



## **Guide to the Persian Gulf Command - Iran Photo Album**

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**Scope and Content of Collection**

During World War II, the U.S. Army's Persian Gulf Command maintained a supply line through Iran for the benefit of our Soviet allies. The first American troops of the PGC arrived in Iran in December 1942 and quickly took control of the Trans-Iranian Railway, which had been completed only three years earlier. The Persian Gulf Command moved material and supplies from port cities on the gulf through the mountains to Iran's border with the Soviet Union, by train and by truck, until the end of the war in Europe in the spring of 1945.

The album contains photographs of American military personnel, buildings, and equipment; Iranian civilians; the Iranian landscape all along the supply route; and famous mosques in the cities of Teheran, Isfahan, and Qum. Many of the photos are amateur snapshots, while a number were taken by Army service photographers and are credited to Covello, Wilkinson, Campbell, and Mitchell. Some of these have been reproduced elsewhere. The cover of the album features the Persian Gulf Command insignia.

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**Photo album**