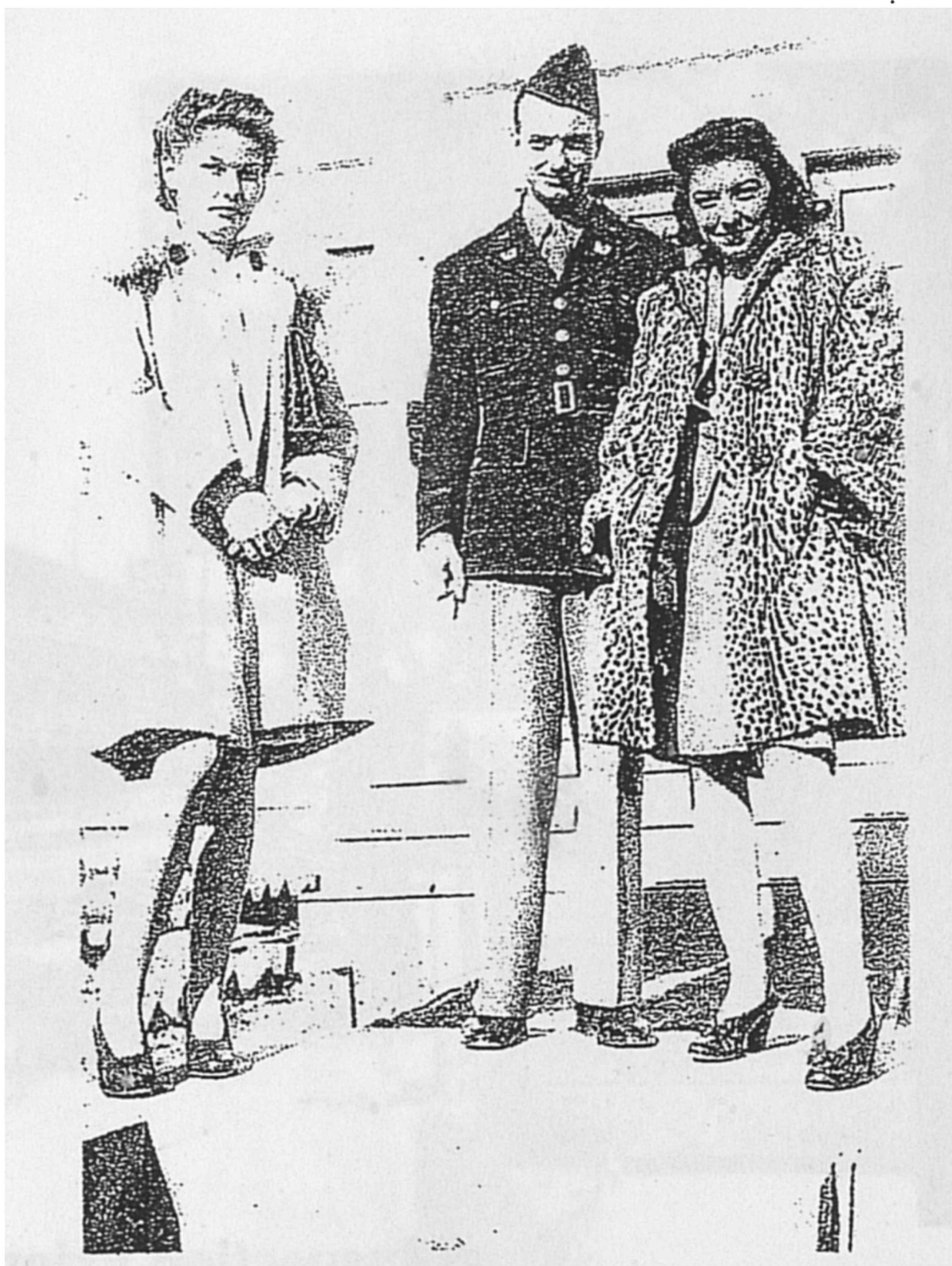




**A Rookie at "Rucker."  
501<sup>st</sup> Ord. Co. Heavy maintenance (tanks)  
December 1942**



**Dick and Peg Bayley with Sally.  
Dick was a warrant officer.  
Goldville, Kentucky - Feb. 1943**



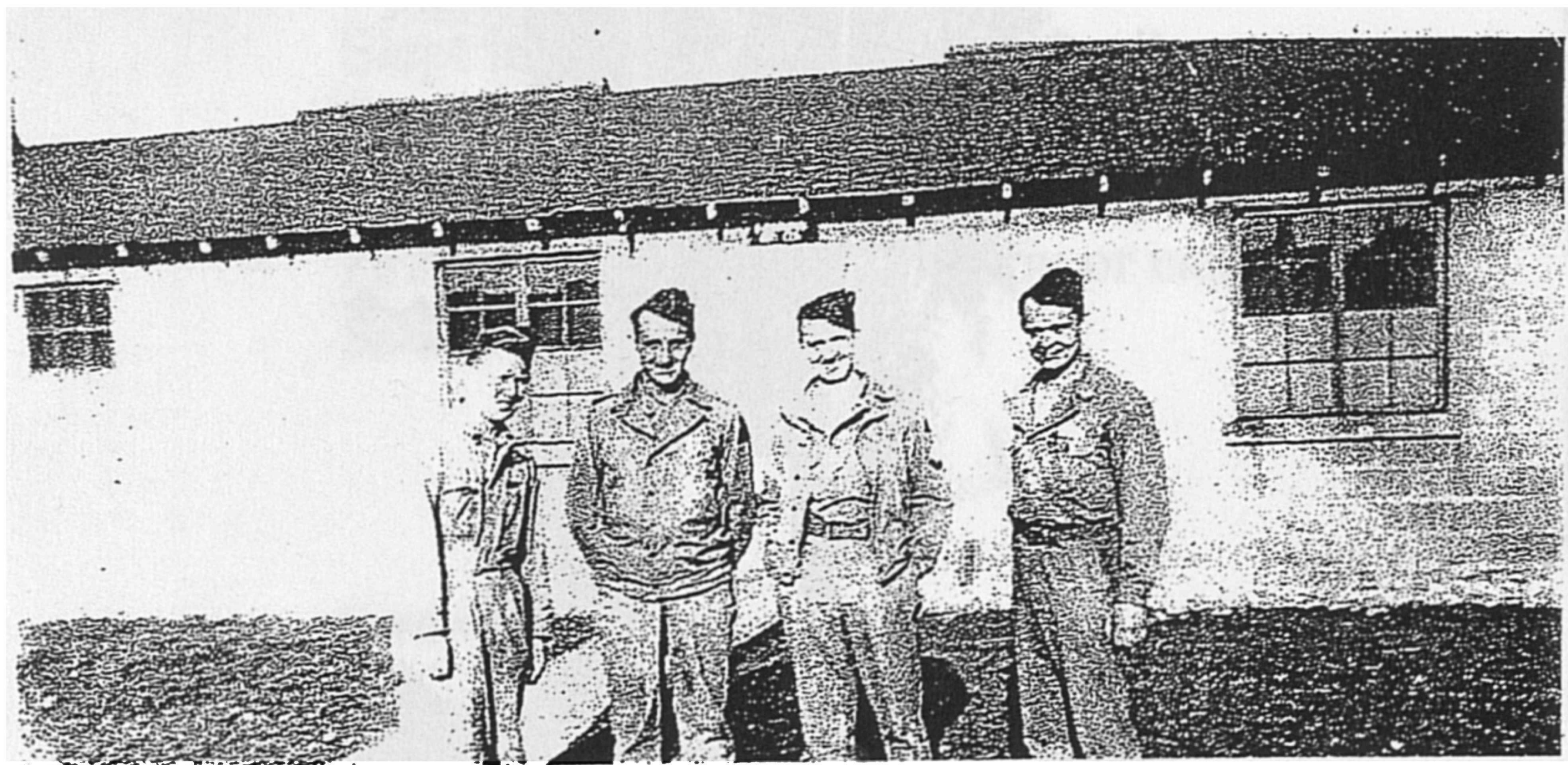
**Sally and I at Goldville.  
She has on her new ocelot coat.  
Feb. 1943**



**March 1944  
Mine Platoon A.T.C.O. 398 inf.**



**O'Sullivan, Applegate, Van Houten, McLaughton,  
Oliver and Carter were transferred out of the  
Platoon about July 1944**



**Schoolmates at Ft. Knox, Kentucky.  
L. to R. – Fleming, Ca., Joe Glass, Louisville, Ky.,  
me, Ed Konadka, Cleveland, Oh. Feb. 1943**



**Final Inspection Prior to  
Leaving Ft. Bragg Sept. 1944**





**Krachie, Me and Geb.  
July 1944**



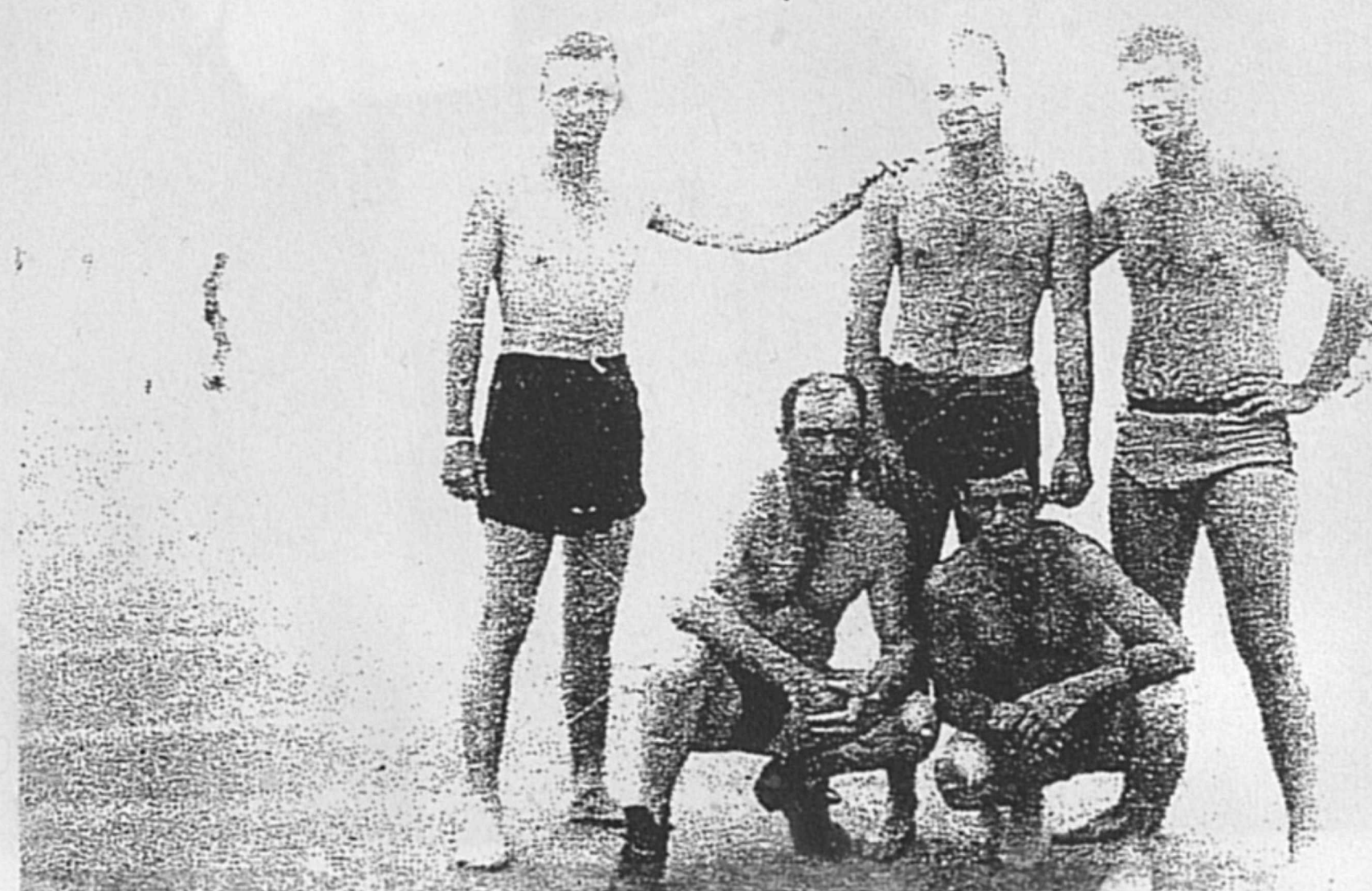
**McLaughton, Glos, Minge and I in Myrtle Beach  
July 1944**



