

The Big Picture – Story of a Squad

Announcer: The United States Army presents *The Big Picture*, an official report produced for the armed forces and the American people. Now, to show you part of *The Big Picture*, here is Sergeant Stuart Queen:

Sergeant Stuart Queen: The more things change, the more they remain the same. The old saying holds true even in this nuclear age. The ground soldier and the small infantry unit remain as important as ever, indeed, more so.

Since they will fight in more widely dispersed, more mobile units, they must be more self-sufficient, more self-reliant than ever. In other words, the ground soldier has got to be a better infantryman than he ever was, and the squad an even more effective combat team than before. The answer to this need is training, training, and more training. One day's training is pretty much like the next, hard and rigorous. Keep the men at a top pitch of combat readiness.

So we'll take a fairly typical day to tell the story of a squad. Only this squad is a little special...