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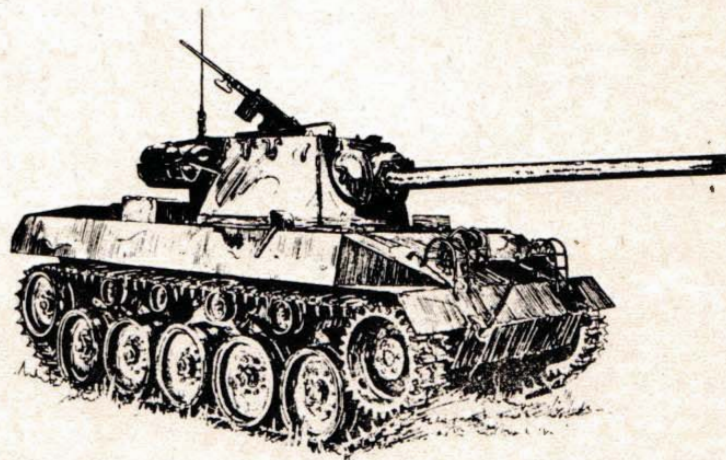
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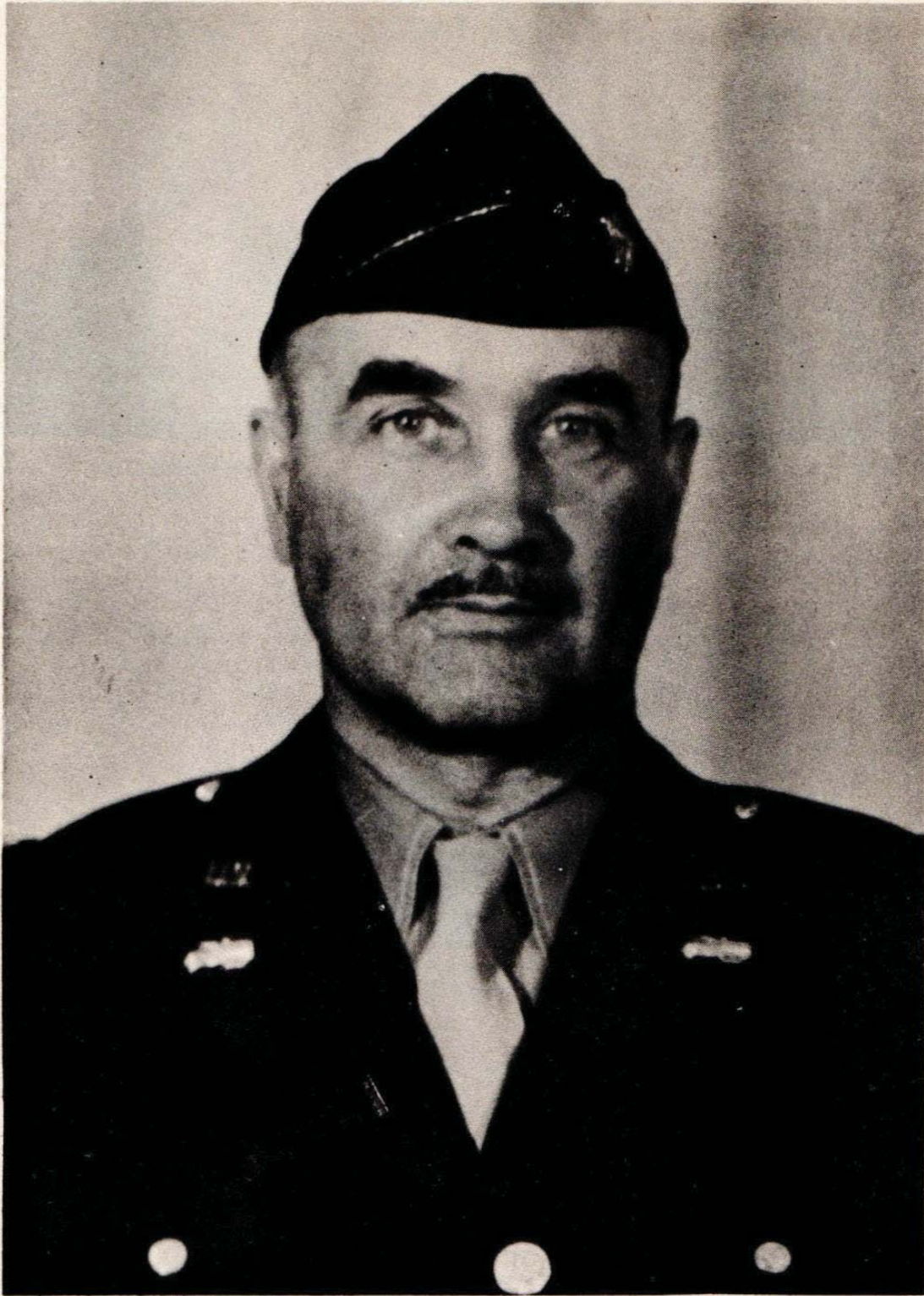
In a letter dated 10 December 1941, Lieutenant General Ben Lear directed various Field Artillery Units to activate Tank Destroyer Battalions. Six days later, 16 December 1941, from the 122nd, 123rd and 124th, Field Artillery of the 33rd Division, the 633rd Tank Destroyer Battalion was formed.

These Units were of the Illinois National Guard, whose roots go deep into American History and whose rosters have borne the names of Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses Grant.

Thus, while their Nation stung with the ignominy of Pearl Harbor, descendents of the men who had driven Braddock from the Kentucky wilderness, stormed Chapultepec, and taken Vicksburg, were again banded together at the call of their Country—

*"There breathes again that haunted air  
The sons of sires who conquered there.  
With arms to strike, and souls to dare,  
As quick, as far, as they."*

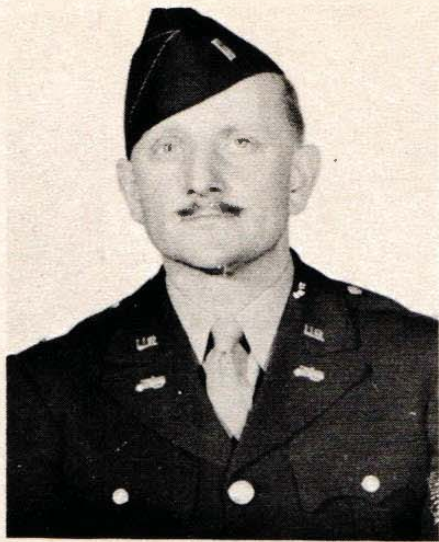




LT. COL. FLOYD R. BRISACK  
Commanding Officer



# STAFF



1st Lt E. ROEHLING  
S-1



Capt J. H. MORRISON, JR.  
S-2



MAJOR H. C. O'BRIEN  
Executive Officer



CAPT H. E. MITCHELL  
S-3



CAPT L. H. GAILLE, JR.  
S-4



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**CAPT F. C. CONLEY**  
Motor Officer



**CAPT W. C. VAN NESS**  
Medical Officer



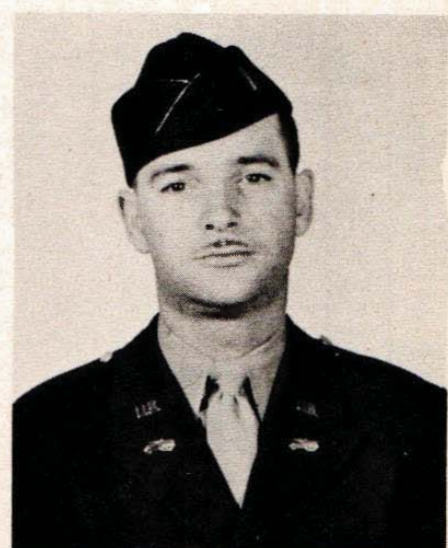
**MR. F. G. W. STYLES**  
Personnel Officer



**1st Lt L. D. SMITH**  
Liaison Officer



**1st Lt J. H. PEPPERDENE**  
Communication Officer



**2d Lt J. B. PATTON**  
Liaison Officer



# COMMANDING OFFICERS

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY



CAPTAIN  
W. B. BAILEY



CAPTAIN  
SETH BRIGGS

COMPANY "A"



CAPTAIN  
J. M. HINSON

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CAPTAIN  
W. E. EDWARDS

COMPANY "C"



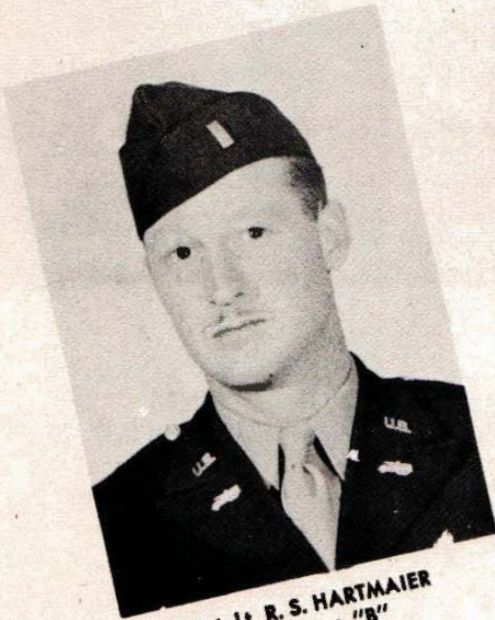
CAPTAIN  
V. D. NUNALLY



## OTHER OFFICERS



1st Lt W. C. CARMANY  
Mess Officer



1st Lt R. S. HARTMAIER  
Company "B"



1st Lt C. G. LEWIS  
Assistant S-2





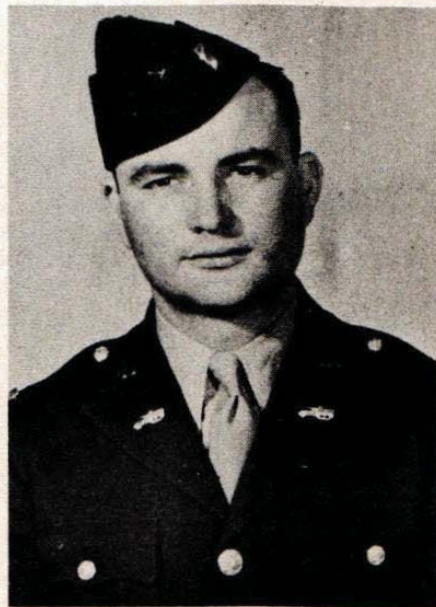
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2d Lt R. L. FRIPP  
Company "C"



