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Selection of the
Unknown Soldier

written by Captain Arthur E. Dewey, QMC, U.S. Army
(one of the Officers detailed to select the body)
With Official Orders, etc.

The following article concerning the selection of The Unknown Soldier was written ten years after that event took place, and reliance had to be placed upon memory. Should there be any discrepancies, it is the fault of a poor memory. The events as outlined are those that took place in the several cemeteries and in Chalons-sur-Marne, and are the experiences of a participant on that memorable occasion.

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Capt., Q.M.C.

THE SELECTION OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER.

Early in October, 1921, great excitement prevailed at the American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse) France. The long awaited orders covering the selection of the unknown soldier, who was to be buried in Arlington, - and everliving tho' dead symbol of the hundreds of boys sleeping their last sleep in the unmarked and unknown graves of France; France that was war torn for years and from whose borders those boys had given their lives to hurl the invaders, had been received from the Chief, American Graves Registration Service in Europe. What officers were to be the lucky ones to handle the cases? Work? Yes, but an honor to be esteemed worthy of such a responsibility. An unknown was to be exhumed at four American Cemeteries, each of which was considered as representative of the one of the four major fronts on which American forces had been engaged in battle. Belleau Woods, where the marines had added to the fame which has always followed their battle flags; Bony, in the Somme, where the National Guard from New York, under their illustrious General O'Ryan, broke through the hither-to-fore impenetrable Hindenberg Line; Thiaucourt, that town in the Meuse^u et Moselle which owed its freedom from the oppression of the Germans to the bravery of American Soldiers during the bloody St. Mihiel drive and Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, the final resting place of

thousands who gave their lives in the battle in the Argonne, the last decisive battle, which brought peace with victory to the Allied cause.

The orders issued by the Chief of the Service directed certain officers to proceed to the designated cemeteries, where they would open sealed orders showing exactly the unknown to be exhumed. When an unknown had been buried the remains were given a number, which was registered in Paris and by which it was known until complete identification could be established. The officers selected for this work and the cemeteries to which each was assigned were: Major George F. Waugh, Infantry, Belleau Woods; Lieutenant John J. Powers, Quartermaster Corps, Bony; Lieutenant Hugh S. Harpole, Quartermaster Corps, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon; and Lieutenant Arthur E. Dewey, Quartermaster Corps, Thiaucourt.

The orders further stated that at each cemetery the officer would find already prepared a steel gray casket in its shipping case. The caskets were exactly alike and no marks were to be placed on or in them whereby they might be recognized as coming from a particular cemetery. Each officer was given two sealed envelopes, one of which bore the word "Unknown" and the name of the cemetery, the other, "alternate" and the name of the cemetery. The exhumations were to be made on Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921. Upon reaching the cemetery the officer was to open the first envelope where-in he would find the usual exhumation

form covering an Unknown Soldier, designated by his "U"(Unknown) number and showing the plot and grave. This unknown was to be exhumed and in case ANY means of identification was found on the remains, they were to be immediately reburied. If it were necessary to rebury the first unknown, the alternate envelope was to be opened and the same procedure followed. The body was to be prepared in the usual manner, wrapped in a blanket and covered with a sheet and placed in the casket with only the corner lugs screwed down. The lid of the shipping case was to be fastened lightly, to permit easy opening.

All the officers selected were located at the cemeteries to which assigned, with the exception of Thiaucourt. The body at that cemetery would have to be exhumed by a party from Romagne. The trip to Thiaucourt was made on Friday, the party consisting of the Officer in Charge, one Supervisory Embalmer, two Technical Assistants, one checker and one Convoyer. Transportation consisted of a White Reconnaissance car and a G.M.C. truck. The group reached Thiaucourt in the afternoon and the original orders having been amended, the Officer in Charge opened the first envelope and located the grave of the selected unknown. Laborers then uncovered the grave to a depth of about two feet, so that the actual exhumation might be expedited the next day. That night was spent in Metz, the party returning to Thiaucourt the next morning. When the body was uncovered and a search made for identification,

nothing was found so it was not necessary to use the other envelope. This was also true at the other cemeteries. After the work of preparing the remains and sealing the cases was completed, the Officer in Charge removed from the files in the cemetery office the "pick-up" card, which showed the spot where the body has been originally located. This card was destroyed, in order that no means of future identification might be left, and the casket was loaded into the truck for the trip to Romagne. When the four exhumation forms had been prepared in Paris, all other papers pertaining to those cases had been burned, that all possibility of ever identifying the Unknown might be eliminated.

At Romagne, Lieutenant Harople was waiting with the body from that cemetery. The next morning, Sunday, October 23, 1921, at eleven o'clock a convoy consisting of a Cadillac touring car and three G.M.C. trucks started for Chalons-sur-Marne. The personnel in the party, besides the two officers and drivers of the cars, consisted of two Supervisory Embalmers (not those that had handled the cases originally), and two convoyers. Two of the trucks bore the caskets containing the remains, while the third was empty, in order to be available in case of trouble enroute.

Orders had been issued that the convoy was to reach Chalons-sur-Marne at three o'clock that (Sunday) afternoon. When a point about four kilometers from Chalons was reached, the convoy halted, that the trucks might be cleaned and flags placed over the caskets.

While the convoy was halted, an officer from the Chief, G.R.S., drove up with amended orders to the effect that the time of arrival at the Hotel de Ville (City Hall) was to be 2:50 P.M. Promptly at the designated hour the convoy entered a hollow square of French troops in front of the Hotel de Ville and halted. Immediately six non-commissioned officers of the French Army removed the first case from its truck and followed by Lieutenant Harpole, carried it into the building, passing between two lines of French Infantry at present arms. The second case was carried into the hall, followed by Lieutenant Dewey. At five minutes to three, the truck from Bony arrived, and at three o'clock the one from Belleau. In each case the same procedure was followed as in the first two. The officers in charge of the four Unknowns returned to Major Harbold, Quartermaster Corps, Chief of Field Operations, G.R.S., the alternate envelopes, which they had not opened and the exhumation forms they had used. The Major immediately destroyed all the papers and envelopes. The caskets were removed from the shipping cases and with the cases as pedestals, flag draped, were placed in a line in one of the small rooms on the right of the entrance hall of the Hotel de Ville. A guard of honor from the French Army took its place about the room. From that time, about four P.M., until six, a steady line of French citizens passed by the door of the room. Each person in that long, steady line, as he reached the door bowed the head, offering a silent prayer, a prayer of

sorrow and of thanksgiving, for the eternal rest of the souls of those Unknowns, far from home, who had given their lives in assisting France. Hardly a dry eye was to be seen in the crowd, for nearly every French family had lost dear ones during the awful four years of the war. The guard of honor was on duty constantly from the time it was posted until the completion of the ceremony of selection.

Later in the evening, acting under the instructions of Major Harbold, a detachment of French soldiers shifted the caskets with their precious contents, about, so that none would be familiar with the location of a casket from a particular cemetery. Then while everyone was out of the room, the two Supervisory Embalmers from Romagne, who had seen none of the bodies previously, opened all the cases and shifted the remains from one to another. Thus the chances of ever identifying any of the four Unknowns was further eliminated.

Early the next morning, Monday, October 24, 1921, the public square in front of the City Hall teemed with citizens of Chalons and the surrounding country. Although the ceremony of selection was not to take place until eleven o'clock, it seemed as though everyone wanted to be there early to secure a position of advantage on such an occasion. No festal air prevailed, rather one of solemn dignity. The voices were low pitched and often broke with sobs. At last the designated hour approached. Within the build-

ing the selection would soon be made. Promptly at eleven o'clock, measured steps could be heard above the strains of the funeral march of Chopin, played by a French Military Band, situated in the court of the Hotel de Ville, as Sergeant Younger, of the United States Army of Occupation, a wounded and decorated veteran of the war, passed three times about the four caskets and placed the flower on the second from the right as he faced the caskets. In the room at that time were some fifty high officials of the American and French Governments and invited guests.

As soon as the selection was made six non-commissioned officers from the Army of Occupation raised the casket to their shoulders and carried it across the hall to another room, where General Rogers, The Quartermaster General; Colonel Rethers, Chief of the G.R.S., Colonel Ball, Q.M.C., Colonel Quackenbush, Q.M.C., and Major Harbold, Q.M.C., transferred the body from the steel casket to the ebony and silver one in which it was to be finally buried. The steel casket was returned to the room from which it had been taken, where Lieutenant Dewey and his two supervising embalmers removed one of the three remaining Unknowns from its casket and placed it in the case from which "THE UNKNOWN" had been taken. The three caskets were then sealed and forwarded to Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, where they were assigned new unknown numbers and immediately buried.

