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442nd Combat Team

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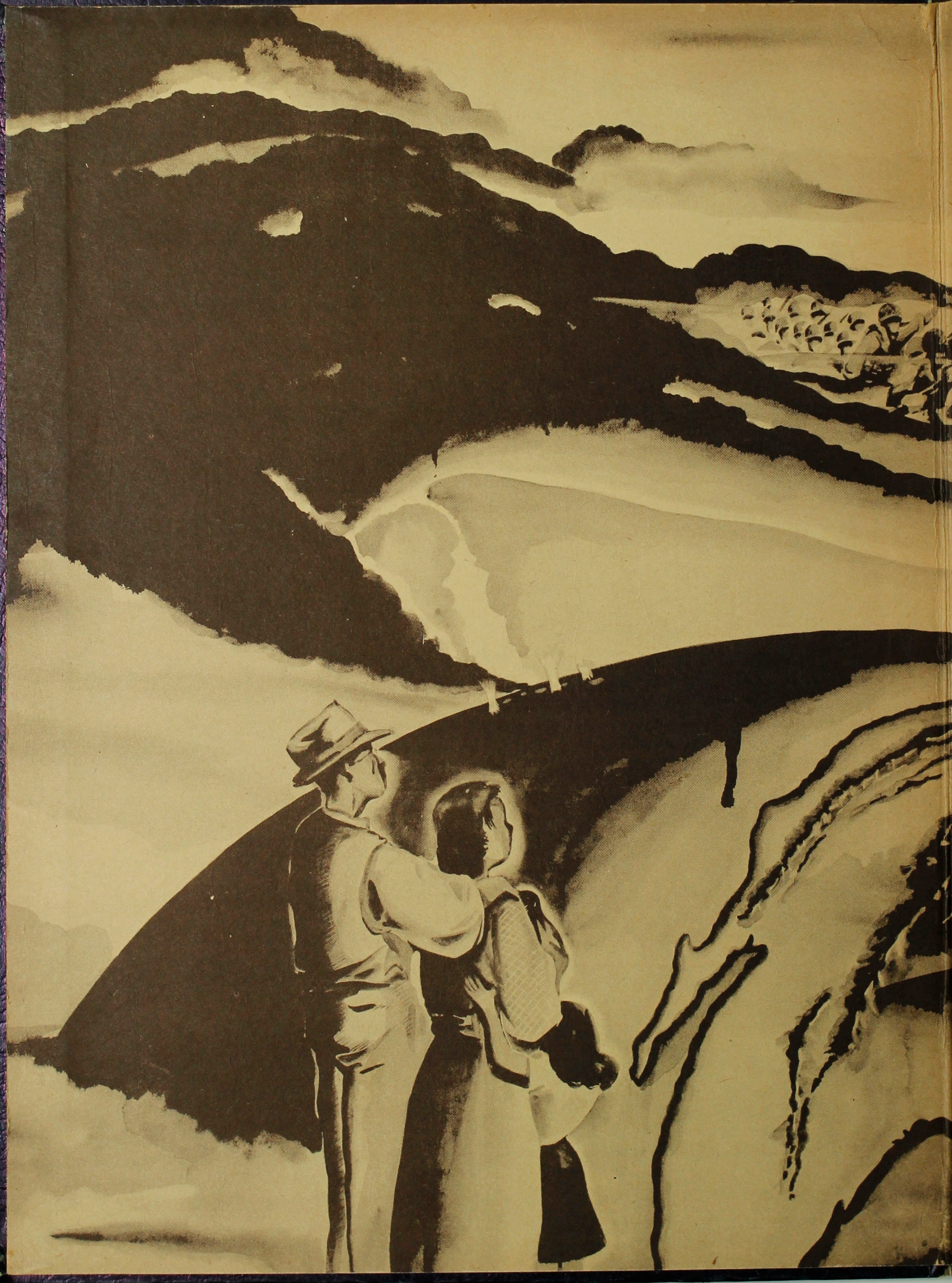

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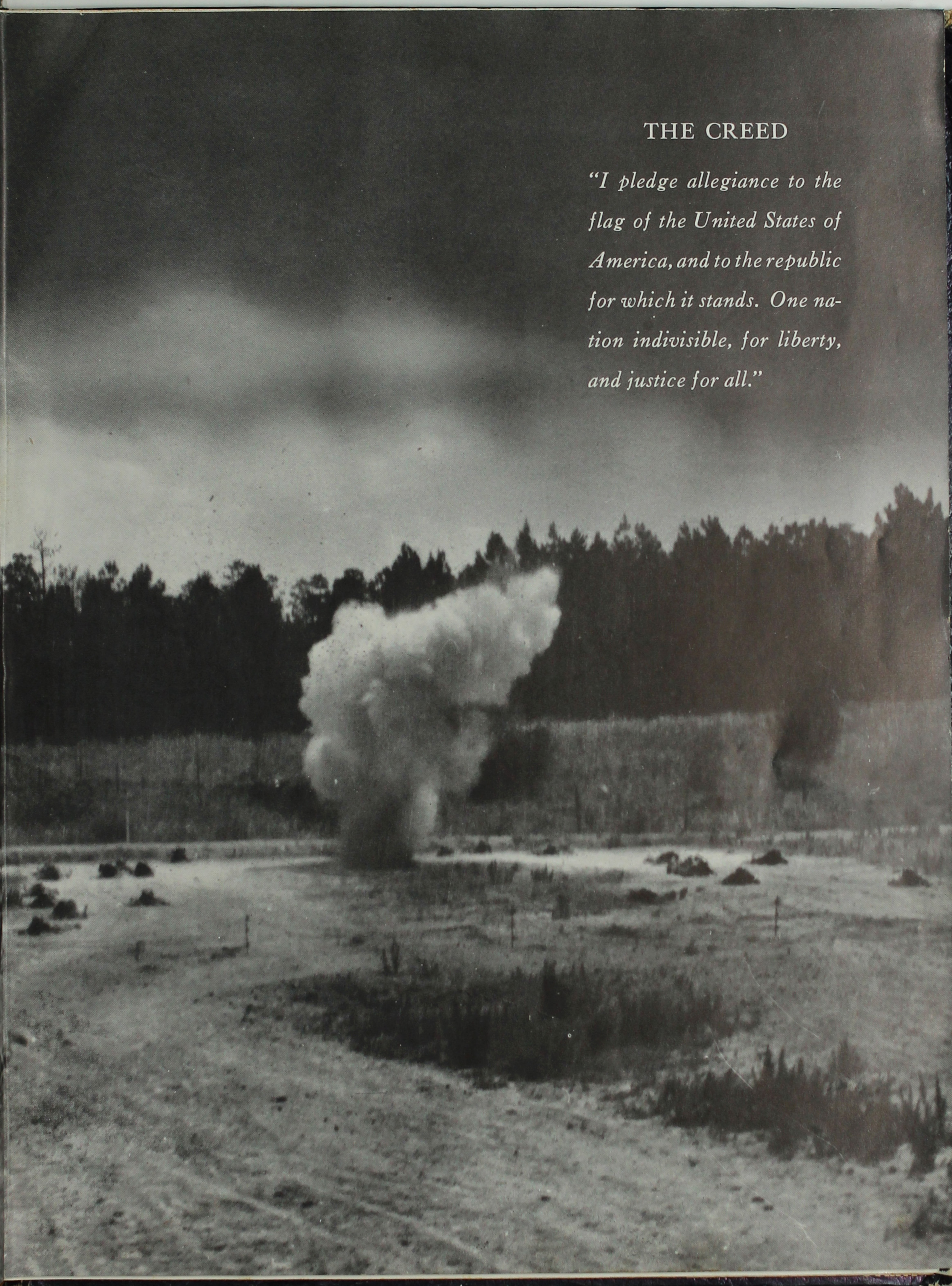


THE CREED

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands. One nation indivisible, for liberty, and justice for all."

DEDICATION

To mothers and fathers; to sisters and brothers; to friends, sweethearts and wives; to those who gave us courage by hope and prayer; to those who gave the money which made possible the production of this book, we gratefully dedicate

THE ALBUM.

HISTORY OF THE 442nd COMBAT TEAM

The 442nd Combat Team, made up of the 442nd Infantry, the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, and the 232nd Engineers Company (combat), was activated on January 28, 1943, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Its full complement was achieved in April.

Col. C. W. Pence was designated as the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. B. M. Harrison as commander of the Field Artillery Battalion, and Capt. P. Nakada to command the Engineers Company. This then is the brief history of the Combat Team.

On December 7, 1941, war was forced upon us by the treacherous attack on Pearl Harbor by Japan. We Americans were stunned by the "knife in the back." The Japanese-Americans throughout the United States petitioned for a chance to strike back at the Japs.

In Hawaii, many Japanese-Americans were in the services and others enlisted with the Territorial Guards. Those in the service were sent to the European Theater where their conduct was admirably praised. The men in the Territorial Guards were honorably discharged in February, 1942.

These men then organized the Varsity Victory Volunteers and offered to do whatever the Army wished. They worked under the direction of the army engineers. The job done, the V.V.V. were inactivated in January, 1943. In the meantime, the War Department had formulated a plan to organize a Japanese-American combat team.

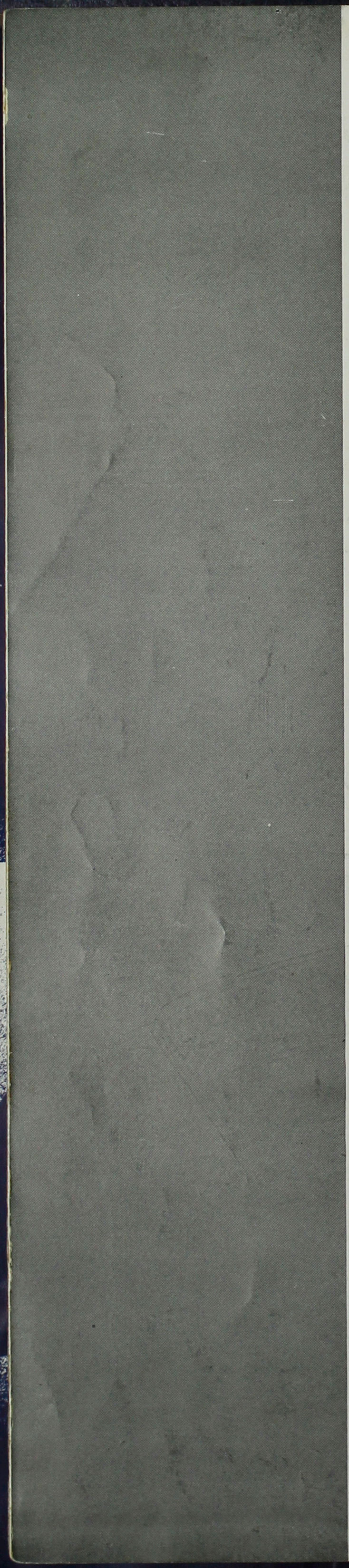
Many Japanese-Americans on the mainland were called to the colors. But the wholesale evacuation of Japanese aliens and Japanese-Americans to relocation centers hindered the citizens from offering their services. When word came to these men that the War Department was planning a combat team of Japanese-Americans, many were ready to volunteer.

On January 28, 1943, the War Department called for volunteers for the combat team. The mainland quota was 3,000 and the Hawaii quota was 1,500. The Territory of Hawaii raised a total of 10,000 volunteers and so its quota was increased to 2,900 while the mainland quota was lowered proportionately to 1,500. The mainland volunteers were from the Pacific coast, the Rocky Mountain states, the midwest, and the eastern seaboard.

The history of the 442nd Combat Team is not complete. More will be written when this war is over. Having a fierce pride and love for our country, with a deep determination to wipe out the stigma of the hyphenated American name, and to be simply called Americans, we volunteers go forth to battle with the cry, "THE YANKS ARE COMING!"

ACTIVATION

JAPANESE AMERICANS
UNTEER!--



. . . *"No loyal citizen of the United States should be denied the democratic right to exercise the responsibilities of his citizenship, regardless of his ancestry."*

. . . *"The principles on which this country was founded and by which it has always been governed is that Americanism is a matter of mind and heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."*

Franklin D. Roosevelt

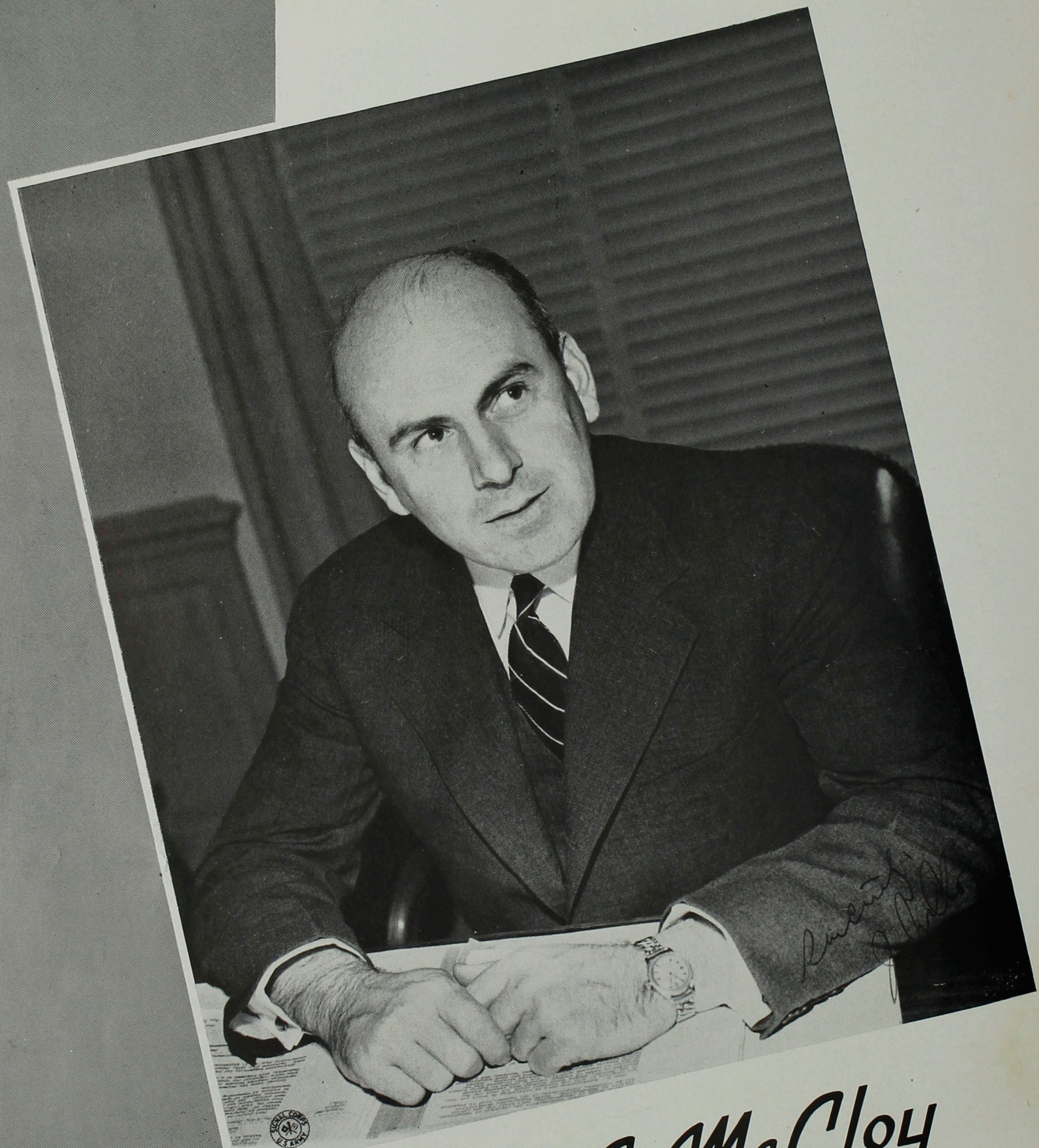
THE PRESIDENT

Henry L. Stimson

SECRETARY OF WAR

. . . *"It is the inherent right of every faithful citizen regardless of ancestry to bear arms in the nation's battle."*

. . . *"Loyalty to the country is the voice that must be heard and I am glad that I now am able to give active proof that this basic American belief is not a war casualty."*

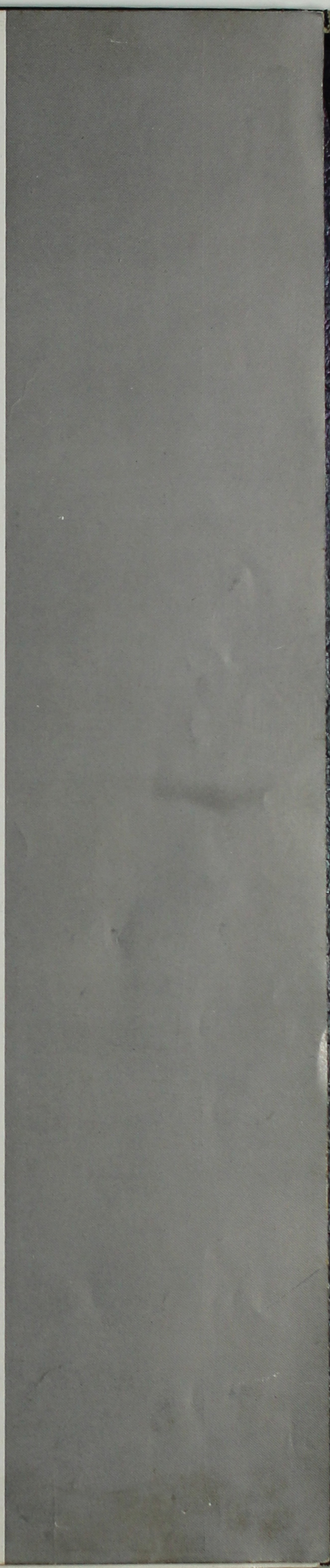


John J. McCloy

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR

. . . *"The very favorable impression I had of the organization and the good record it has made justify all the efforts which have been made to organize it."*

. . . *"I came away from Shelby with a feeling of confidence that when its training period is completed and it is committed to action, this element of the Army of the United States will acquit itself with honor and success."*



Top to bottom:

Lt. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, former Commanding General of the Hawaiian Department.

Mrs. Genevieve Yates and Mrs. Lucy Farden, McKinley High School teachers, bid Aloha to one of the school's volunteers, Bob Yamane.

A part of the contingent of 110 Aiea Plantation employees who volunteered in a group on January 30, 1943, for active combat duty.

Opposite page, top to bottom:

Kauai temporary camp prior to trip to Oahu where volunteers stopped over en route to Camp Shelby.

Induction processing at Schofield Barracks, Oahu.

Issuance of uniforms at Schofield Barracks.

Opposite page:

Balcony view of volunteers and friends who jammed the grounds of Iolani Palace in Honolulu.

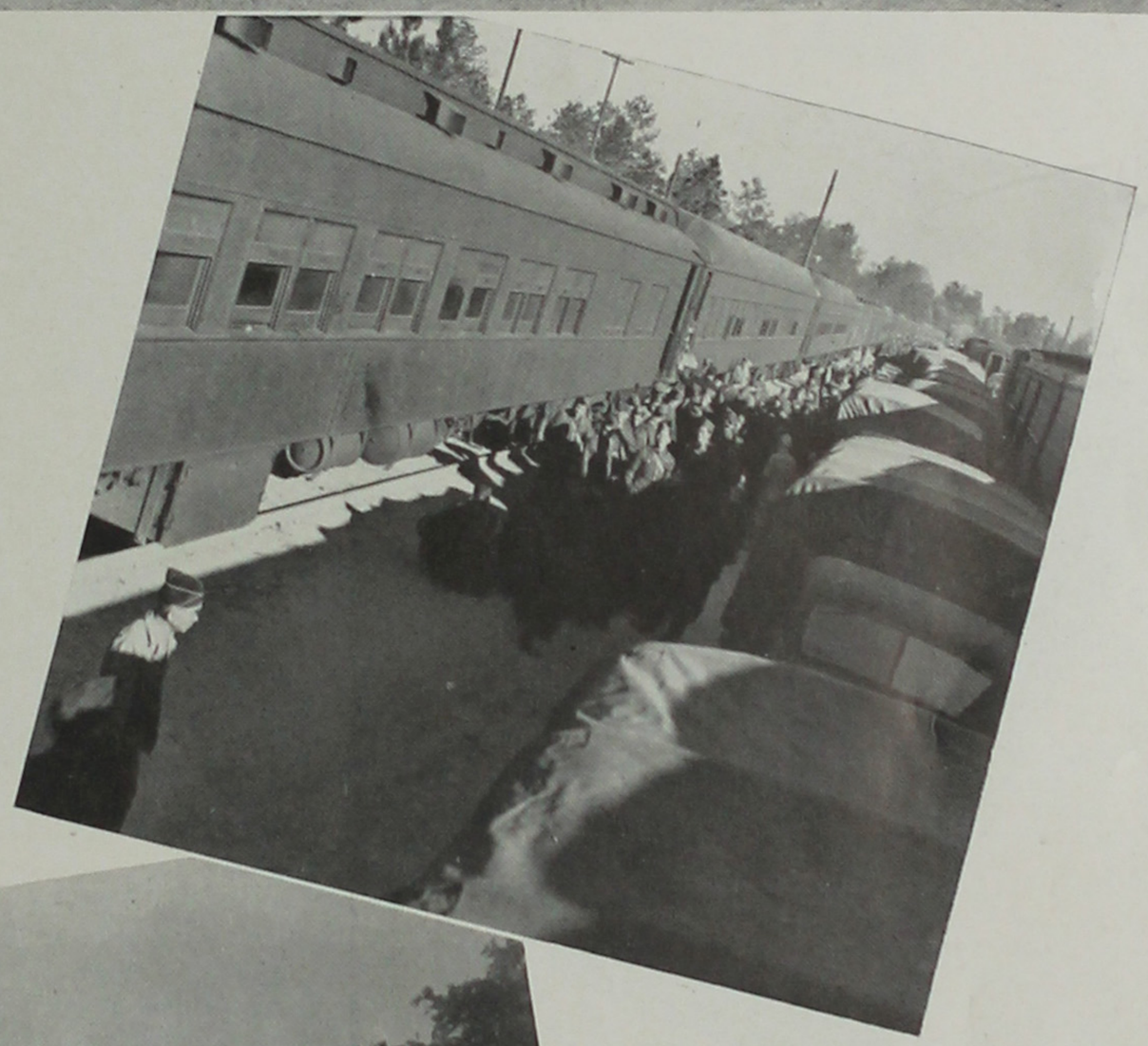
Part of Hawaii's 2900 volunteers assemble at Iolani Palace for a farewell ceremony.

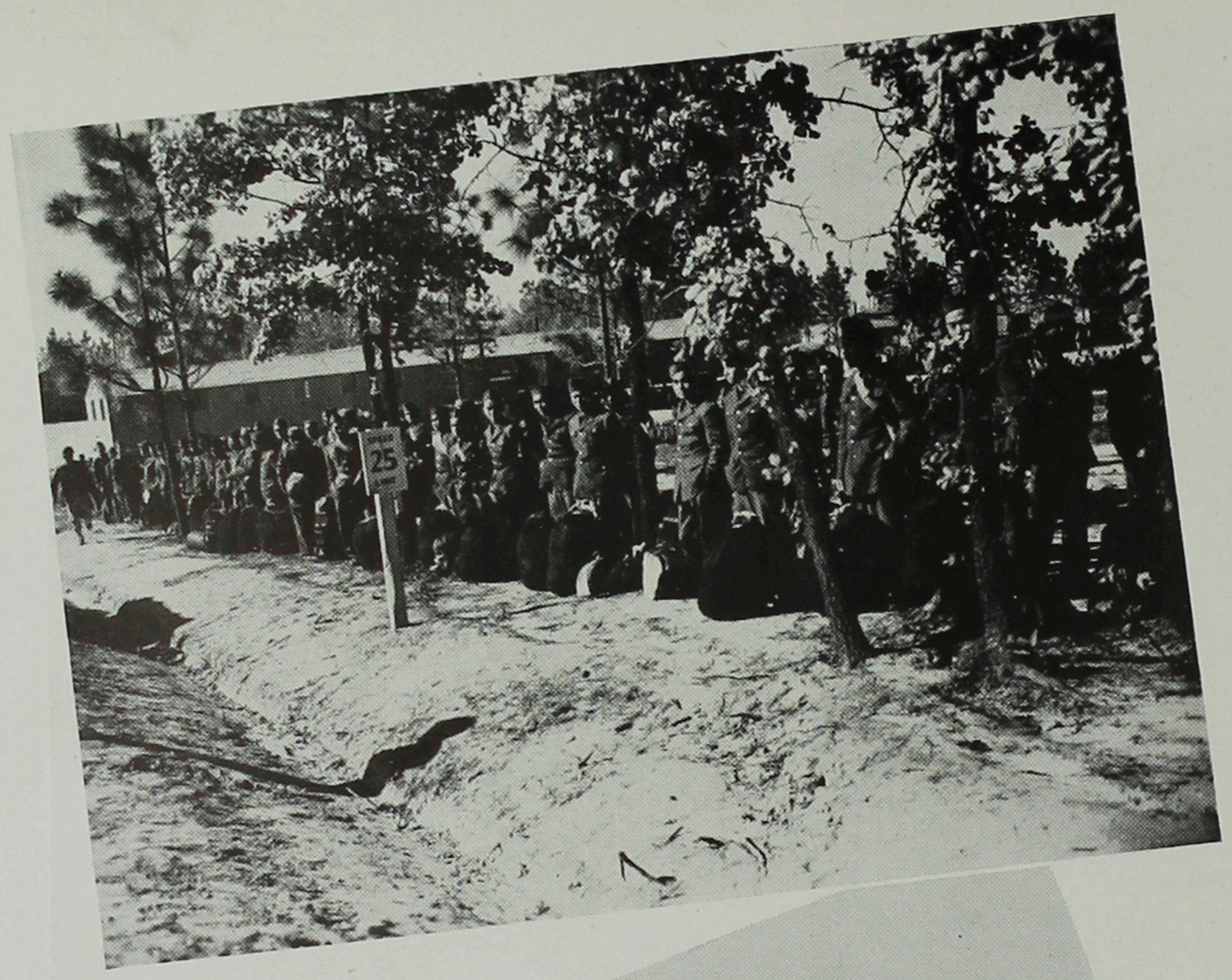
Clockwise:

The boys arrive in Camp Shelby after a long, long ride.

Trucks were standing in convoy to take the volunteers to the 442nd C. T. area.

With smiles and expectancy showing on their faces, the men are taken to their new homes.





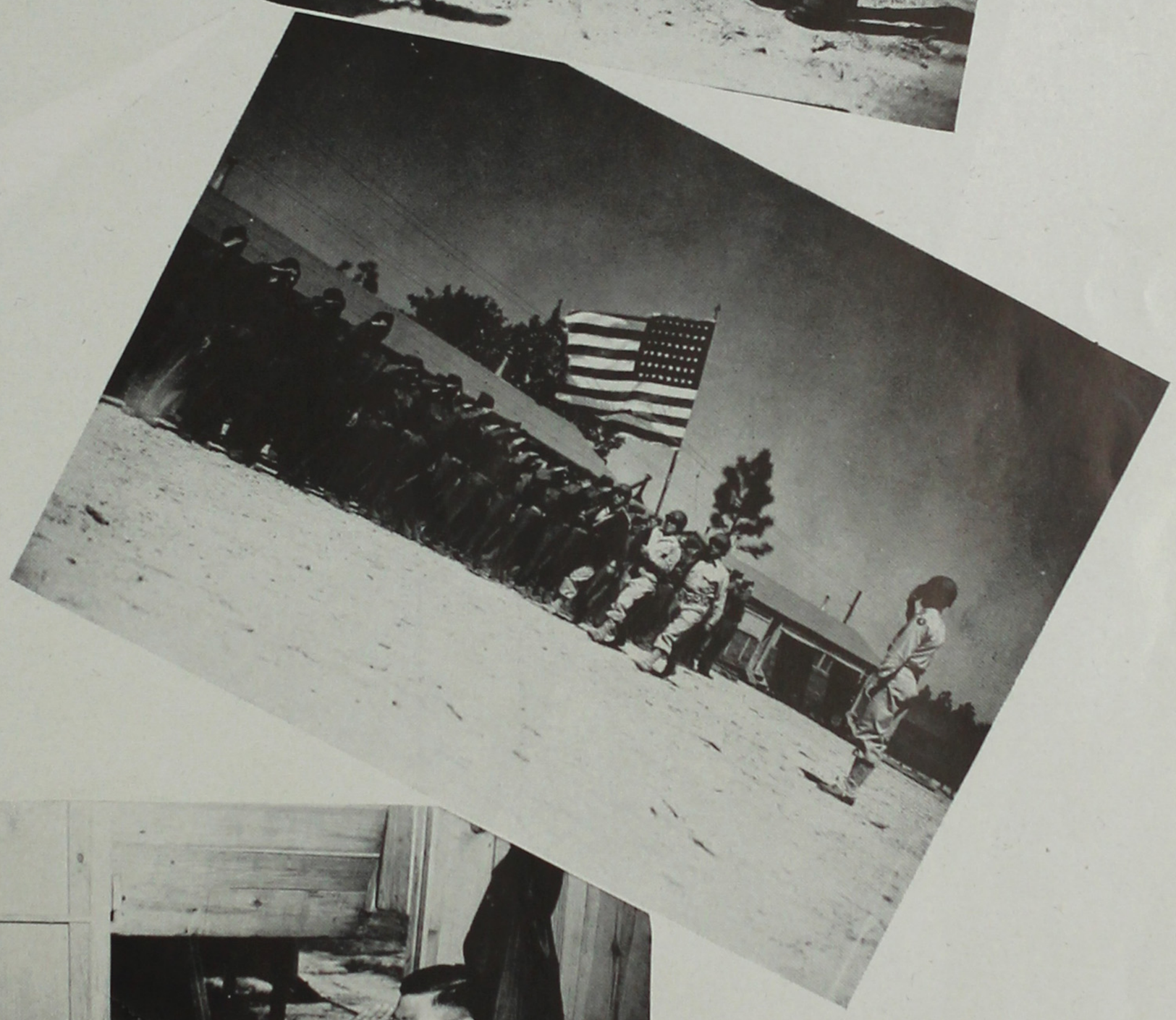
After reaching area, the men de-truck and await assignment to company and battery hutments.

Staggering under the weighty barracks bag, the men head for their hutments.

With guitar, ukulele, et cetera, three men give the new home the once over.

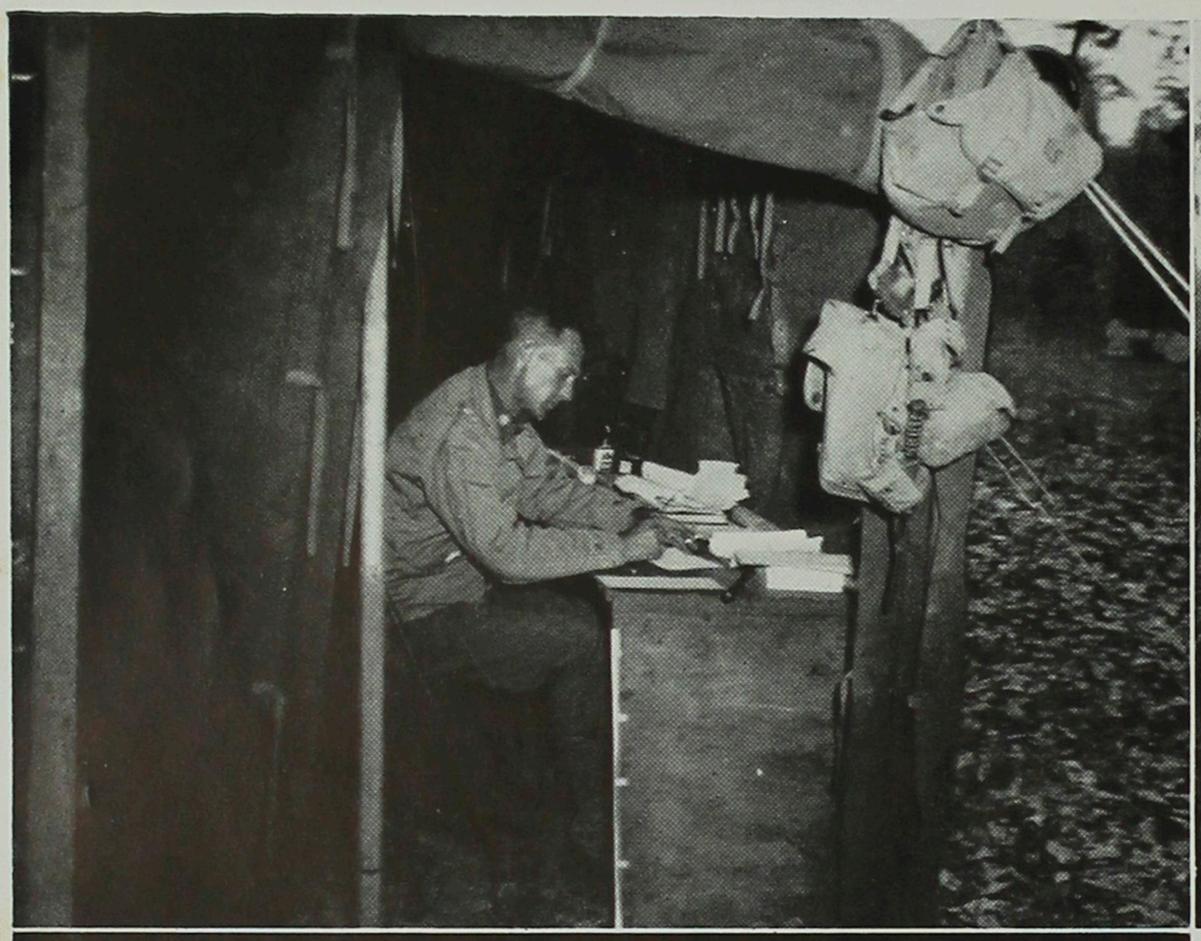
Still in the recruit stage, the proper hand salute is taught.

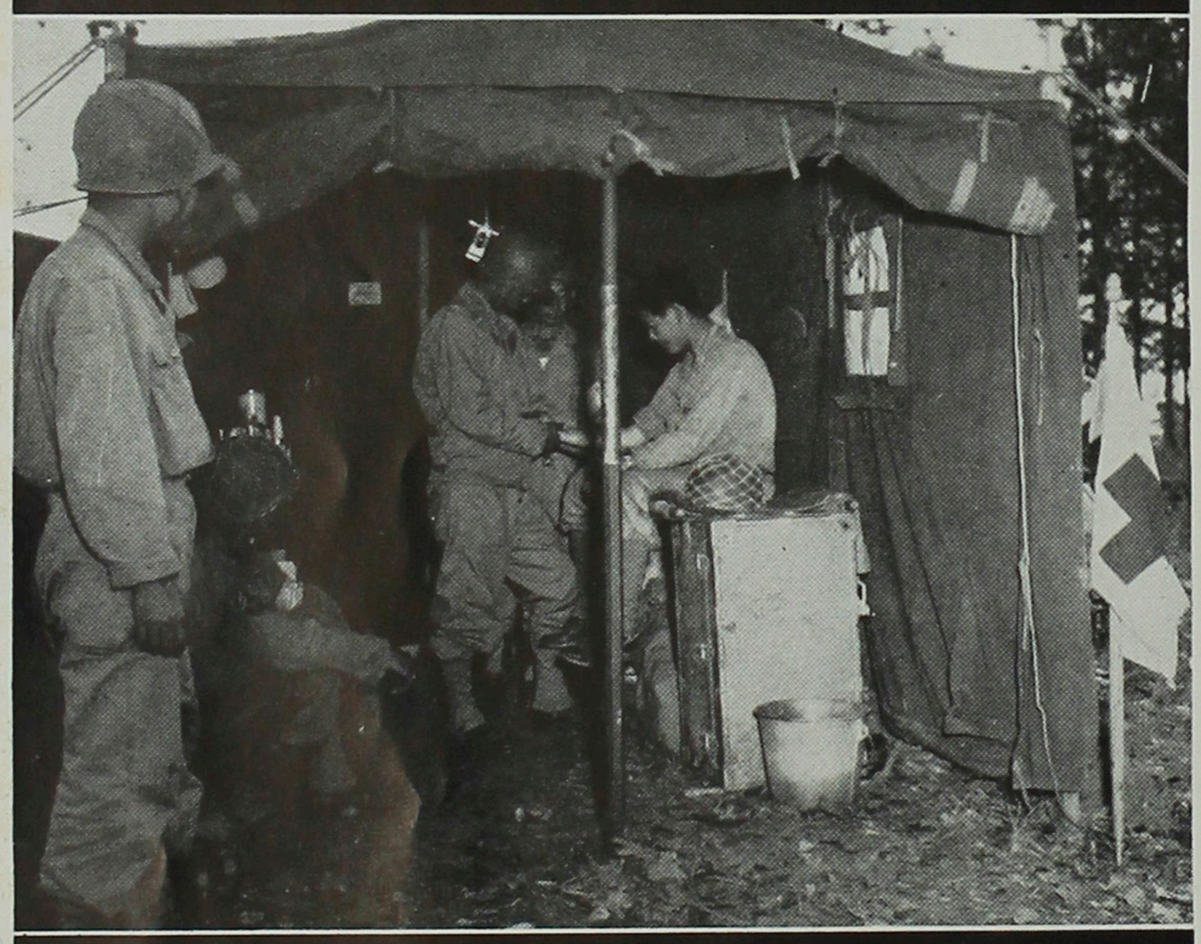
The recruits salute Old Glory as it passes by.



Lt. Masao Yamada, one of combat team's chaplains, reports to Col. Pence upon arrival.

TRAINING





Counter Clockwise:

Sketching is an essential training.

Lt. Col. Hanley, 2nd battalion commander, in his command post during field problems.

Field aid station—a medical officer attends to a soldier.

Ammunition and Pioneer personnel crossing stream via cables.

Messages being dispatched in 'Morse' at a message center.

Clockwise:

Bulldozer is loaded on the trailer while a guide stands by astride his motorcycle.

