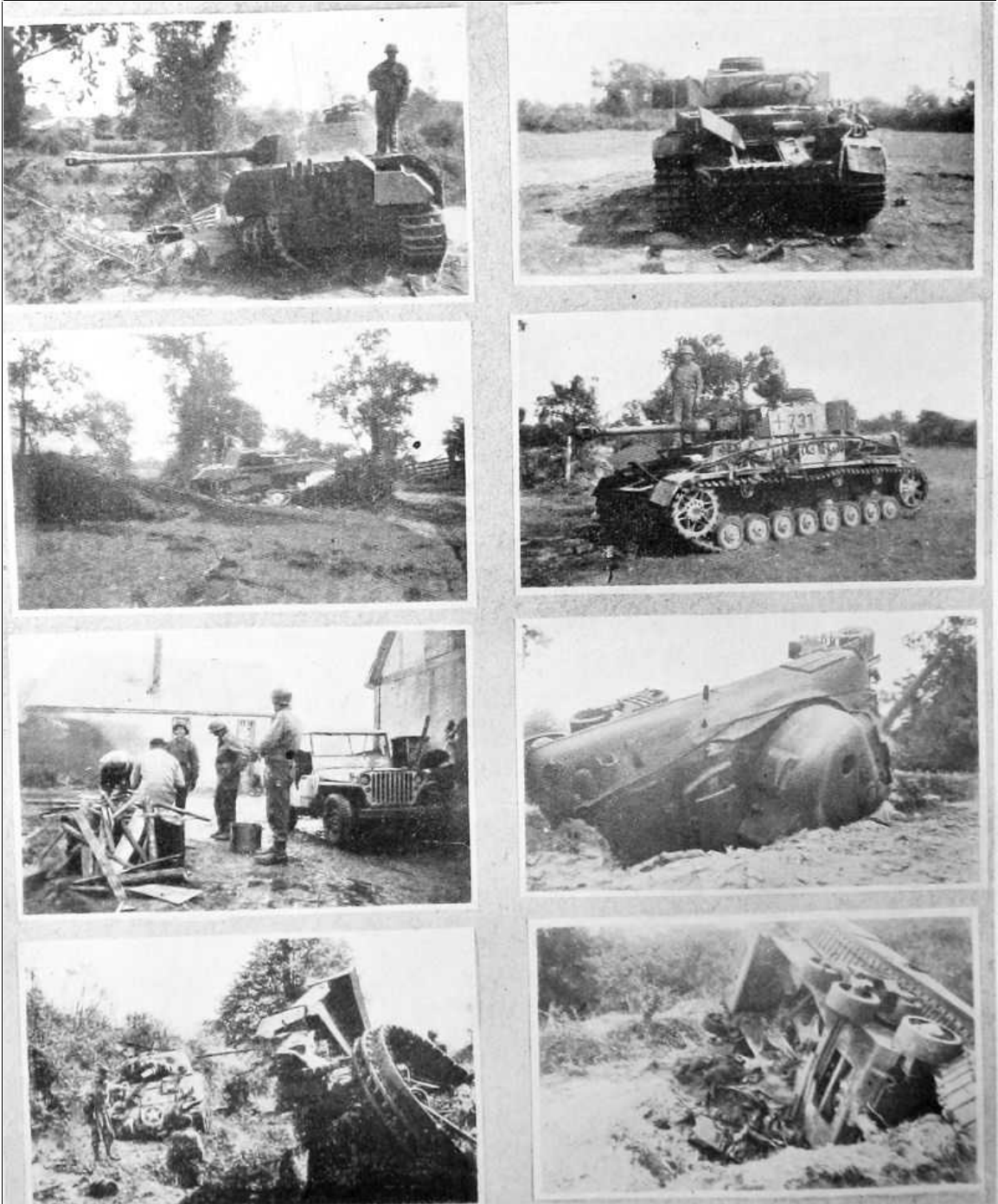
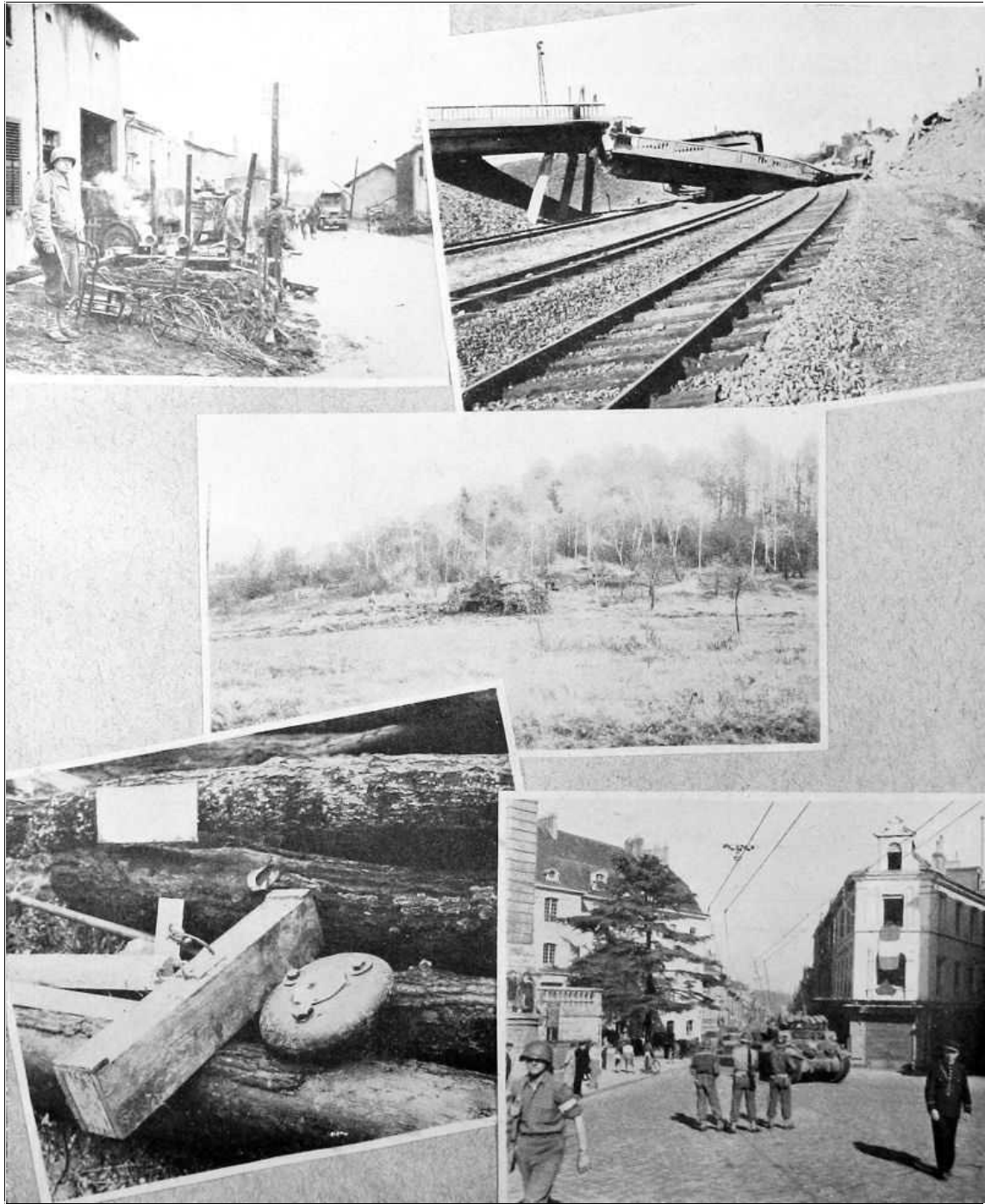


