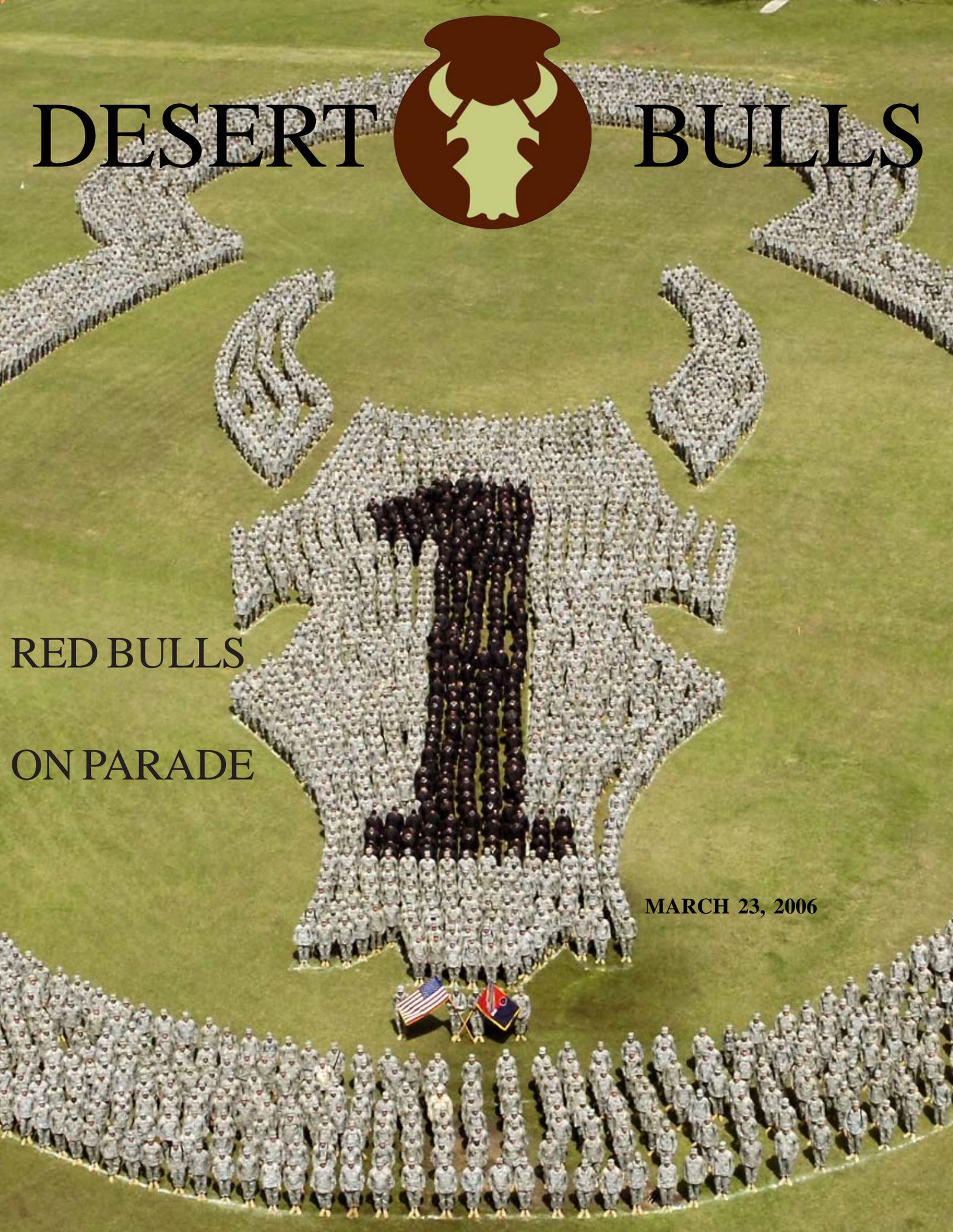


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RED BULLS
ON PARADE

MARCH 23, 2006



Bullseye: Spotlight on Red Bull Soldiers

Name: Spc. Matthew Gonzalez
Unit: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1/34 BCT
MOS: 13F Forward Observer
Job in Iraq: Combat Observation Lasing Team
Hometown: New Hope, Minn.
Civilian Occupation: Zamboni driver for New Hope Ice Rink. "Those things are a blast when you get them on the ice."
Also, he works as a security guard for General Dynamics.
Family: Mother, Ann Baty, brother, Gerard, who is deploying to Iraq with the 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery,



Spc Matthew Gonzalez joined the Guard to "break with family tradition."

younger brothers Thomas and Adam, and younger sister, Dana.

Hobbies: Collecting snakes, model trains (different scales), and sports—baseball, football, and basketball—“all of them, really.”

Years in the National Guard:

Three years in May.

Why did you join? “I wanted to break with family tradition and be the first in my family to join the military. I also wanted to serve my country.”

Any advice for those coming into theater? “Have fun, and bring a good pair of sunglasses.”

Shout out: To everyone back home.