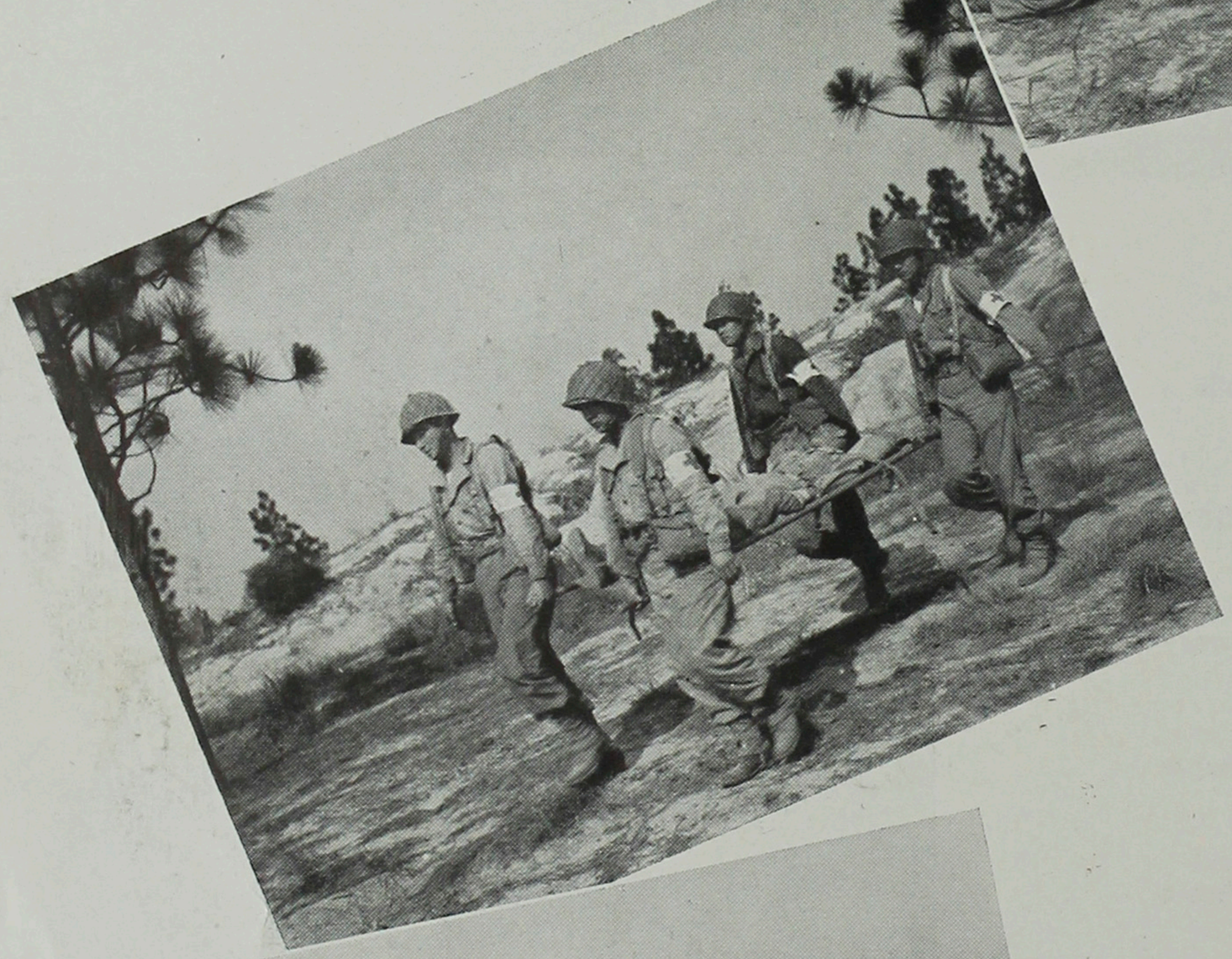
Tactical situation discussed by officers prior to employment of a company.

Kitchen crew prepare a meal for the hungry men.

Switchboard operator and a messenger stand by for urgent calls.

Fox holes offer good cover and concealment to riflemen.

Medics practice the application of the leg splint in the field.



'Patient' being carried to aid station on litter.

A rifle platoon shows precision at close order drill.

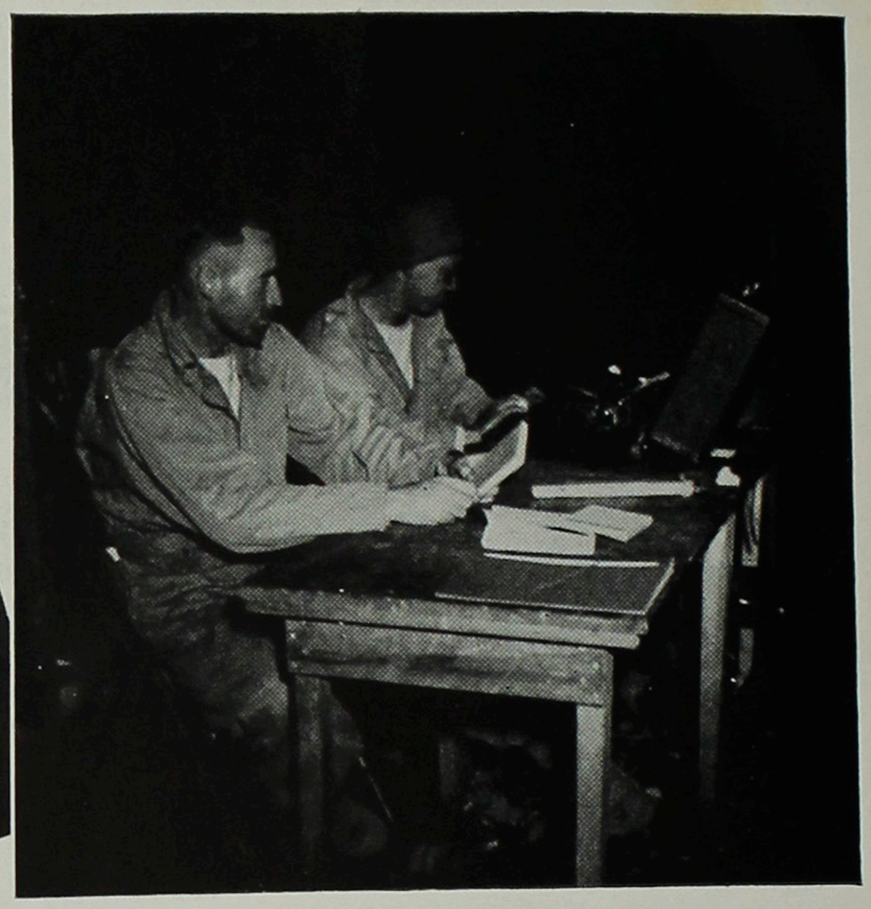
Combat engineers cross a river while making a reconnaissance.

A gun crew stands ready prior to going into 'action'.

Each gun crew member has a specific duty to perform when putting weapon into action.

Hasty adjustments are made by the gunner.

Engineers' reconnaissance group advances into woods.



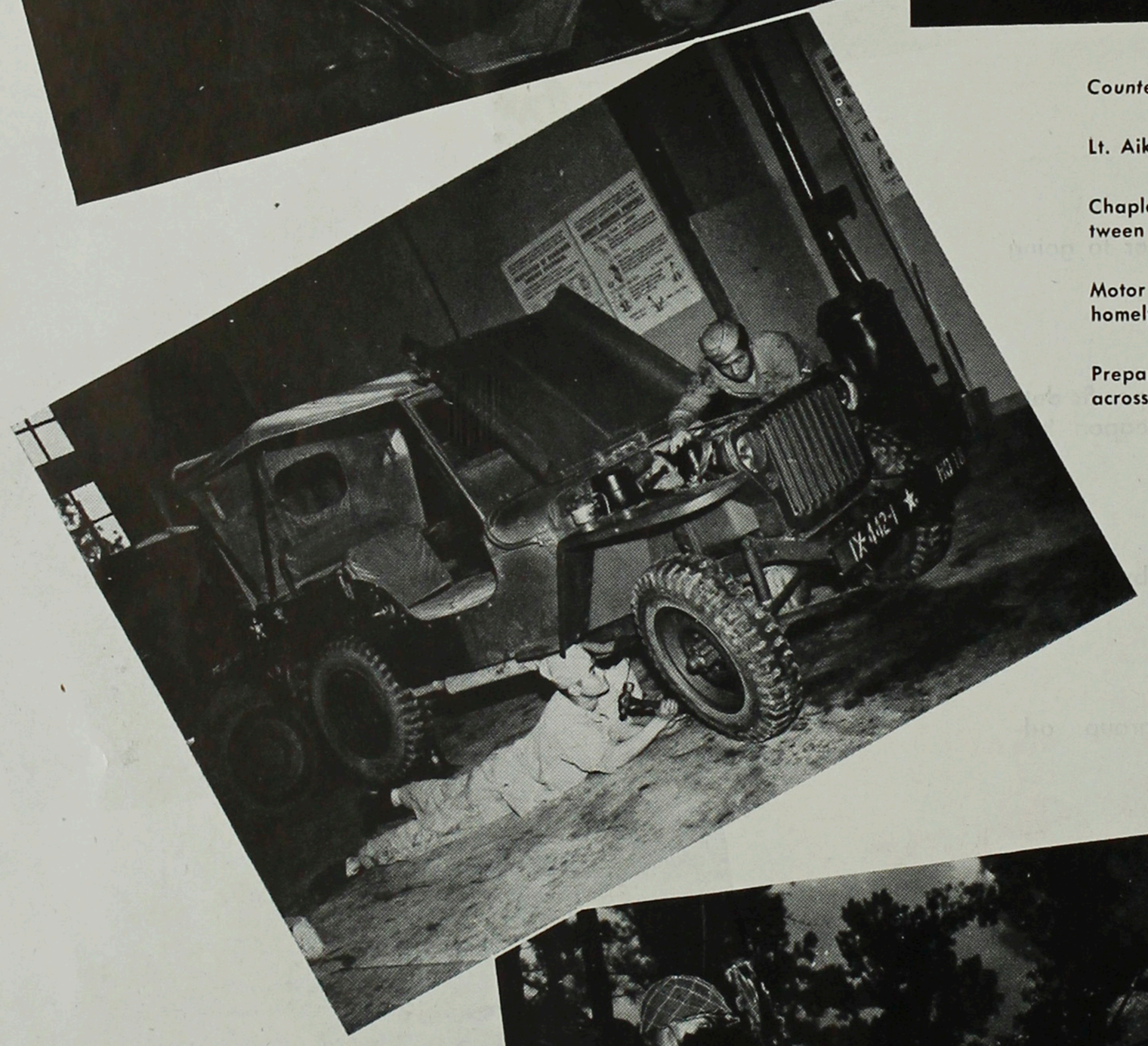
Counter clockwise:

Lt. Aikens dictates company order to clerk.

Chaplain Higuchi making his rounds between field problems.

Motor pool mechanics check and adjust homely 'Momi Lani'.

Preparations are made to send the '37' across a river on a cable.



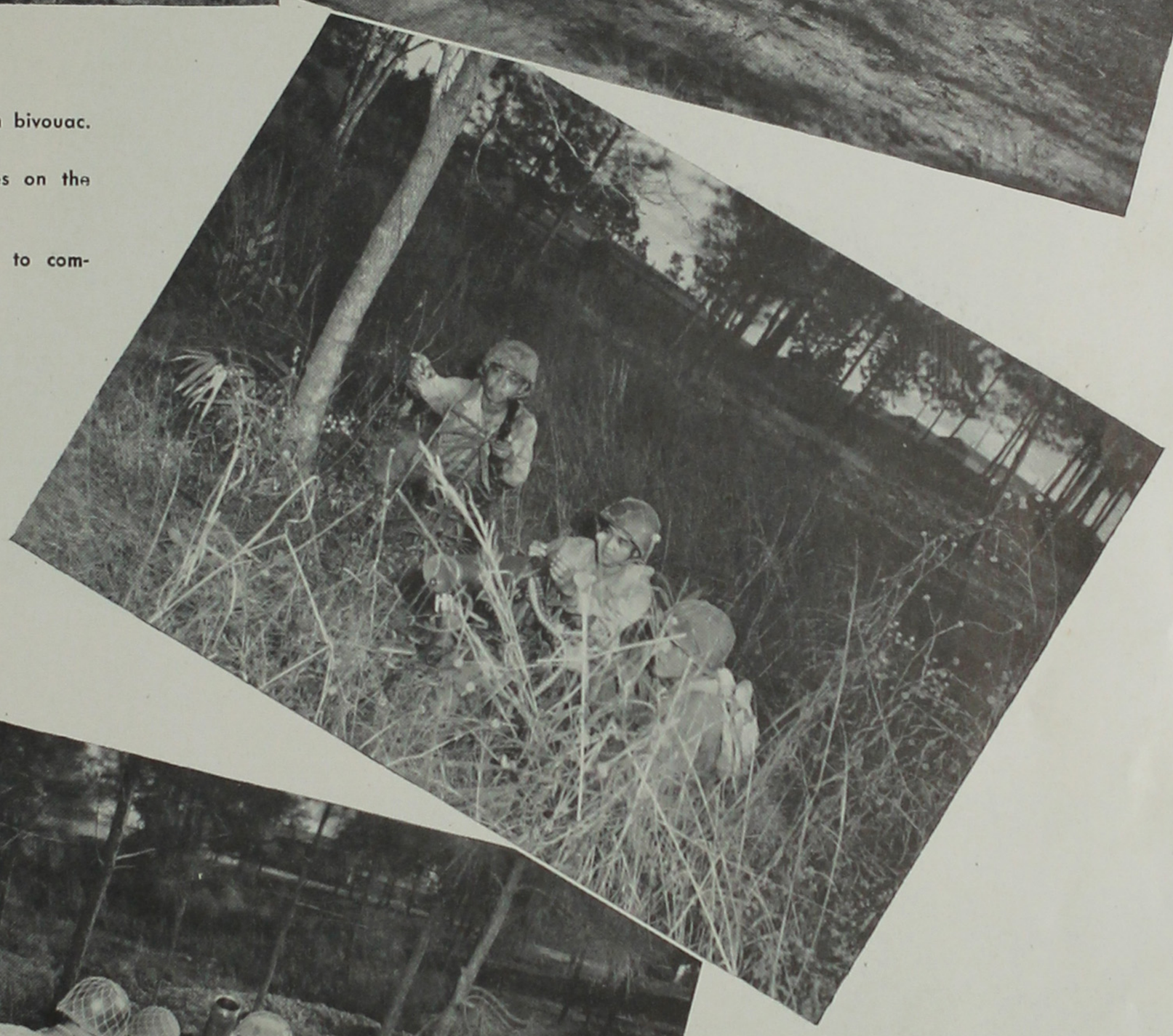
Clockwise:

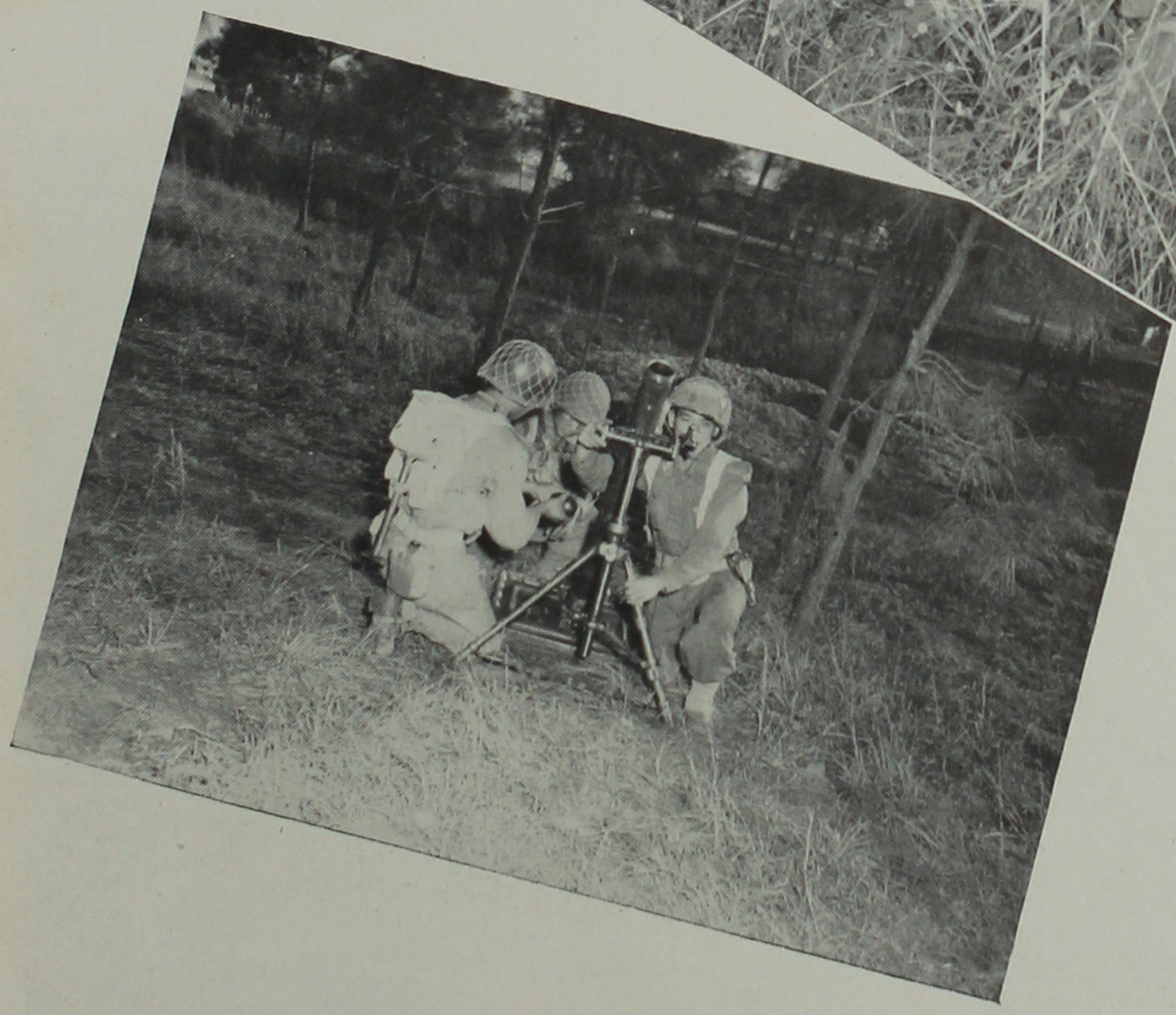
Lister bag is a welcomed sight in bivouac.

An 81 mm. mortar squad moves on the double preparatory to an attack.

Heavy machine gun in position to commence firing.

Fire for effect—1 round!





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37 mm. anti-tank gun . . . subject for the day's lesson.

Col. Pence inspects the regiment at its first review.

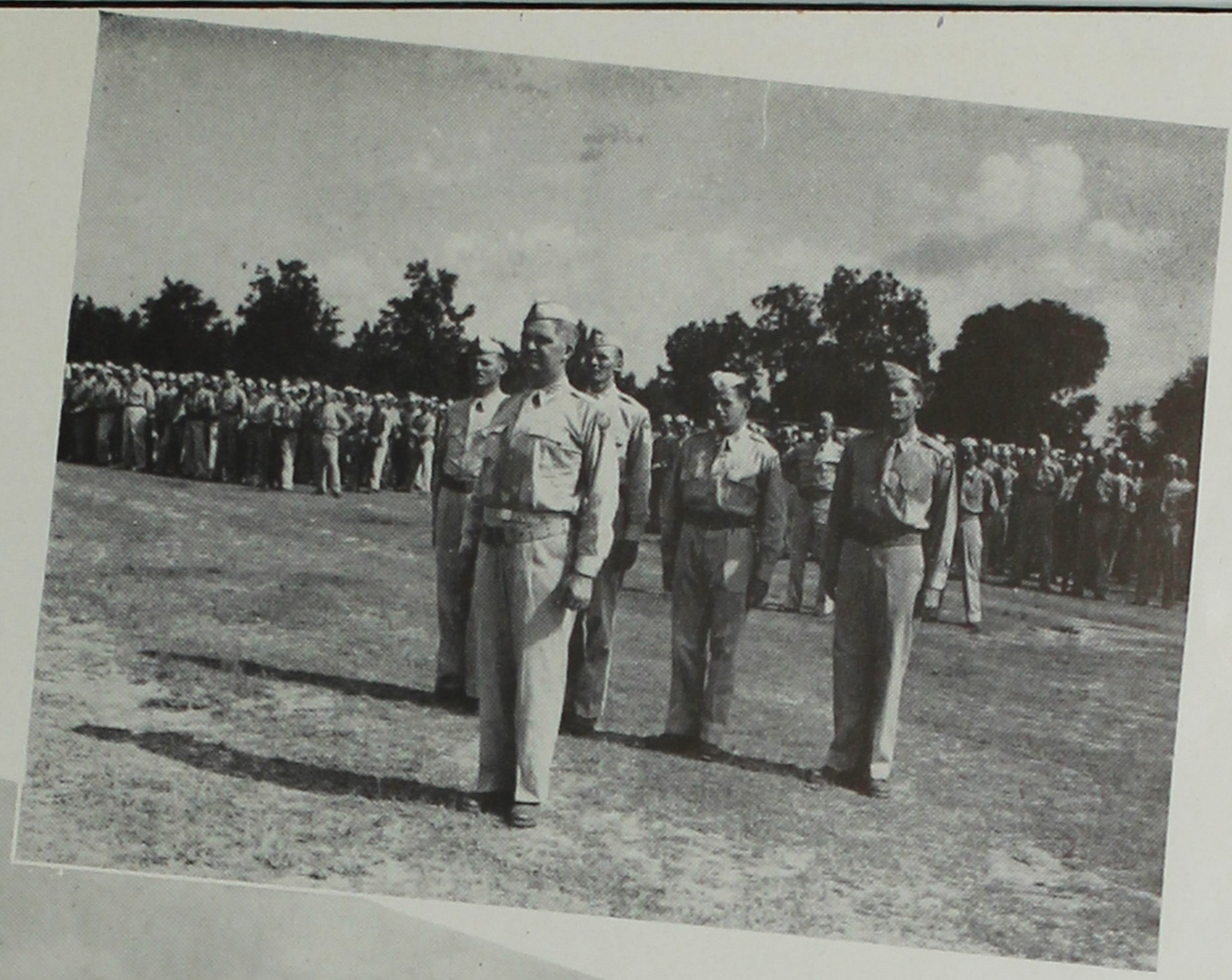
The infantry regiment in review formation.

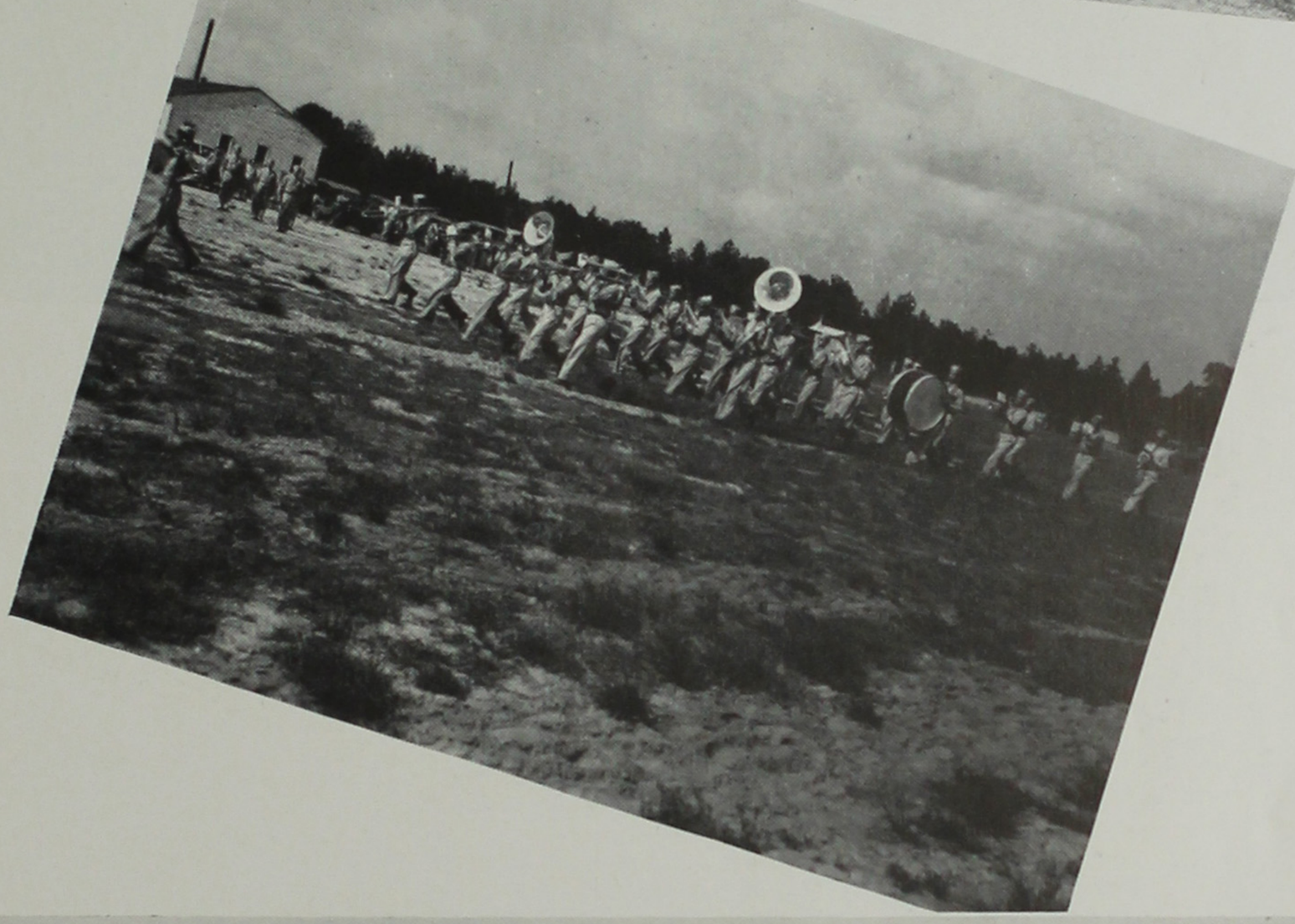
Clockwise:

Battalion command awaiting inspection.

Regimental band passing in review.

Pass in review!



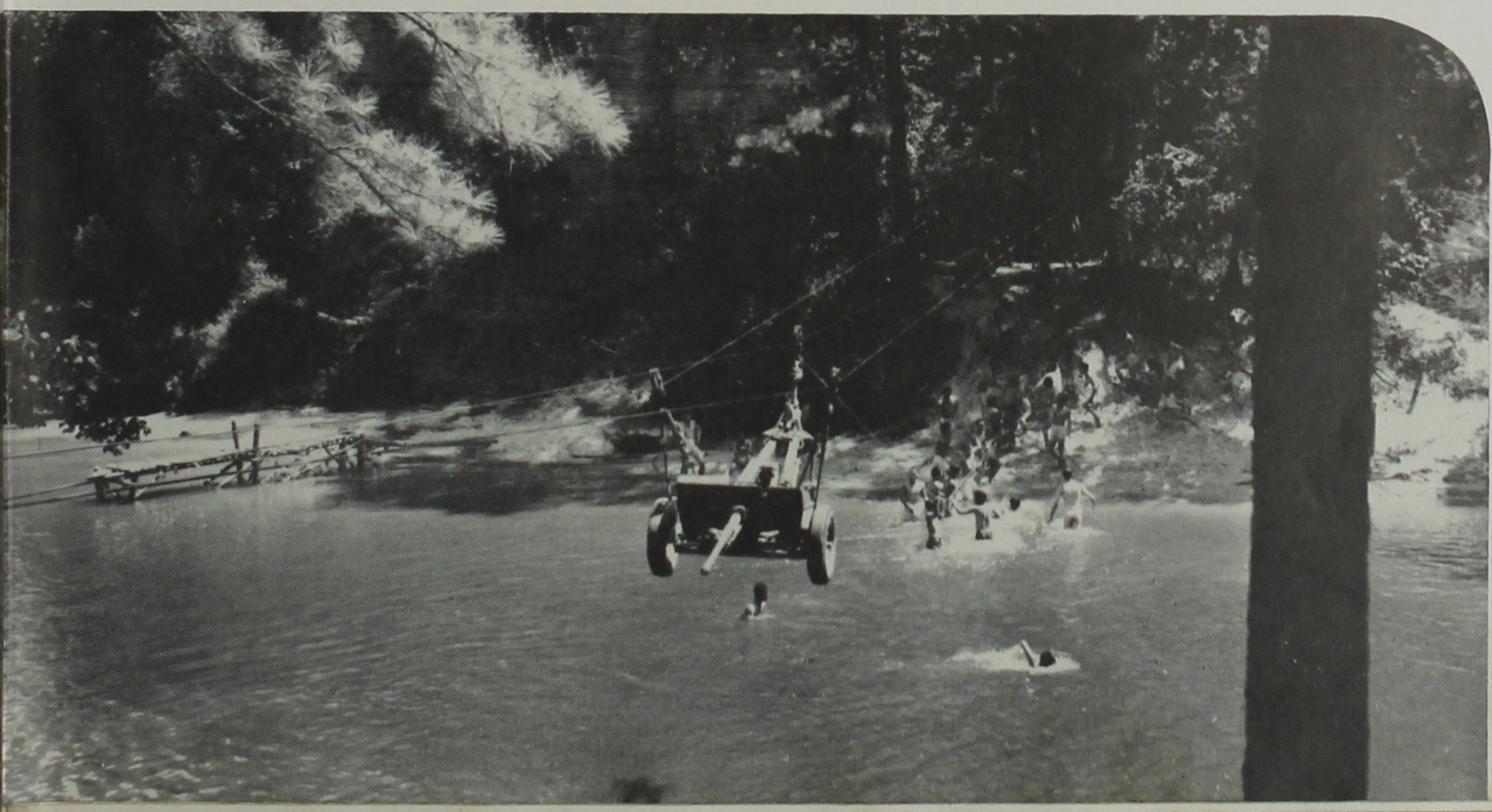


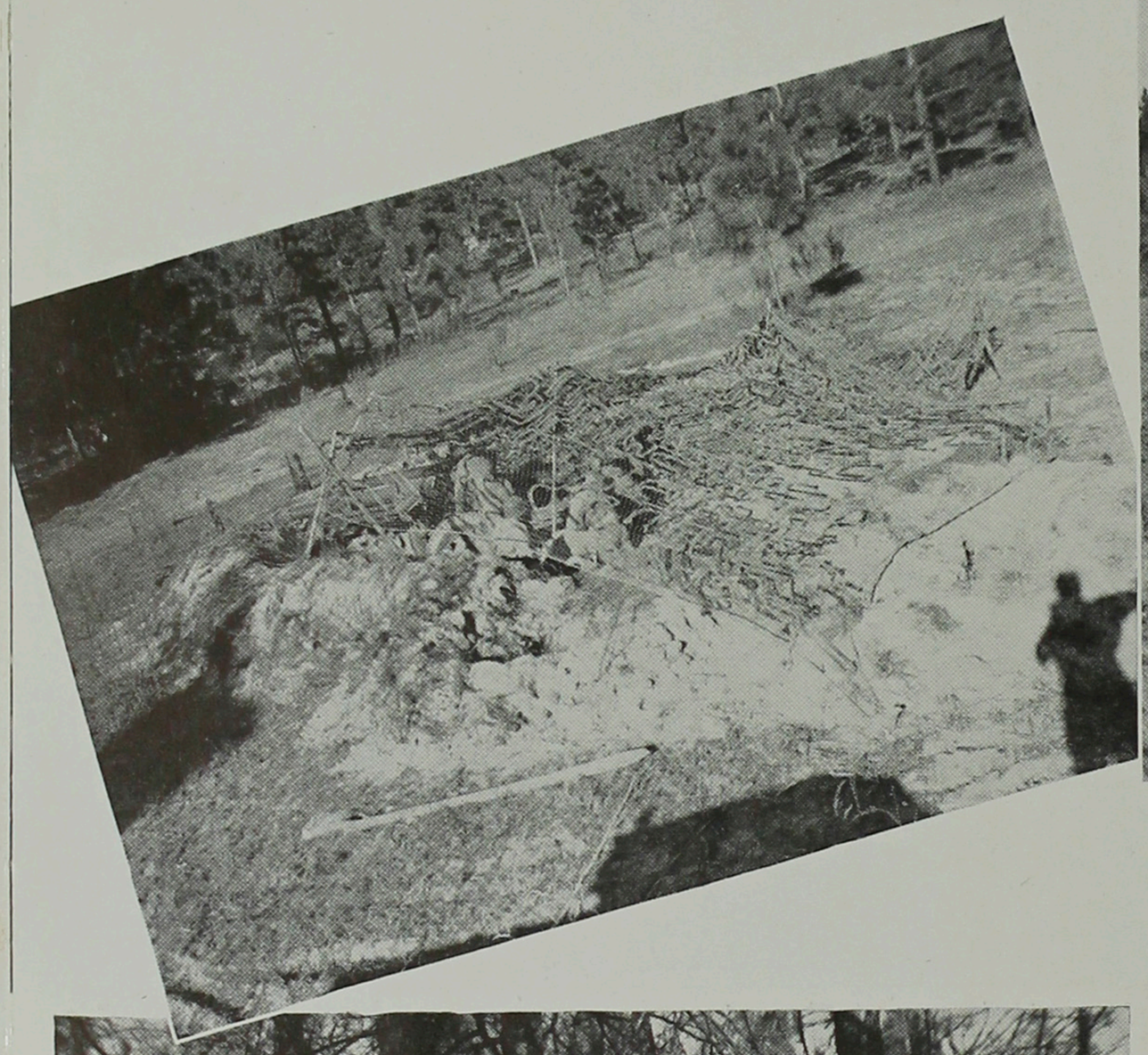
Combat engineers building tank traps.

Out of action! Forward!

Fix bayonets! Charge!

37 mm. gun being sent across a river.





Counter Clockwise:

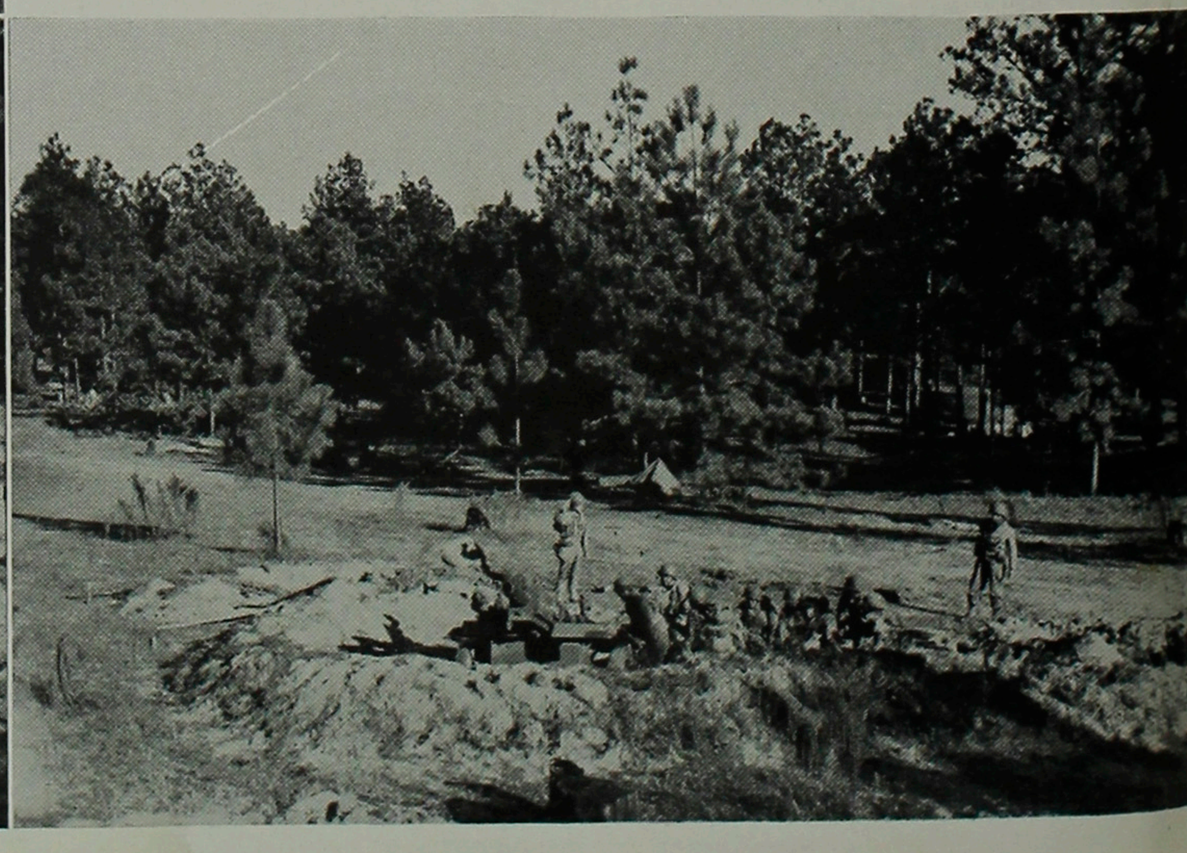
Surveying the maneuver area.

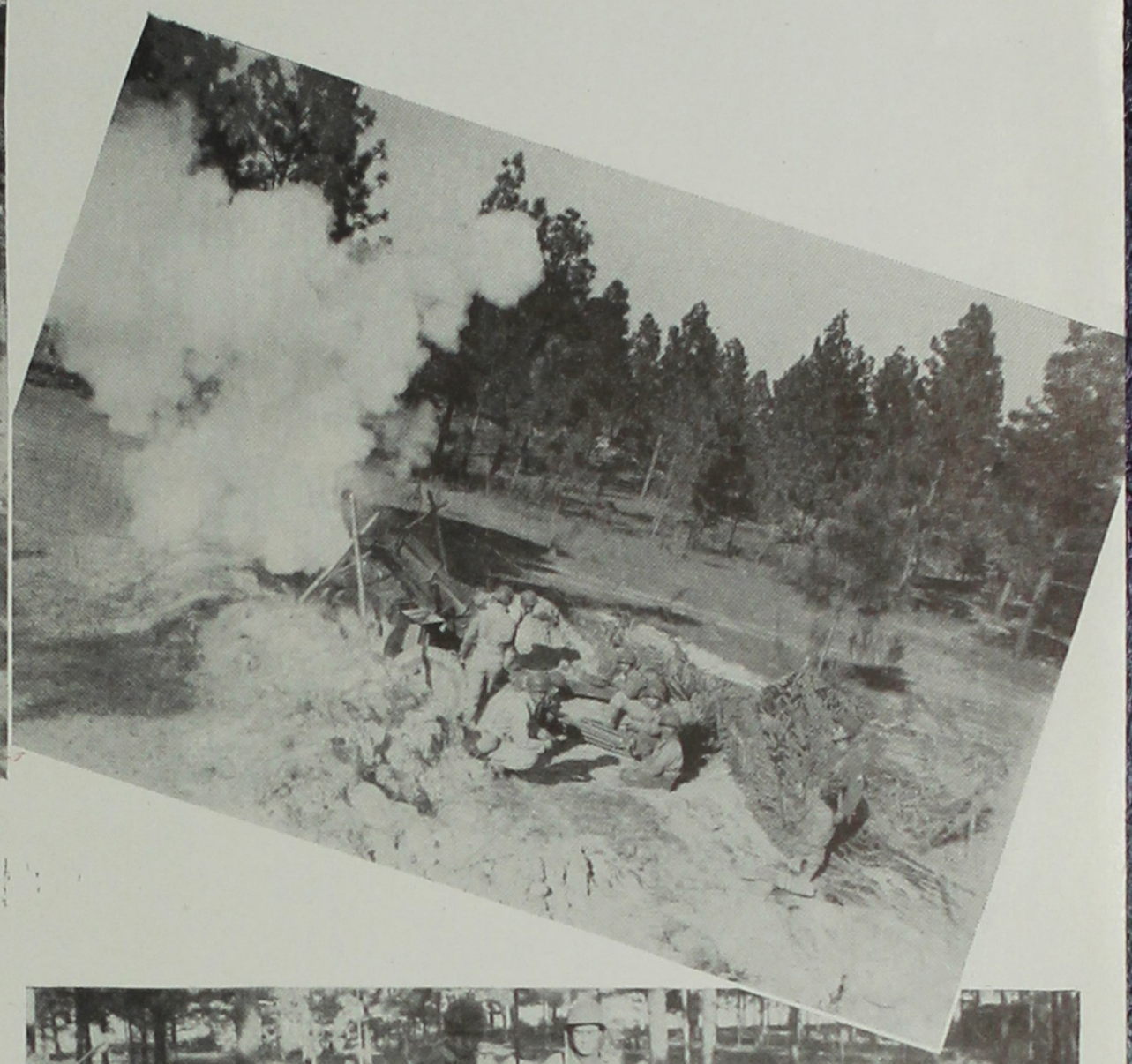
A Camouflaged Howitzer.

