

*Steeds of Steel Pictures*



SC-133486: [**Proposed cover photo.**] Troopers exercise at the Cavalry Replacement Training Center in April 1942. (Signal Corps photo)



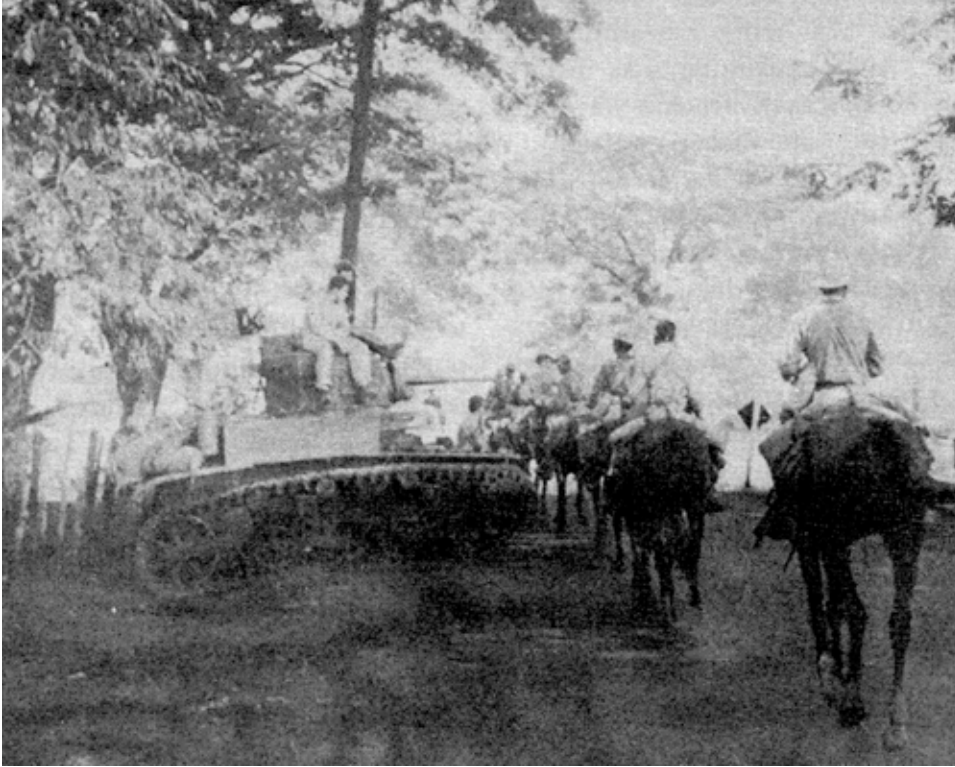
SC-114290: Mechanized cavalry assemble during First Army maneuvers in August 1939 as war looms in Europe. The M3A1 scout cars in the foreground have just entered service, and the M1A1 "combat cars" behind are obsolete. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-123351: A scout car operates with horse cavalry during pre-war maneuvers. The Cavalry branch still thought it could rely primarily on the horse. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-123415: Motorcycle cavalymen dismount for action during maneuvers. This ill-fated concept did not survive under the standardized mechanized cavalry organization of 1943. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-131348P: The Philippine Scouts, seen here with an M3 light tank from the 192d Tank Battalion, were the only horse-mounted outfit to face the enemy. They were unable to avoid or to contend with Japanese armor. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-176002: An M3A1 scout car rolls toward Mateur, Tunisia, on 26 April 1943. The final phase of the Tunisia campaign allowed the mechanized cavalry to run the way it had been trained to do. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-182939: A T30 assault gun belonging to the 82d Reconnaissance Battalion rolls through Ribera, Sicily, on 25 July 1943. The battalion spearheaded Patton's charge into Palermo. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-179172: A dismounted patrol from the 37th Reconnaissance Troop moves through the jungle on New Georgia on 29 July 1943. Terrain like this characterized the early Pacific campaigns. The M3 light tank belongs to the Marine Corps. (Signal Corps photo)





SC-187799: A 91st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron M8 fires near Cassino, Italy, on 20 February 1944. The daunting terrain made mounted action a rarity. (Signal Corps photo)



Cav7: A 21st Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop mounted patrol in M2 halftracks nears the mouth of the Tekessi River on Bougainville on 26 May 1944. The halftrack was the standard-issue cavalry vehicle most likely to get through the Pacific mud. (Records, 21st Infantry Division).



SC-191060: 91st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron vehicles halt just outside Rome on 4 June 1944, the day Fifth Army liberated the city. A self-propelled gun has just knocked out the Sherman tank seen burning ahead. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-207650: An LVT(A)(1) amtank (this one belonging to the 708th Amphibian Tank Battalion), which was used by several cavalry troops in the Pacific. The 6th Reconnaissance Troop was the first to do so on New Guinea in June 1944. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-199771: Armored cars belonging to the 29th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop in the ruins of St. Lo, France, on 20 July 1944. Note the field-expedient .50-caliber anti-aircraft gun. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-187387: The Reconnaissance Company, 67th Armored Regiment, 2d Armored Division, halts briefly near Barenton during the Normandy breakout in August 1944. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-192252: Elements of the 4th Armored Division, led by 25th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron M8s, head into Brittany on 2 August. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-193456: An M8 belonging to the 87th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, 7th Armored Division, engages the enemy near Eparnay, France, on 27 August 1944. (Signal Corps photo)





SC-194105: M8 HMC assault guns belonging to the 113th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron prepare to fire in Belgium on 9 September 1944, near the end of the "rat race" to the German frontier. The nearest vehicle sports a hedgerow cutter. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-196759-S: 4th Cavalry Group troopers on patrol on 25 November 1945. Static conditions along the Siegfried Line and in the Vosges Mountains forced the cavalry to dismount again. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-198434: An M5A1 light tank working with Troop B, 106th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, fires its main gun during street fighting near the Maginot Line on 29 December 1944. (Signal Corps photo)



Cav5: Cavalry reconnaissance am tanks land at Lingayan, Luzon Island, on 9 January 1945. The troopers manned the only am tanks to join the GIs in the assault wave. (U.S. Army photo)



SC-199155: An armored car crew from Troop A, 41st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, meets 84th Infantry Division GIs near Houffalize on 16 January 1945. Cavalry action brought the First and Third armies into contact as the Battle of the Bulge wound down. (Signal Corps photo)



CAV11: A reconnaissance jeep belonging to the 94th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron sports .30-caliber machine guns mounted on the rear pedestal and in front of the passenger, which appears to have been a fairly common field expedient. (Courtesy of Vernon Brown)



CAV12: Trooper Vernon Brown mans the .50-caliber machine gun on his jeep in the Vosges Mountains. Note the log-covered foxhole to the rear. (Courtesy of Vernon Brown)



SC-199789-S: A new M24 light tank issued to the 18th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron in January 1945. The M24 enabled the troopers to fight German tanks on more equal terms. (Signal Corps photo)





SC-208109: The 81st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, still equipped with M5A1 tanks, crosses the Po River in Italy on 25 April 1945. The squadron ran riot in the German rear and reached the Swiss border. (Signal Corps photo)



SC-207828: Pvt. John Lyons and T/5 Alfred Weilend, 125th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, pictured with some of the Soviet soldiers they met in Apollensdorf on 30 April 1945, the first contact between the Ninth and Red armies. (Signal Corps photo)



Cav9: 37th Reconnaissance troopers in the Cagayan valley on Luzon in June 1945. The mechanized cavalry remained in action in the Philippines until Japan surrendered. (Records, 37th Infantry Division)