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**NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER  
CANDIDATE COURSE**







## **MISSION OF THE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER CANDIDATE COURSE**

"To develop selected personnel to be Infantry Non Commissioned Officers at the fire team and squad leader level who will be capable of performing duties appropriate to their grade in infantry units as combat leaders."

The Non Commissioned Officer Candidate Course at the United States Army Infantry School is a period of transition, training, and leadership development for selected enlisted men who have demonstrated leadership potential, which prepares them to assume the increased responsibilities of a Non Commissioned Officer.



**LEADERSHIP  
IS A  
LEARNED SKILL**







## LEADERSHIP REACTION COURSE



... is a test of leadership potential and ingenuity. The Course is designed to require the Candidate to exercise leadership traits in solving situational problems, thereby providing him and the instructor with a basis for identifying and improving his personality weaknesses.

Each Candidate is given the opportunity to be the leader of his team. He must analyze the situation, formulate plans, and then direct the accomplishment of his mission within a specified time.

The Course involves land and water situations and there are times when the "most obvious ways" are "dampened . . ."

**THE FIGHTING  
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IS THE  
PHYSICAL AND MORAL  
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INFANTRY**



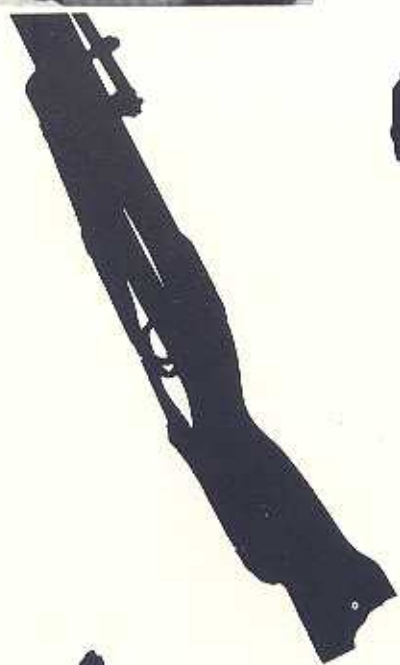




## **EXPERT WITH THE TOOLS OF THE PROFESSION**

As in any profession, the skilled worker has certain "tools of his trade". For the Infantryman the tools are many weapons which vary from small caliber to the larger sophisticated types. During weapons training the candidate learns not only how to fire, but the mechanical characteristics and capabilities of individual weapons as well.

Proficiency is the key to handling all weapons organic to Infantry units. As a potential squad leader, the candidate must learn to operate and be able to teach his men the steps necessary to maintain proficiency. Without such knowledge the tools of combat are useless.







**A CAREER  
OF BRAVERY  
AND  
HONOR**

The Reward—Graduation as Sergeants

Prepared for combat leadership, the most demanding yet most rewarding of human endeavors





