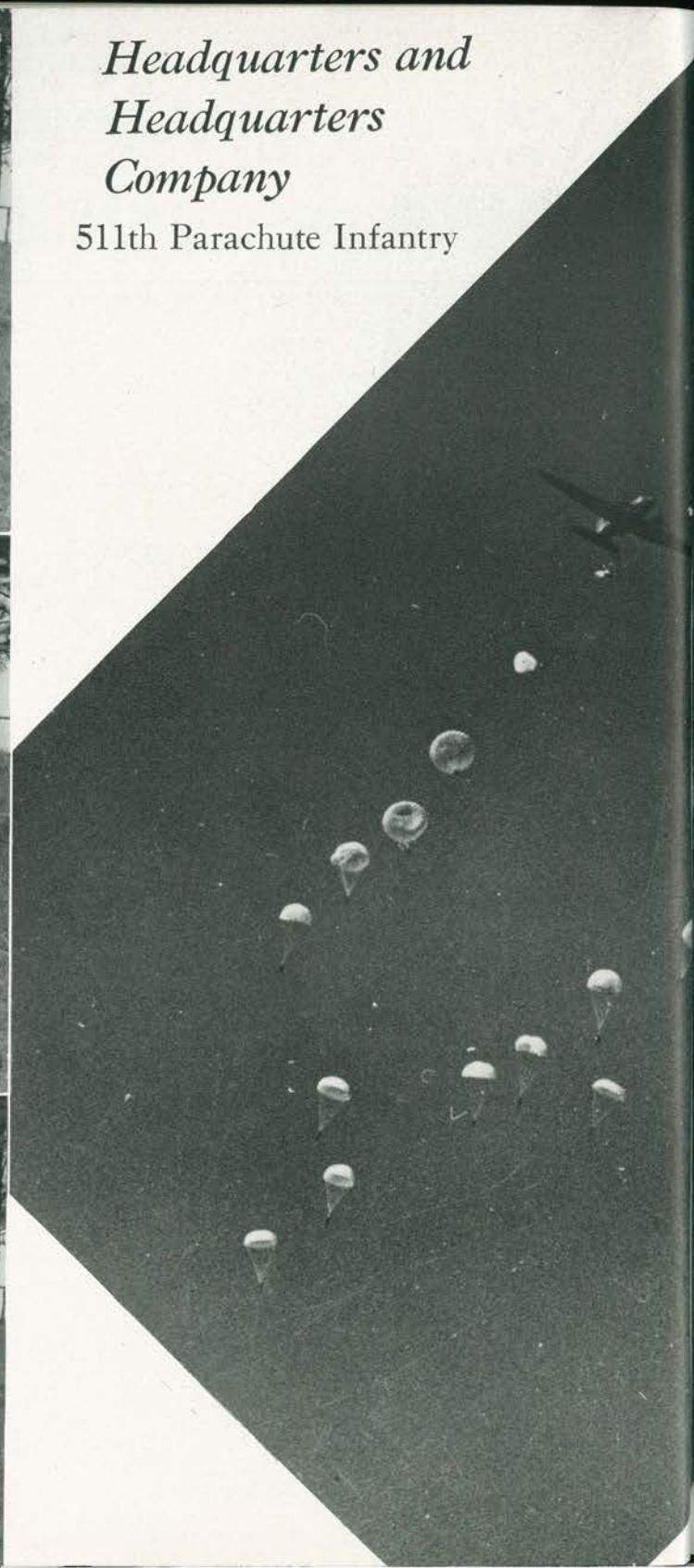


3rd Battalion Headquarters



*Headquarters and
Headquarters
Company*

511th Parachute Infantry



Service Company
511th Parachute Infantry





Medical Detachment
511th Parachute Infantry



Roger, Out



Headquarters Company

1st Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry





Company A

1st Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry





Company B
1st Battalion
511th Parachute Infantry



Company C

1st Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry





Headquarters Company

2nd Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry



Company D

2nd Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry



Company E

2nd Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry

Battery F

2nd Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry

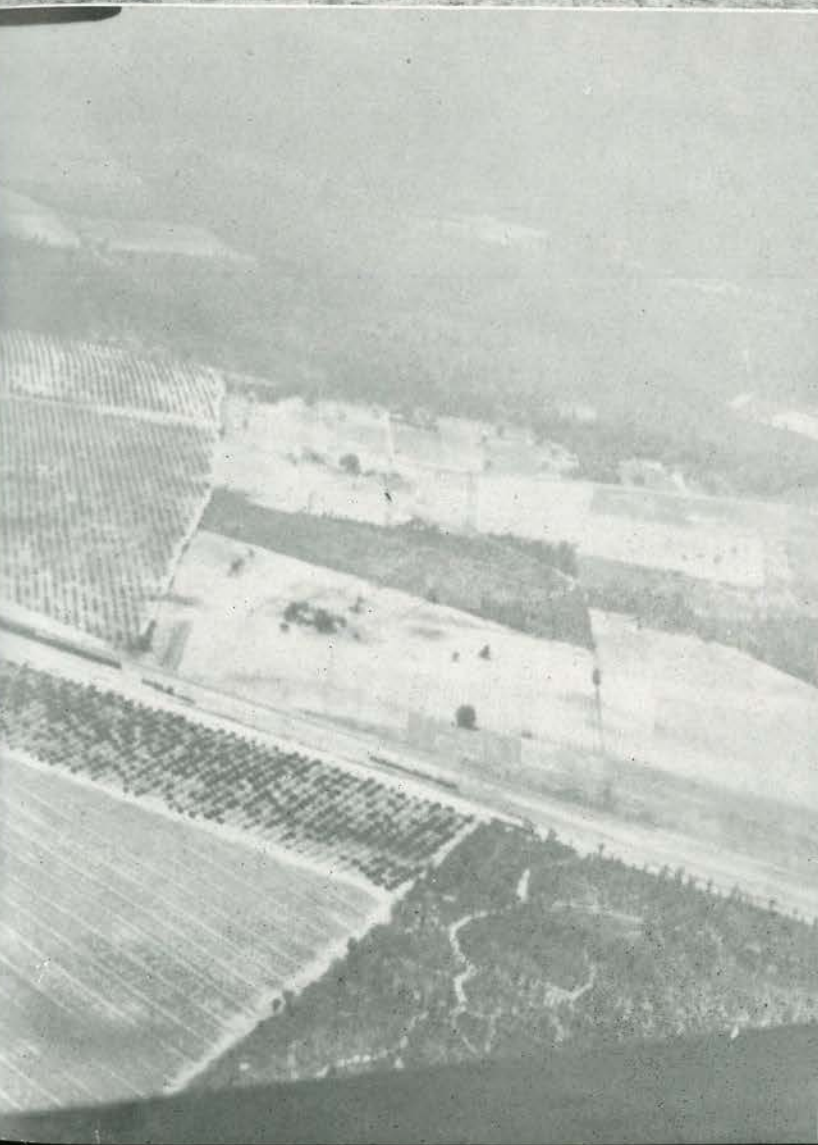




Headquarters Company

3rd Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry



Company G

3rd Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry





Company H

3rd Battalion

511th Parachute Infantry





Company I 3rd Battalion 511th Parachute Infantry





Division Reconnaissance Platoon



Staff Officers



674th Glider Field Artillery Bn.



675th Glider Field Artillery Bn.



