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**ASK GRANDPA**

To the Editor of **THE STARS AND STRIPES**:

I would appreciate the answering of the following two questions in your next issue of **THE STARS AND STRIPES**:

Why call an Infantryman a doughboy?

Why and where did the name "buck private" originate?

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[The word "doughboy" originated in the Philippines. After a long march over extremely dusty roads the Infantrymen came into camp covered with dust. The long hikes brought out the perspiration, and the perspiration mixed with the dust formed a substance resembling dough; therefore, their lucky brothers, the mounted soldiers, called them "doughboys."

A private was called a "buck" as far back as the Civil War. We have no Civil War veterans on the staff of **THE STARS AND STRIPES**, with the exception of a couple of typewriters and an alleged automobile, so we give up.—  
EDITOR.]

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