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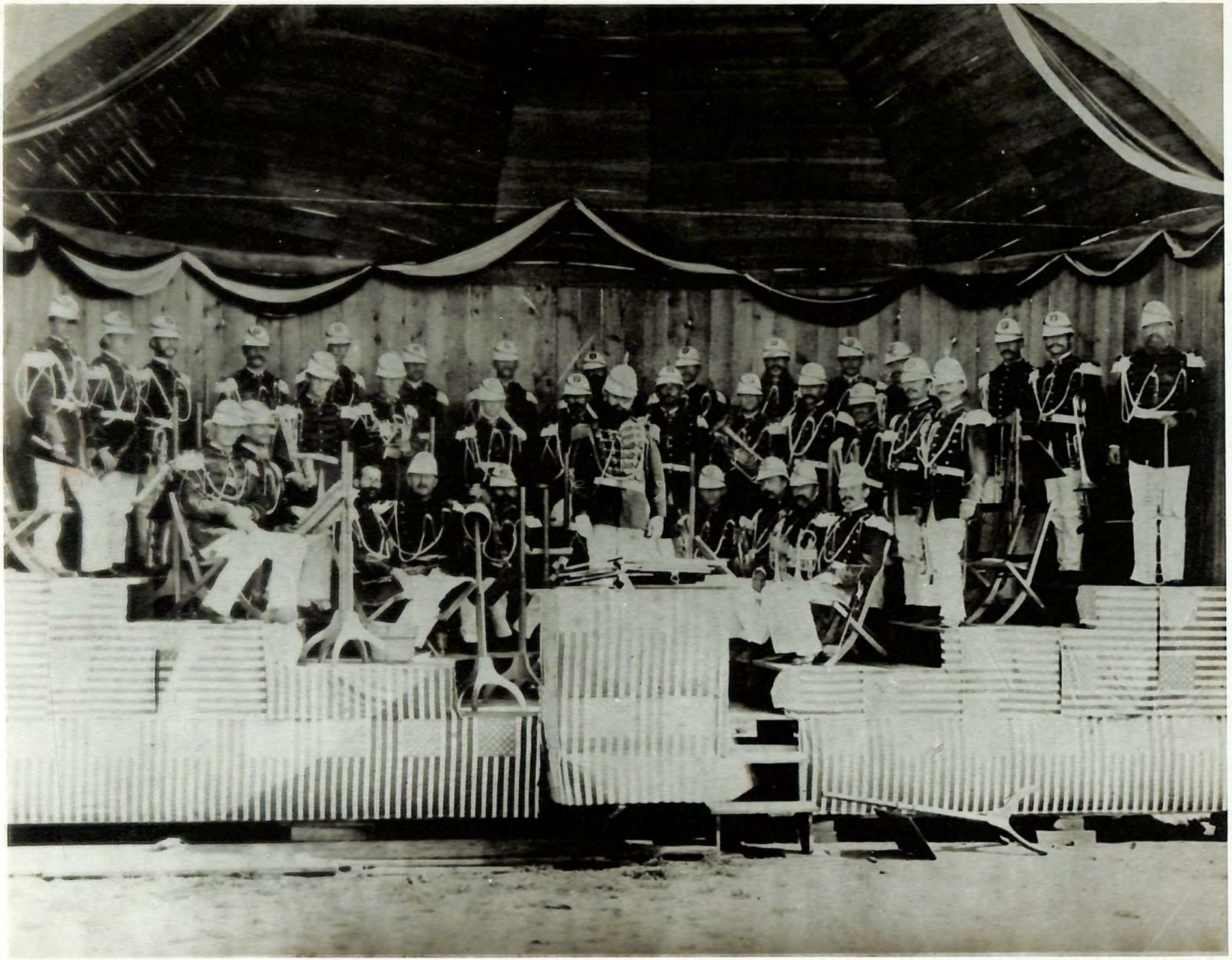