2d Lt CECIL GOLDBERG  
Reconnaissance Company



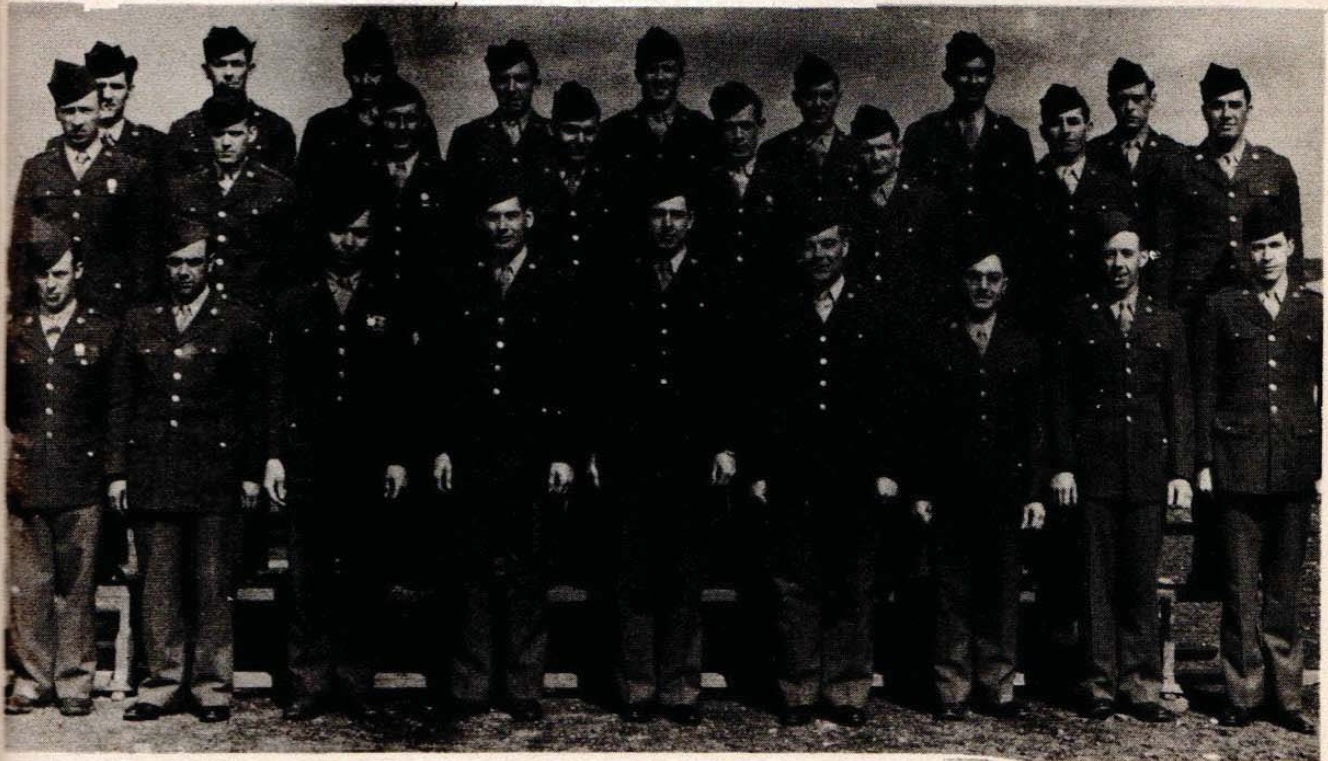
2d Lt K. J. MOULTON  
Company "B"

NOT PHOTOGRAPHED: 1st Lt J. H. BOON, Company "A."  
2d Lt HARVEY WALLERSTEIN, Company "A."  
2d Lt BERNARD FROMMER, Company "B."  
2d Lt J. G. DOYLE, Company "C."



**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY**  
**Headquarters Platoon**

**Platoon Leader**  
**2d Lt C. J. STEFFEN**



**First Row: Pvt Adkins, Pvt Rebortaccio, T/4 Miller, S/Sgt Matson, 1st/Sgt Hirth, S/Sgt Hamlin, S/Sgt White, T/5 Irwin, T/4 Edwards.**

**Second Row: Pvt Painter, T/4 Dezarn, Pvt Day, Pvt Casey, Pvt Burchett, Pvt McCoy, T/4 Buhr, T/4 Sims.**

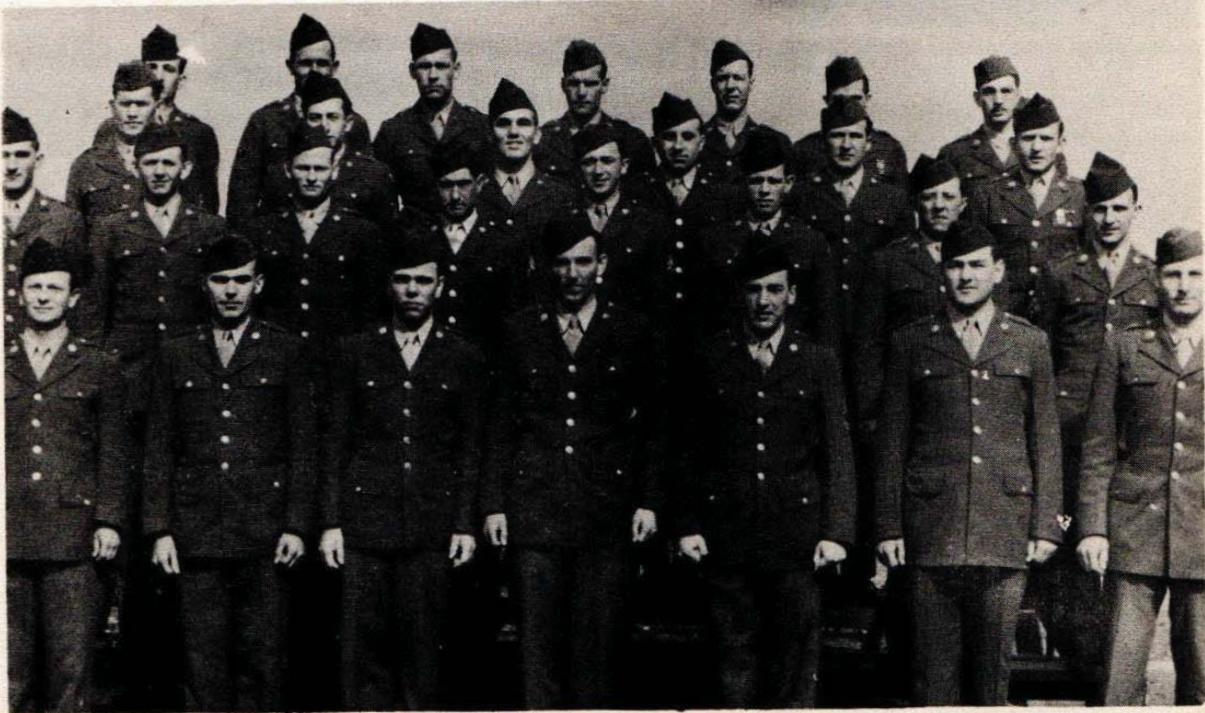
**Third Row: Pvt Sweeney, T/4 C. Milroy, T/5 Sizemore, Pvt Seney, Pvt Barrett, T/5 Harris, Pvt Avner, Pfc Novello.**

**Not Present for Picture: Cpl Fried, T/5 Ezell, Pfc Resnick, Pvt Thom.**



**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY**  
**Staff Platoon**

**Platoon Leader**  
**1st Lt. L. D. SMITH**



**First Row: S/Sgt Russakoff, T/Sgt Snyder, T/Sgt Pearl, T/Sgt Griffin,  
T/Sgt Wojnas, T/Sgt Gruber, T/Sgt Gusdorf.**

**Second Row: T/5 Fedorick, T/5 Hagen, Pfc Wilson, Pfc A. Smith, T/5 Buttery,  
Pvt Davis, Pfc T. Williams, T/5 Lawton.**

**Third Row: Cpl Mock, T/5 Abbate, T/5 Cresson, T/4 Delulio, T/5 Goble,  
T/5 West.**

**Fourth Row: T/4 Gearon, T/5 Sarver, Sgt Turner, Pfc Burt, Pvt Major,  
T/5 Bee, T/5 Fried.**

**Not Present for Picture: M/Sgt Martin, T/5 Beegle.**



**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY**  
**Communication Platoon**

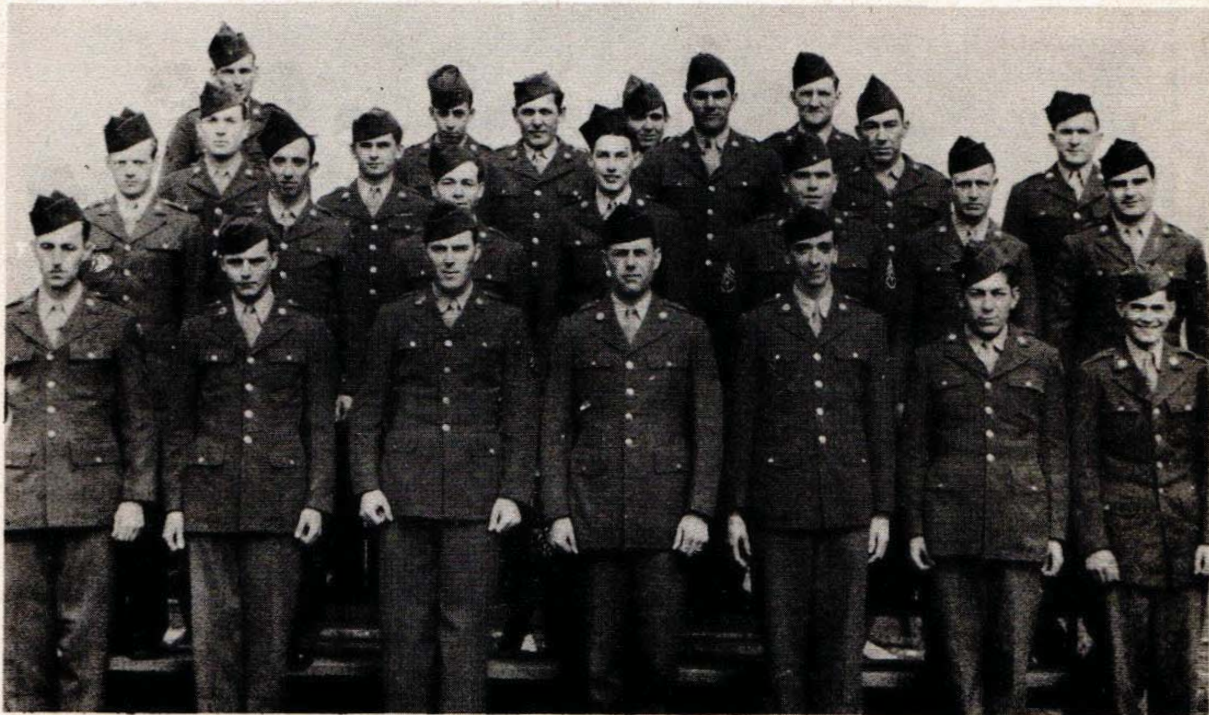
Platoon Leader  
1st Lt J. H. PÉPPERDENE



**First Row: T/4 Fletcher, S/Sgt T. Vickers, T/Sgt Cordell, Sgt Long, T/5 Colson.**  
**Second Row: Pvt Clericuzio, Cpl Jarvis, Pvt Dorsey, Pvt Coldiron.**  
**Not Present for Picture: Pvt Williams.**