Name: Capt. Richard Agostini
Unit: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Squadron, 167th Cavalry
MOS: Field Artillery Officer
Job in Iraq: Squadron Liaison Officer to 1/34th BCT
Hometown: Bronx, New York
Civilian Occupation: 14 years with the New York Police Department. He serves on the Bronx Task Force Quick Response Unit.
Family: Second generation Italian on his father’s side and second generation Puerto Rican on his mother’s



Capt. Richard Agostini said he is an "exercise freak."

side. Wife, Clementina, daughter Stacy, 17, and son Richard, Jr., 6.

Hobbies: Boxing, running. “I am an exercise freak”

Years in the military: 23

Why did you join? “I followed in my brother’s footsteps. He was a drill sergeant during Vietnam. “Also because of my recently deceased uncle, who served under Marine Gen. Chesty Puller during the Korean War.”

Any advice for those coming into theater? “Pay attention and be alert”.

Shout out: To my whole family.

Editors note: This section will be an ongoing section in Desert Bulls.

Upcoming events

TBD: Deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Do NOT mention specific dates, locations, or missions! Tell your family and friends there will be limited contact for four to six weeks!

TBD: Inter-theater Movement.

TBD: Right seat/left seat ride.

TBD: Transfer of Authority

From dusk to dawn

Soldiers of the 1/34 BCT training in Kuwait will notice immediately dusty sky sunrises and sunsets. A sunrise is not visible until about 8 a. m. The sky also is a white blue.



Day in Red Bull history

Tuesday, March 14, 1944

Near the village of **Benevento, Italy**

It is still raining as reveille started the day off. Fourteen more men left for the Rest Camp this morning, sixteen men were scheduled to go, but two of them were taken off the list for missing reveille. The men are complying with the average drill schedule, and about noon there was a short shower of sleet.

The show tonight in "A" area is "True to Life" with Dick Powell and Mary

Martin [also Franchot Tone, Victor Moore, and William Demarest]. Some of the men attended and claimed it was the best show we've had over here. The jeep that some of the officers drove to the show was stolen. *1st Lt Raymond I Cox* called his brother who is an officer with the Division MP Platoon, and it was found near the Fifth Army showers. *Lt Andrews* and the sixteen men who were at Rest Camp returned.



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On the cover: This photograph of the more than 4,000 1/34 BCT Soldiers forming the 34th Infantry Division Red Bull was photographed March 14 at Camp Shelby. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood, 1/34 BCT PA.

On the back cover: The first Red Bull Animated Crest was photographed Aug. 18, 1918, in Camp Cody, New Mexico.

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8 SECONDS

This week's full ride

Camp offers Post Exchange, Subway and theater

A Post Exchange, several Morale Welfare and Recreation buildings, including a theater, Subway and air conditioned tents are what can you expect when you get here.

It will take you about 18 hours, 14 hours of flying time, to get here. Once you arrive you will be whisked away from the airplane and then off to this camp several hours away.

Living accommodations are air conditioned tents with plywood floors, porta-potties, trailers with 16 showers each and several sinks. You will sleep on cots. Some good advice is to keep the small toilet paper roll you receive in a USO "goody bag" when you manifest handy.

Maj. Mike Lins, 1/34 BCT engineer, reminds Soldiers to use caution when plugging in electrical powered equipment. The power in the tents is 240 volts. The standard household power in the United States is 120 volts. The PX sells both power converters and power adapters. The adapters merely adapt the outlet so your plug can fit in to it. Check the "input voltage" to make sure it says 240-120 volts.

If it doesn't say 240 volts then you need a power converter to convert the 240 volts to 110 or 120 volts.

Also keep your boonie hat on top of your rucksack or A bag. You will need it. You can have your rank sewn on the front and your name embroidered on the back at the embroidery shop near the PX.

A dining facility also is near the PX. A main line with at least two types of meat, a short order line, pasta bar, salad bar and dessert bar are offered. Four meals a day are served.

Capt. Colin Jorgenson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1/34 Brigade Combat team, agreed. "A great variety of food is offered, and the facility is nice," he said.. "It is incredible what (the base) can do with what they are given."

He said the camp also has a large gymnasium with an impressive amount of highly-maintained equipment. The weather has been bearable.

The daytime temperature has averaged about 80 degrees Fahrenheit for the last several days. It does cool down at night.

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Common Task Testing classes



Individual movement techniques



Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare protective equipment



Probing for land mines



1/34 BCT staff "enjoys" the gas chamber.

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Grenade throwing range.



Ground Assault Convoy training.



Combat roll.



Firing blanks during Ground Assault Convoy training.



All smiles during Common Task Training.



Firing live rounds during Ground Assault Convoy training

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Squad live fire exercise



Squad and platoon lane training



Taking a break after Squad live fire exercise.



Taking a break after squad and platoon lane training



Conducting movement to contact.

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Thanksgiving Parade float.



Thanksgiving Parade entry.



The start of the Turkey Trot 5 Kilometer Race.



