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Chaotic beaches and shattered villages offer first impressions, but very soon the hedgerows not only alter our impressions but our lives.

We fight for hedgerows;
We live in hedgerows;
We sleep in hedgerows.



Shifting sands and clutching wire retard the progress of the foot soldier.



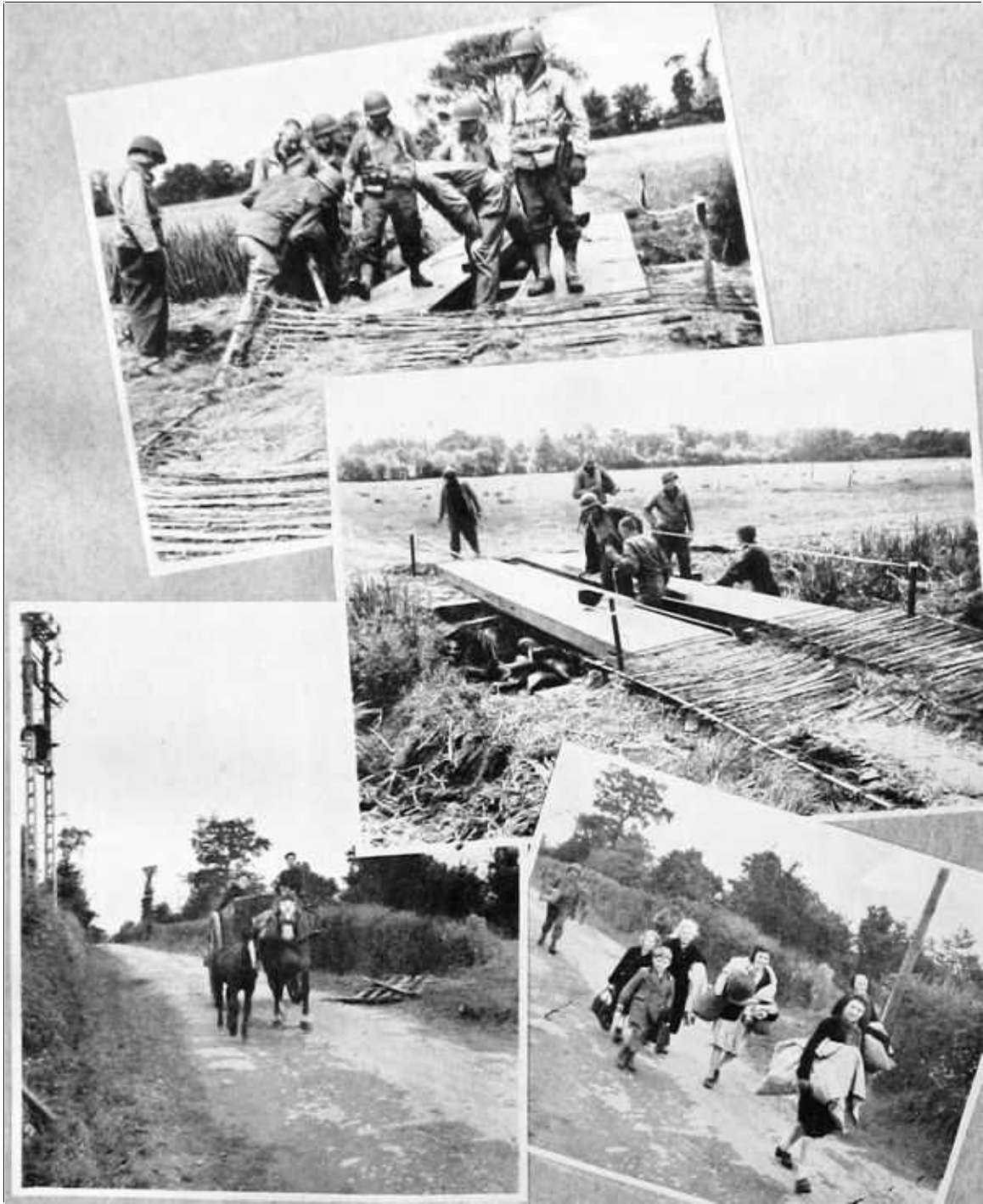
Receding waters bare menaces on the beach. Upon the sands are imprinted the footprints of plodding columns and tracks of churning vehicles.