COLONEL FRANCIS W. FARRELL
Commanding Officer

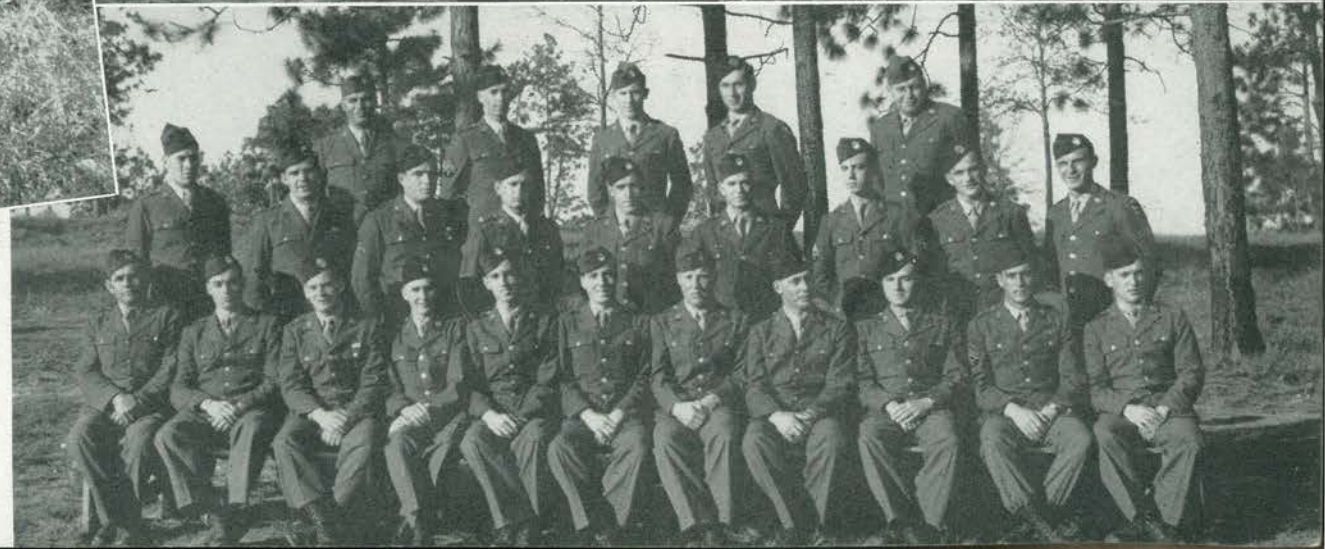
Division Artillery

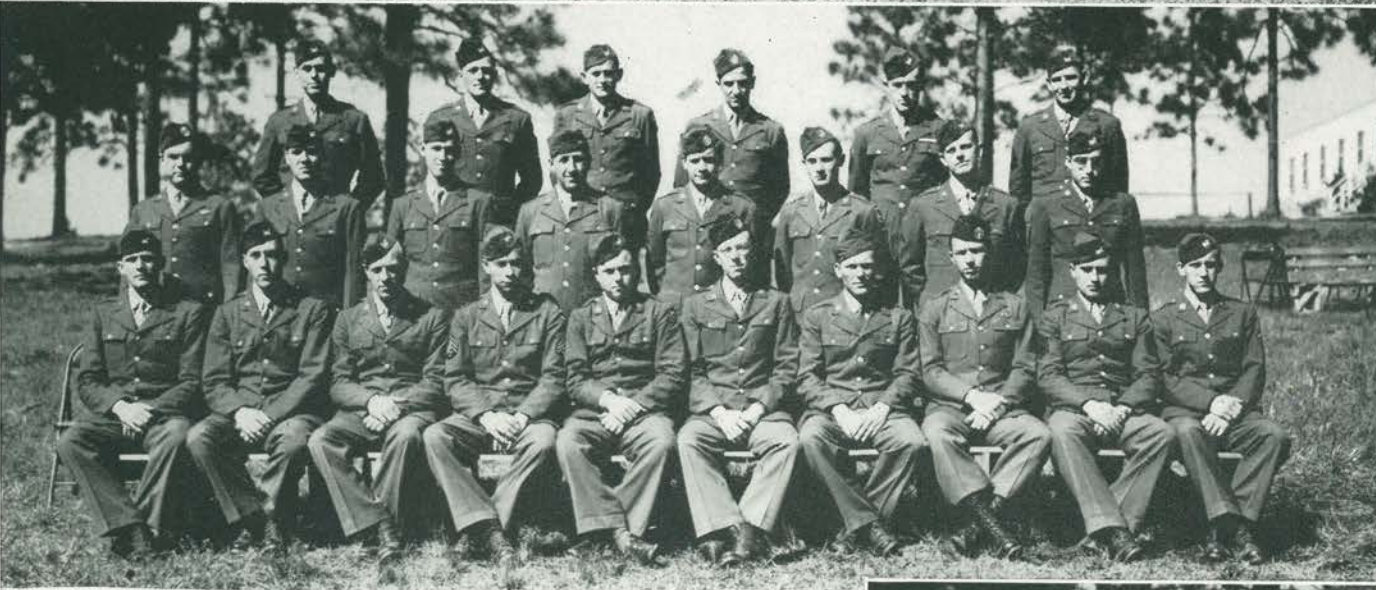


457th Parachute Field Artillery Bn.



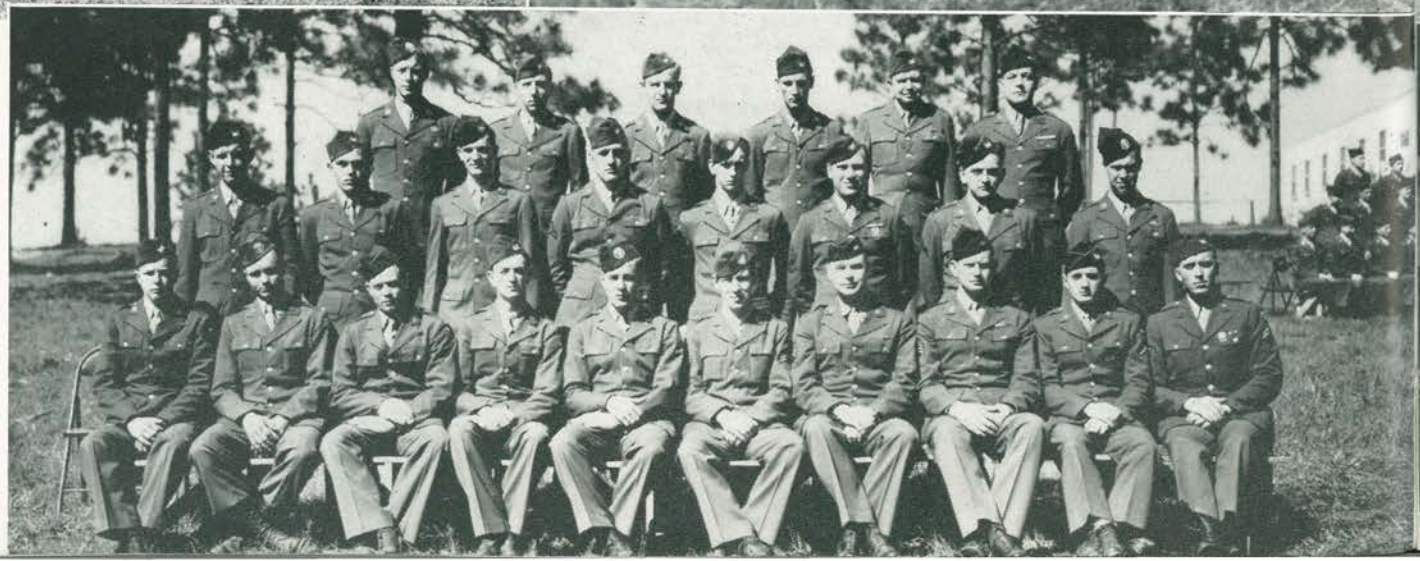
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Headquarters and Headquarters
Battery*

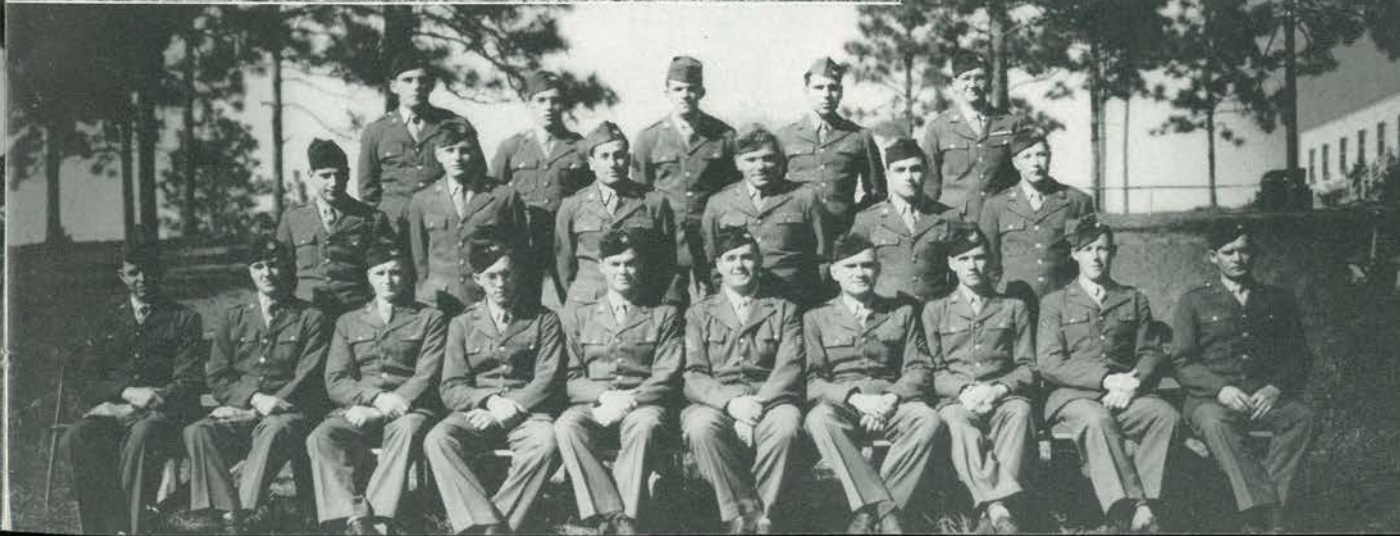
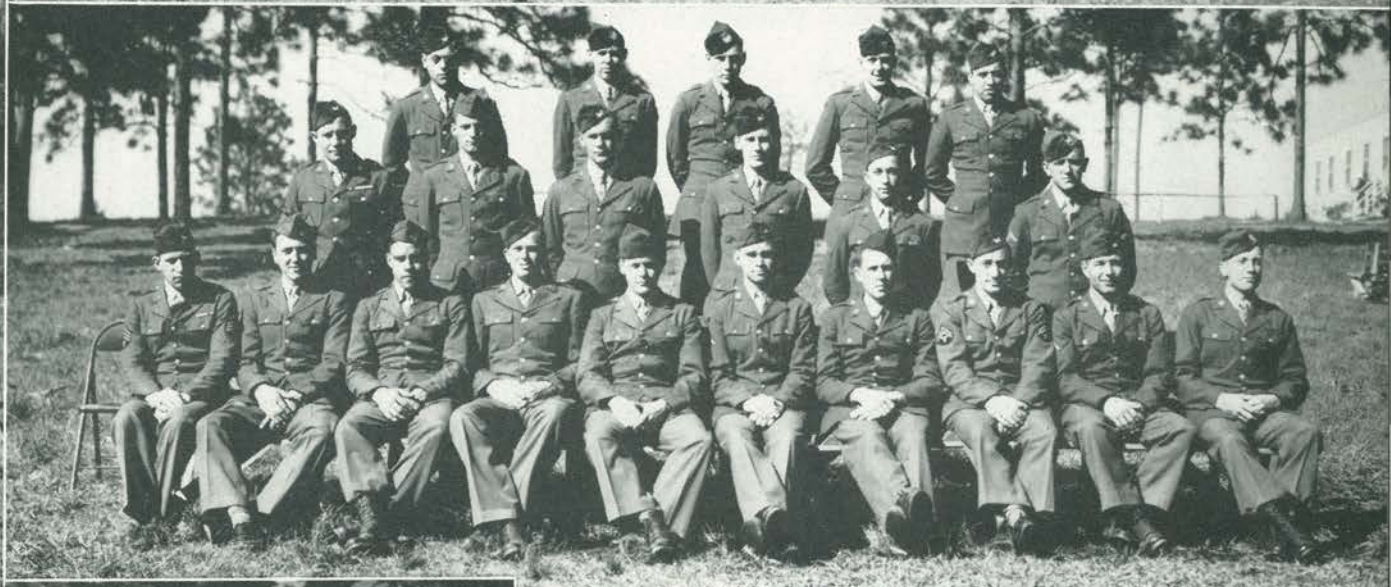