JOHN M. WRIGHT, JR.  
Major General  
Commandant, USAIS





JAMES A. TIMOTHY  
 Brigadier General  
 Assistant Commandant, USAIS



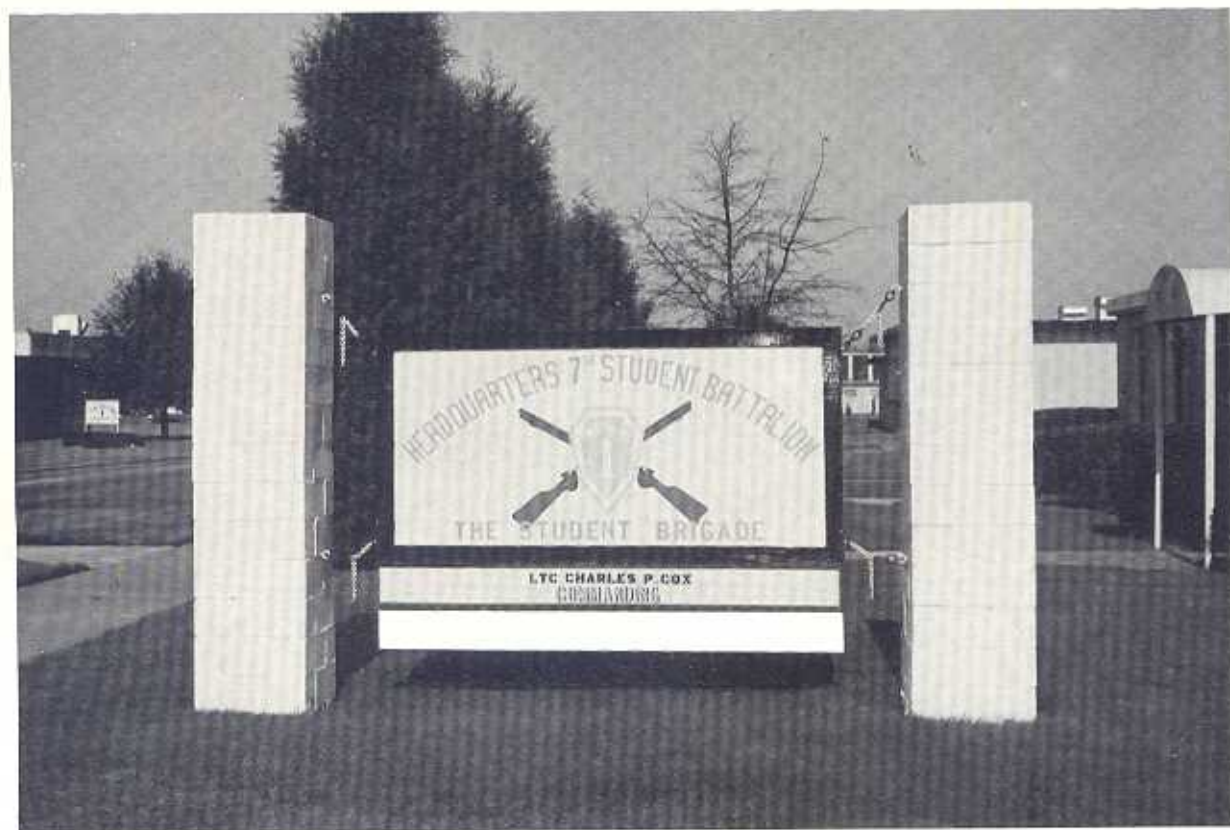
GRANVILLE A. SHARPE  
 Colonel, Infantry  
 Commanding Officer  
 The Student Brigade



LTC Charles P. Cox  
Battalion Commander



Harry V. Balsar  
Sergeant Major





71ST COMPANY CADRE



2LT James Howell  
Company Commander



2LT William F. Pitts  
Executive Officer



2LT Robald D. Bailey  
Training Officer



ISG Donald C. Ridenour  
First Sergeant



SFC Eddie Hoepfner  
Sr. TAC NCO



SFC Roy H. Hattaway  
Sr. TAC NCO



SSG Harold H. Luseno  
TAC NCO



SSG Chester L. Phillips  
TAC NCO



SSG Charles Purdy  
TAC NCO



SFC Herman Robinson  
TAC NCO

## THE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER CANDIDATES 71ST COMPANY

The sergeant, as the platoon Tactical NCO is the one individual who knows the candidate best; and, therefore, will exert most of the influence in developing his leadership ability. The specific mission is that of developing a spirit of aggressiveness, stamina, discipline, and leadership in 25 to 40 candidates as individuals, so they will be capable of performing the duties of non-commissioned officers. The Tactical NCO must observe, correct, evaluate, counsel and render written reports on each candidate.

Abdon, Simeon  
Adornetto, George B.  
Aikens, Alan B.  
Anderson, Richard L.  
Arrowood, Edward T.



Ashby, Harry A.  
Audette, Albert T.  
Baldauf, Leonard E.  
Ballard, Hobart D., Jr.  
Bangs, George F.



Banister, Danny J.  
Bargellini, Louis A.  
Barnes, David G.  
Bartlett, John R.  
Batty, Ellsworth M., Jr.



