

EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE



Established in 1943 the EIB is a special skills badge of the United States Army. Although similar in name and appearance to the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB), it is a completely different award. The EIB is presented for completion of a course of testing designed to demonstrate proficiency in infantry skills.

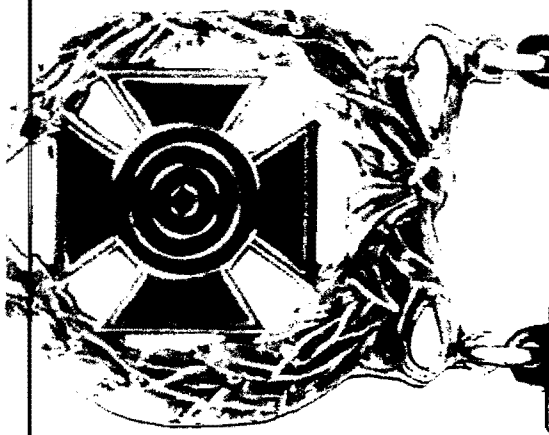
Approximately 6 months after enlistment (20 Oct 42) at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas, prior to deployment overseas as a member of the US Army Air Corps, James M. Palmer and about 200 or more of his fellow trainees were assembled and marched off to the shooting range. The trainees were divided into groups and issued Springfield 1903 bolt action rifles and .30 caliber ammo. The original .30-03 was under powered and the military adopted the .30-06 ammo. Rifle qualification took up a large part of the day as the men moved through the different firing stations, shooting from various distances and firing positions. Ranges from 100, 150, 200, 250 and 300 yds., under both slow fire and rapid fire conditions. Positions of fire were "Offhand" (standing), kneeling, sitting and prone.

A coach or Marksmanship Instructor would monitor each position and distance to verify the accuracy of the trainees. As the smoke cleared from the range and the smell of cordite loomed in the air, the scoring sheets for each soldier were tabulated. A smile came over one Weapons Instructor's face. He was going to get to award the Army's newest weapons qualification Badge(EIB) to one of his trainees, and he didn't care if he was in the Air Corps. Out of the entire group, this day, James M. Palmer was the only shooter to hit his targets from each firing position and distance, and thus became one of the first to receive the EIB and one of the very few Air Corps to be awarded the EIB. As a Sgt., Mr. Palmer would later qualify as Expert with the M1 Carbine on February 18, 1944. Mr. Palmer also received the American Theater Campaign Medal, The EAME Campaign Medal, US Army Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Honorable Service in Victory Pin (Ruptured Duck); 1 Service Stripe; 2 Overseas Service Bars.