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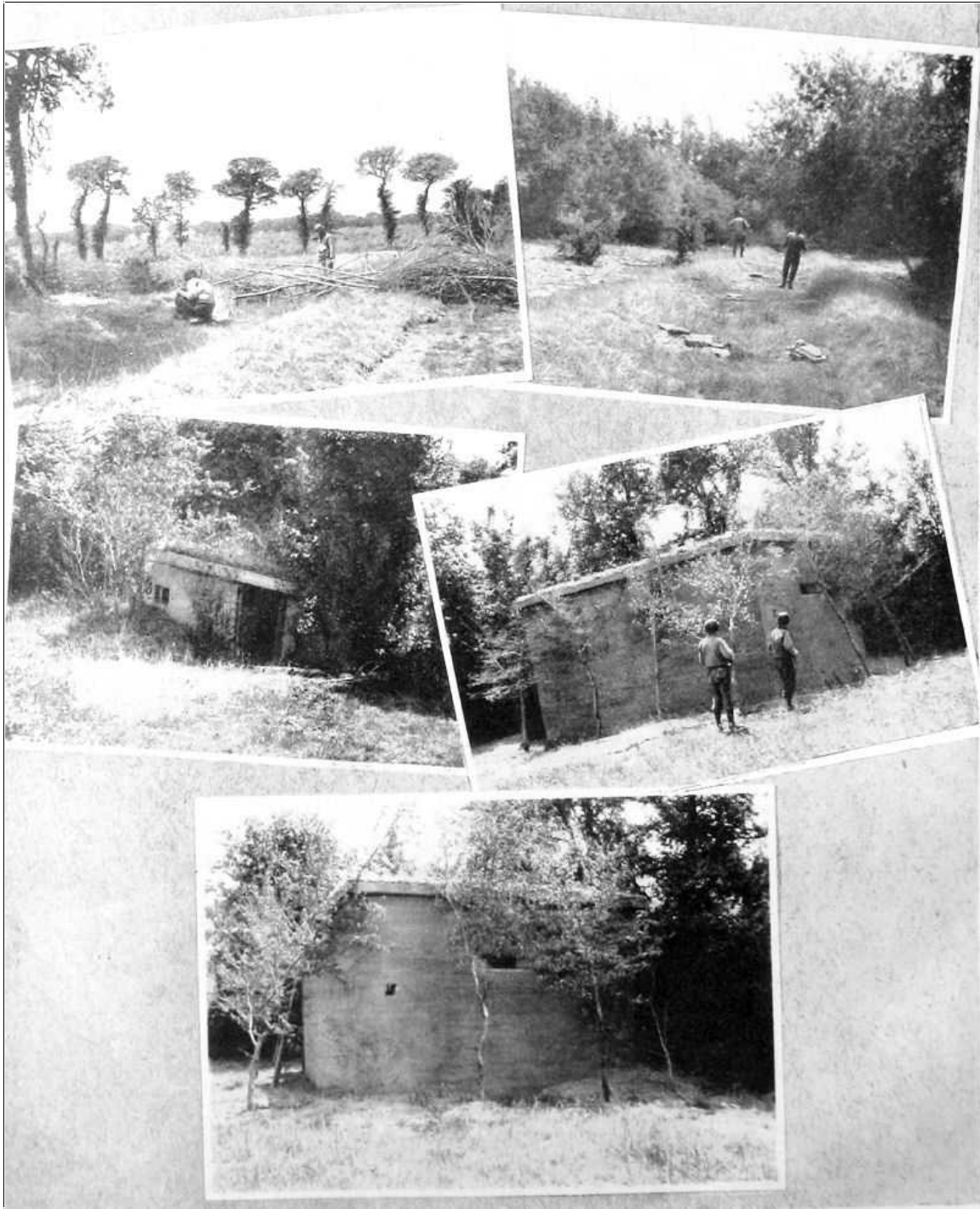
This campaign ushers out the era of the hedgerow and introduces the footsloggers' secret weapon, the vehicle. Covering thirty-five miles a day makes Berlin seem much closer. The optimists see the end of the war by Christmas and even the confirmed pessimists are beginning to waver.



In bitter armored warfare Shermans and tank destroyers maneuver to destroy enemy tanks.



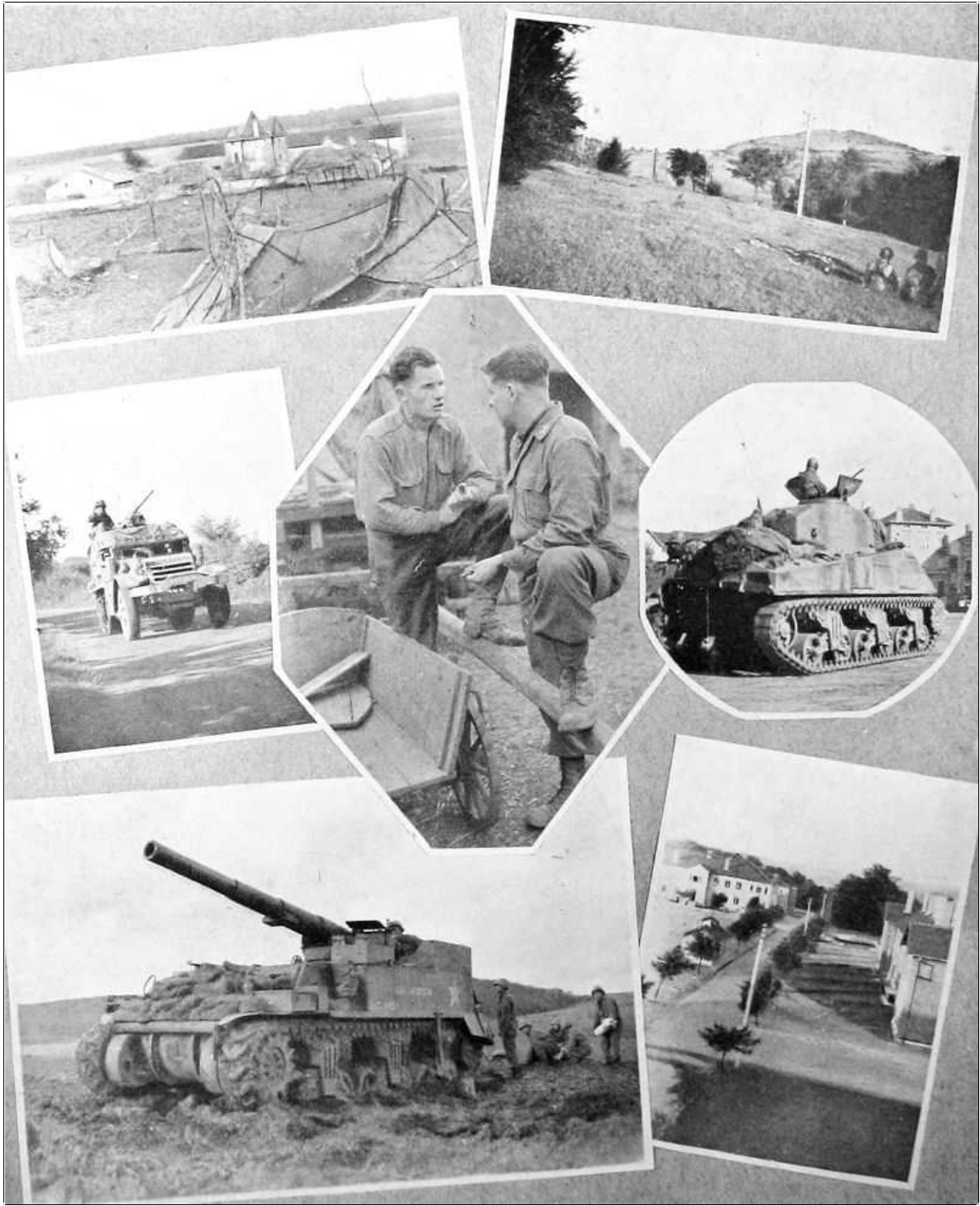
Demolitions, booby traps and mine fields are utilized in the retreat of the enemy.



Our encircling movements nullify defensive potentialities of enemy pillboxes.



with the breakthrough in Normandy our advance on Le Mans becomes a speedy motor movement.



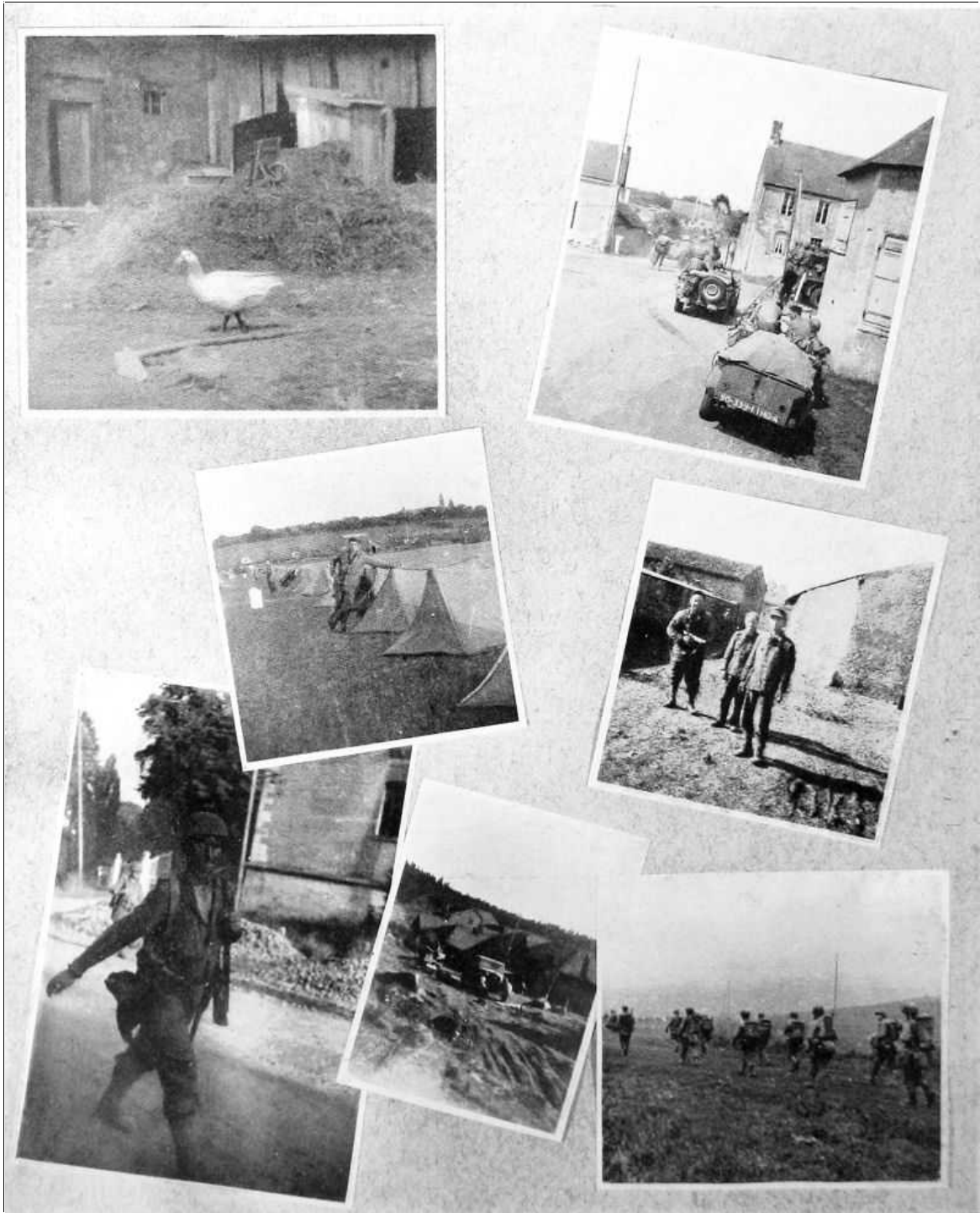
Artillerymen and tankmen often aid us with indirect fire.



