

## History of the 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry Training Battalion

The 30th Infantry Training Battalion was activated as a unit of the Ninth Infantry Training Regiment at Camp Croft, South Carolina, in May, 1941, at which time the officers and enlisted cadremen who were to form the nucleus of the Battalion moved into their newly completed quarters at the same place they are now located.

June 7, 1941, the first enlisted men started arriving for training and were billeted by companies and by June 14 the Battalion was up to strength and the first training period got under way.

Since that time two complete cycles of training have been completed and the third cycle, those pictured in this book, are well on their way towards serving their country in the backbone service of the United States Army, the Infantry.

Training in the 30th Infantry Training Battalion is confined to heavy weapons, including the small caliber machine gun, the antitank machine gun and the mortar, plus the usual training with the rifle, all types, and the pistol. Men are trained in use of all the above weapons, plus combat tactics, defensive warfare, Infantry Drill Regulations and other duties of the Infantry so as to successfully carry out any mission assigned to them while serving with the Army either in combat or on defense against an enemy.

Competent instructors carry the men through every phase of warfare, at the same time building them up physically to withstand the rigors of work in the field. The 30th Infantry Training Battalion is doing its share to provide men for the Infantry branch of the service who will uphold its traditions as well as those of the United States of America.

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