News Story Rubric

Use this rubric to help you as you write your published account of the life of a combat medic. Your editor (teacher) will use this rubric when they read and evaluate your article.

### Newspaper Basics: 15 points

- Headline communicates main idea of story (5)
- Has a byline (name of author) (5)
- Dateline includes date and place (5)

### Organization, Style, and Content: 55 points

- Lead catches the reader’s attention and makes the reader want to keep on reading (5)
- First paragraph following the lead gives the most important information: who, what, where, when, why, how (10)
- Rest of article gives sufficient and appropriate information, including lots of specific details (10)
- Includes at least two pertinent quotations (5)
- Relates to the use of specific medical advances during World War II (5)
- Relates to the human element of how a combat medic impacted the lives of individual soldiers on the ground (5)
- Includes at least two images (5)
- Is easy to read and understand, and uses appropriate and engaging vocabulary (10)

### Format: 30 points

- Is at least two pages long (10)
- Demonstrates correct punctuation: especially no run-on sentences! (7)
- Capitalization is correct: beginning of sentences, proper nouns (7)
- Spelling is correct (6)

**TOTAL: 100 points**

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