Country lanes, saddened by frequent rains and disturbed by incessant columns of supply vehicles, become treacherous to men and vehicles.



With the temporary halt come hay for beds, elaborate trenches, and conversation with members of the F.F.I.



Motor columns flanked and preceded by marching riflemen.



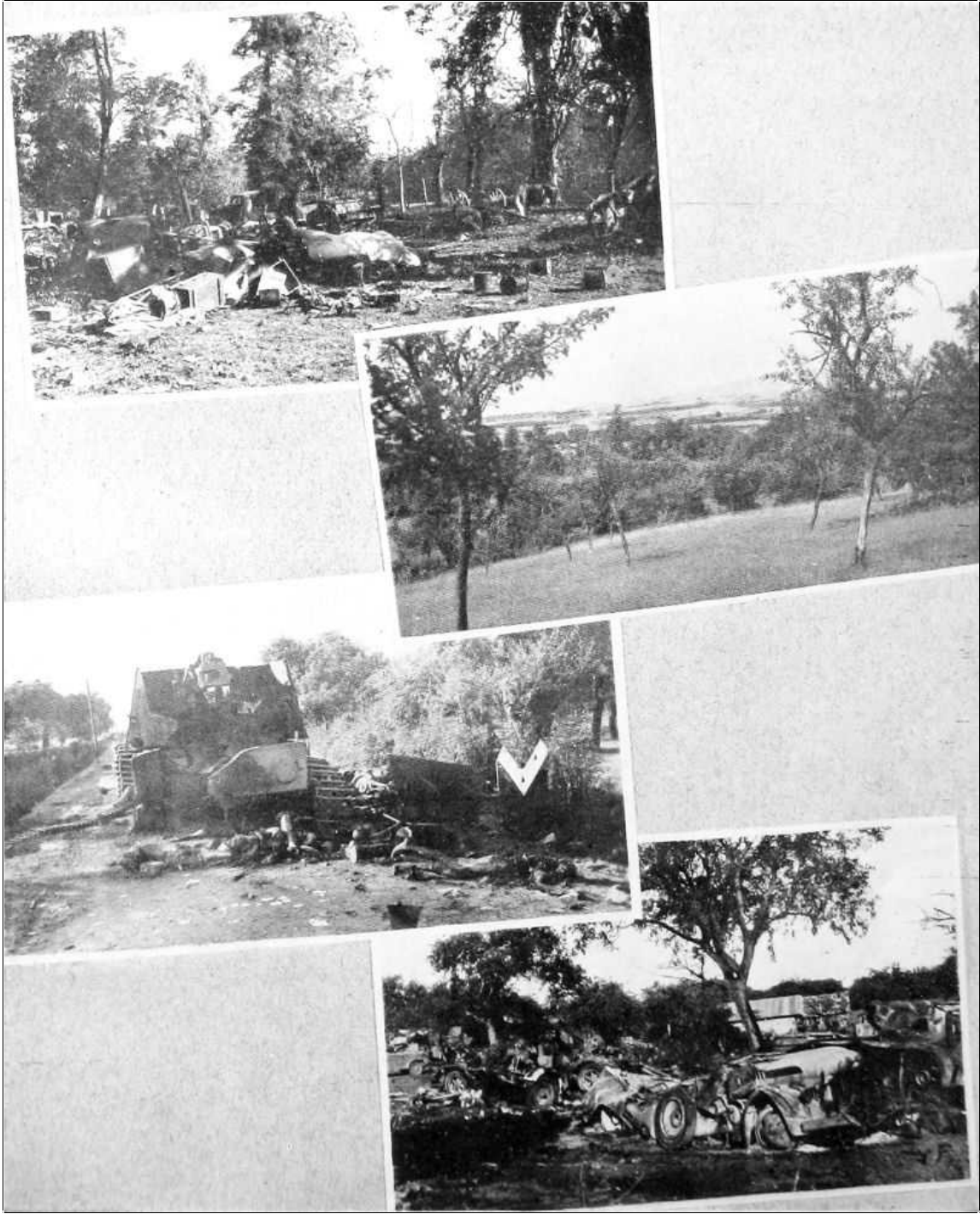
Blown bridges are encountered at Aboue in our advance toward Metz.



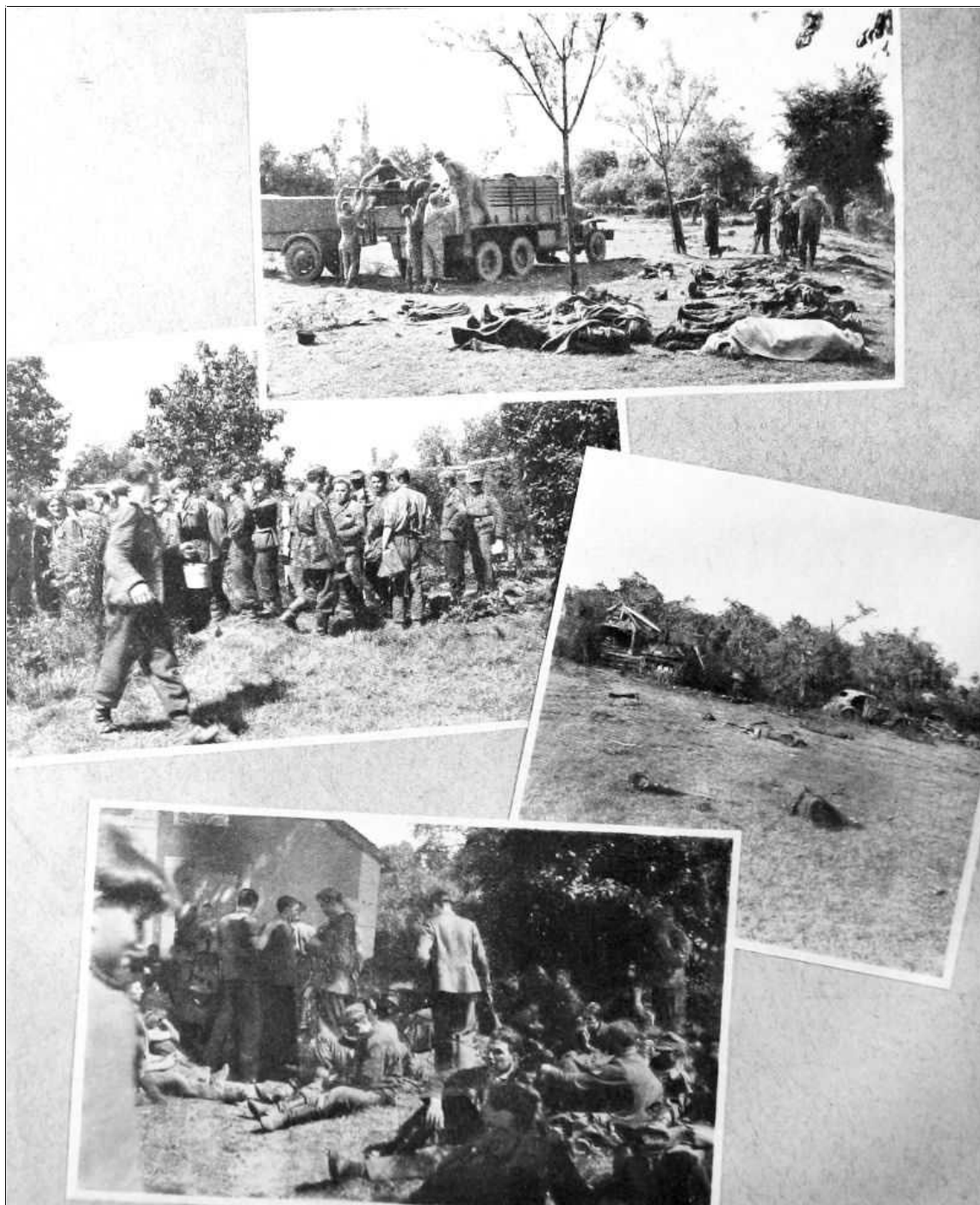
Enemy breakthrough attempt at Le Bourge St. Leonard is routed by Colonel "Fire Ball" Pond's First Battalion.