Beardsley, Ronald A.  
Bierman, Dale F.  
Bennett, Gary J.  
Berkland, Marvin J.  
Berkley, David R.



Black, Jonathan J., Jr.  
Blankenship, Gary G.  
Blevins, Hiris W.  
Bowie, Odis L.  
Brooks, George W.



Brown, Daniel R.  
Brown, Peyton R., Jr.  
Bryant, Wilbert  
Buchanan, Walter A. III  
Burns, Howard, Jr.



Capkovitz, Stephen H.  
Carpenter, Denzil R.  
Caswell, Kenneth L.  
Chapin, James A.  
Christner, Wayne E.







Cloney, William T. III  
Cook, Bobby J.  
Cook, Ronald L.  
Coward, B. William, Jr.  
Cox, Riley



Crial, Roger A.  
Culbertson, Gary M.  
Davis, Esall  
Davis, Michael E.  
Deisley, John D.



Dixon, James L.  
Doughty, Jerry L.  
Edwards, Harry S.  
Fairchild, Dennis M.  
Finch, Larry D.



Finley, John E.  
Fish, Glenn C.  
Frame, Richard L.  
Freney, John M.  
Fromwiller, William D.



Fulin, Jerry D.  
Gac, Joseph P.  
Gast, Gerald L.  
German, Darwin D.  
Gibbs, James E.



Gibson, Donald P.  
Golembeski, Leonard F.  
Griffin, Alvin R.  
Grompone, James J. W.  
Guess, Norman E.



Hale, Michael J.  
Haley, Nathan  
Hankins, Darryl  
Hardesty, Edwin H., Jr.  
Hayes, Kelton



Hernandez, R. F.  
Hersh, David J.  
Hiner, Roger K.  
Hochstetler, Roy V.  
Hofmeister, David L.



Hogan, Dennis F.  
Hogans, Burnes D.  
Holmes, Brian R.  
Howard, Archer L.  
Hughes, William T.



Ignacio, Jeff F.  
Irvin, Gregg B.  
Ivie, Gerald  
Jackson, Johnny F.  
Jaggars, Ronald



Janiszewski, Alfred L.  
Jefferson, Robert C.  
Jenkins, James M., Jr.  
Johnson, James E.  
Johnson, Ronald L.



Jones, Willie E., Jr.  
Kernan, William F.  
Kimble, Ernest L., Jr.  
Kirkwood, Jack H., Jr.  
Kluka, William R.



Krebs, Richard T.  
Krebsbach, Glen R.  
Kriley, Eugene A.  
Lane, Thomas M.  
Langdon, Daniel J.



Larson, Robert J.  
Lewis, Jimmie H.  
Manful, Ronald K.  
Marrero, Heriberto E.  
Martin, Jean D.















Miree, Wallace  
Miscikowski, Glenn A.  
Montano, Richard A.  
Moon, Dick A.  
Morris, James T., Jr.



Mowery, Robert A.  
Munson, Emory A.  
Myles, Joseph T., Jr.  
Nash, Robert  
Novotny, Francis A.



Nowak, John T.  
Panicek, John M.  
Pankey, Dannz E.  
Paul, Mikeal R.  
Phillips, Freddy



Pierce, Gary D.  
Polk, Rodney M.  
Popowich, Ronald F.  
Porter, Jake, Jr.  
Porter, Ranier J.



Quay, Edward R.  
Quinn, Robert T.  
Rasmussen, David N.  
Reide, Gregory M.  
Repschlaeger, Charlie



Rhoades, Joe W.  
Riddell, David H. III  
Roberts, Donald W.  
Robinson, Delbert L.  
Rushe, Roy L.



Rushing, Ernest  
Ryan, Edward K., Jr.  
Saggese, Richard J.  
Sahrle, Ronald G.  
Schlauch, Leonard H., Jr.



Schwarting, Dale G.  
Sears, Morris D.  
Seiffert, Jesse E.  
Shanks, Daryl K.  
Sheehan, Dennis R.



