

# CAPTIONS FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

## **Photo #1 German Weapons**

The JagdPz IV tank was used by the Germans to try to break through the Allied lines in December 1944. In English this tank is called the "Hunter Tank," and was used by the Germans from 1942-1945.

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## **Photo #2 American Movement and Weapons**

2 April 45

A tank leads the way as infantrymen of the 1st Division, First U.S. Army advance on Scharfenberg, Germany. Company B, 26th Infantry, FUSA.

U.S. Army Photograph

## **Photo #3 Terrain**

18 Dec 44

Company F, 18th Infantry

Between Eupen and Bütgenbach, Belgium, patrols search the woods for German paratroopers who were dropped in that area. Allied intelligence reported that there were many more German paratroopers in the area than were actually present. Searching for non-existent German paratroopers delayed the American response.

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## **Photo #4 American Movement**

17 Dec 44

Infantrymen of the 26th Infantry, 1st Division, move up to cut off German counterthrust threatening Büllingen, Belgium.

U.S. Army Photograph

## **Photo #5 American Weapons and Soldiers**

17 Nov 44

A Japanese-American mortar crew at their position, somewhere in France. One of the crew drops an 81mm shell into the barrel of the mortar. Combat team, 2nd Battalion, H Company.

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## **Photo #6 American Weapons**

15 Oct 44

Aachen, Germany

Machine gun crew of the 2nd Battalion, 26th Infantry, train their gun on a target in a section of Aachen during mopping up in that city.

U.S. Army Photograph

## **Photo #7 American Movement**

19 Jan 45

Snow and ice make going tough for 1st Division on a road in Belgium. The snowstorm was responsible for the gasoline truck, at left, skidding off the road, and trucks going in the opposite direction are stalled as the result. Supply movement is always a difficulty in war, but the snow and ice make it particularly complicated at this time.

U.S. Army Photograph

*Before you explain the picture to the class, ask students if they can tell what the problem is by looking at the picture. How do you think they can solve their problem and get the supplies moving again? How can they try to prevent this from happening in the future? Can you see the skid chains on the back wheels of the truck in the right corner of the picture?*

**Photo #8 Skid Chains**

6 Jan 45

PFC Thomas Schies, Port Henry, N.Y., prepares to put skid chains on his truck at Sourbrodt, Belgium. He is a member of Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Division, US First Army.

U.S. Army Photograph

**Photo #9 Bütgenbach- Tank at Command Post**

Dec 44

Dom Butgenbach, Belgium

1st Battalion, 26th Infantry, 1st Division

The left side of the photo shows one of the tanks forfeited by the Germans when they tried to break through American lines in Belgium. The U.S. medium tank in the center of the photo guards the sector against further attempts at a breakthrough by the Nazis.

U.S. Army Photograph

*In the military, your command post being overrun by the enemy is a sure sign that the battle is not going well for you. This is a picture from Bütgenbach where LT Daniels' command post was overrun three times. Each time the command post officers and cooks grabbed whatever they could find and repelled the German tanks.*

**Photo #10 American Soldiers in Snow Gear**

16 Jan 45

Company C, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Division

Troops, complete with snow camouflage equipment, advance on a narrow road near Faymonville, Belgium.

U.S. Army Photograph

**Photo #11 American Equipment**

Jan 45

This tank is being used as a snowplow by Americans fighting in Belgium in early January 1945.

U.S. Army Photograph

**Photo #12 Environment**

5 Jan 45

Company F, 16th Infantry soldier fighting in Belgium.

U.S. Army Photograph

*How would you like to fight in conditions like this?*

**Photo #13 American Equipment**

15 Jan 45

Men of 3rd Battalion, 16th Infantry, wounded near Beywertz, Belgium, are shown being carried to an aid station of a camouflaged (m-29) Weasel. The rubber tires on the jeep would get slashed by broken glass and other debris on the roads. The weasel was much more effective, but only one weasel was issued per battalion.

U.S. Army Photograph

*Look at the weasel and explain why it is good for evacuating wounded soldiers. (It is on tracks instead of tires, lightly armored, can fit multiple people on stretchers, etc.) What would you do if you were driving the weasel for your battalion and there were injured men in company A, B, and C? How would you choose were to go first? How would you feel about making that kind of decision?*

**Photo #14 Environment/ Equipment**

30 January 45

F. Moore of Lindale, Texas is examining a recaptured 2 1/2 ton trunk in Muringen, Belgium. The town was retaken by the 26th Infantry, 1st Division.

