

THE STARS AND STRIPES.

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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?

A. E. SANDERSON,
Air Service.

[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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