Sheffield, Lonnie E.  
Shorey, William K.  
Smith, Calvin C.  
Sovic, Mark P.  
Stein, Philip C.



Steiner, Larry D.  
Strauss, Robert S.  
Stretton, John F.  
Sutherland, Charles A.  
Svatek, John T.



Tabalno, Henry A.  
Tarasovic, Raymond J.  
Tetzlaff, John P.  
Thomason, Richard G.  
Thompson, Charles E.



Thrash, Larry L.  
Tyba, Aaron R.  
Tyson, Harold R.  
Valencia, Luis F.  
Van Alstine, Richard I.



Vandergriff, Harris T., Jr.  
Virastko, Stephen C.  
Vyzourek, Leonard L., Jr.  
Watson, Timothy M.  
Weidlein, Charles W.



Welty, John J.  
White, Clarence, Jr.  
White, Michael A.  
Whitener, Larry J.  
Widell, Ronald R.







Wilcox, Arthur L.  
Williams, Cecil  
Williams, Charles W.  
Wood, Robert D.  
Wood, Truman A.

Woodall, Jimmy L.  
Wysocky, Thomas W.  
Yates, Herst R.  
Yourk, Travis  
Zahocowski, Ronald

#### Not Pictured

Acox, Perry B.  
Barton, Stanley W.  
Evans, Freeman  
Gaffney, Francis J.  
Gray, Ronald C.  
Hardin, Hubbard L.  
Knighton, Charles L.  
Laracca, Eugene W.  
Lohse, Richard L.  
Mobilia, Thomas C.  
Mowatt, Stanford H.  
Paxson, Thomas R.  
Robbins, Avery L.  
Smith, Norman L.  
White, Jonathan K.  
Wunsch, Charles T.

