OUTBRIEF RELATED TO THE 1ST FLAG RAISING ON MOUNT SURIBACHI, 23 FEBRUARY 1945

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Mission

The Huly Board that analyzed the second flag raising on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima, 23 February 1945 reconvened at the direction of the Commandant of the Marine Corps on 05 July 2016 in order to determine the identity of the participants in the first flag raising.
Photograph of PFC Louis C. Charlo (standing), Sgt Sherman Watson, PFC Theodore White, and Cpl George Mercer (left to right) a day after their scouting party reconnoitered Mount Suribachi. Taken by George Burns, this photograph appeared on the cover of the Pacific edition of *Yank.*
Photographer, fearing that the patrol might not reach the mountain's crest, asks Marines to exhibit the flag. Picture happily proved to be anti-climactic.
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Why are there no action shots of the First Flag Raising?

FF20. SSgt Lowery paused taking photographs to reload his camera.

FF21. Consequently, there are no known photographs of the flag in the act of being raised.
Photograph of PFC Louis C. Charlo, taken by Sgt Louis R. Burmeister after the first flag raising on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima, 23 February 1945
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