Lt. Woolner in charge of Fire Director Center.

Gun crew ready for positions.

Lt. Roger Eyely on right giving fire order.





Clockwise:

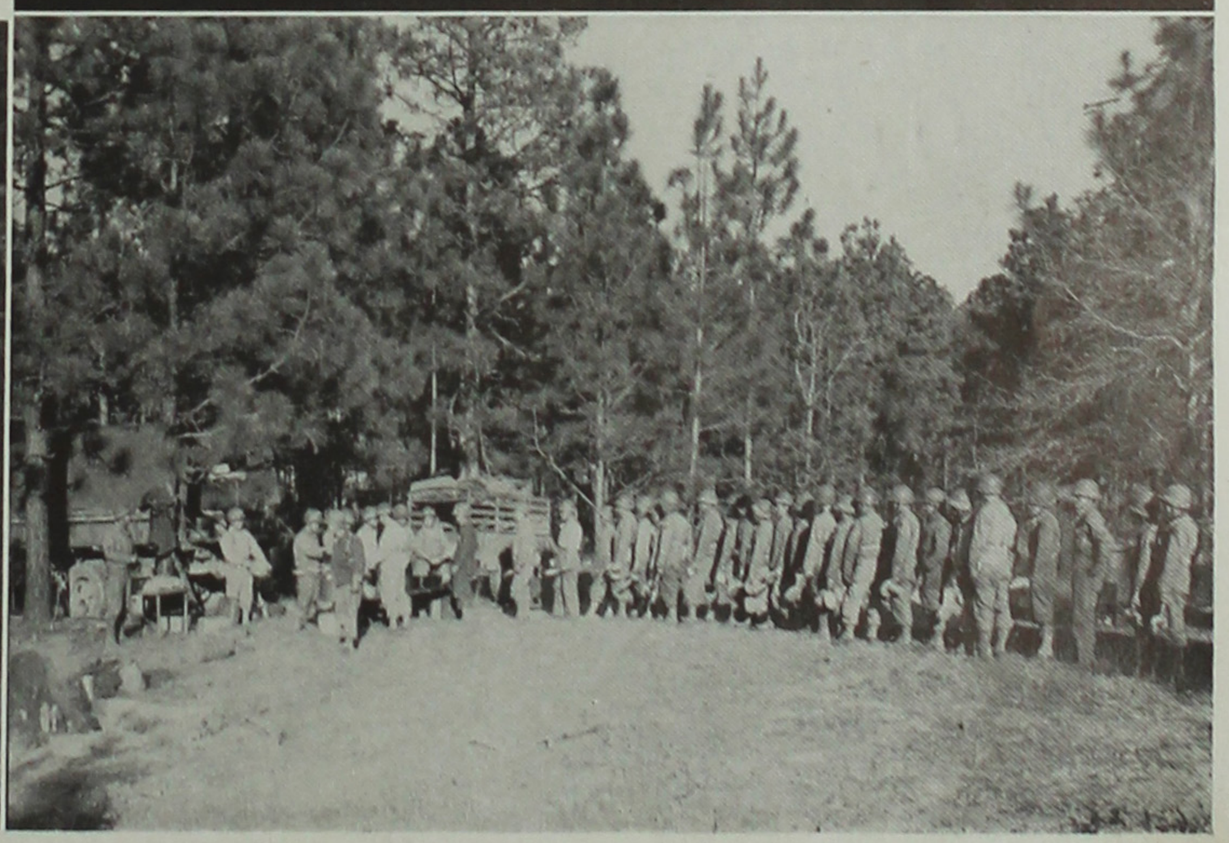
Waiting in fox holes.

Gun crew exploding a dummy 105 Howitzer shell.

F. A. communication section in action.

Chow call is one call the men would not miss.

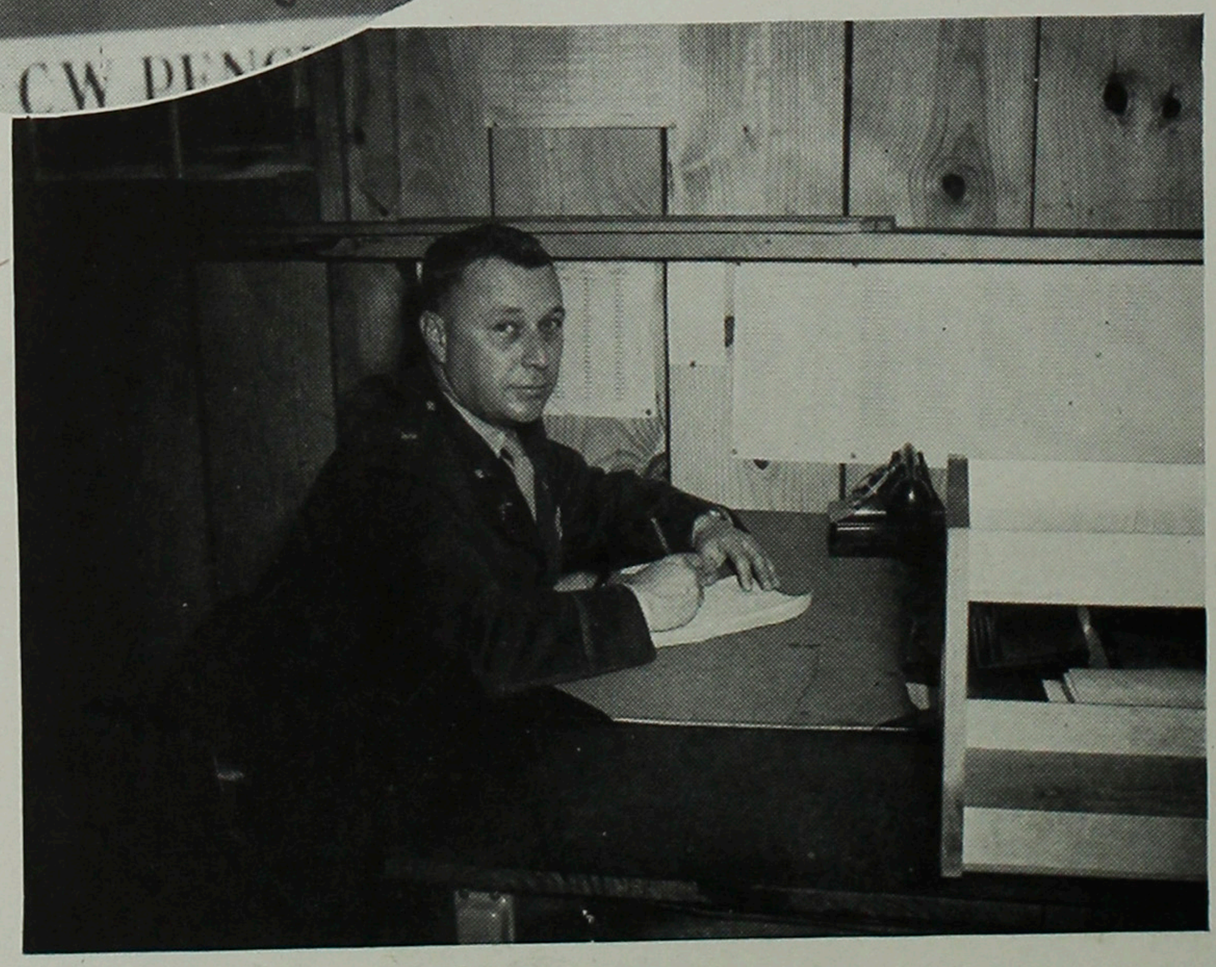
First-aid men treating an injured soldier in maneuver area.



ORGANIZATION

442nd. INFANTRY

Col. C. W. Pence
Commanding Officer



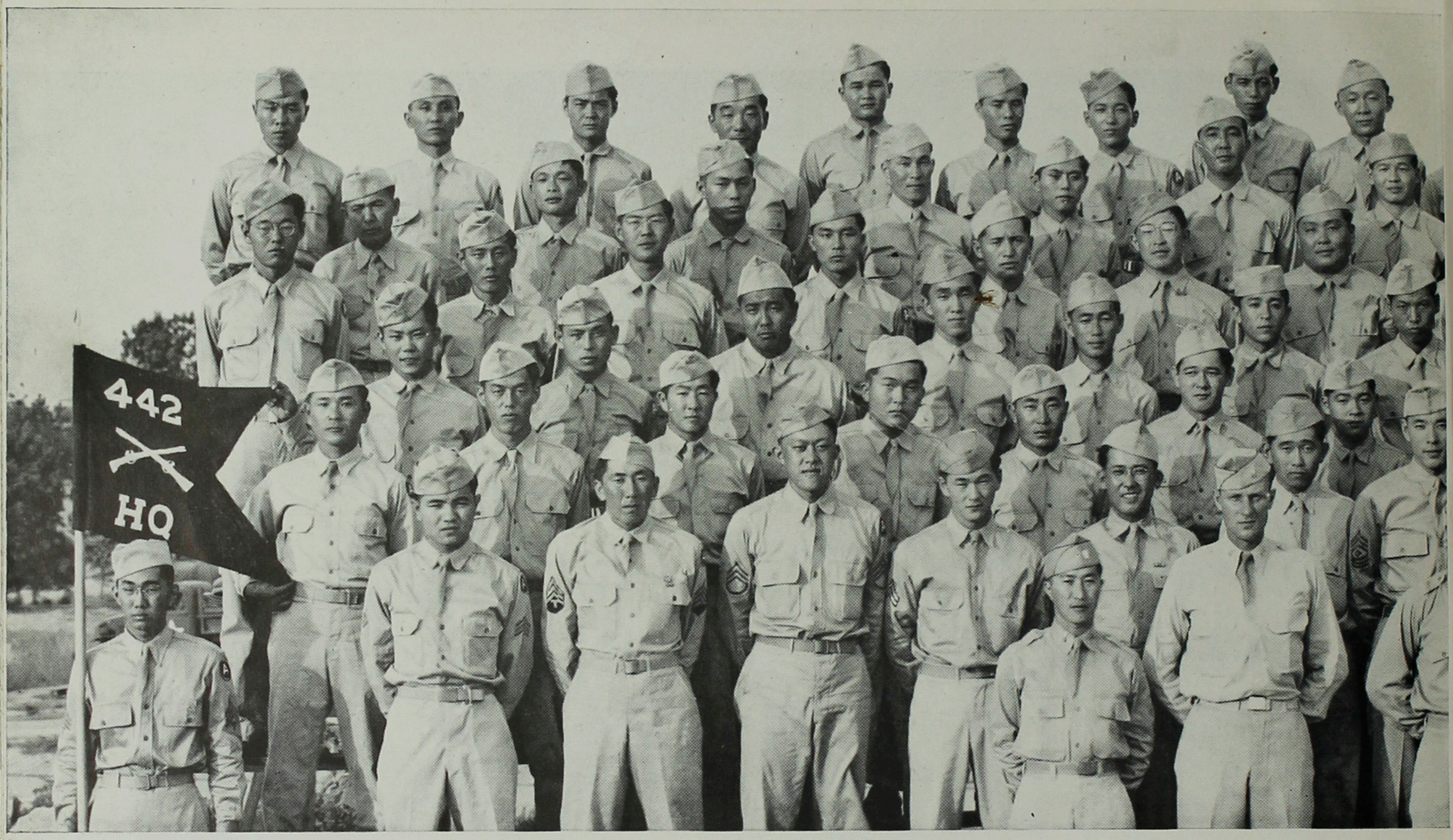
Lt. Col. V. R. Miller
Executive Officer

Sgt.-Major Otani and the regimental headquarters office staff work diligently.

M/Sgt. Oba of S-3 and 1st Sgt. Hattori look over the training schedule.

Regimental Staff:

First row, l. to r.: Capt. H. F. Riebesell, Capt. R. O. Jorgenson, Lt. Col. V. R. Miller, Col. C. W. Pence, Maj. C. P. White, Capt. H. B. Farr, Capt. I. F. Kovak, Capt. C. H. Buckeley. *Second row, l. to r.:* Lt. E. J. Nigles, Chaplain T. E. West, Capt. W. N. Colyer, Capt. E. R. Shorey, Capt. L. B. Hawkins, Capt. R. C. Boehm, Lt. G. H. Gilmore, Mr. T. M. Kobayashi, C. W. O. *Third row, l. to r.:* Chaplain H. Higuchi, Lt. S. L. Asai, Lt. N. O. Howard, Lt. S. M. Massengale, Lt. K. S. Stivers, Lt. M. O. Cooper, Lt. S. Katahara, Lt. L. A. Ferris.



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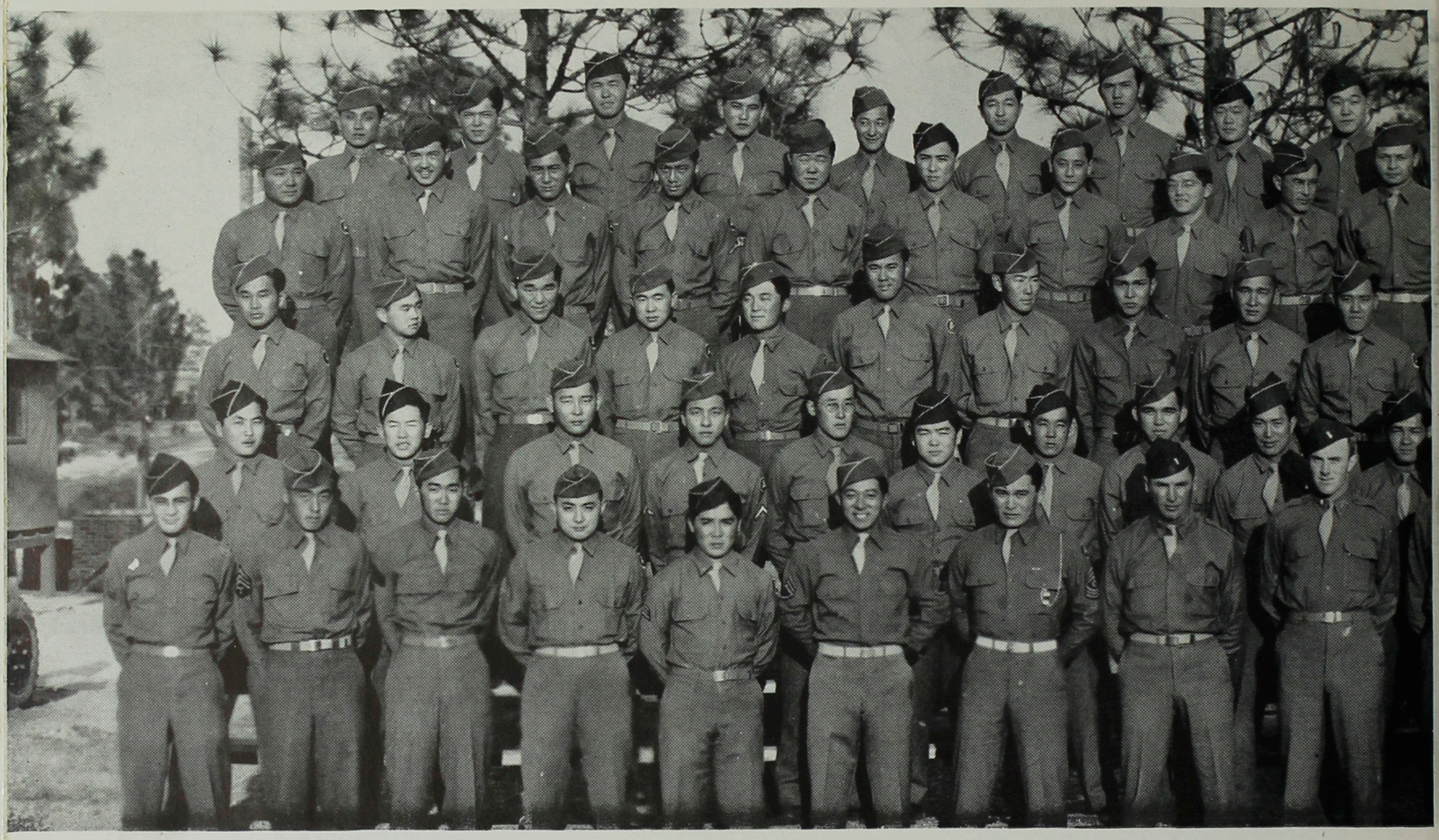

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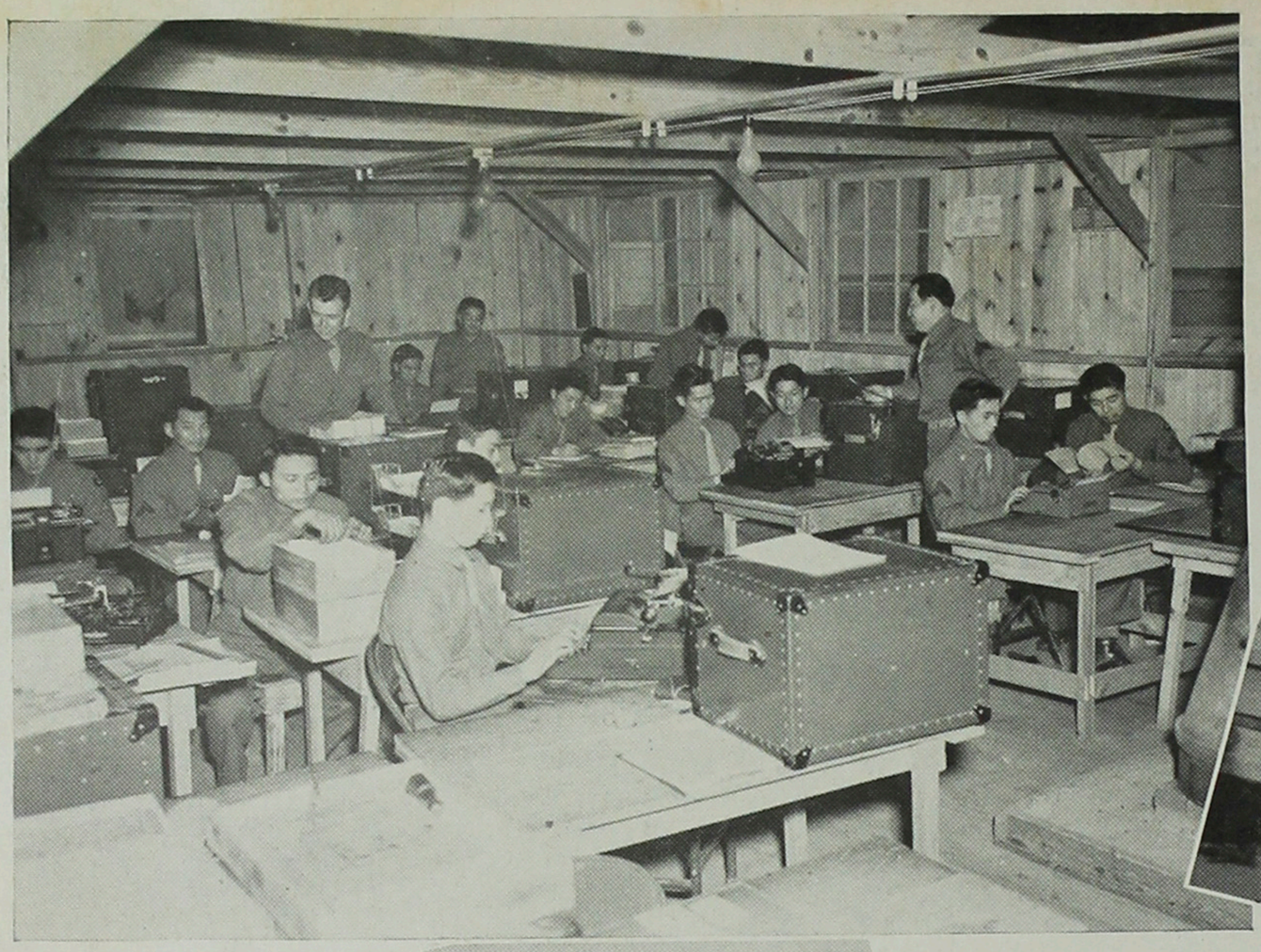
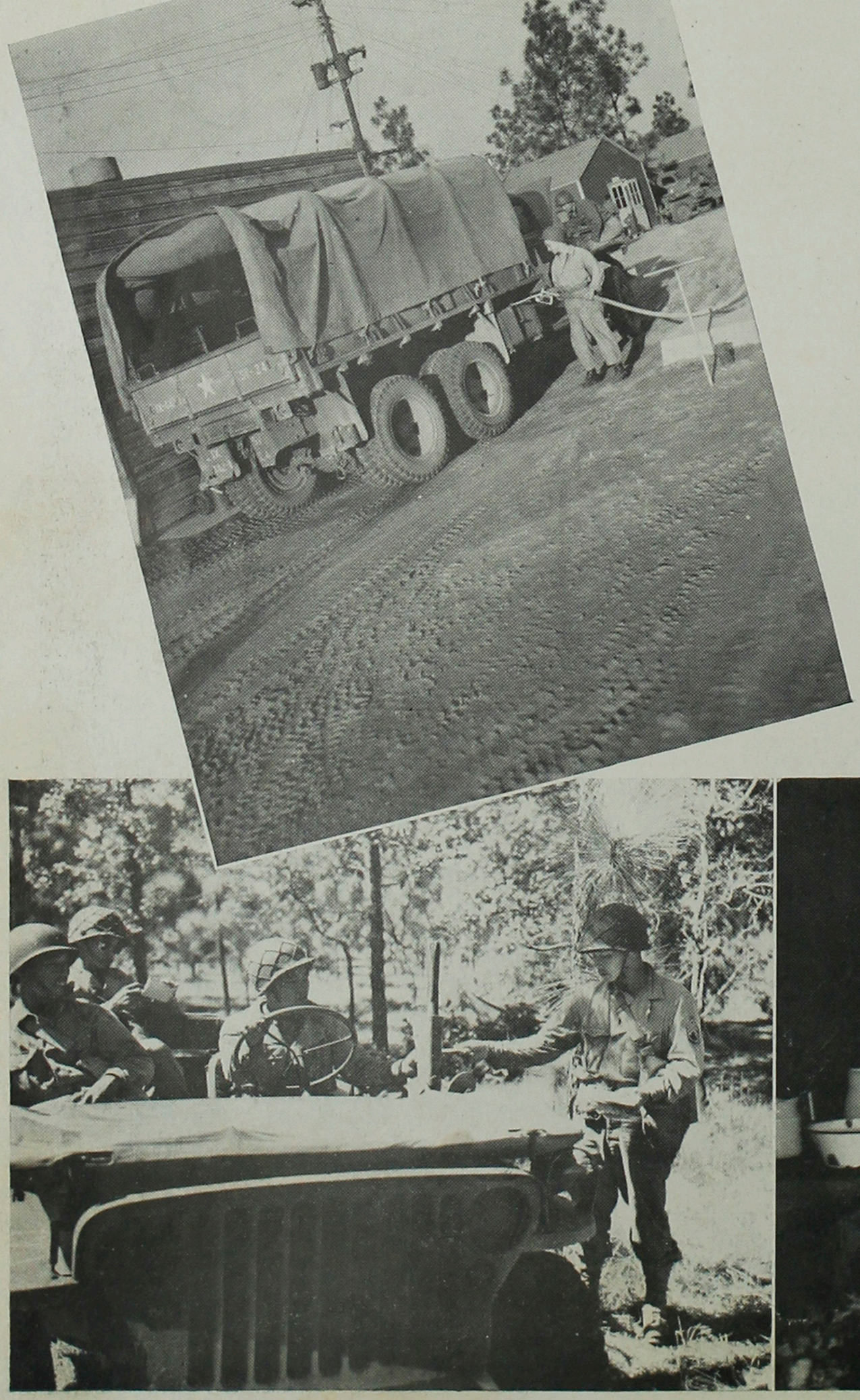




Counter clockwise:

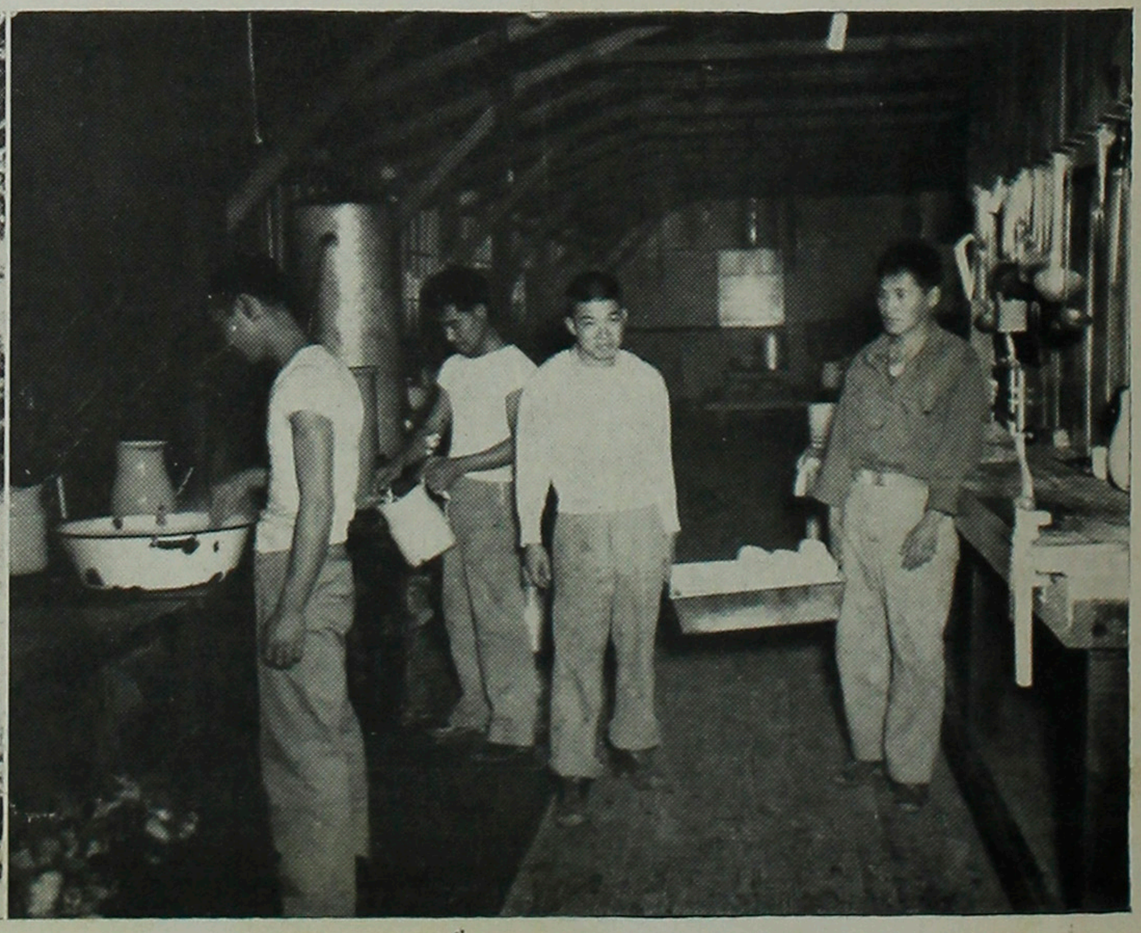
Someone remembered: It's a happy birthday for this soldier.

Payrolls, bonds, furloughs, etc.—always work for the personnel gang.

A 2½ ton truck is checked for gas, oil and engine before it rolls along.

Mail from home is handed to the roving jeep driver.

It's work and more work for the KP.



Clockwise:

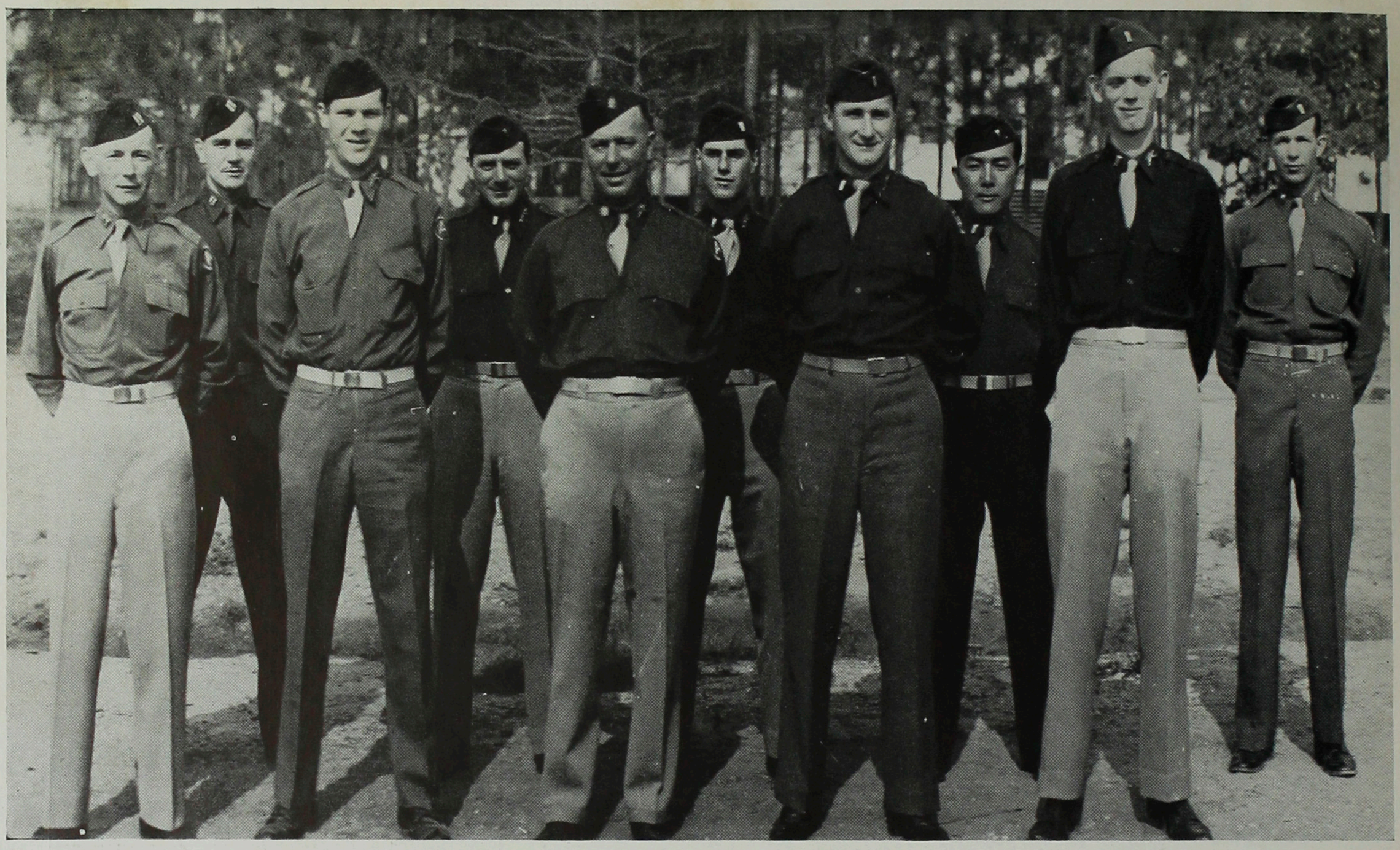
"Ahhhh . . . " Cpl. gets the once over by Capt. Miyauchi.

Pharmacist explains use of prescription.

Cannon Co. men swiftly attach piece to vehicle.

Gunners calculating range before firing into 'enemy' positions.

Ten-minute break during band rehearsal.



1st BATTALION STAFF: *Front row, l. to r.:* Capt. M. C. Thornburg, Capt. M. Gline, Maj. S. L. Watts, Lt. T. Watt, Lt. R. A. Guthrie.
Back row, l. to r.: Capt. W. F. Hogan, Lt. G. G. Martin, Lt. B. L. Perlsweig, Lt. E. M. Yoshimasu, Lt. C. O. Farnum.

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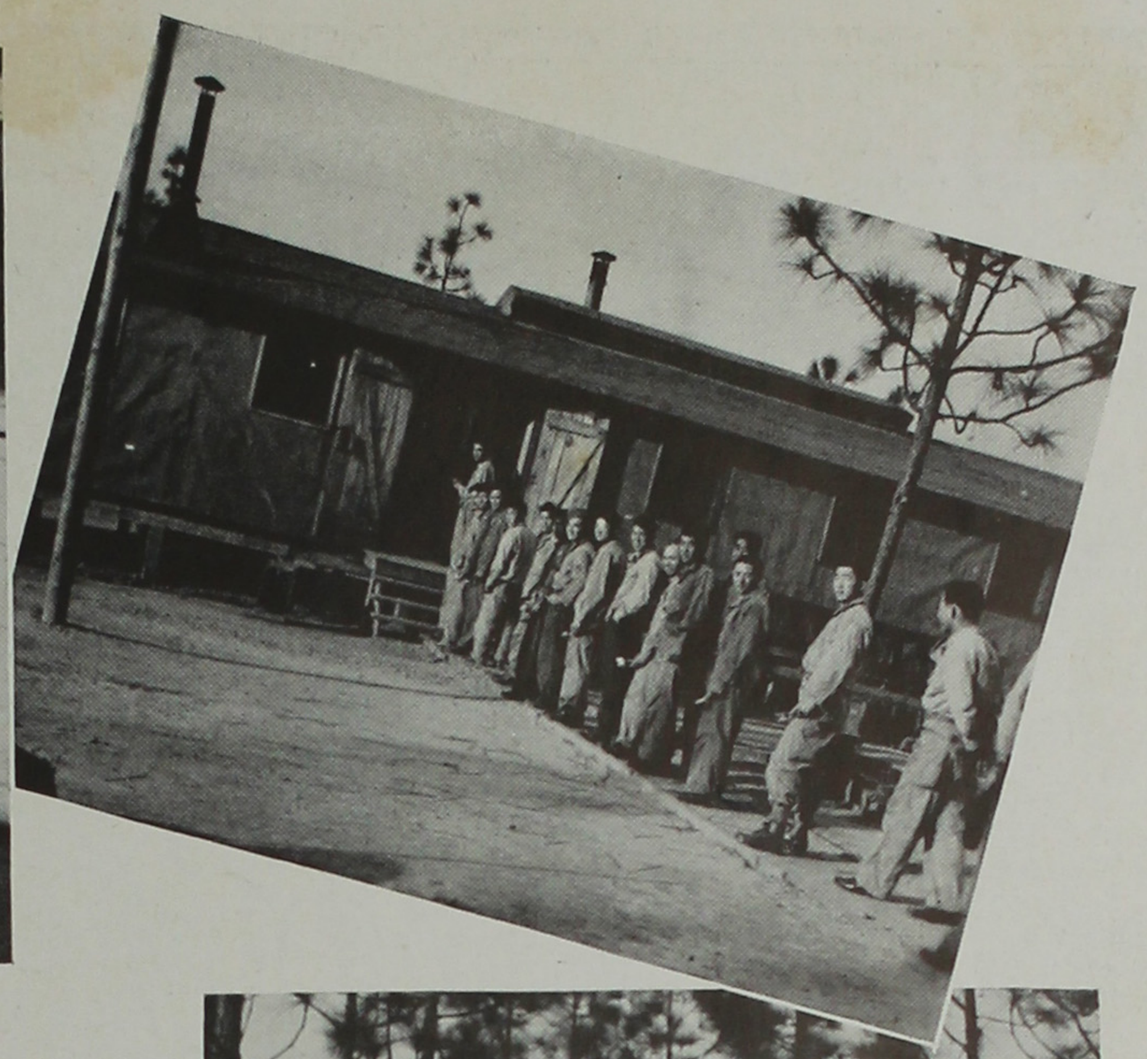

Clockwise:

The companies' day rooms are put to good use by the men for writing letters, reading or just resting.

Chow call is always well attended, three times a day.

Just a group of guys trying to 'break' the camera.

1st BATTALION HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

"A" COMPANY

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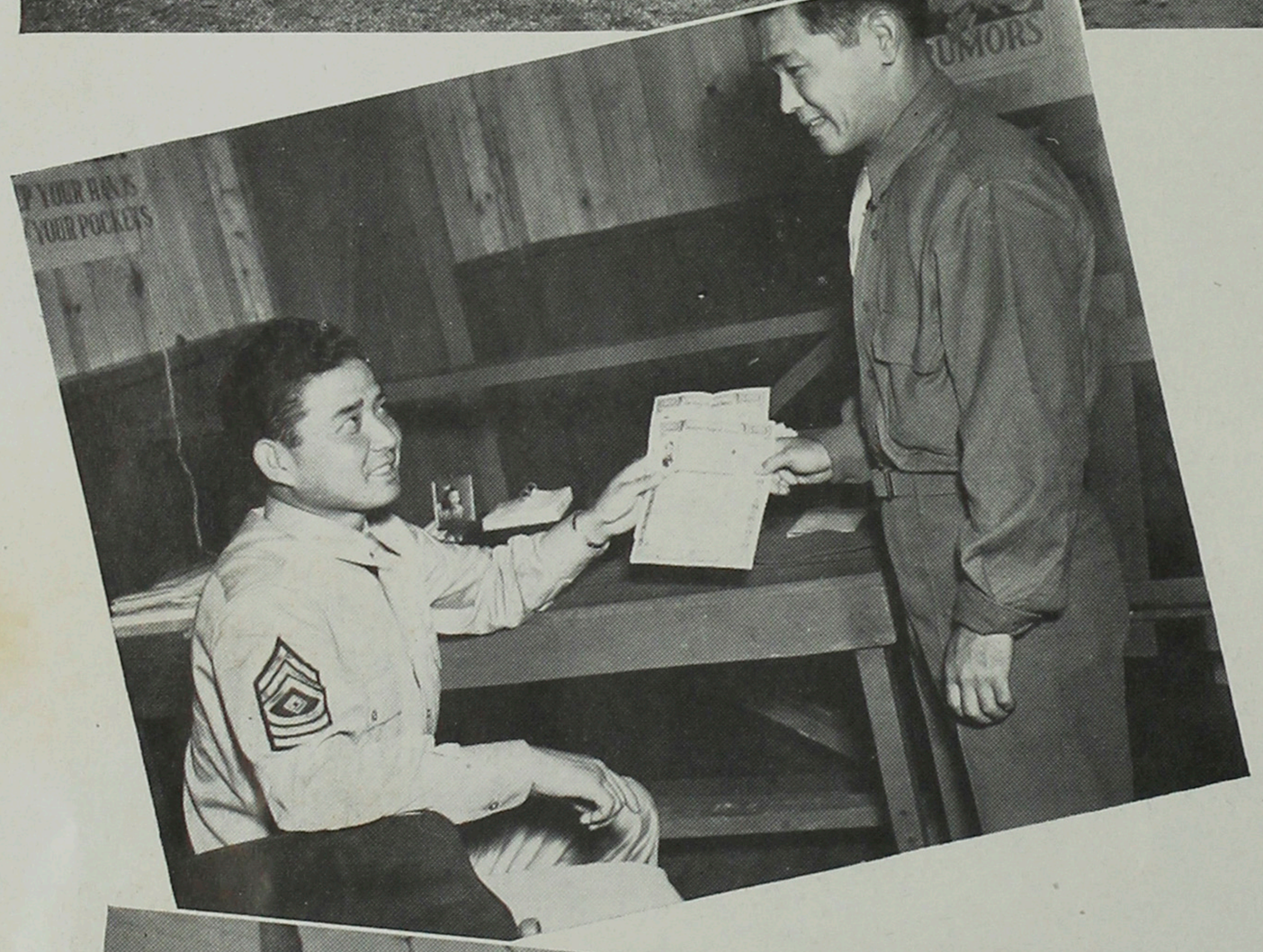


Counter Clockwise:

There's a jeep again.