**Me & our 3/ Ton Truck  
July 44**



**Sam and my tent.  
Kelly, Flanagan, Carroll, Me, Geb., Andrew  
Myrtle Beach July 1944**



**That wonderful three weeks at the ocean at the  
mouth of the Cape Fear River, bombing the marines.**

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**The "TOWN PUMP"**  
Fayetteville, N. C. Ft. Bragg  
Sept. 21, 1944

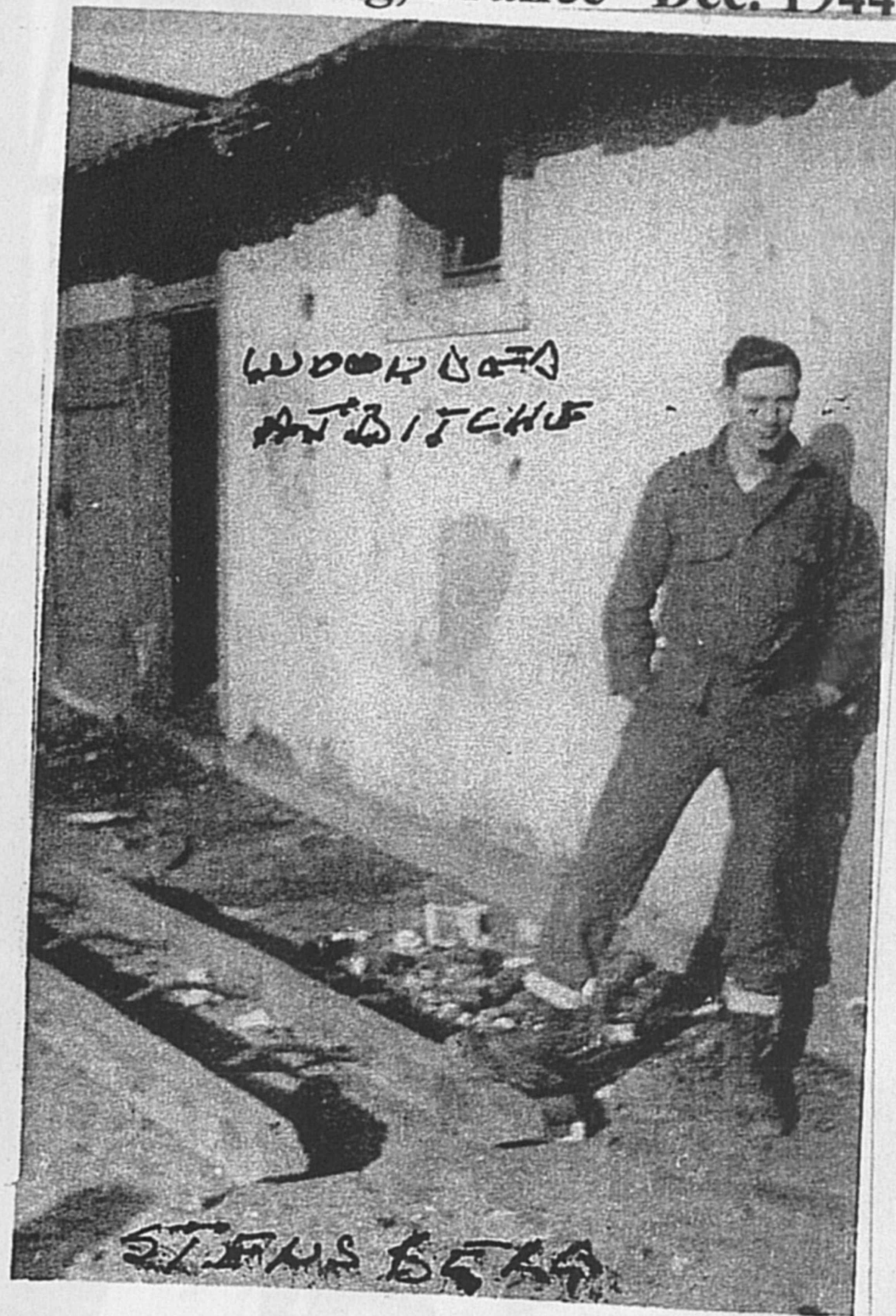
**Schnieder, Wilson, Glos, medics, Rosie,  
me, Geb, Wish, Puruis, Blake, Guilds,  
Crispo (wearing 1<sup>st</sup> sgt's shirt)**





Sgt. Wiczynski writing home  
Enchenberg, France Dec. 1944

Stensberg - wounded at Bitche  
Enchenberg, France Dec. 1944



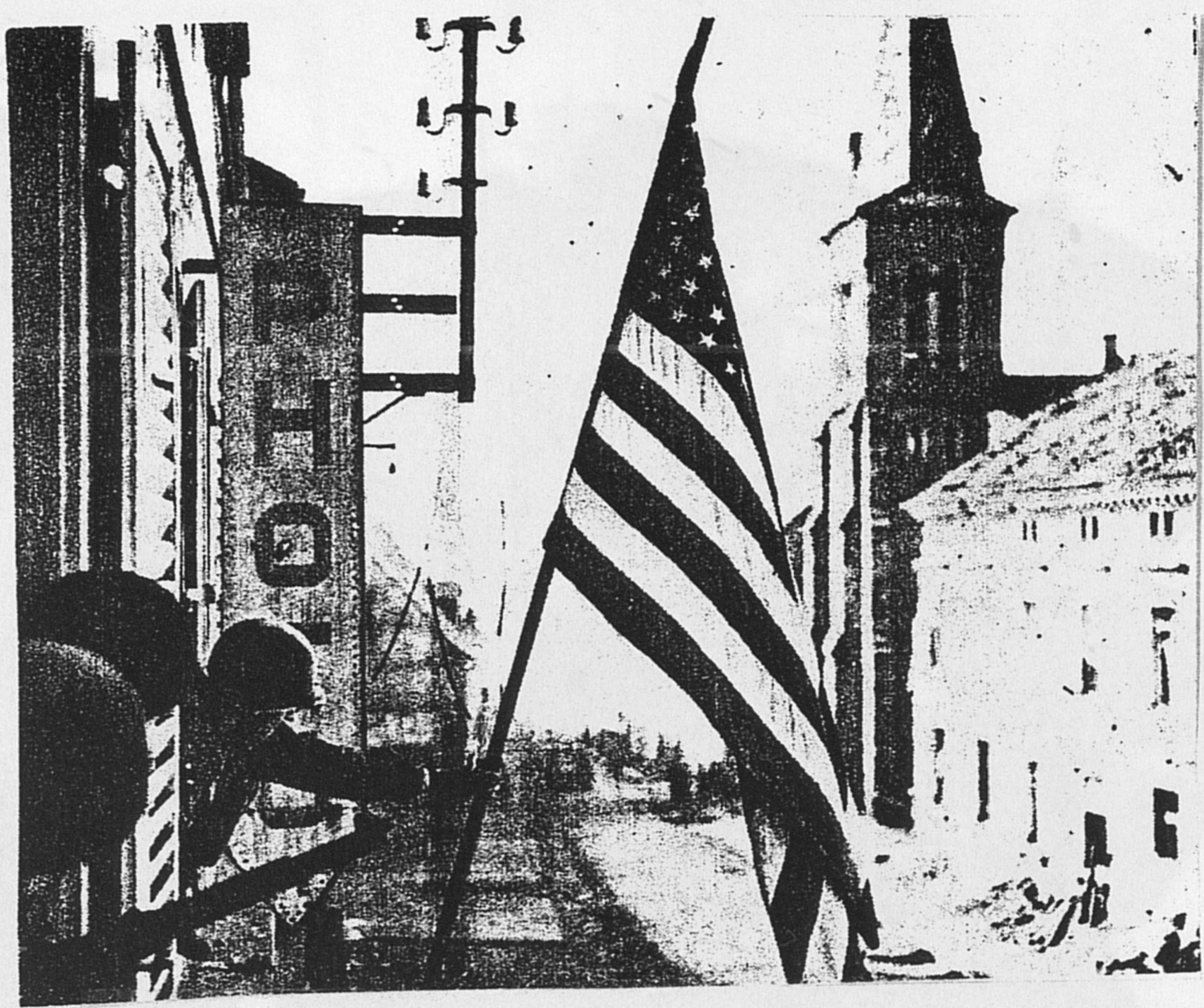
Clearing my carbine  
Enchenberg, France Dec. 1944



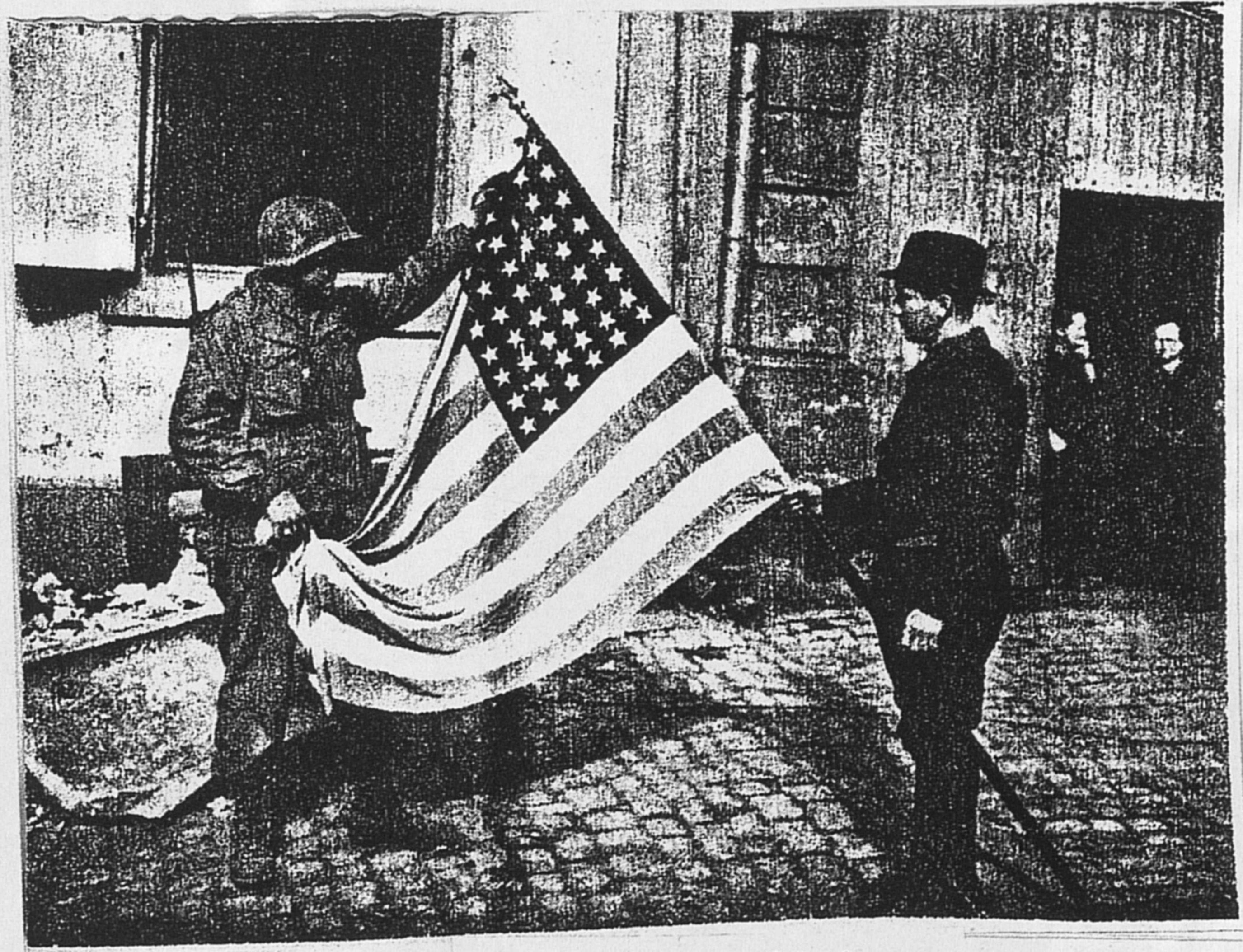
Denniston saying hello to Hitler  
Enchenberg, France Dec. 1944