As soon as the ebony and silver casket containing THE UNKNOWN had been sealed it was placed in the lobby of the Hotel de Ville,

where, covered with floral offerings from rich and poor, nations, states, and cities, and organizations of all kinds, it lay in state until five o'clock that evening. A guard of honor from the French Army on one side and of the American Army on the other paid their silent tribute to their brothers in arms, "Unknown", as the plaque on his casket read, "but to God". Representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and of the American Legion stood in line with the soldiers of the United States. From the time the body was placed in state until four that afternoon the public was allowed to pass and pay their final respects.

At four o'clock the Sixth Division of the French Army formed as a guard of honor. On the right of the steps of the Hotel de Ville the representatives of the United States took their place, with the French representatives on the left. At five o'clock a caisson drawn by four jet black horses drew up before the steps and the casket, on the shoulders of six non-commissioned officers of the American Army, was carried out. At the head of the procession the general commanding the Sixth Division and his personal staff, mounted, took their place. They were followed by a military band and then the company of infantry composing the guard of honor. Next came the caisson, a line of pall-bearers on either side. Behind the caisson was the guard of honor from the Army of Occupation in Coblenz, consisting of twenty-four selected men commanded by a sergeant major. Next in line were the official mourners, (General Allen, General Rogers, Colonel Rethers, Colonel Ball and the other American Officers present).

These in turn were followed by the Sixth Division, with numerous civilian societies, from children to old age, bringing up the rear. The funeral cortege, with measured tread, marched the two kilometers to the railway station, between lines of French soldiers. At the station the flag draped casket lay on the caisson while the troops and societies passed by in solemn procession. Each company as it passed dipped its torn and bloody battle standards, the officers presented sabers, the men executed "eyes right" and presented arms. For nearly an hour these honors were paid to "The American Soldier, known only to God, who gave his life in the cause of right and justice."

The casket was then placed on the special train, which pulled out of the station in such a slow and deliberate manner as to make one believe that the train itself realized the solemnity and importance of the occasion. At Le Havre, after another ceremony, the casket was turned over to the Navy, by whom it was borne on the "Olympia" to this country and fittingly buried on November 11, 1921, in its final resting place in Arlington Cemetery, close to the capitol of the nation for which "The Unknown" had made the supreme sacrifice.

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
OPERATIONS DIVISION
8 Avenue D'Iena,
Paris

292. Unknown Solider.

October 5th, 1921.

From: Operations Division.

To: Officer in Charge of Operations, ROMAGNE SOUS MONTFAUCON.

Subject: Unknown Dead Soldier.

1. An Unknown dead soldier will be exhumed from the Cemeteries at Romagne and Thiaucourt at a later date to be designated, and the necessary forms for these soldiers will be furnished you prior to the time of exhumation. The unknown at Romagne will be exhumed by special group under the supervision of 1st Lieutenant R.G.Richards, Q.M.C., and the group will consist of Supervisory Embalmer William G. Duriscoe, Technical Assistants Edson E. Goodrich and William Means; and Checker Archie A. Pope.

2. In the preparation of the body a thorough search will be made of same for any evidence of identification, and should there be anything found on the body or in the coffin, which will tend to identify this particular body, an alternate body, for which the required forms have been prepared, will be then exhumed and similarly searched. The body will be prepared according to regulations-wrapped in a blanket and placed in a special casket provided for this purpose. No marks whatsoever will be placed on the body, casket or shipping case. The metallic lining will be screwed down, but no asphaltum paint will be used on the rubber gasket. The casket top will then be placed on the casket and the shipping case lid attached by only six (6) screws, which will allow the ready opening of the shipping case when the body arrives at its destination. The tape, which is placed around the casket in the shipping case, should be so adjusted that it will allow the lifting of the casket from the case without any difficulty.

3. When the body is thus prepared and sealed, the shipping case will be placed in a G.M.C. truck, which will be provided, and sent under convoy of 1st Lieutenant R. G. Richards, Q.M.C., to Chalons-sur-Marne, where a rendezvous will be designated and the selection of the Unknown, for return to the United States, made.

4. A group under the supervision of 1st Lieutenant A. E. Dewey, Q.M.C., and consisting of Supervisory Embalmer Patrick P. Kierce, Technical Assistants Lowell Magee and Lawrence D. King; and Checker Smyth O'Meara, will proceed to Thiaucourt and exhume the Unknown soldier for whom the required subauthorizations have been furnished.

5. The preparation of the body will be the same as that for the Unknown at Romagne, and in case of the discovery of any means of identification the alternate body will be exhumed and prepared for shipment. After the body is prepared and the casket and shipping case sealed in accordance with above instructions, the body will be placed in a G.M.C. truck and under the convoy of 1st Lieutenant A. E. DEWEY, Q.M.C., will be taken to Chalons-sur-Marne to a rendezvous, to be later designated, where the Unknown Soldier to be returned to the United States will be selected.

(Sgd.) R. P. Harbold.

G.V.S. Quackenbush,
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE
OPERATIONS DIVISION,
8 Avenue d'Iena,
PARIS.

October 15, 1921.

293 "Unknown".

From: Operations Division.

To: Officer in Charge of Operations, ROMAGNE SOUS MONTFAUCON.

SUBJECT: Unknown Dead Soldier.

1. Your attention is directed to letter from these Headquarters, dated October 5th, 1921-subject, "Unknown Dead Soldier"- and letter dated October 14th, 1921, on the same subject.

2. Relative to paragraph 1 of our letter dated October 5th, 1921, the date on which the exhumation will be made at Romagne and Thiaucourt Cemeteries is hereby designated as October 22nd, 1921.

3. Re paragraph 1 of letter dated October 5th, 1921, 1st Lieutenant H. S. Harpole, Q.M.C., will replace 1st Lieutenant R. G. Richards, Q.M.C., for the duty specified.

4. You will direct 1st Lieutenant H. S. Harpole, Q.M.C., and the designated group to perform the exhumation of the body of the unknown soldier buried in the grave location given on the Form #16-A, which is forwarded you in a separate sealed envelope and marked in red pencil "Unknown-Romagne". The preparation of the body for shipment will be made as prescribed in the 2nd paragraph of our letter to you dated October 5th, 1921. There is also forwarded to you a separate envelope containing the Form #16-A for an alternate unknown in Romagne Cemetery, which body will be exhumed and prepared for shipment if some means of identification should be found on the principal unknown. No records will be made or forms prepared covering this exhumation, unless some means of identification should be found on the unknown and then form #16-A will be accomplished in the prescribed manner for the body and forwarded to these Headquarters. The Form 16-A for the principal unknown, should this body have no means of identification and consequently be prepared for shipment, will be placed in an envelope, sealed and kept in the possession of Lieutenant Harpole, until delivered to Major R. P. Harbold, Q.M.C., at Chalons-sur-Marne. The envelope

containing the Form #16-A for the alternate unknown, Romagne Cemetery, if unused will be turned over to Major R. P. Harbold, Q.M.C., by Lieutenant Harpole at the same time.

5. In as much as these unknowns have been exhumed at a subsequent date and are now in hermetically sealed caskets in your morgue, in preparing the body for shipment it will be thoroughly searched by the technical group prior to its being placed in the new casket.

6. You are again cautioned to see that no records whatsoever are made of this exhumation and no marks of any kind are placed on the casket or shipping case.

7. After the body is prepared for shipment it will be placed in a suitable building at Romagne, aloof from the other bodies, where also the body from Thiaucourt will be placed upon its arrival. A suitable guard will be organized to keep the bodies under constant observation and every precaution will be taken to see that they are in no way molested.

8. The group under the supervision of 1st Lieutenant A. E. Dewey, Q.M.C., as designated in paragraph 4 of our letter dated October 5th, 1921, will proceed to Thiaucourt on the 22nd instant and exhume the body of the unknown soldier buried in the grave location given on the Form #16-A, which is also forwarded you in a separate sealed envelope and marked in red pencil "Unknown-Thiaucourt." The preparation of this body for shipment will be made as prescribed in paragraph 2 of our letter dated October 5th, 1921. A separate sealed envelope containing the Form #16-A for the alternate unknown in Thiaucourt Cemetery, is also enclosed. As stated in previous instructions, this body will only be exhumed and prepared for shipment if some means of identification should be found on the principal unknown. The disposition of the Forms #16-A will be the same as above indicated for those pertaining to Romagne Cemetery. The same precautionary measures, relative to marking the casket and shipping case, will be taken. After the body is prepared for shipment, it will be transported in a G.M.C. truck to Romagne, where it will be placed in a suitable building with the body of the unknown soldier which has been exhumed from Romagne. The technical group, performing the Thiaucourt operation, will, upon completion of same, return to their station at Romagne.

