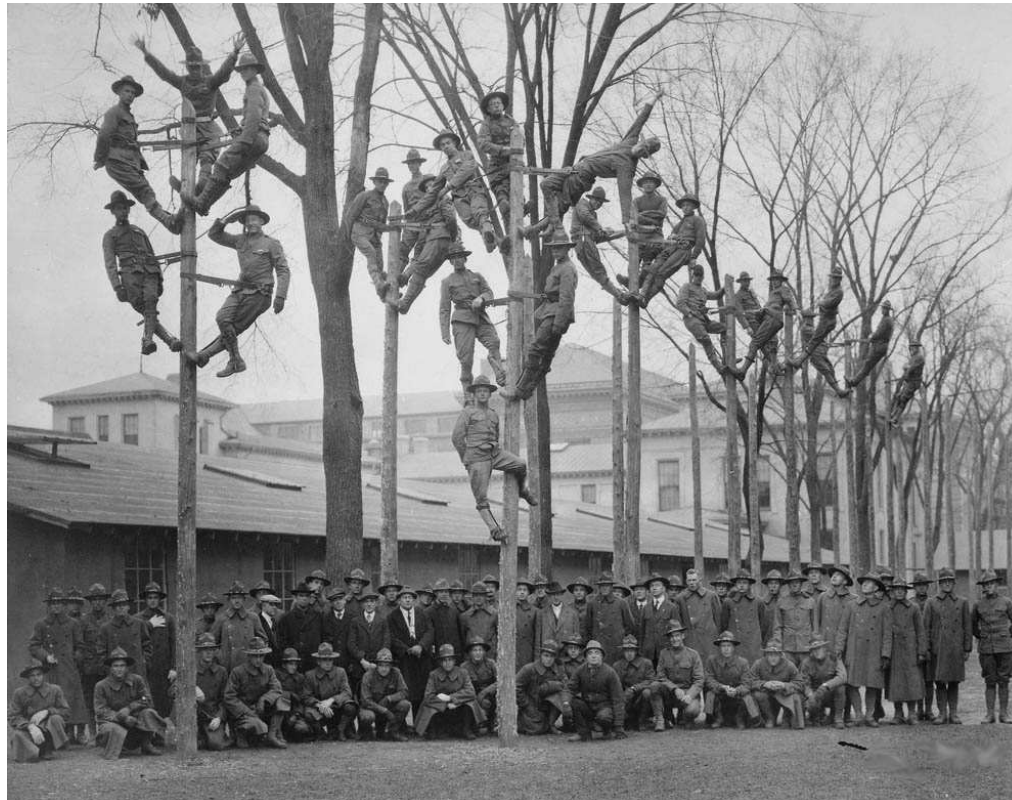


# *Homo Squirrelii*



A newly discovered photograph would seem to strengthen the theory of rodentologist Beano “Genghis” Cohn that squirrels – those annoying little bushy-tailed rodents that live in trees and steal all the Acorn Samoas out of Girl Scout Cookie variety boxes – descended from *Homo squirrelii*, a branch of annoying tree-dwelling human beings that died out at the end of the Bronze Age when all of the Earth’s forests suddenly turned to metal. Opponents of the hypothesis pointed out that several *Homo squirrelii* in the photo are wearing hats, which weren’t invented for another hundred years at least. The *Homo squirrelii* faction responded with the tired old “They ain’t hats; they’re antennae!” claim that’s been around since the days of Gondwanaland. Until a more enlightening photo is unearthed, however, neither party’s theory is likely to gain the widespread cred needed for a profitable book tour.