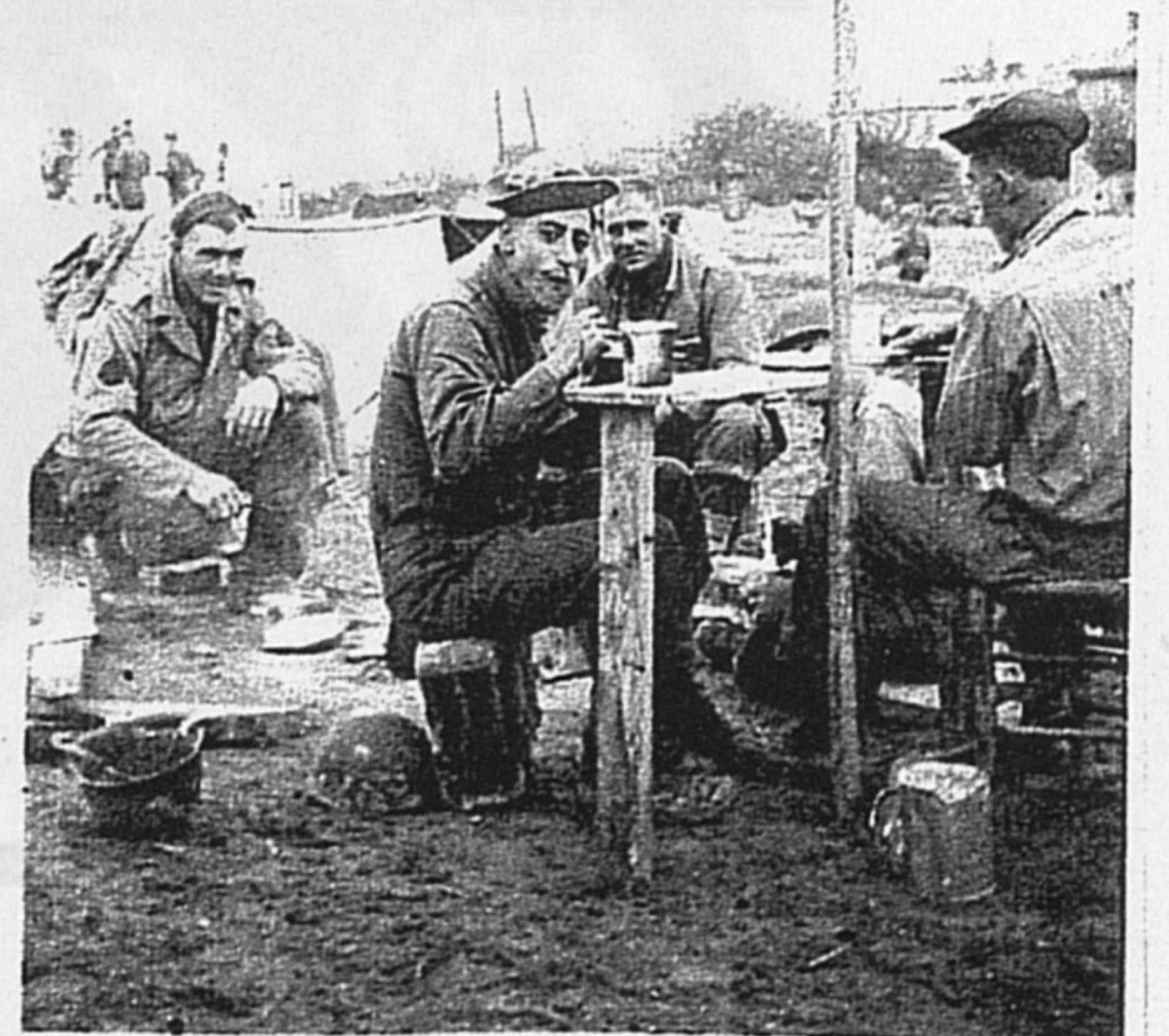
**Captain Thomas Garaham  
Bitche, France  
March 1945**



**Capt. & m<sup>r</sup>- Obring  
Owner of The Hotel**



**Dining Picnic Style  
Septems France  
Late Oct. 44**







**In our new (only one) pile jacket that we shared.  
Montbron, France. Feb. 1945**

**I'm with the little girl who lived in the house  
where we spent a month or more after the  
retreat from Bitche during the Battle of the  
Bulge north of us. Montbron, Fr. Feb. 1945**



**Geb. and Sidney Pick our platoon medic,  
also our doctor in residence**



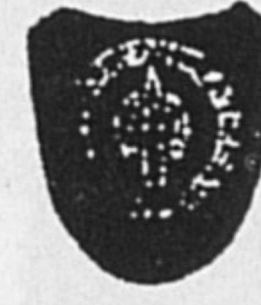
**Sgt. Gebhardt and I – We lived in the second  
floor of this house. Geb. was wearing the pile jacket.  
Montbron, France. Feb. 1945**



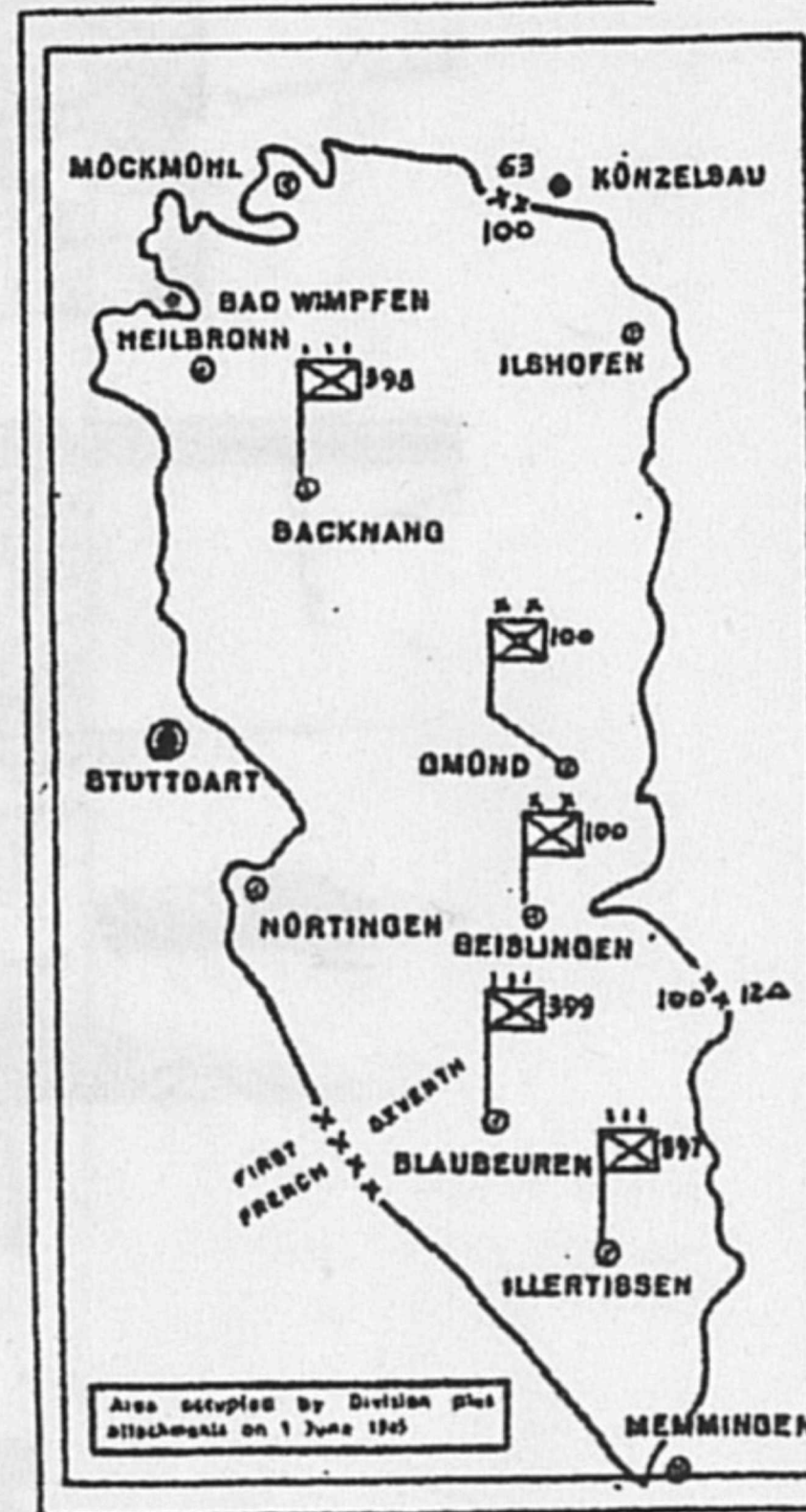


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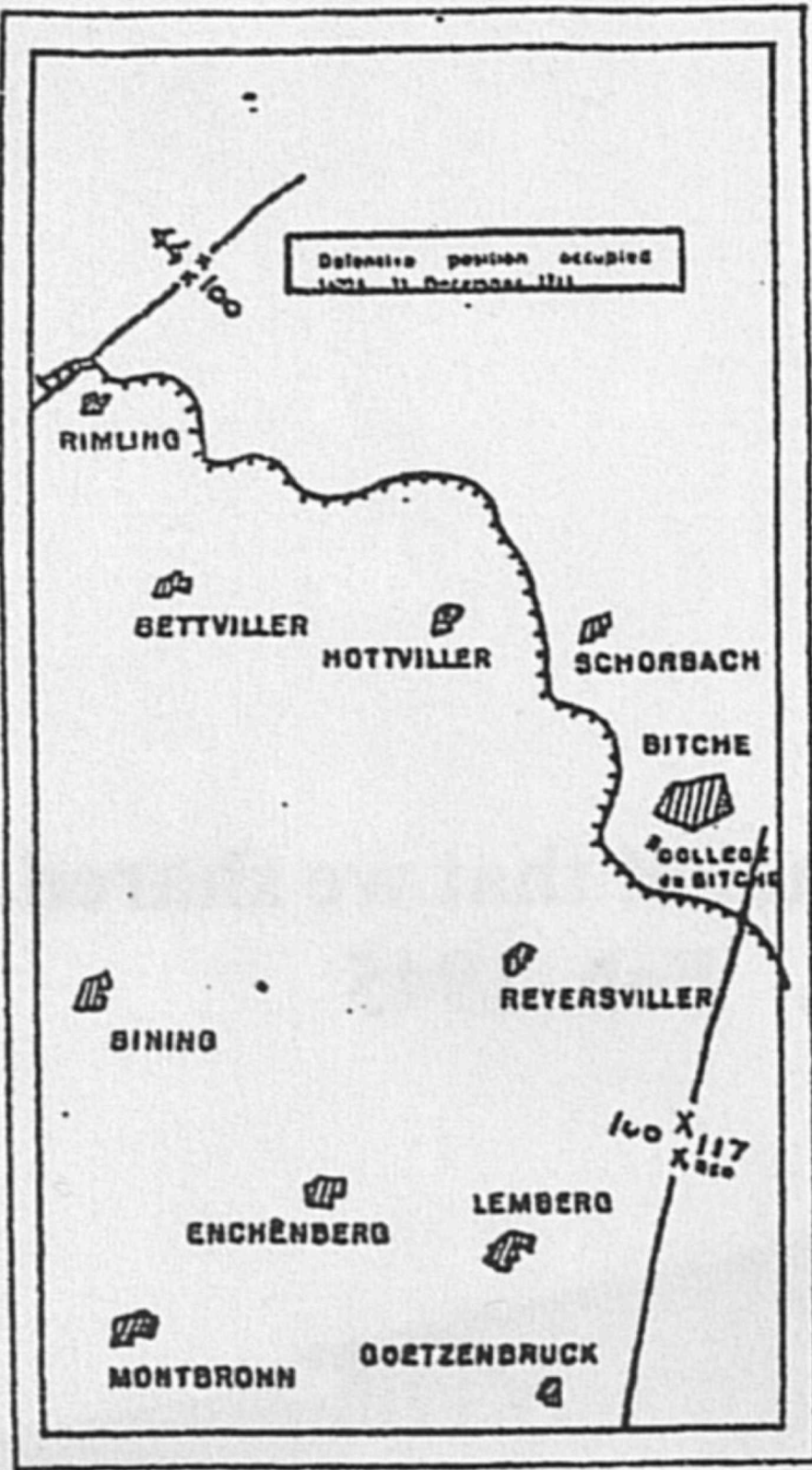
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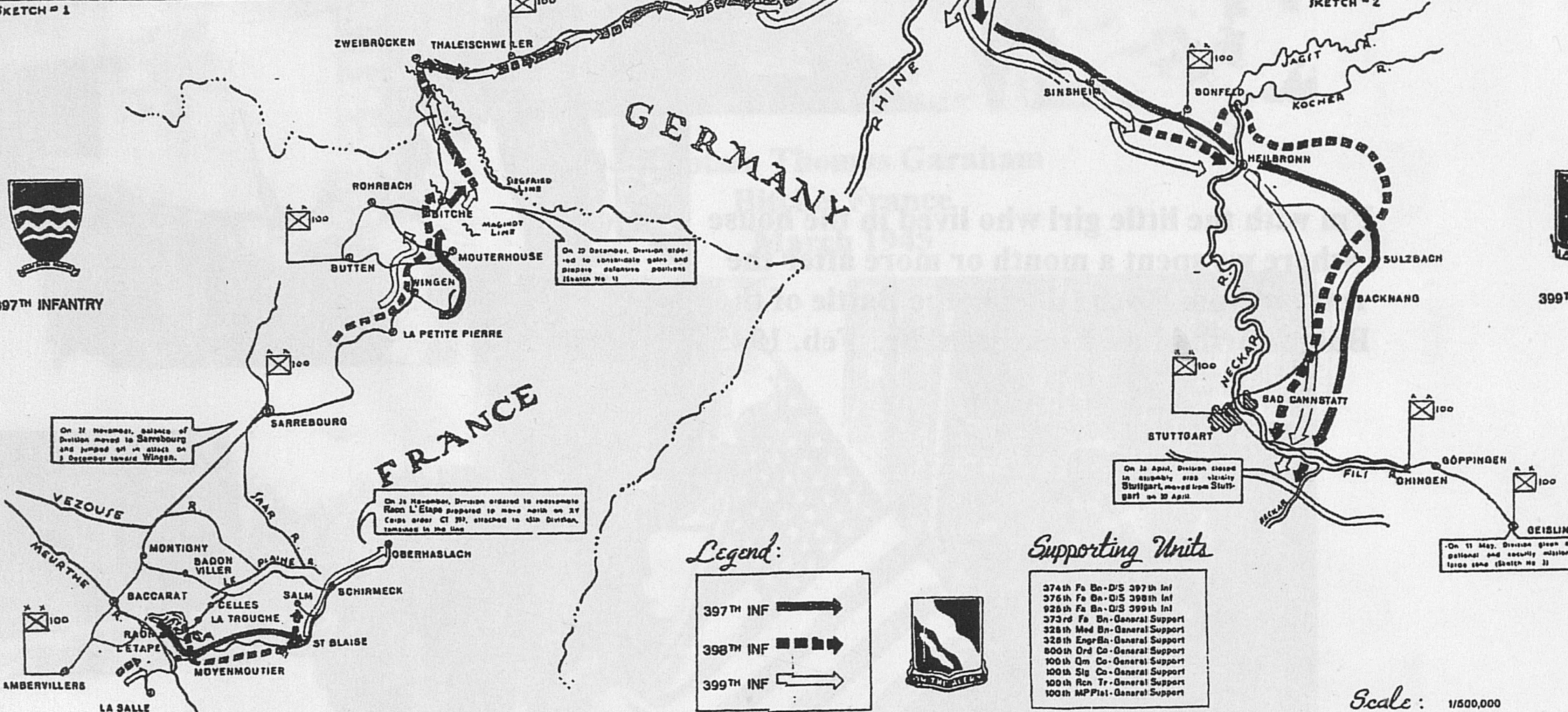
DIVISION ARTILLERY