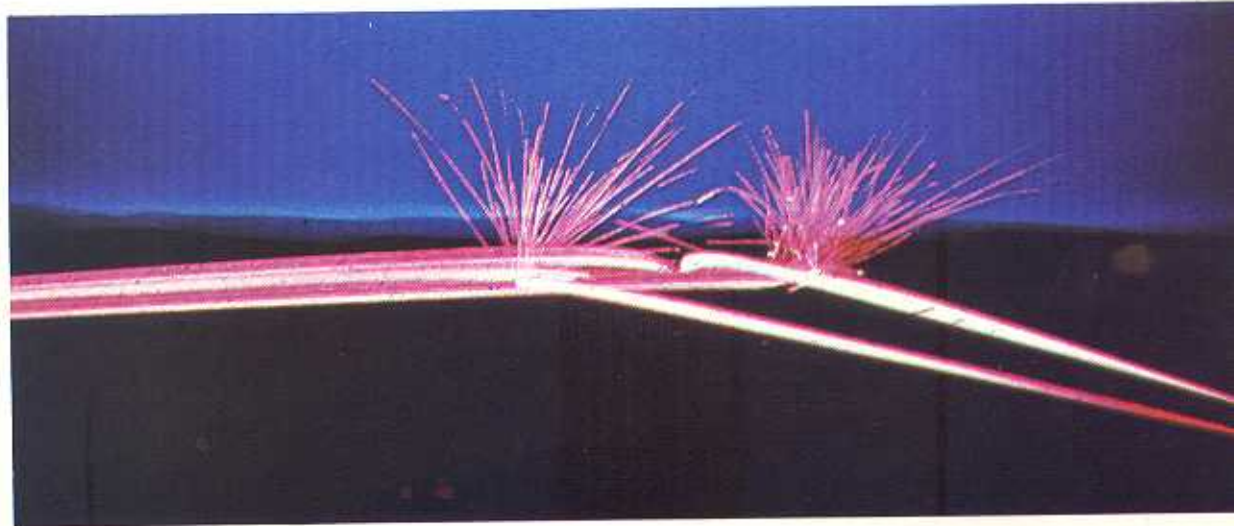
















# TRAINING FROM THE ARMY'S FINEST INSTRUCTORS



## PERSONAL HYGIENE

- 1. PERSONAL HYGIENE MEANS
- 2. KEEP THE BODY CLEAN
- 3. KEEP THE MOUTH AND TEETH CLEAN
- 4. KEEP THE CLOTHES CLEAN
- 5. DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR THE CLIMATE AND SEASON
- 6. KEEP WELL NOURISHED
- 7. GET ADEQUATE REST AND RECREATION
- 8. EXERCISE REGULARLY
- 9. AVOID CONTACT WITH DISEASE

## REFLECTIONS ON THEIR EXPERIENCE



The attaining of professional knowledge enables the candidate to successfully assume the duties of a Non Commissioned Officer upon graduation. Thus, one of the principle duties of each candidate is to study, understand and retain the instruction presented. Study time is allotted each evening to allow for preparation of the next day's classes.