**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY**  
**Transportation Platoon**



**First Row: T/5 Elam, Pfc LaFlamme, T/5 C. Branham, Sgt H. Vickers, Pvt Fauci, Pvt Benavidez, Pvt Falvo.**

**Second Row: Pfc A. Branham, T/5 Cordial, Pfc Callahan, Pfc Evans, T/5 Mullins, Pfc Caver, Pfc Kitts.**

**Pvt Cornelius, Pvt Barna, Pfc Trawick, Pvt Gadue, Pfc Clark, Pfc Wolfe.**

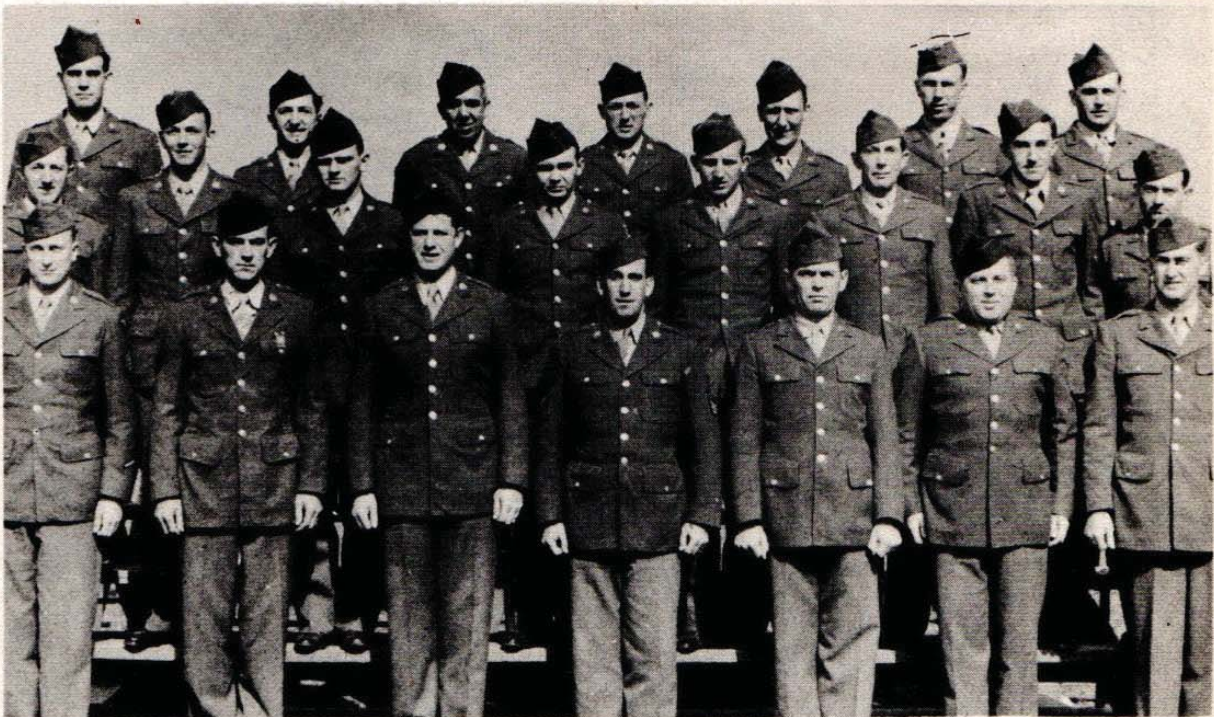
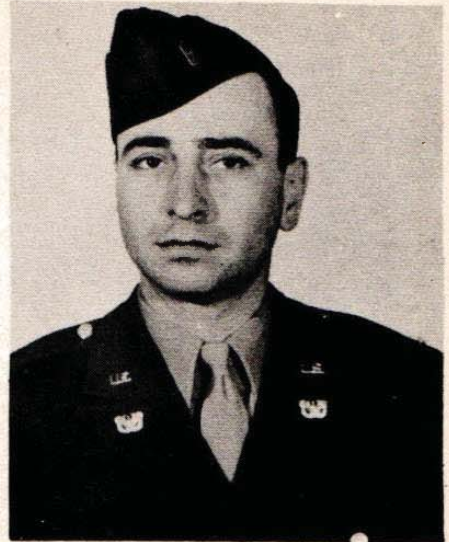
**Fourth Row: Pfc Clayton, Pvt Johnson, Pvt Childers, T/5 Flood.**

**Not Present for Picture: Cpl Lahey, T/5 Wert.**



**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY**  
**Battalion Maintenance Platoon**

**Platoon Leader**  
**MR. R. M. SHERMAN, WOJG**



**First Row: T/4 Olstad, T/4 Bailey, T/4 Stanley, M/Sgt Rankin, T/4 J. Milroy, T/4 Belha, T/4 A. Williams.**

**Second Row: Pvt C. Smith, T/5 Blake, T/5 Connelly, T/5 Gaile, T/5 Fisher, T/4 J. Smith, T/4 Gionti, T/5 Bond.**

**Third Row: T/5 Rice, T/5 Maslanka, T/5 Hutchings, T/4 Alexander, T/4 Striker, T/4 Blad, T/5 Kemp.**

**Not Present for Picture: T/Sgt Wick, T/5 Finore, T/5 Kemp.**



**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY  
Medical Detachment**



First Row: Cpl Yarmark, T/4 Schindler, S/Sgt Williams, T/4 Levinton,  
T/3 Carrillo.

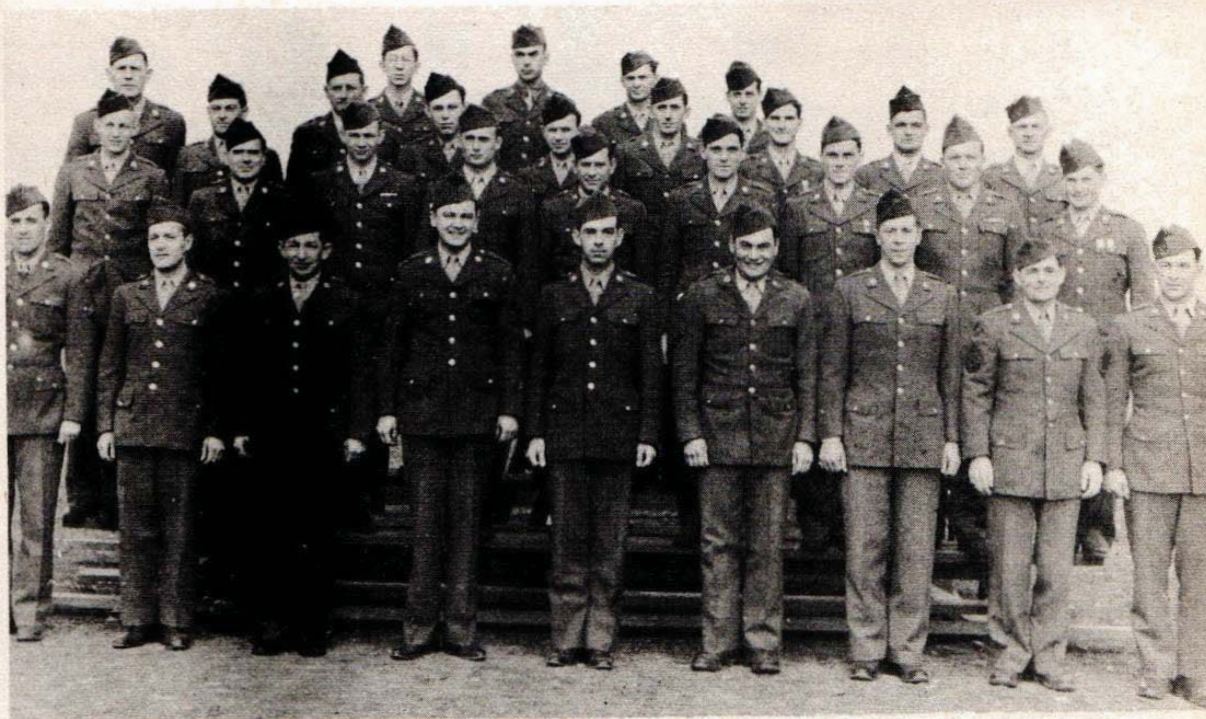
Second Row: Pvt Marinelli, Pvt Ross, Pvt Privette, T/5 TeDesco.

Not Present for Picture: T/5 Costa, T/5 Whigham, T/5 Mayfield, Pfc Willard,  
Pvt Hamilton, Pvt Steinkraus, Pvt Wassel.



**COMPANY "A"**  
**Headquarters Platoon**

**Platoon Leader**  
**1st Lt R. G. BURTON**



**First Row: T/5 Steele, T/4 Chalone, S/Sgt Harris, S/Sgt Dub, 1st Sgt: Jones, T/Sgt Dowers, S/Sgt Poynte, T/4 Dempsey, T/4 Castle.**

**Second Row: Pfc Wetzel, T/5 Boone, Pfc K. K. Johnson, Cpl Verhalen, T/5 Fraley, Pvt Lake, J., Pvt Lake, F., T/5 Tillman, Pfc Waid.**

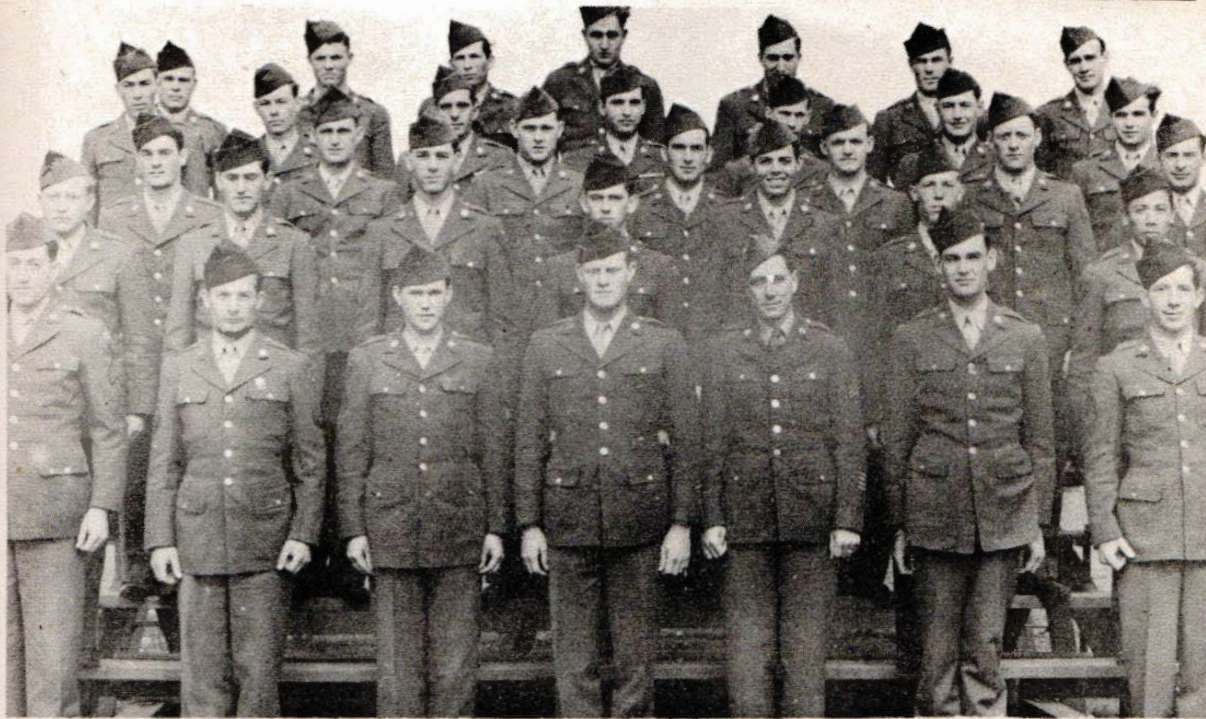
**Third Row: Pfc Griffin, T/5 Caine, T/4 Lockrey, Pvt Chapman, T/4 Slanker, T/5 Bond, Sgt Brandl, T/4 Holcomb, T/4 Kesler.**