Probing the former bulwarks of Cherbourg harbor.



Air power and engineer explosives prove their worth. Soldiers and civilians strive to retain normalcy



Engineers bridge a stream as the countryfolk return from their place of refuge.



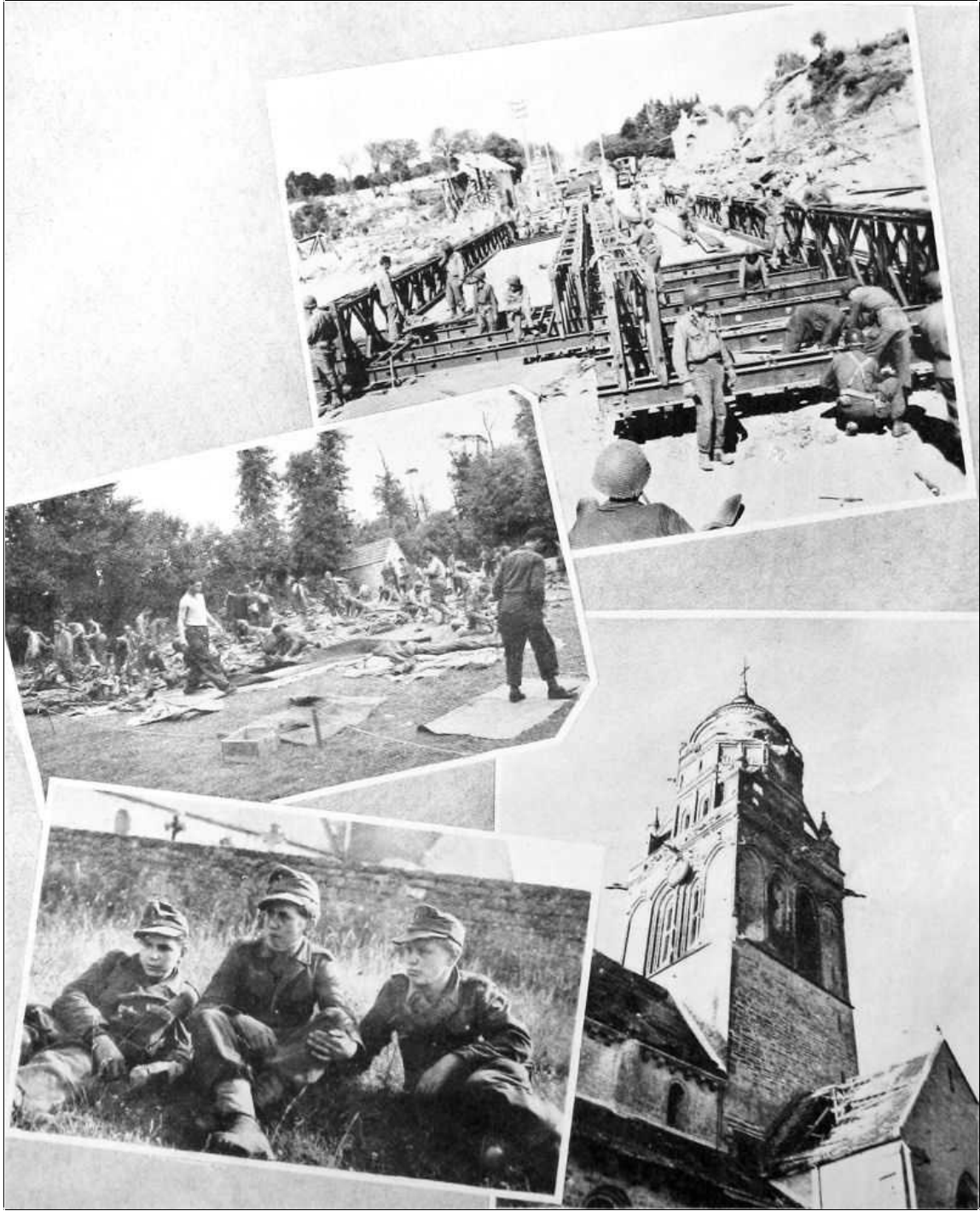
Liberation of French villages are accompanied with cheers, "Vive L' Amerique", Vive La France".