Officers 'chewing the fat.'

Look closely and you'll see two $1,000 War Bonds.

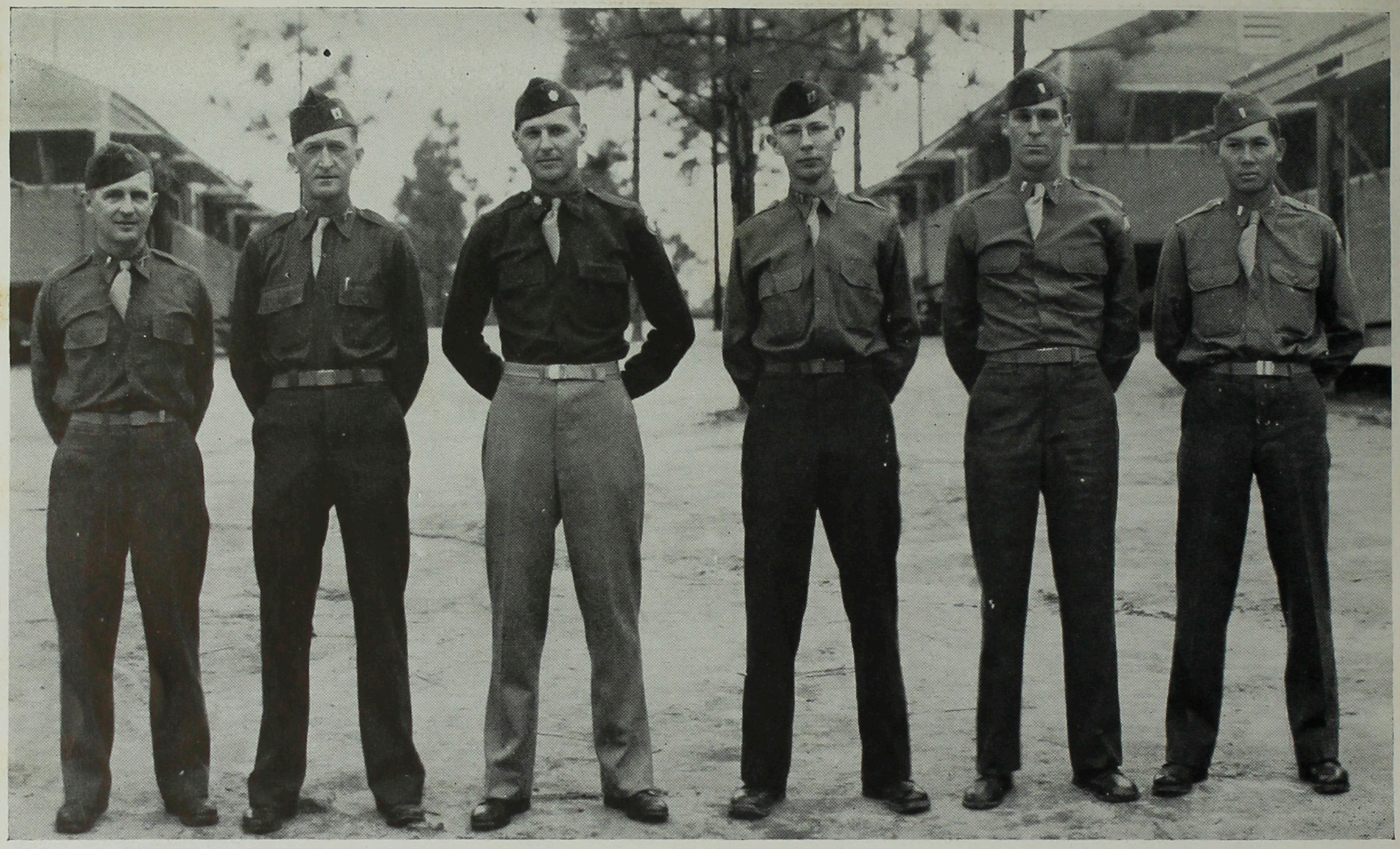
These soldiers aren't getting 'giged' . . . they don't look sad.

Clockwise:

Another detail, on a Saturday afternoon too.

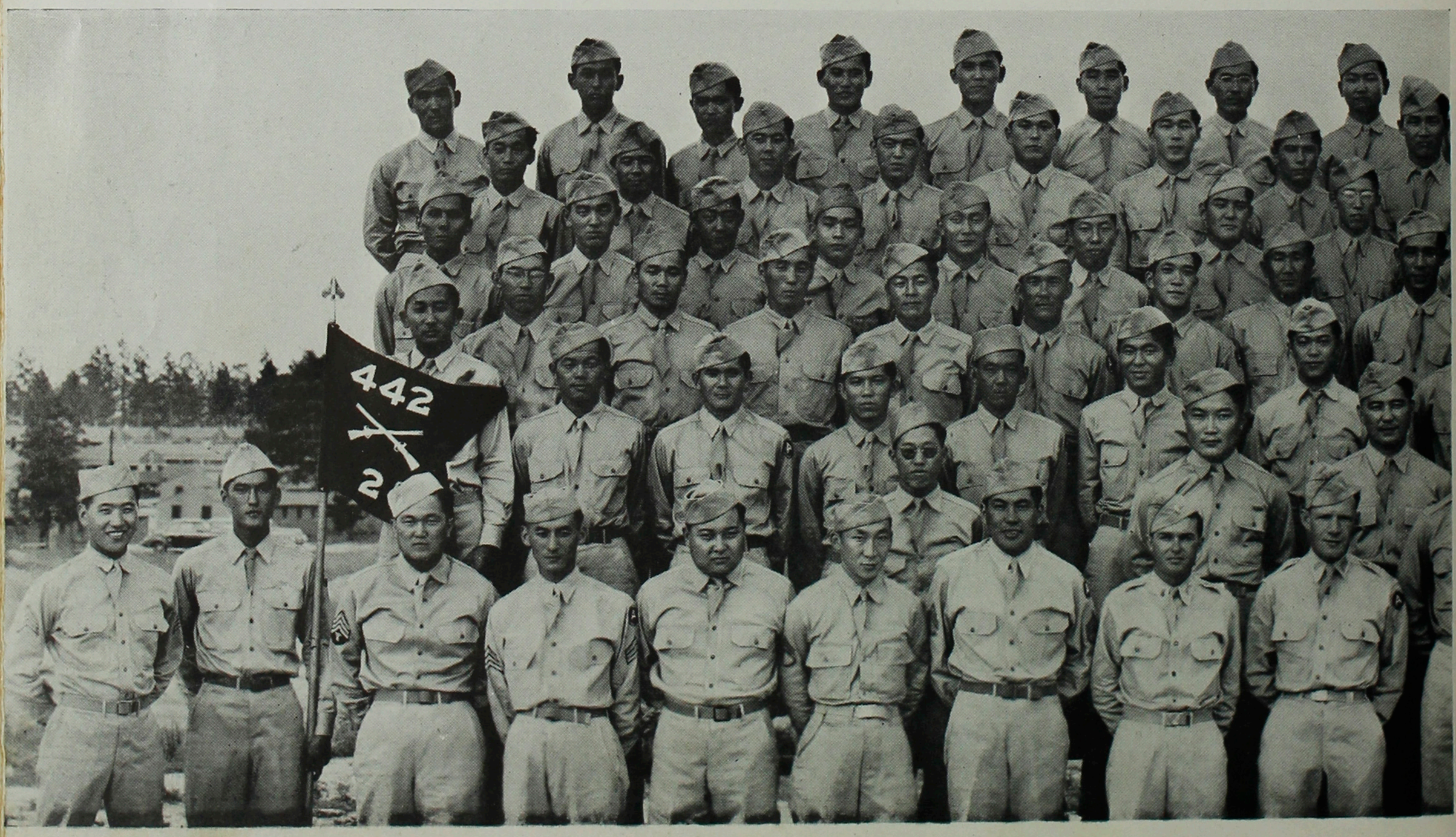
A personal chore . . . cleaning mess kits.

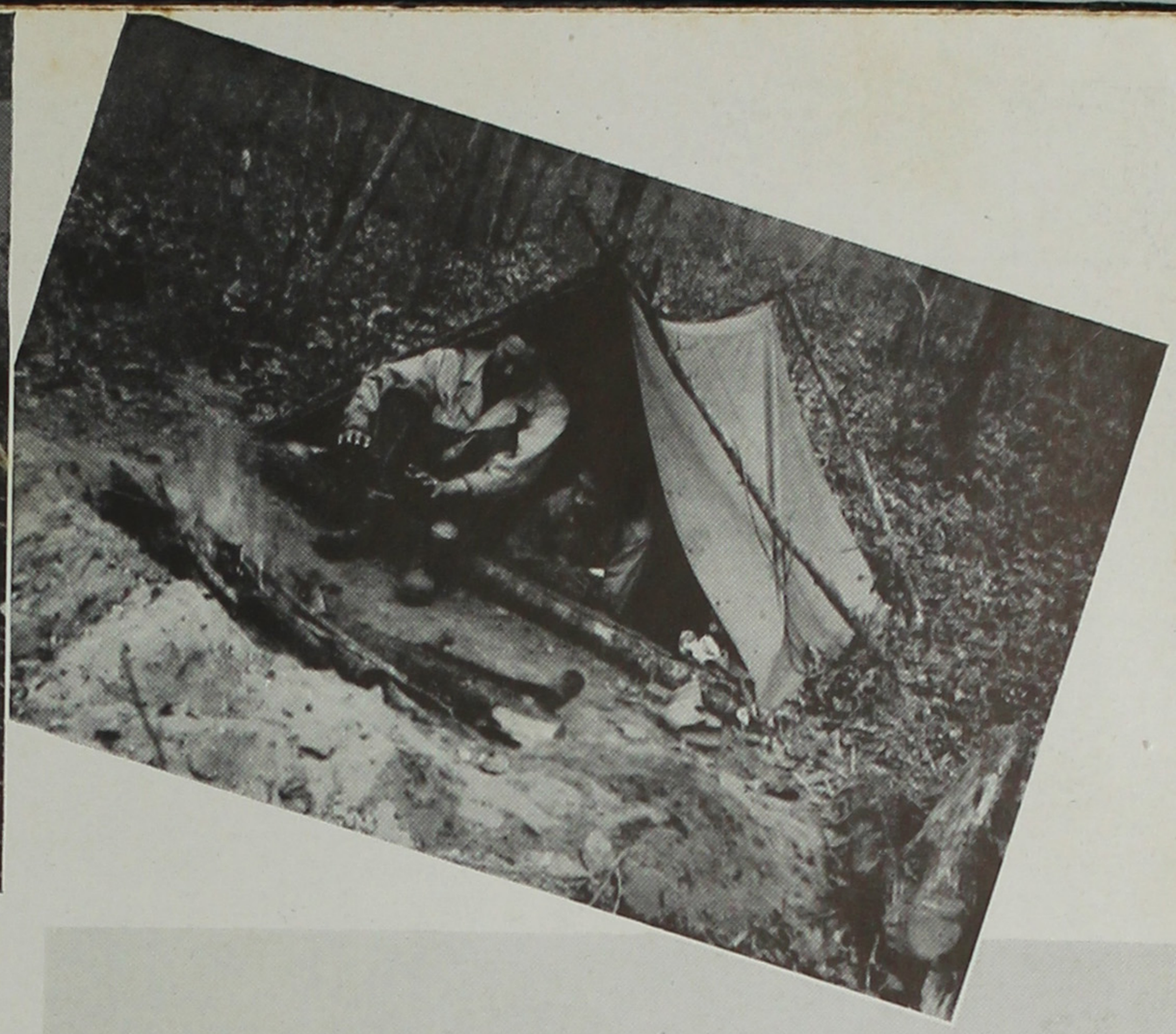
Always cleaning, this time the field ranges.



2nd BATTALION STAFF: *l. to r.:* Lt. D. E. Rowlands, Capt. F. W. Vowell, Lt. Col. J. M. Hanley, Capt. J. E. Crowley, Lt. A. T. Slater, Lt. C. S. Ushiro.

2nd BATTALION HEADQUARTERS COMPANY





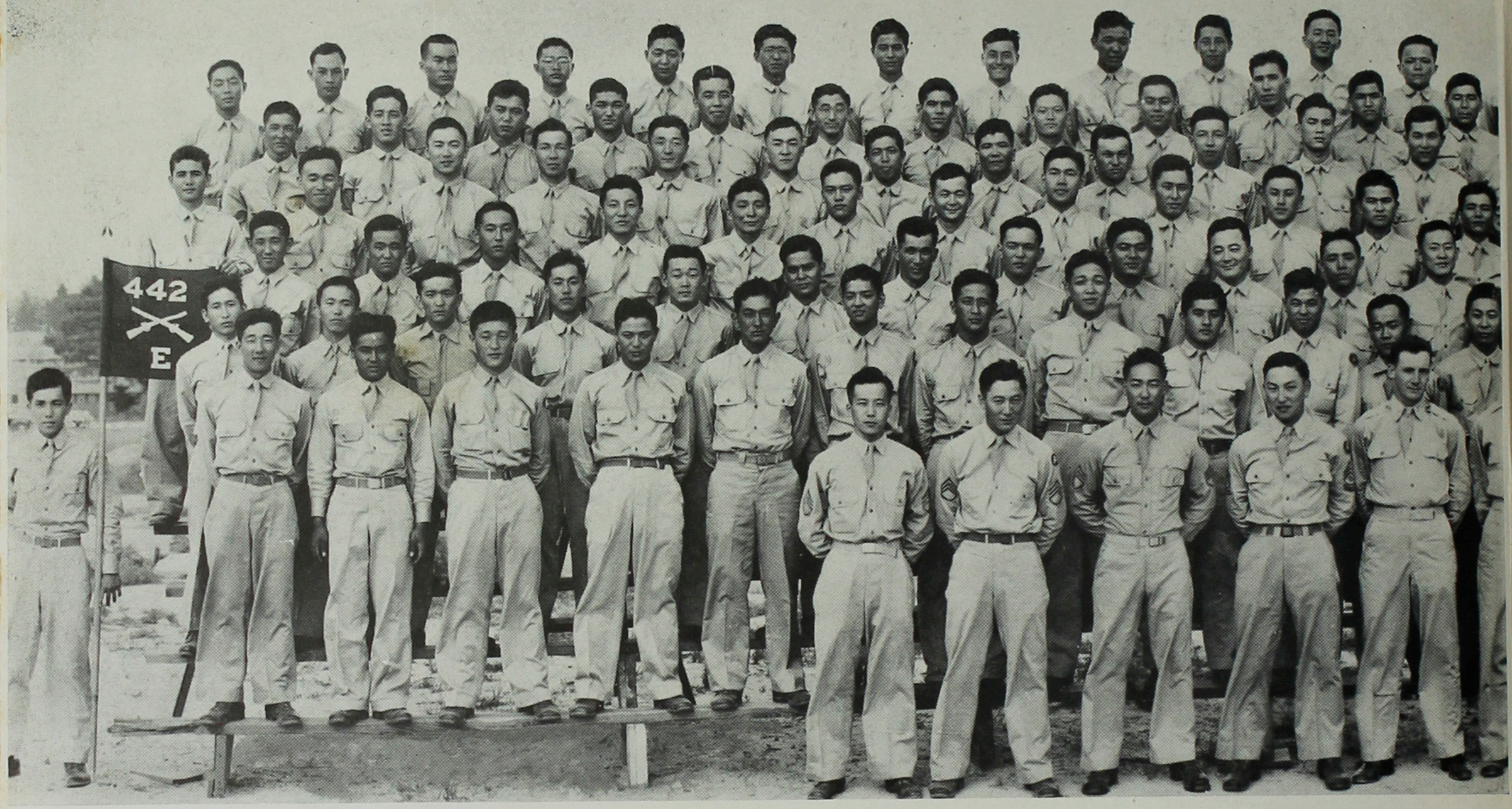
Clockwise:

Chow time in the field is just as welcome as back in garrison.

Bivouac during the Fall season is too cool for the men even in sunny Mississippi.

Platoon stands at present arms.

2nd BATTALION HEADQUARTERS COMPANY



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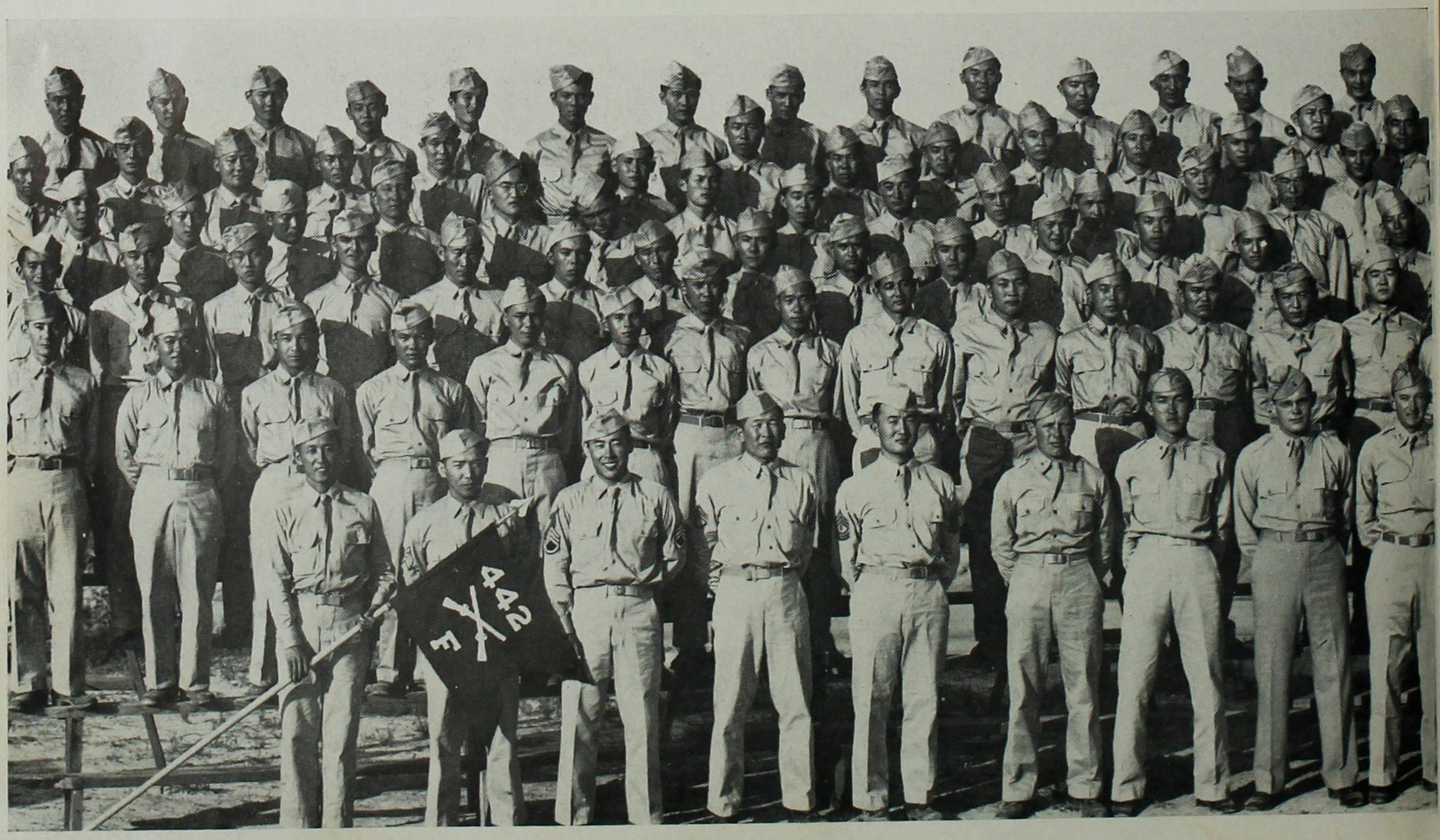

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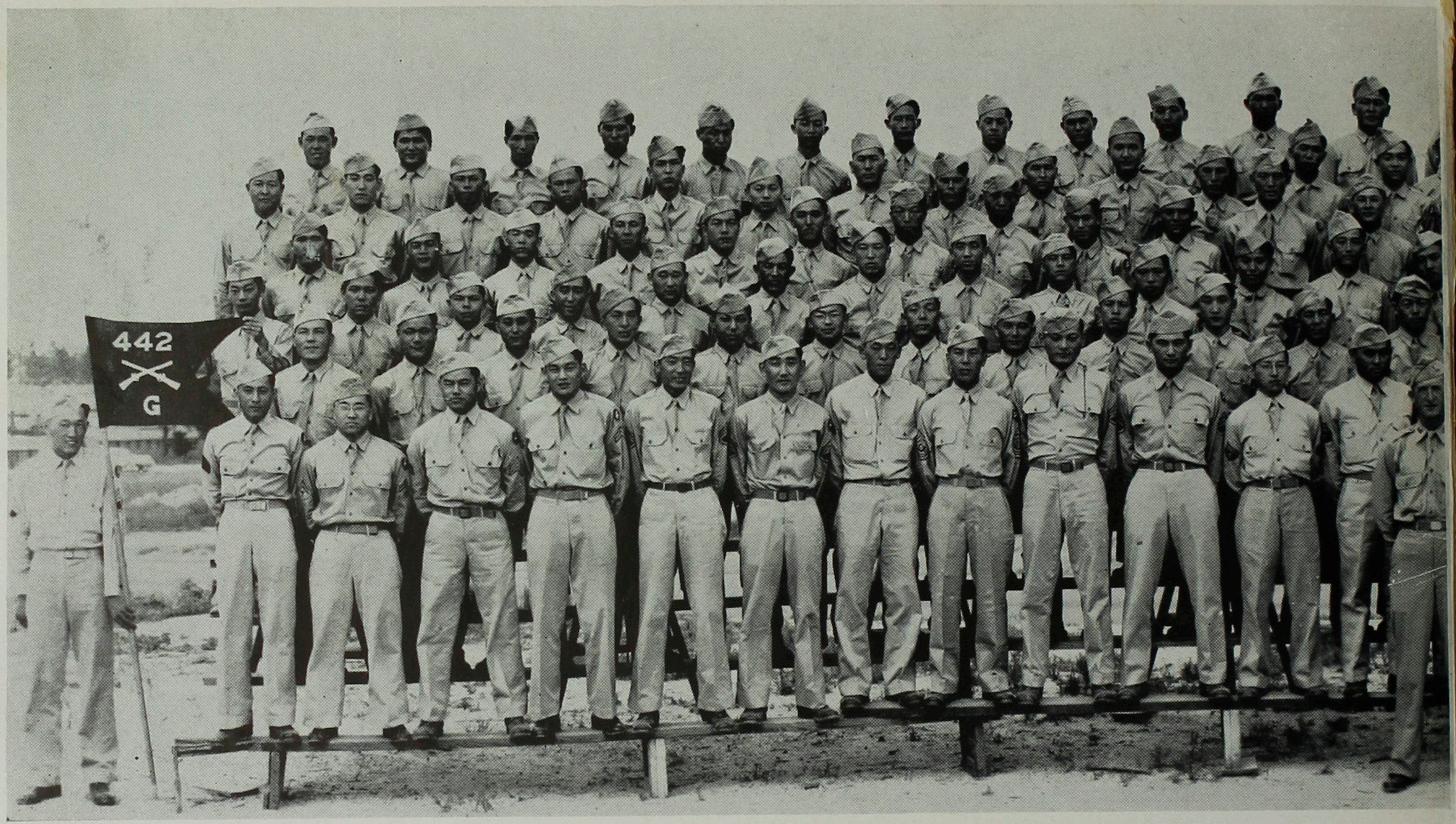

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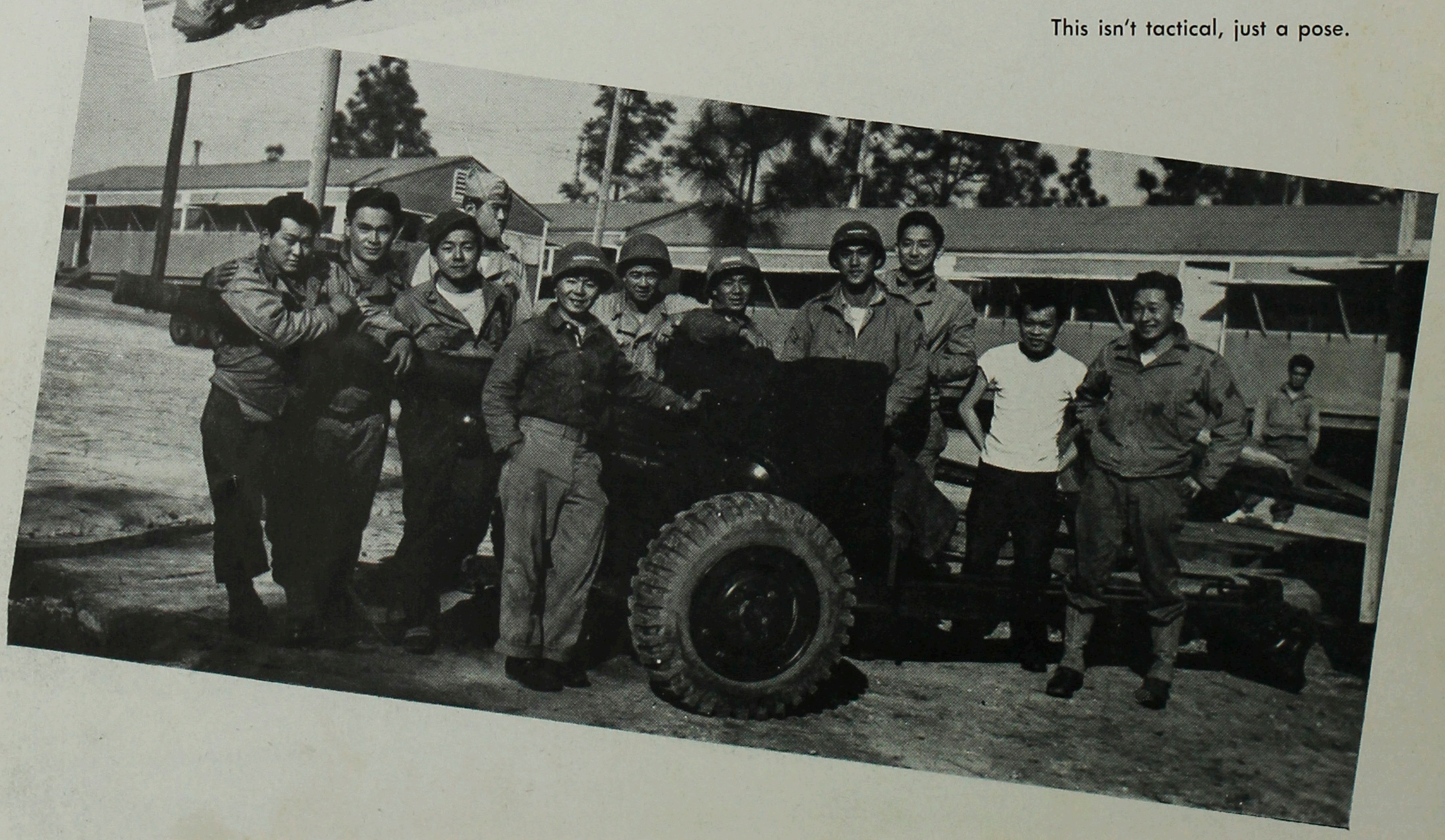
Counter Clockwise:

'Now the situation is like this . . . '

Mail call again, packages too.

All NCO's, count them.

This isn't tactical, just a pose.



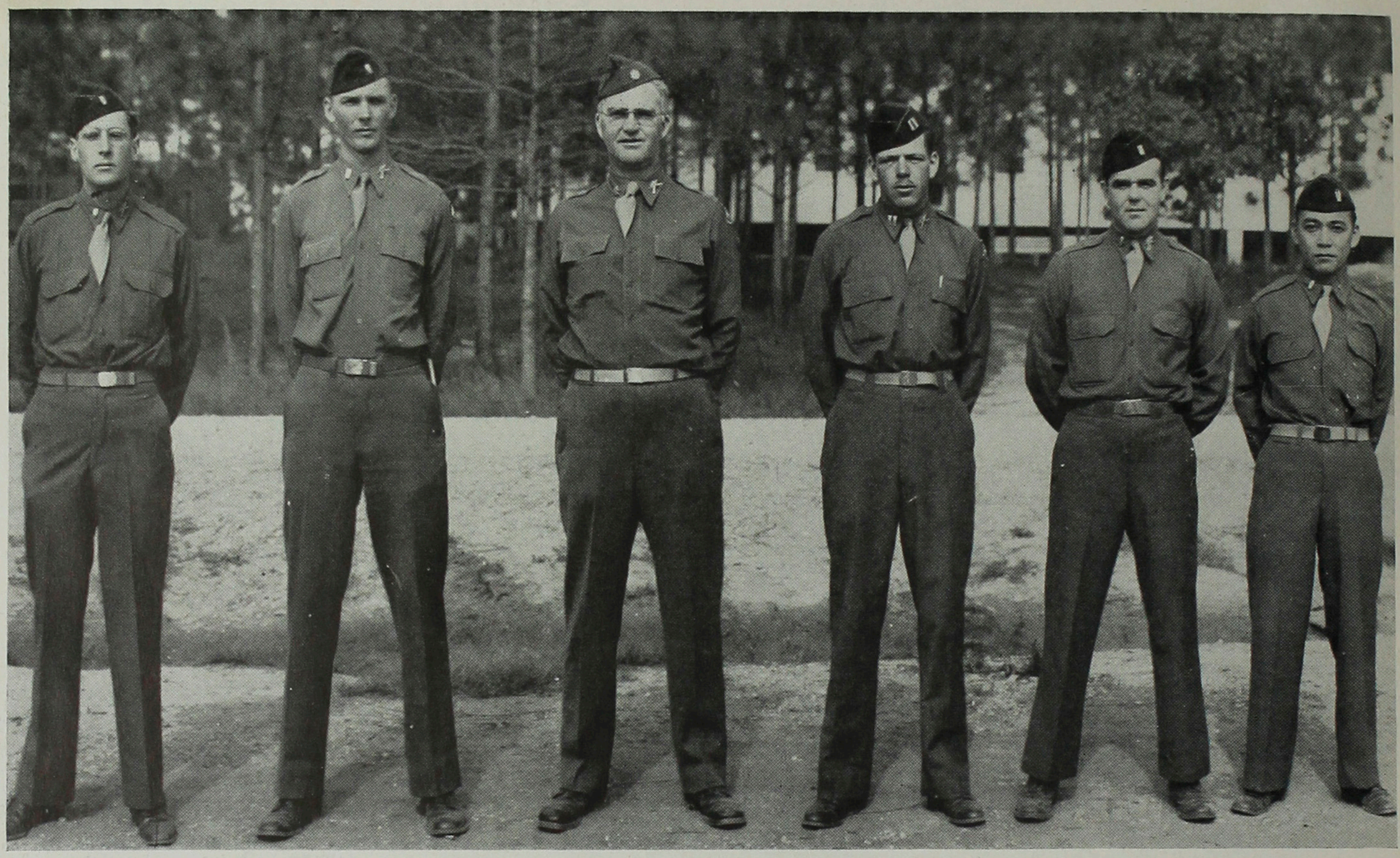
Clockwise:

What a time to get thirsty . . . for water.

How some men spend their leisure time.

'No loafing' sign means nothing.

This isn't a surprise pic as you can see.



3rd BATTALION STAFF: *l. to r.:* Lt. W. M. Wolf, Lt. A. W. Munch, Lt. Col. S. Dixon, Capt. O. C. Shirey, Lt. C. I. Wambaugh, Lt. W. S. Kawaoka.

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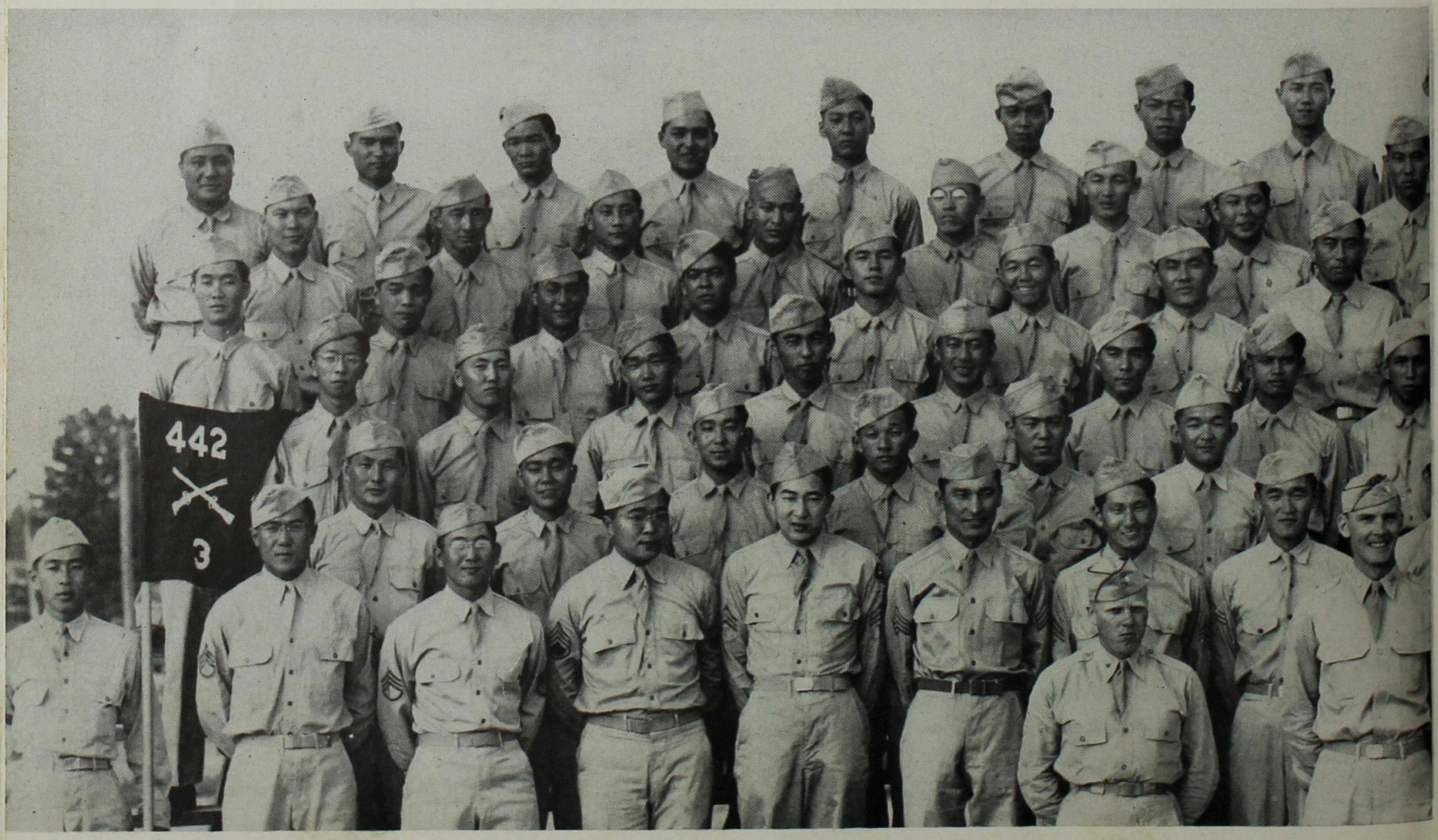
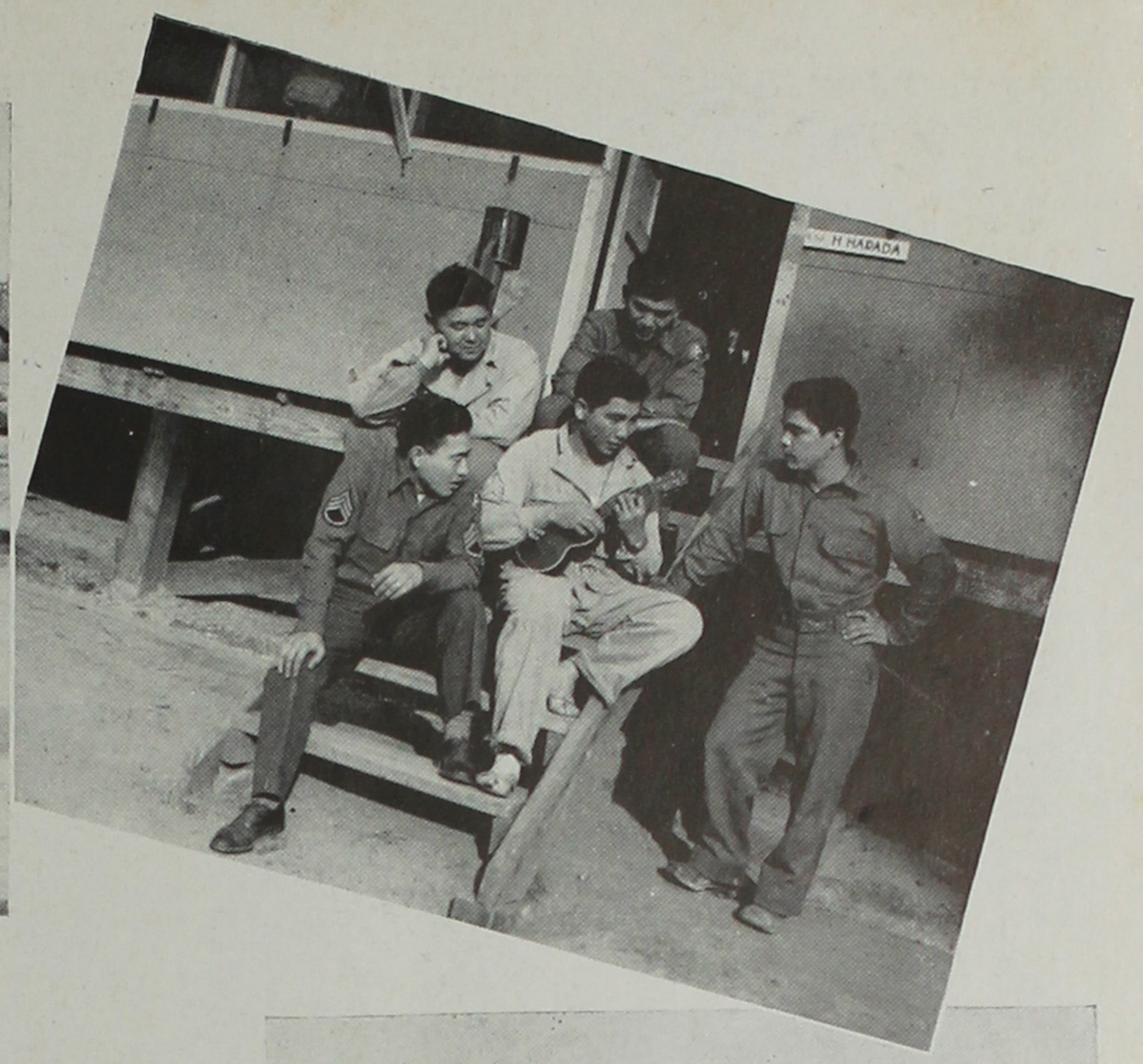


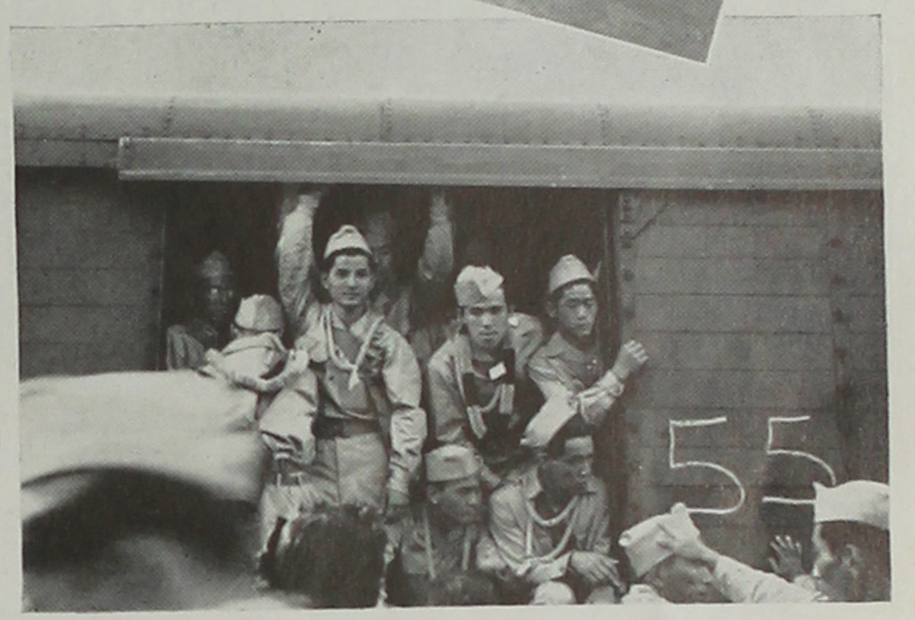


Clockwise:

Keeping up with orders and news on the company's bulletin board.