Members of Hitler's Seventh Army hasten to surrender as their less fortunate comrades lie on the roadside. Thanksgiving Mass is celebrated in woods.



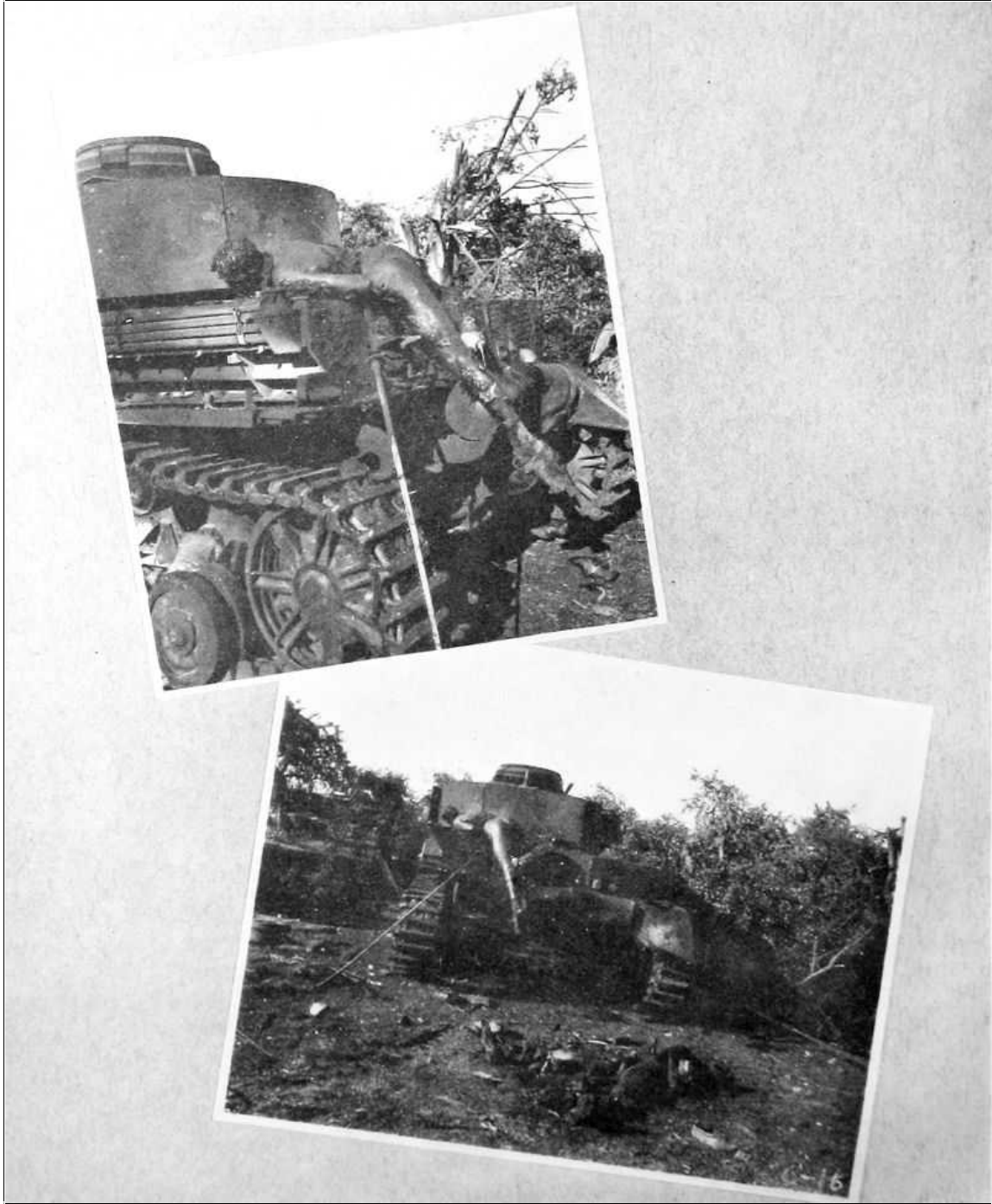
Disembowled animals and twisted armor are commonplace in the Chambois sector of the Falaise gap.



German dead are carried to graves; the hungry are fed, the wounded are given medical aid.



Man, animal and vehicle are intermingled in the chaos created by our artillery concentrations



Flaming Panzers, struck by our anti-tank guns, claim their crews in death.



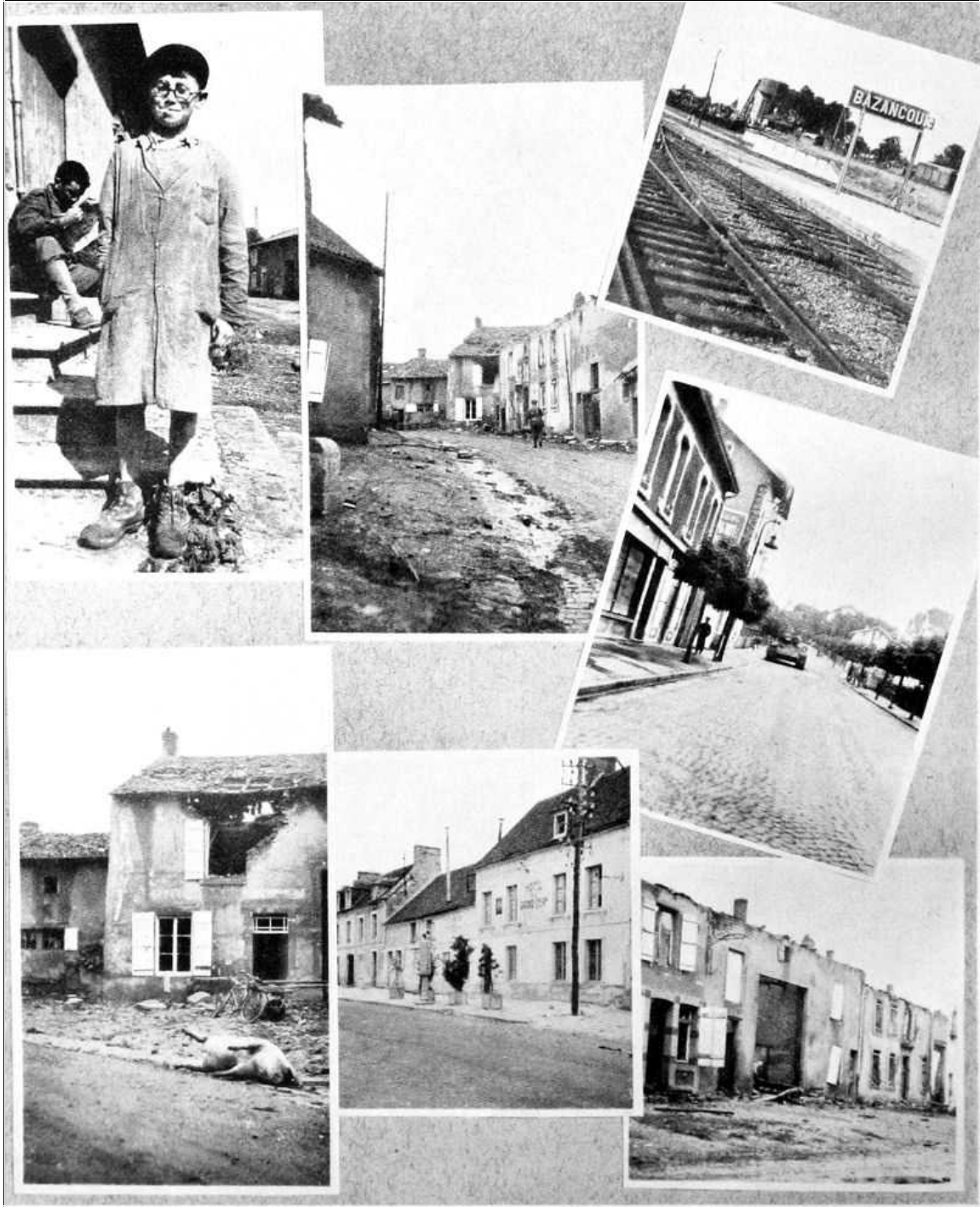
Panther tank is prey for tank destroyer and anti-tank weapons.