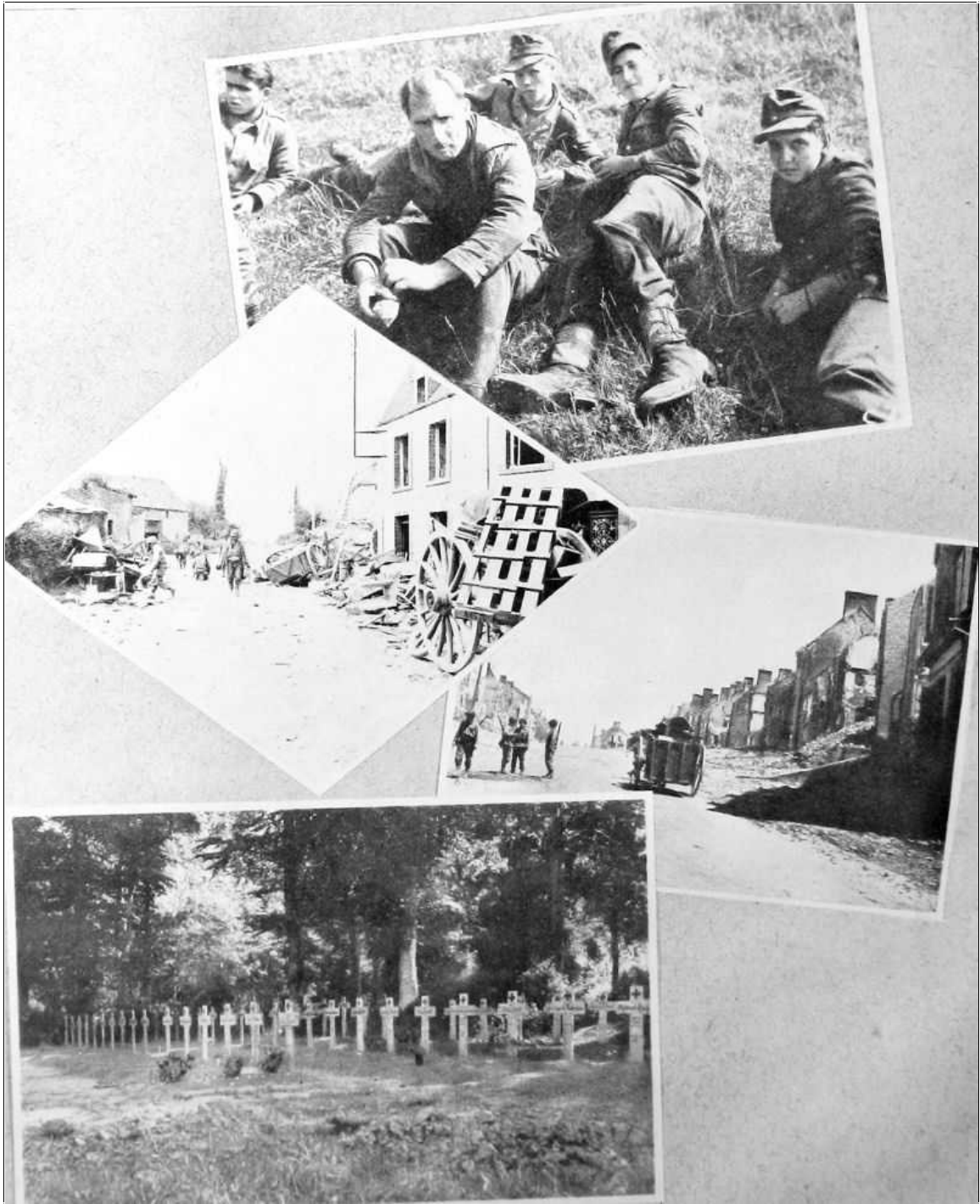
Gliders strewn over the fields evidence the might of the airborne assault.



In the aftermath of battle the wounded are tended; the fallen are reclaimed; the supply routes repaired.