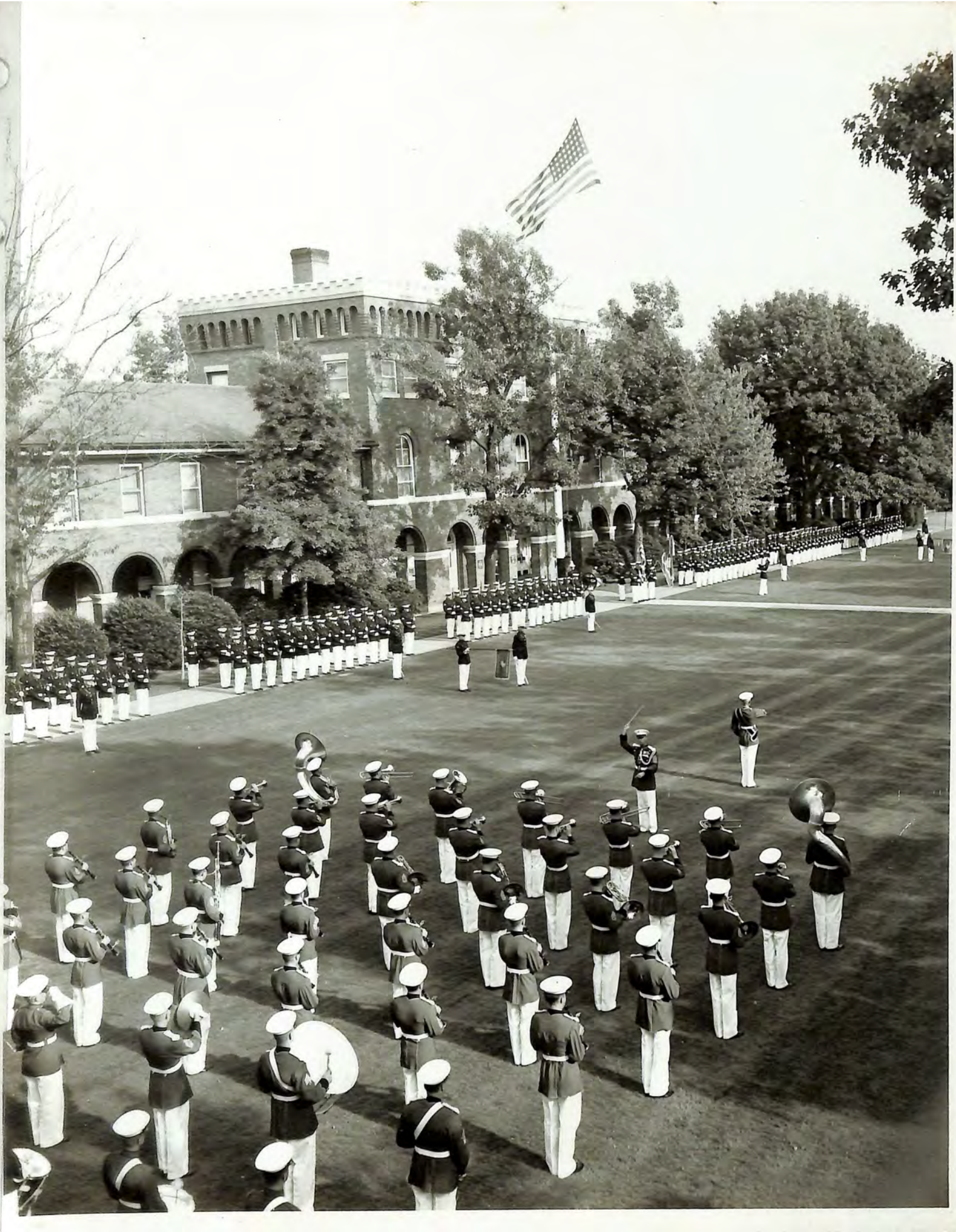







BIRTHPLACE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

State of Town of



Recruiting Officer.

I, John P. Sousa, born in U. S. A.
State of District Columbia, County of
Town of Washington, aged 17 years,
and by occupation a Musician, Do Hereby Acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this Eight day of July, 1872,
as a 3rd Class Musician in the United States Marine Corps, U. S. Navy, for the period of **FIVE YEARS,** unless sooner discharged by competent authority; do also agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing as are or may be established by law. I further agree to accept and acknowledge all acts of Congress, relating to the United States Marine Corps, from its organization to these presents, and also such other act or acts that may hereafter be passed by the Congress of the United States, having relation to the Marine Corps of the United States, during the term of my enlistment. And I, John P. Sousa, do solemnly swear that I will bear true allegiance to the United States of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies and opposers whomsoever, and observe and obey the order of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles for the government of the Army and Navy of the United States.

Sworn and subscribed to at Washington D.C.
this 8th day of July, 1872
before Wm F. Spicer
2 Lt. U.S.M.C.

