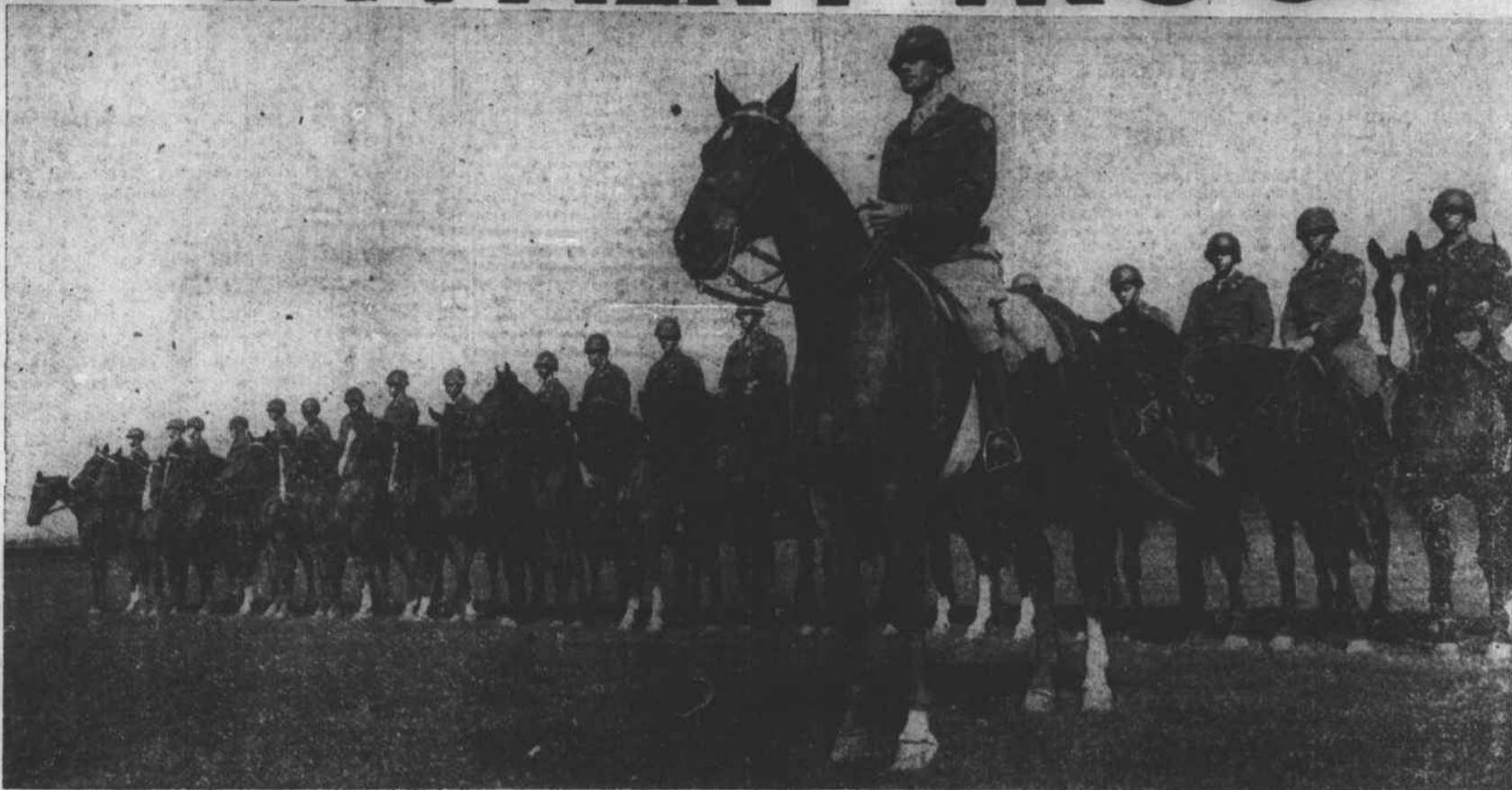


LAST U.S. CAVALRY TROOP



FEEDBOX CHATTER. Capt. Viktor Shantz, commander, visits his mount, "Jacksnipe" in stables.



THE HORSEY SET. Men of the Second and Third Platoons, 7766th U.S. cavalry sit their mounts, preparatory to daily drill.

The U.S. Army's bow-legged brigade is making its last stand in Germany. On the outskirts of Schweinfurt, the 7766th Horse Troop, composed of 162 enlisted men and five officers, still is doing its soldiering with live steeds. There are other horse units here and there, but this is the only troop. The 7766th was organized last August when most of the horse platoons abroad were gathered up and joined into one. Two of the 7766th's four platoons are always on border patrol near the U.S. occupation zone frontier areas. The troop uses all German wehrmacht horses. Here is the 7766th Horse Troop on duty.



SHAKEDOWN. A detail of the 7766th troop breaks out its machine gun during a drill problem at Schweinfurt.



SET-UP. Sgt. John E. Cessna, directs gunners of the horse troop at Schweinfurt, as they set up machine gun during drill.



CLIMB DOWN, SOLDIER. Platoon dismounts after drill. In background is an old German garage which now is a U.S. stable.



FINISHING TOUCH. Troopers put last minute polishes on their saddles and bridles before hanging them up.

This Week's Picture Show by AP Staff Photographer Wolfgang Sorache