SKETCH # 2



SKETCH # 1



397<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY

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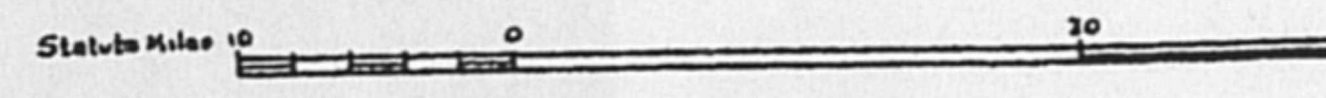


398<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY

### Supporting Units

- 374th Fa Bn - D/S 397th Inf
- 376th Fa Bn - D/S 398th Inf
- 328th Fa Bn - D/S 399th Inf
- 373rd Fa Bn - General Support
- 328th Med Bn - General Support
- 328th Eng Bn - General Support
- 800th Ord Co - General Support
- 100th Qm Co - General Support
- 100th Sig Co - General Support
- 100th Rcn Tr - General Support
- 100th MP Plat - General Support

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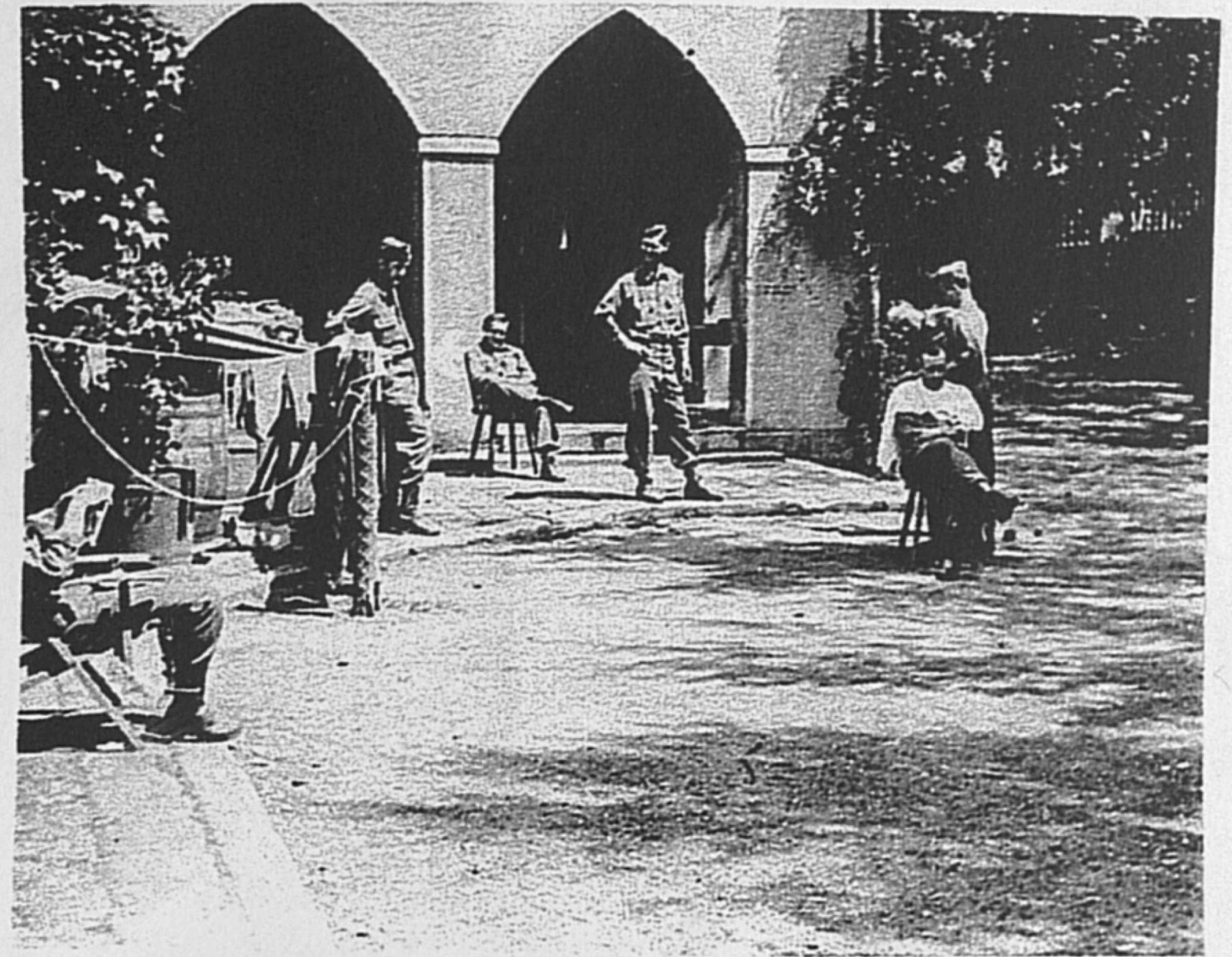


Division landed Merselles, France, 20 October 1944 and occupied Sarrebourg, 100 miles to north, Remban.





**Sklar and I in Backnang, Germany. I was doing maintenance work on my jeep.  
April, 15, 1945**



**During a lull we are getting haircuts.  
Backnang, Germany - April 15, 1945.**

**Making a box to send to Sally for the two crystal goblets with our names on them from Baccarat. I pulled this German trailer behind me across the country during the war. Backnang, Ger. April 1945**



**I sent home 2 German swords and some trophies.  
One of the wine goblets got broken in transit.**



**Boiling my clothes  
Banknang, Germany April 1945**





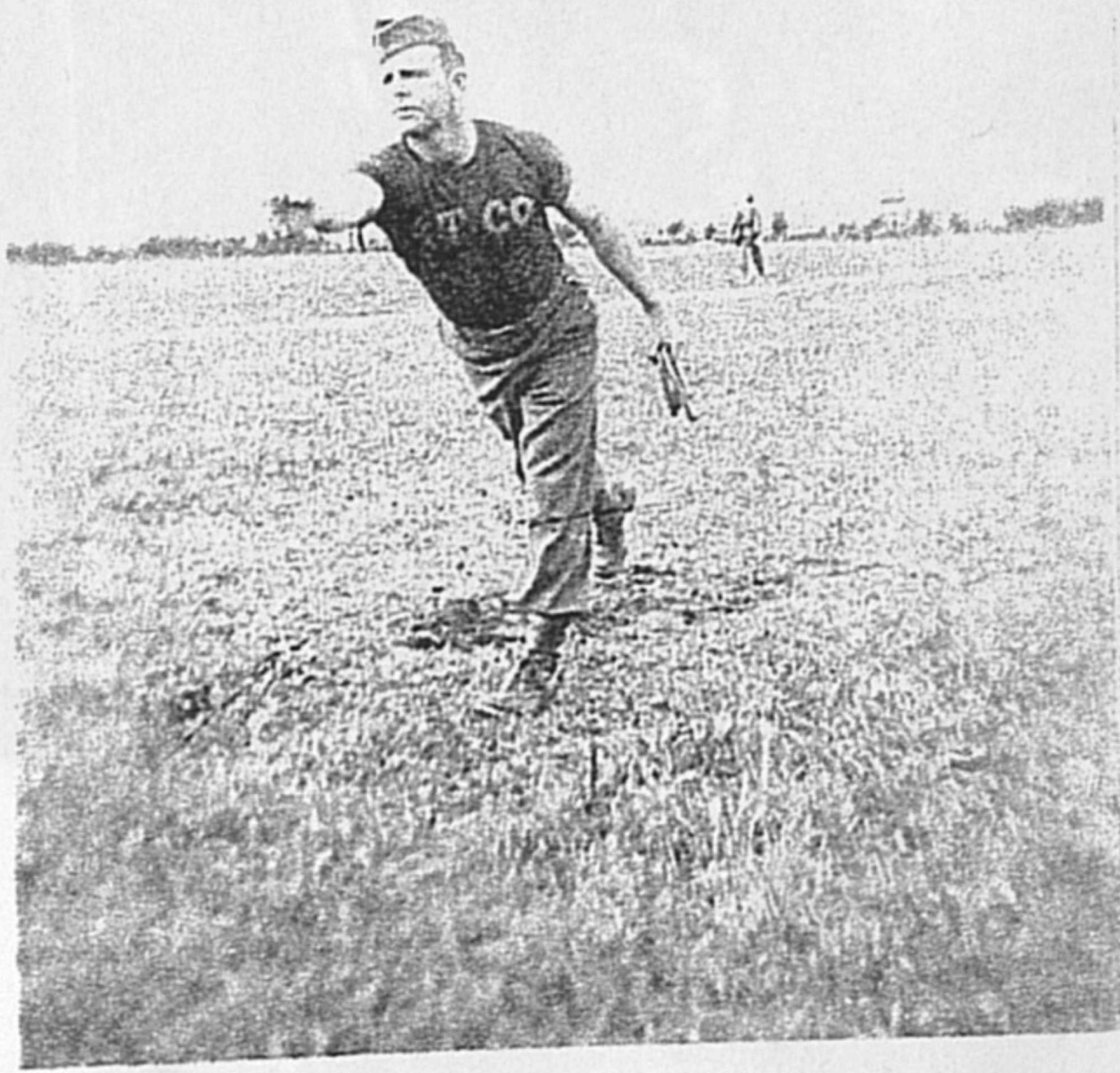
WIMPFEN AM NECKAR

LINDENPLATZ



During the Battle Forheilbronn we were upriver maybe 5 miles or so. This is the house and family of the big wounded jerk that I wrote about in my journal. Bad Wimpfen – mid April, 1945





**The war is over. We are playing games etc. in Winterbach, Germany. I tried to train the little fox...to no avail. July 4, 1945**



**6 guys from Ohio in the mine platoon in Winterbach, Germany...July 4, 1945 I think.  
Top L. to R. - Dick Werle, Me, Elyria, Sam Minge, Franklin, Jim Shea, Columbus. Bottom L. to R. - Bob Rodek, Canton, Ralph Wiczynski, Toledo**