9. On the morning of October 23rd a convoy, consisting of 3 G.M.C. trucks (one containing the body from Thiaucourt, one containing the body from Romagne and an additional G.M.C.) will proceed to Chalons-sur-Marne, under the personal convoy of 1st Lieutenants A. E. Dewey, Q.M.C., and H. S. Harpole, Q.M.C. A touring car for this trip will be furnished the officers in charge of the convoy. The hour of departure will be such as to allow the convoy, proceeding at a moderate speed, to arrive at Chalons at 3, P.M. on the 23rd instant. A civilian convoyer will be furnished for each of the trucks transporting the bodies. These three trucks will be held in Chalons until the afternoon of the 24th instant when they will be returned to their proper station.

10. You are further directed to send two Supervisory Embalmers from Romagne to Chalons-sur-Marne, arriving at the Hotel de Ville not later than 9 A.M., October 24th, 1921. These embalmers will be selected men and must have had nothing whatever to do with the exhumation of the unknown soldier from either Romagne or Thiaucourt. Each embalmer will be equipped with the following tools; 2 braces and screw bits; 2 wrenches for metallic tops and 2 claw hammers.

11. After the selection of the unknown soldier, for return to the United States, has been made on the 24th instant, the other three unknown soldiers will be sent by G.M.C. trucks to Romagne for final interment. You will make such arrangements that, upon arrival of these bodies, they can be immediately re-interred in a permanent location.

12. The envelope containing the Forms #16-A will be kept in your personal possession until turned over to 1st Lieutenant A.E. Dewey, Q.M.C., and H. S. Harpole, Q.M.C., on October 22nd, 1921.

13. You will please acknowledge receipt of these instructions.

(Sgd.) R. P. Harbold.

G. V. S. Quackenbush,
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
MEUSE-ARGONNE CEMETERY ROMANGE-SOUS-MONTFAUCON (MEUSE)
France.

18 October 1921

213.9 Unknown

From: Officer in Charge, Operations, Romagne.

To: 1st Lieutenant Arthur E. Dewey, Q.M.C.,
(Thru Records Officer- Meuse-Argonne Cemetery).

Subject: Unknown Dead Soldier - St. Mihiel Cemetery.

1. Transmitted herewith are copies of instructions from the Chief, American GRS, QMC in E., dated October 5th and October 15th, 1921, and two (2) sealed envelopes marked "Unknown-Thiaucourt" and "Alternate Unknown-Thiaucourt Cemetery, respectively.

2. You are directed to carefully study these instructions, and to spare no efforts or plans in carrying them out exactly as required by the Chief, American GRS., QMC in E.

3. In order to be sure to complete your duties at Thiaucourt, and to arrive back in Romagne in sufficient time to carry out the duties expected of you on Sunday, October 23rd, 1921, you are directed to proceed with party, by motor transportation which will be provided you for that purpose, from Romagne to Thiaucourt on Friday, October 21st, 1921. The greater part of the excavation and preliminary arrangements at Thiaucourt will be completed upon that date, so that exhumation and preparation of the body can be completed early upon the morning of Saturday, October 22nd, 1921.

4. Major Harbold has advised by telephone this date that an all-metal, gray Springfield casket, and shipping case, is being sent to Romagne for this purpose. Immediately upon receipt of same, the case will be opened and the casket will be thoroughly cleaned and polished, and will be put in absolutely first-class condition in every particular. The surface of the shipping case will be planed to a clean, new surface, and the sides at the head and foot ends will be re-inforced with additional wood screws, if this has not already been done.

BY DIRECTION:

(Signed) Wm. G. Burt
WM. G. Burt,
Capt., Inf.,
Executive Officer.

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20 October, 1921.

File No.

From: Officer in Charge, Operations, Romagne.

To: Camp Quartermaster-Meuse-Argonne Cemetery.

Subject: Unknown Dead Soldier.

1. To carry out instructions of the Chief, American GRS, QMC in E., dated October 15th, 1921, the following mentioned transportation will be held in readiness, in first class running condition, at designated time.

2. One White Observation Car and one G.M.C. will be placed at the disposition of 1st Lieut. A. E. Dewey, Q.M.C., on the morning of Friday, October 21st, 1921, for the purpose of conveying personnel and casket to St. MIHIEL Cemetery, to return to Romagne on Saturday, October 22nd, 1921.

3. One Cadillac and three G.M.C.'s, thoroughly cleaned and of good appearance in every respect, will be held in readiness to leave Romagne on the morning of Sunday, October 23rd, 1921, for Chalons, to transport personnel and two caskets containing bodies. It will be noted that one G.M.C. will run empty, to be used in case of emergency, and that it is expected that this car will bring back one of three caskets containing bodies which are to be reinterred in Meuse-Argonne Cemetery after selection of the "Unknown Soldier" has been made.

4. 1st Lieut. H. S. Harpole, Q.M.C., is being directed to confer with the Camp Quartermaster on Saturday, October 22nd, 1921, in regard to interior arrangement of the vehicles.

5. The Convoy en route to Chalons will be under the charge of 1st Lieut. A. E. Dewey, Q.M.C., and a civilian convoyer will be detailed to accompany each one of the vehicles which is to carry a body.

BY DIRECTION:

(Signed) Wm. G. Burt,
Wm. G. Burt,
Captain, Inf.,
Executive Officer.

WGB wjc

20 October, 1921.

File No.

From: Officer in Charge, Operations, Romagne.

To: Supervisory Embalmers Gove S. Wright and Charles V. Russell.
(Thru Commanding Officer, Field Section #1)

Subject: Unknown Dead Soldier

1. To carry out written instructions of the Chief, American GRS, QMC in E., dated October 15th, 1921, Supervisory Embalmers Gove S. Wright and Charles V. Russell have been designated for special duty in connection with selection of the body of the "Unknown Soldier", and for this duty will report in person to Major R. P. Harbold, QMC., at the Hotel de Ville at Chalons-sur-Marne (Marne), not later than 9:00 A.M., Monday, October 24th, 1921.

2. Each of these two men will equip himself with the following tools, which will be kept at hand for immediate use, if called upon: 2 braces and screw bits; 2 wrenches for metallic tops; 2 claw hammers.

3. They will leave Romagne, by automobile, on the morning of Sunday, October 23rd, 1921, with a convoy which will be under the charge of 1st Lieut. A.E. Dewey, Q.M.C., and will be subject to such duties as may be required of them en route to Chalons.

BY DIRECTION:

(Signed) WM. G. Burt
Wm. G. Burt,
Captain, Infa.,
Executive Officer.

WGB wjc

20 October, 1921.

File No.

From: Officer in Charge, Operations, Romagne.

To: Civilian Employees Lawrence C. Woodbridge and Lawrence Bledsoe. (Thru Records Officer and C.O. Section #1.)

Subject: Unknown Dead Soldier:

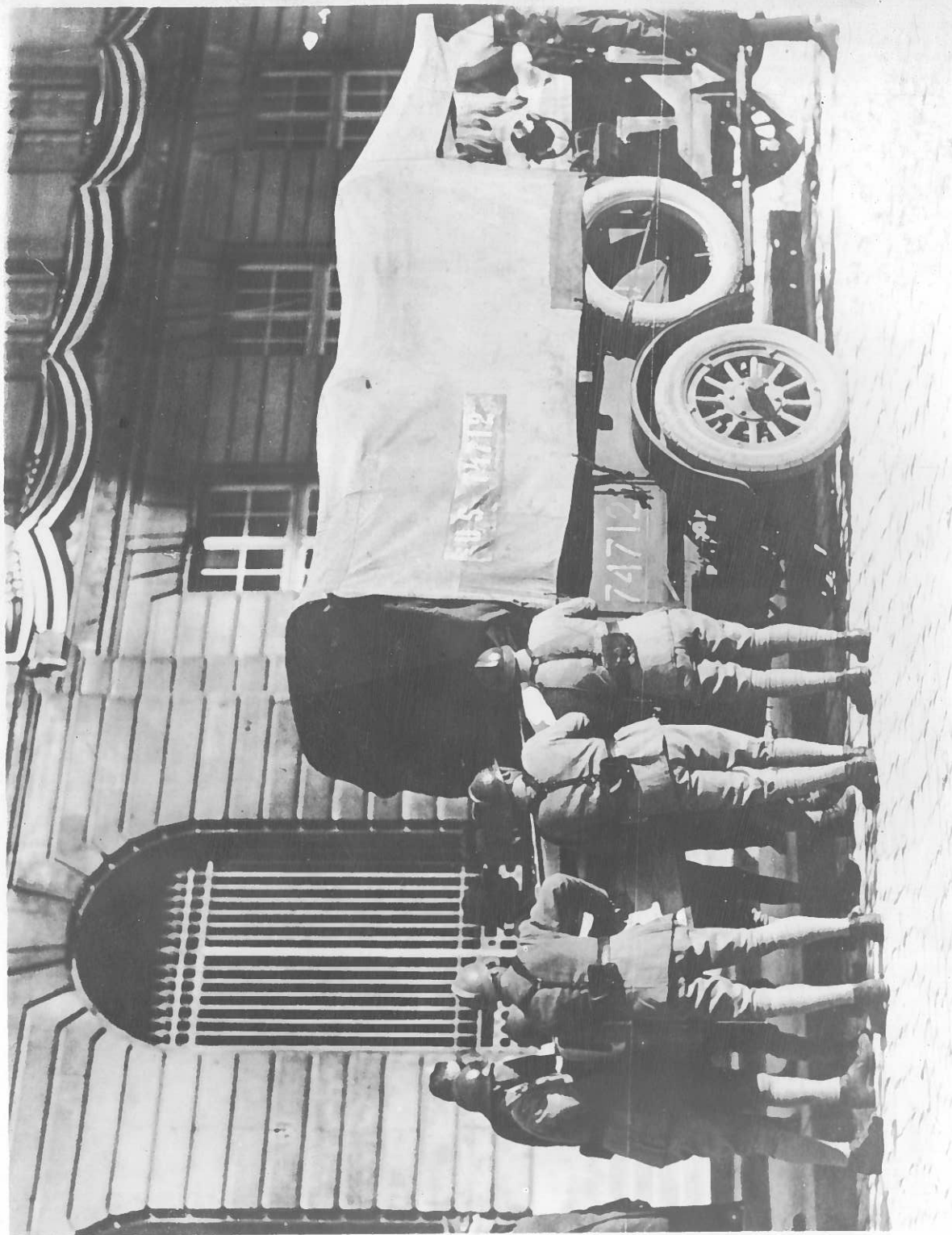
1. In order to carry out the instructions of the Chief American GRS, QMC, in E, dated October 15th, 1921, you have been designated to convoy vehicles which will transport two bodies of Unknown Soldiers from Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) to Chalons-sur-Marne (Marne), on Sunday, October 23rd, 1921.