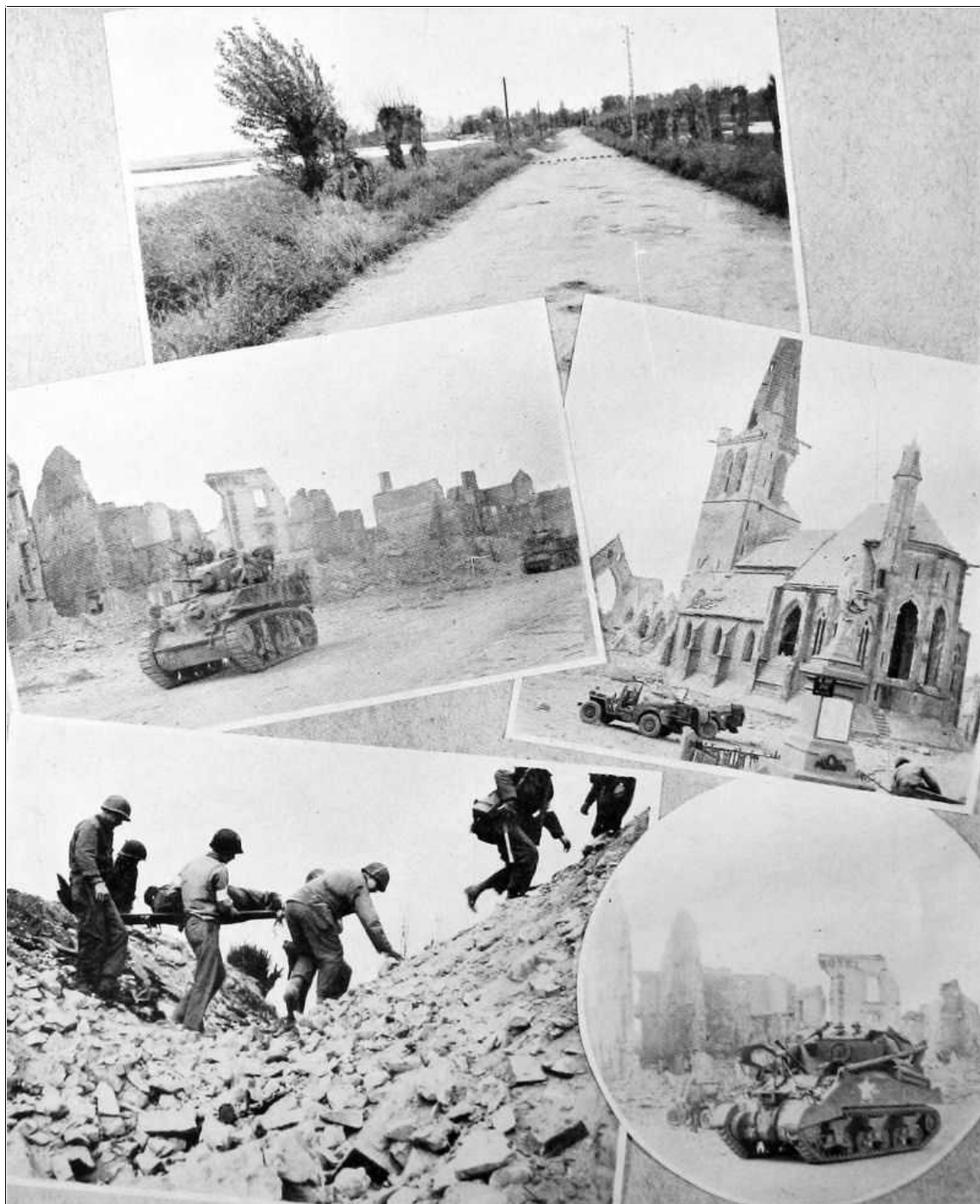
Engineers prepare bridge to carry burden of supply as the infantry prepares rolls for forward movement.



