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The 65th Infantry Regiment, nicknamed “The Borinqueneers,” was an all-volunteer Puerto Rican regiment of the U.S. Army. The name is a mixture of the word “buccaneer” and “borinque” (meaning Puerto Rican). Its motto was “Honor et Fidelitas” (Honor and Fidelity). They fired the first shot of World War I on behalf of the United States and participated in World War II, and the Korean War.