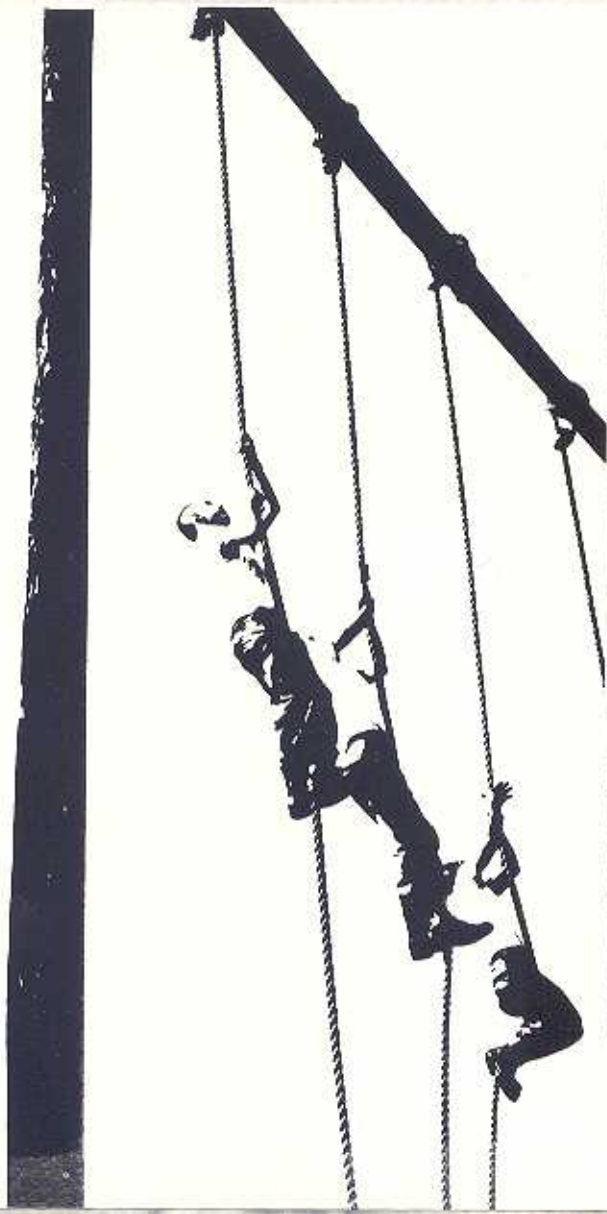


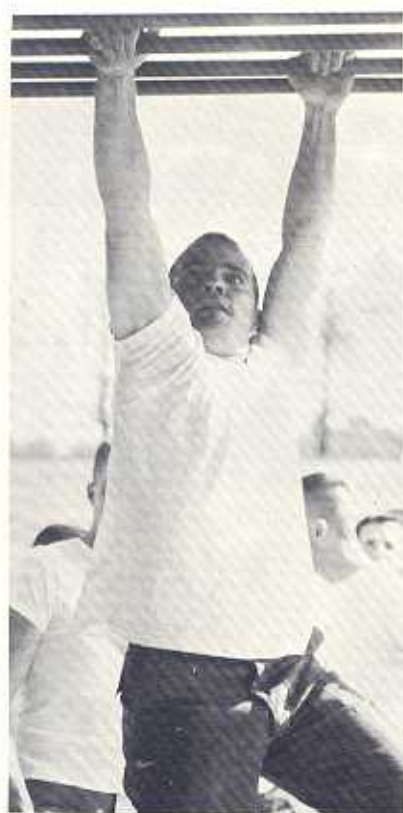
**STRENGTH,**

**STAMINA,**

**AGGRESSIVENESS . .**

The essentials of combat leadership are learned through a variety of physical conditioning drills.