Headquarters and Service Battery

674th Glider Field Artillery Battalion





Battery A

674th Glider Field Artillery Battalion



Battery B
674th Glider Field Artillery Battalion

Fire Five





*Headquarters and
Service Battery*

675th Glider Field Artillery
Battalion



Battery A

675th Glider Field Artillery Battalion





Battery B

675th Glider Field Artillery Battalion



Headquarters and Service Battery

457th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion



Chow Line





Battery A

457th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion



Dry Run



Battery B

457th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion





Battery C

457th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion





Battery D

457th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion

Medical Detachment

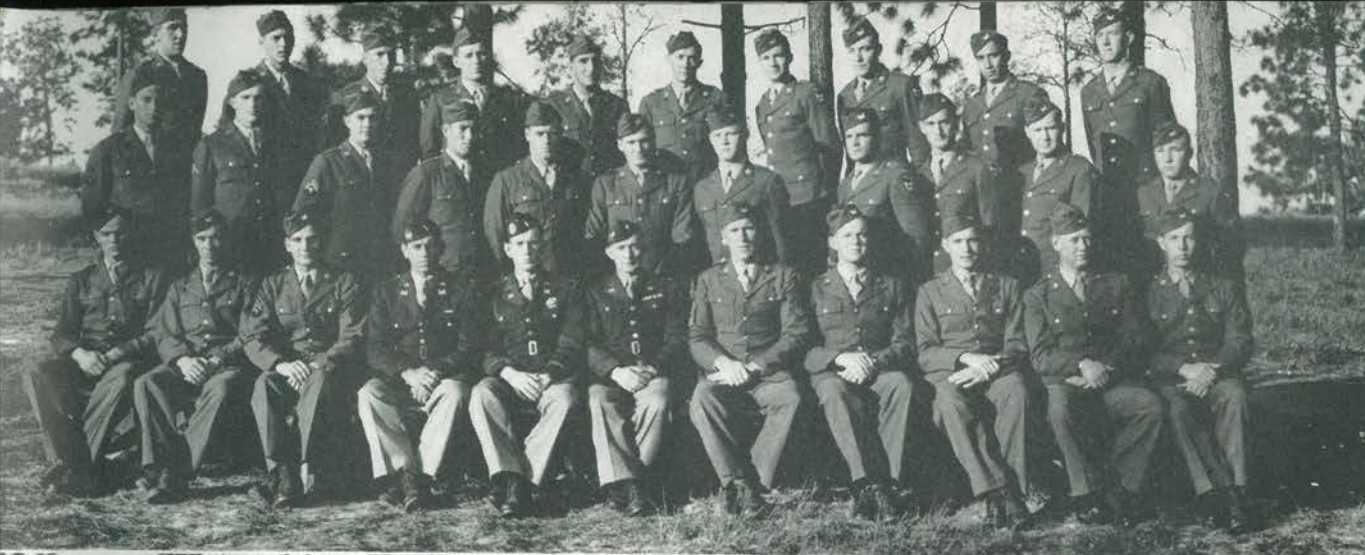
457th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion





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





A Company
127th Airborne Engineer Battalion



B Company
127th Airborne Engineer Battalion

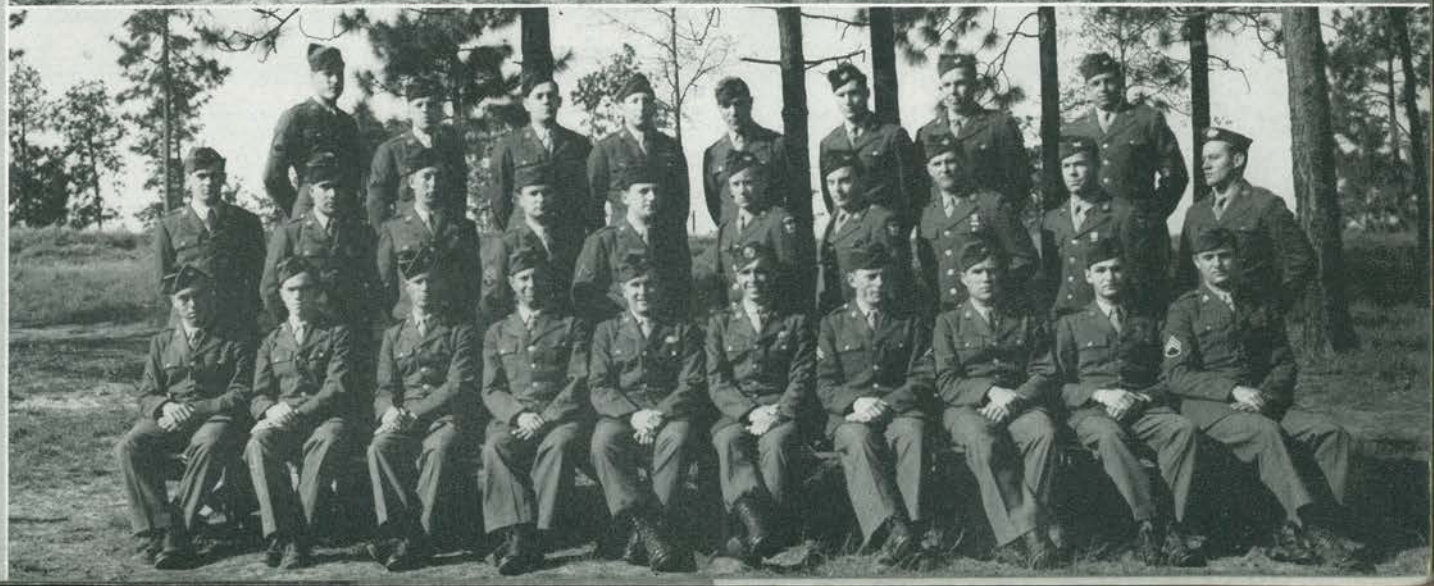
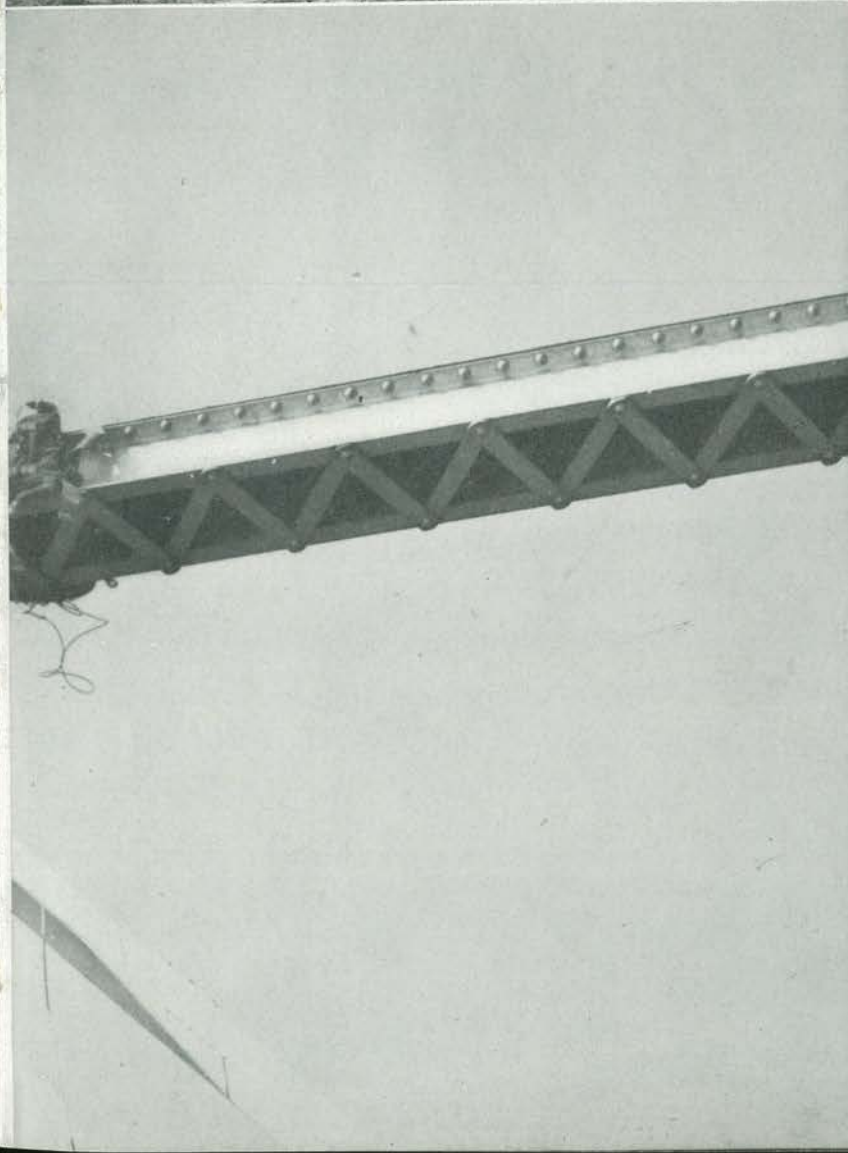
C Company

127th Airborne Engineer Battalion





*Headquarters and
Service Company*
127th Airborne Engineer Battalion





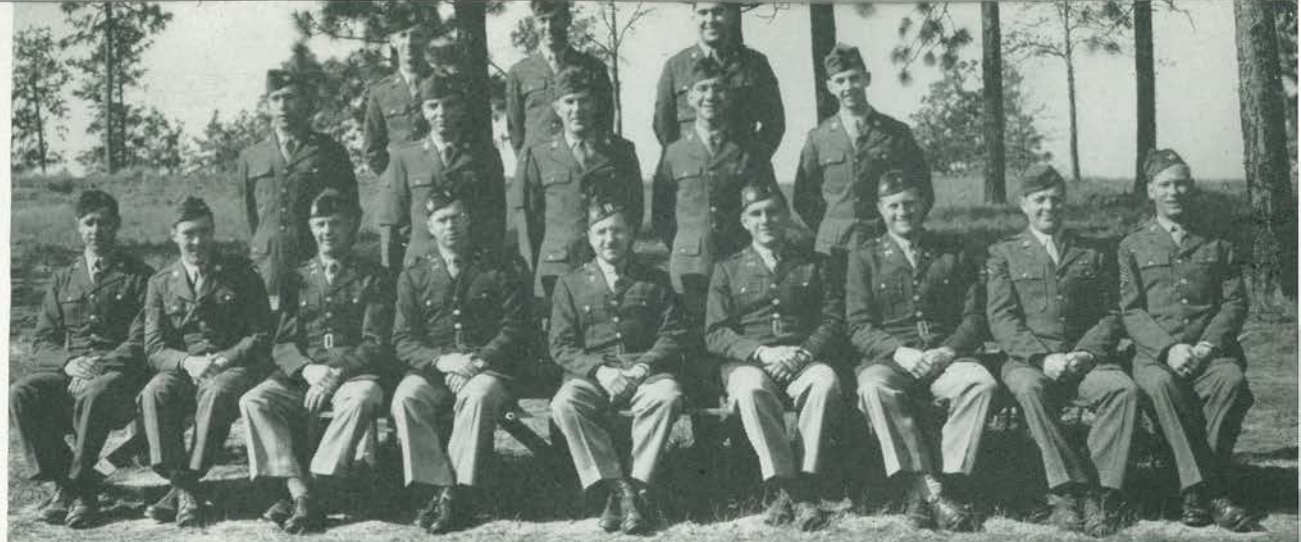
MAJOR JAMES H. FARREN
Commanding Officer
Battalion Staff Officers

