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This is me.



THIS IS ME — Bob Dole noted on this picture when he sent it to his parents during World War II. Dole, third from right, recently commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army, had just arrived for duty in Northern Italy. Enlisting in December, 1942, Dole was called to active service in 1943. After medical corps training, engineering training, antitank gunnery training and officer candidate school he wound up in a replacement depot in Italy. On Feb. 25, 1945, he was assigned to I Company, 3rd Battalion, 85th Mountain Regiment of the 10th Mountain Division. The division had originally been packed with skiing enthusiasts, future Olympic athletes and Ivy League elites. Specially trained for years in Alpine and Nordic Skiing, climbing and fighting, they would make the final assault on formidable German defenses ranged across

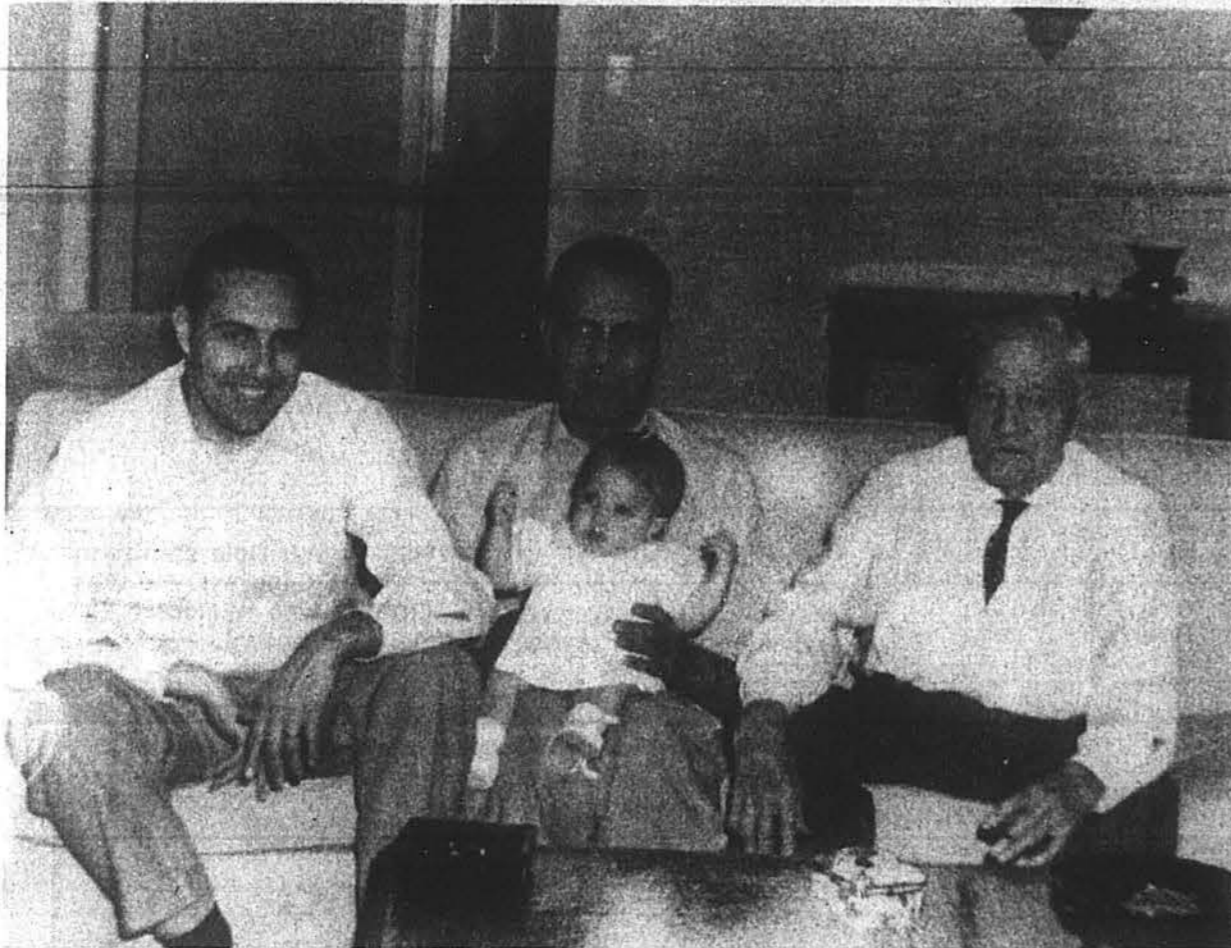
the peaks and crests of northern Italy's Apennines. Near the end of the war, Bob Dole, a Kansan who had grown to young manhood without ever seeing a mountain, was made an Army platoon leader for crack mountain troops. I Company had to take Hill 913. Dole led his platoon out of a thick hedgerow and into a clearing below the hill. Automatic weapons fire raked the line. Men fell. Others scrambled for shell holes, any cover they could find. Dole crawled out and retrieved his fallen radioman. Then he moved boldly out, as he was supposed to, into the clearing, toward the unseen enemy. He did not get far. A shell, or a mortar round, had struck him in the right shoulder, which seemed to explode. For eight hours Dole lay unable to move.