2. You will report to 1st Lieut. A. E. Dewey, Q.M.C., not later than the afternoon of Saturday, October 22nd, 1921, for instructions.

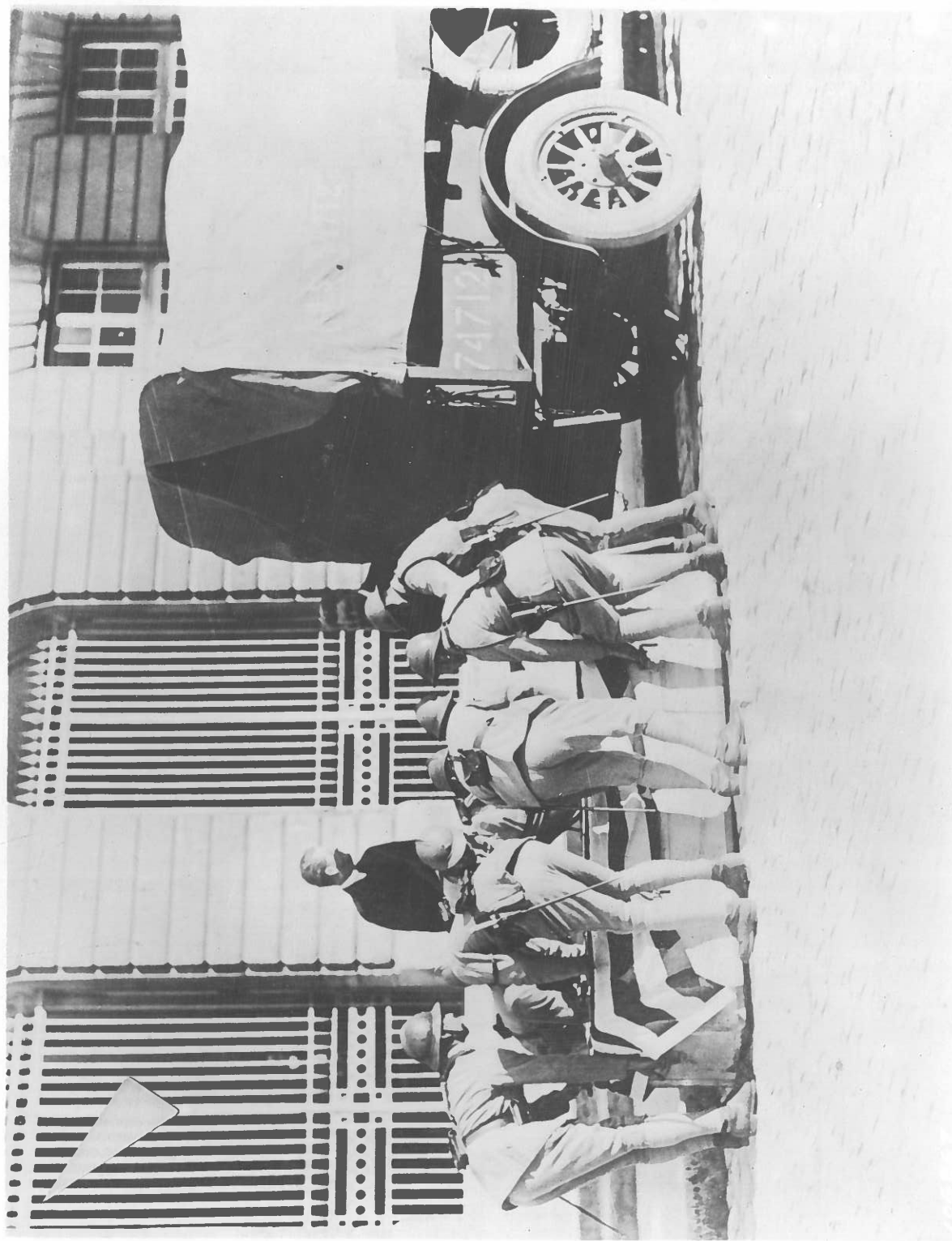
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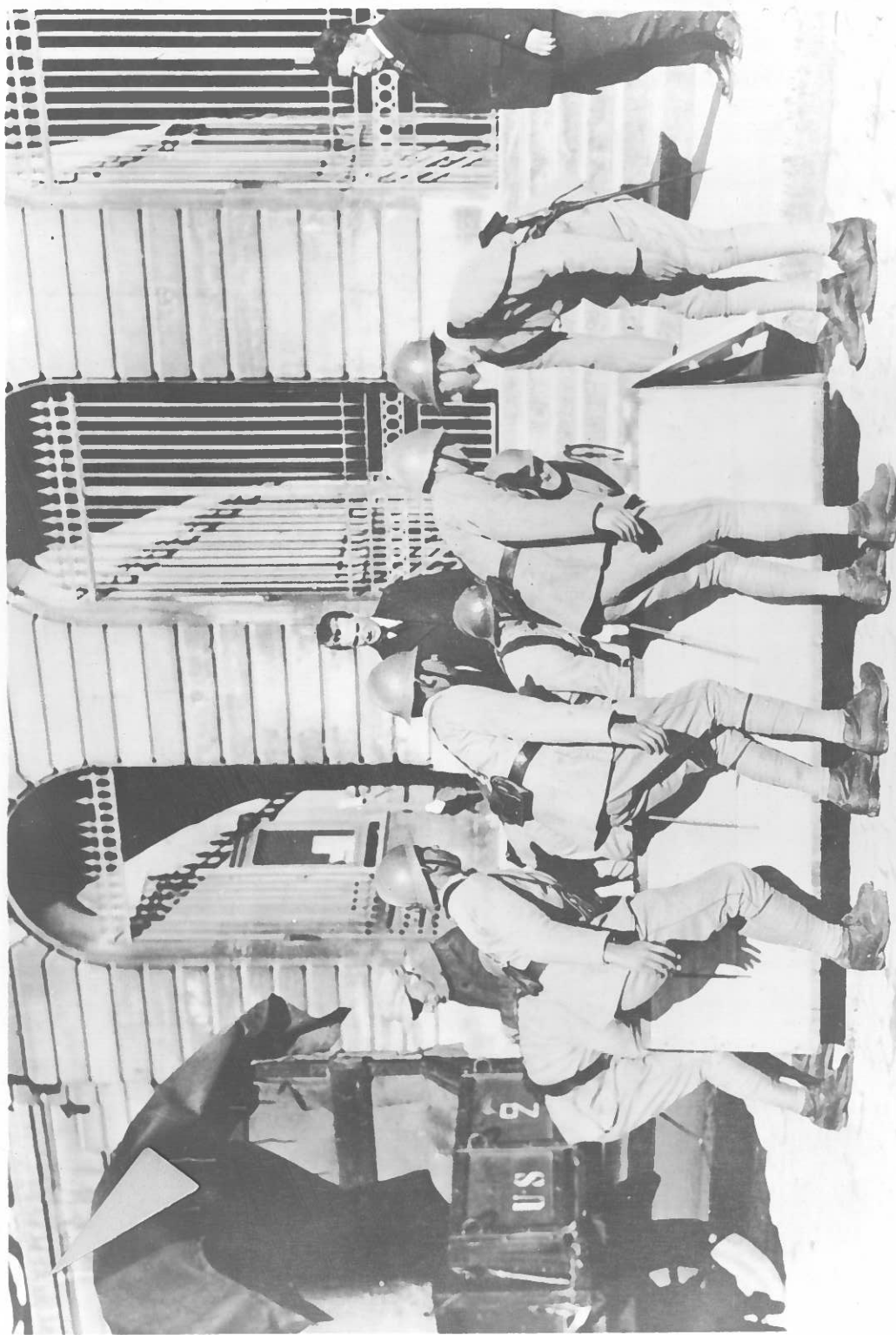