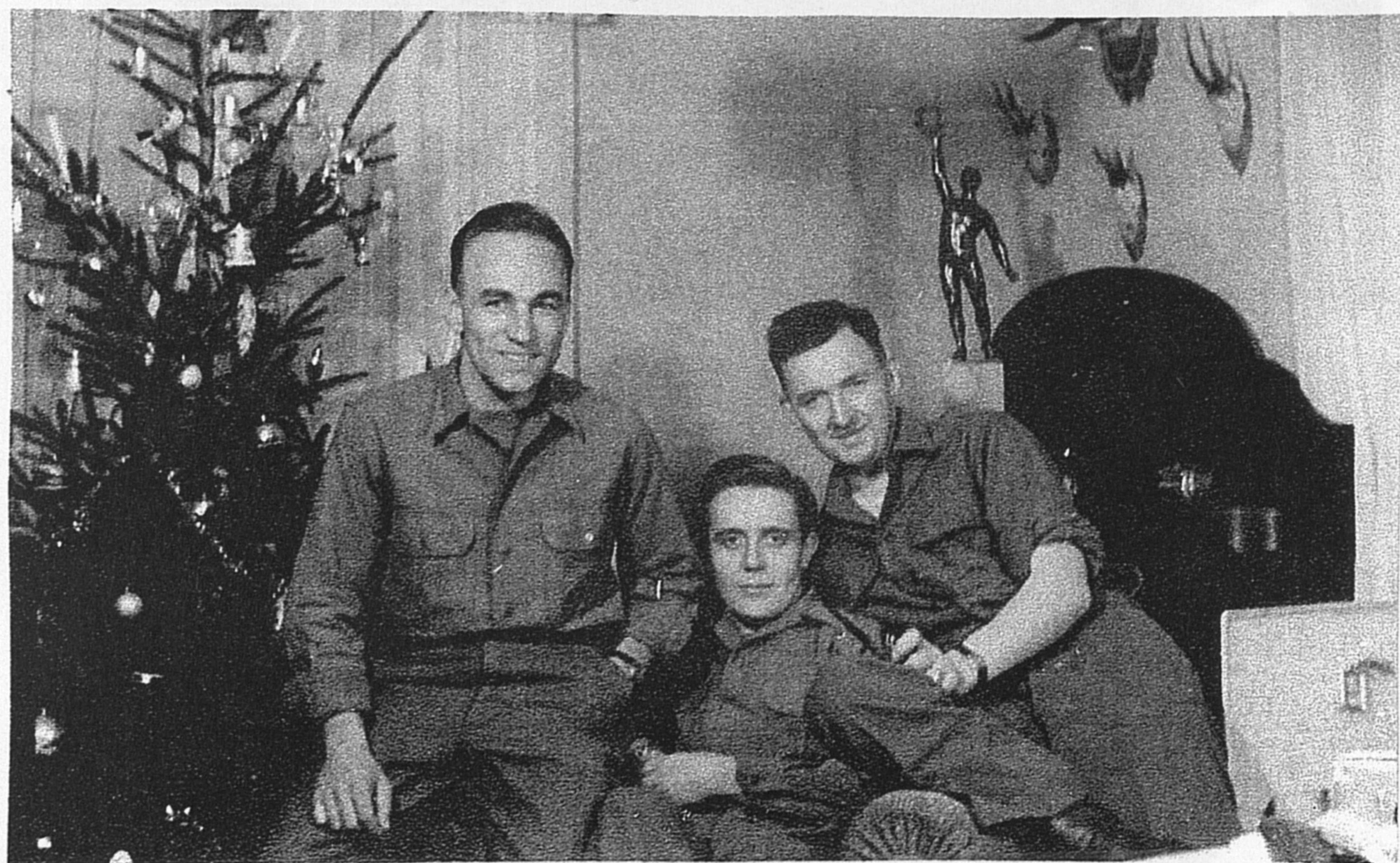




**All the little German kids hanging around us in  
Plieningen, Germany looking for gum, etc.  
Summer 1945**

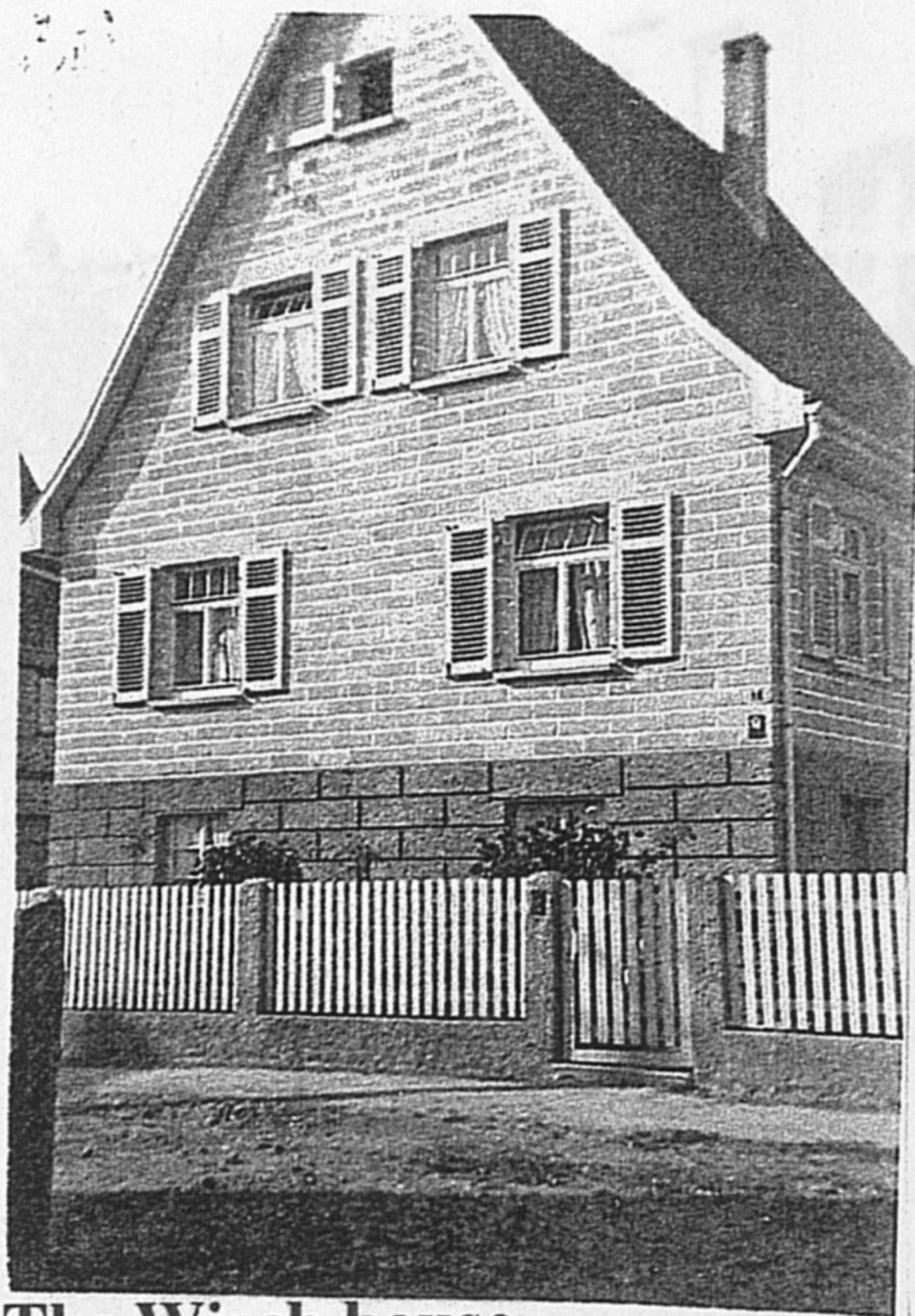


**Georg, Myrtha, Christa, Else, Marga, and Me**

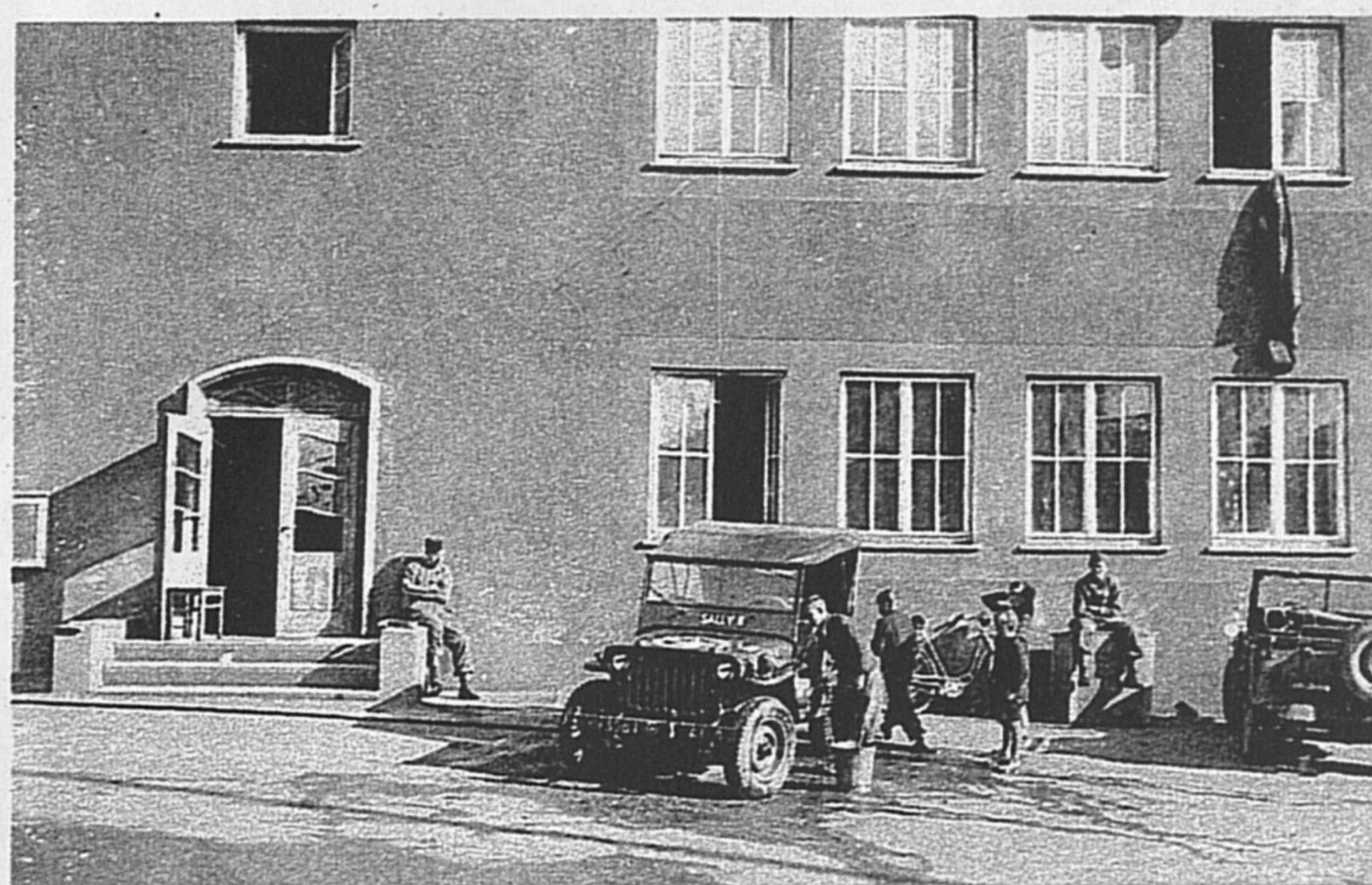
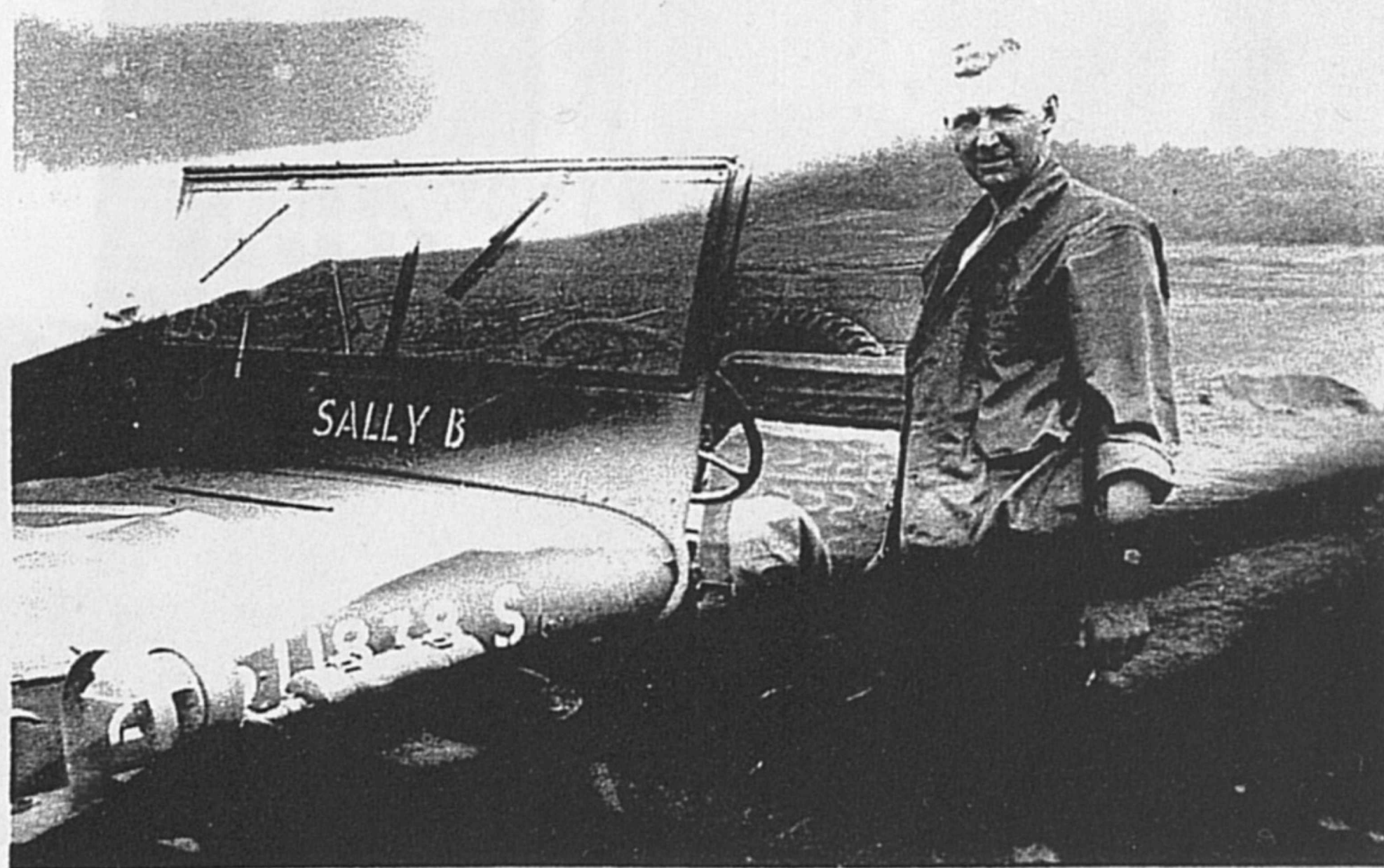