It's Sunday and so the boys relax with a li'l music.

Hawaii's volunteers ride even a box car to get over to Shelby.



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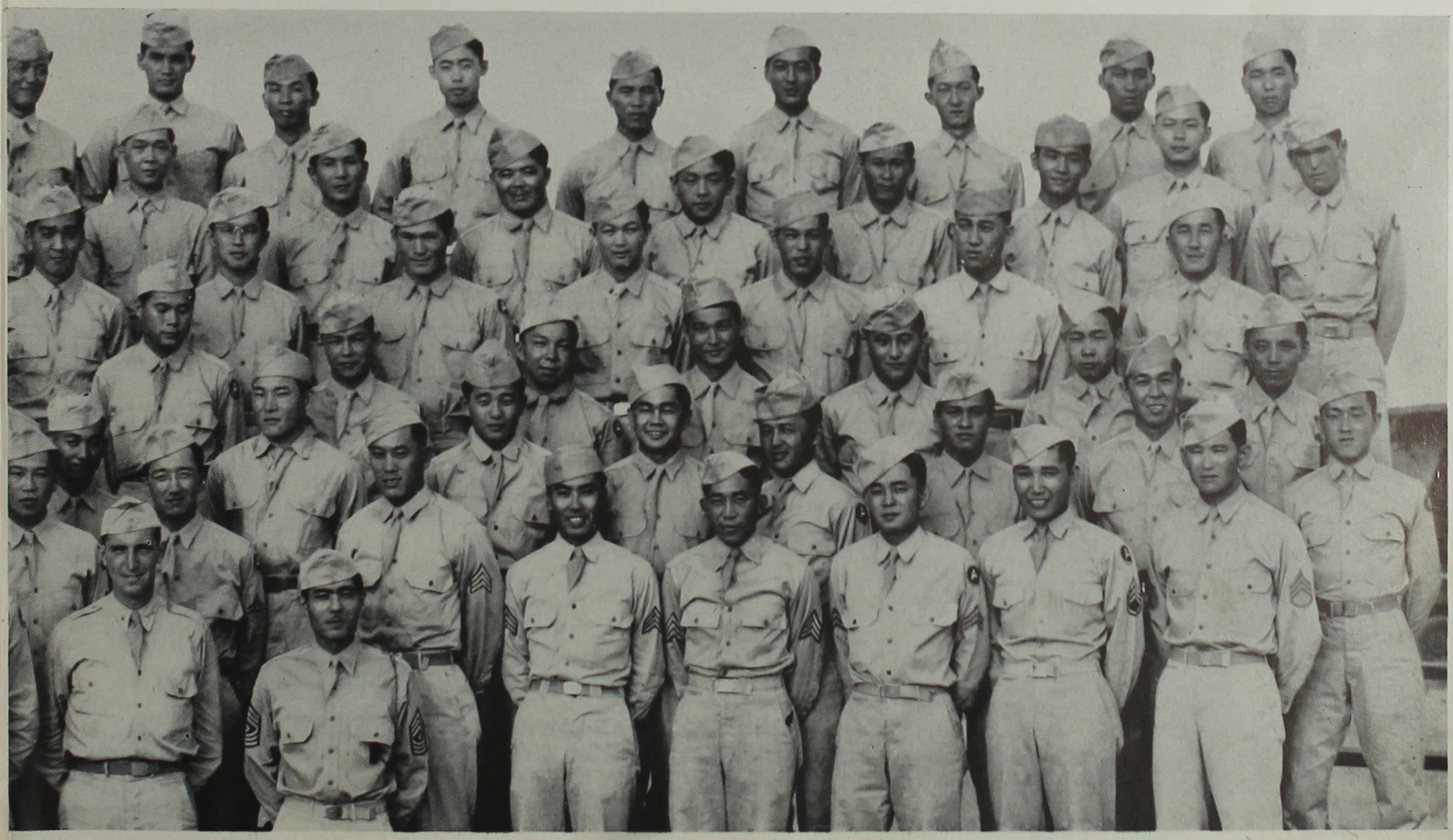

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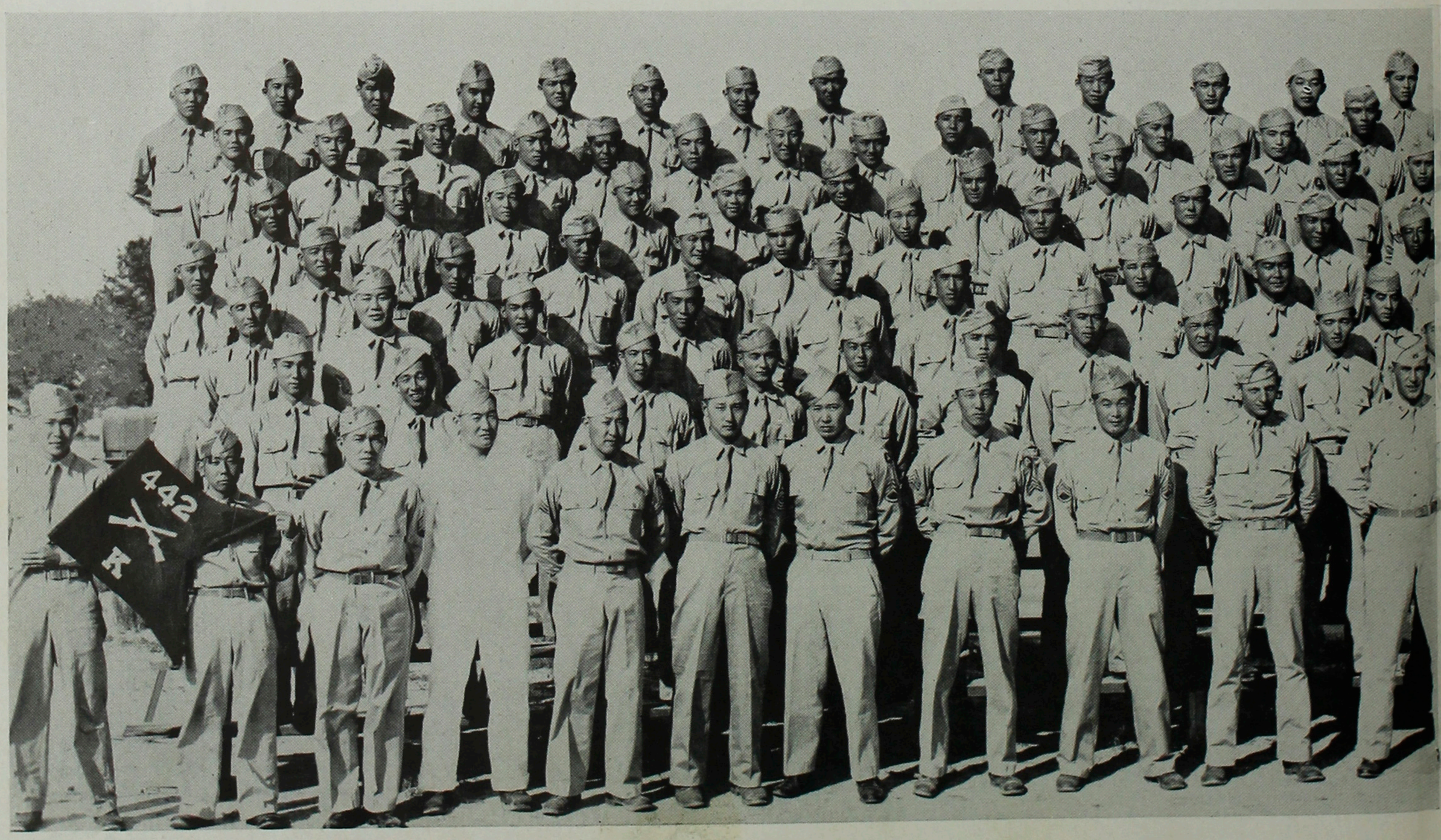

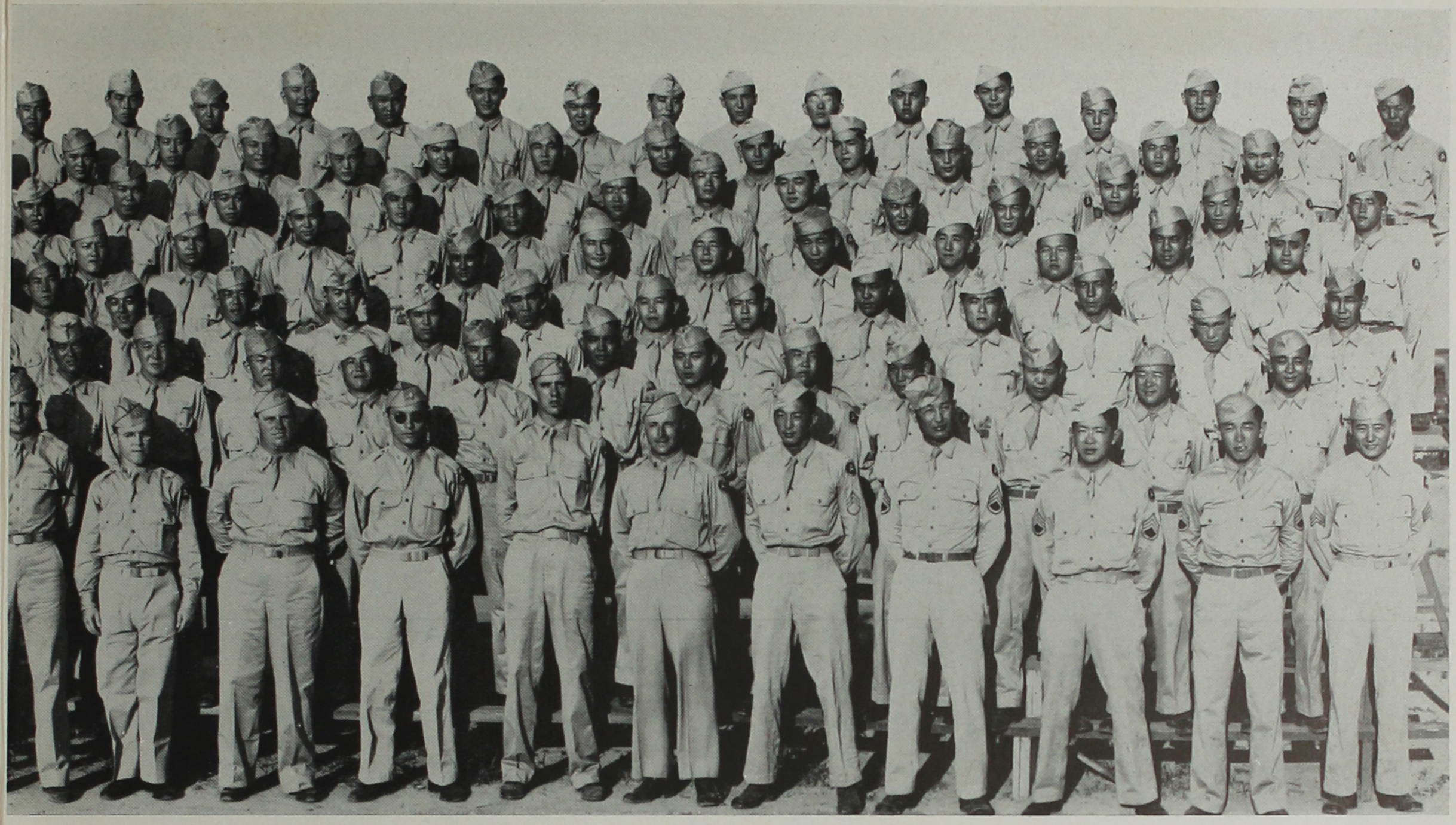

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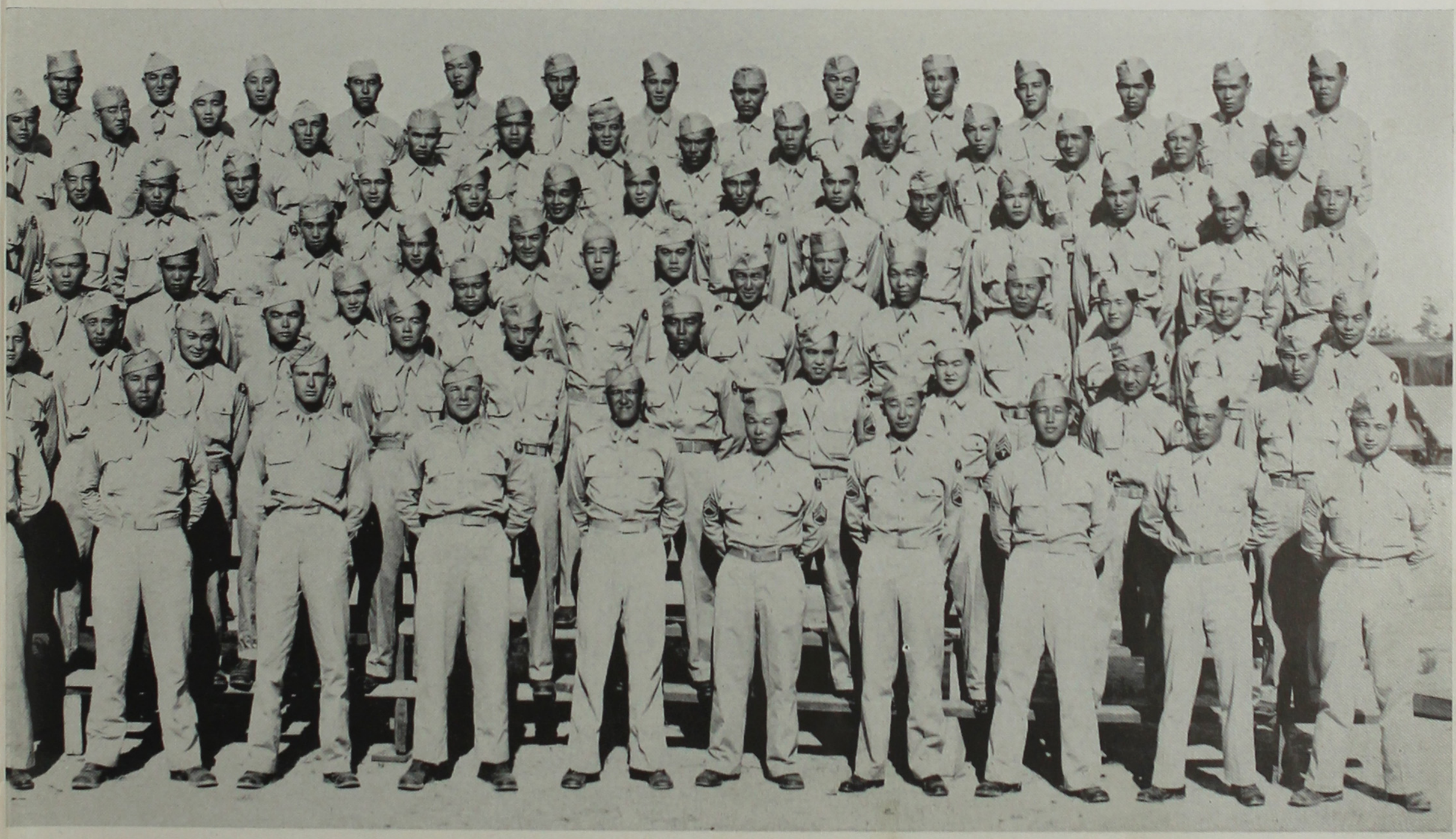

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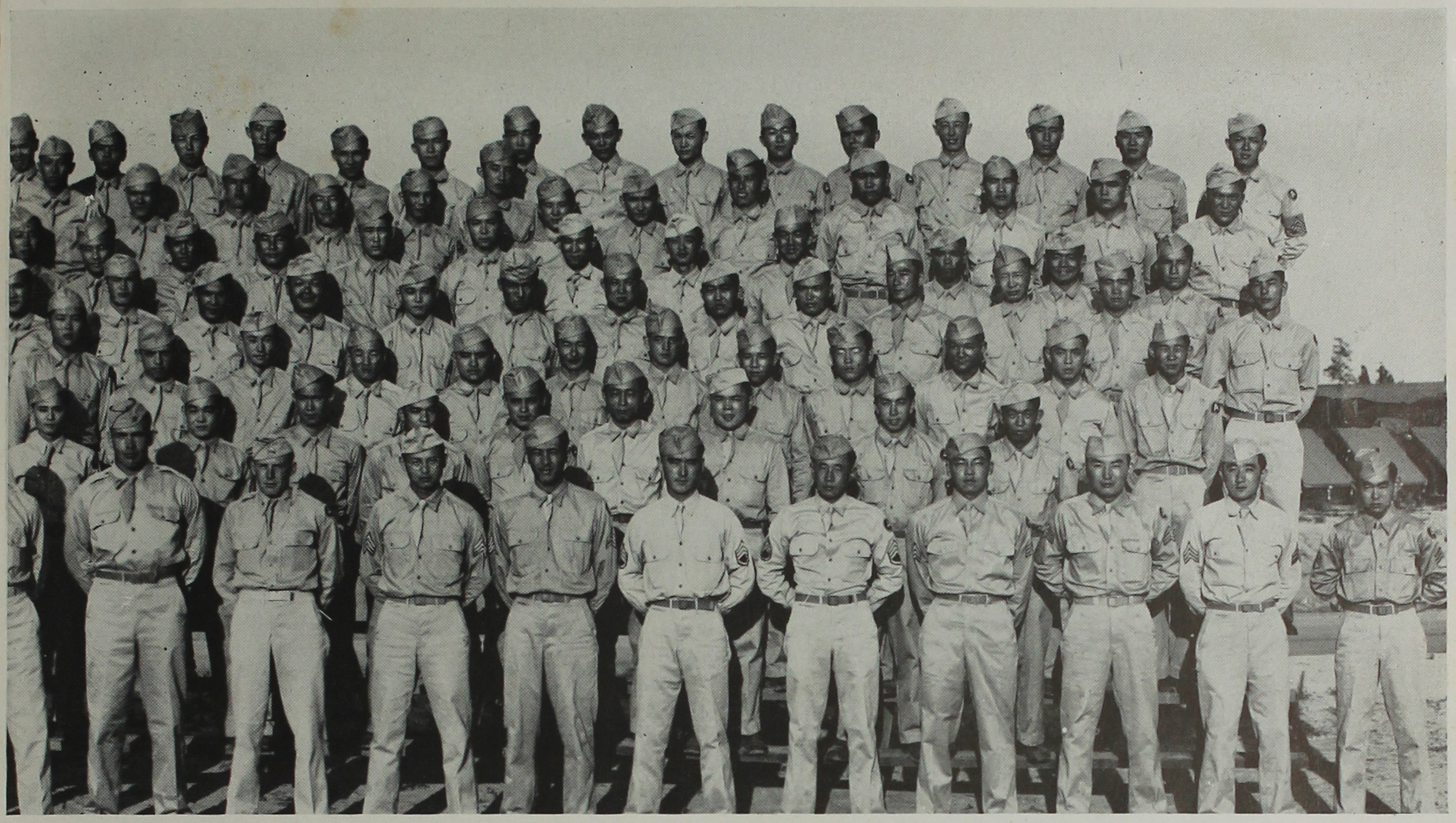

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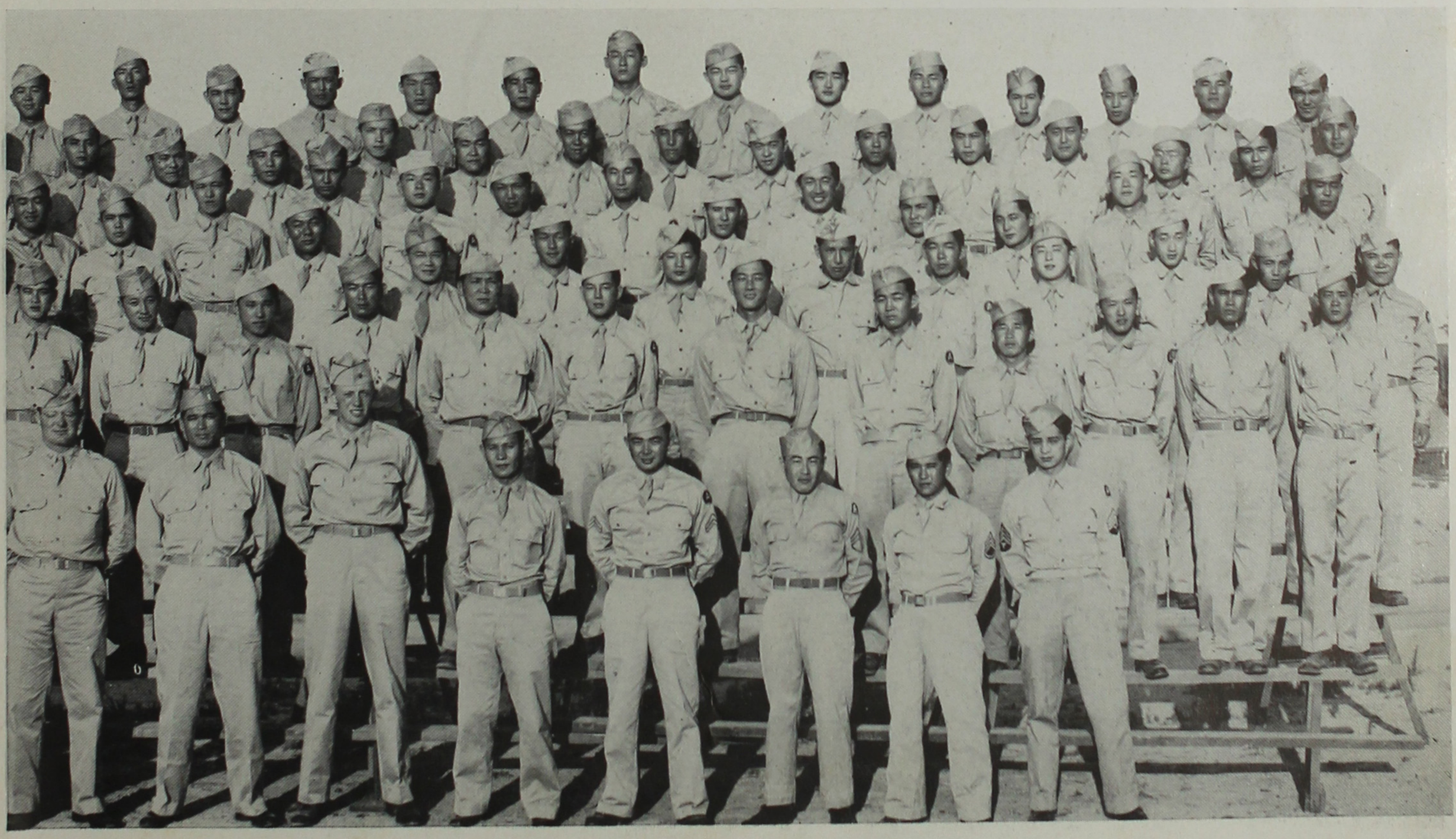
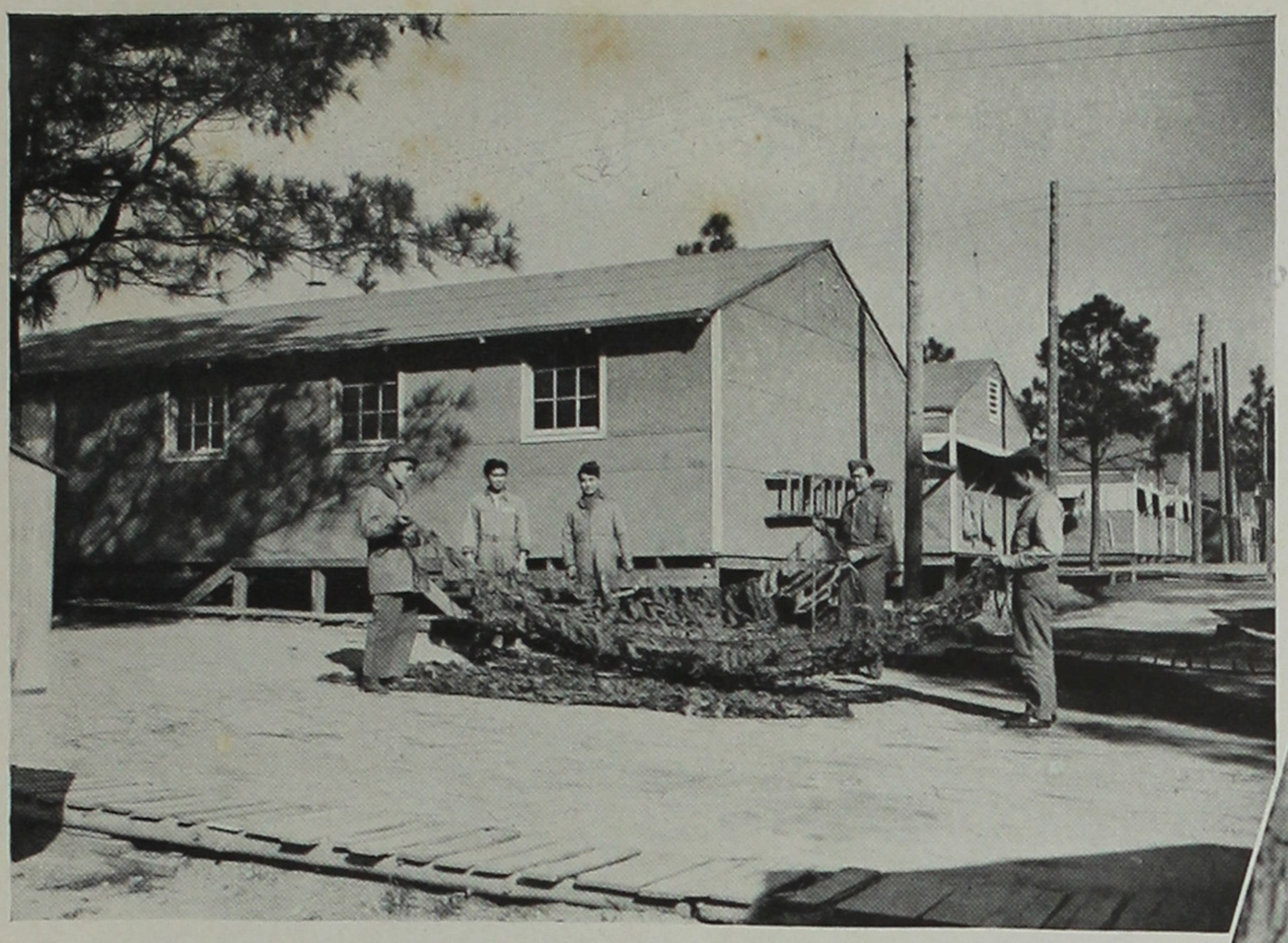


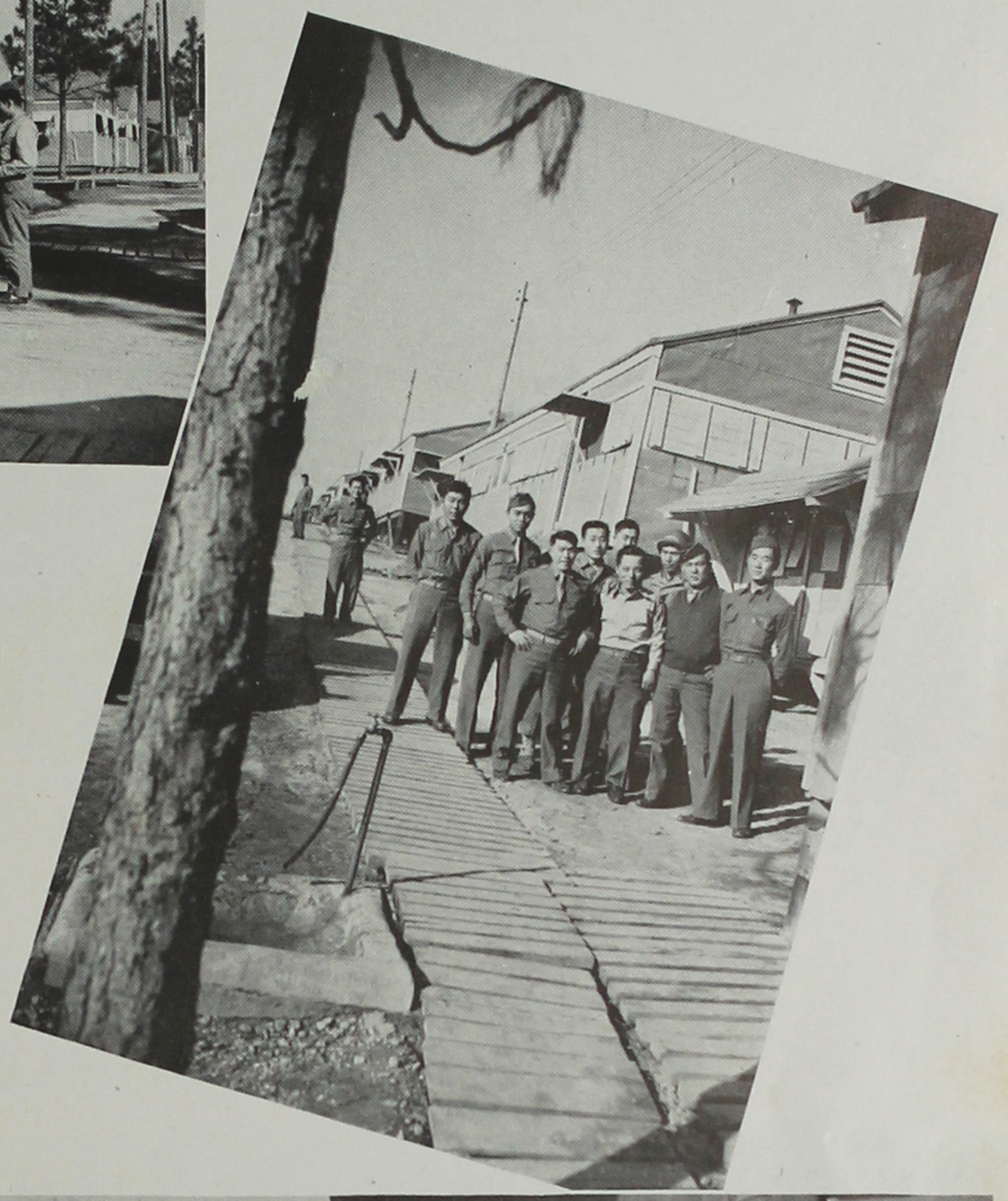
Counter Clockwise:

Fosing again, tsk, tsk.

The easiest way to clean the chimney.

The magazines are only props.





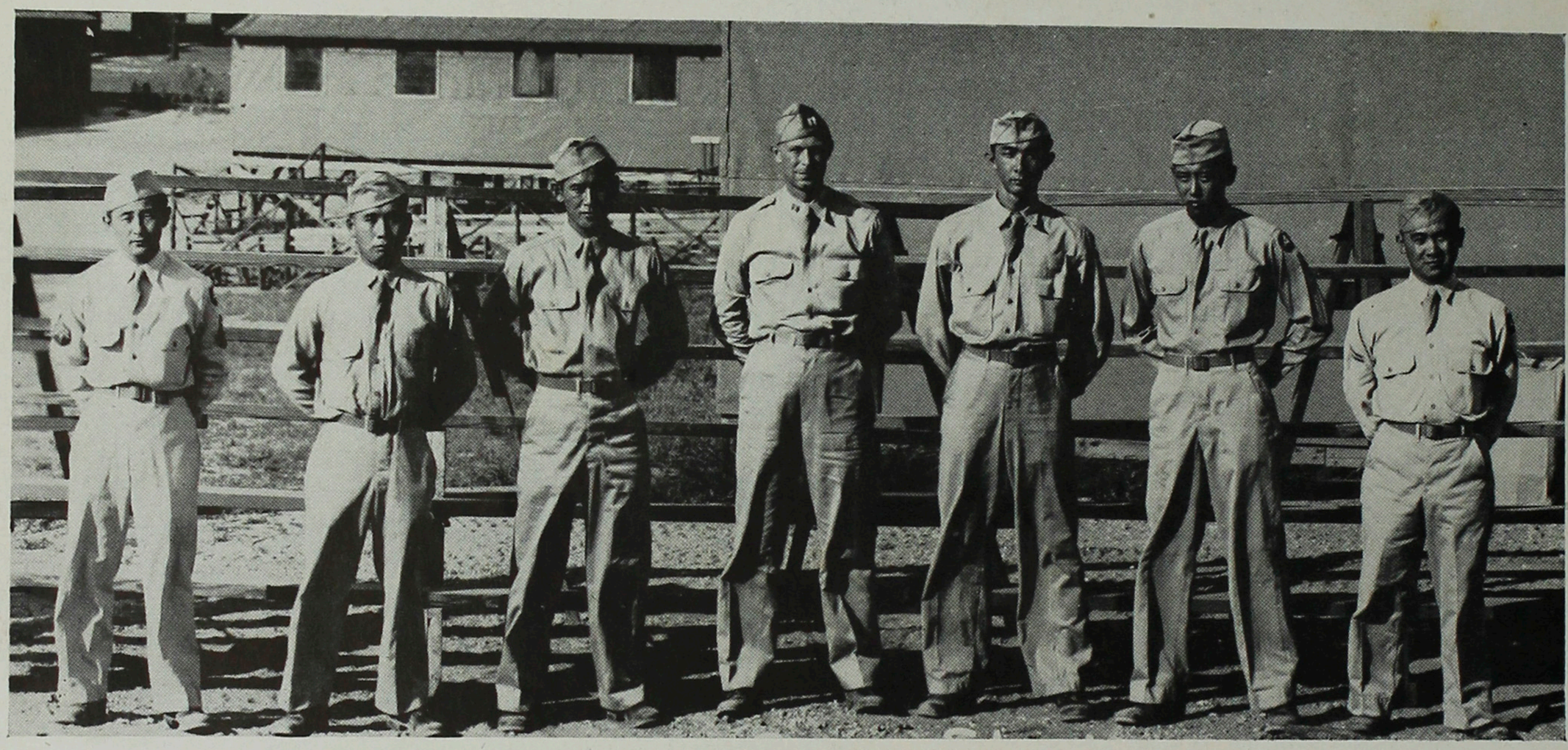
Clockwise:

The camouflage nets are aired.

A pictorial group pic.

Sunday is wash day for the boys.

522nd. FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



MEDICAL DETACHMENT

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

BATTALION STAFF: *First row, l to r.:* Lt. Col. Harrison, Maj. Wright. *Second row:* Capt. Johnson, Capt. Taylor, Capt. Fryburger, Capt. Kimura, Lt. Barnhill. *Third row:* Lt. James, Lt. Meeny, Lt. Eastman, Lt. Harada, Lt. Woolner, (unidentified), Mr. Jinbo, C.W.O.