**Fourth Row: Pfc Fitzgerald, T/5 Simpson, Pfc Grudewicz, T/5 Shepard.**



**COMPANY "A"**  
**First Platoon**

**Platoon Leader**  
**1st Lt H. C. SCHUSTER**



**First Row: Sgt Strong, T/4 Johnson, Sgt Ritchie, S/Sgt Klawonn, Sgt Lutze, Sgt Fleming, Sgt Kaminski.**

**Second Row: Pfc Sawyers, Cpl Havens, Pvt Lumb, Pfc Garent, Pvt Godinich, Pfc W. Helms, Pvt Rivera.**

**Third Row: Cpl Scassera, T/4 Deatherage, Cpl Holeman, T/5 Engelke, Pfc Cunningham, T/5 Phillips, Pfc Seminerio.**

**Fourth Row: Cpl Jackson, Pvt Lewis, Pfc Eichorst, Pvt Yukich, T/5 Scharnagl, Pvt Gingras, Pvt Grant.**

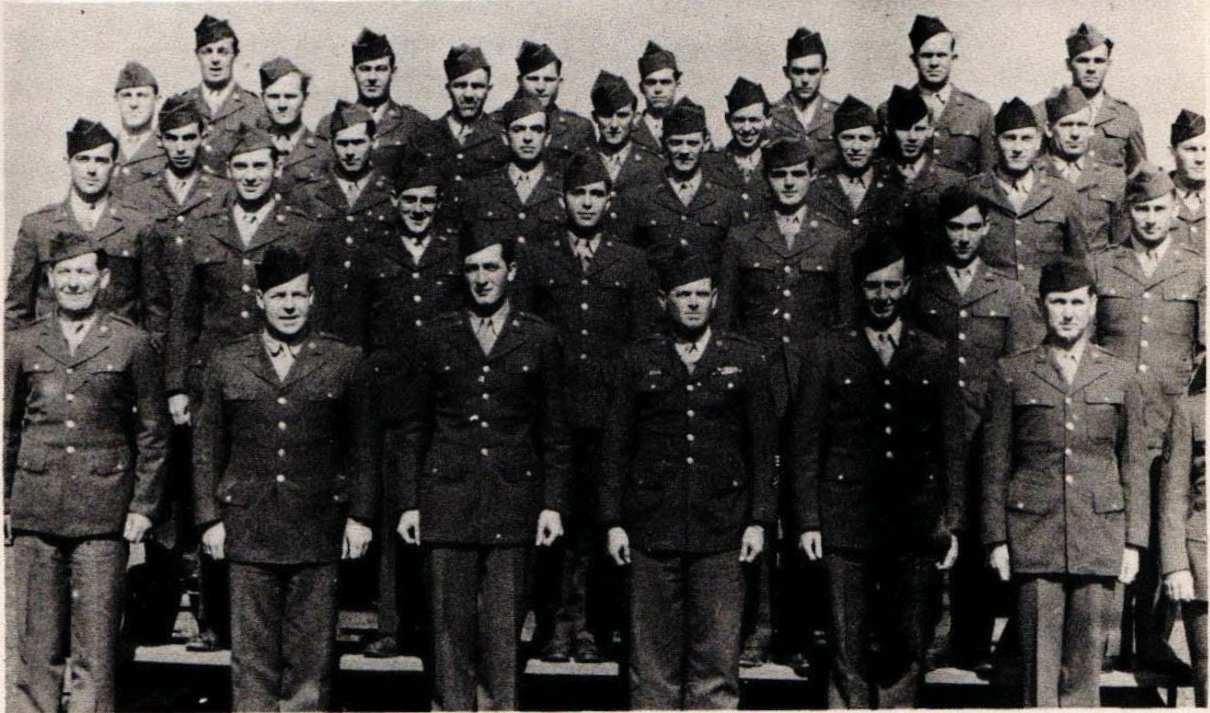
**Fifth Row: Pfc Keltner, Pvt Anthony, Pvt Roscoe, Pfc Maupin, Pvt R. Helms, T/5 Rusnak, T/5 Roethemeier.**

**Not Present for Picture: Pfc Calvert.**



**COMPANY "A"**  
**Second Platoon**

**Platoon Leader**  
**2d Lt R. J. BRUZGO**



**First Row: Cpl Masonick, Sgt Catier, Sgt Hackney, S/Sgt Moore, Sgt Cooksey, Sgt Dalbey, Sgt MacMillan.**

**Second Row: Cpl Likens, Pfc Theophall, Cpl Hendren, Pfc Spires, Pfc Scott, Pvt Broussard, Cpl Houston.**

**Third Row: Pvt Johnson, L., Pvt Harris, E., Pfc Bachelor, T/5 Simmons, T/4 Gayler, Pfc Mosley, Pvt Moore.**

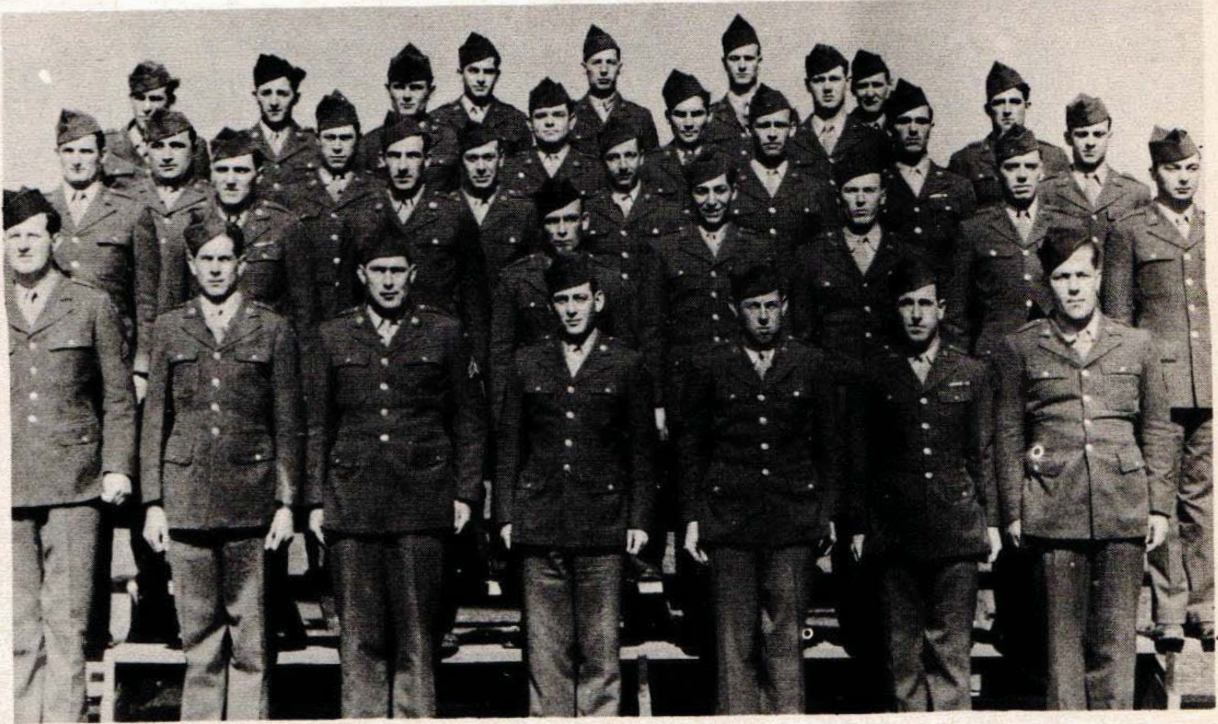
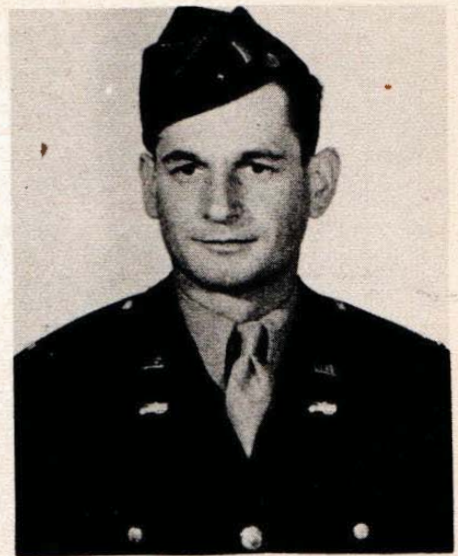
**Fourth Row: Pvt Giguere, Pvt Jircik, T/5 Orwig, T/5 Reed, Pvt Poff, Pfc Meckier, Pfc DeLong.**

**Fifth Row: Pfc Coleman, Pfc Swanson, Pfc Slaughter, Pfc Hutcherson, Pfc Jenkins, T/5 Drinkard, Pvt Bass.**



**COMPANY "A"**  
**Third Platoon**

**Platoon Leader**  
**1st Lt SAMUEL WEIDHORN**



**First Row: Sgt O'Hara Sgt Watson, Sgt Jones, S/Sgt Wepfer, Sgt Smith, Sgt Kerschner, T/4 Shockley.**

**Second Row: Cpl Funderburk, Pfc Mugrage, Pfc Mecouch, Pfc Douglas, Pvt Deletti, T/5 Brown, Pfc Englander, Pvt Duplechan.**