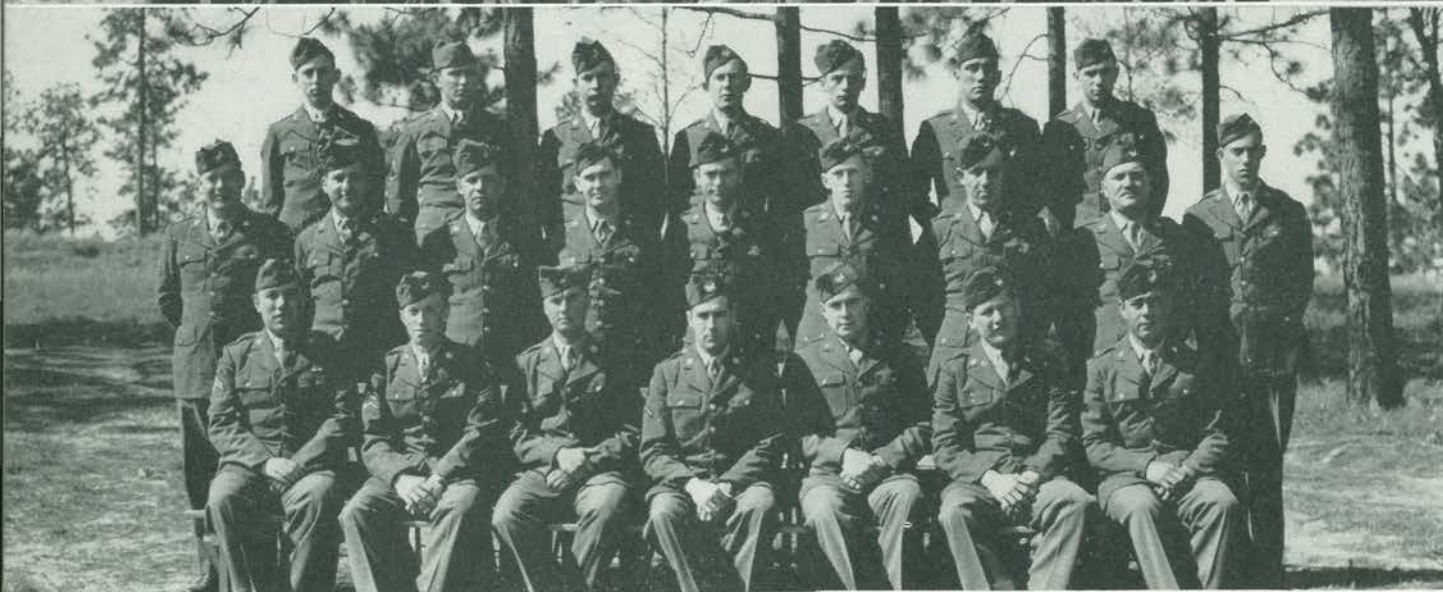
152nd Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion