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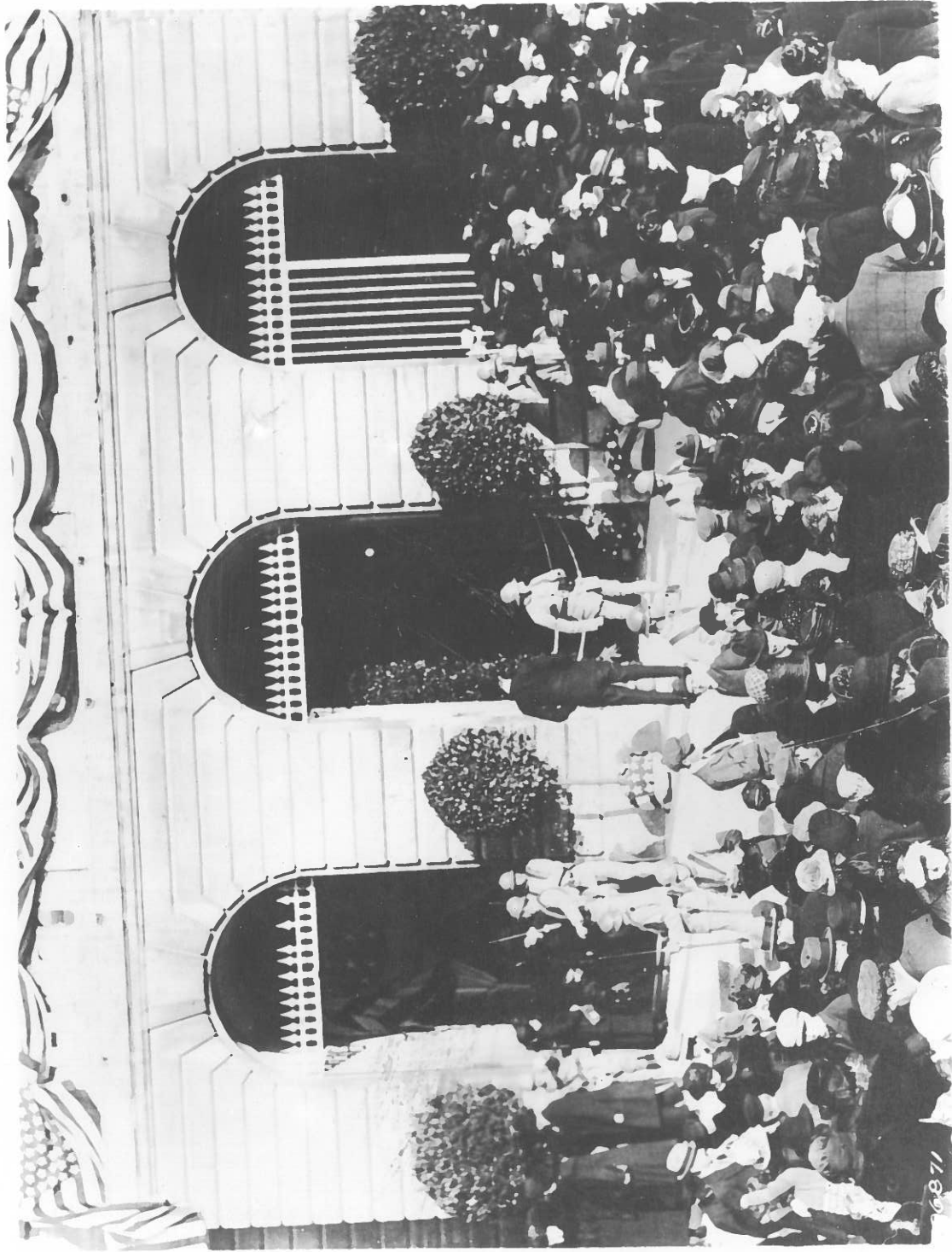
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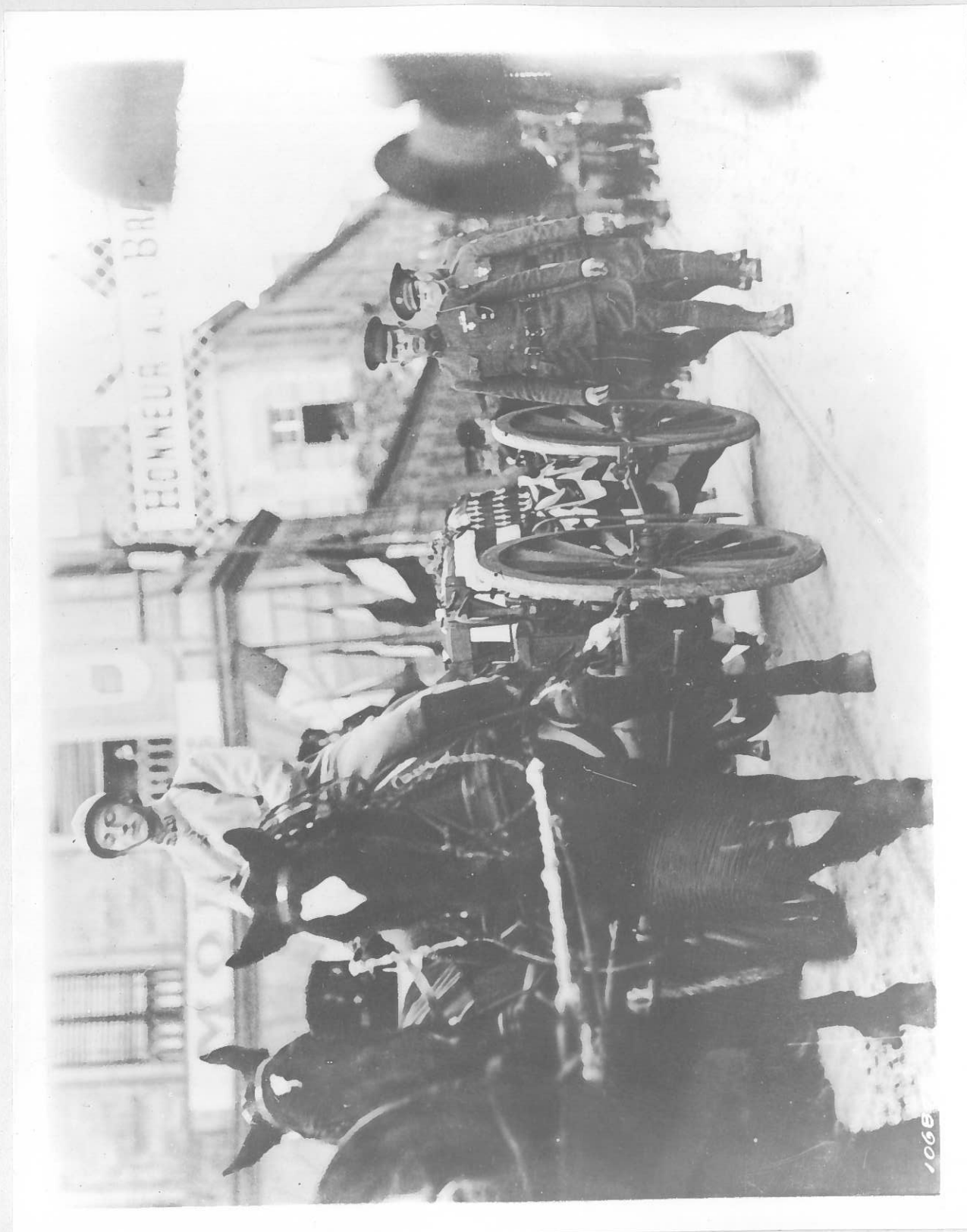
French soldiers carrying case into Hotel de Ville