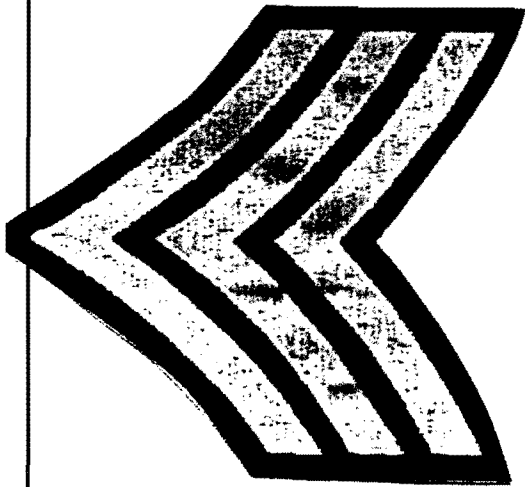
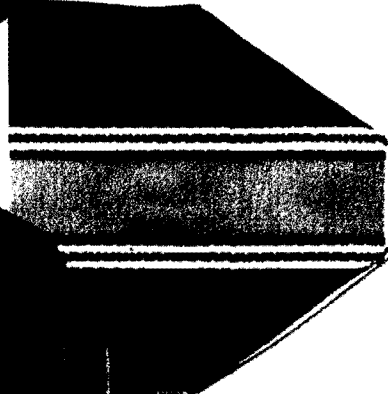
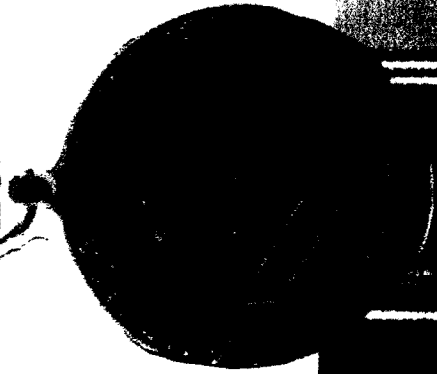
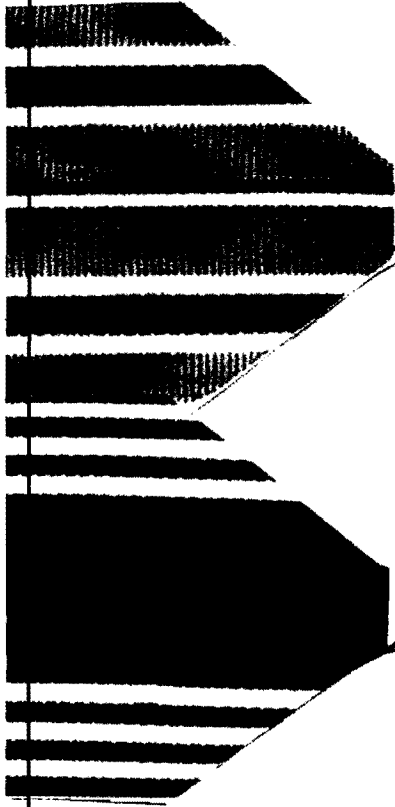
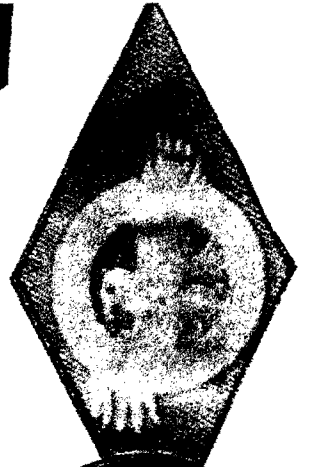
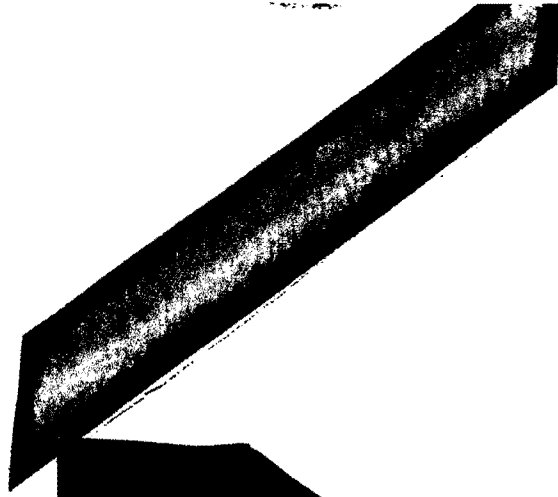