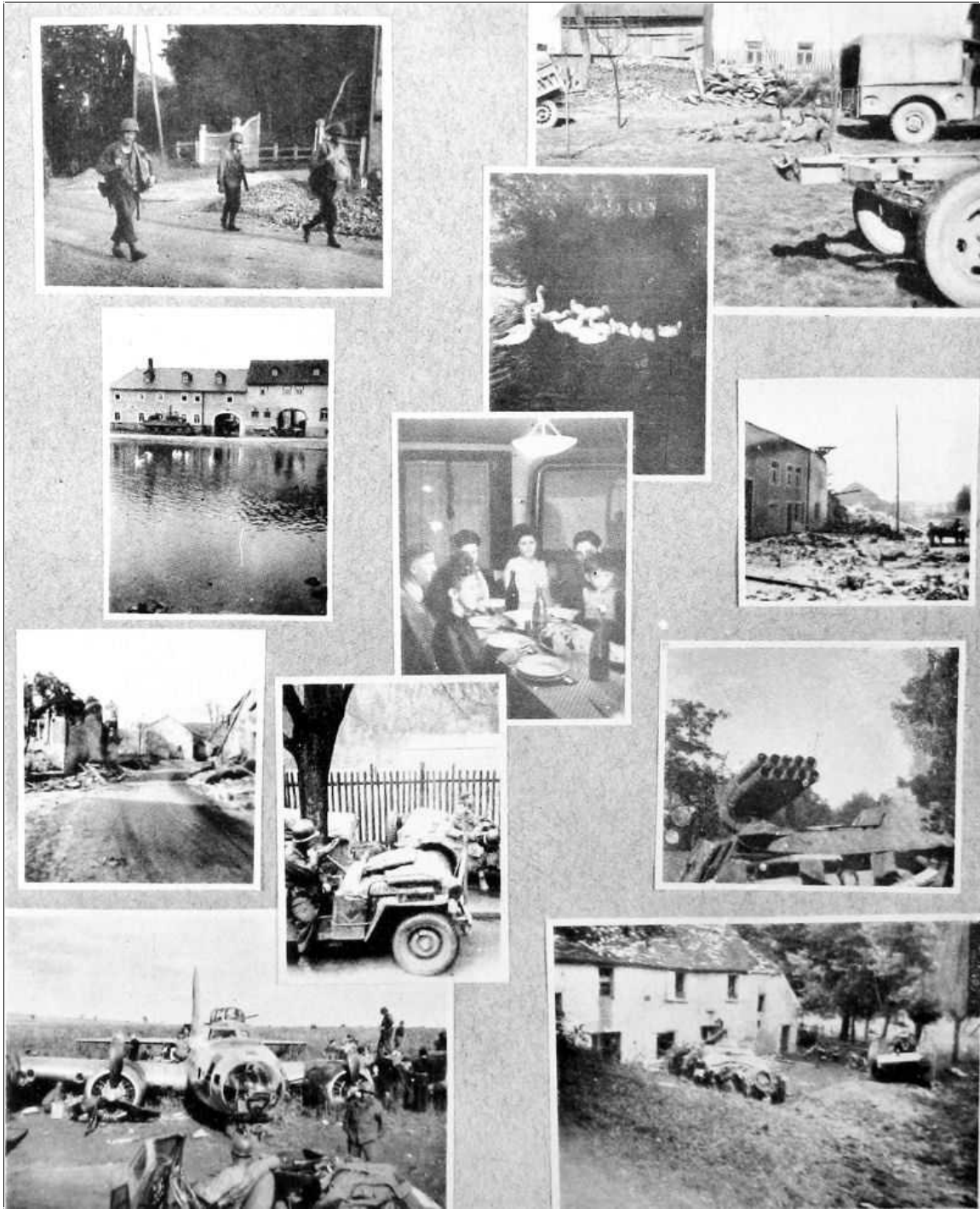
Explosive power of our shells leave vehicles in an almost unrecognizable mass.



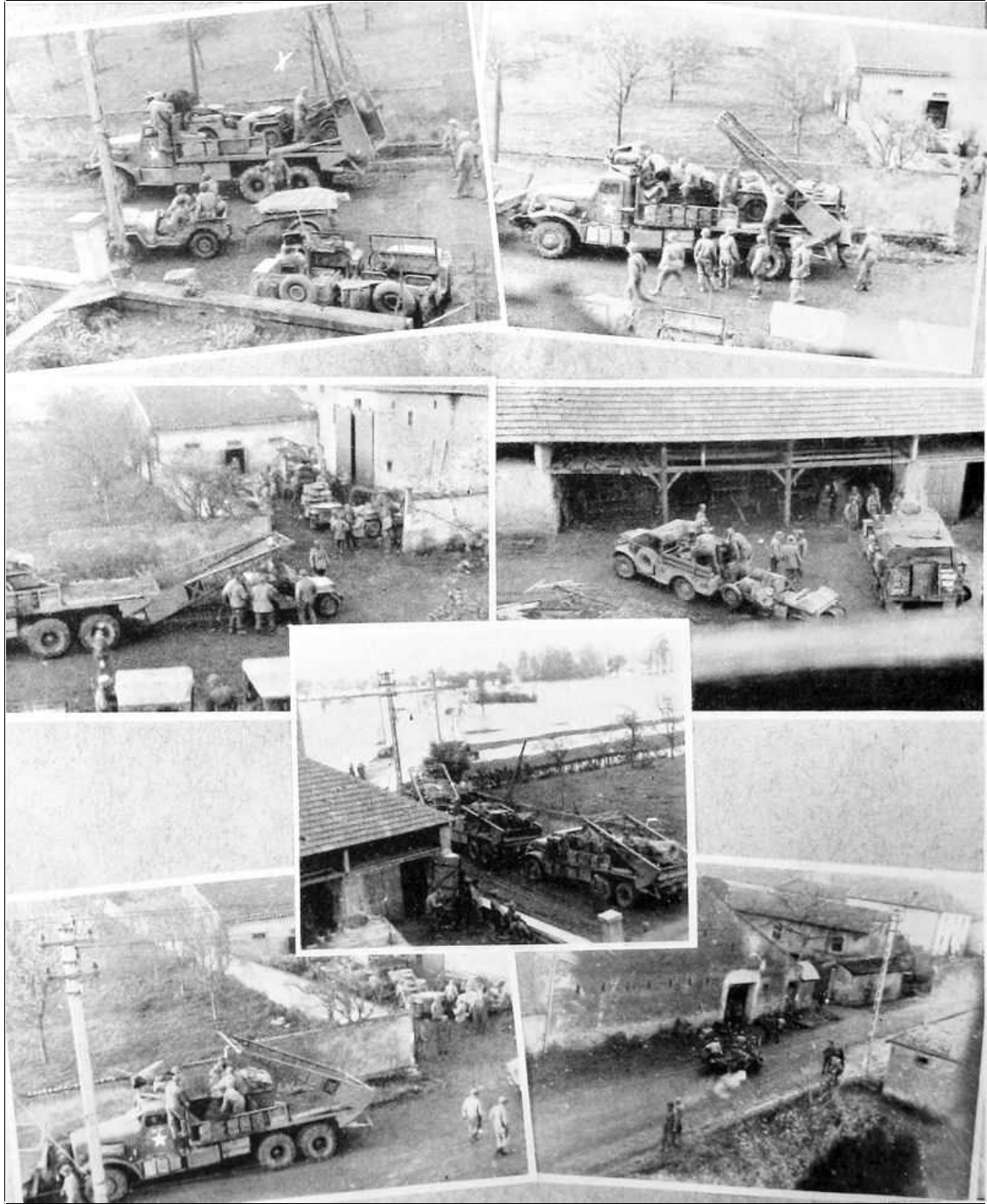
Heads are bowed in defeat; lips are parted in smiles of relief from fear.....the surrendering enemy



Much needed humor is often found in casual acquaintances in shattered towns.