**Glenn Priester, Lippy and I  
Christmas 1945 at Georg's house**





**The Wiech house  
Summer 1945**



**Getting my jeep washed for gum, etc. at the  
schoolhouse where we lived in Pliegingen.  
Summer 1945**



**Wearing some of Georg's  
civilian clothes.  
Summer 1945**



**Post Haus Gauby, our non-com club, was located  
about 200 yards from our school house in  
Pliegingen. Great food, vermouth and beer. Officers  
were permitted in return for their liquor ration. All  
the action was with us at the Post Haus Gauby.**



**Polish "D.P.'s" working for food etc.  
Pliegingen, Germany  
Summer 1945**





**Loading up the last time as they  
broke up the division  
March 4, 1945.**



**On the Riviera playing golf, lounging at a  
café, enjoying ourselves, etc.  
August 1945**



**The last parade giving out awards,  
Stuttgart, Germany.  
Nov. 1945**



**Buck Creighton and I in the army of occupation  
living in wet basements, old barns, etc. Very, very  
bad duty February, March, April 1946. We were a  
blocking force in case the Russians started anything.  
Late 1945 through early 1946**



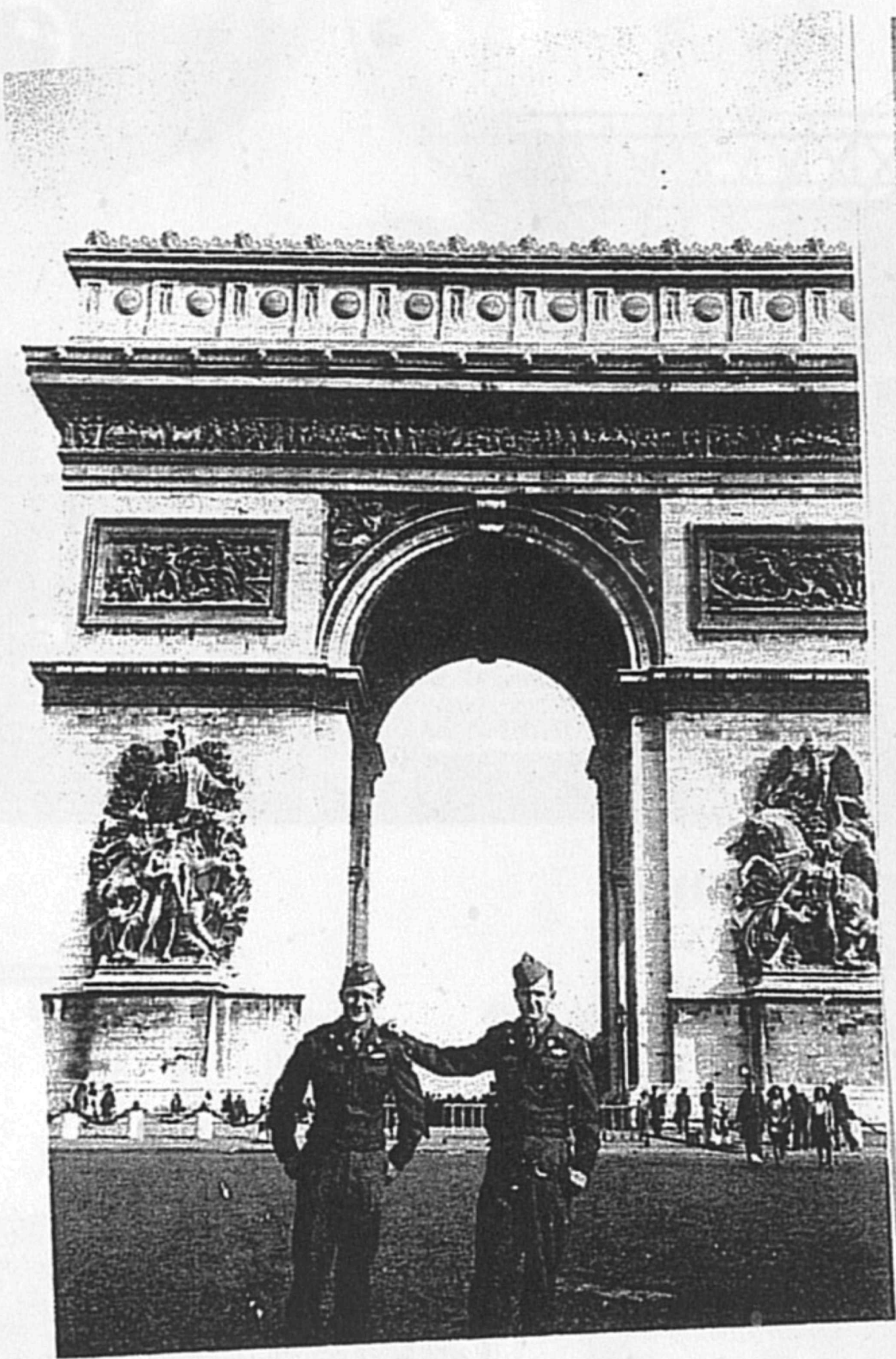




Place de la Republique  
Paris, France



Jimmy Dahlman and I in front of the  
Opera House in Paris. Sept. 1945

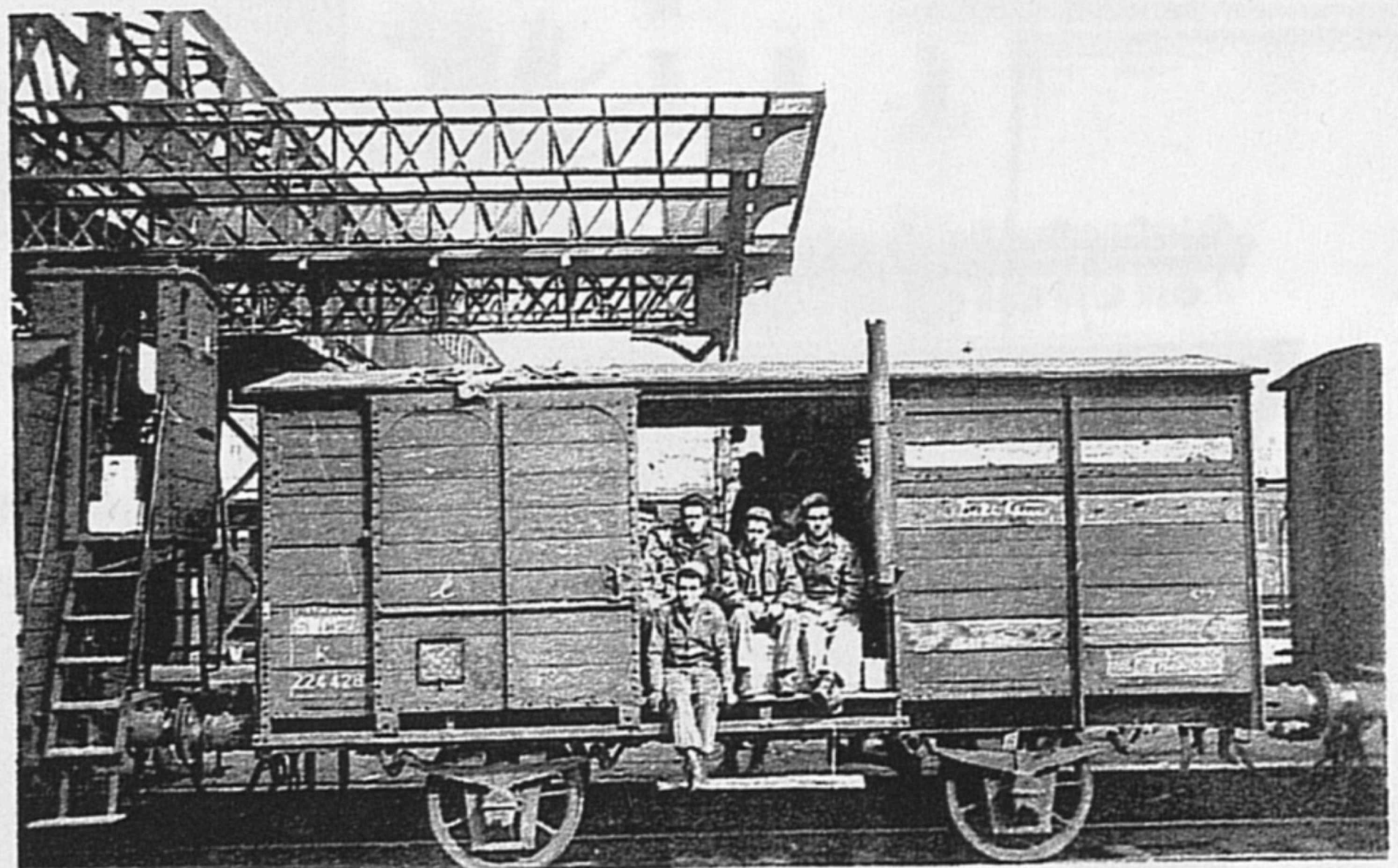
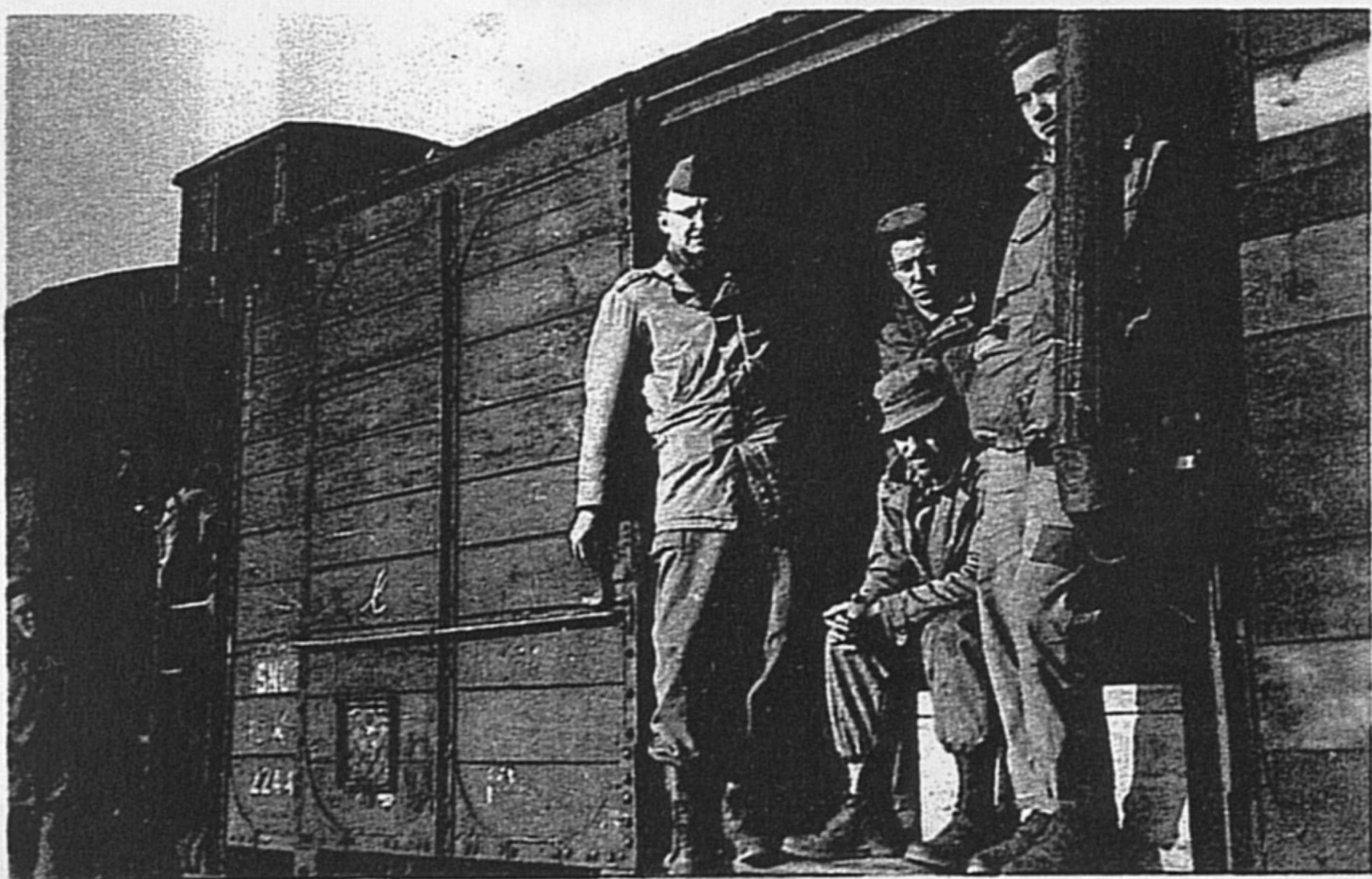