LT. ROBERT J. DOLE — Bob Dole enlisted in the Army in 1942 while a premedical student at The University of Kansas. He was called to service in 1943, halfway through his sophomore year. He was a freshman at KU when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The attack launched the United States into World War II, on the side of the Allies, and against Japan and Hitler's Nazi Germany.



BIG BROTHER, LITTLE BROTHER — Bob Dole, at left, and Kenny Dole pose near the rear of their father's 1927 Whippet.



FOUR GENERATIONS OF DOLES — Bob Dole, left, is beaming as his father, Doran R. Dole, holds Bob Dole's daughter, Robin, while great-grandfather Robert

Grant Dole joins in the excitement of a new youngster in the family. Bob Dole was county attorney at the time of Robin's birth. (Staff Photo)

Line-Item Veto Sought by Dole

March 18, 1995
WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement on the line item veto.

"With the Senate now debating line item veto, the president today ducked an opportunity in his weekly radio address to ask Senate Democrats for their support. Having killed the Balanced Budget Amendment with the president's assistance, the Senate Democrats now want to derail the line item veto. As with the Balanced Budget Amendment, the line item veto has the overwhelming support of over 75 percent of the American people.

"Republicans are prepared to work with President Clinton, but it is obvious that Senate Democrats are more interested in denying Republicans a legislative victory. The president must look to commitments among the Senate Democratic leadership for a real victory. However, if the line item veto fails, President Clinton has only himself to blame."

Dole Helps Kansas Bases Escape Closure

WASHINGTON — Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced in February that Kansas military bases had been spared the base closure axe. The Department of Defense on Feb. 28 released its list of 146 military installations slated to be closed or realigned as part of the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round, and no major military installations in Kansas were listed.

"I pressed the case to Defense Secretary Perry that military value should take priority over budget considerations," Senator Dole said. "I am pleased that he has responded to this recommendation, and it's clear to me that these decisions are based on our national security."

"Ft. Riley, Ft. Leavenworth, and McConnell Air Force Base all stand above the crowd. As we down-size our forces, Kansas' military installations are critical elements of our long-term security strategy. The case to preserve Ft. Riley and our other bases is solid."

"I commend the governor's task force for its great work," Dole said. "State officials and local communities united to make their case. They made it clear to Senator Dixon, Chairman of the Base Closure Commission, that maintaining Ft. Riley is vital to our national security. No doubt about it, Senator Dixon came away impressed."



THE DOLES, always a strong family, gathered to celebrate their mother's 80th birthday on April 2, 1983, at the Russell Elks Lodge. Mrs. Bina Dole, center, is surrounded, from left, by her sons and daughters, Senator Robert J. Dole, Gloria Nelson, Norma Jean Steele, and Kenneth

D. Dole. Mrs. Dole died in September of that year and Kenneth died in 1993. Kenneth Dole was owner of Dole Leasing Company, Inc., in Russell, and his wife, Anita, a Russell abstractor, owns Dole Abstract & Title, Inc. (Staff Photo)



BINA DOLE, Bob Dole's mother, was born and reared in the Winterset Township area and spent all her adult life here. The mother of four children, during the Depression days of the 1930s and the boom years of the Russell County oil fields, she moved her family into their basement so she could rent the upstairs space to oil field workers. She also sold sewing machines throughout the county to help support her family. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Talbot. This picture was taken at the Elks Lodge here during her 80th birthday party in 1983. (Staff Photo)

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