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

"A" BATTERY

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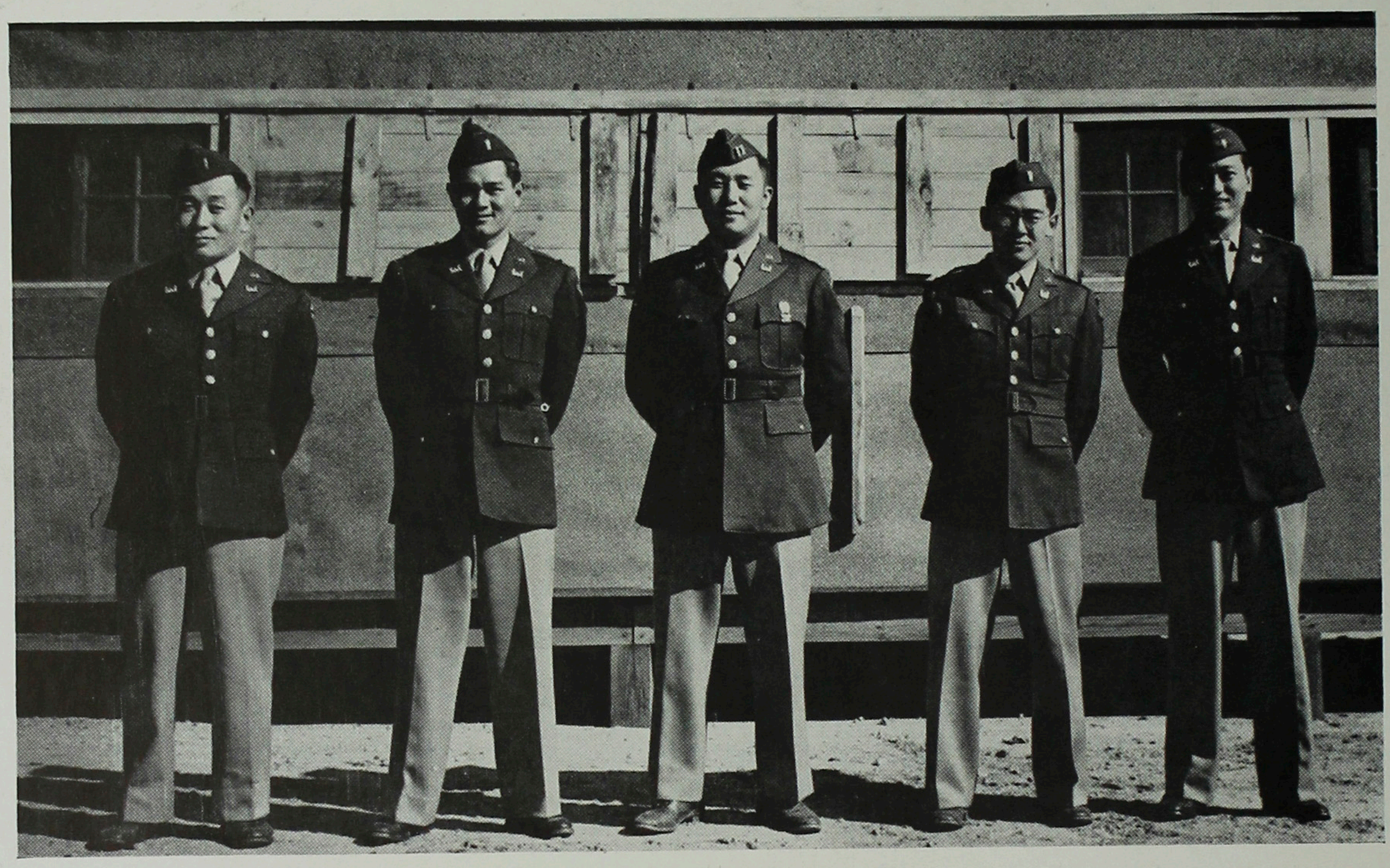
232nd. COMBAT ENGINEERS



ENGINEERS STAFF: *l. to r.:* Lt. George Nagai, Lt. Walter Matsumoto, Capt. Pershing Nakada, Lt. Peter Iwatsu, Lt. Francis Fujita, (missing from picture—Lt. Gilbert Kobataka, Lt. Yoshiharu Tsuji).

ENGINEER COMPANY

Engineers planting Nitro-starch on bridge.

The bridge is ready to be blown up when the plunger is pushed down.

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Camera HI-LITES

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PUBLICATION:

Work started on the ALBUM on November 21 and a month later the staff's major work was completed. The average working day was 14 hours, seven days a week. The staff was made up of the following: Chaplains Masao Yamada and Hiro Higuchi, advisors; S/Sgt. Larry Mizuno, editor; Pfc. Larry Sakamoto, associate editor; Cpl. Sam Sasai, business manager; Sgt. Edward Yamada, artist; Pvt. Edward Sato, artist; Pvt. Shinkichi Tajiri, artist.

ART STAFF: Pvt. E. Sato, Pvt. S. Tajiri, Sgt. E. Yamada.

First row, l. to r.: Duke Wataya, M. Higuchi, Roku Imaoka, Henry Kirihara, Larry Shigeyasu, Mamo Morita, Kenneth Tsuneshiro. *Second row:* M. Yogi, T. Nakahara, Lt. Gilbert, Mr. Earl Finch, Col. Pence, Lt. Watt, Clarence Oka, S. Tanaka. *Third row:* Fred Kameda, Richard Yoshimura, Richard Uto, T. Beppu, J. Miyamoto, G. Kashiwaba, I. Kamikawa, G. Kashi.

Mr. Earl Finch, Hattiesburg businessman, is shown receiving an autographed baseball from the members of the baseball team.

BASEBALL

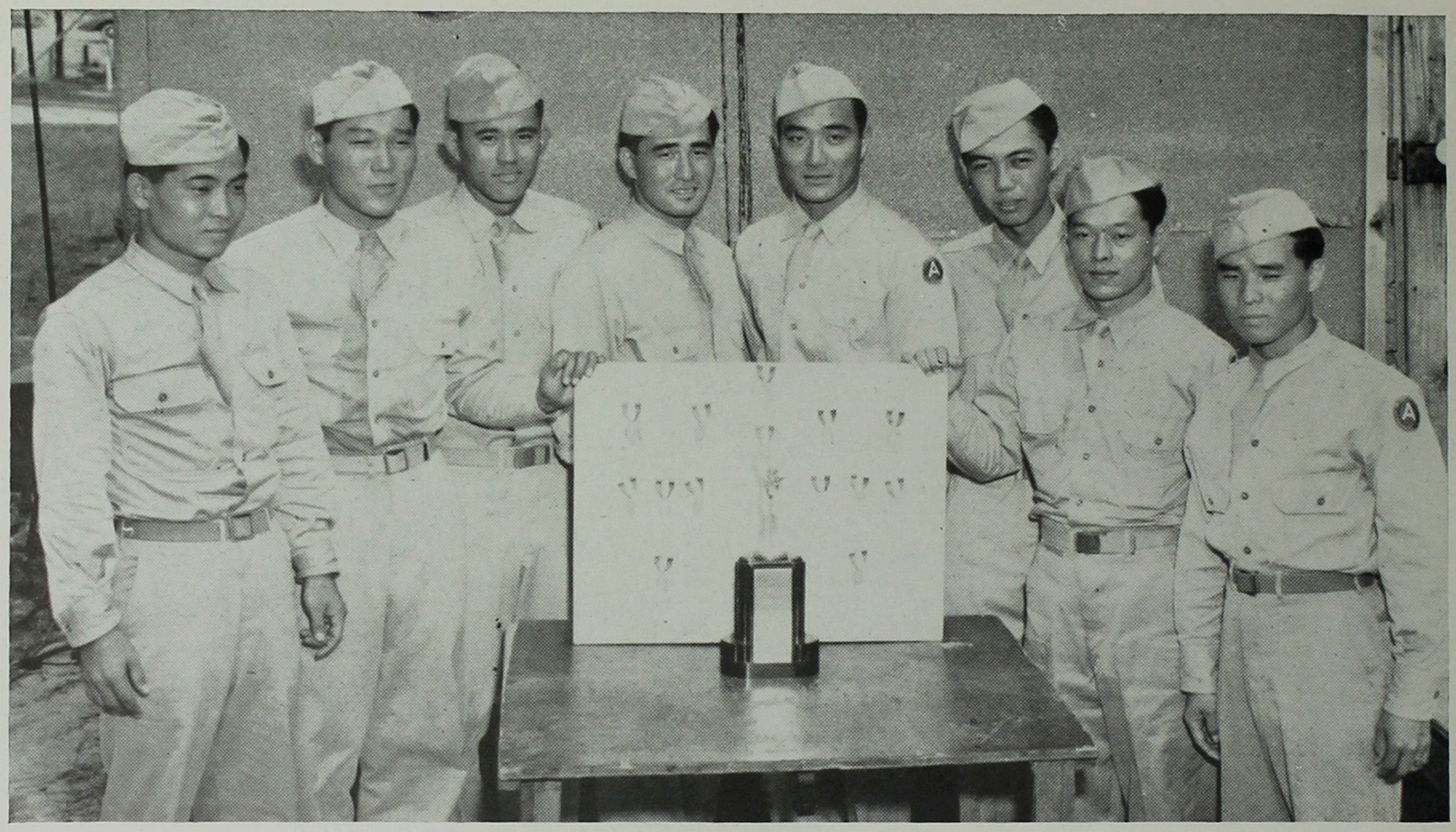
The 442nd Infantry baseball team had a very successful season by completing its schedule with two championships. The first championship was attained when the 442nd defeated the 631st Tank Destroyers in the Non-Divisional League by 2-1. This victory gave the winning team the right to play the champions of the Divisional League for the post championship. The 273rd Infantry of the 69th Division won the title in the latter league.

In the Non-Divisional League, the 442nd won 12 games and lost one. The final game against the 631st was exciting. The score stood 1-1 and both teams were playing superb ball. Then 'Savage' Tanaka came to bat but he had yet to make good. One came to his liking and so smashed at the horsehide savagely. The ball soared far out into the outfield. It was a homer and the game ended 2-1 in our favor.

The post championship game thrilled the onlookers. 273rd Infantry started off with two runs in the first canto. This looked insurmountable to the boys. But with the 'Go for Broke' attitude, they rallied in the third and fourth innings to tie the score, 2-2.

After the first inning, Lefty Higuchi settled down and for the rest of the game held the opponents to only five hits and struck out eight batters. The game moved into the 7th. It was our team's turn at bat. The first man was put out. Wataya, the next batter, picked a good ball and singled. It was now or never. Kashiwaeda knew this. He let two fast balls pass and on the next pitch, he swung with a definite purpose. The ball went out of reach of the outfielder and he pounded around the diamond, following Wataya, to score a home run. The two runs cinched the game and also the championship.

Maj. Gen. Charles L. Bolte of the 69th Division presented our team with the championship trophy. Mr. Earl Finch also presented another trophy.



Left to right: Mike Mizuki, John Tsukano, Charles Oda, Takashi Hirose, Francis Tanaka, Joe Yasuda, Tom Tanaka, Robert Iwamoto.

SWIMMING

Scoring a high 53 points to its nearest rival's 17, the 442nd Combat Team swimmers carried away the team championship trophy and 16 medals from the Southern AAU Swimming Meet which was held in New Orleans on August 24-25. The team represented Camp Shelby.

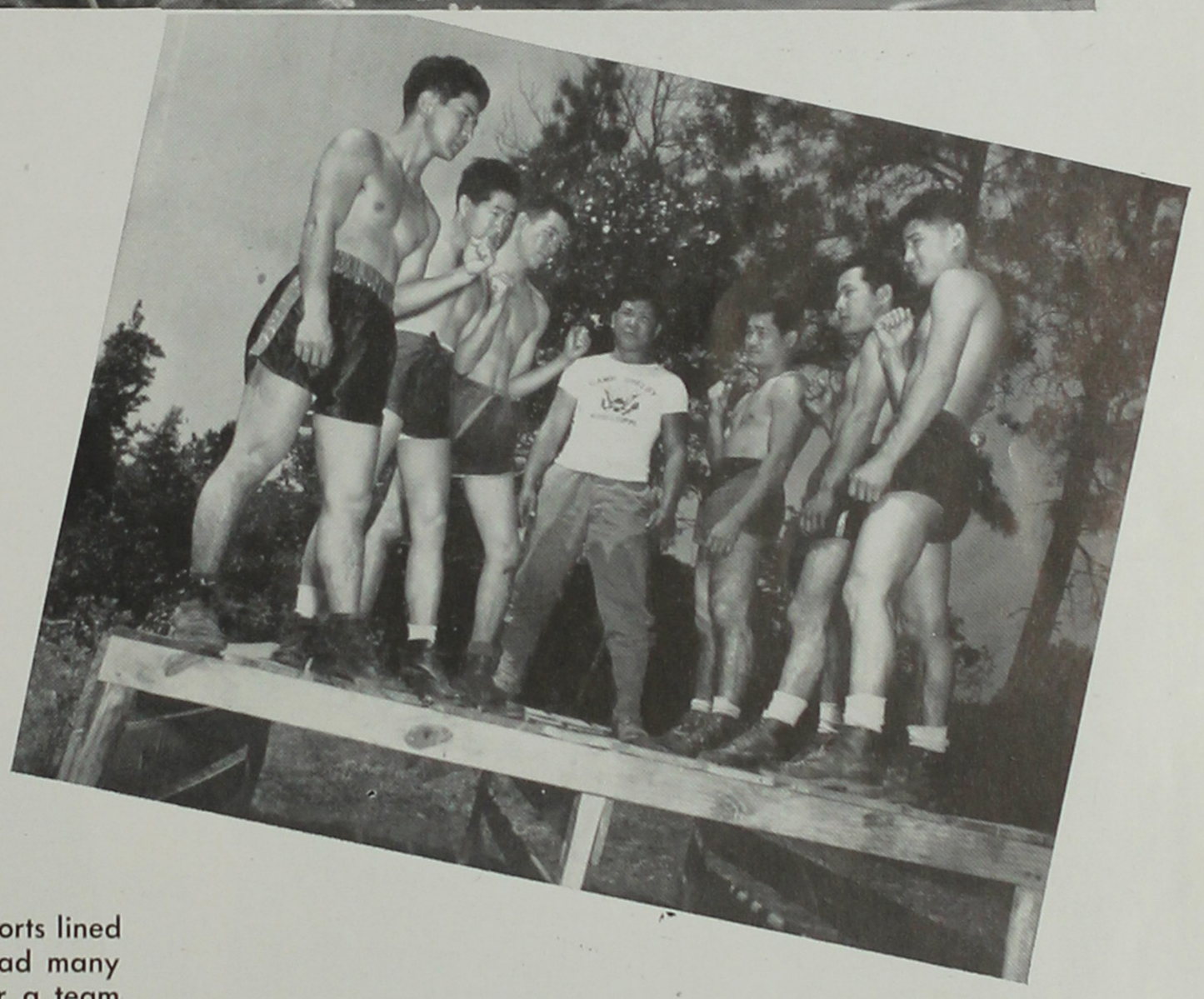
Takashi Hirose, former National AAU champion, paced the Combat Team by splashing his way to first places in the 100 and 50 yards free style events. John Tsukano came through in fine style by winning the 100-yard breaststroke. Two more first places were garnered by the team when they won the 225-yard and 300-yard medley events.

The other members of the team took enough second and third places in the various events to hike the score to 53 points. The boys participated in practically every event and they made an excellent showing. This can be attested by the 16 medals they brought back with them.

Top notch swimmers comprised the team. They all participated in either the Hawaiian AAU or the National AAU meets. Takashi Hirose, team leader, became a champion in the National AAU meet in 1939 and was therefore picked as a member of the All-America team which toured the principal cities of Europe. Charlie Oda was a versatile member of Maui's famed Alexander House. He came over with the Hawaiian AAU team to St. Louis, Missouri, and took part in the National Meet in 1941.

Another famed swimmer is John Tsukano. A Maui product, he was the Hawaiian AAU Junior back and breaststroke champion. Francis Tanaka and Robert Iwamoto, formerly with the Hui Makani Club, added to the team's laurels. Tom Tanaka and Joe Yasuda also participated in many swimming meets in Hawaii.

First row, l. to r.: Wallace Fukeda, Roy Nakamine, Lt. Smith, Ray Murata, Maynard Umeda, James Hayashi. *Second row:* Wallace Nagao, Henry Oshiro, Kenji Nobori, Andrew Hoshijo, Ben Inakazu, Masao Onaga. *Third row:* Kazumi Taosaka, Richard Chinen, Shangy Tsukano, Tsuneshi Maruo, Joe Matsunaga, Richard Kato.



Left to right: A. Hoshijo, W. Nagao, R. Kato, K. Nobori, R. Chinen, H. Oshiro, T. Maruo.

BOXING

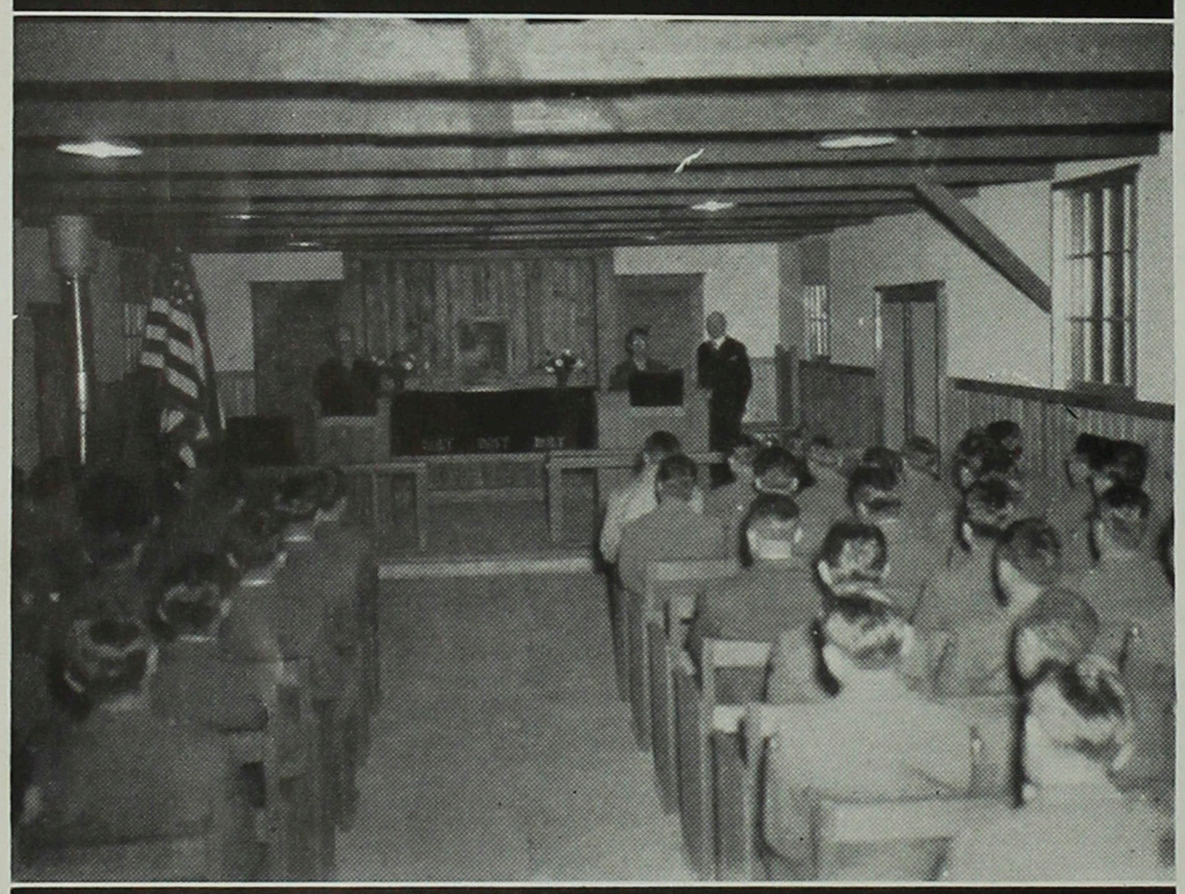
Athletic minded Camp Shelby had numerous sports lined up and boxing was not to be left out. 442nd had many boxers in their midst therefore tentative plans for a team were formulated.

Lt. Roger Smith was put in charge of the team and two outstanding boxers were chosen as coaches. Ken Nobori and Richard Chinen had hung up enviable records in their prime which made them natural choices for the coaching jobs. Ken Nobori was the 1940 Hawaiian AAU middleweight champion while Richard Chinen was a colorful bantam and became the foremost boxer of his class in Hawaii.

When the call for boxers was made, many outstanding fighters signed up. The nucleus of the team was strong in experience with Henry Oshiro, Shangy Tsukano, Fat Onaga, Andy Hoshijo and Dick Kato on the roster. Many other experienced boxers augmented the team.

Dick Kato was the All-Schofield Barracks middleweight champ in 1942, and Joe Matsunaga was runner-up in the 112-pound class. Tsune Maruo was the undefeated bantam champ in Hawaii. Other outstanding fighters were Roy Nakamine, Maui and CYO bantam king; Tom Umeda, CYO featherweight crown holder; Shangy Tsukano, Hawaii's welterweight champ; Henry Oshiro, Hawaiian AAU and CYO champ in 1941; Masa Onaga, three time champ in the CYO boxing tournament; and Andy Hoshijo, All-Schofield title holder.

The team was made up of approximately 20 boxers and they were sure to take a few of the titles in Camp Shelby's boxing tourney.



Counter clockwise:

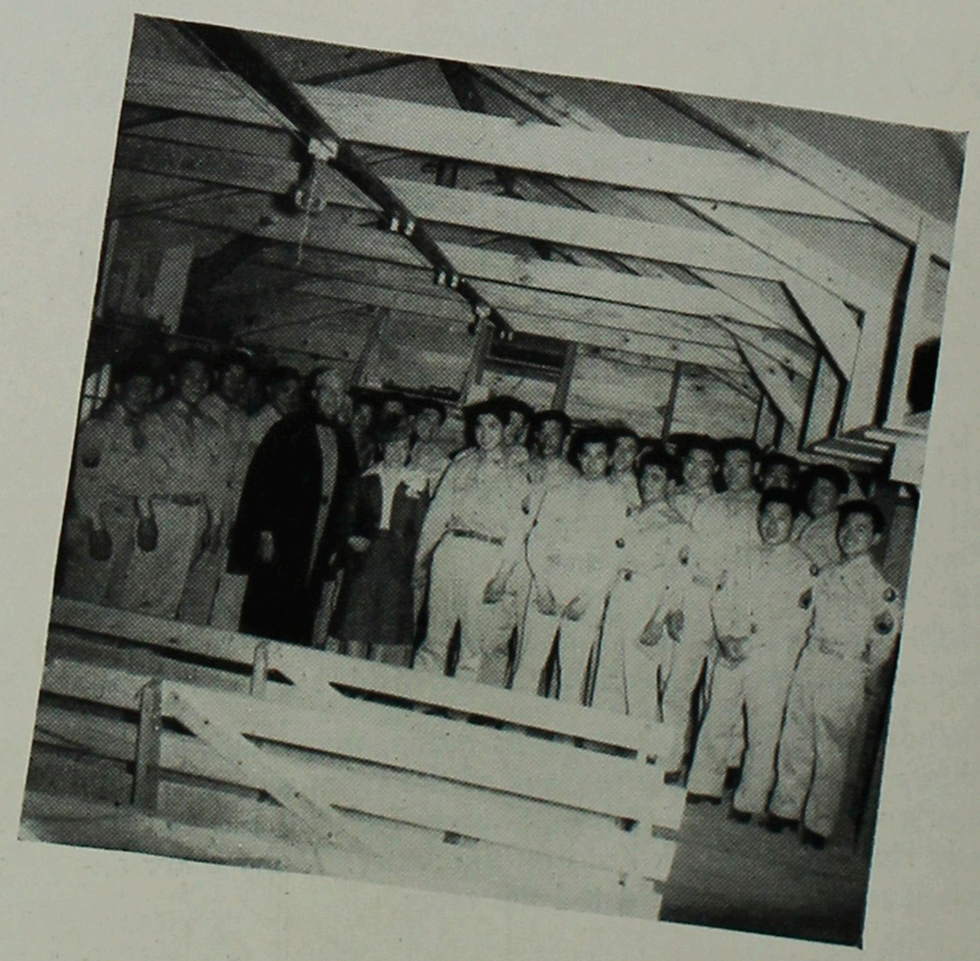
Chaplains West and Higuchi caught by our camera in an informal discussion with guest speaker, Rev. Herron Smith, of California.

Church services on Sundays are well attended.

Interior scene of our chapel.

Overlooking the pulpit during service.

Newlyweds pose with Chaplain West and well wishers.



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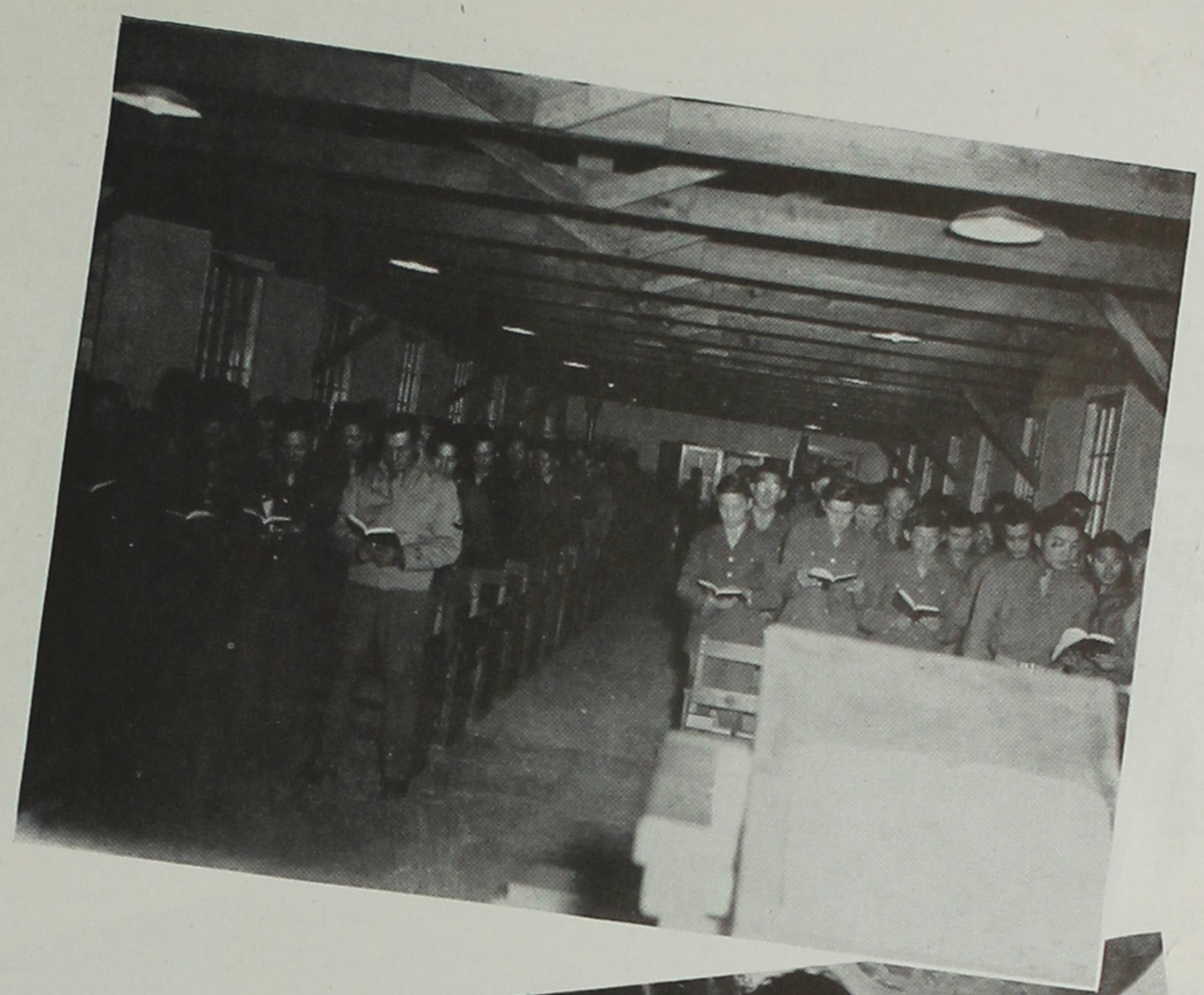
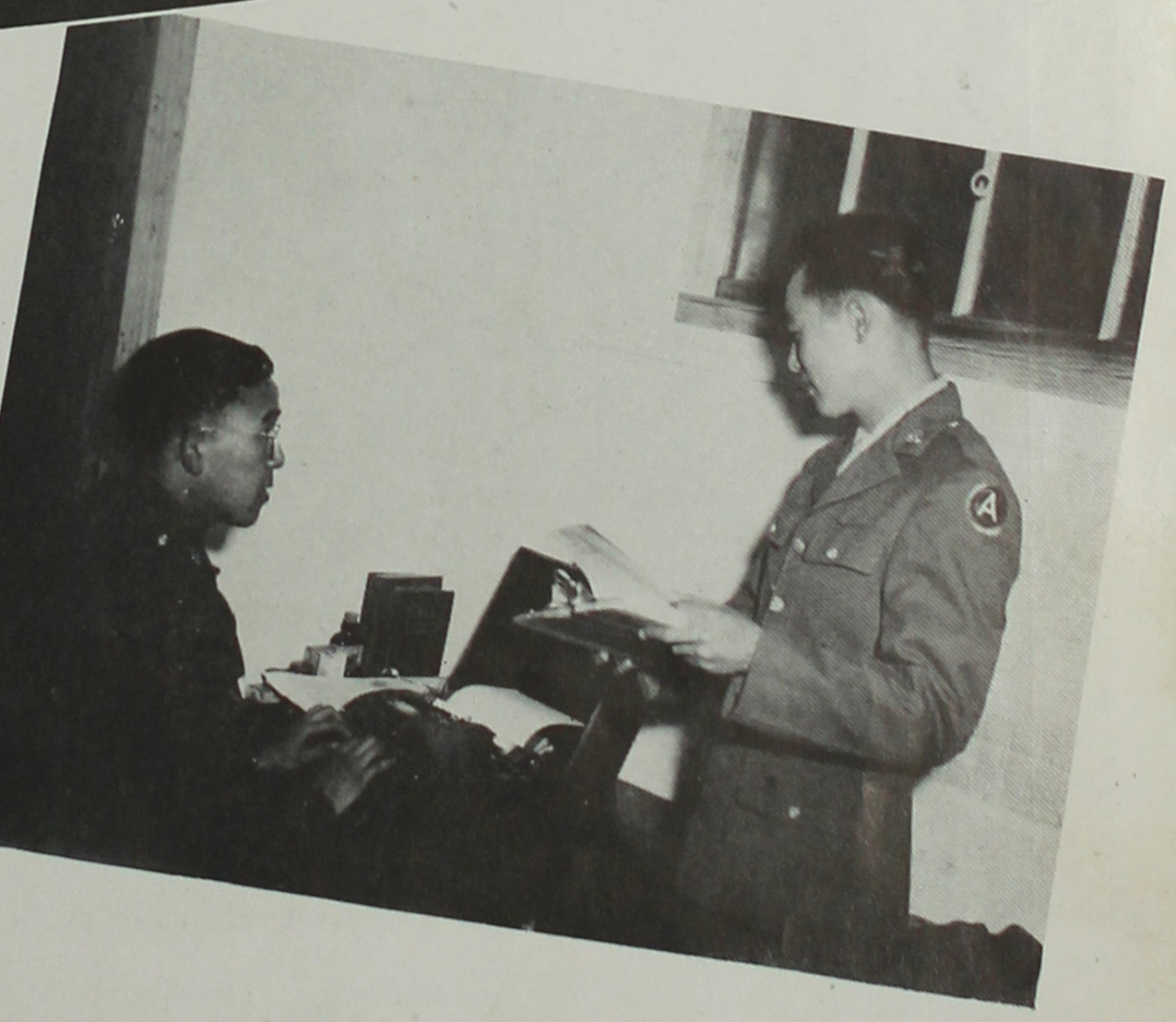


Group singing of hymns.

Soldier relates furlough experiences to chaplain.

Cpl. R. Kubo and Pvt. M. Yamato, diligent assistants of the chaplains.

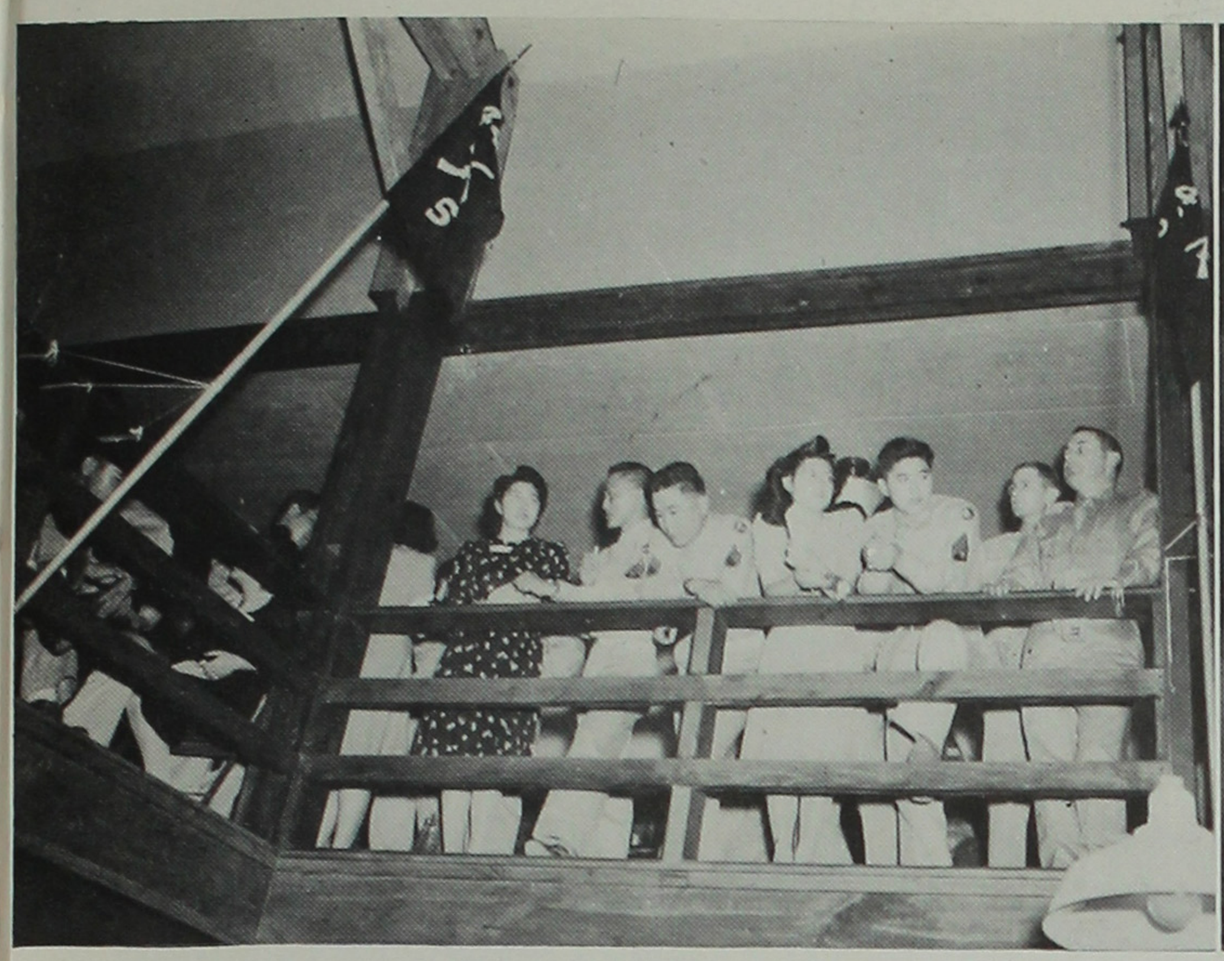


Capt. and Mrs. P. Nakada receive guests at their wedding.

'296th' jive cooking with double-burners.

Happy couples dancing under guidons.

Grand March at a regimental dance in the Service Club.



Clockwise:

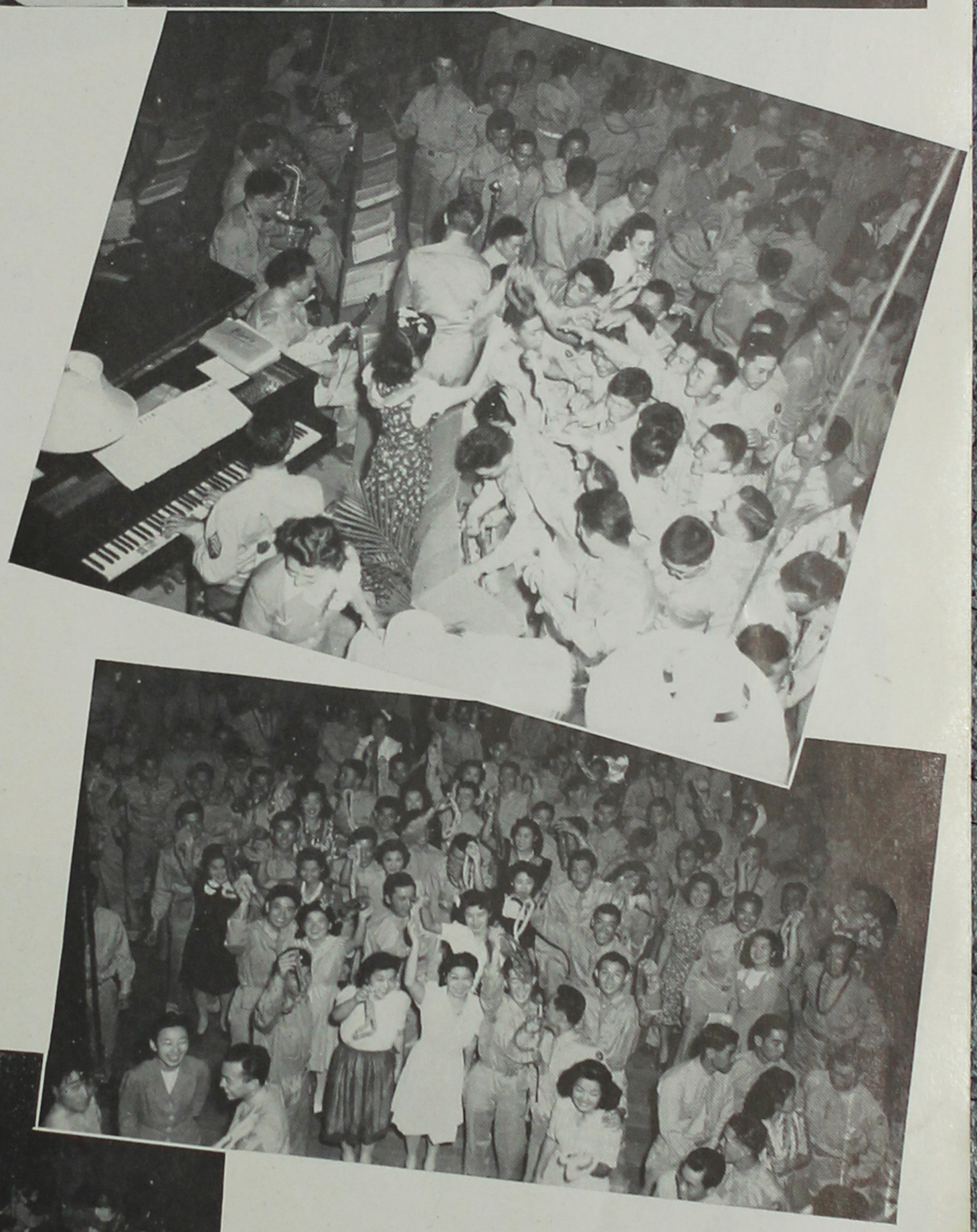
Balcony spectators taking it easy.

Smiling subjects make a good pic.

Anxious outstretched hands — catch the paper leis.

Having a wonderful time, wish you were here.

Candid shot of dancers on floor.