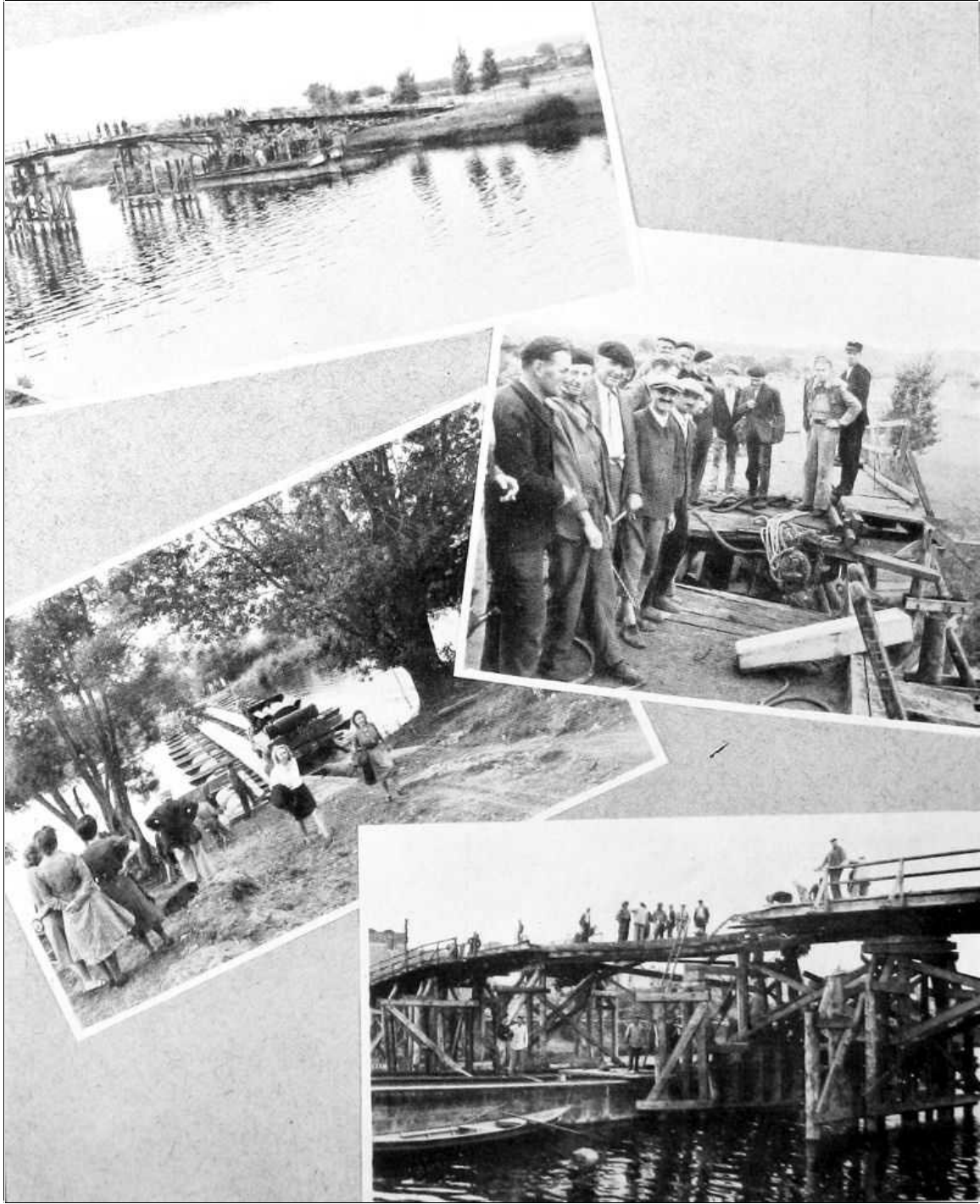
War sweeps ahead leaving contradictory scenes of destruction and rural beauty.



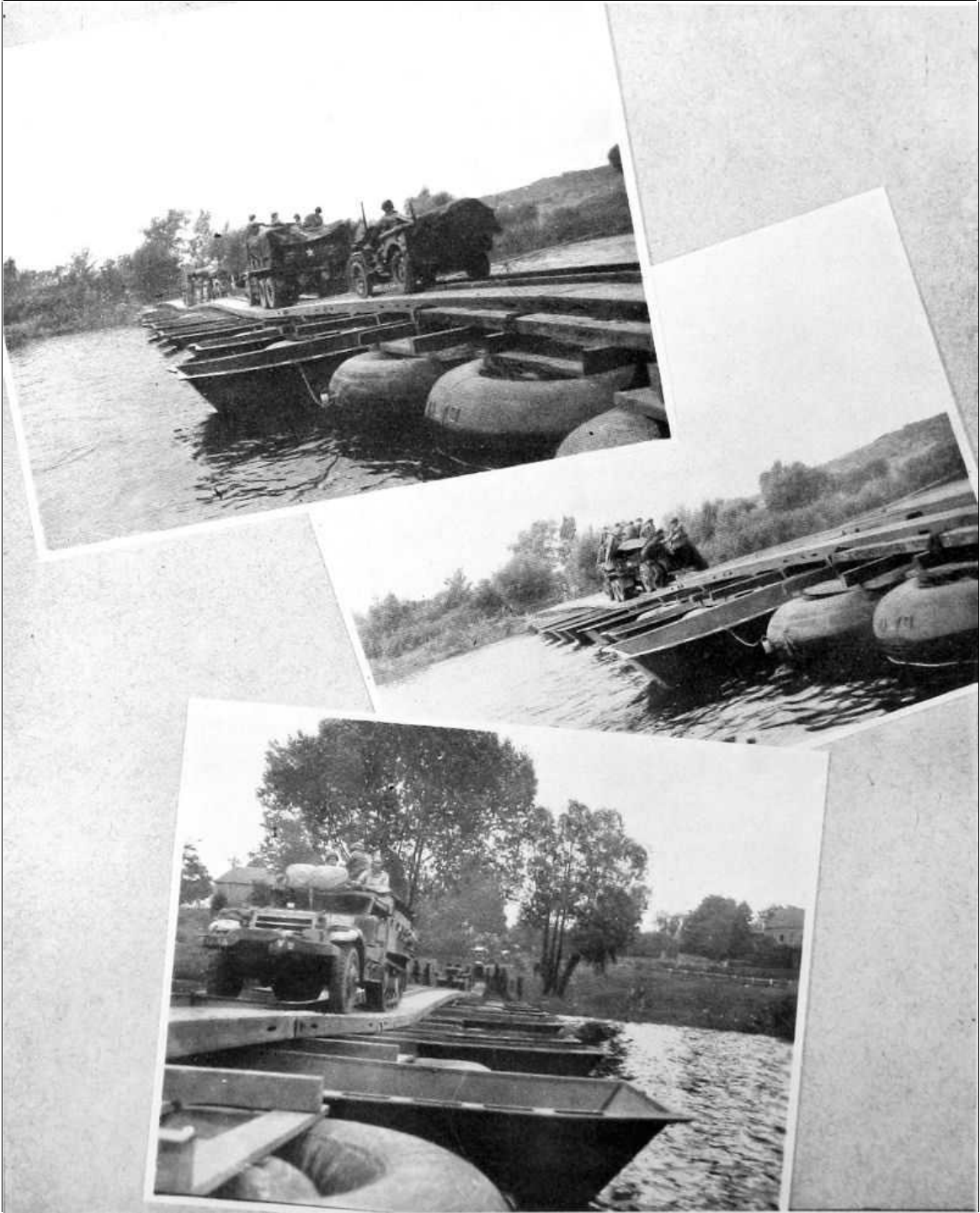
Modern crane-truck combinations facilitate the removal of disabled vehicles.



A few villages appear oblivious of the surging conflict.



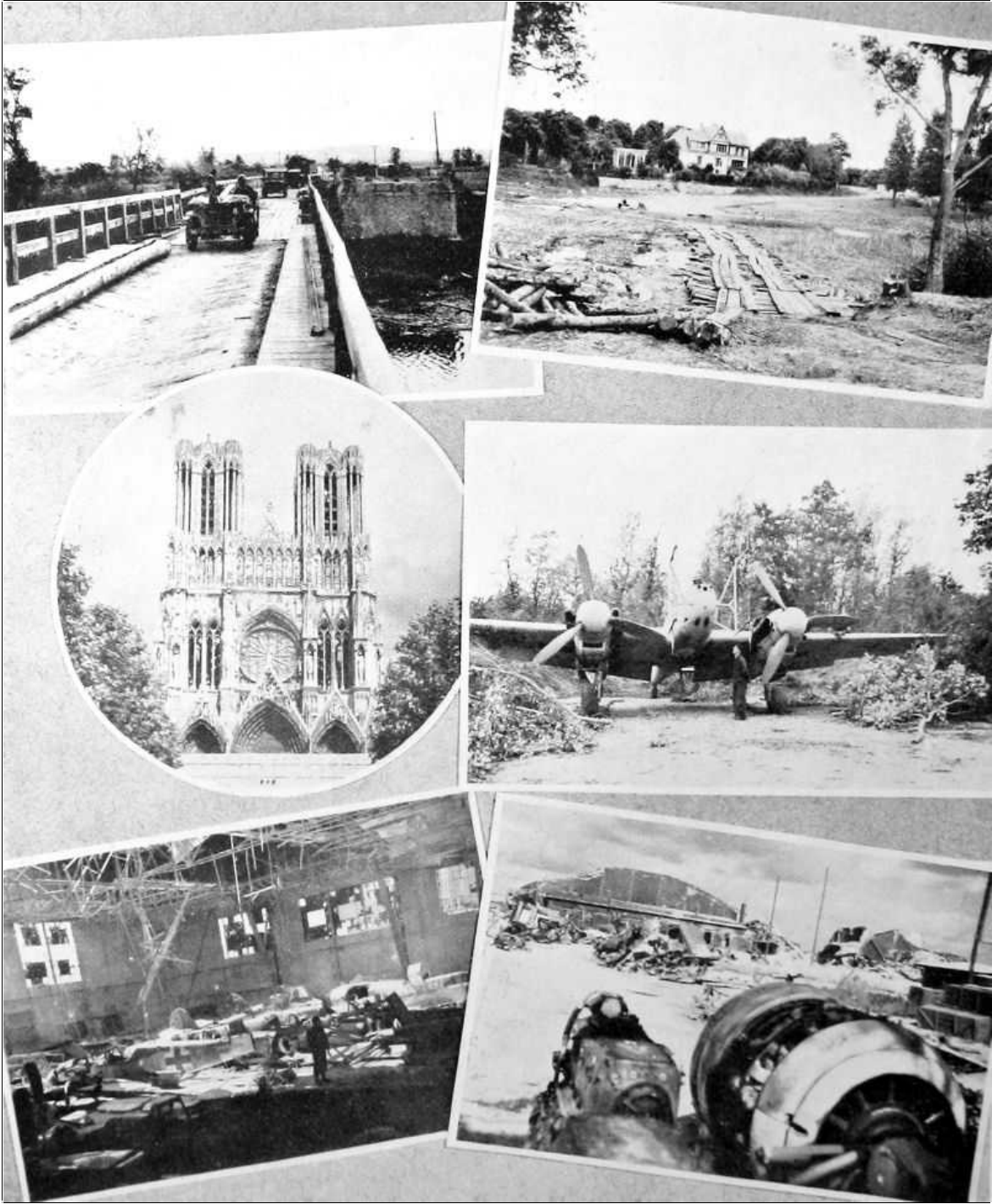
Civilians admire achievements of bridge construction and repair



