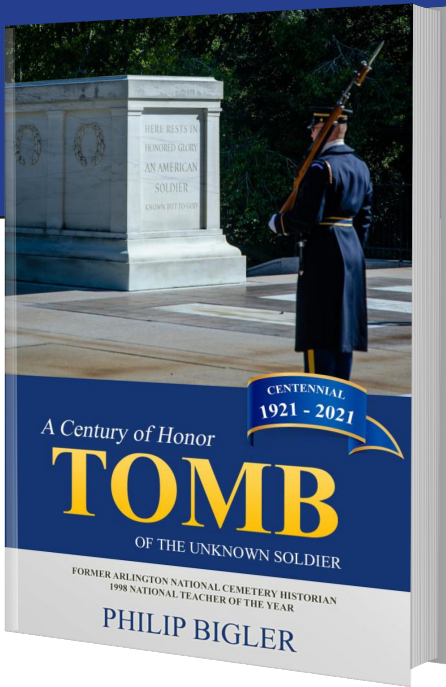




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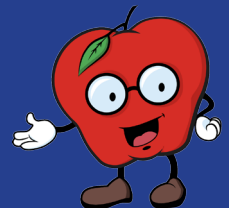
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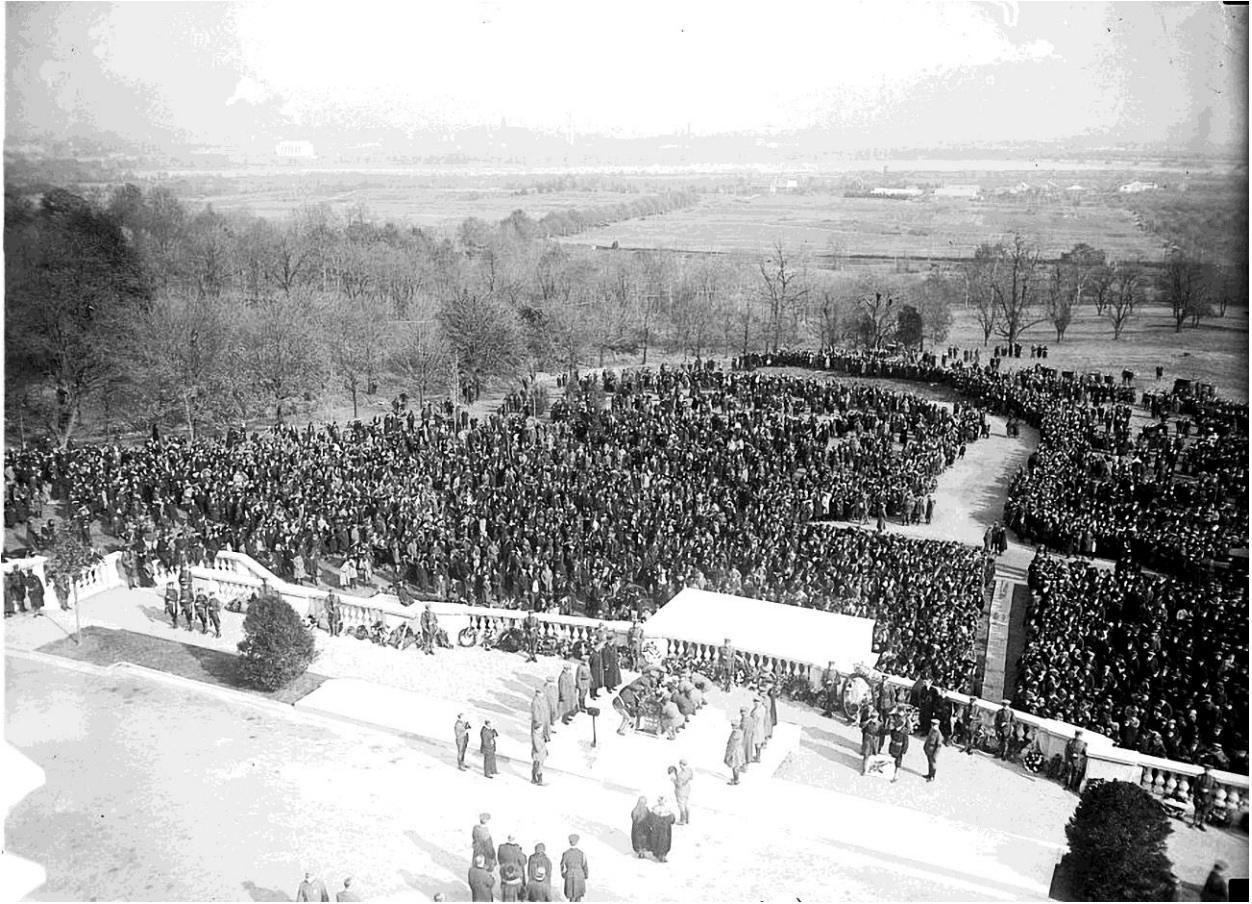
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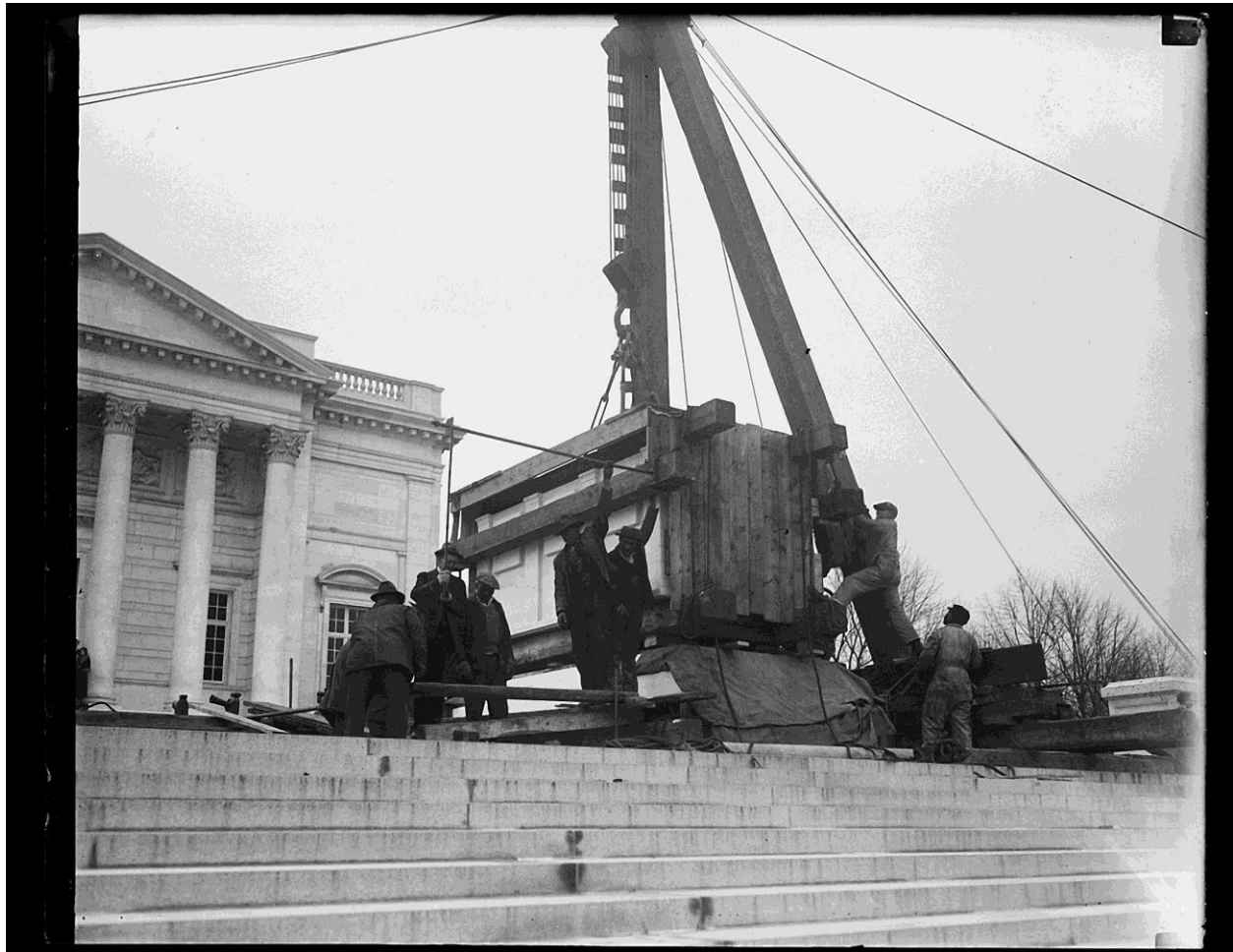