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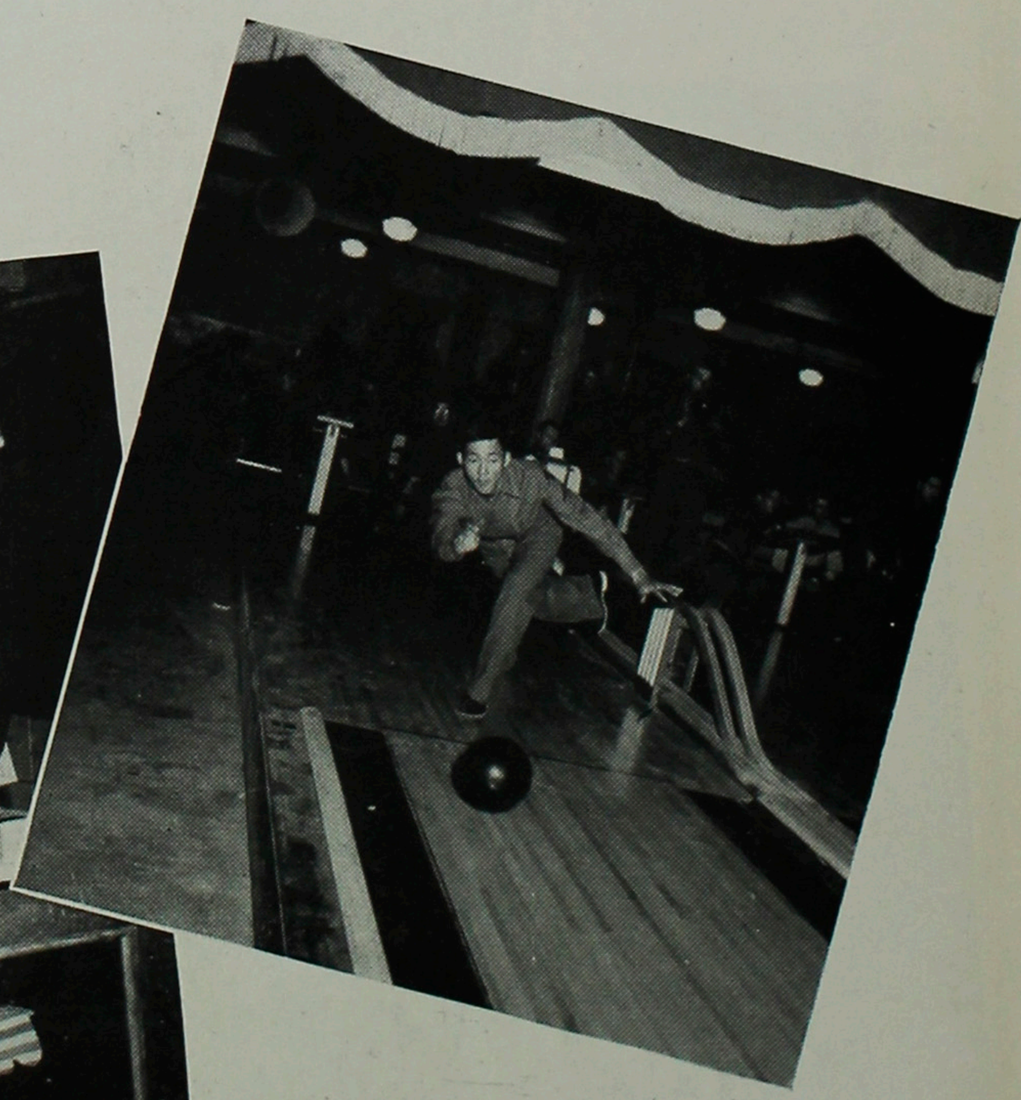
Behind the eight ball in Service Club.

Strawberry sundae, please . . .

Pin-ball machines take a beating.

Camp Exchange boasts flourishing business.

A strike?



Clockwise:

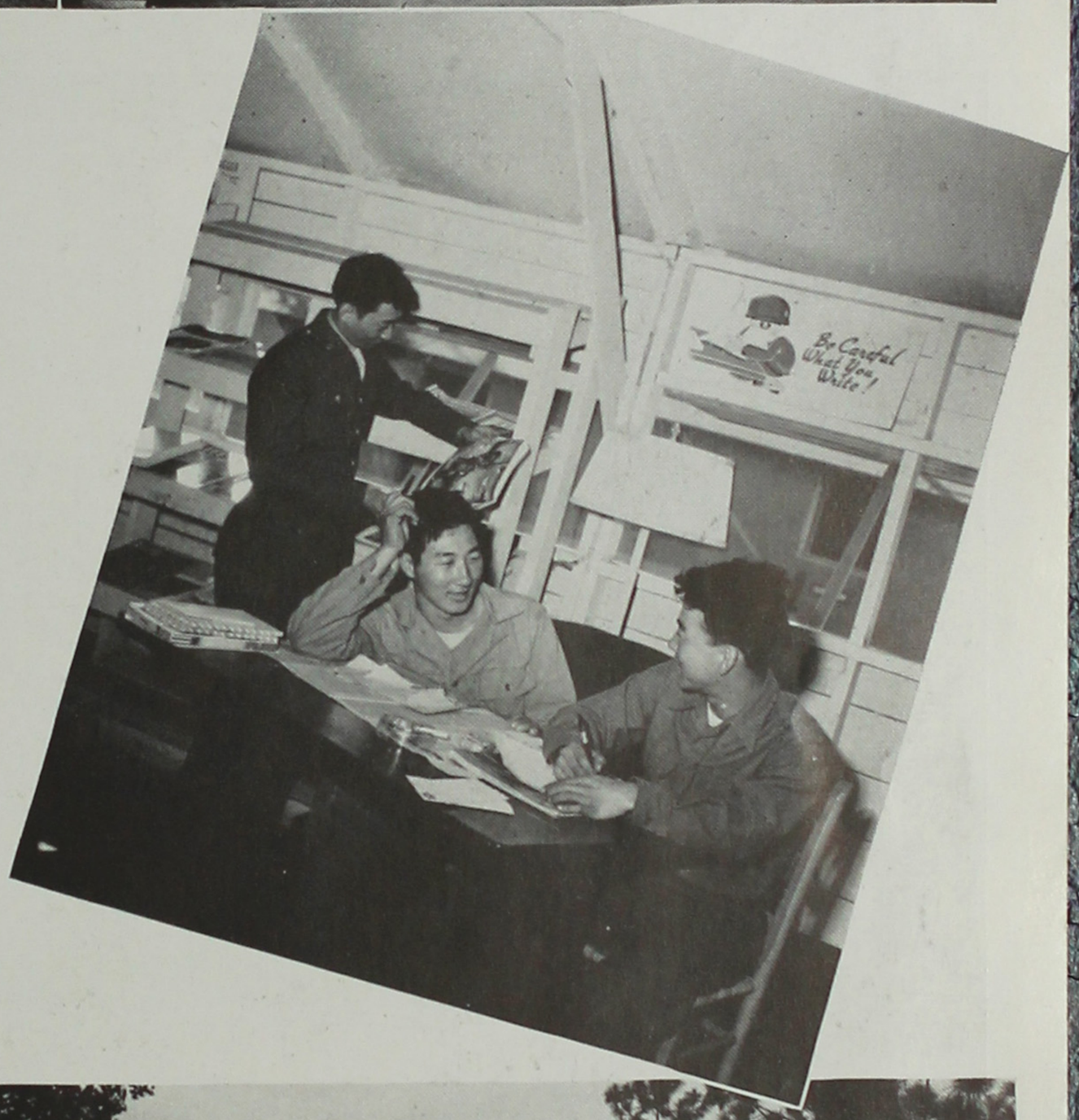
For officers only . . . Officers' Club.

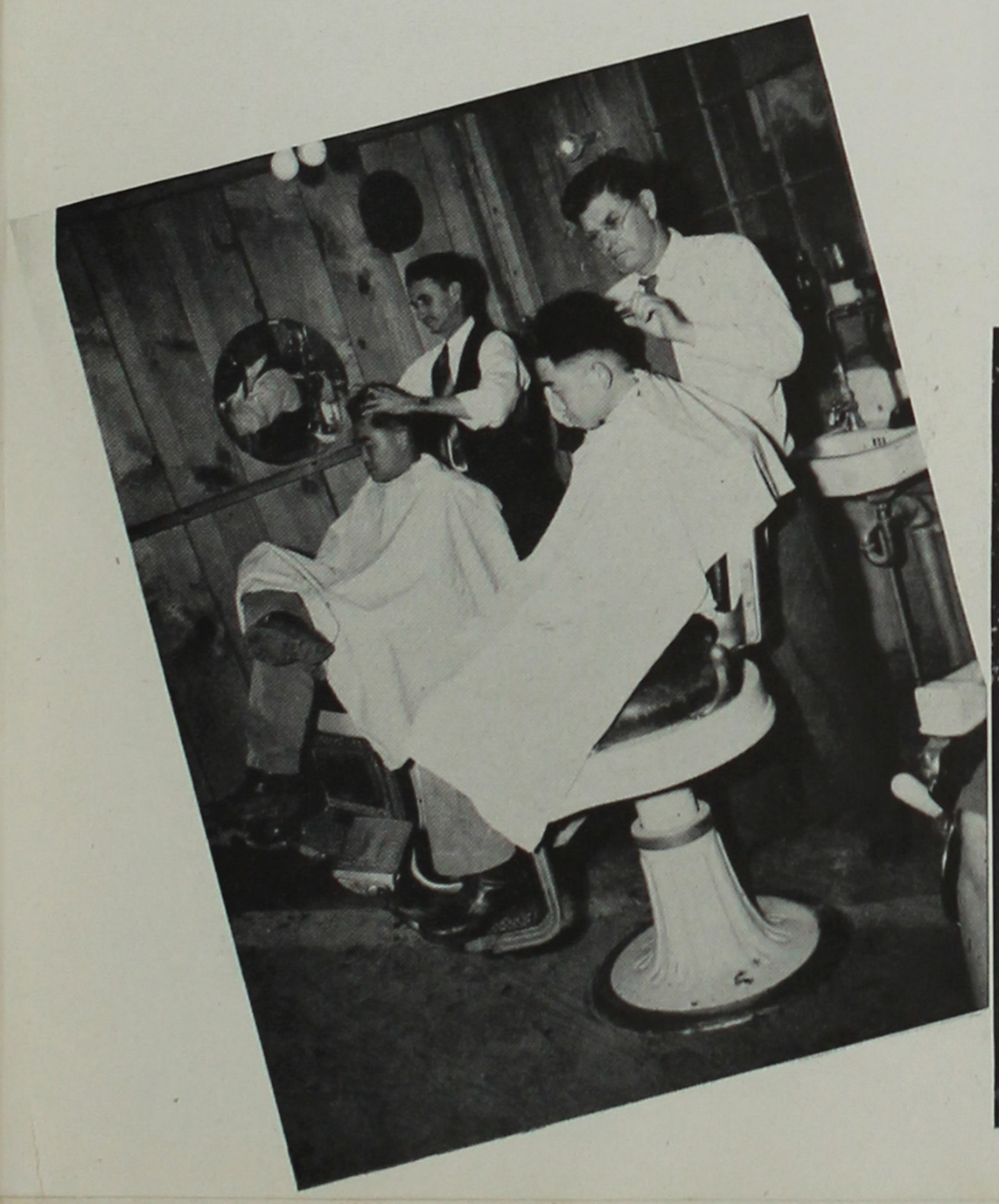
Fountain service for officers.

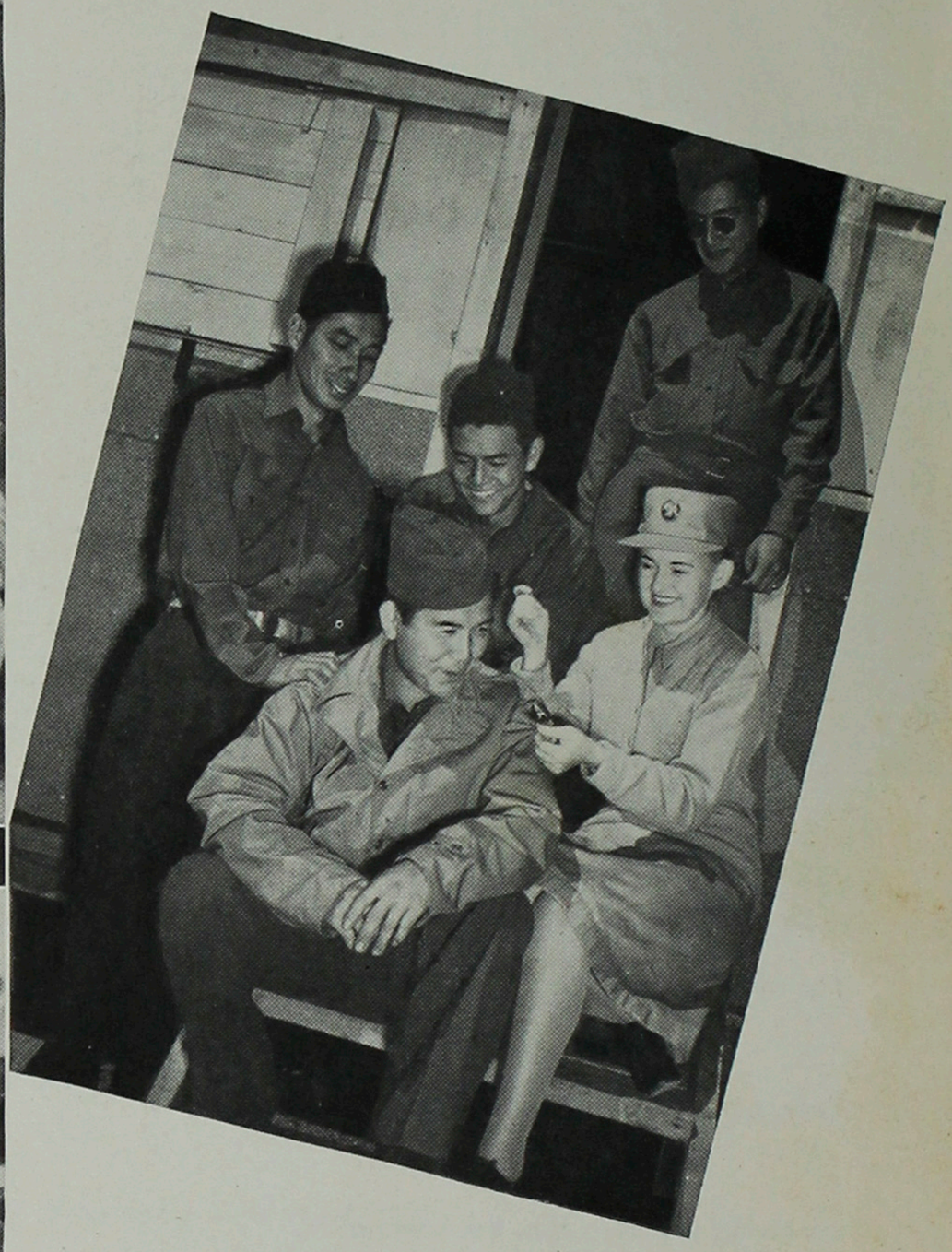
Receiving letters is fun, but writing???

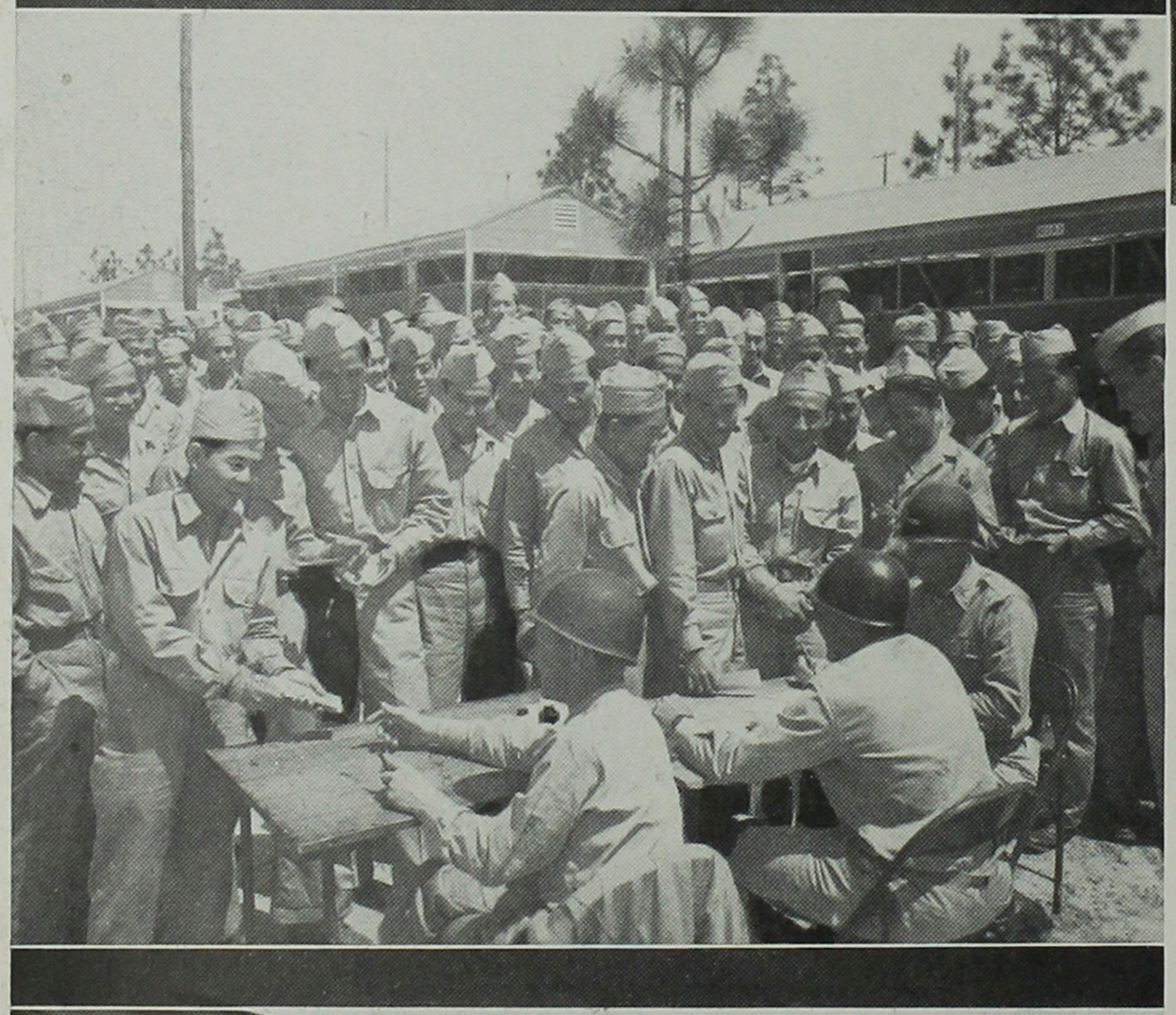
Knot tying lesson by U. S. sailor while soldiers and two British sailors look on.

PX barber shop mowin' 'em down.









Counter clockwise:

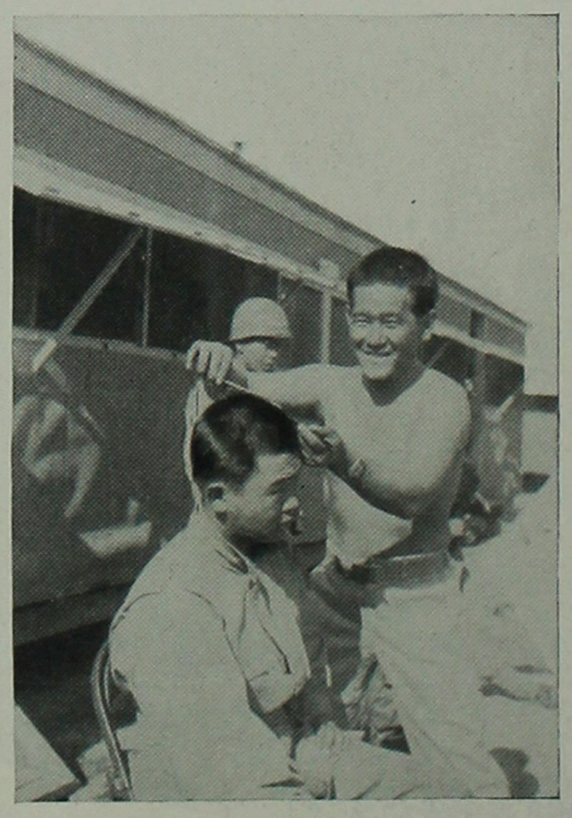
WAC Marie Darnby lends a helping hand.

Combat Team donates large sum to Hawaii's Polio Fund.

442nd C. T.'s another answer to the Axis —more War Bonds.

Former Hawaiian Pine workers receive gifts from Company.

'Dry run.'



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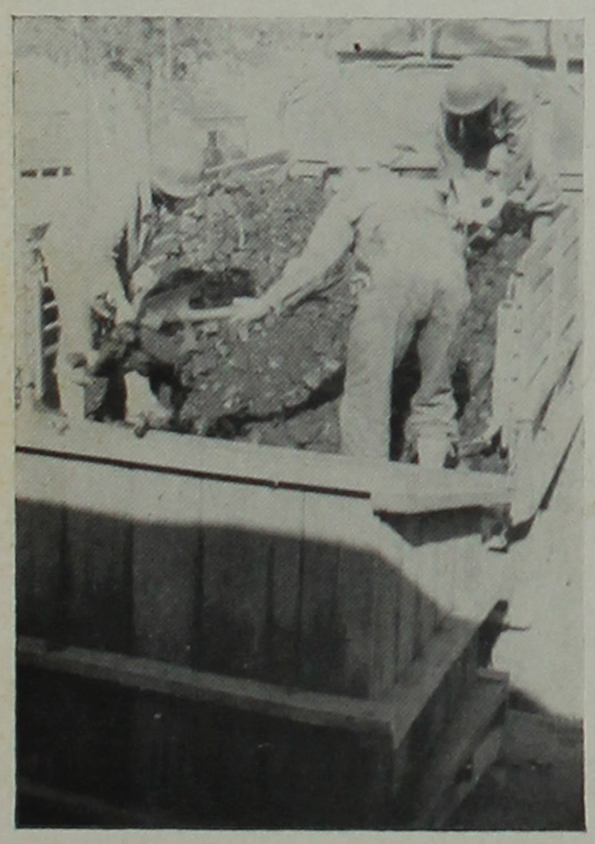
What? Waiting for the ball?

Water, water, give me amber water!

Getting ready for a rodeo at Rolfin Farm.

Impromptu boxing exhibition.

A nice, clean, fatigue detail.



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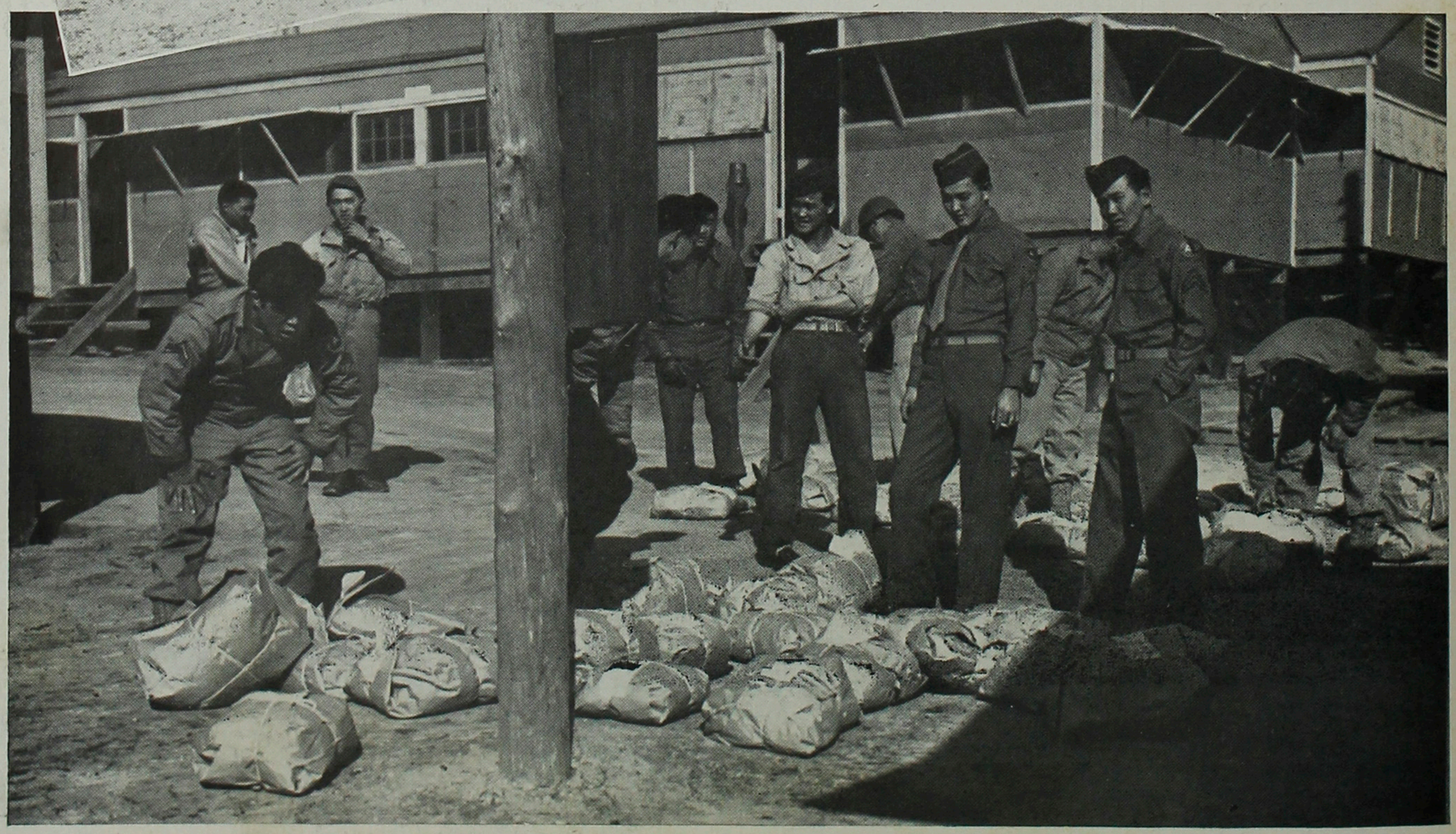
Time out for recreation . . . basketball.

Cleaning pots, et cetera, must be pleasant.

Hey! Where's my laundry?



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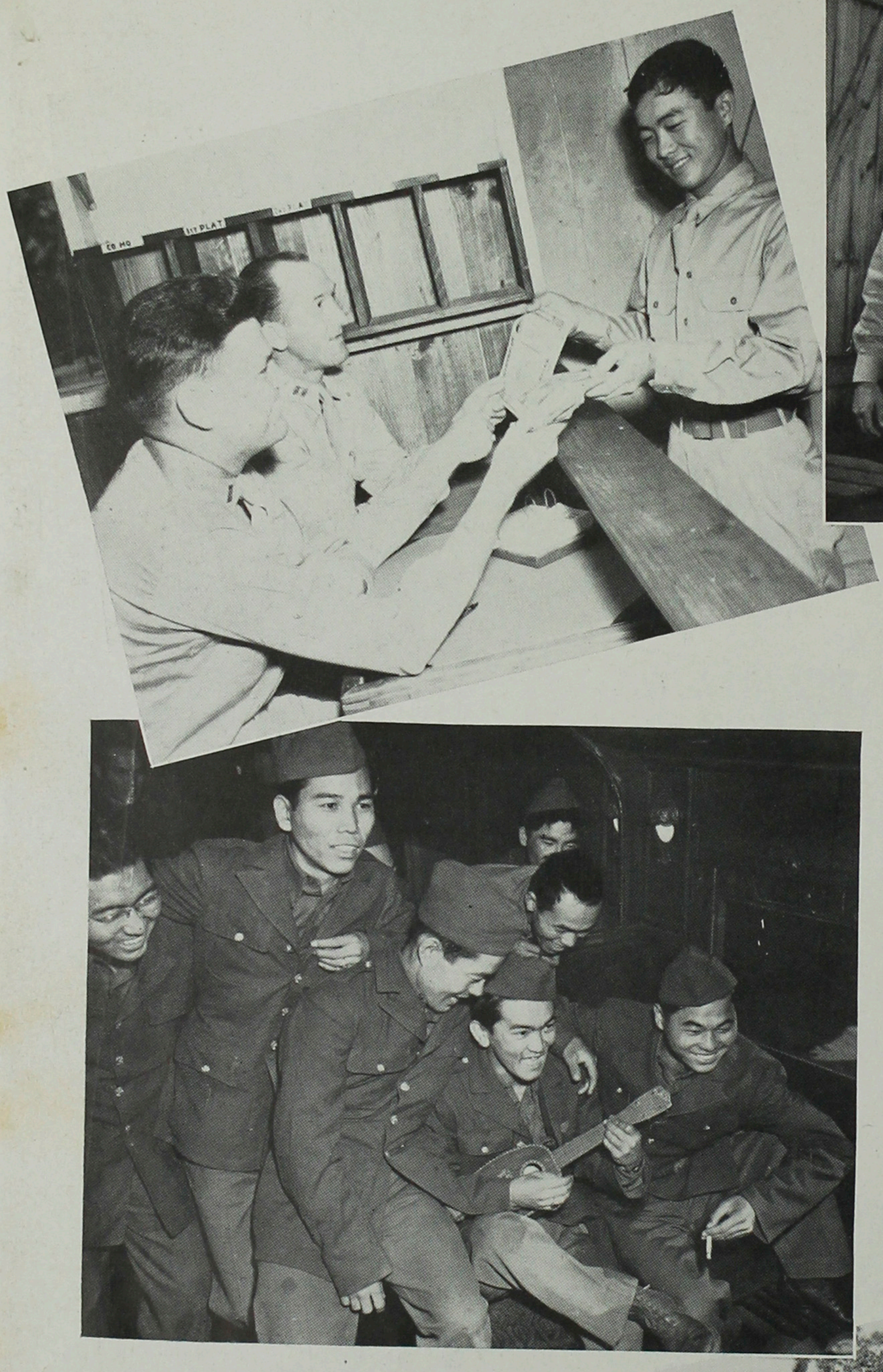
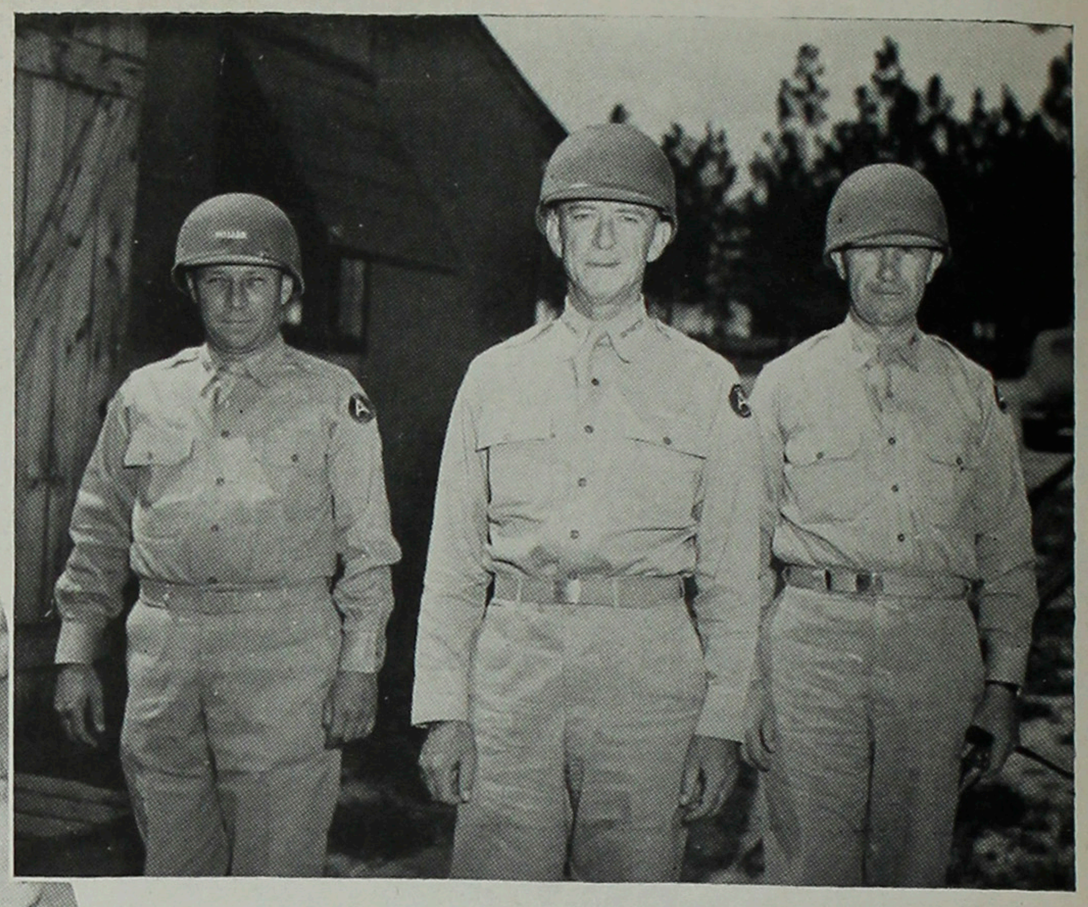
All right, get behind the line.

What's so interesting down there, guys?

Oops . . . missed!

Bingo party arranged by Mr. Harter.





Counter clockwise:

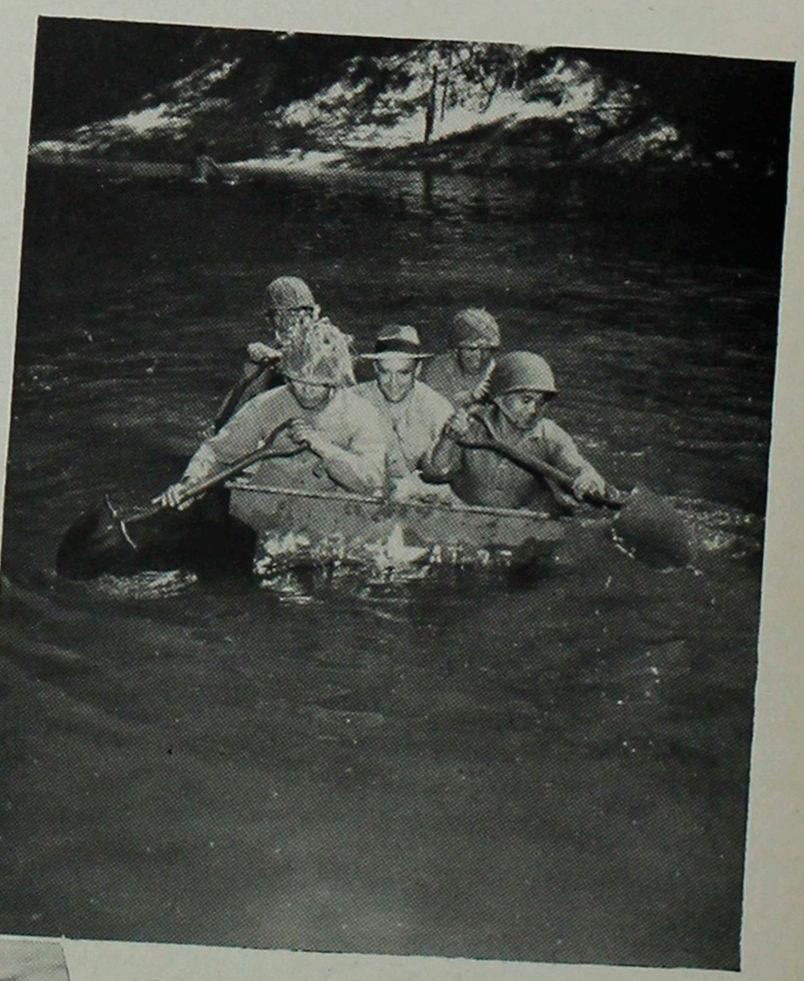
Lt. Gen. Hodges, Commanding General of the 3rd Army, starting on an inspection tour with Col. Pence and Lt. Col. Miller.

Buying War Bonds is a regular habit.

Let's go, gang, swing it.

Start of a week-end visit to nearby towns.

John Terry, newsman, is taken for a ride across a stream.



Clockwise:

Infiltration course was tough, gotta rest.

Boom-town days, 'way back when . . .

Dancing partners . . . 10 to 1.

First sight of ice skating at Rockefeller Center for Hawaii boys on furlough.

You give me a haircut. I'll cut yours.

Counter clockwise:

'Tis a good time to clean the stove.

Carpenter at work. Where's he?

Convalescents building model planes.

Just a group shot of the Anti-tank gang.