Undeafated Marne river proves to be only a problem for the bridge builders.



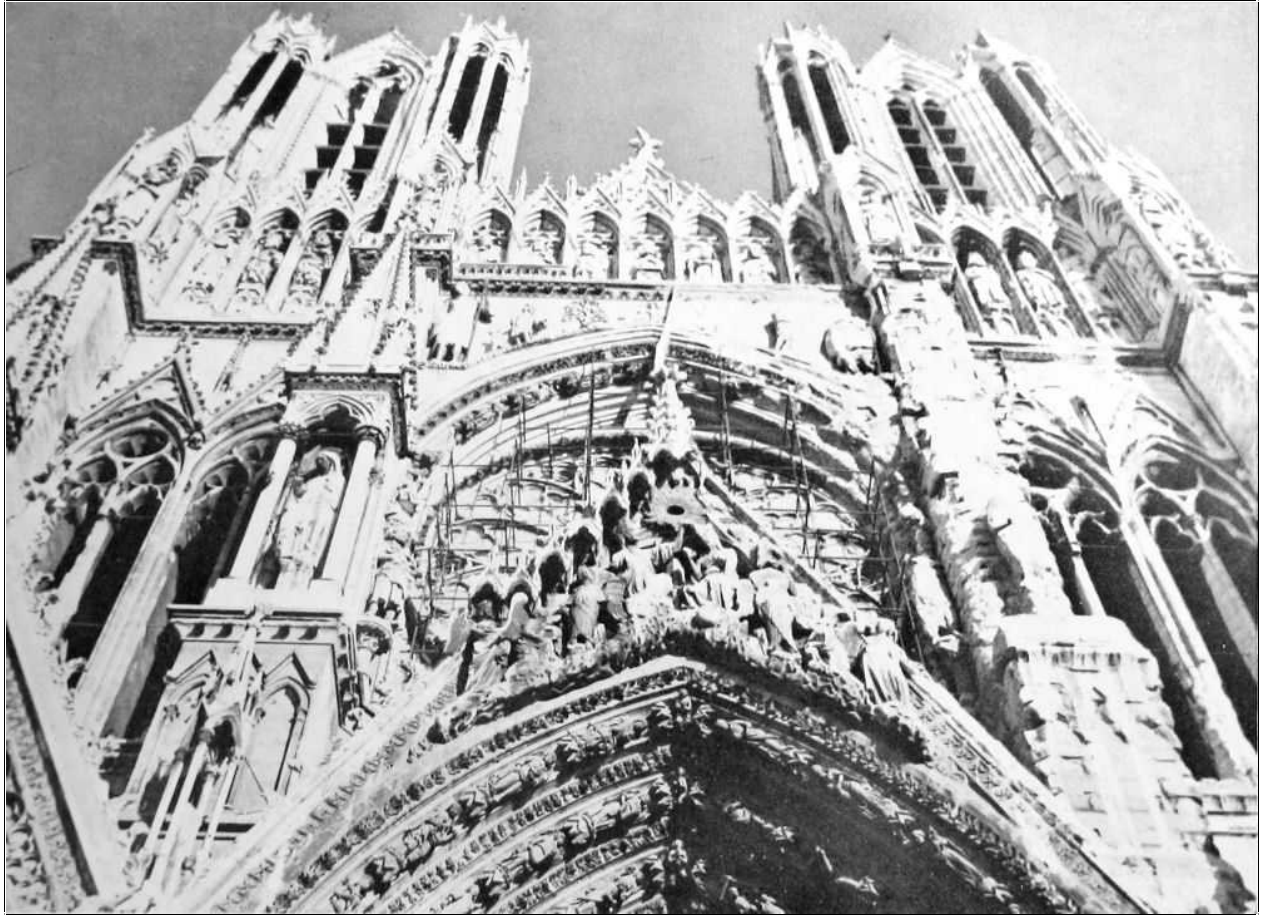
In temporary defensive positions the foxhole is the center of life.



Encirclement of Rheims enables the capture of the surrounding airfields.



With the increasing cold the wool knit cap becomes a most popular headgear.



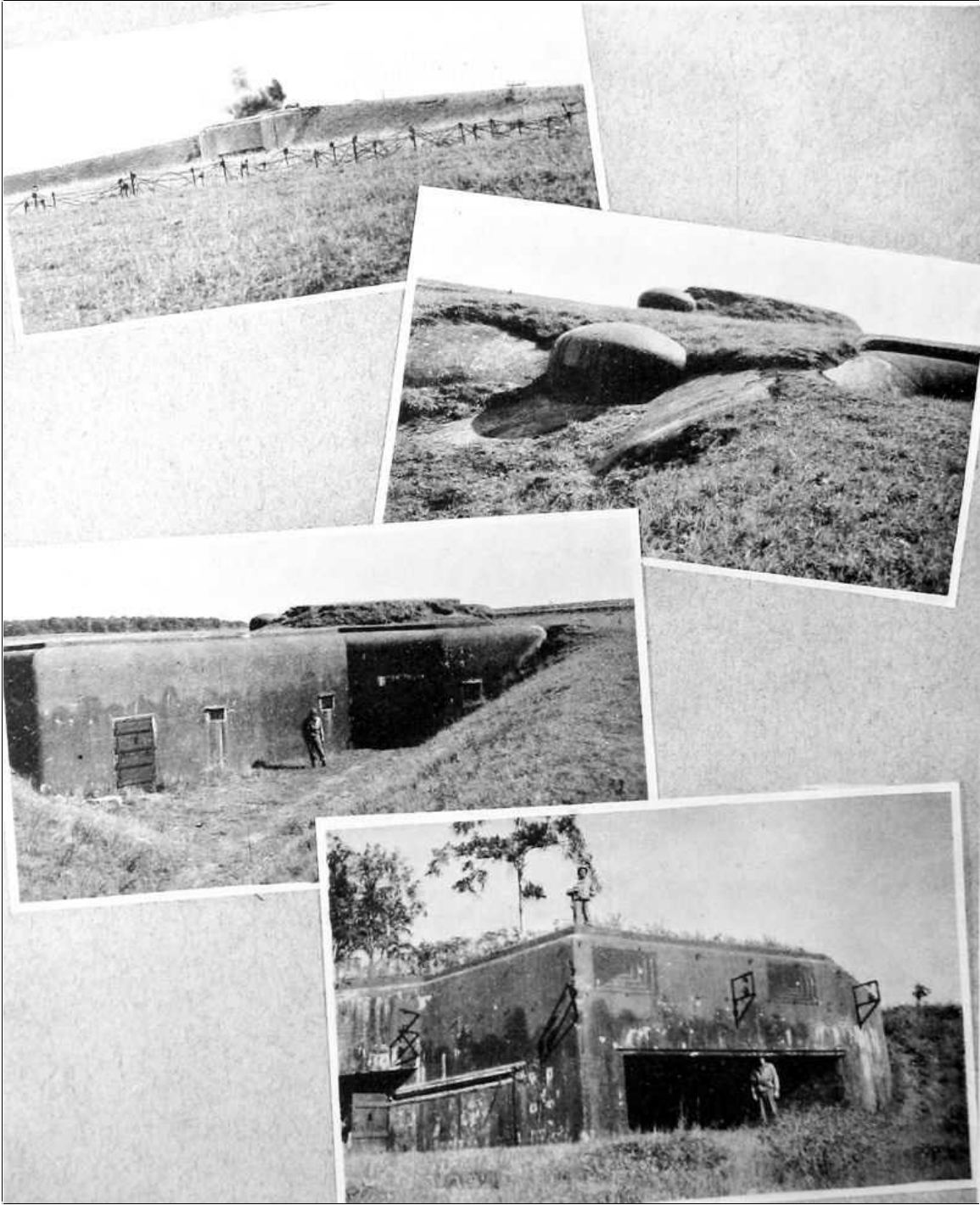
Portals of Rheims Cathedral are a pleasant diverting interest in our passage through the city.