Ah, Paris, three-day pass  
Sept-Oct 1945





**The Eagle's Nest, Hitler's hideaway in the Alps.  
I knocked a chunk off his marble fireplace.  
October 1945**

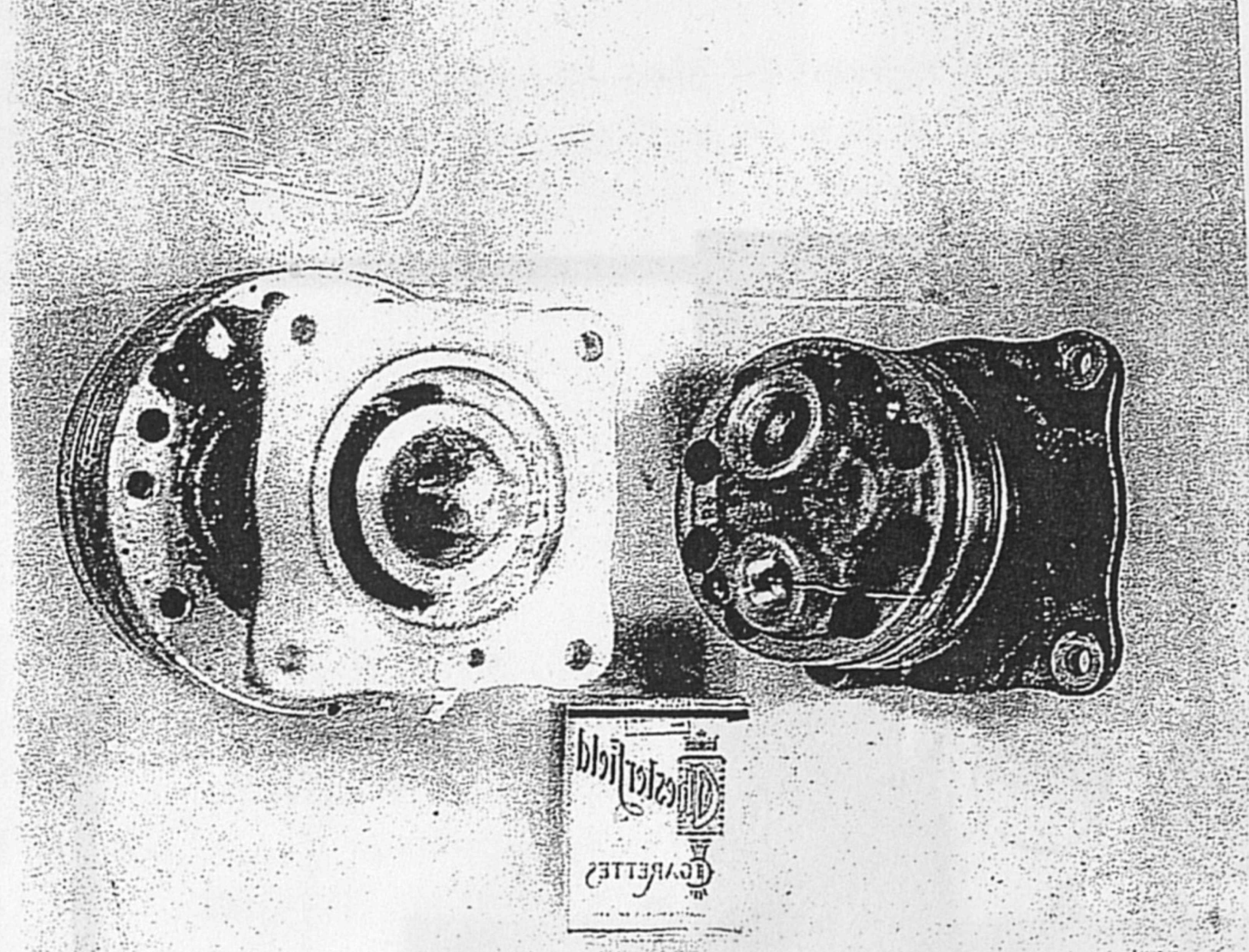


**40 + 8 French boxcars on our way from  
Stuttgart to Brussels. This was in  
Namur, Belgium. Going home  
April 1946.**