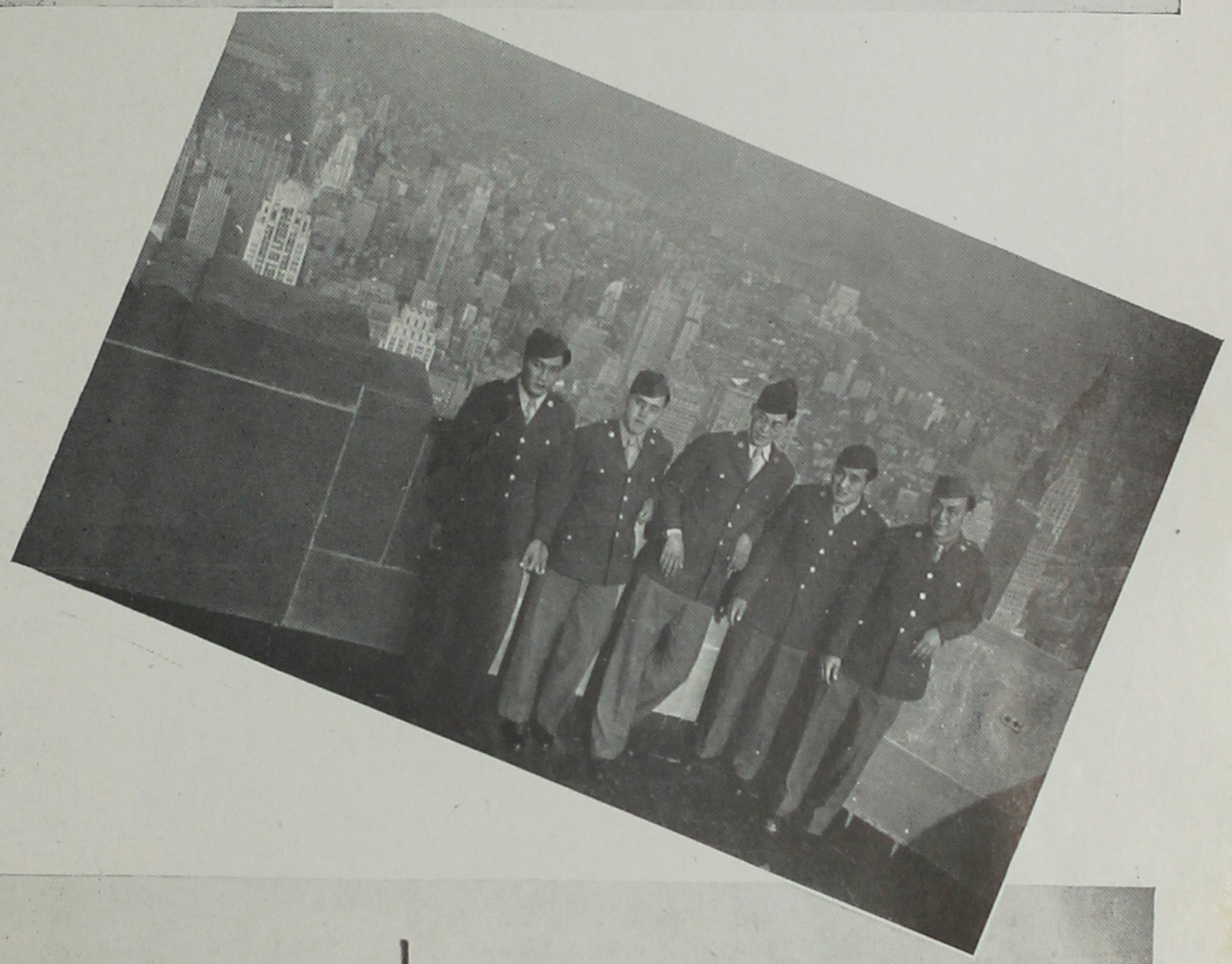
Clockwise:

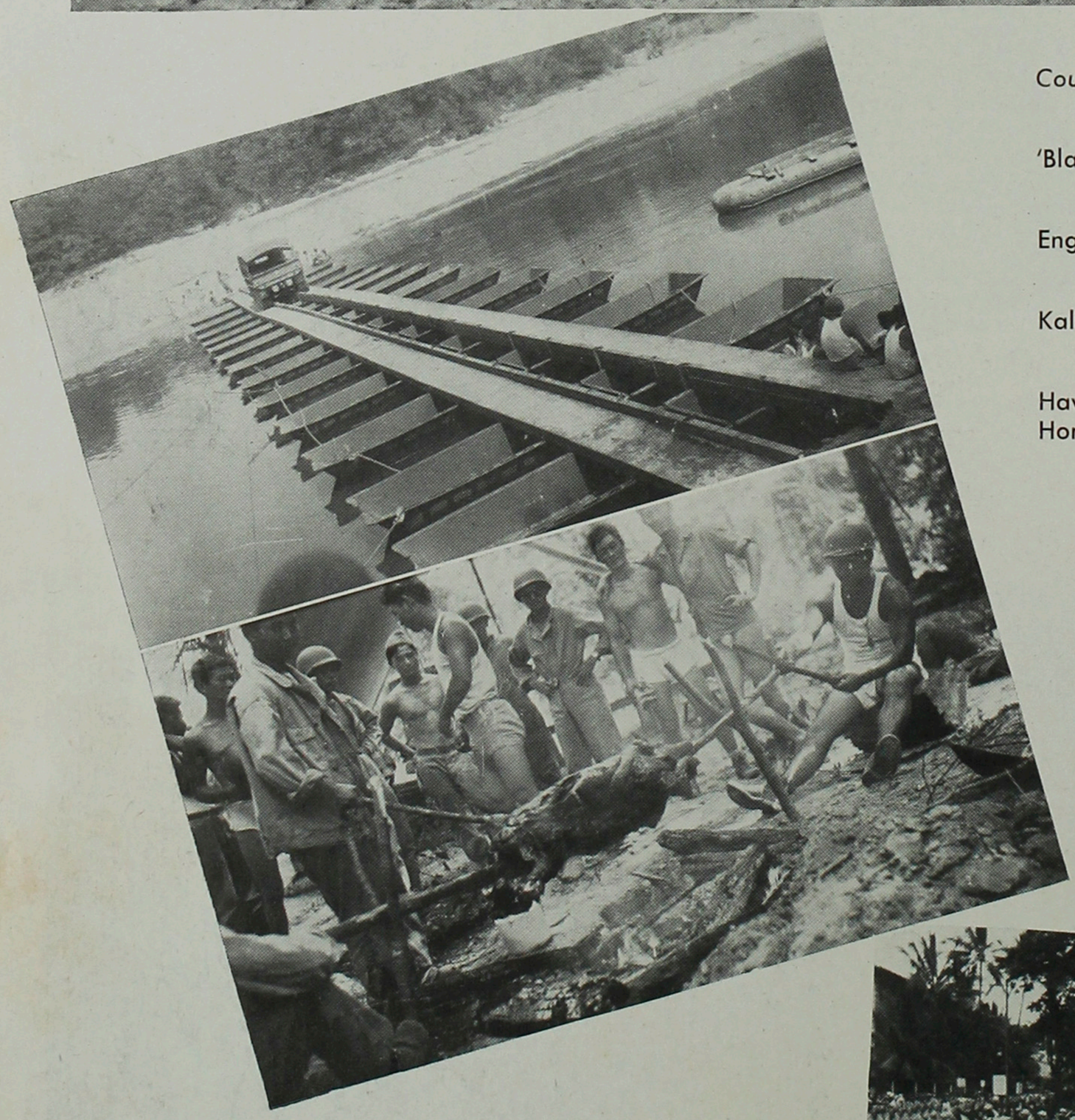
Cleaning 'Hell's Fire' on a Saturday afternoon.

Keeping up with supply sergeant's news.

Furloughs mean New York and Empire State Building.

'Cherry' gets the once over.





Counter clockwise:

'Blackout' wants his picture taken too.

Engineers' idea of a bridge.

Kalua pig, Mississippi style!

Hawaii volunteers march thru streets of Honolulu.

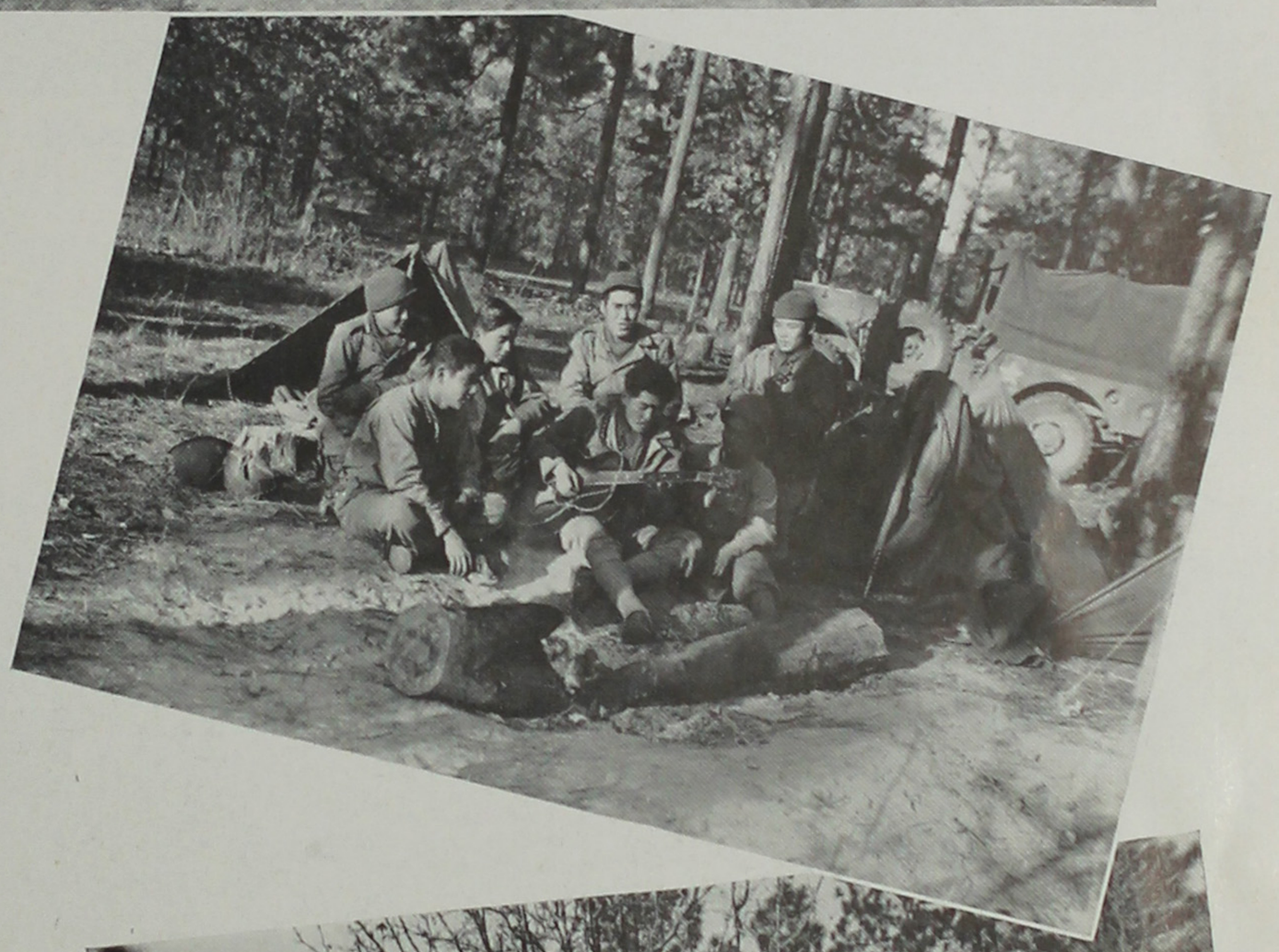
Clockwise:

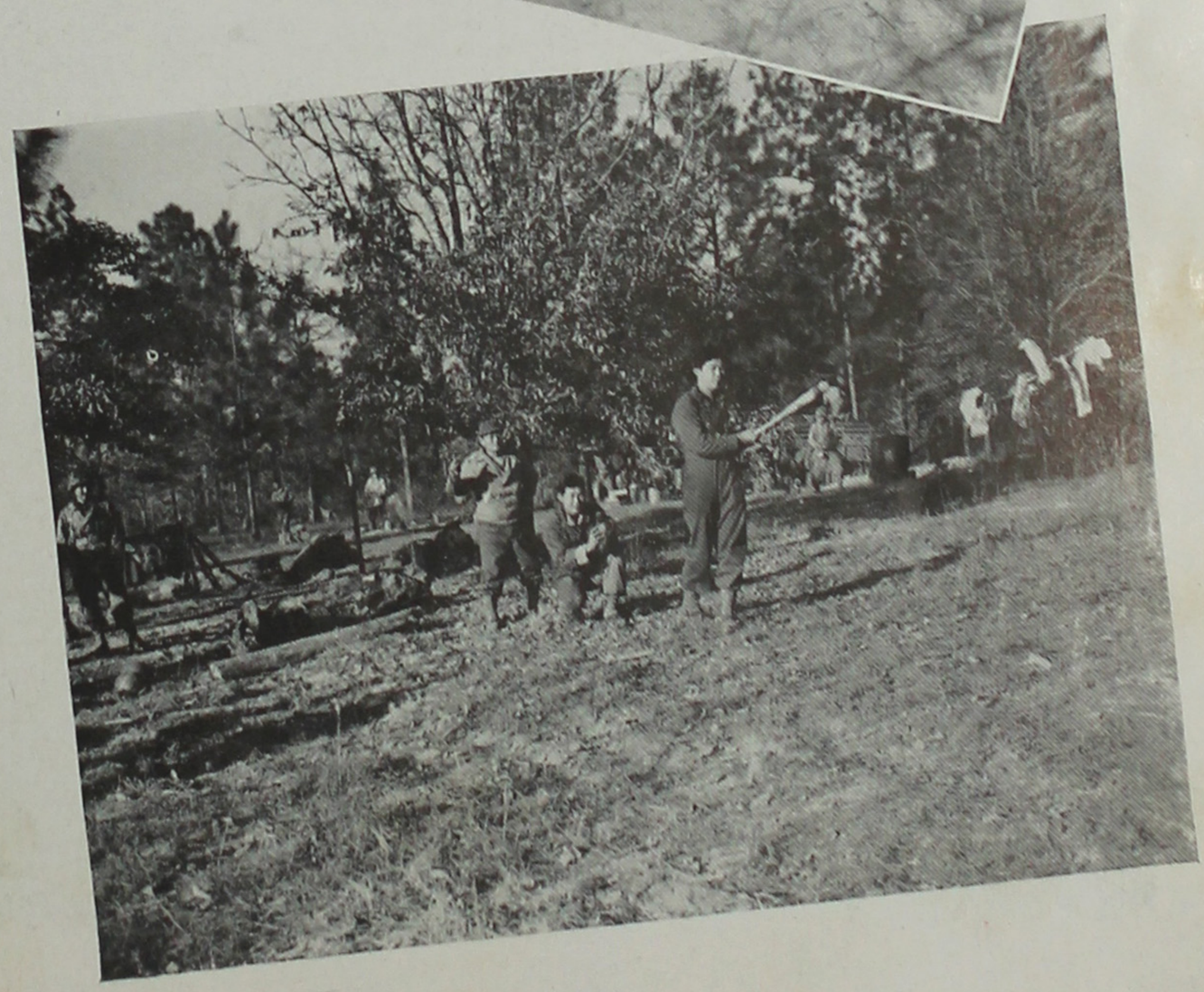
Rest your 'dogs', men, the bus isn't coming yet.

F. A. men taking it easy during break period while on maneuver.

Chaplain Yamada is umpire for a ball game.

Just talking things over. Nothing serious.



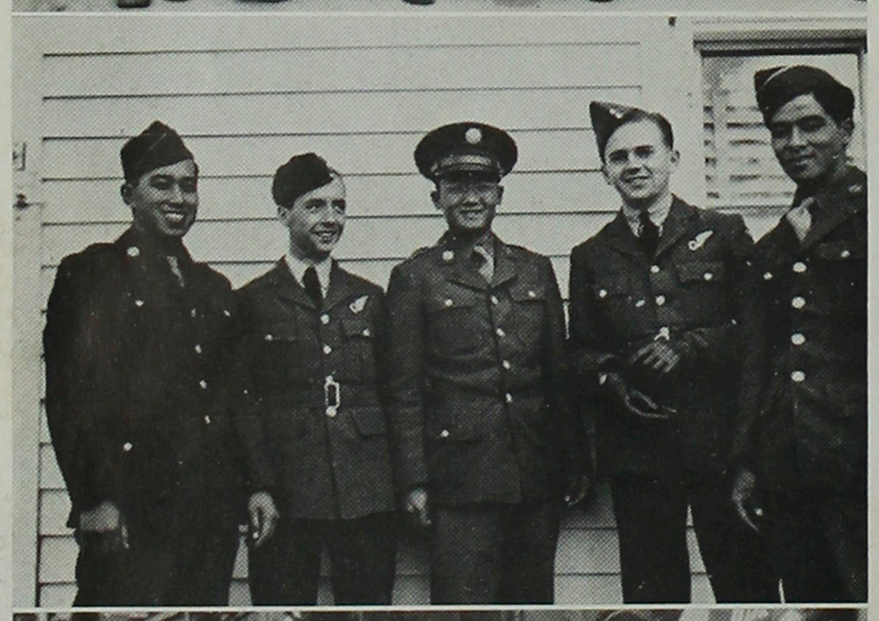


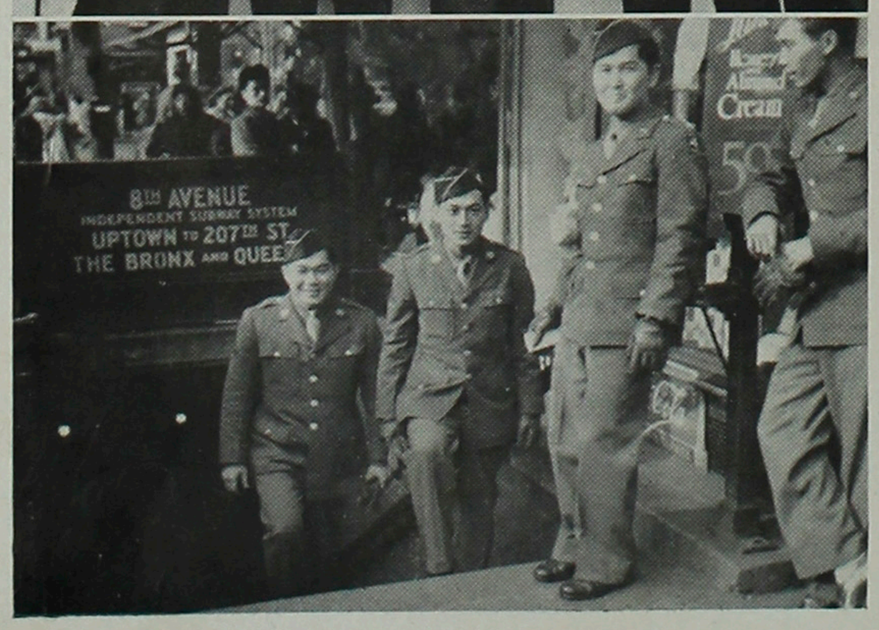
All together now, smile!

Make it sweet and soft, we're listening.

A jeep is like a pin-up gal, guys like to crowd her.

All couldn't be waiting for a shoe shine.





Left, top to bottom:

Are they traveling troubadours?

This must be girl shortage.

Just a group of guys posing.

Two RCAF fliers talk things over with the boys.

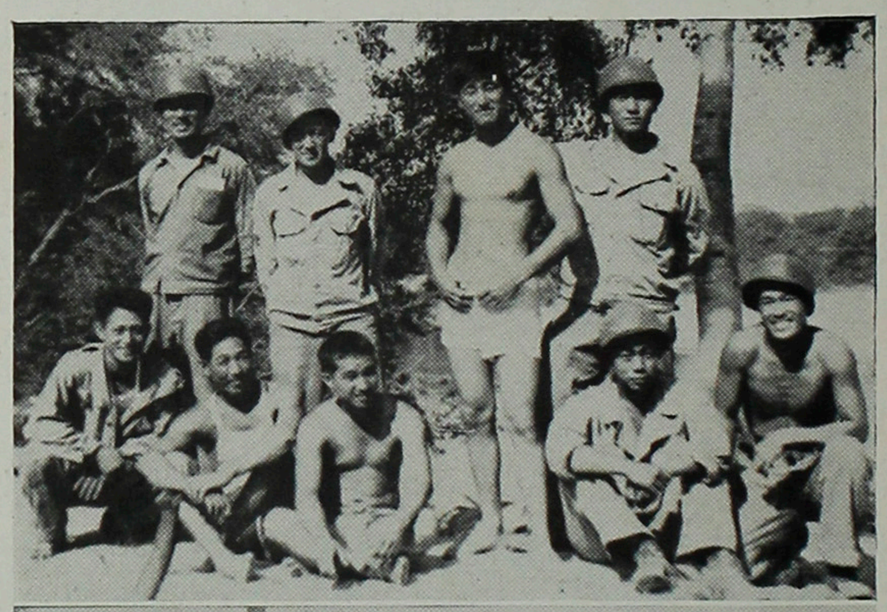
Gee! The subway was some ride. Wonder where we are?

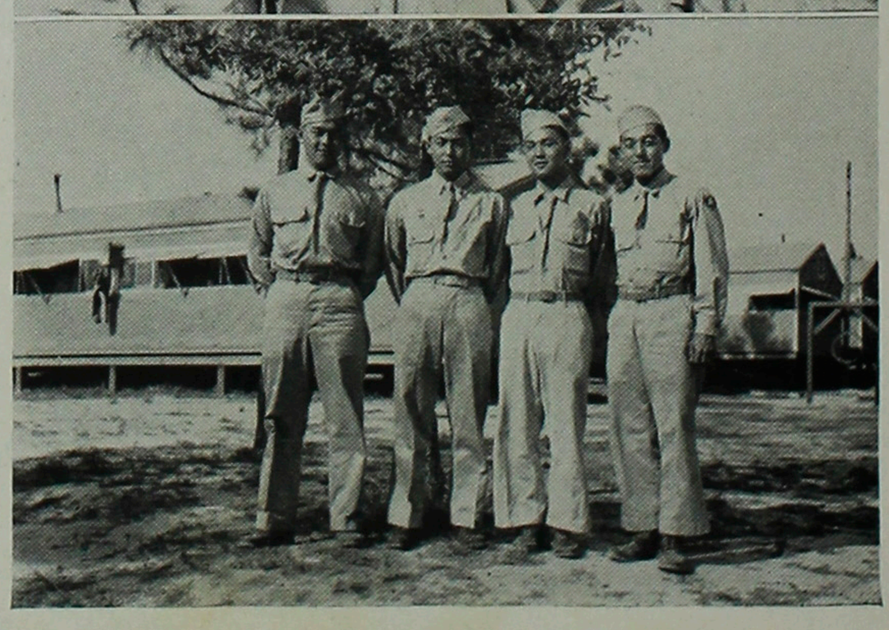
Below, top to bottom:

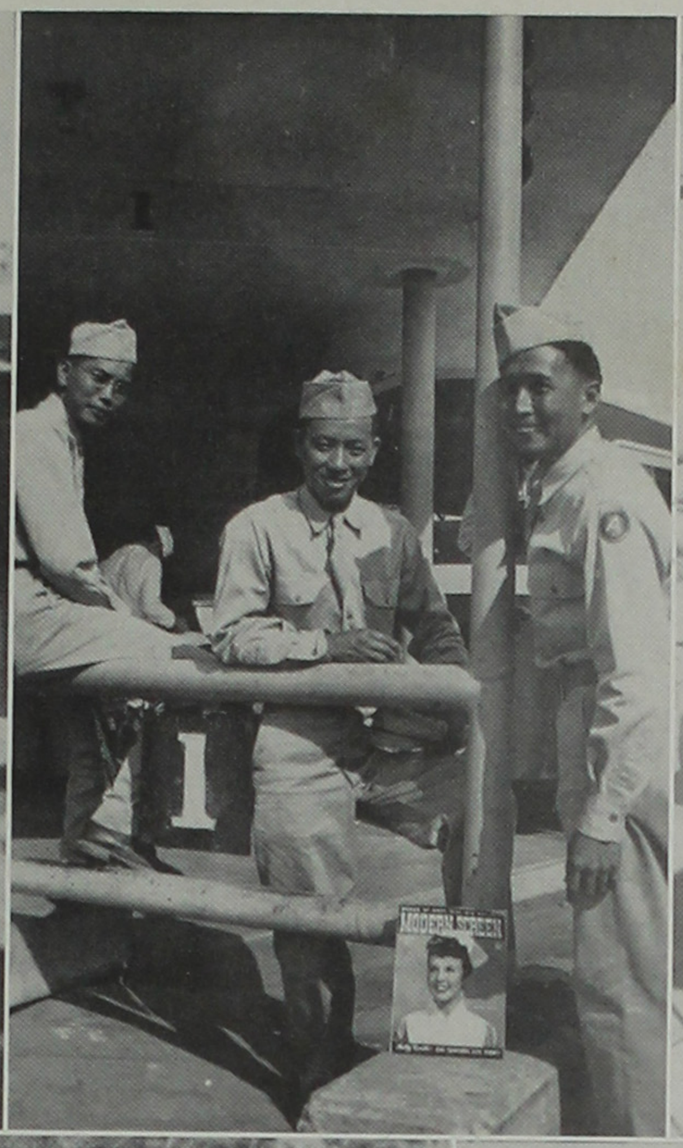
This isn't a beach picnic—a camouflage.

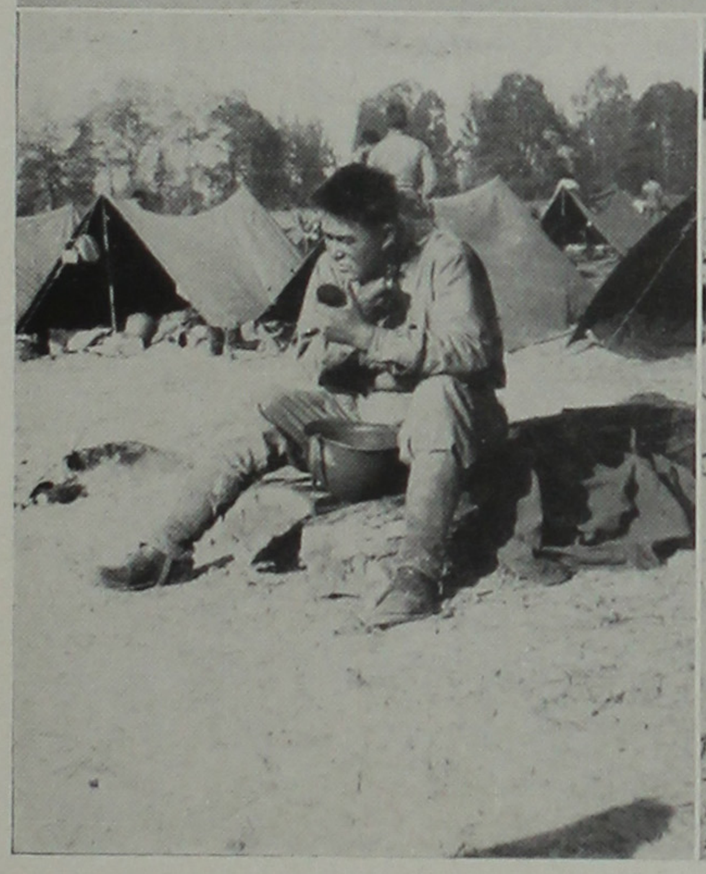
Fair damsels shall not be left alone.

Three guys and an extra.









Top row, l. to r.: Kaname, Unkie and Mutt. Destination—New Orleans, maybe. Happy faces—ahh, mail call.

Middle row: Honokaa volunteers bedecked with leis. Aren't these fellows lucky, gals again.

Bottom row: Get closer to the razor, fella. Tough guys after crawling thru the infiltration course. Passing the time cleaning rifles.

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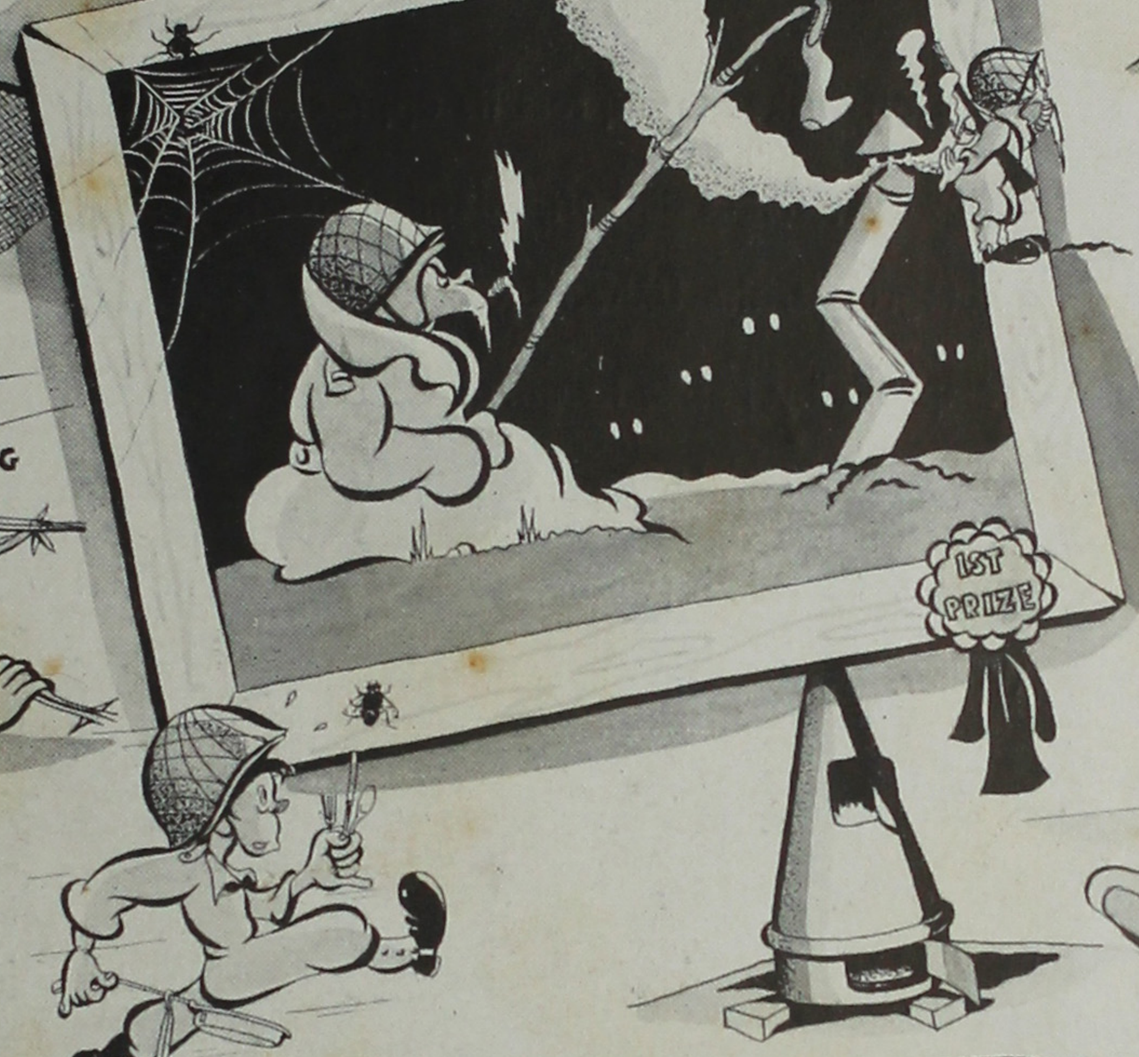

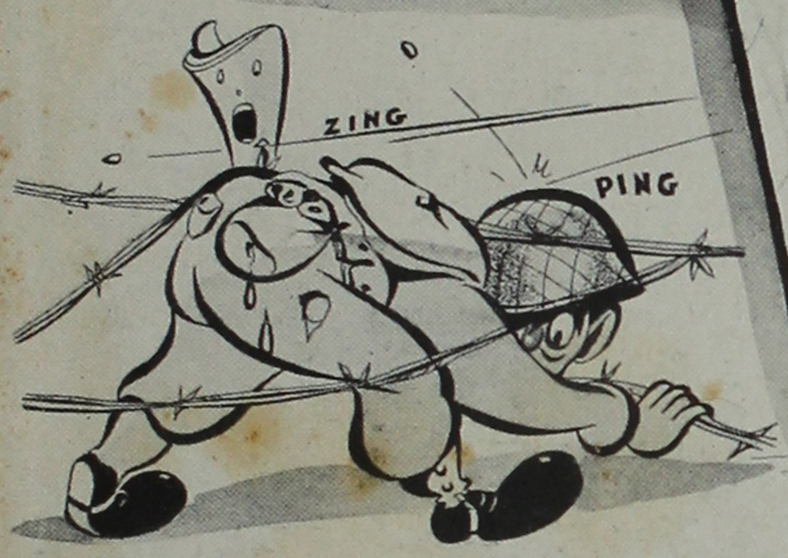

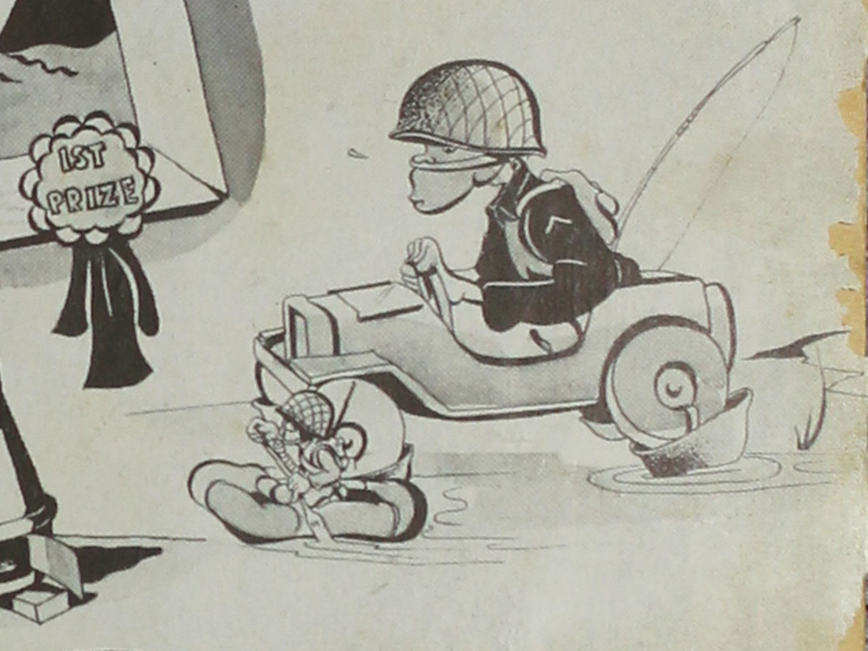

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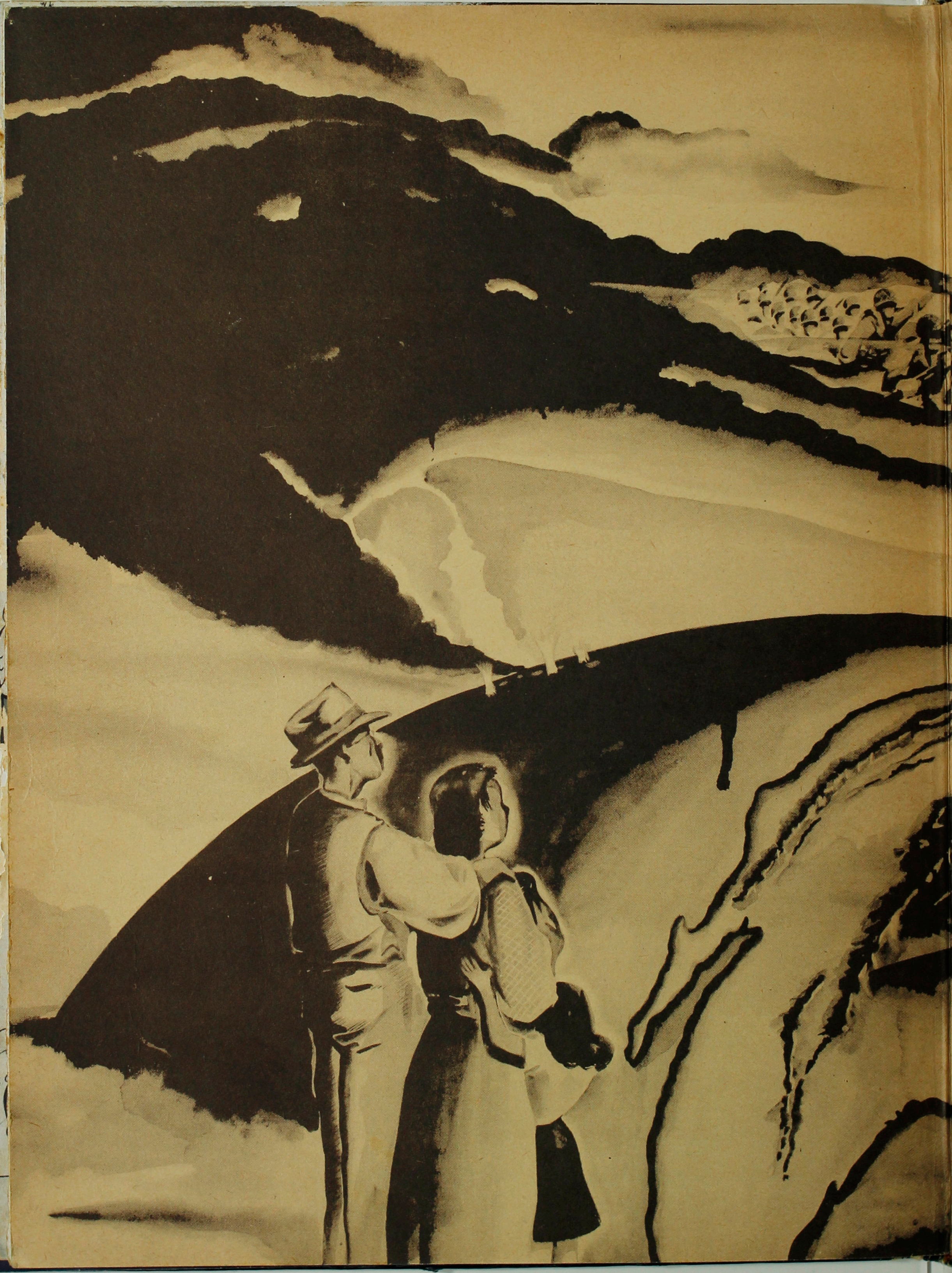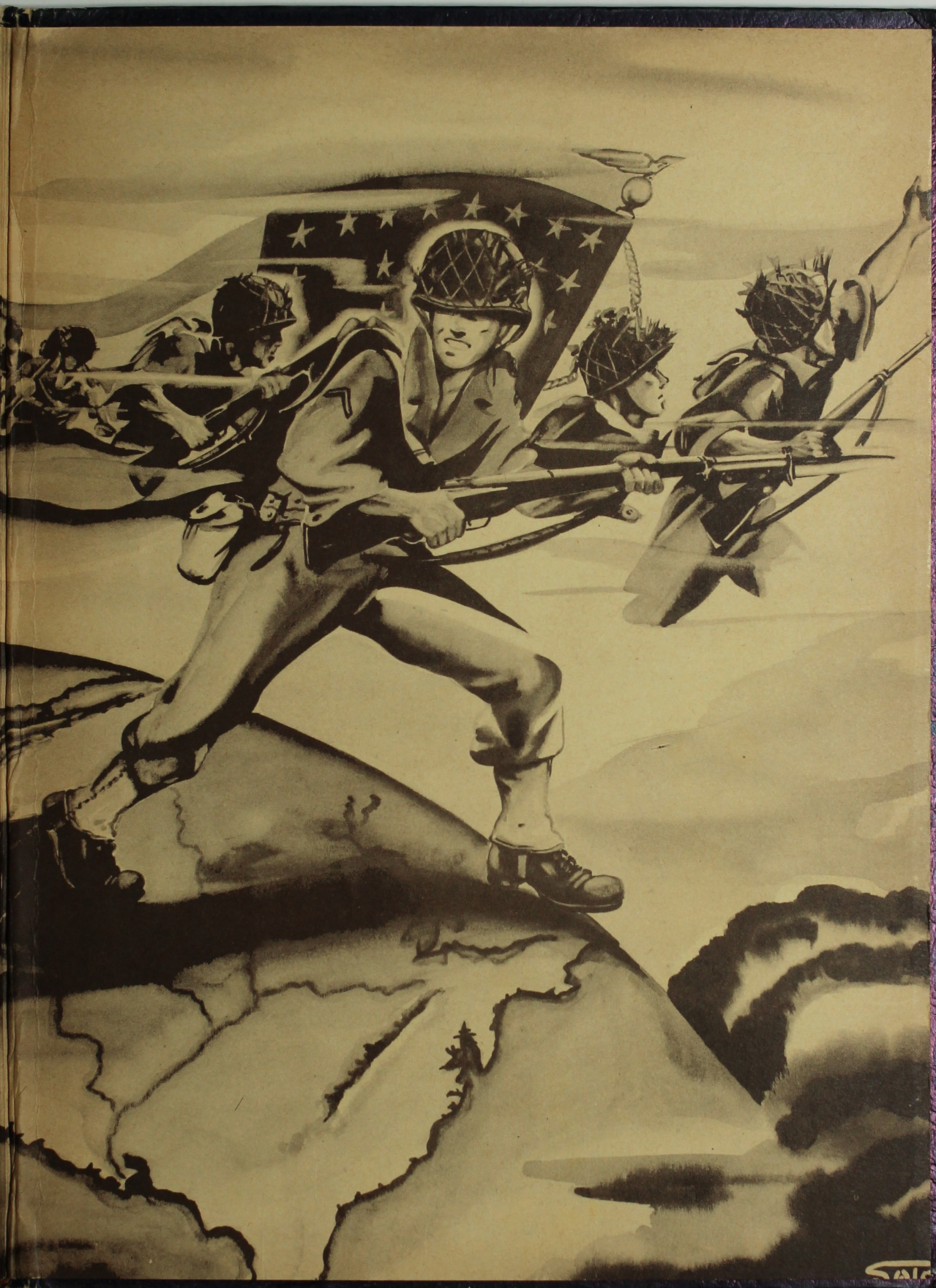
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