

From The Editor

NEW SERIES

During the past several years, the United States Infantryman has been the target of a good deal of criticism from all kinds of writers. Too often, he has been pictured as incompetent, poorly trained, and poorly led, and his heroism and fighting ability in World War II, in Korea, and in Vietnam have been seriously questioned.

We disagree with this assessment. We think the United States Infantryman was then and is now one of the best fighting men in the world. We intend to show just how good he was in a new series of articles — a series we are calling **INFANTRY IN ACTION** — which we plan to start in our July-August 1983 issue.

We will use accounts from various sources of platoon and company actions that will demonstrate our belief in the ability of our Infantrymen. At the same time, we believe, by presenting graphic examples of a wide range of situations, these accounts will hold valuable lessons for today's small unit Infantry leaders.

We hope you will find the articles useful as well as informative, and we will welcome your comments and suggestions on this new series.

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Chemical Mortarmen, Italy, 1945, by Savo Padulovic.
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