U.S. Army Photograph

*Equipment breaking down is a constant problem in the military. This problem is made even more difficult to manage in the sub-zero weather during the American counter-strike of the Battle of the Bulge.*

**Photo #15 Belgian Village**

30 Nov 44

This row of flats in Liege, Belgium, was destroyed by German flying bomb V-1.

U.S. Army Photograph

*Look at the people in this picture surrounded by what used to be their community. What would you do in a situation like this? Would you stay and rebuild or leave? What would you do first?*

**Photo #16 Belgian Refugees**

This is a photograph of Belgian refugees. When you look at these pictures of destroyed towns in Europe it is important to remember that people had lived in these towns. War is not just two forces clashing on a battlefield. The "battlefield" was someone's barn, farm, or neighborhood. Sometimes before a battle locals are given an hour to gather their things and get out of town before their neighborhood becomes a war zone.

U.S. Army Photograph

*If you were one of these people what would you do when the Allied or Axis forces arrive and appropriate buildings, sheds, shops in your town? What would you take with you and where would you go?*



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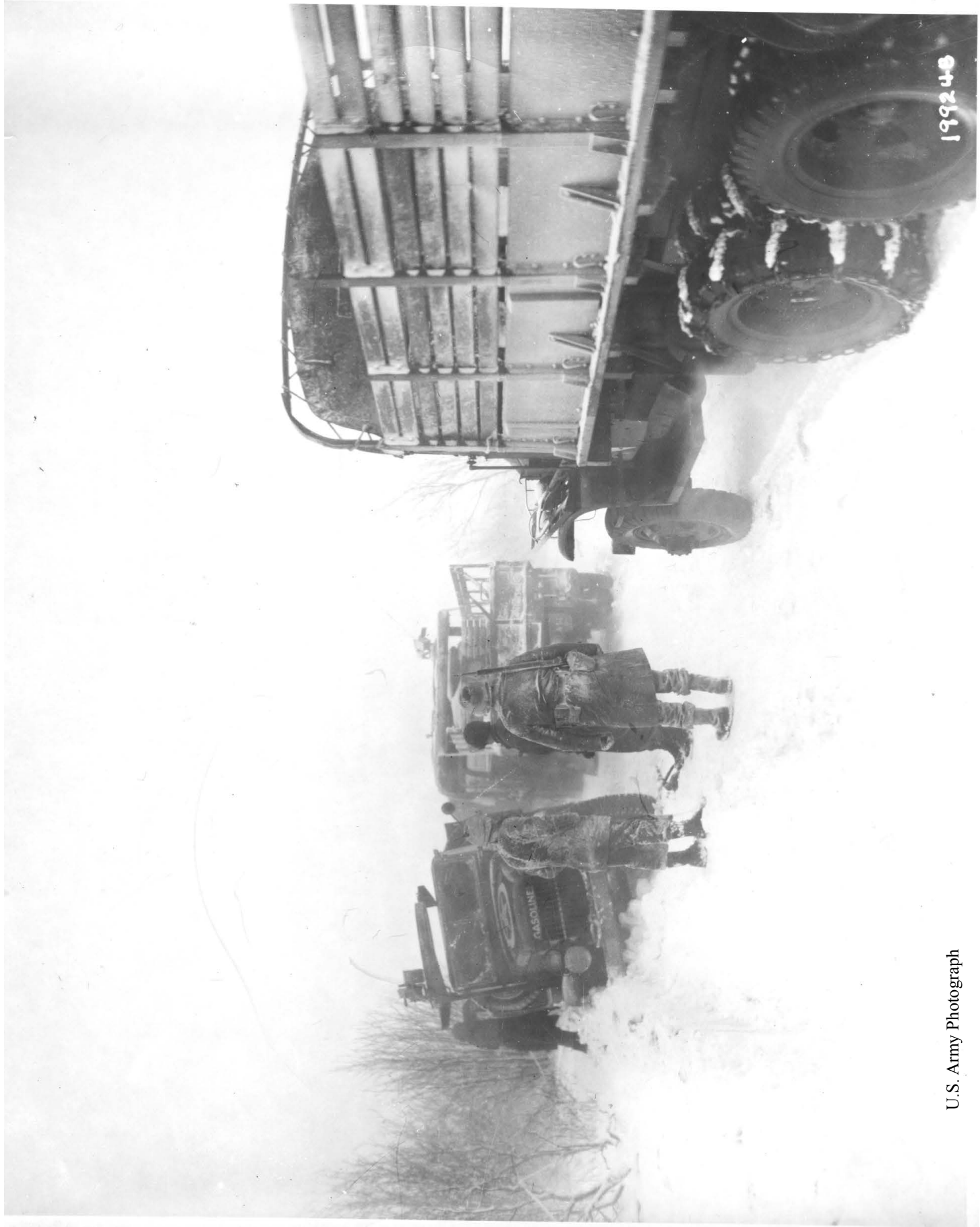