Headquarters Battery

152nd Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion

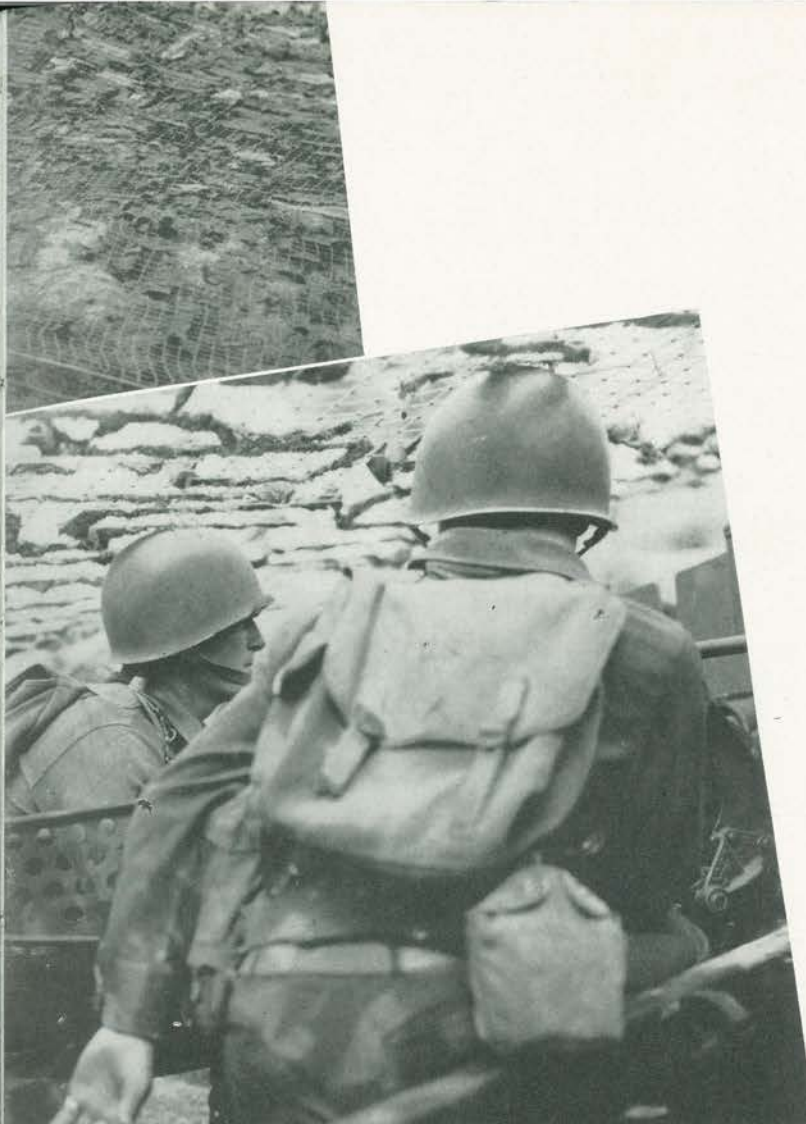




Battery A

152nd Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion





Battery B
152nd Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion

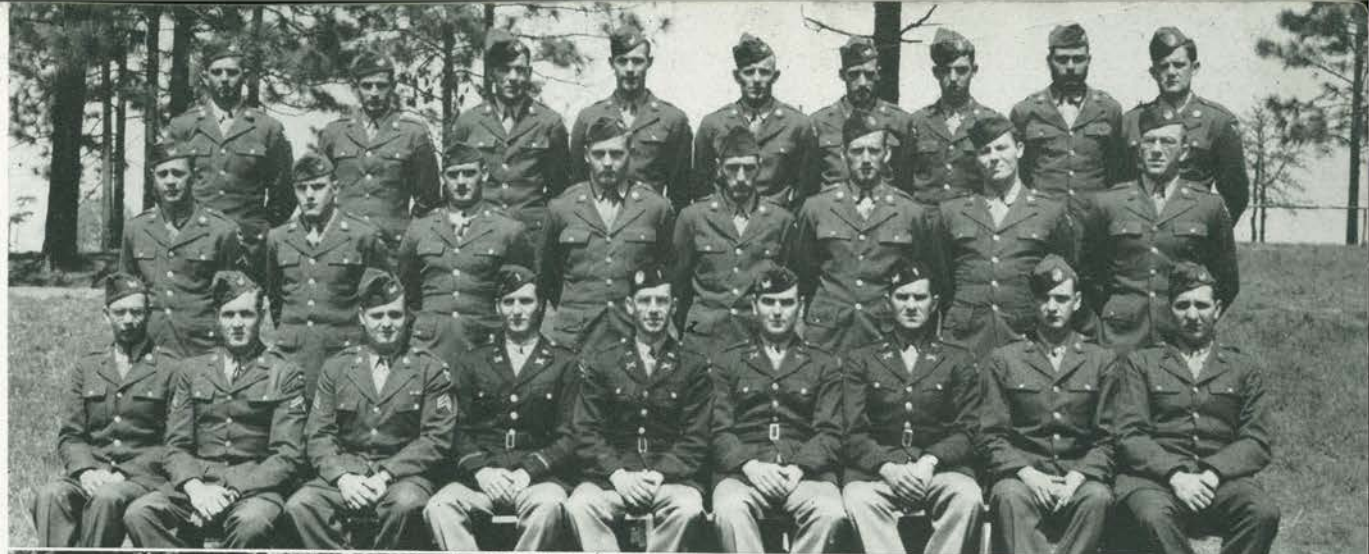


Battery C
152nd Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion



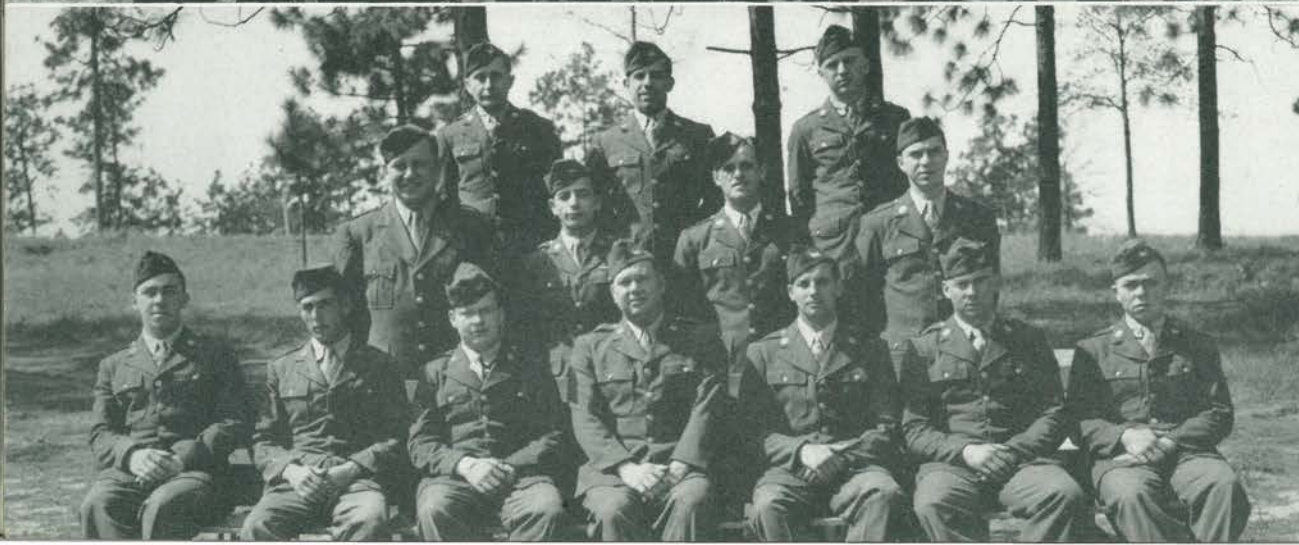
Battery D

152nd Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion



Battery E

152nd Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion





Company F

152nd Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion





Pay Day



Moving Day

Headquarters Troops

Headquarters
Company

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221st
Medical
Company

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408th
Quartermaster
Company

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511th
Signal
Company

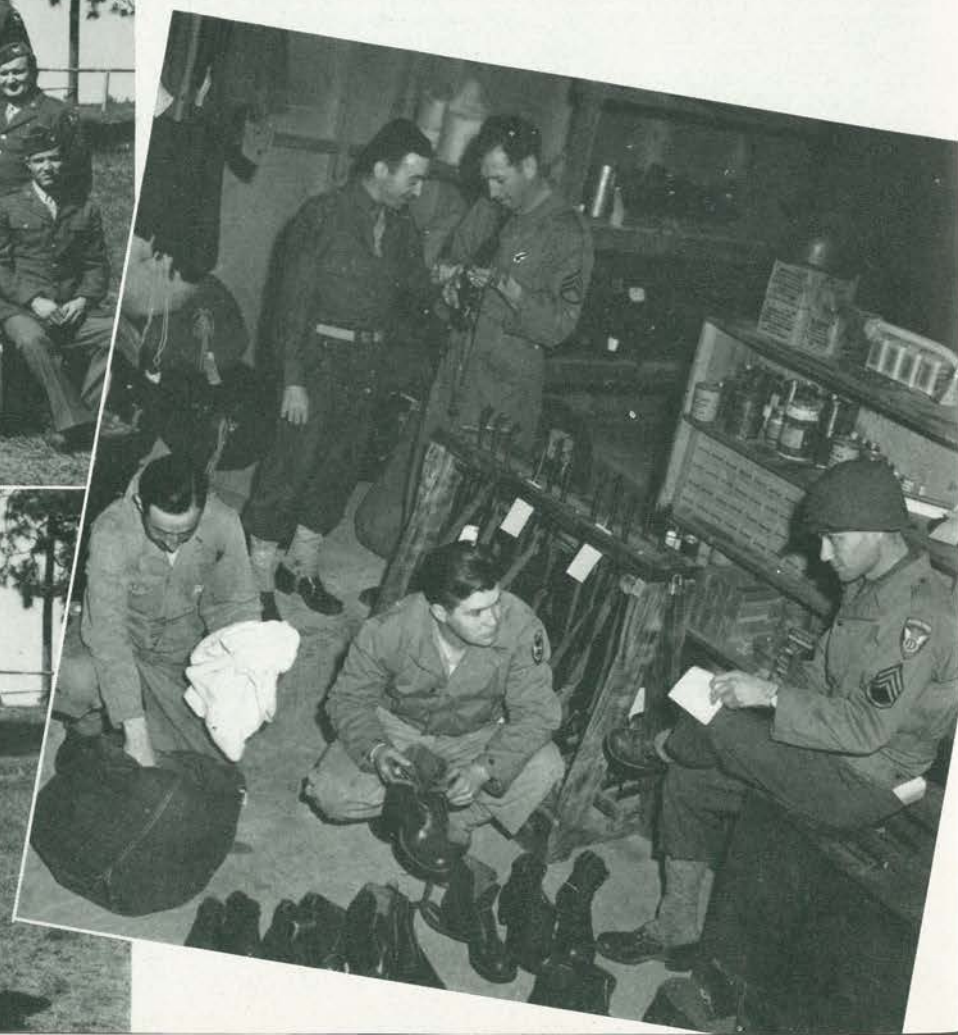
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711th
Ordnance
Company