**Third Row: Cpl Hines, T/5 Garrett, Cpl Pinta, T/5 Huff, Pfc Brooks, Cpl Hes-tand, Pvt Coers.**

**Fourth Row: T/5 Hawkins, Pvt Dore, Cpl Fitts, Pfc Christian, T/5 Jadosh, Pvt Edwards, E., Pvt Henderson.**

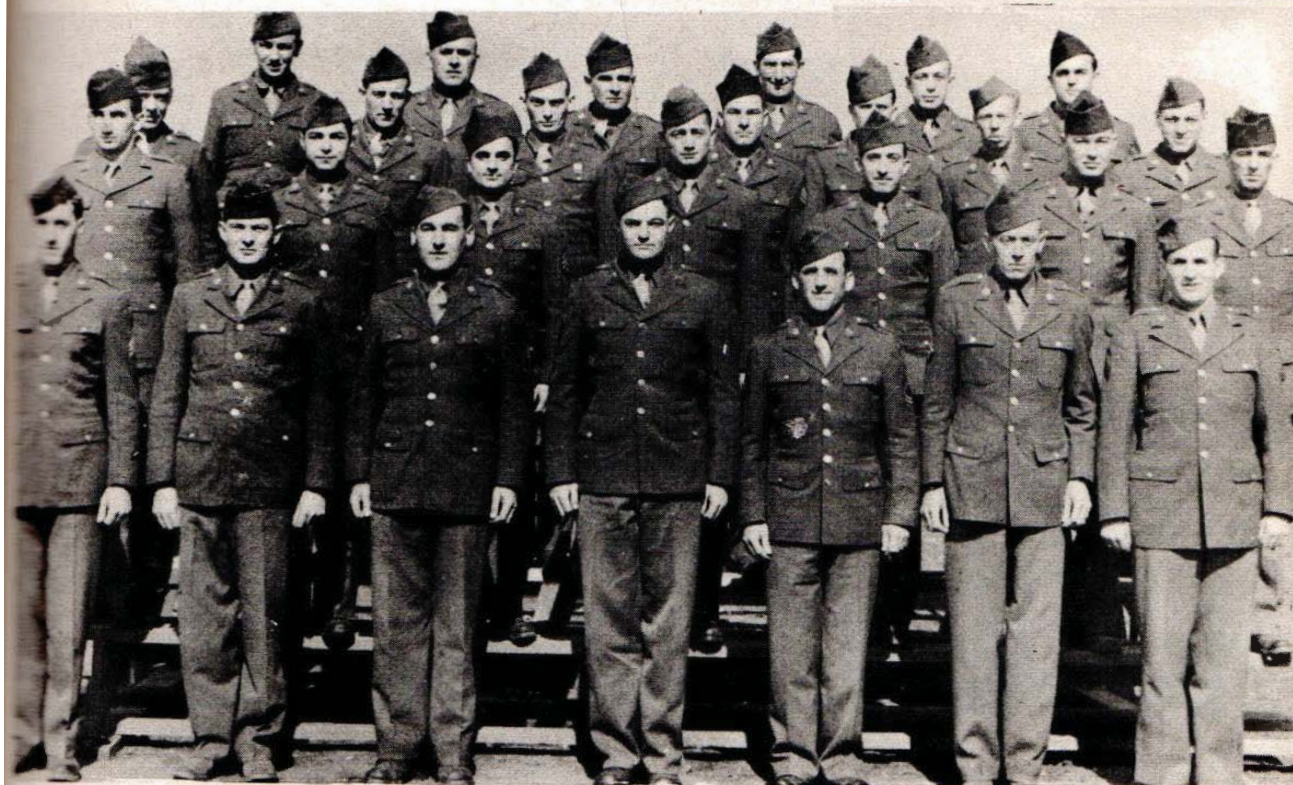
**Fifth Row: Pfc Stach, Pfc Edwards, J., T/4 Avis, Pfc Hoffman.**

**Not Present for Picture: Pfc Black.**



**COMPANY "B"**  
**Headquarters Platoon**

Platoon Leader  
2d Lt J. E. DeCOOPMAN



**First Row: Sgt J. Lusk, S/Sgt Myers, S/Sgt Burda, 1st/Sgt Engels, T/Sgt Boote, T/4 Lohmeyer, Cpl Berman.**

**Second Row: Pvt Niketakis, Pvt Ripa, T/4 Iovito, T/5 Finore, S/Sgt Cole, Pfc Carroll, T/4 Boote.**

**Third Row: T/5 Wiggins, T/5 Bonds, T/5 Joy, Pfc Schwoebel, T/4 Livesay, Cpl Huffman, Pvt Wessling.**

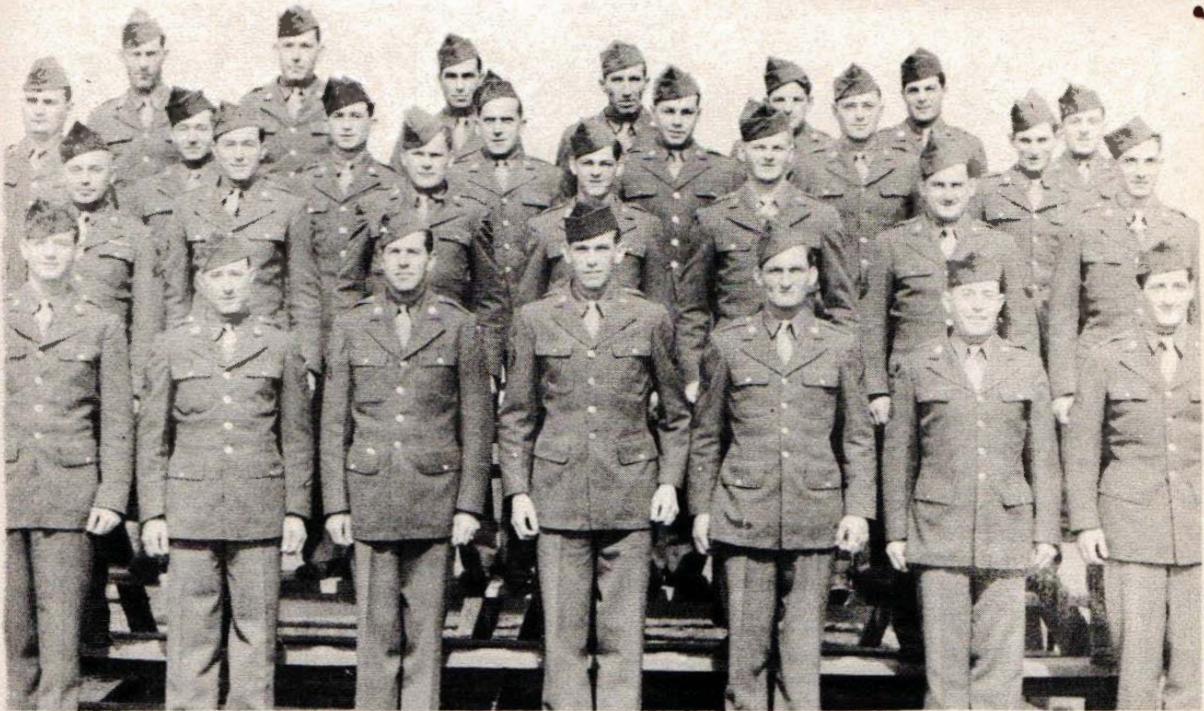
**Fourth Row: Pvt Gillis, T/4 Workman, T/4 Moore, T/5 Sico, T/4 Tribbett, T/5 Keefer.**

**Not Present for Picture: T/5 Cobb, T/5 Chambliss, T/4 Tribbett, Pfc Gunia.**



**COMPANY "B"**  
**First Platoon**

Platoon Leader  
1st Lt L. D. TOMES



First Row: Sgt Wheeler, Sgt Bucy, Sgt Litchfield, S/Sgt Greenplate, Sgt Barfell, Sgt Baker, Cpl Cavallaro.

Second Row: Cpl Mitchell, T/5 G. Davis, Pvt Casey, Pvt Brayman, Pvt Golba, T/5 Franczak, Pfc Consentino.

Third Row: Pvt Reddick, Pvt Gross, Cpl McKnight, Cpl Robinson, Pvt Collins, T/4 W. Smith, Pvt Case.

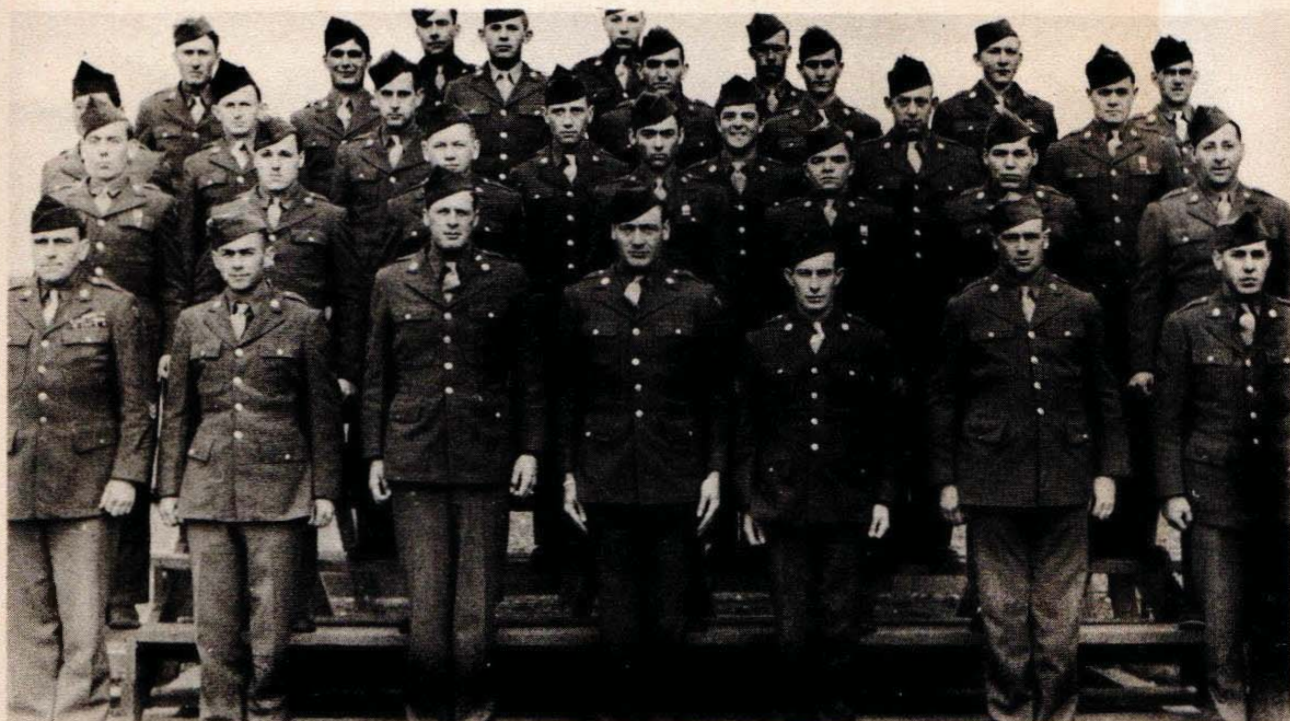
Fourth Row: Pvt Long, Pfc Simms, T/4 Rhodes, T/5 Wade, T/5 Green, Pfc Quaglio, Pfc Kuberski.

Not Present for Picture: Pvt Abernathey, Pvt Czerniakowski, Pvt Piro, Pvt Miller, Pvt Caudill, Pfc Linkinogger.



COMPANY "B"  
Second Platoon

Platoon Leader  
1st Lt D. C. SPIECE



First Row: Cpl McArthur, Sgt Hendrickson, Sgt B. Loudermilk, S/Sgt Hughes, Sgt Quinn, Sgt Powell, T/4 Detrick.

Second Row: Pvt Kidder, Pvt Ailing, Pvt King, Pvt D. Jones, T/5 Branch, Pvt Kenjockety, T/5 Barber.

Third Row: Pvt Tiger, Pfc O'Farrell, Cpl Skaggs, Cpl Sears, Pvt Cohen, T/5 Ward, T/5 Osborne.

Fourth Row: Cpl Minix, Pvt Karakehian, Pvt Holbrooks, Pvt Jeannotte, Pvt Isom, Pvt Howie, Pfc Sparks.