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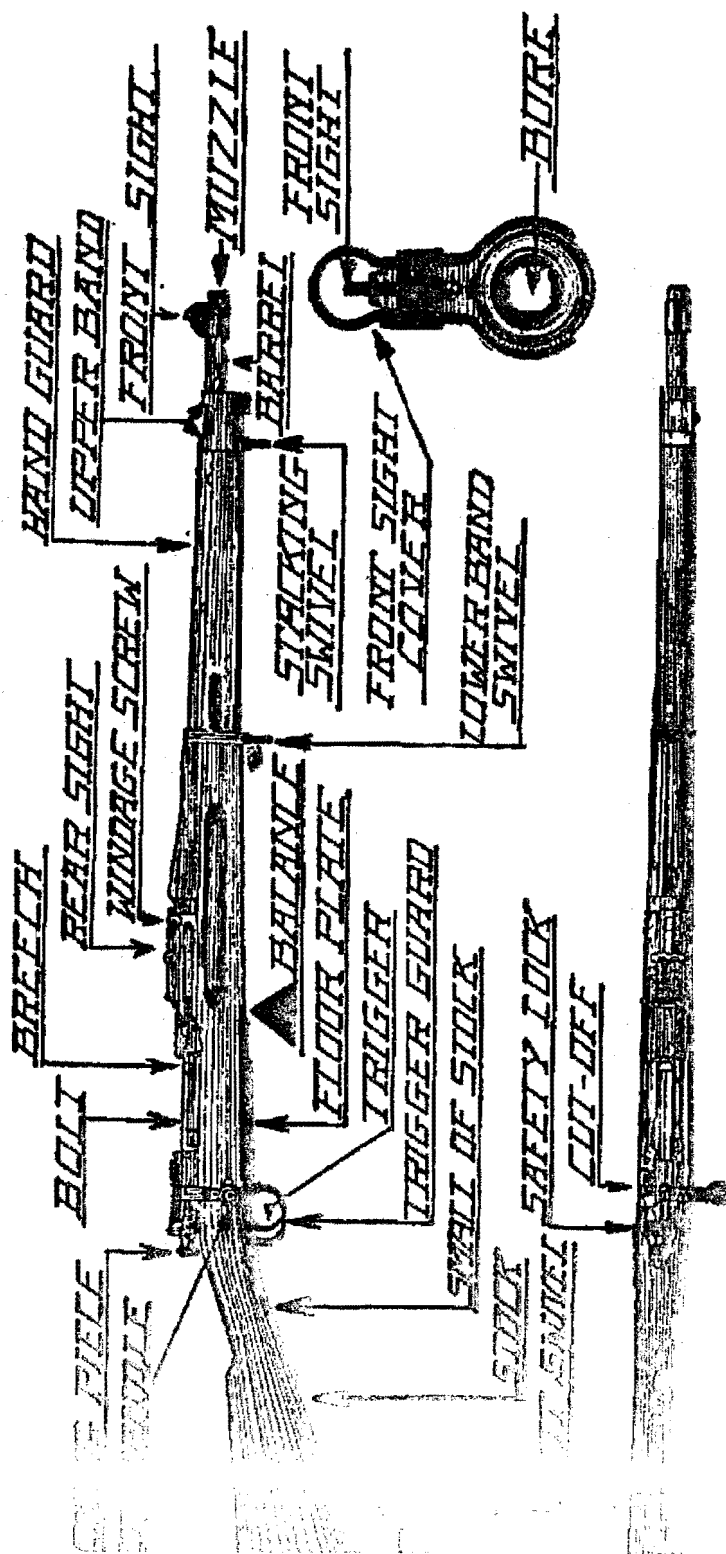