*Division Headquarters and
Headquarters Company*



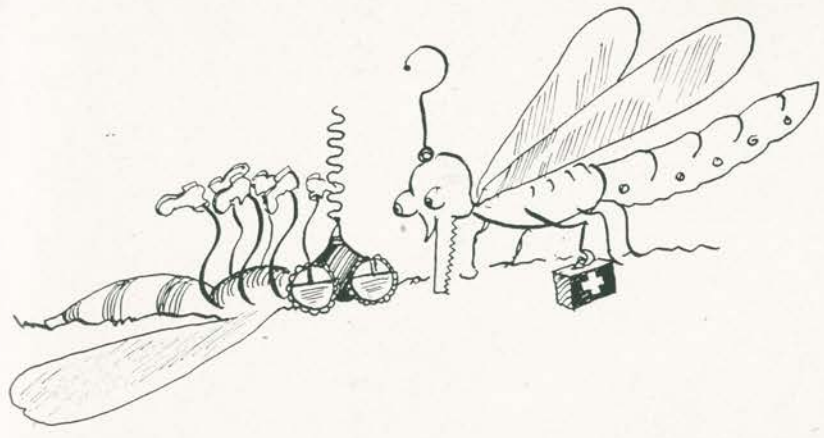


Division Military Police Platoon





221st Medical Company





408 Quartermaster Company

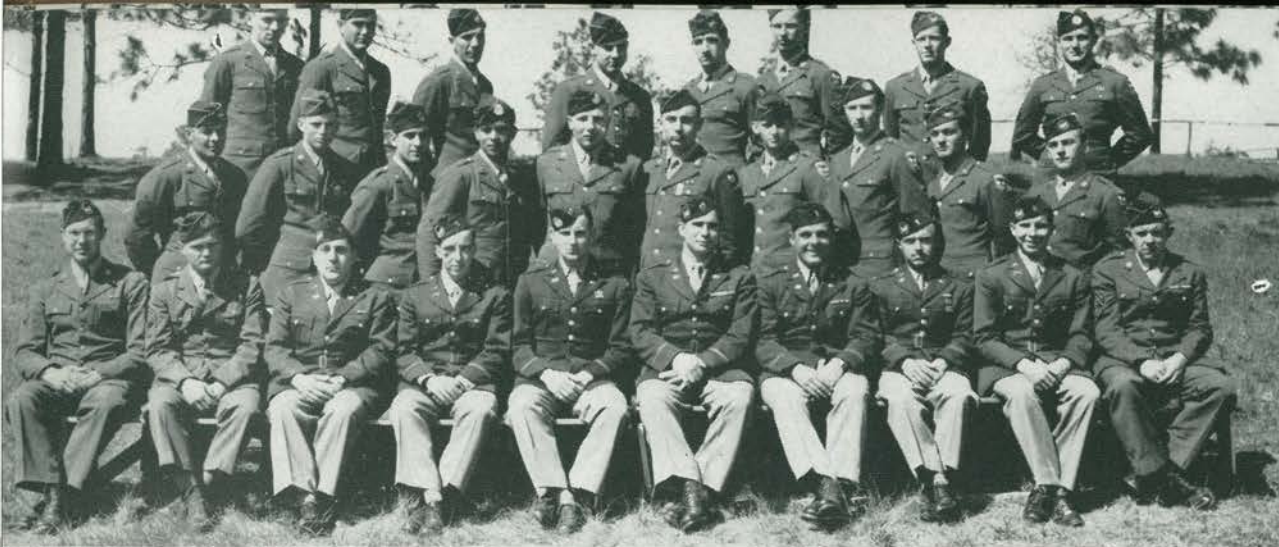


Shoes for Airborne Feet

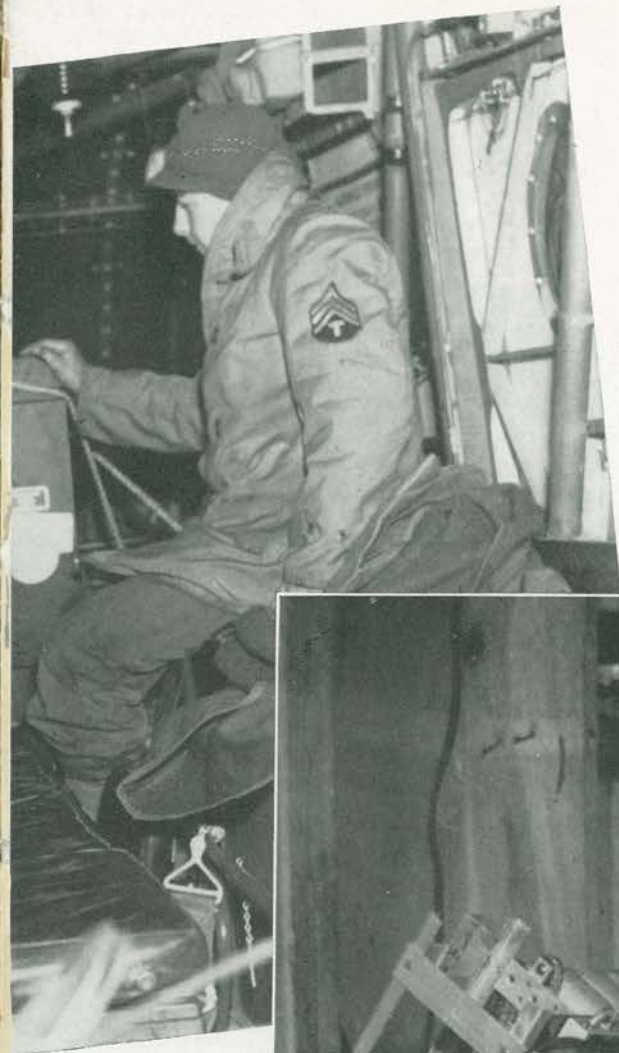




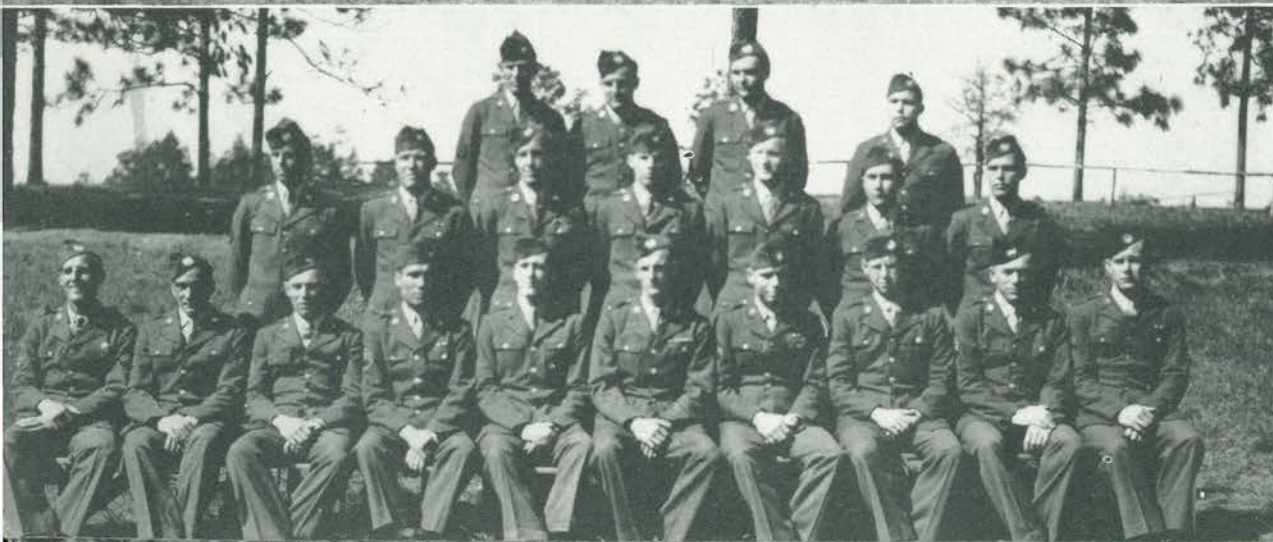
Inspect and Load



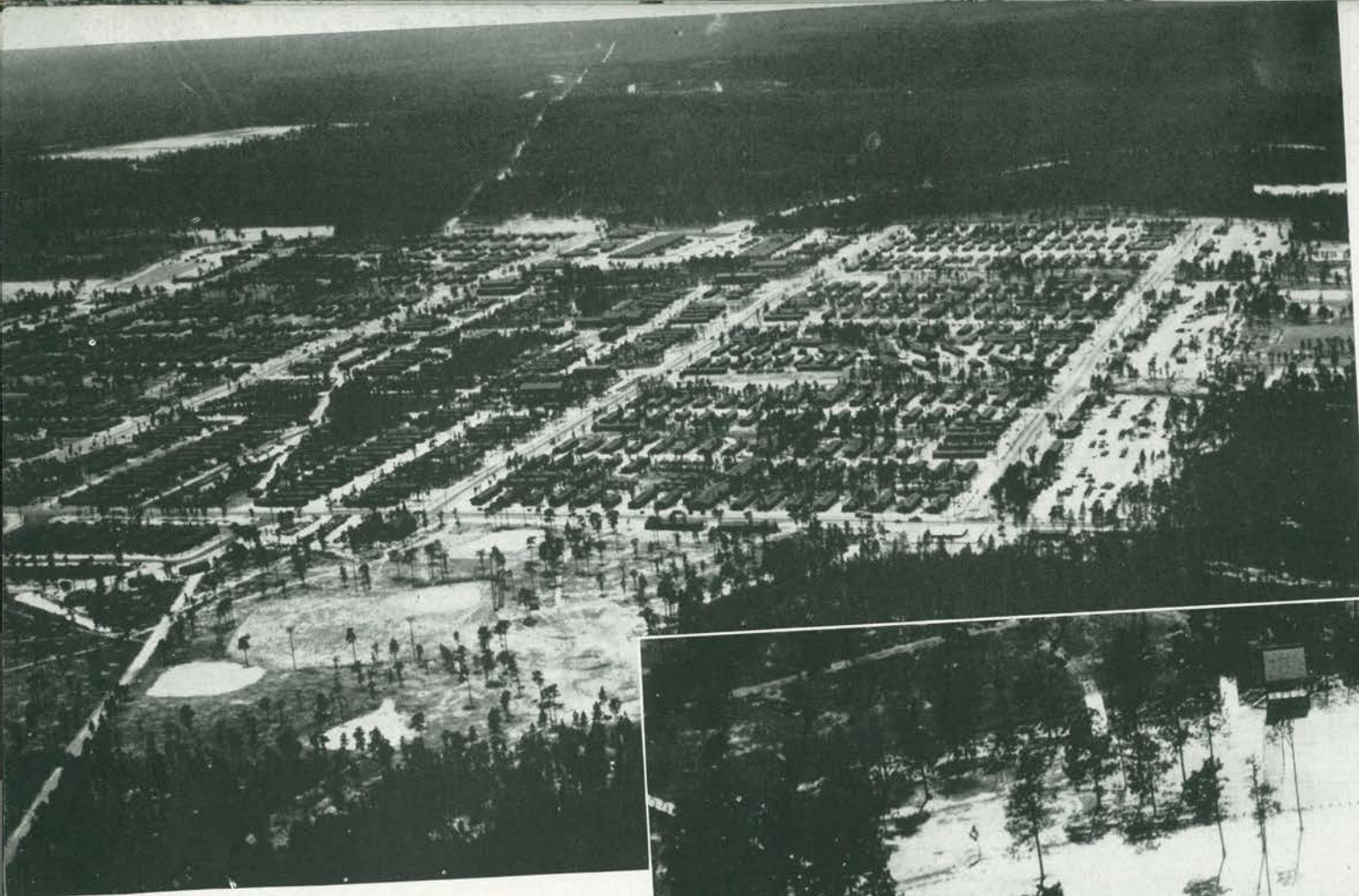
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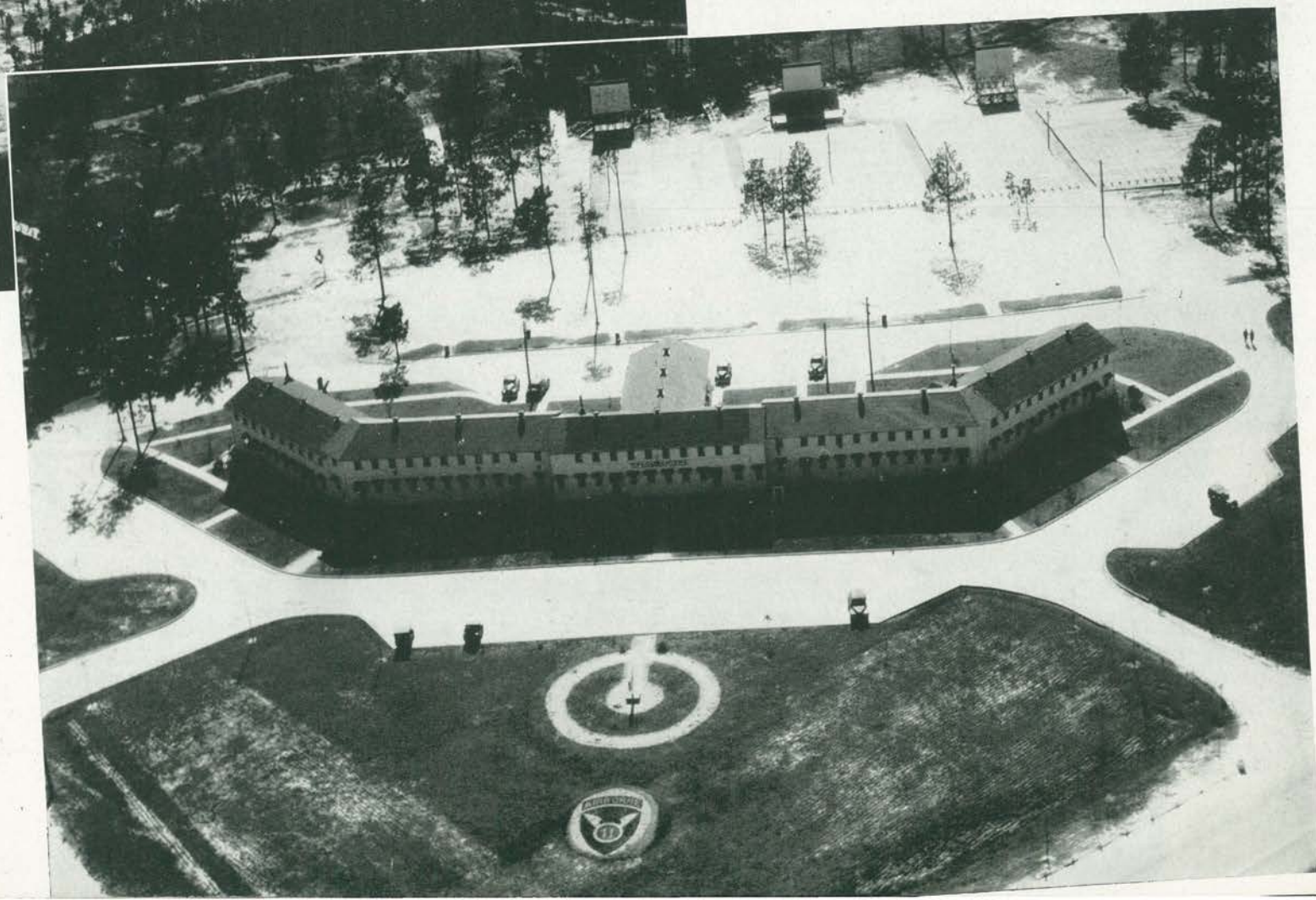
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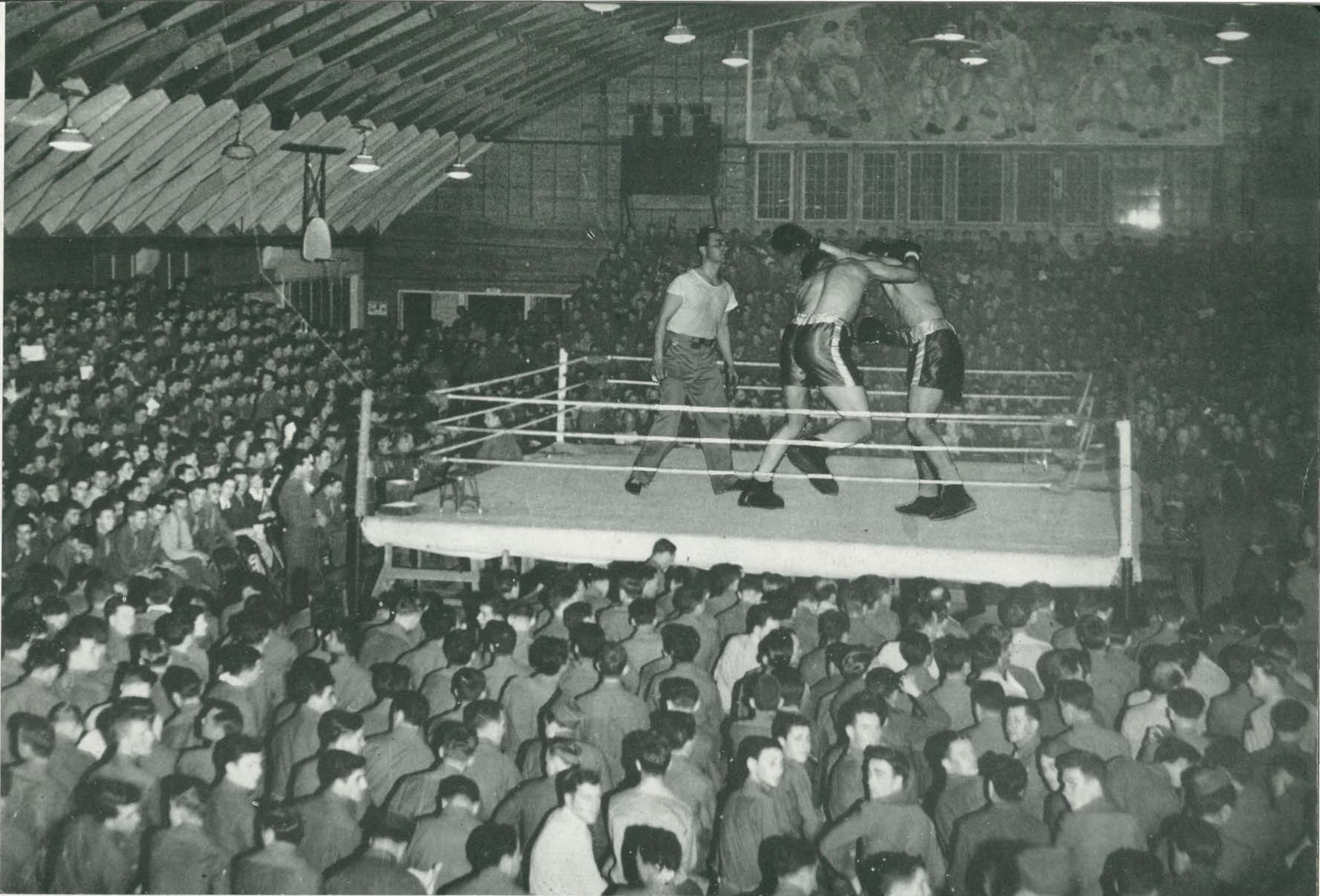




