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U.S. Army Center of Military History

The Spirit of the American Soldier: this beachhead is secure. Fellow soldiers erected this monument to an American soldier somewhere on the shell-blasted coast of Normandy.
Medics helping injured soldier, France, 1944
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Beachheads Come High...
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Beachheads come high. Row upon row of stretchers cover the decks of a Coast Guard LCT bringing out wounded invaders from the flaming soil of France. These American and British soldiers fell somewhere between the beachhead and Cherbourg as Nazi defenders sought a high price in casualties for every yard yielded. The wounded are being transferred to a Coast Guard assault transport which will carry them back to England for hospitalization.
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American medics render first aid to American troops..., June 9, 1944

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American medics render first aid to American troops wounded in the initial landings on the northern coast of France. In the background other members of the landing parties entrench in the soft sand of the beach.
Occupational Therapy for Army wounded at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., 1944

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Occupational Therapy for Army wounded at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., and its Forest Glen Convalescent Center: Games - darts, ping pong, checkers - teach soldiers to use artificial limbs. Here, Pvt. Joseph Feft, Pittsburgh, an Anzio beachhead casualty, manipulates his hook to move specially-designed checkers of various sizes, weights, and shapes. As he learns to move the large and more easily handled fing figures, he gradually progresses to the small, regulation checkers. Such exercises teaches ease in opening and closing the steel fingers.
A disabled American soldier and a small boy, September 1945
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