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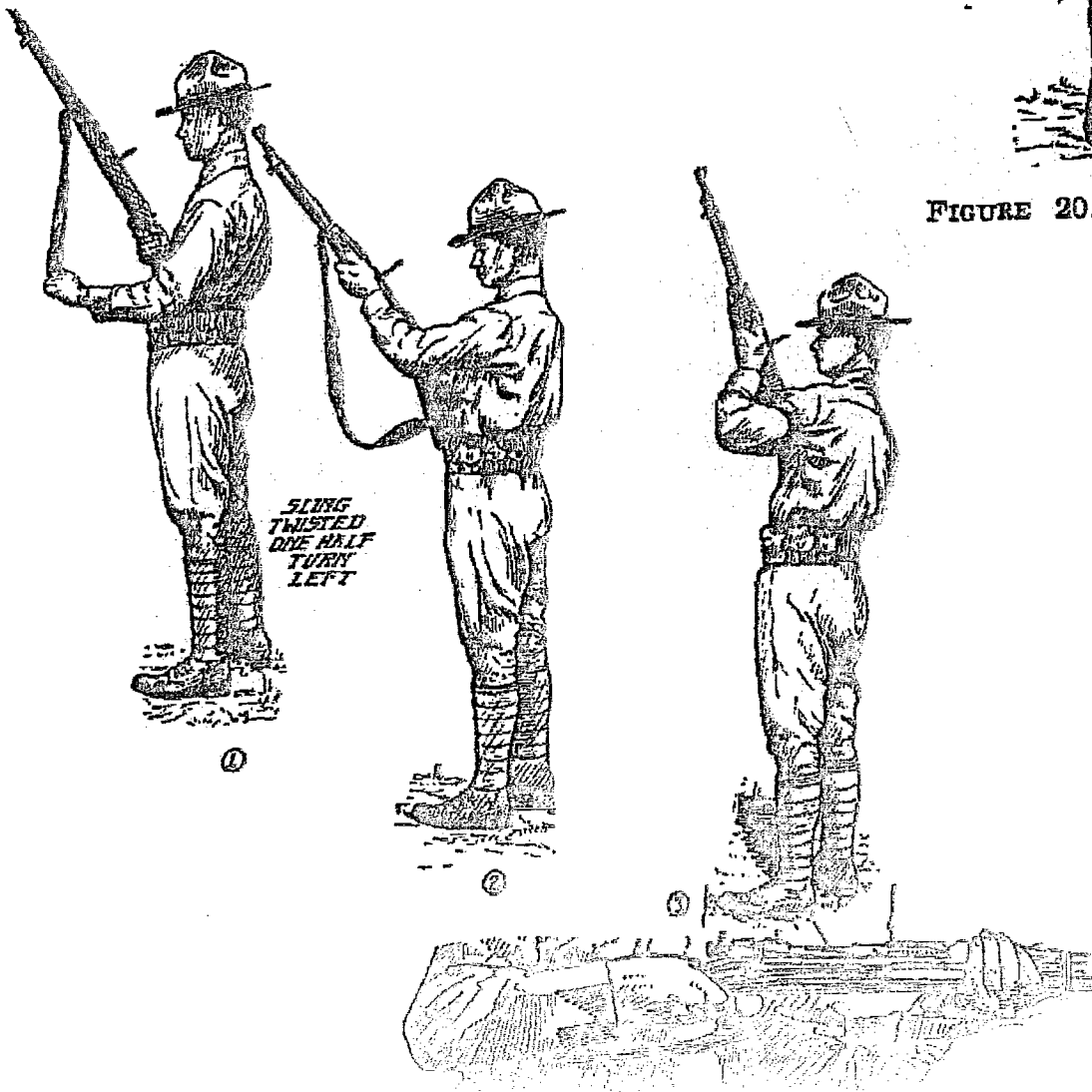


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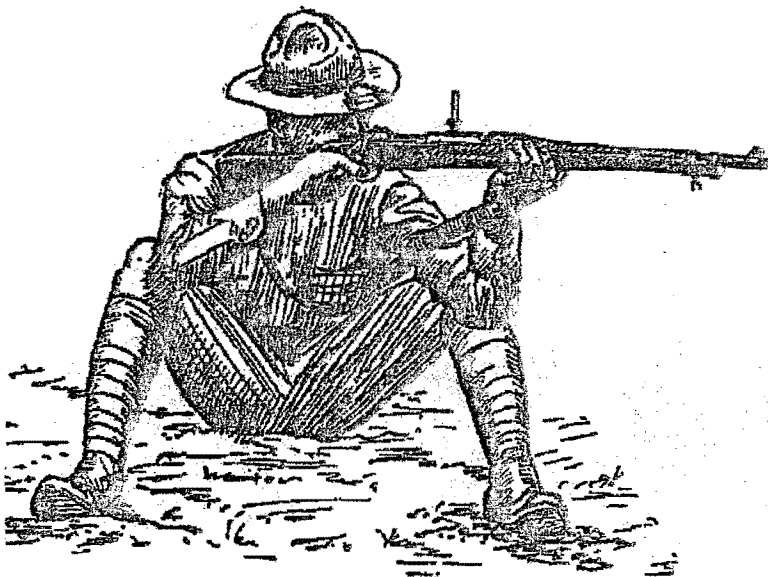