Casualty evacuation from vehicle.



Combatives training.

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Army Combat Uniform issue.



Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty visits.



Leaving for Christmas Exodus.



Waiting to check in baggage at Jackson Airport.



An early-morning wait for the plane home.

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Urban Operations stare.



Providing assistance.



Moving out in Humvee



"Civilians on the Battlefield."



From the Humvee turret.

FORT POLK PICTURES



Personal Security Detachment Team.



Sniper team.



Providing security to 1/34 BCT Commander.



Mounting 50-caliber machine gun.



Patrol brief.



Wash rack at night.

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Spending time with toddler.



Spending time with infant daughter.



Sharing moment during concert.



Marching down the street for rehearsal.



Luke Stricklin hits a high note.

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Grilling steaks for picnic.



Spending precious time with family at picnic.



Posing with distinguished visitors.



A special kiss at the picnic



Like father, like son.

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Withstanding rain and sorrow during departure ceremony.



Marching onto the Parade Field.



Battalion color guards.



Pass and Review of the troops.

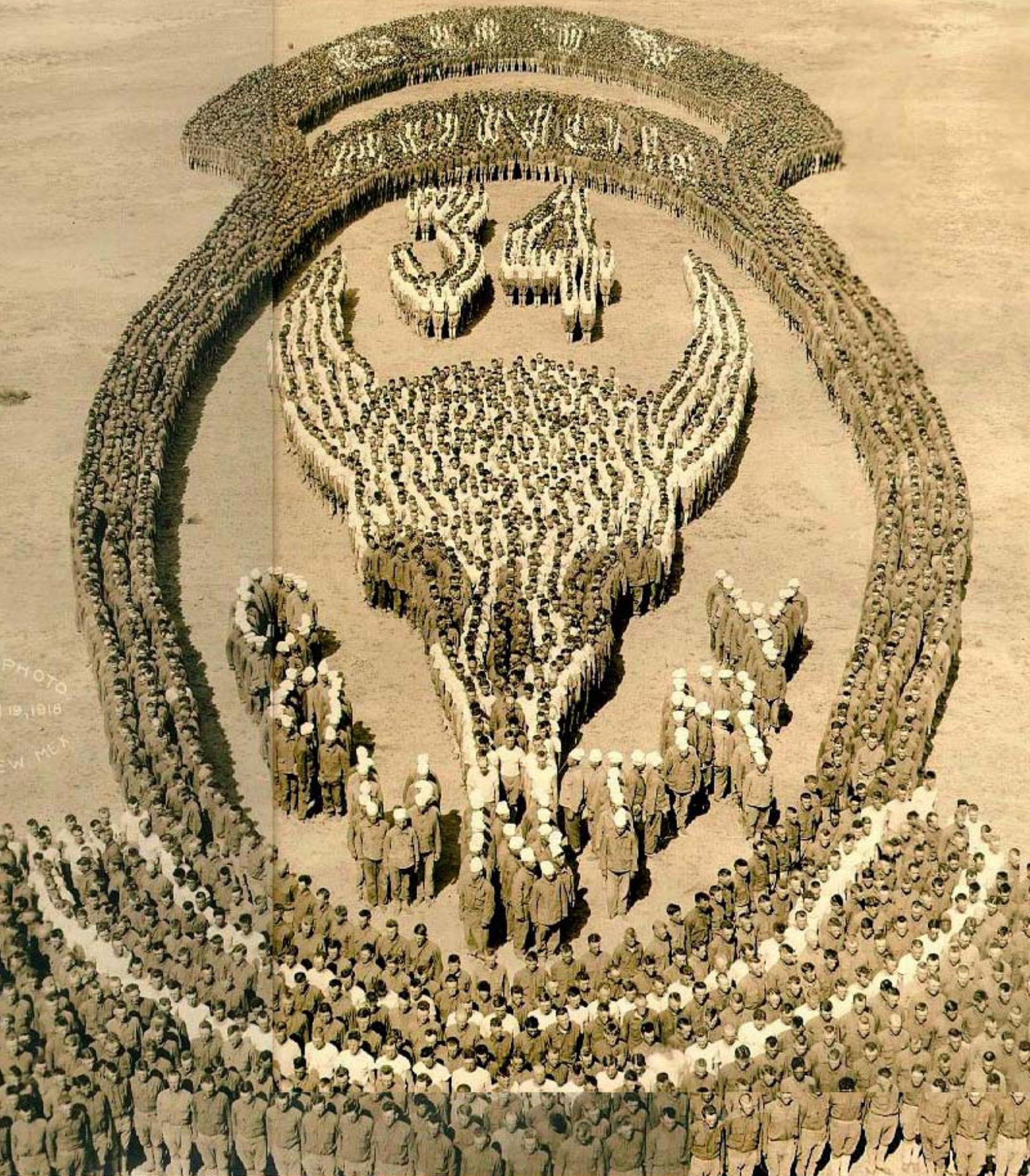


Company color guards and commanders look to their right.

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AUGUST 18, 1918.



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