Unknown Soldier lying in state



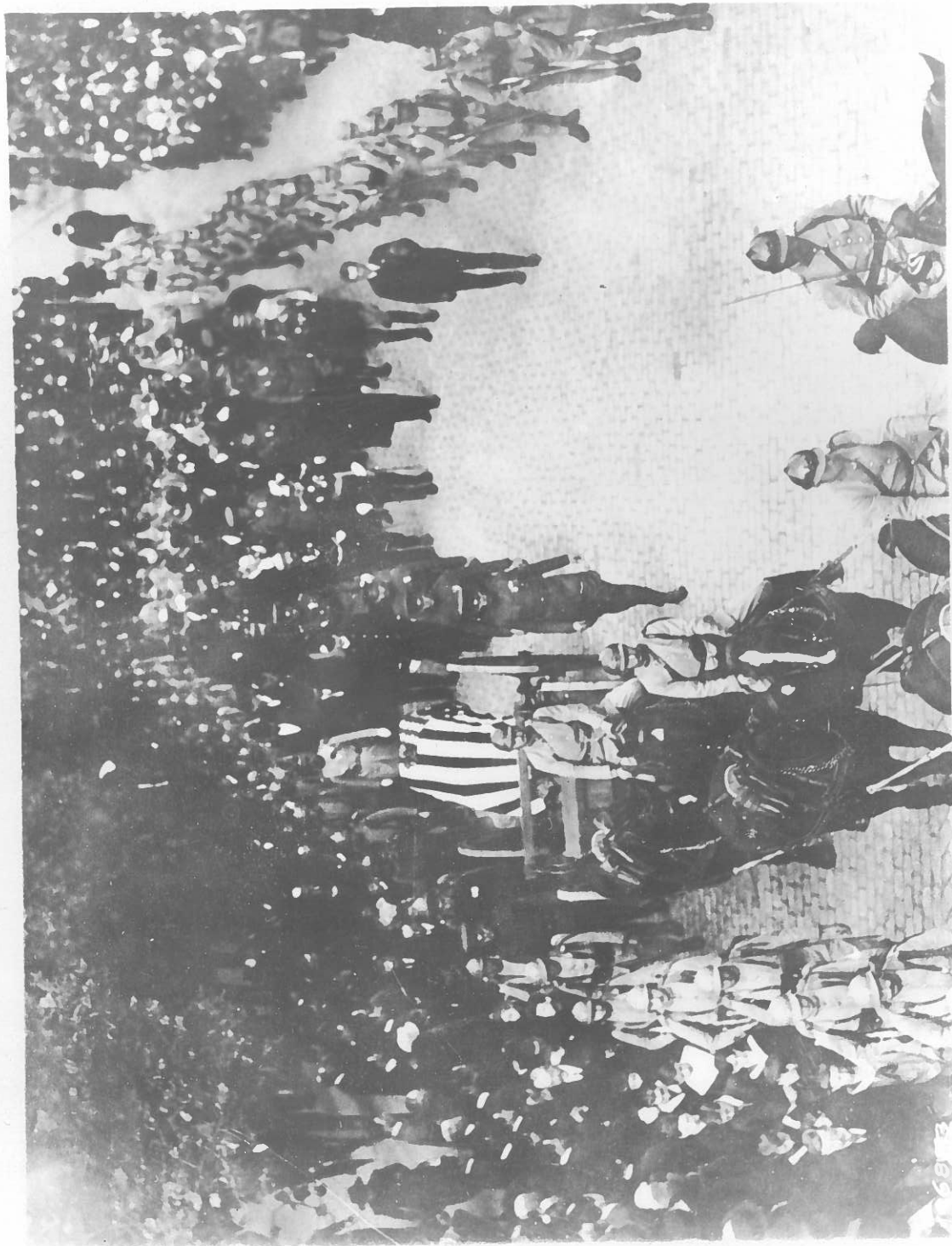
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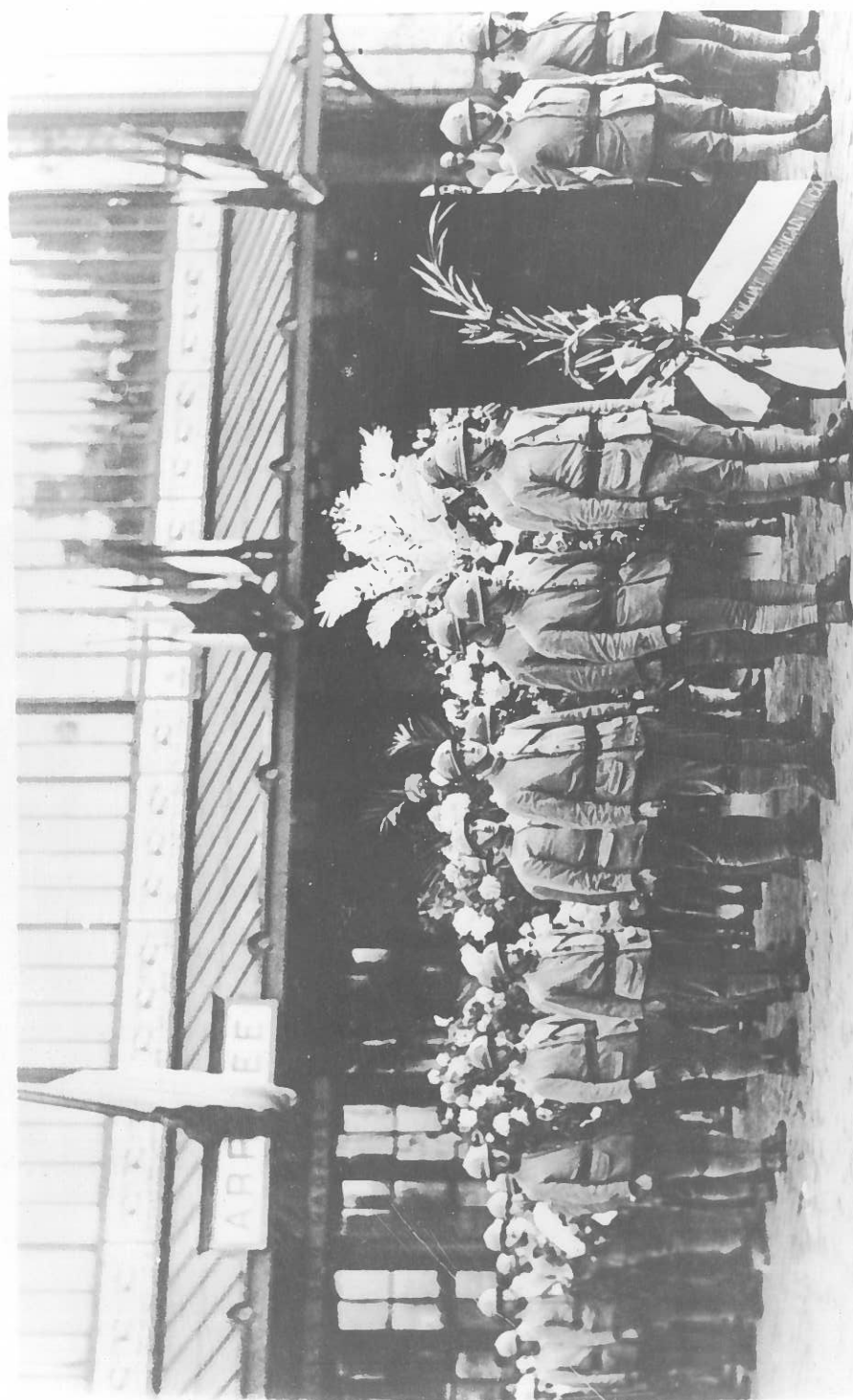
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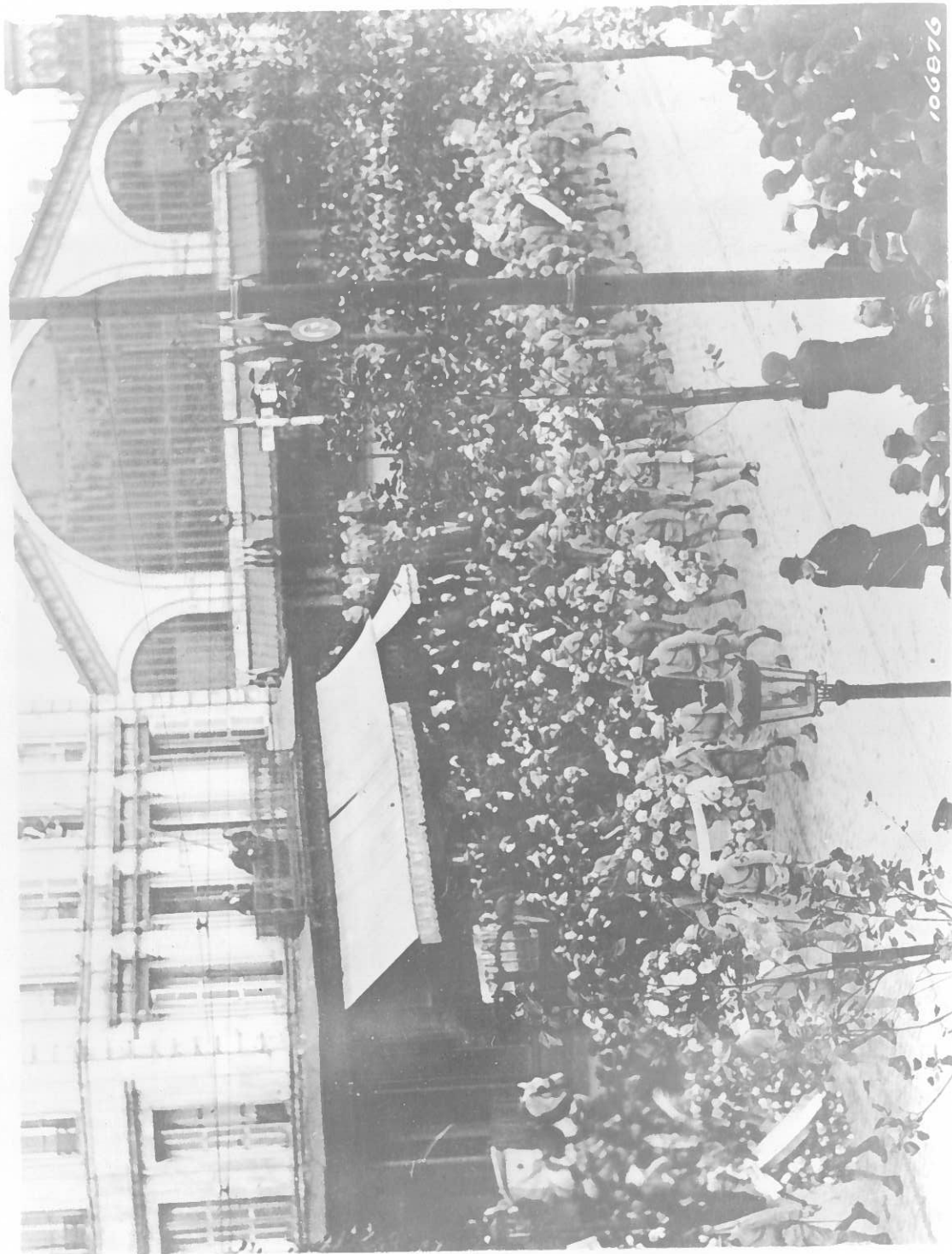
Enroute to the Railroad Station



