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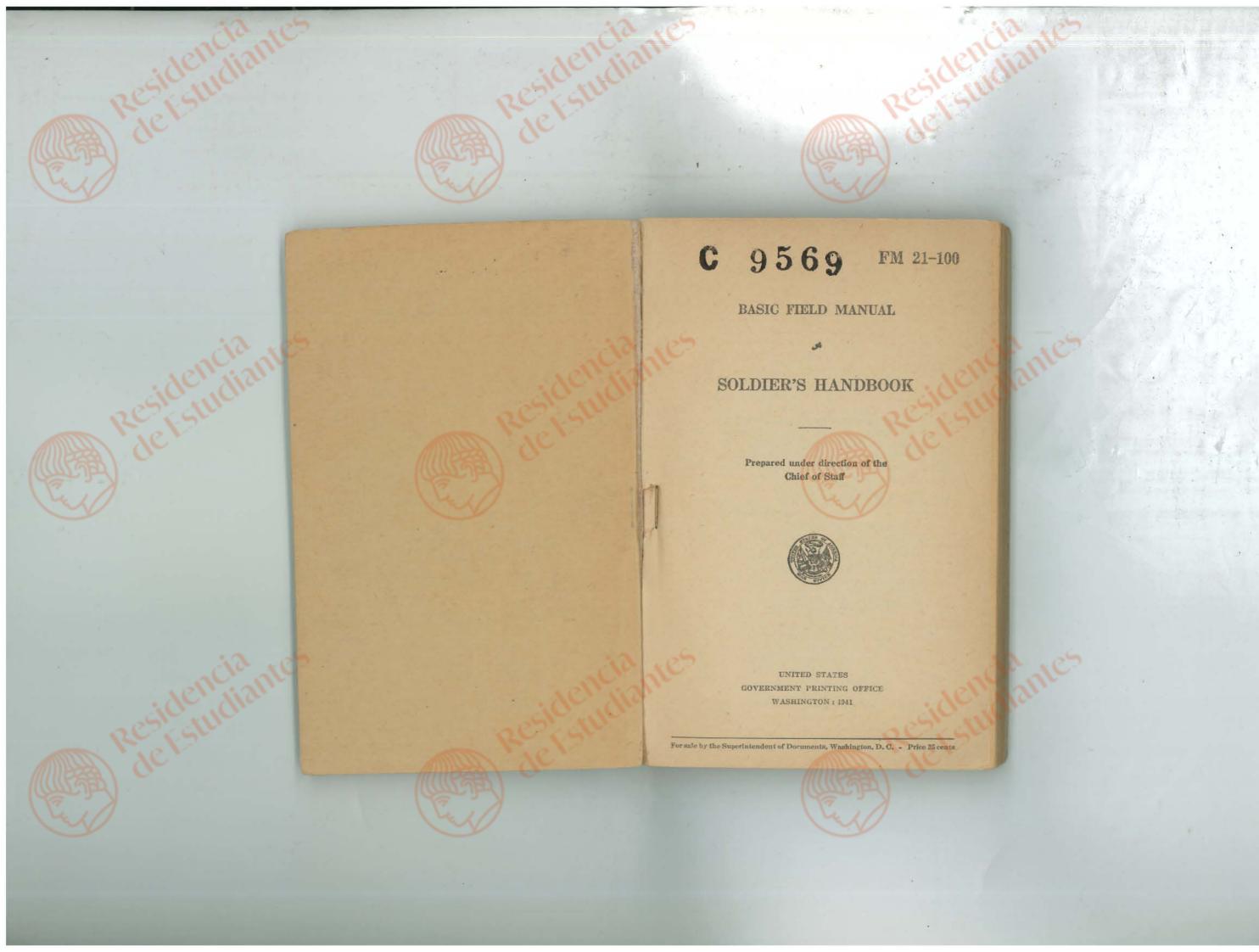
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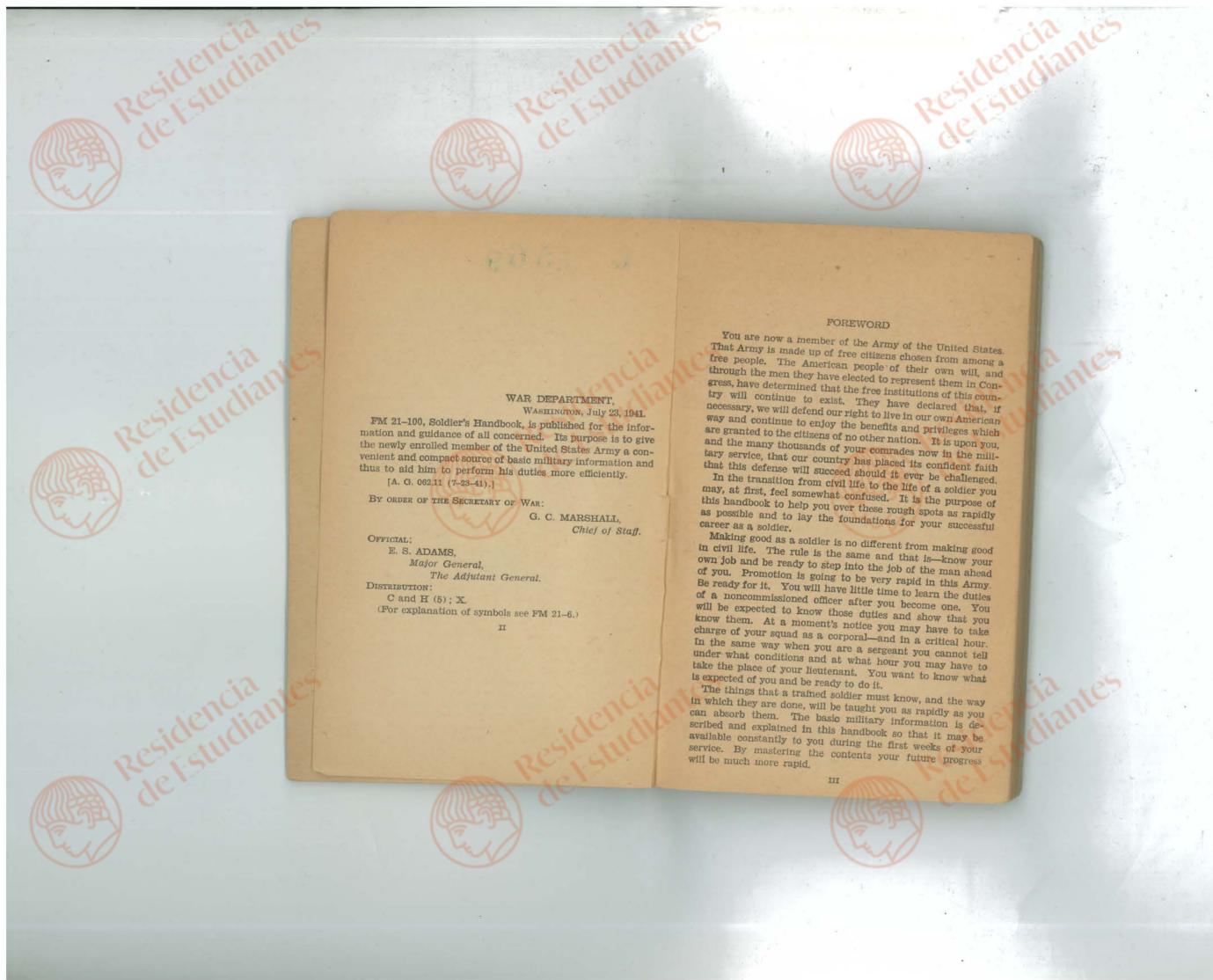
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In making yourself an efficient soldier you are helping to ouild a defense for our country that nothing can destroy. You are repaying your obligation to the United States for all the benefits of the past and are declaring your faith in our future. If you will make a part of yourself the following characteristics of the good soldier, you will be doing your RECORD OF THE SOLDIER part in upholding the glorious reputation of the Army of the United States: Be obedient.-Obedience means to obey promptly and cheer-Army serial No. ____ fully all orders of your commissioned and noncommissioned Grade ____ Organization ____ officers. At first you cannot be expected to know the reason for everything you are ordered to do. As you remain longer in the service and you understand more of the reasons for military training you will find that everything has been figured In case of emergency notify out as the result of experience in the past. Ways and methods which have been successful in the past are continued until some new way proves to be better, and then the change will be (Address) made. Cheerful obedience leads to a better performance of Beneficiary (6 months' pay) your duties. It makes it easier for all of your comrades to (Mame) do their part. It means better teamwork. Be loyal.—Loyalty means that you must stand by your or-(Street and number or rural route) ganization through thick and thin. Boost your organization Government insurance ___ at every opportunity. Be loyal and true to your officers, your noncommissioned officers, and your comrades. In this way (Policy number) Other insurance ___ you will be loyal to your country. (Amount) Be determined.—Determination means the bulldog stick-to-(Policy number) Bank account _. it-iveness to win at all costs. During your training keep ever-(Name of bank) lastingly at the most difficult tasks and never give up until you have mastered them. Determination to win means success (Church) (Town and State) Rifle number ---in battle. Be alert.-Alertness means being always on your guard. A Pistol number good soldier may be pardoned for failure, but never for being Company number surprised. Should the unexpected happen, use your head and do something, even if it is wrong, rather than "lie down." Be a member of the team.—Teamwork means that each Regimental commander's name man in the squad, platoon, company, troop, or battery gives Battalion commander's name everything in his power to make for the success of the whole Company commander's name unit. Success in battle depends on teamwork just as much Chaplain's name as success in a football game depends on the pull-together Platoon commander's name _____ spirit of the football team. Unless you play your own special part the team may not win.