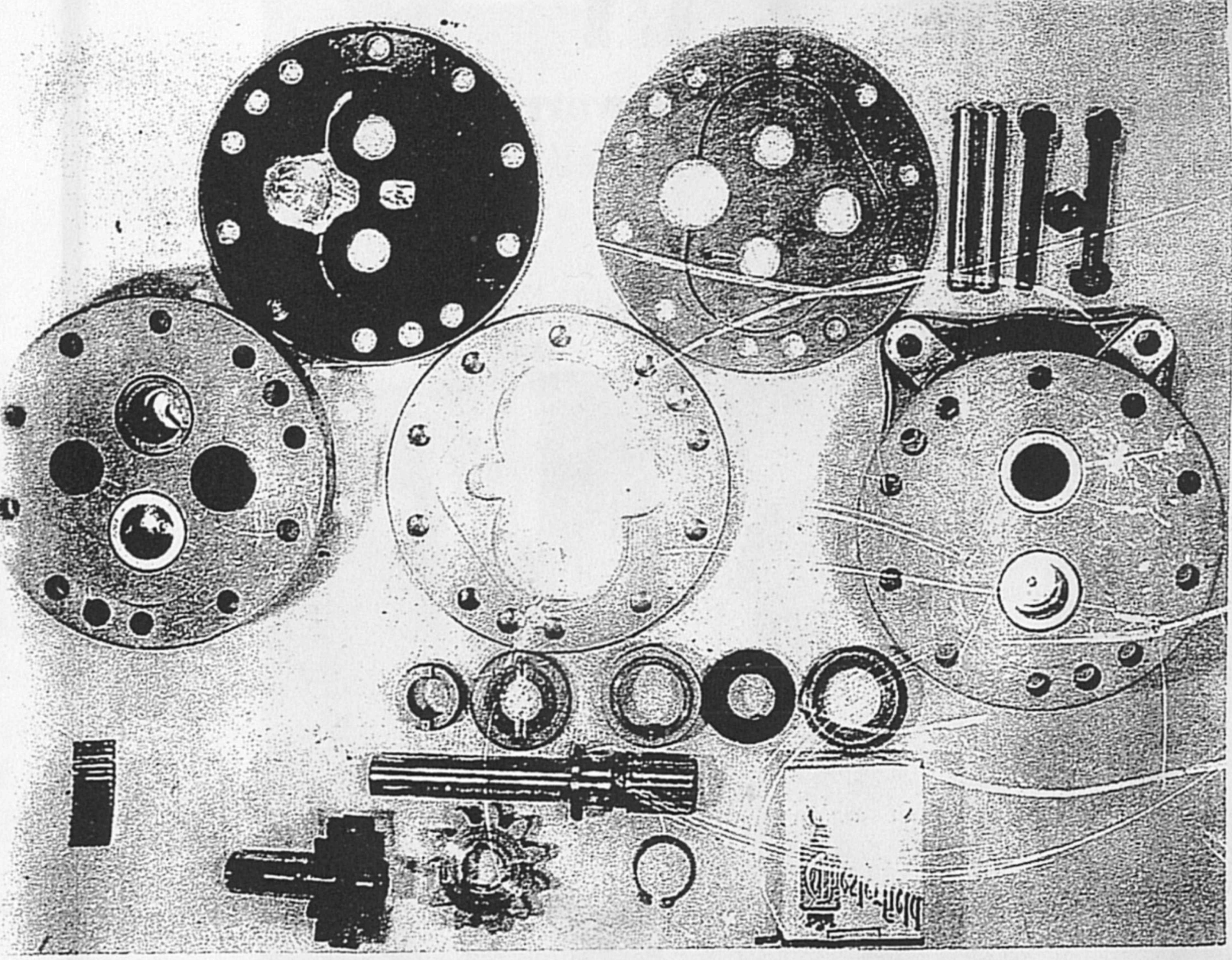


**On board the SS Sheepshead Bay Victory Ship  
6 day - April, 1946**

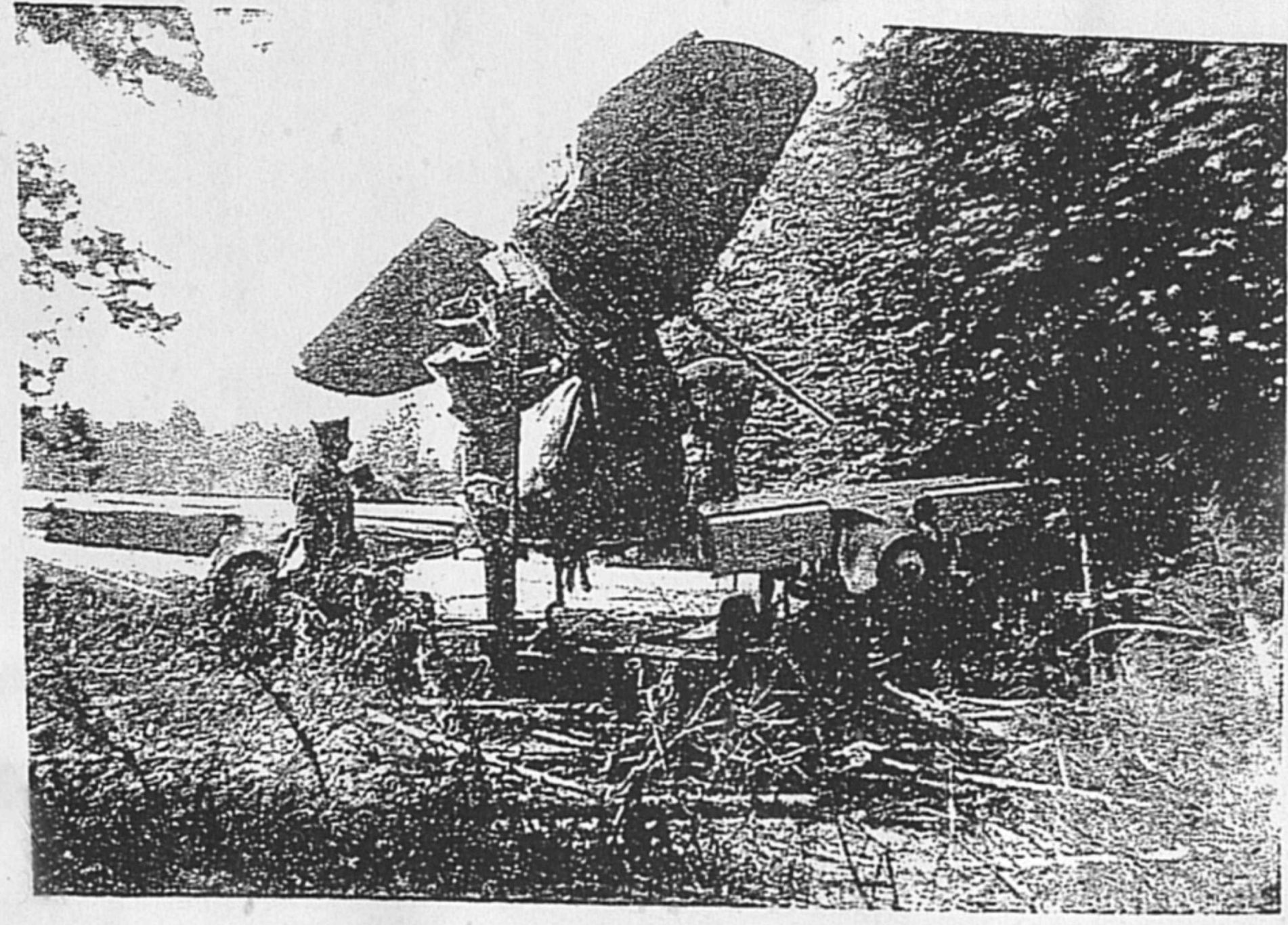
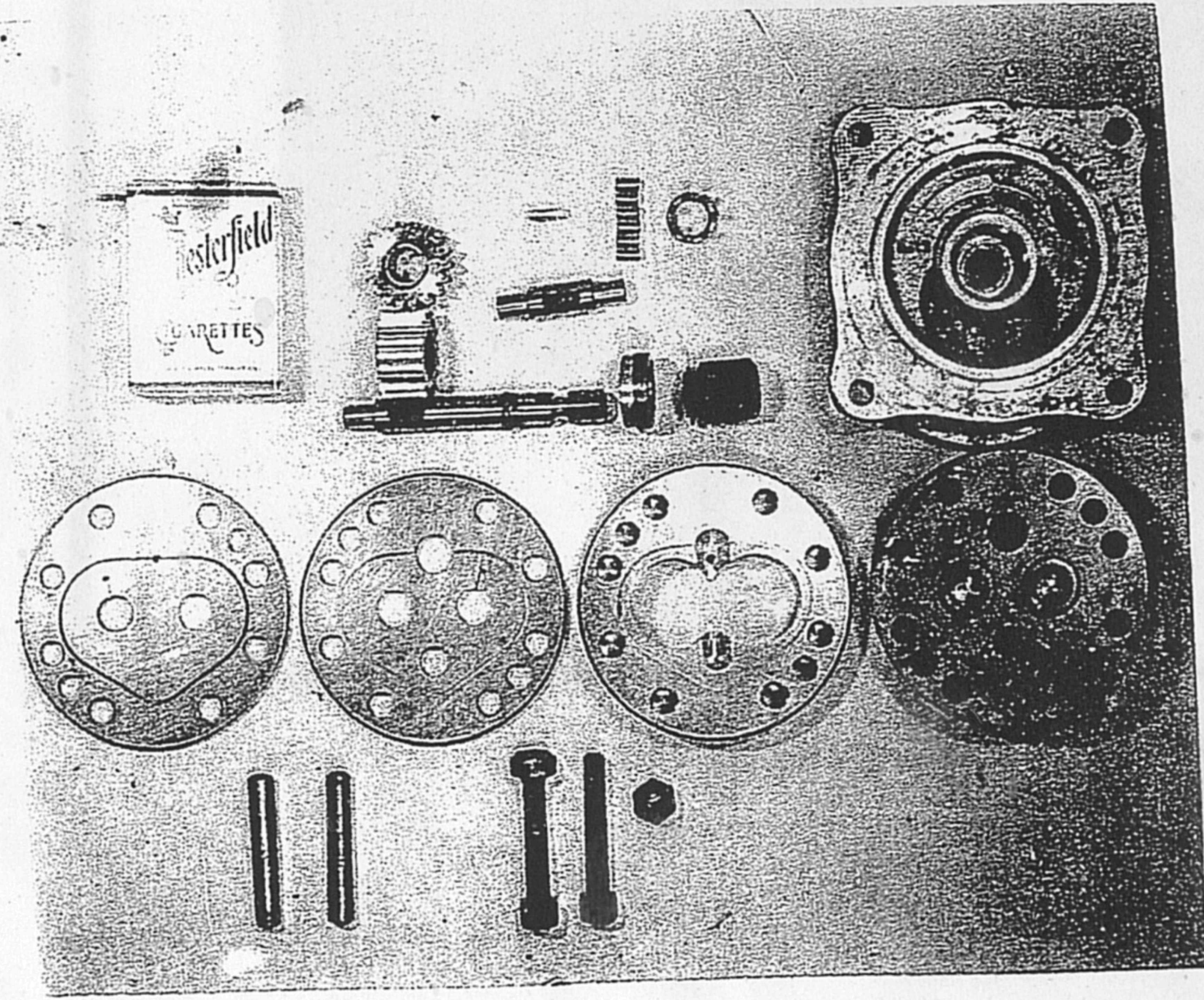




Various Messersmit jet fighters. They not only had the jets, but they were operational, they had many. Lucky for us, they had little or no jet fuel.



Two hydraulic pumps that I took off one of the fighters. Nothing new in the design, rather conventional, but very interesting to me.  
East of Plieningen, Ger. Aug. 1945







**My good and dear widowed Mother, who worried more than she should have after I enlisted.**



**“Sally B.”  
Sarah Emily Bayley, who waited for me till the war was over.**





**Echenberg, France**  
**Dec. 30, 1944**



## 100th Infantry Division

No Distinctive  
Insignia Authorized

15 Nov 42 activated at Ft Jackson S.C. and moved 17 Nov 43 to Second Army No.4 Tennessee Maneuvers; transferred to Ft Bragg N.C. 18 Jan 44 and staged at Cp Kilmer N.J. 30 Sep 44 until departed New York P/E 6 Oct 44; arrived in France 20 Oct 44 and entered Germany 22 Mar 45; arrived Hampton Roads P/E 10 Jan 46 and inactivated same date at Cp Patrick Henry Va.

**Campaigns:** *Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, Central Europe*  
**Aug 45 Loc:** Goppingen Germany

### Typical Organization (1944/45):

397th Infantry Regiment	325th Engineer Combat Battalion
398th Infantry Regiment	325th Medical Battalion
399th Infantry Regiment	100th Counter Intelligence Corps Det
HHB Division Artillery	Headquarters, Special Troops
373rd Field Artillery Battalion (155mm)	Hqs Company, 100th Infantry Division
374th Field Artillery Battalion (105mm)	Military Police Platoon
375th Field Artillery Battalion (105mm)	800th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company
925th Field Artillery Battalion (105mm)	100th Quartermaster Company
100th Reconnaissance Troop, Mecz	100th Signal Company
781st Tank Battalion (attached 7 Dec 44-21 Dec 44, 23 Feb 45-23 Apr 45)	
824th Tank Destroyer Battalion (attached 26 Nov 44-24 Apr 45)	
898th AAA Auto-Wpns Battalion (attached 7 Nov 44-11 May 45)	

### Overseas Wartime Assignments:

VI Corps - 1 Nov 44	VI Corps - 25 Mar 45
XV Corps - 27 Nov 44	Seventh Army - 25 Apr 45
XXI Corps - 22 Mar 45	

**Commanders:** MG Withers A. Burress: Nov 42  
BG Andrew C. Tychsen: Sep 45

**Killed in Action:** 883    **Wounded in Action:** 3,539    **Died of Wounds:** 101

### 100th Infantry Division Combat Narrative

The division arrived at Marseille France on 20 Oct 44 and elements went into combat at St Remy in the Vosges Mountains on 1 Nov 44. From 1-9 Nov 44 the division relieved the 45th Inf Div, and attacked on 12 Nov 44 as the 397th and 399th Inf crossed the Meurthe River at Baccarat to outflank Raon-l'Etape. Defeating a German counterattack on 13 Nov 44 the division advanced into Raon-l'Etape 18 Nov 44, which fell after the 397th Inf seized the Quarry Strongpoint. The division took Moyonmoutier without opposition 21 Nov 44 and overran St Blaise 23 Nov 44, the Vosges Mtns advance being halted on 26 Nov 44. The division arrived in the Saarebourg sector and relieved the 44th Inf Div on 27 Nov 44, where elements held the Saverne Gap Bridgehead while the rest of the division rehabilitated.

The division began the drive on Bitche 3 Dec 44, clearing Meisenthal and surrounding Mouterhouse by 6 Dec 44 and fighting the Battle for Lemberg 8-9 Dec 44 and the Battle for Reyersweiler 11-13 Dec 44. The division then fought the Battle for Fort Schiesseck, near Bitche, 14-20 Dec 44. The division was then ordered into holding positions south of Bitche due to the German Ardennes Counteroffensive. The German NORDWIND Offensive of 1 Jan 45 caused the division to give ground, but by 8 Jan 45 it was improving its positions on local attacks. The division attacked again toward Bitche on 15 Mar 45 and fought past Maginot forts to take the town the next day. On 18 Mar 45 the division was relieved from the line and reached the Rhine on 24 Mar 45.

The division crossed the Rhine on 31 Mar 45 and relieved the 63rd Inf Div near Neckargemund. It attacked 1 Apr 45 southeast along the Neckar River behind the 10th Armd Div against disorganized resistance. The 398th Inf crossed the Neckar at Neckargartach and established a bridgehead in heavy combat. The division then fought the Battle for Heilbronn 4-12 Apr 45, which fell only after house-to-house fighting. The 398th Inf fought the Battle for Jagstfeld 6-11 Apr 45 while attempting to expand its Offenau Bridgehead. The division then rapidly advanced behind the 10th Armd Div and took Loewenstein on 16 Apr 45. The 397th Inf reached the Murr River at Sulzbach 19-20 Apr 45; the 398th Inf crossed the Murr at Murrhardt 19 Apr 45; and the 399th Inf battled for the heights at Beilstein in the Neckar River Valley 18-19 Apr 45. The division then drove rapidly to Stuttgart which it reached on 21 Apr 45 as bridges were taken across the Rems River. The division mopped up pockets of resistance east of Stuttgart along the Neckar and confined further activity to patrolling. It relocated to Goppingen 30 Apr 45 for military government duty, and was serving in that capacity when hostilities were declared ended on 7 May 45.



## Enlists In Army, Will Not Use Deferment

Leroy Hudson Barr, 254 North Olive street, does not want and cannot now use the draft deferment granted to him by the district selective service appeals board.

He has already enlisted in the Army, and is now at Camp Perry, awaiting assignment.

The appeal for deferment was filed by his employer, the Romec Pump Company, after the Elyria draft board had placed Barr in Class 1-A. Barr did not want a deferment, however, so he applied for permission to enlist. The board granted the permit last week.

Yesterday the board received 11 decisions from the appeals board, and found that the appeals board had continued 1-A classifications in 10 of the cases. The only one changed was Barr's classification. He was placed in Class 3-B by the appeals board. But Barr is now in the Army, by his own choice, so the change in classification has no effect.

The local draft board had not received any official notice of his enlistment today, but it knew that he was planning to enlist, so it is not surprised to learn that he did.

**Chronicle Telegram**  
**Elyria, Ohio**  
**Nov. 22, 1942**







## MINE PLATOON

Per photo at Enchenberg, France – December, 1944

FRONT ROW, L-R, Tech. Sgt. Gebhardt (Platoon Sgt.). 1<sup>st</sup> Squad: Sgt. Krajcovic (Squad Leader), Lippy, Segroves, Priester, Kelly, Carlson, Shea, Rodek.

2<sup>ND</sup> ROW, L-R: 2<sup>ND</sup> Squad: Sgt. Wishinski (Squad Leader), Stensberg, Rosenfeld, Polsonetti, Whelpley, Treiman, Minge. T/5 keegan (Truck Driver).

3<sup>RD</sup> ROW, L-R, T/5 Flanagan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Squad: Sgt. Glos (Squad Leader), Wiczynski, Hurley, Dahlman, Parmett, Denniston, T/4 Miccoly (Draftsman), Walls, T/5 Creighton (Truck Driver), T/5 Barr (Jeep Driver).

4<sup>TH</sup> ROW, Lt. Lockman (Platoon Leader).

Anti-Tank Company, 398<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment – 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division