Another view of case and official mourners



French soldiers and floral offerings in front of Railroad Station

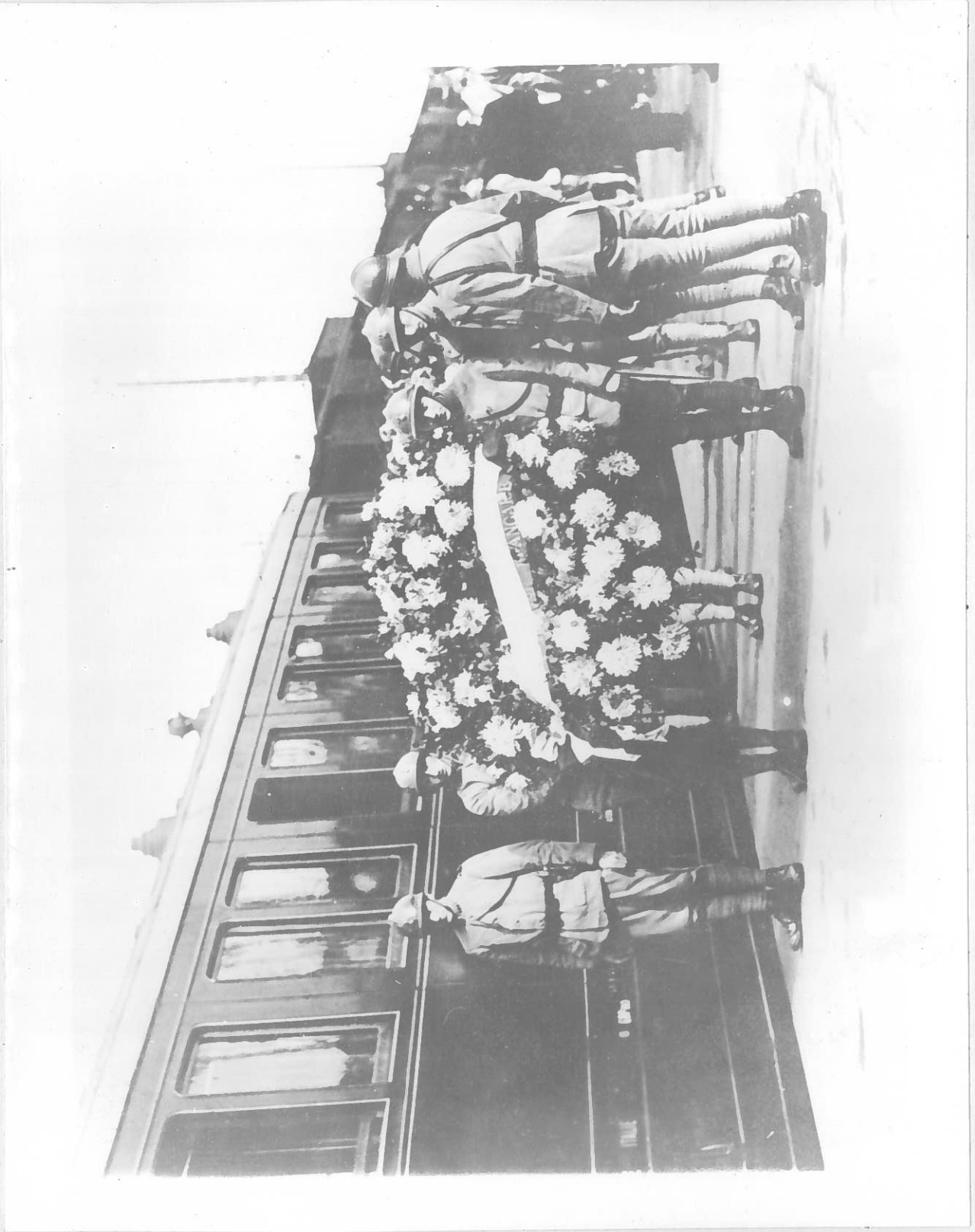


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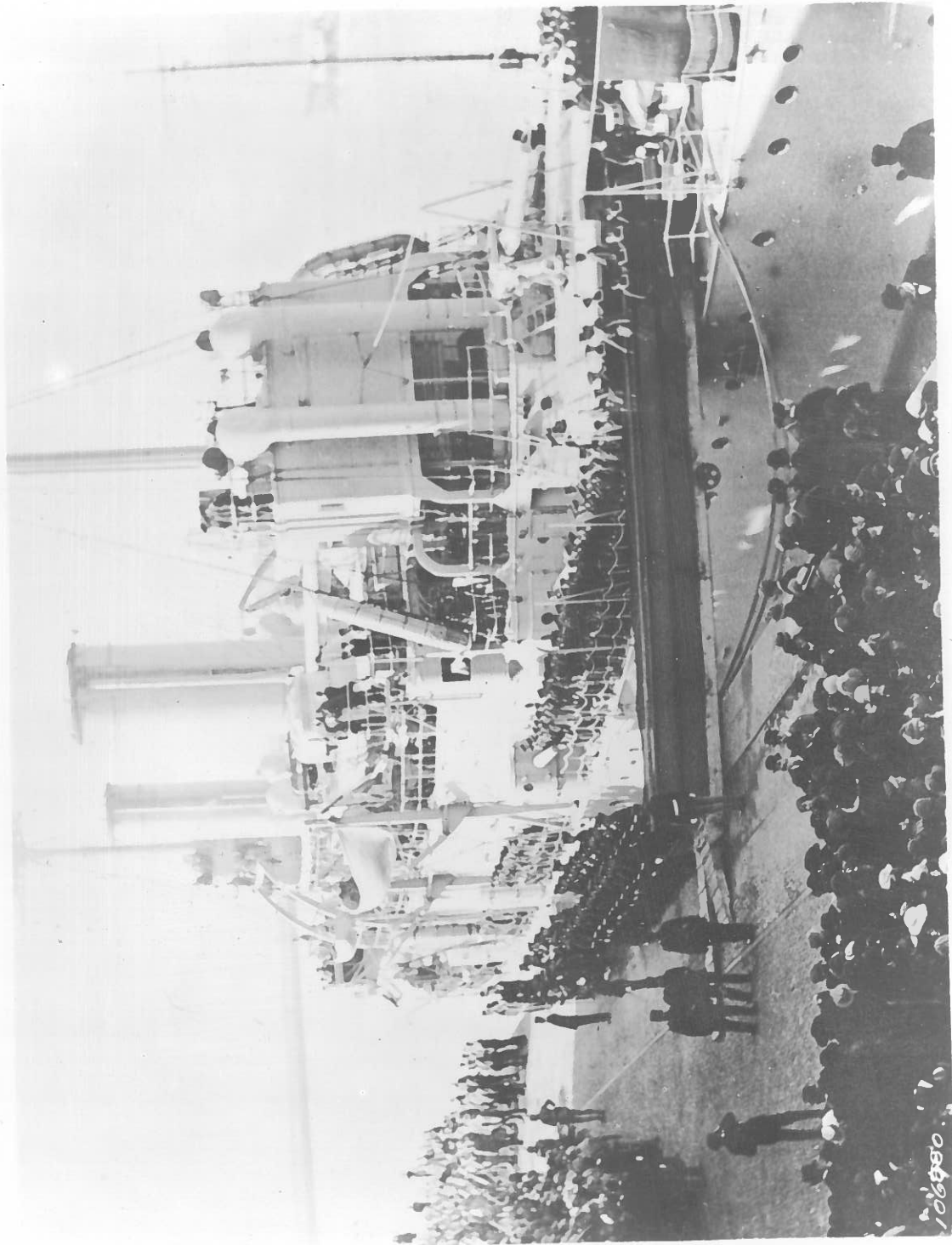
French soldiers carrying floral offerings



