



**THROUGH THE LENS:** February 10, 1945: Soldiers from the 37th Infantry Division move through the Paco District of Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

**WEEK IN REVIEW:**

February 9, 1945: Pfc. Joseph Cicchetti of Company A, 148th Infantry and Pfc. Cleto Rodriguez and John Reese Jr. of Company B, 148th Infantry are awarded the Medal of Honor as a result of their actions that occurred during fighting at the Manila Gas Works and Paco Railroad Station in Manila. Cicchetti and Reese would both receive the medal posthumously.

February 12, 1978: Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler, World War II commander of the 37th Infantry Division, passes away at the age of 85.

February 13, 1992: The **204th Engineer Detachment** was organized in Logan as Detachment 1, Company D, 216th Engineer Battalion.

February 15, 1968: The 37th Infantry Division is removed from the troop allotment of Ohio and the Army force structure. The infantry units are primarily reorganized as the 73d Brigade, 38th Infantry Division with the division artillery forming the nucleus for the 16th Engineer Brigade.



**CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS:**  
**Sgt. Jess Cauthorn Sketch**

In his series of sketches that depict the actions of the 148th Infantry during the Luzon campaign, Cauthorn illustrates the scene at the Paco Railroad Station where Pfc. Reese and Rodriguez earned the Medal of Honor.

*“Japanese resistance in the Paco District was particularly fierce. At the Paco Railroad Station, Company B battled for two days with approximately 300 enemy troops manning 37 millimeter and 20 millimeter guns, heavy and light machine guns, and rifles, while the 60 millimeter mortars of Company B waged a winning duel with a battery of 90 millimeter dual-purpose guns at the depot.”*

History of the 148th Infantry