Camp Mackall



Camp Polk



Boxing

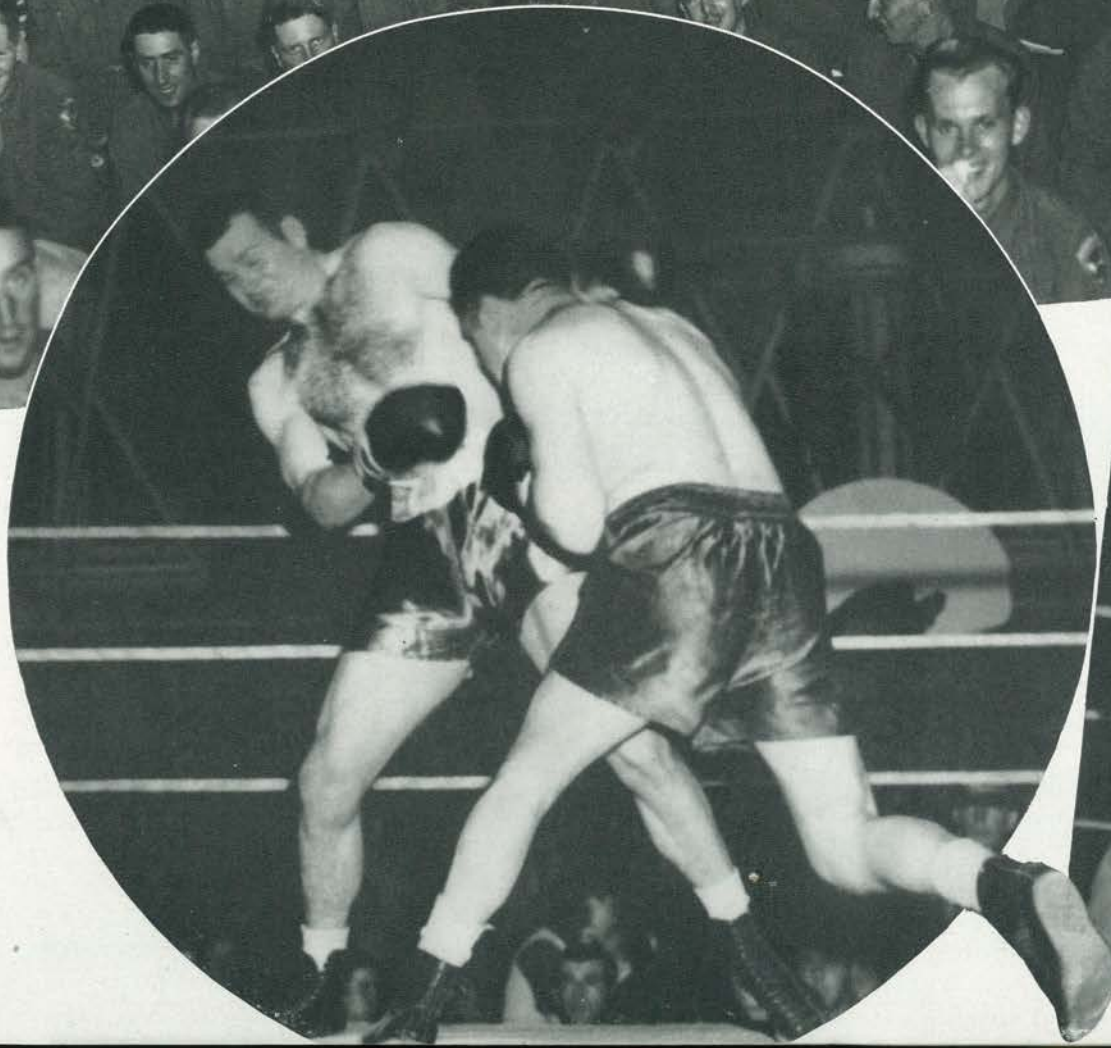
Division Boxing





Part of the Crowd
Between Fights

"Tonight
We Present..."



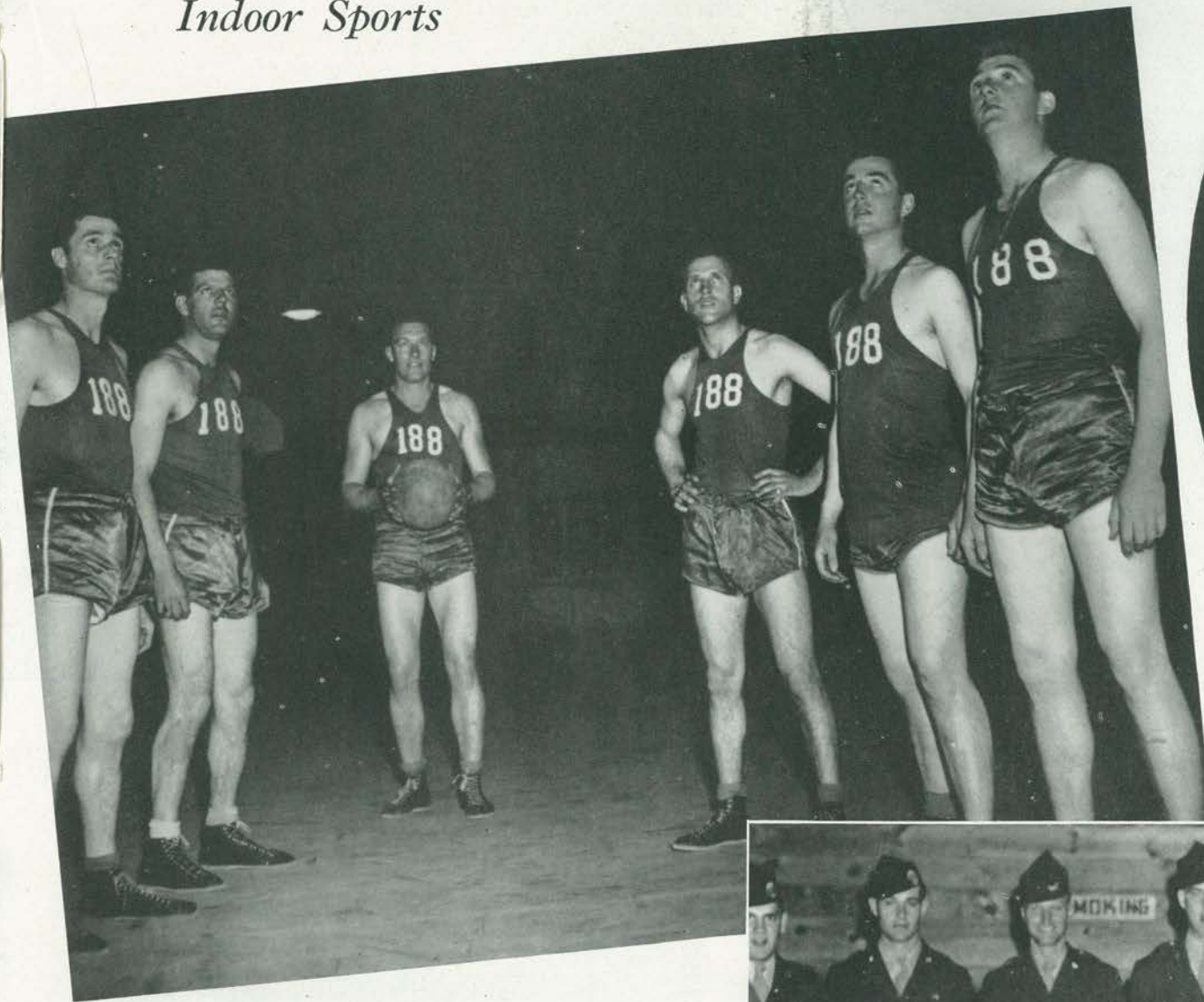
A Hit!