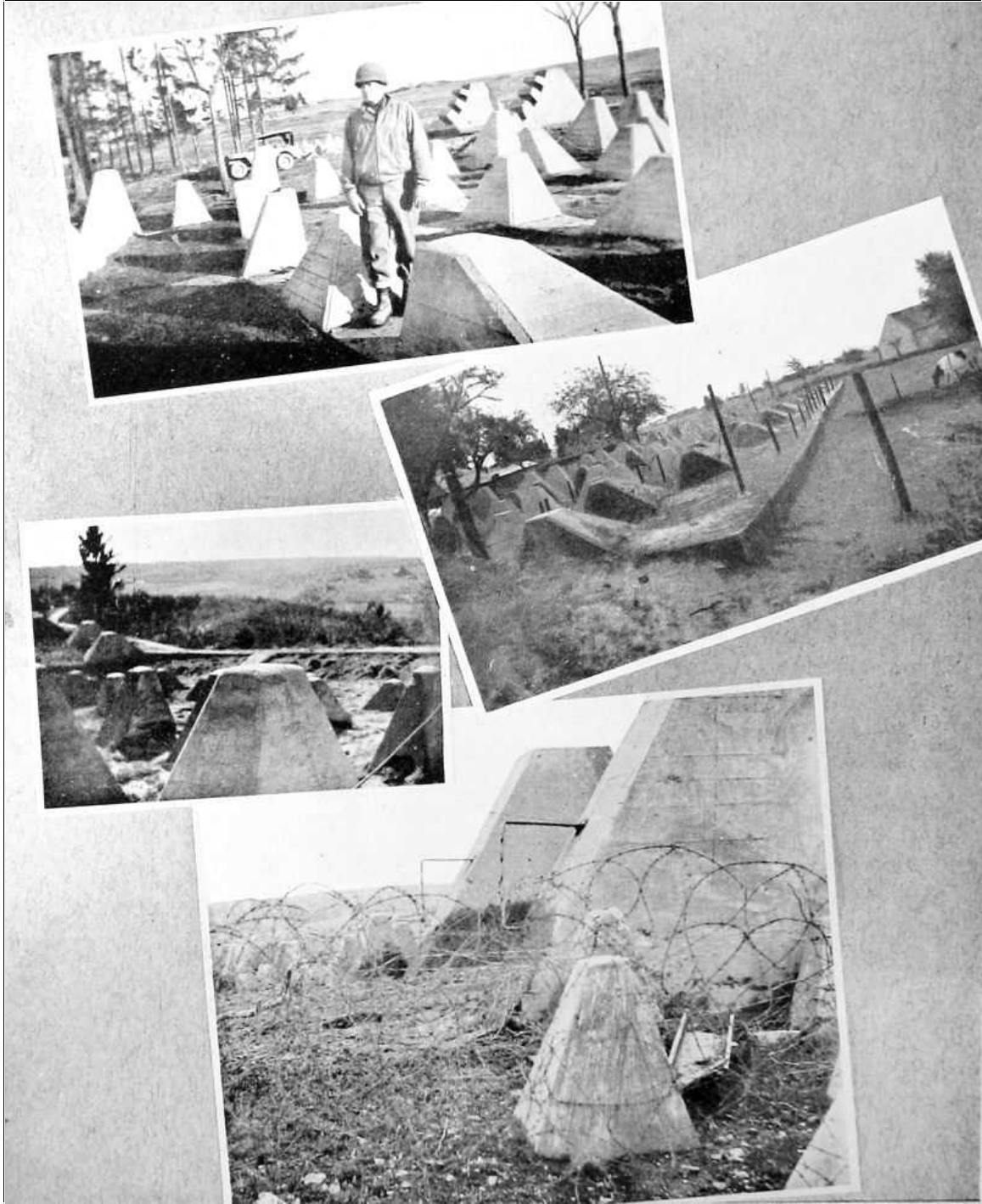
Airports become fields spotted with shattered buildings and remnants of the Luftwaffe.



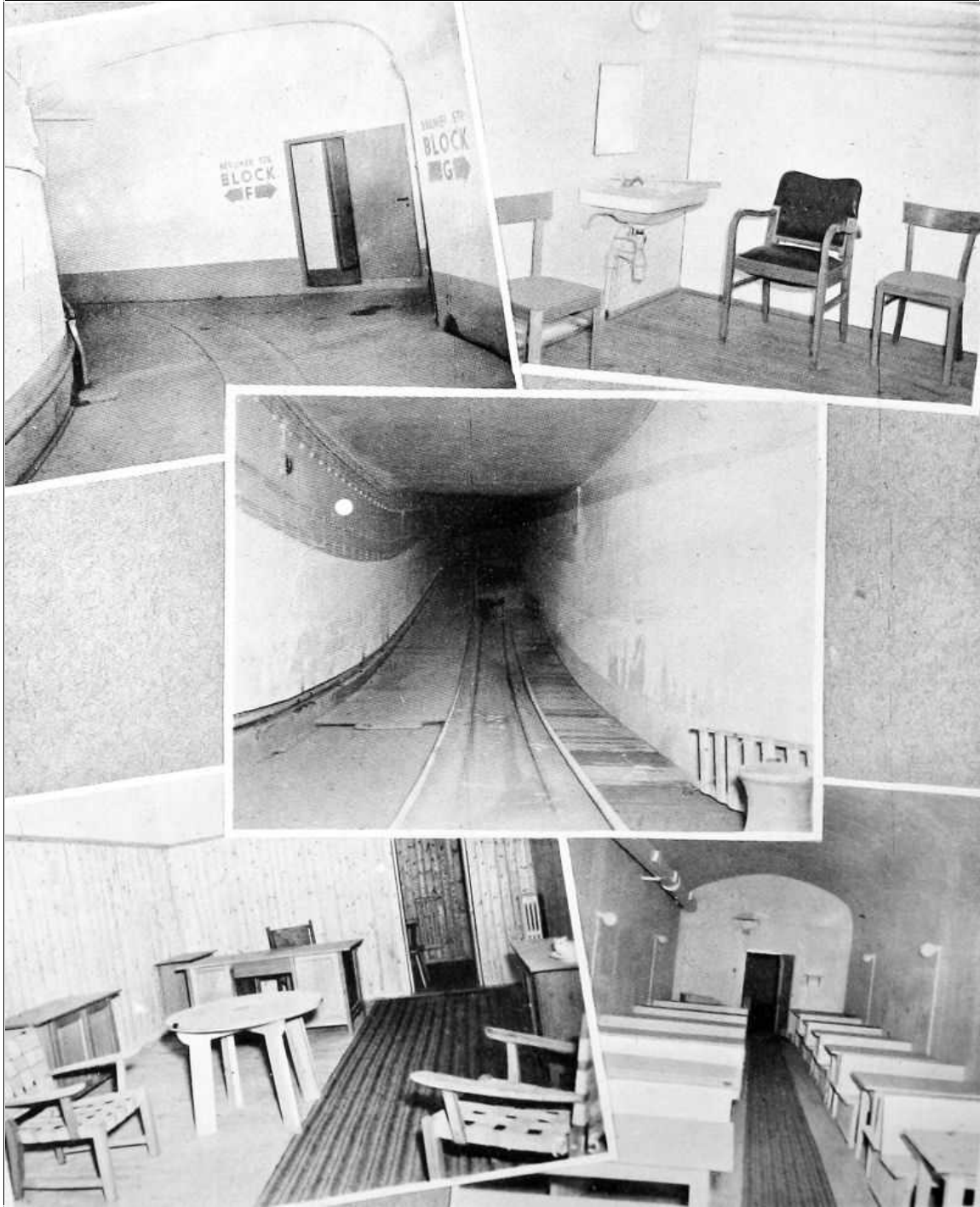
Rheims is a beautiful city scarcely scarred by war.
The populace tend us a gracious reception.



Reinforced block houses and pillboxes of the Maginot Line are foreboding but harmless.



Elaborate defenses present an appeal to the artistic sense.



Elaborate passageways, water facilities, and practical furniture is found in the Maginot fortifications



French borders are sown with concrete and steel.



A power plant in the Maginot Line. Systems like this kept living conditions in the fortifications pleasant, with air conditioning, electric kitchens and moving pictures.