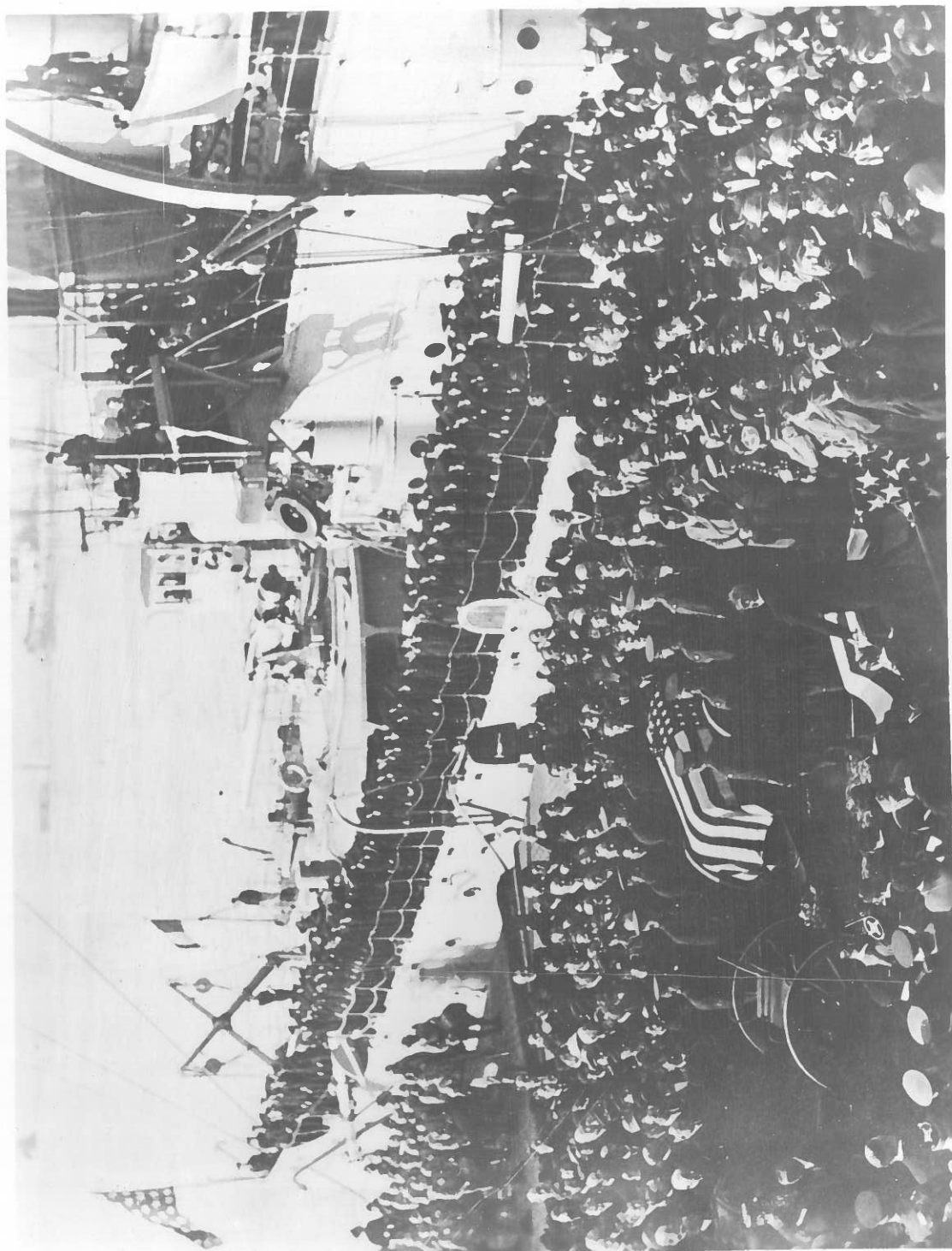
Carrying Unknown Soldier to the train



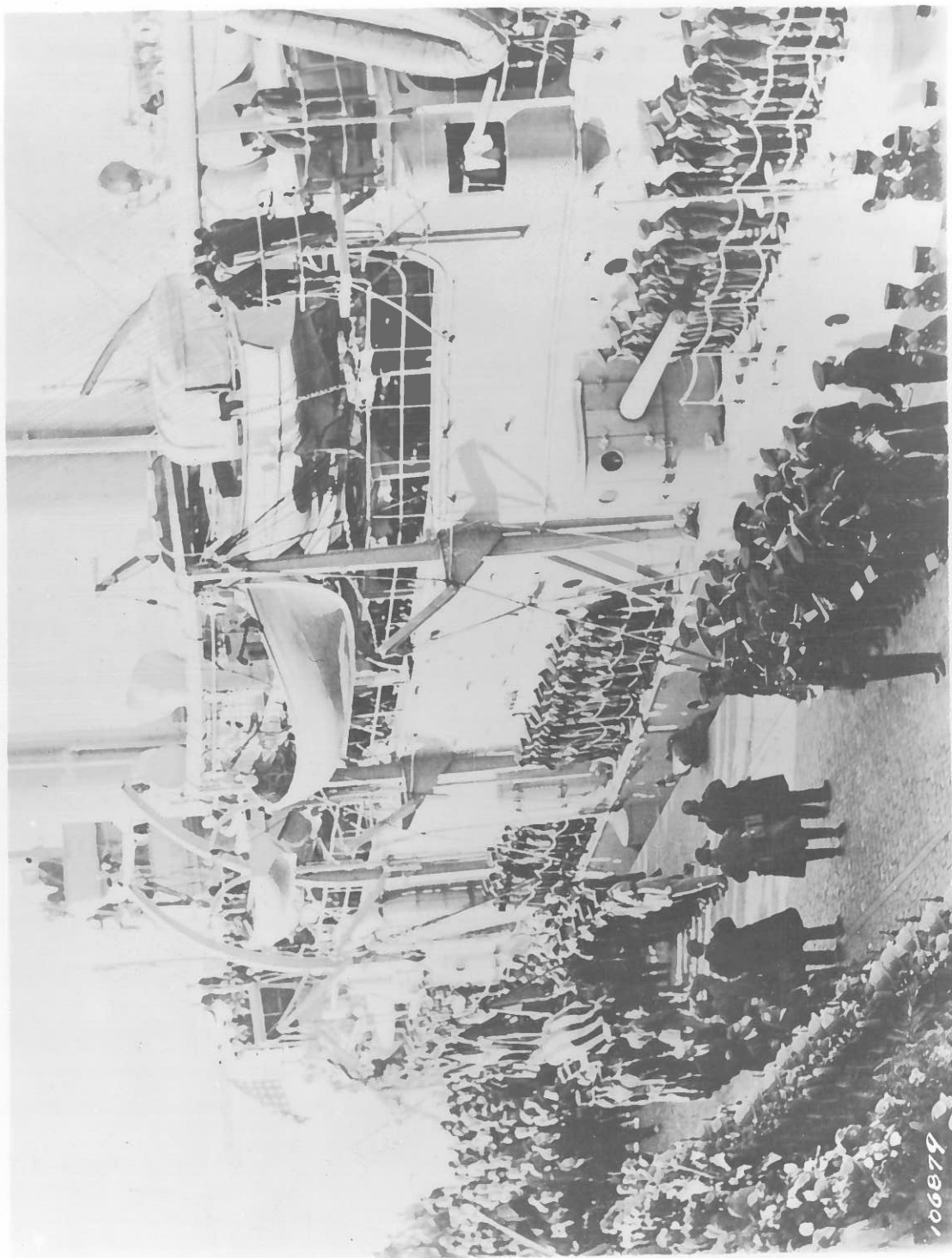
More floral offerings



Olympia at Le Havre awaiting arrival of Unknown Soldier



Unknown Soldier arrives



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Loading Unknown Soldier on the Olympia