And a Miss



Indoor Sports





Duke vs. Chapel Hill Pre-Flight
At Division Field



*Swing
Sessions*



Betty Hutton Visits 11th in Field



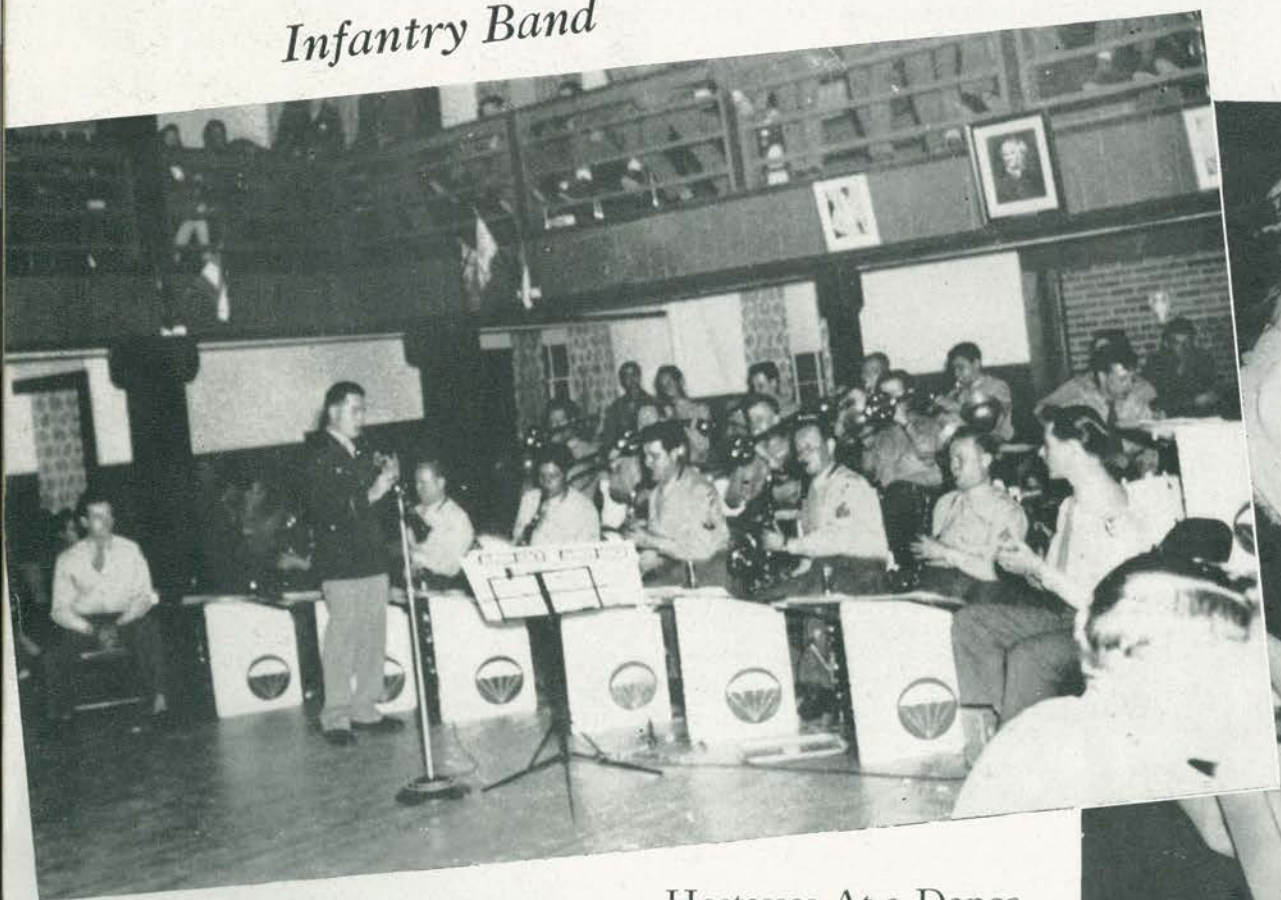


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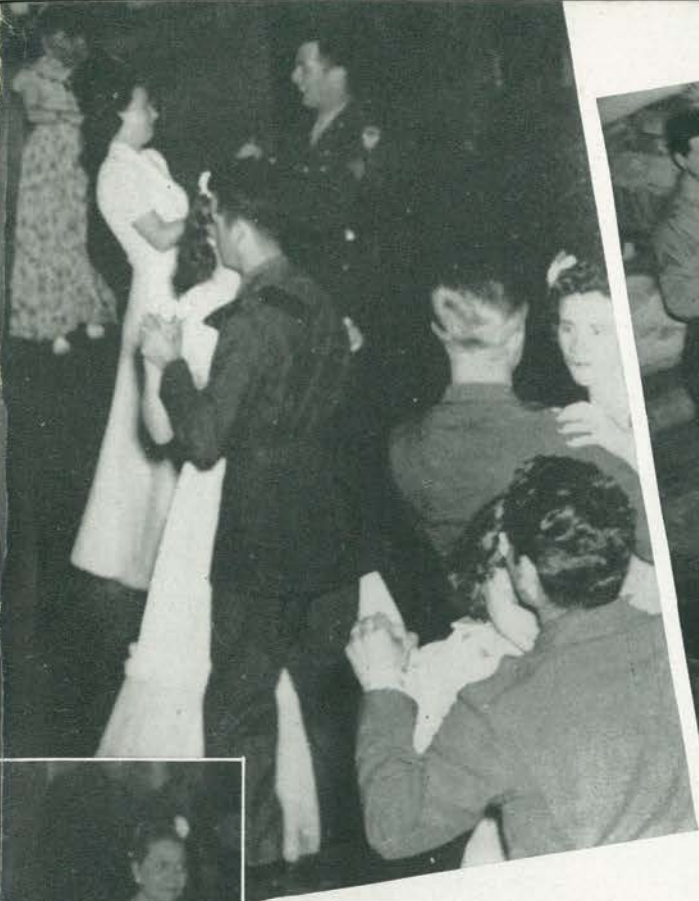




Infantry Band



Hostesses At a Dance

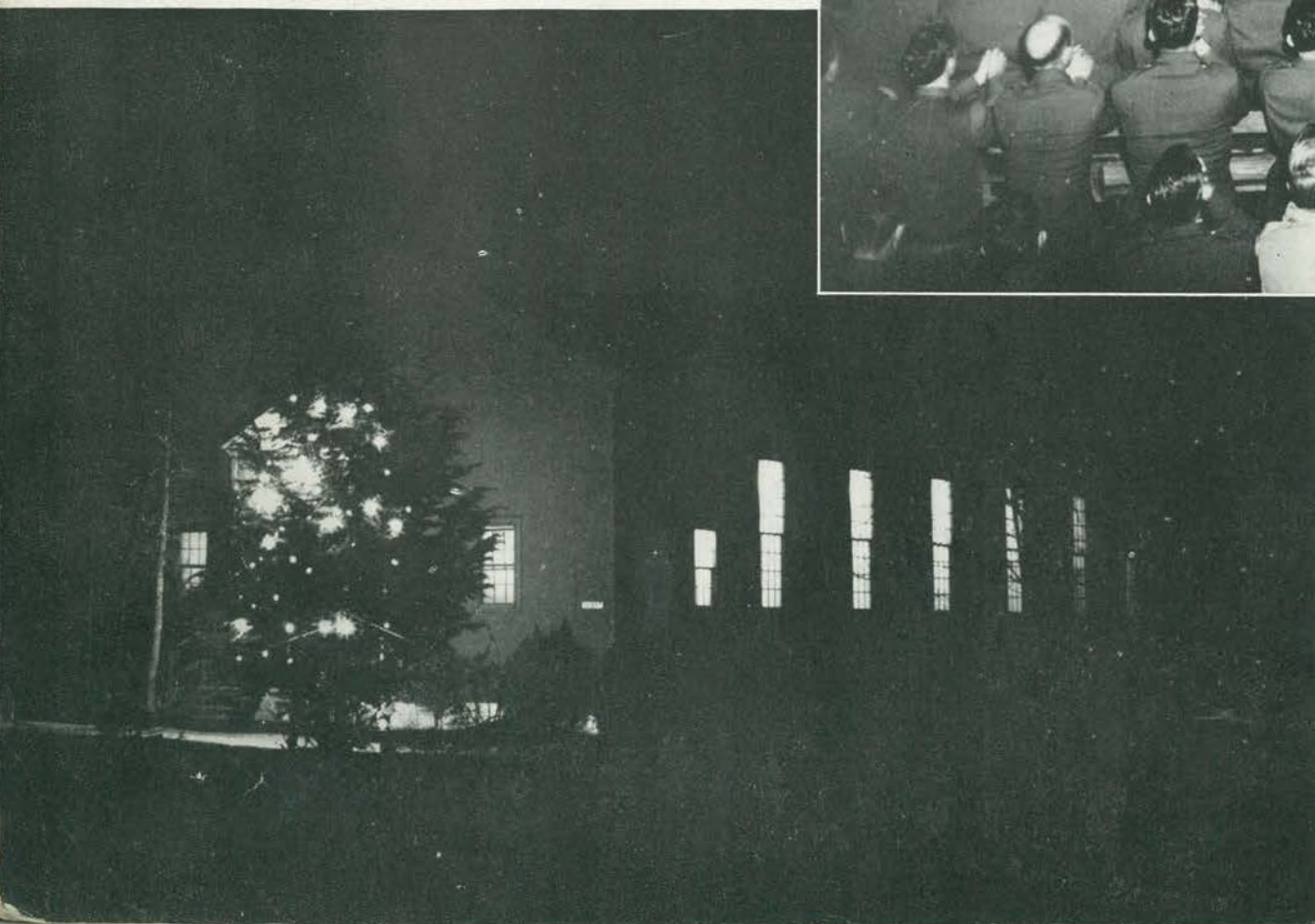


W.S. Army, 11th Airborne Division
in France



Artillery Band

*Camp Mackall Chapel
Christmas Eve 1943*





Flag Day Services



DOES NOT
CIRCULATE