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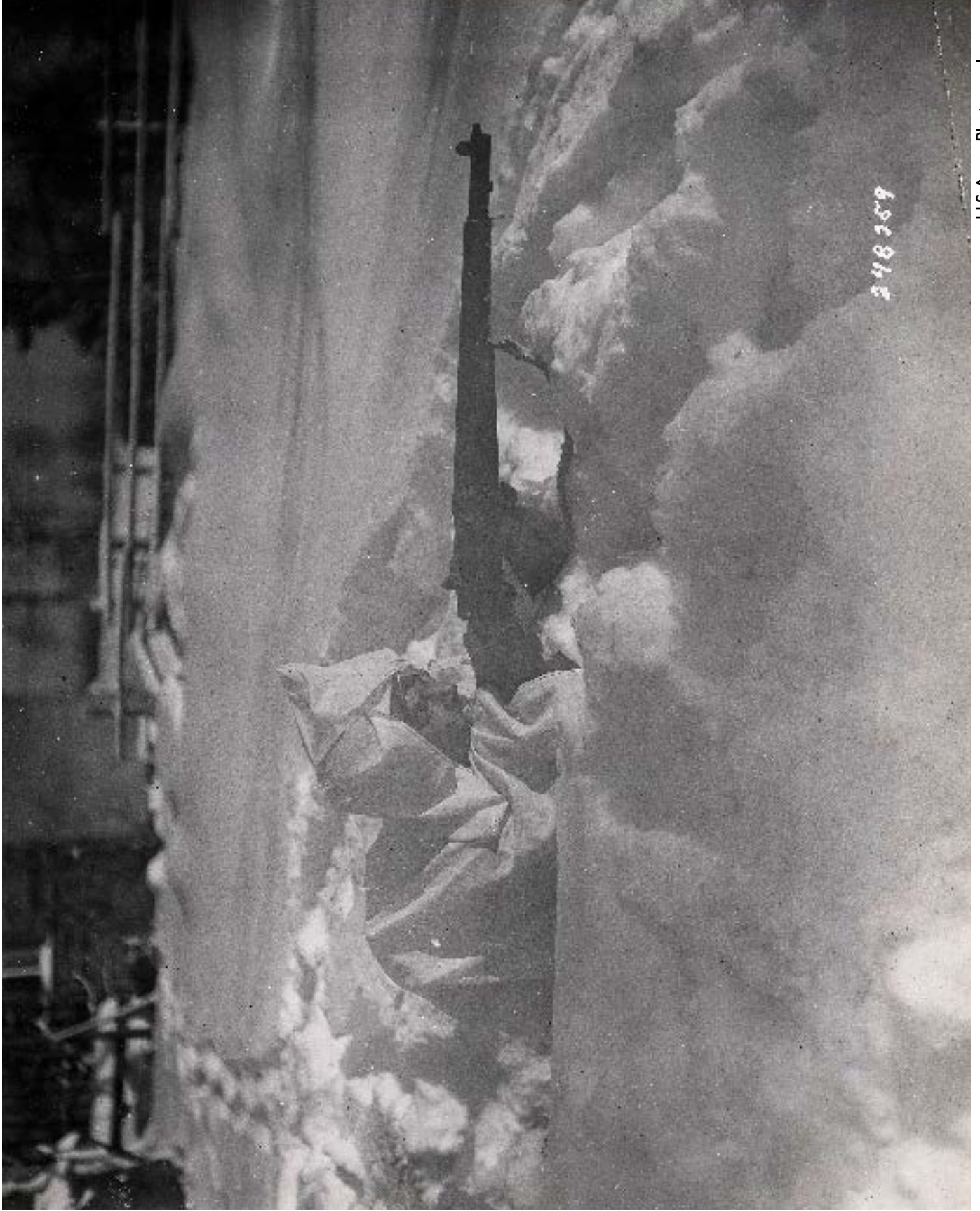




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