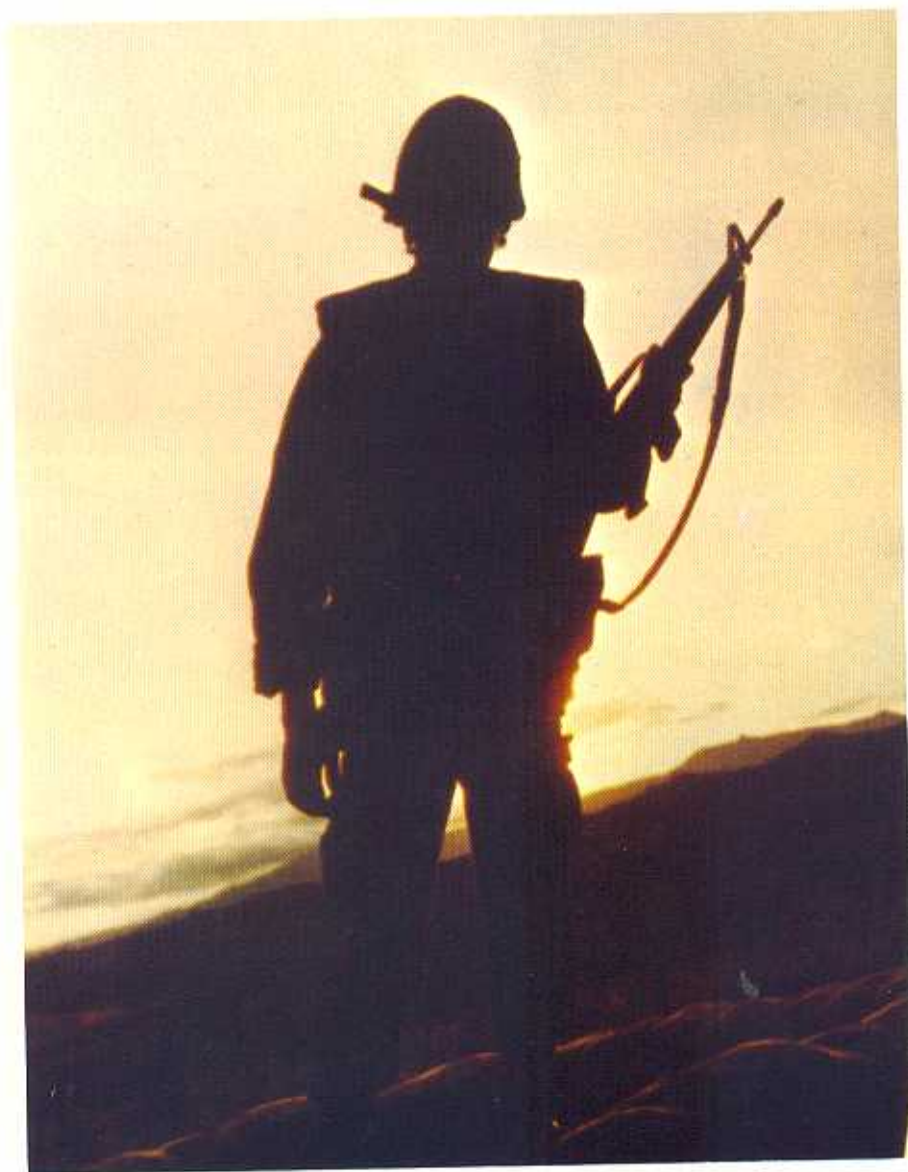




## SELF CONFIDENCE AND DETERMINATION . . .

... are but a few of the qualities developed through the Physical Combat Training Program. Many hours are spent in the sawdust pit learning the finer points of hand to hand combat. On the bayonet field practical experience is acquired through blade on blade exercises. The physical strength of one individual over another is not essential, but rather the finesse of executing correct offensive and defensive movements. The final graded test for endurance is the physical combat proficiency test. The physical training received by the officer candidate not only strengthens him physically, but also strengthens him mentally to better enable him to cope with the rigors of combat.





The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust, and sweat, and blood . . . Who knows the great enthusiasms the great devotions, who, spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and . . . if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

—Roosevelt . . . Kennedy



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### I AM THE INFANTRY

I am the Infantry—Queen of Battle! For two centuries I have kept our Nation safe, purchasing freedom with my blood. To tyrants, I am the day of reckoning; to the suppressed, the hope for the future. Where the fighting is thick, there am I... I am the Infantry! **FOLLOW ME!**

I was there from the beginning, meeting the enemy face to face, will to will. My bleeding feet stained the snow at Valley Forge; my frozen hands pulled Washington across the Delaware. At Yorktown, the sunlight glinted from the sword and I, begrimed and battered... saw a Nation born.

Hardship... and glory I have known. At New Orleans, I fought beyond the hostile hour, showed the fury of my long rifle... and came of age. I am the Infantry!

Westward I pushed with wagon trains... moved an empire across the plains... extended freedom's borders and tamed the wild frontier. I am the Infantry! **FOLLOW ME!**

I was with Scott at Vera Cruz... hunted the guerrilla in the mountain passes... and scaled the high plateau. The fighting was done when I ended my march many miles from the old Alamo.

From Bull Run to Appomattox, I fought and bled. Both Blue and Grey were my colors then. Two masters I served and united them strong... proved that this nation could right a wrong... and long endure. I am the Infantry! **FOLLOW ME!**

I led the charge up San Juan Hill... scaled the walls of old Tientsin... and stalked the Moro in the steaming jungle still... always the vanguard. I am the Infantry!

At Chateau-Thierry, first over the top, then I stood like a rock on the Marne. It was I who cracked the Hindenburg Line... in the Argonne, I broke the Kaiser's spine... and didn't come back till it was "over, over there." I am the Infantry! **FOLLOW ME!**

A generation older at Batuan, I briefly howled, but then I vowed to return. Assaulted the African shore... learned my lesson the hard way in the desert sands... pressed my buttons into the beach at Anzio... and bounced into Rome with determination and resolve. I am the Infantry!

The English channel, stout beach defenses and the hedgerows could not hold me... I broke out at St. Lo, unbent the Bulge... vaulted the Rhine... and swarmed the Heartland. Hitler's dream and the Third Reich were dead.

In the Pacific, from island to island I hopped... hit the beaches and chopped through swamp and jungle... I set the Rising Sun. I am the Infantry!

In Korea, I gathered my strength around Pusan... swept across the frozen Han... outflanked the Reds at Inchon... and marched to the Yalu. **FOLLOW ME!**

Around the world, I stand... ever forward. Over Lebanon's sands, my rifle steady aimed... and calm returned. At Berlin's gate, I scorned the Wall of Shame. I am the Infantry!

My bayonet... on the wings of power... keeps the peace worldwide. And despots, falsely garbed in freedom's mantle, falter... hide. My ally in the paddies and the forest... I teach, I aid, I lead. **FOLLOW ME!**

Where brave men fight... there fight I. In freedom's cause... I live, I die. From Concord Bridge to Heartbreak Ridge, from the Arctic to the Mekong... the Queen of Battle!

Always ready... then, now and forever, I am the Infantry! **FOLLOW ME!**