J. P. Sousa.

I certify, on honor, that I have carefully examined the above-named Recruit, and that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity which would in any way disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

R. F. Rogers
Asst Surgn Usn
Examining Surgeon.

I certify that the Recruit was inspected previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my judgment and belief, he is duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier. This soldier has Dr Brown *eyes,* Black *hair,* Swarthy *complexion,* is 5 *feet* 6 3/4 *inches* high.

REMARKS:

J. F. Baker
Recruiting Officer.
Captain U.S.M.C.
Com'dg Pat Pro tem

DECLARATION OF RECRUIT.

I, John P. Sousa, desiring to **ENLIST** in the **United States Marine Corps,** for the term of **FIVE YEARS,** Do Declare that I am 17 years and ——— months of age; that I am not married; that I have never been discharged from the United States service on account of disability, or by sentence of a court martial, or by order, before the expiration of the term of enlistment, and I know of no impediment to my serving honestly and faithfully as a marine for five years.

Given at Marine Barracks Washington
the 8th day of July 1872

Witness: J. F. Baker
Capt. U.S.M.C.

J. P. Sousa.

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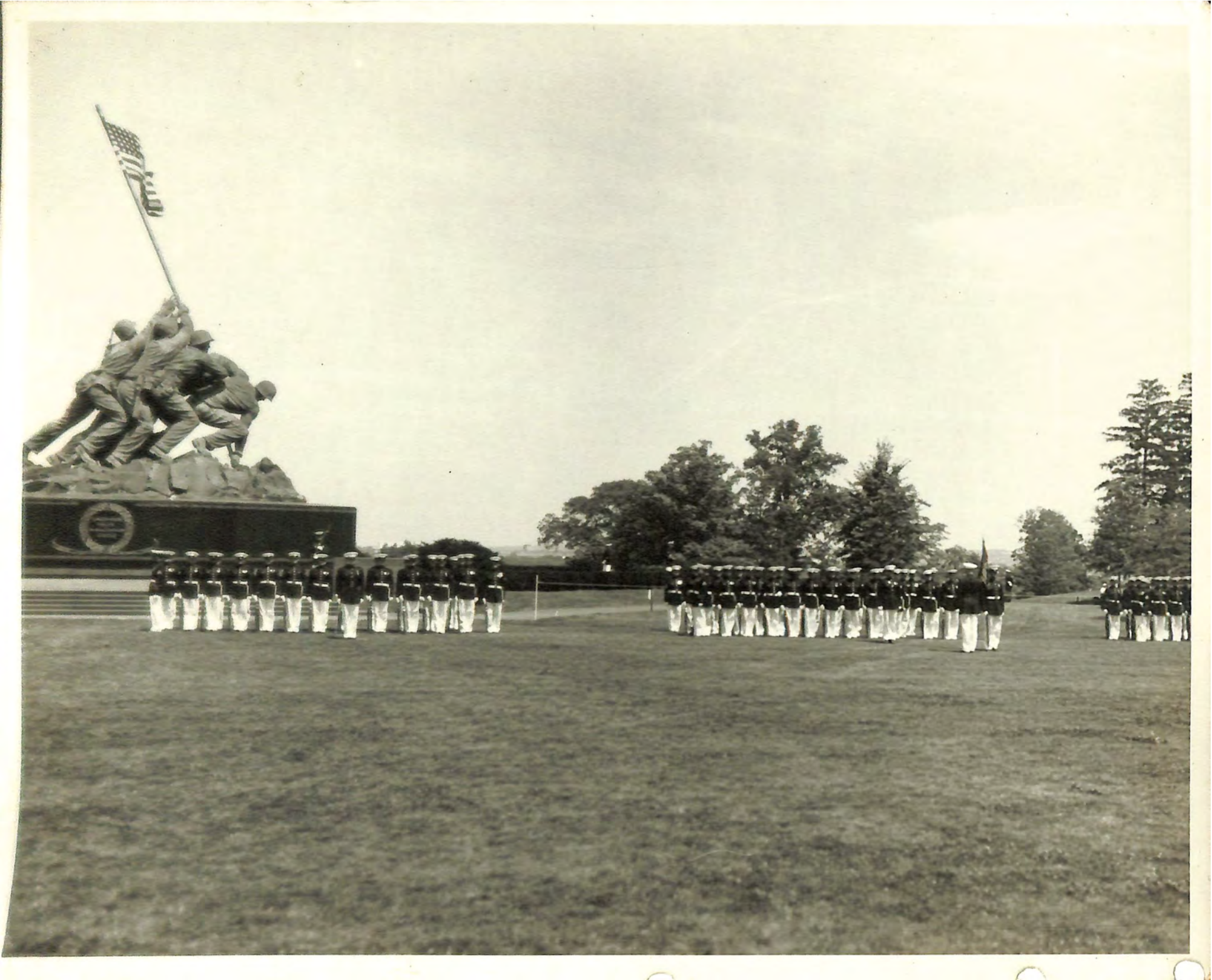