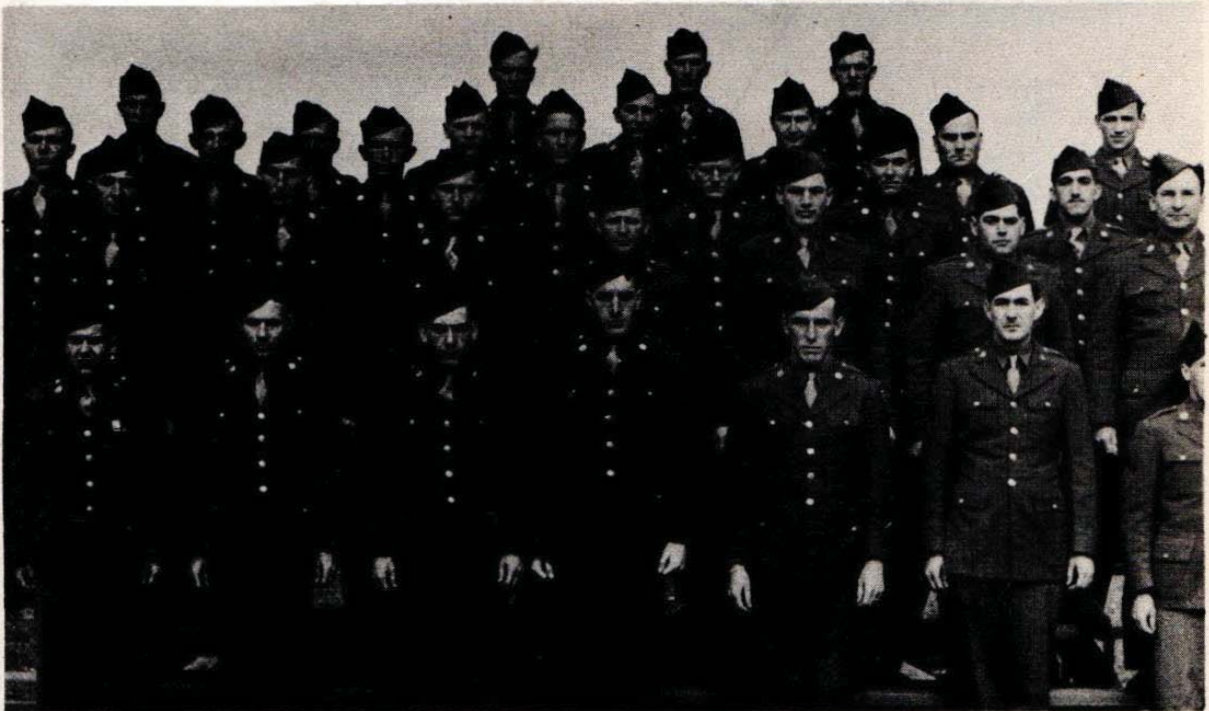
Fifth Row: Cpl Bell, Pvt J. Jones, Pvt Kash.

Not Present for Picture: Sgt Saunders, T/4 Ingram, Cpl Hickman, Pfc Sanford, Pfc Burney, Pvt St. John.



**COMPANY "B"**  
**Third Platoon**

Platoon Leader  
1st Lt J. W. STRAIN



First Row: Pvt Cheesebro, Sgt Haddix, Sgt Coker, S/Sgt R. Lusk, Sgt Lohrenz, Cpl Bourdon.

Second Row: T/5 Thompson, Pfc Shaw, Cpl E. Loudermilk, T/5 Lester, Pvt Pinto, Pvt Mose, Pvt R. Miller.

Third Row: Cpl Jackson, Pvt Labonte, Pvt Mann, Pfc J. C. Davis, Pfc Turner, Pfc Bolton, Pvt Ciccarelli.

Fourth Row: Pvt J. Smith, T/5 Reichard, Pvt Kondratowicz, Pfc Bush, Pfc Meehan, Cpl Baumgardner, Pvt Martaniuk.

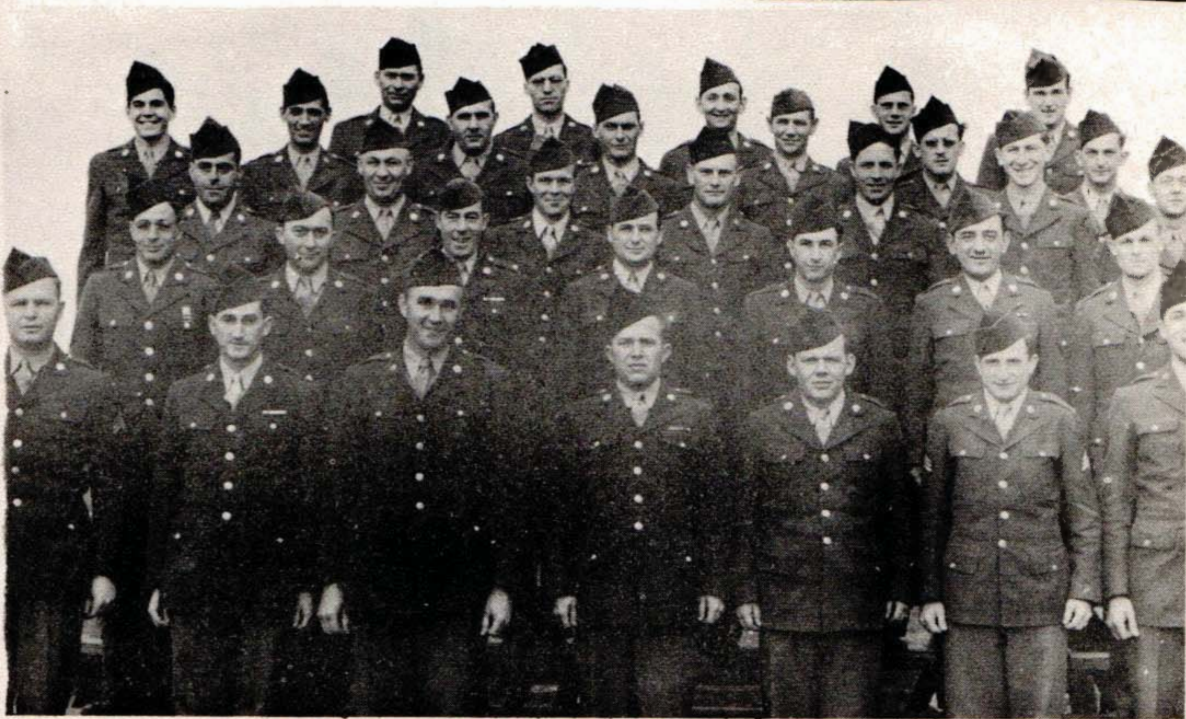
Fifth Row: Pvt Burton, T/5 Treadway, Pvt Graan.

Not Present for Picture: Sgt Spessard, T/4 Caldwell, T/4 Martin, Cpl Whitt, Cpl Jackson, Pvt Taylor, Pvt Seng.



**COMPANY "C"**  
**Headquarters Platoon**

**Platoon Leader**  
**2d Lt I. C. GLASS**



**First Row: S/Sgt Kimmel, S/Sgt Spears, T/Sgt Larson, 1st/Sgt Landry, S/Sgt Beaver, Sgt Lea, T/4 Donauer.**

**Second Row: T/4 Kee, T/5 Maehren, T/4 Champney, Cpl Oleniacz, Pfc Rubino, T/5 Salvatore, T/5 Humes.**

**Third Row: T/5 Brock, T/4 Sommerville, T/5 Julian, Pvt Fry, T/4 Bryant, T/5 Pouliot, T/4 Kuder.**

**Fourth Row: Pvt Trifiro, Cpl Weir, Pvt Vandersnow, Pvt J. Young, Pvt Shinkle, Pfc Due, T/5 Sims.**

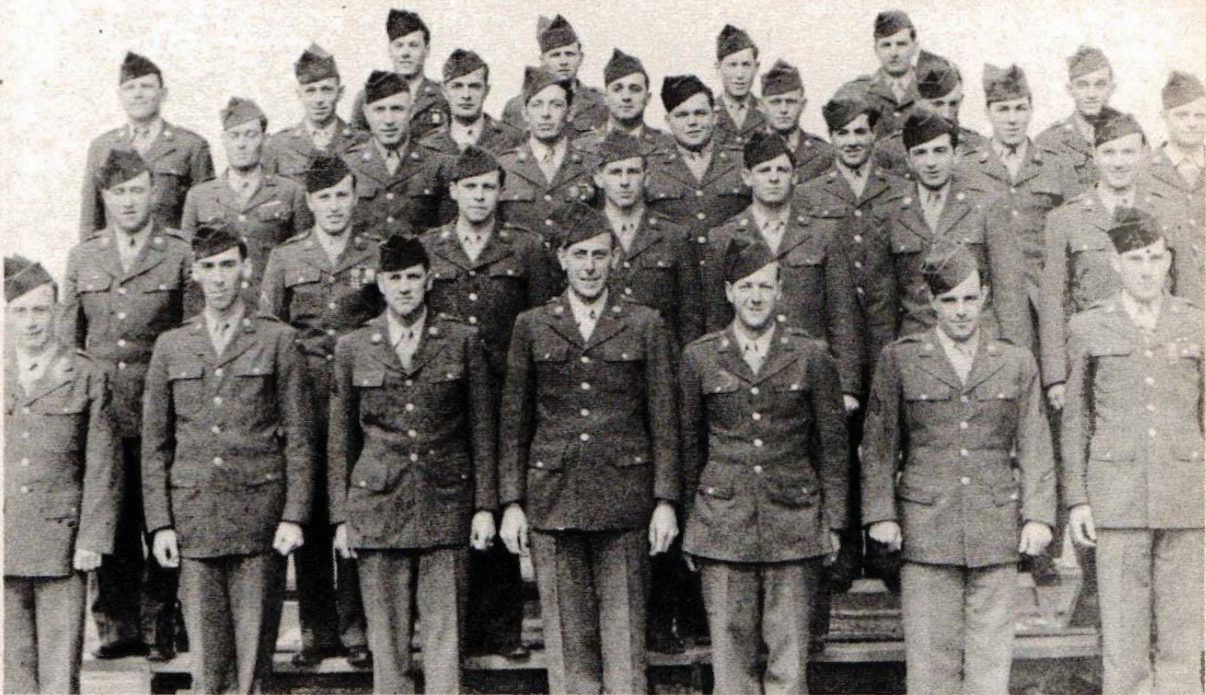
**Fifth Row: T/4 Wahl, T/4 Messmore, T/4 Buchman, Pvt Robertson, Pfc McGrady.**