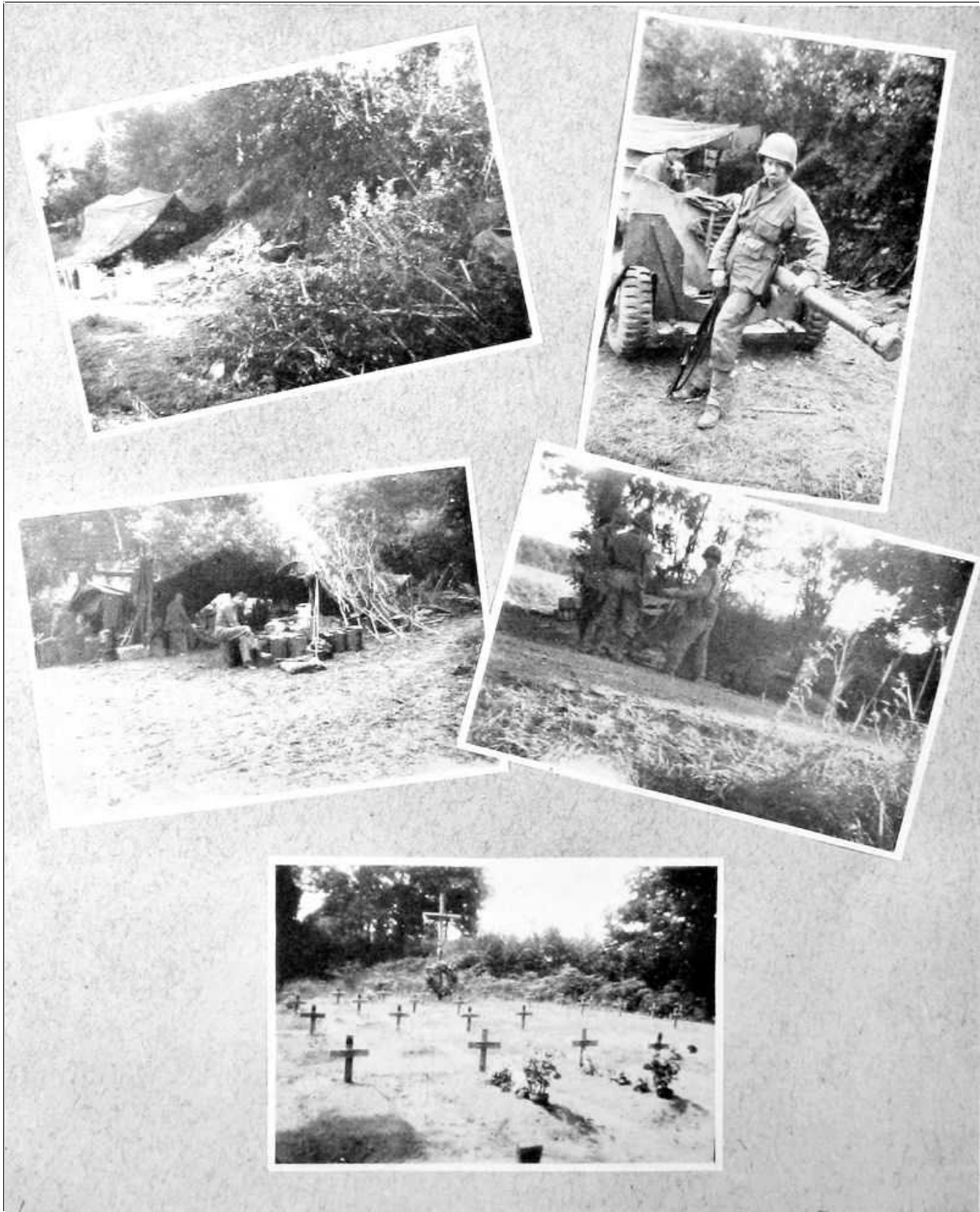
Bewilderment and scorn are expressed as prisoners await their journey to the rear. Graves of their comrades bespeak the futility of their arms.



Grotesque death is found in a slit trench.



Crumbling buildings and mounds of rubble are remnants of villages plagued with war.



Supply depots and their proximity to the front lines are factors in pressing the attack.



An occasional bivouac is located within the shadows of routine rural life.



Mortars and rifle grenades are found to be particularly effective in repulsing the counter attack.



