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The cover is based on a photograph of a treadway bridge across the Rhine at Honningen, Germany.

The photographer, Colonel H.F. Cameron, Jr., USA (ret), commanded the 164th Engineer Combat Battalion at the time the bridge was constructed. Colonel Cameron's combat battalion was responsible for installing protective booms for the bridge.

Lieutenant Colonel Loren A. Jenkins' 254th Engineer Construction Battalion—assisted by the 994th and 998th Engineer Treadway Bridge Companies—built the 1,368-foot M-2 steel treadway bridge in 12 hours on 22 March 1945.

Named the Victor Bridge, it was the longest bridge built over the Rhine in the First Army area.

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