

THE INFANTRY

"The importance of well-trained infantry as the prime essential to military success can hardly be overestimated. Infantry capable of meeting the requirements of modern war can be created only by the most painstaking and intelligent instruction of the individual in all that pertains to the duties of the soldier. The neglect of any phase of his training may cause disaster."

John J. Pershing,
General, U.S.A.

"Gentleman, here they come, the queen of battles, the infantrymen, the old foot sloggers. Twenty-five years ago at West Point an old tactical professor used to say to us: 'Never overlook the doughboy. A thousand years ago it was the foot soldiers who won and held territory and it will be the same a thousand years from now...' Look at 'em, the doughboys, God bless 'em."

George S. Patton, Jr.
Lt. General, U.S.A.

"Today every newspaper reader follows our operations on his war map. Let me remind you that those front lines are simply where the infantryman is--week upon week, month upon month without respite. True, he is magnificently supported by artillery and air, but this support is behind and above him. In front of him there is nothing but the enemy."

Lesley J. McNair,
Lt. General, U.S.A.

"The battle team is a team of many parts, the decisive element of which remains the same little-advertised, hard-bitten foot soldier with his artillery support."

General George C. Marshall
Chief of Staff.

"In all ages man has, during peace, turned his mind to the inventions of mechanical means for winning wars. Some of these inventions have served most practical purposes, but none of them has replaced the infantry. They have all

either served the doughboy or disappeared."

James G. Harbord,
Major General, U.S.A.

"We are fighting this war to the finish. And whether he travels to work in a glider or a truck; a jeep, a parachute or a landing craft, that finish will be fought by the infantryman on foot."

Lesley J. McNair,
Lt. General, U.S.A.

"I love the infantry because they are the underdogs. They are the mud-rain,frost,and-wind boys. They have no comforts, and they even learn to live without the necessities and in the end they are the guys that wars can't be won without."

Ernie Pyle
War Correspondent with American Forces in Italy