

The Queen of Battle

"We are members of one of the oldest professions in the history of the world. However, from time immemorial critics, historians and conquerors have looked askance at the lowly foot soldier. Ingenious minds have long endeavoured to conceive something to replace us. From the forgotten soul who invented the chariot, to the development of the modern panzer division of tanks, one idea has ruled the trend of war - crush the Infantry. But we have replied - Abela, Crecy, Guadalajara and Stalingrad are ours. We have a heritage that is equalled by none. We do not have the glamour that the public has spread over the Air Corps or the Navy; nor are we a specialized task force as are the Marines. We are - the Doughboy, the Dogface, the Poilu and the Tommy; the men who dig, fight and die; the jack-of-all-trades; the men who must and will win all conflicts. We are the riflemen who proudly wear the crossed rifles, we will surmount all obstacles and all barriers, alone and unaided if need be. For we are - THE INFANTRY."

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