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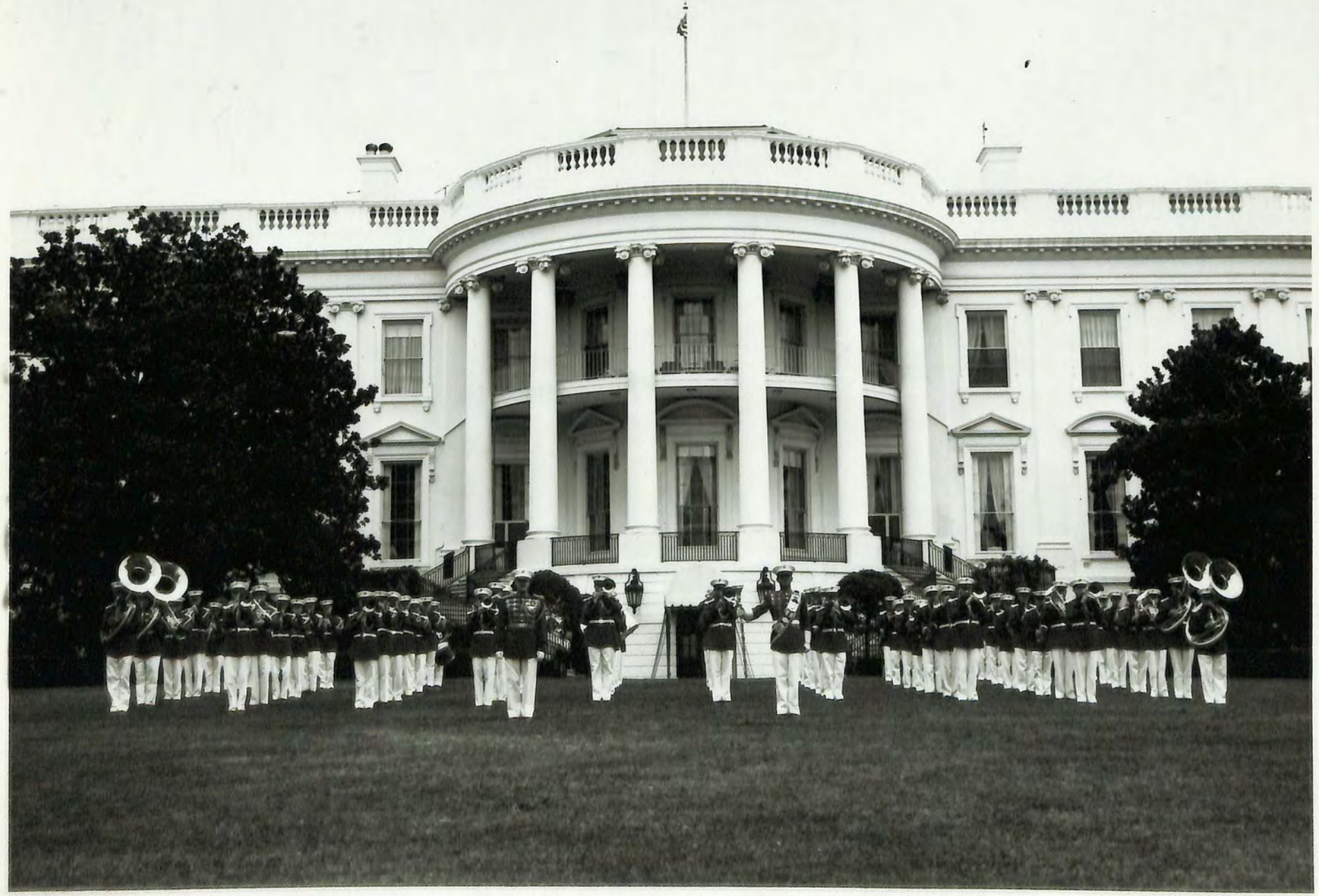






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