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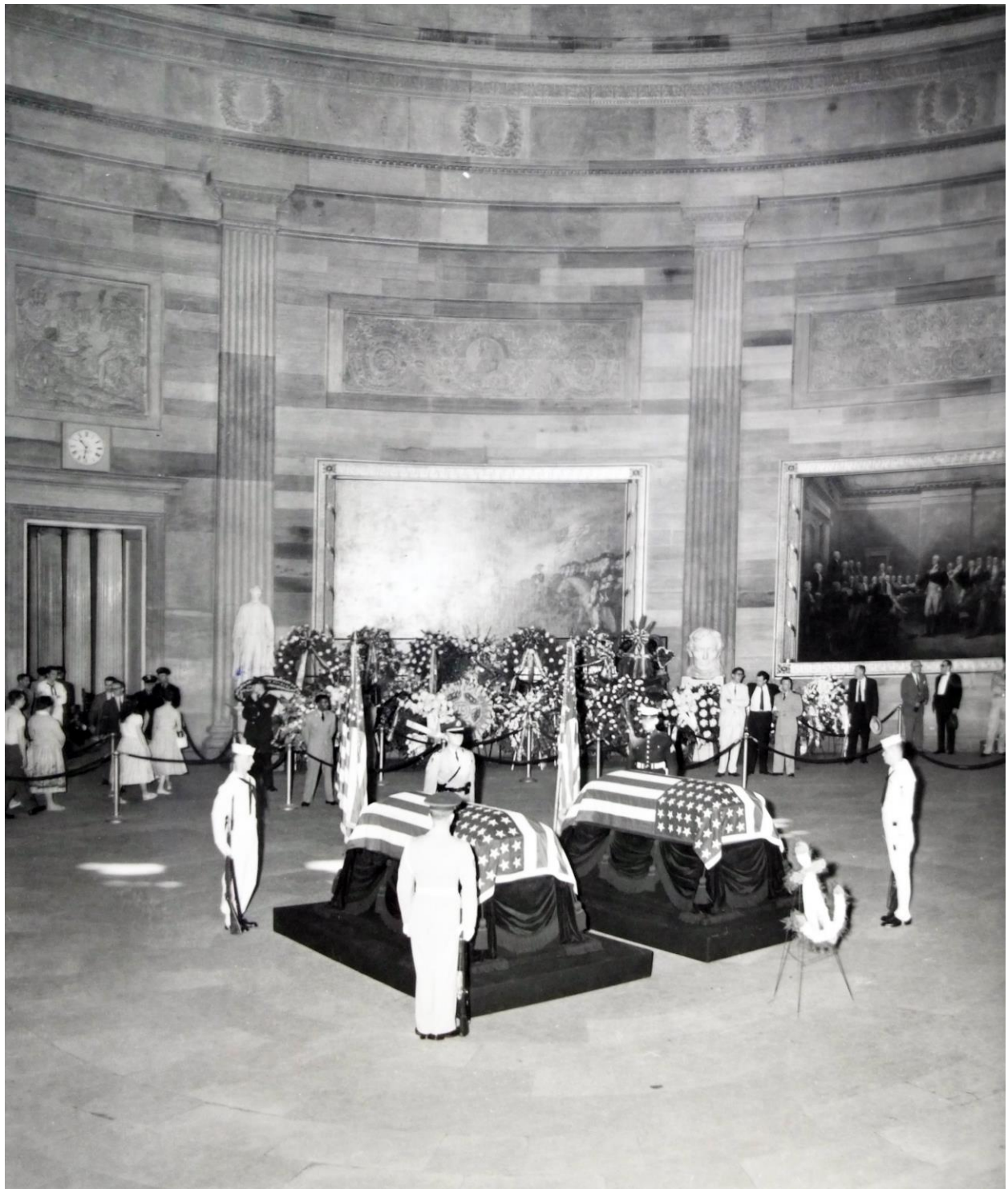
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*Photo: 2* The installation of the die stone at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier circa 1930. (Library of Congress)



*Photo: 3* The Unknown Soldiers from World War II and the Korean War at the U.S. Capitol, May 1958. (National Archives)



*Photo: 4* The casket of the Vietnam Unknown Soldier arrives at the Memorial Amphitheater for funeral services, May 28, 1984.

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