**Not Present for Picture: S/Sgt Logan, T/5 Lauritzen, Pfc Abrams, Pfc Warren, Pvt Adams.**



**COMPANY "C"**  
**First Platoon**

Platoon Leader  
2d Lt E. E. MARVEL



**First Row: Sgt Hurter, Sgt Scherer, Sgt Kortkamp, S/Sgt Fitzgerald, Sgt Allen, Sgt Kinney, T/5 Watson.**

**Second Row: T/4 Sandy, Pfc Turner, Pvt Traynor, Pvt Watters, Pfc Groel, Pvt Mancuso, T/5 Alton.**

**Third Row: Pfc Blackmore, Pfc Tucker, Cpl Grant, Cpl Burke, Pvt Zottola, Pvt Boynton, Pvt Newman.**

**Fourth Row: T/5 McBride, T/4 Williams, Pfc Matusik, T/5 Renzella, Cpl Meier, Cpl Martin, Pfc Cannon.**

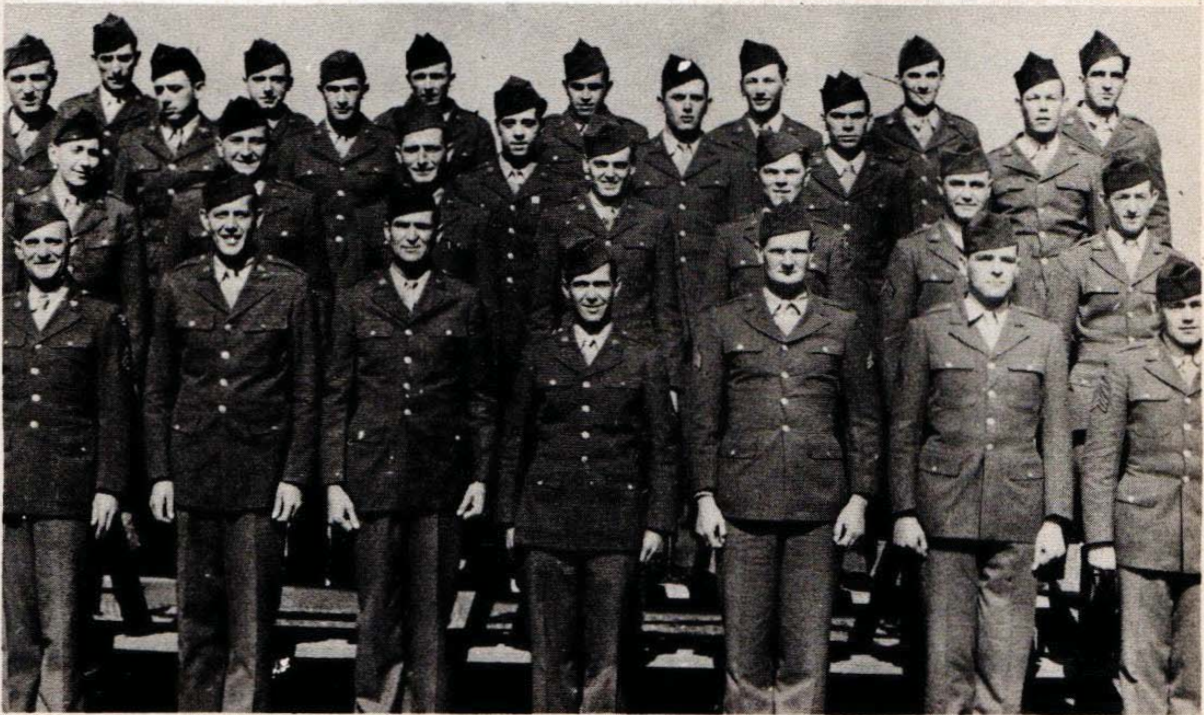
**Fifth Row: Pvt Donnley, Pvt Dollar, Pvt Rogers, Pvt Tarnowski.**

**Not Present for Picture: Cpl Diehl, Pfc Huffman.**



**COMPANY "C"**  
**Second Platoon**

Platoon Leader  
2d Lt J. A. SMITH



First Row: T/4 Lovell, Sgt Alms, Sgt Weakley, S/Sgt Liss, Sgt Greeling,  
Sgt Grahl, Sgt Rudolph.

Second Row: Pvt Carlson, Cpl Vann, T/4 Ferrell, Cpl Grant, Pvt Smigiera,  
Cpl Parris, Pfc Dougan.

Third Row: T/5 Driftmyer, T/5 McClung, Pfc Schmidt, Pvt Argiro, Pvt Fish,  
T/5 Money, Pfc Maye.

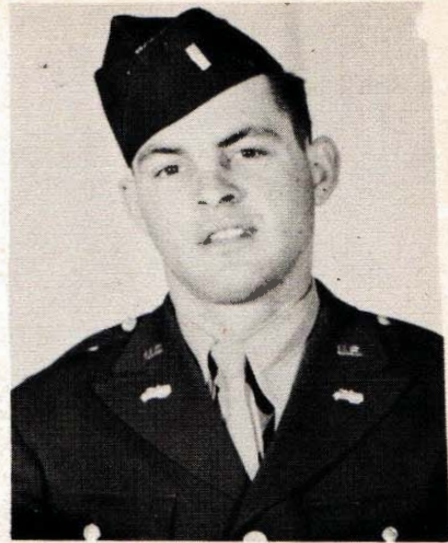
Fourth Row: Pfc Kidwell, Pvt Turpin, Pfc D. Young, Pfc Napier, Pvt Taylor,  
Pvt Westcott, T/5 Ruggiano.

Not Present for Picture: Cpl Armstrong, Cpl Schaeffer, Pfc Allison, Pfc Brock.



**COMPANY "C"  
Third Platoon**

Platoon Leader  
1st Lt R. L. OWENS



First Row: Cpl Thompson, Sgt Okulewicz, Sgt Redmer, S/Sgt Flint, Sgt Hunter, Sgt Lehne, T/5 Smith.

Second Row: T/5 Harper, T/4 Harrison, Cpl O. May, Pfc Kowalski, T/5 Slater, Cpl Gosney, Pfc Grimmiessen.

Third Row: T/5 Harris, T/5 Hicks, T/5 Greenwood, Pvt Cash, Pvt P. Walker, Pvt Tilford, Pvt Whitman.

Fourth Row: Cpl Varner, Pvt R. Walker, Pfc Weaver, Pvt Gilbert, Pvt Kitsch, Pvt Boutot, Pvt McLeod.

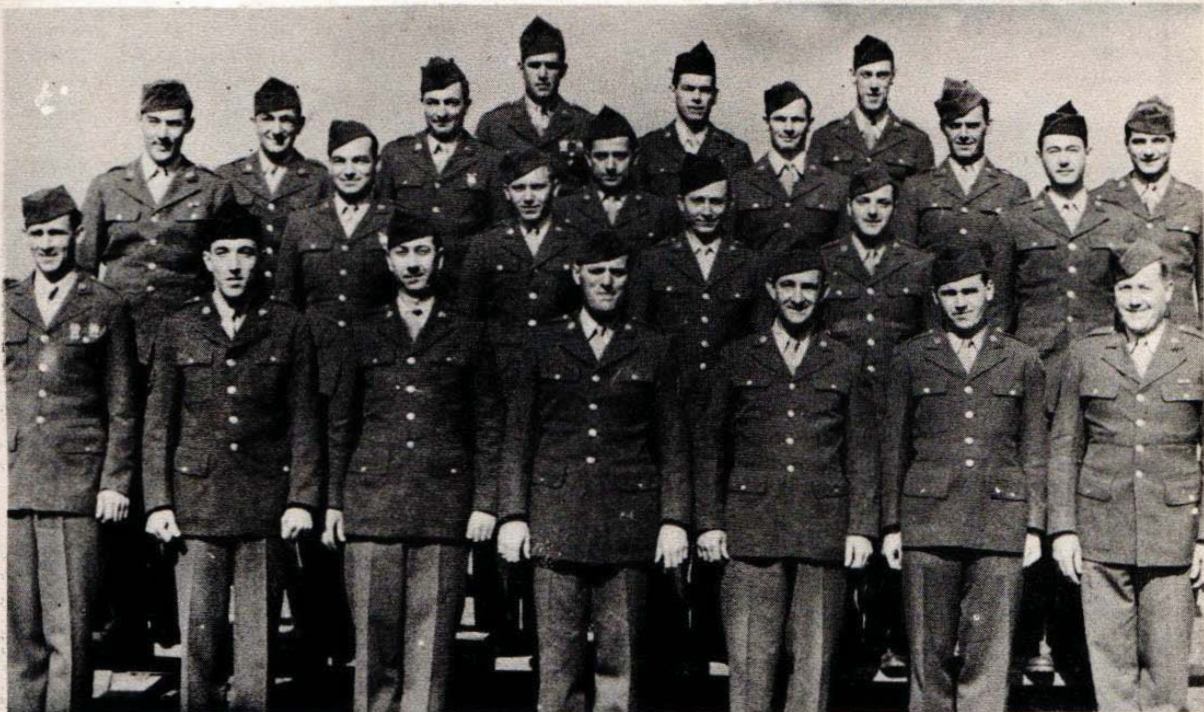
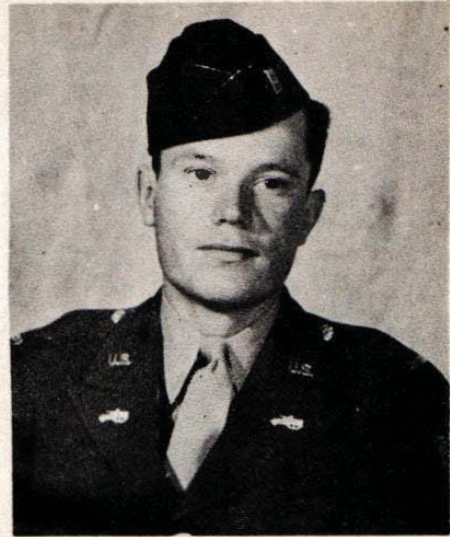
Fifth Row: Pvt Veni, Pfc Ayers, Pfc Lovegren, Pvt Goodale.

Not Present for Picture: Sgt Kolyszko, Pfc Brown, Pvt Borrelli.



**RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY  
Headquarters Platoon**

**Platoon Leader  
1st Lt W. F. BROWNLEE**



**First Sergeant  
EUGENE C. McKEE**

**First Row: T/4 Bee, T/4 Rossow, S/Sgt Salaski,  
S/Sgt Salm, S/Sgt Cady, S/Sgt Wales, T/4 Nixon.**

**Second Row: T/4 Sadler, T/4 Curry, Pfc High-  
lander, T/4 Kovalcik, Pfc Sarli, T/5 Brandes.**

**Third Row: T/5 Cordo, T/5 Boothe, Pvt Schmitt,  
T/5 Hurst, Pvt Doty, Pvt Battaglia.**

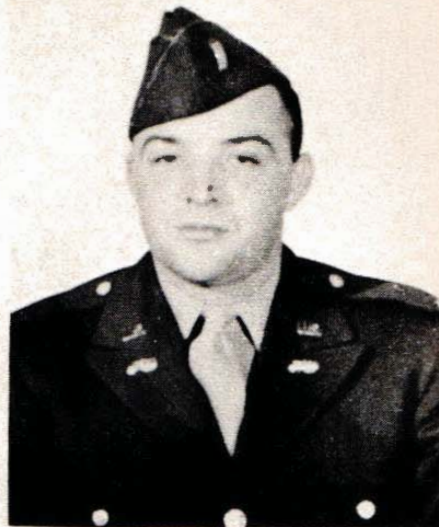
**Fourth Row: T/5 Weaver, Cpl Fencil, Cpl Wood.**

**Not Present for Picture: Pfc Howard, Pfc  
Christy, Pfc Sturdy.**



**RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY**  
**First Platoon**

Platoon Leader  
2d Lt E. R. DAVIS



First Row: T/5 Piestch, T/5 Barker, Cpl Horberg, S/Sgt Walker, Cpl Smith,  
T/5 Lieving, Pvt Capper.