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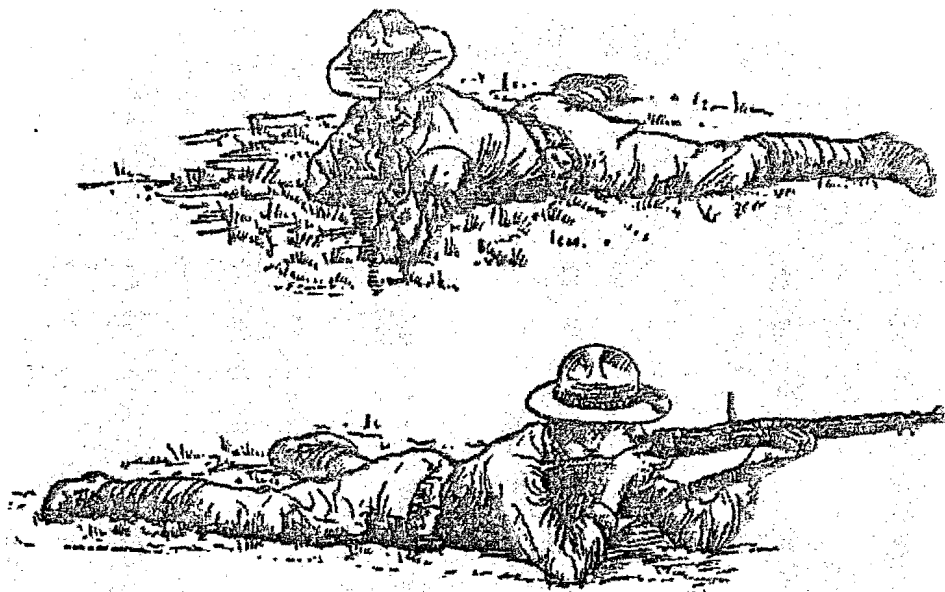


FIGURE 16.—Prone position.

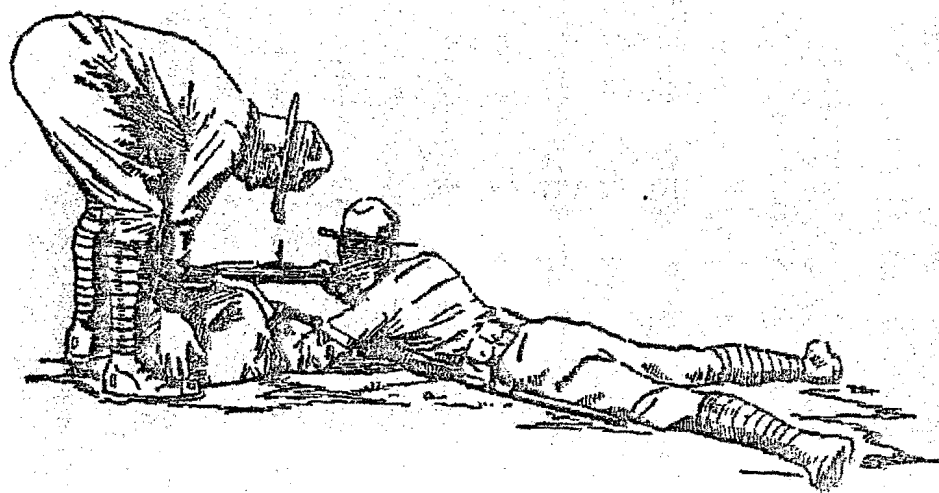


FIGURE 17.—Prone position with sandbag rest.