Periodic visits of the Red Cross Mobile Unit bring coffee and doughnuts to the most forward elements.



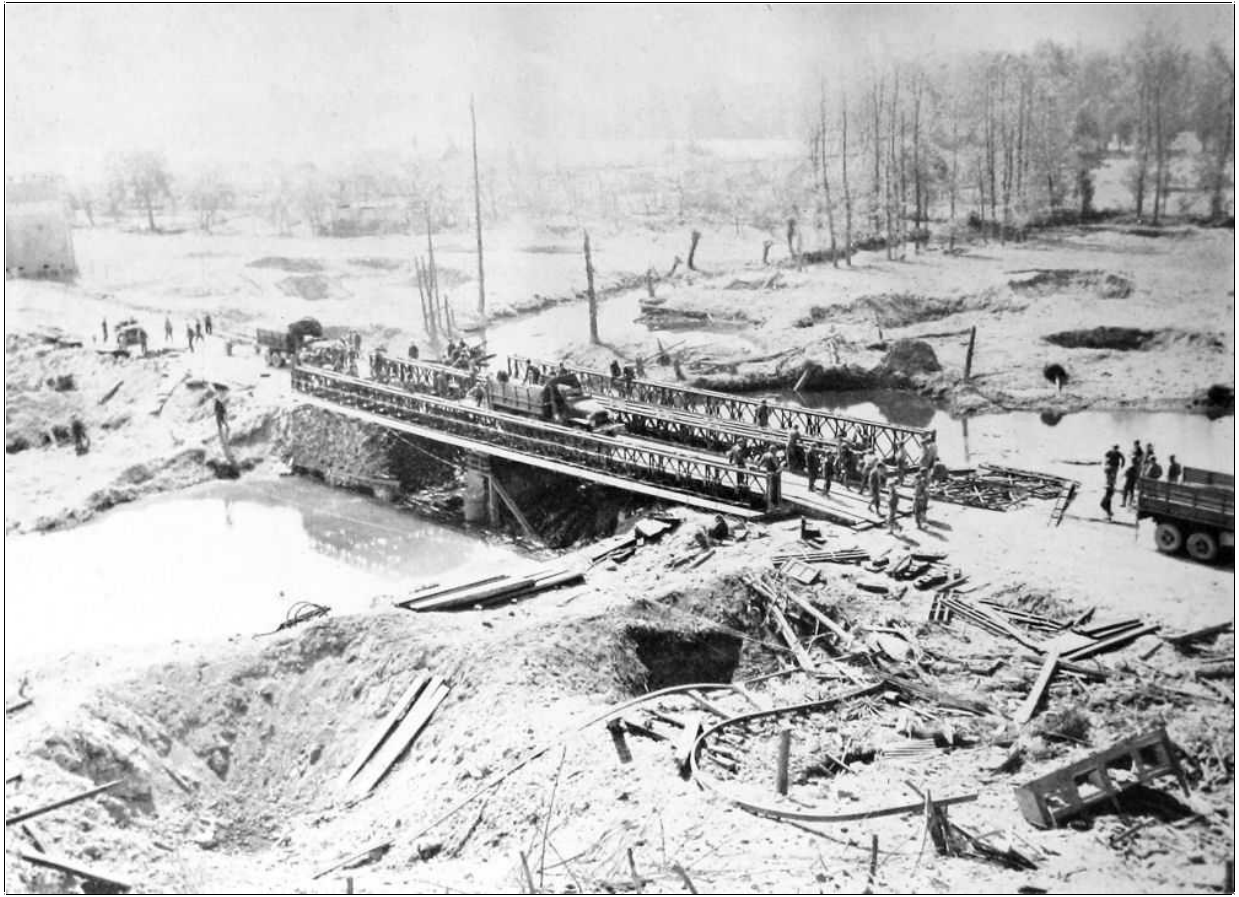
Letters are written, food is prepared, and washing is accomplished during a brief respite. Many are found in pensive moods.



Midst desolation the peasants endeavor to rehabilitate themselves with salvage.



Enemy vehicles, fallen prey to our armor, clutter the wayside.



Enemy demolitions fail to impede our progress as engineers work with precision and skill.