Second Row: Pvt Good, Pvt Boone, Pfc Ropleski, Pfc Horrocks, Pvt Barille,  
Pvt Hull, Pvt Pohlenz.

Third Row: Pfc Rainwater, Pvt Bell, Pfc Doughty, Pvt Preston, Pfc Wootton,  
Pvt LaBarge, Pvt Loper.

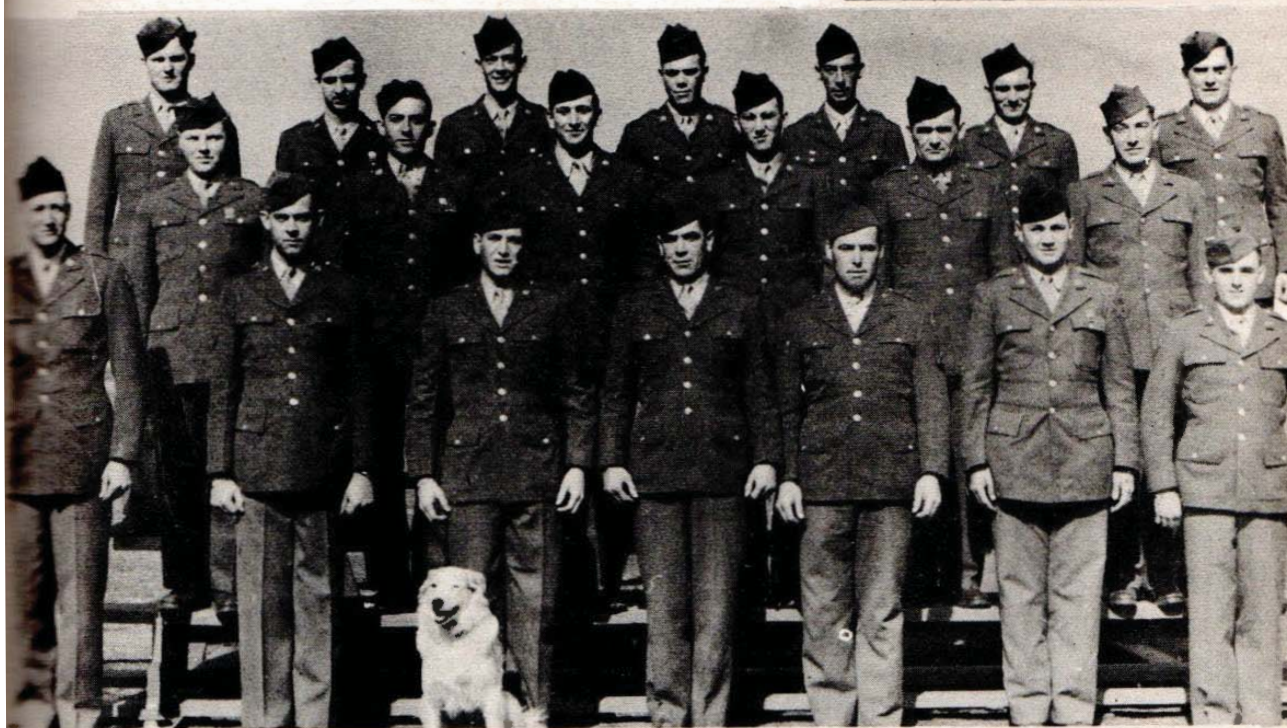
Fourth Row: Pvt Roady.

Not Present for Picture: T/5 Wheeler.



RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY  
Second Platoon

Platoon Leader  
2d Lt WALTER SODAITIS



First Row: T/5 Mullins, T/5 Quinn, Dog—"Junior"—Sgt Carter, Sgt Fleshman, T/5 Lilly, Pvt Watkins, Pvt Laquitara.

Second Row: Pvt Charette, Pvt Char, Pvt Kravitz, Pvt Lauritsen, Pfc Sokol, Pvt Muntz.

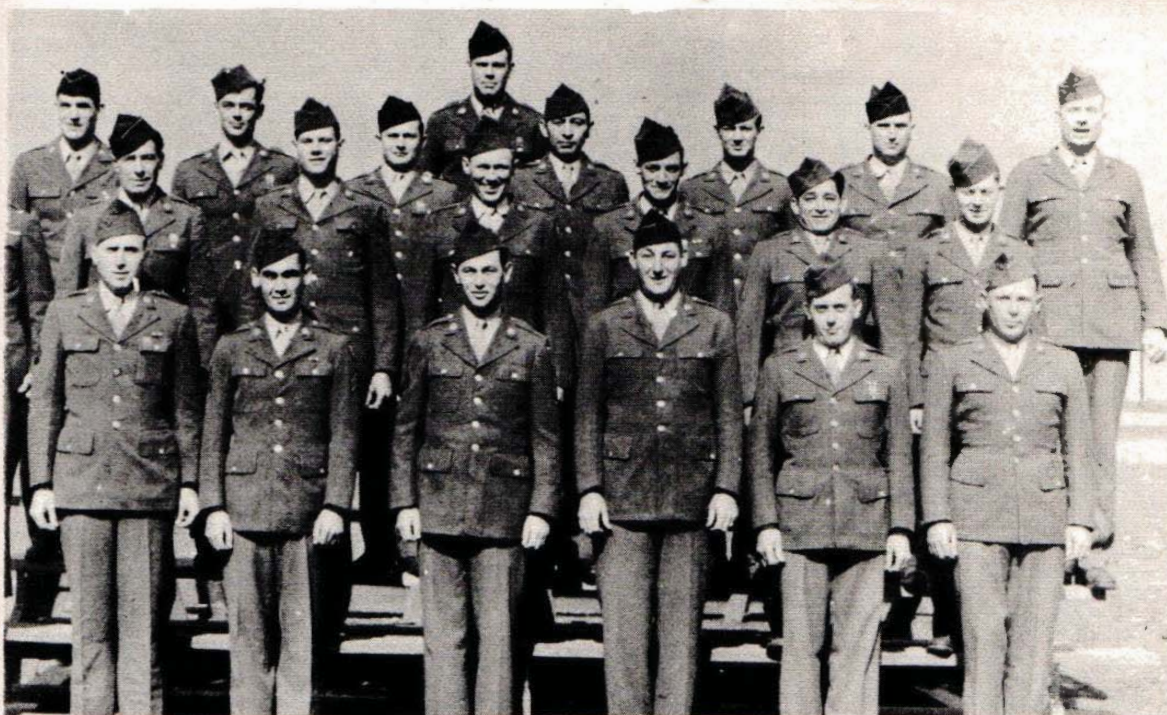
Third Row: Pvt Thompson, Pfc Brown, Pvt Shreyer, Pfc Engstrom, Pfc Kessler, Pvt Pullar, Pvt Lowell.

Not Present for Picture: Sgt Jasin, Sgt Staples.



RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY  
Third Platoon

Platoon Leader  
2d Lt J. L. RAGSDALE



First Row: Pfc Lovins, T/5 Absher, Sgt Nay, S/Sgt Novalsky, Sgt Harris, T/5 Casto.

Second Row: Pvt Apodaca, Pfc Robertson, Pvt Lee, Pvt Beard, Pfc Cruse, Pvt Luna, Pvt Wimberley.

Third Row: Pvt Stickney, Pvt Lawson, Pfc Ponder, Pvt Red Owl, Pvt Campbell, Pfc Howard, Pvt Bentley.

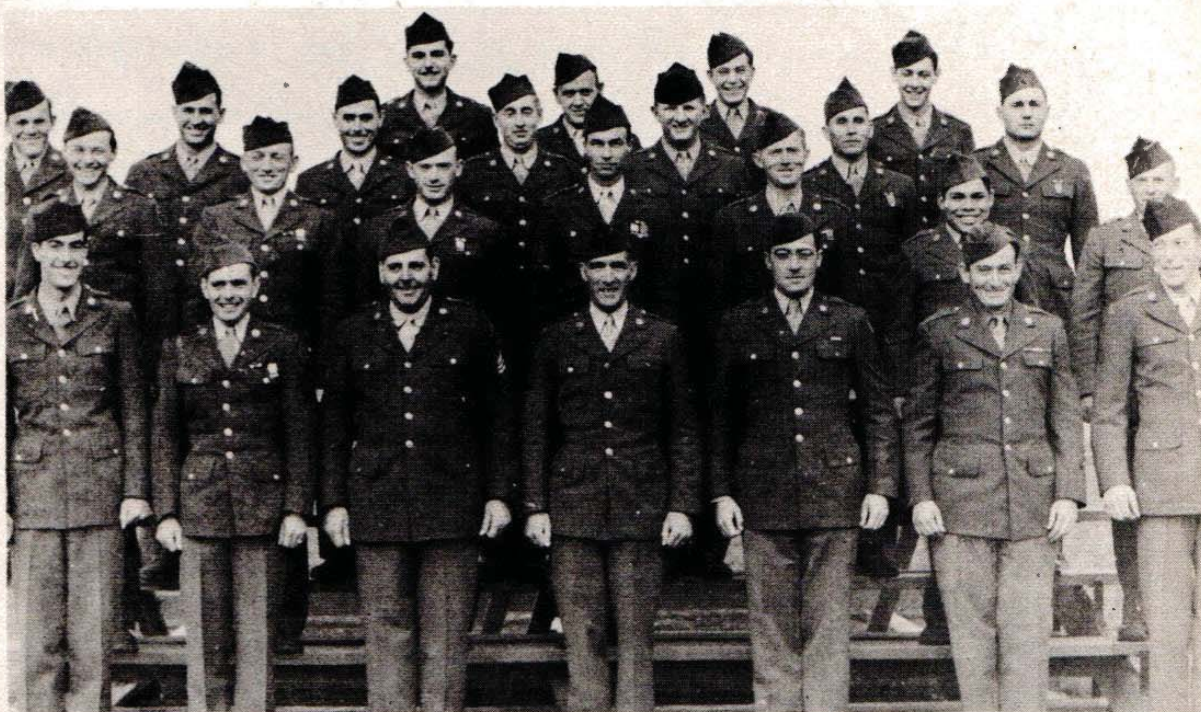
Fourth Row: Pvt Fincher.

Not Present for Picture: S/Sgt Green, T/5 Richmond, Pfc Pearce, Pvt Mackin.



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First Row: Cpl Moore, T/5 McGinnis, Sgt Sullinger, S/Sgt Hesse, Sgt Gust,  
Cpl Miller, T/5 Horrocks.

Second Row: Pvt Hawley, Pfc Skeen, Pvt Maynard, Pfc Strickland, Pfc Story,  
Pvt Hernandez, Pvt Dahlgren.

Third Row: Pvt Jackson, Pfc Sipe, Pvt Summers, Pfc Spencer, Pvt Kozbial,  
Pfc Hamrick, T/5 Bostic.

Fourth Row: Pfc Hartman, Pvt Myers, Pvt Krempa, Pvt Guillot.

Not Present for Picture: Pfc Grose, Pvt Shrewsbury, Pvt Butler, Pvt Sulewski.