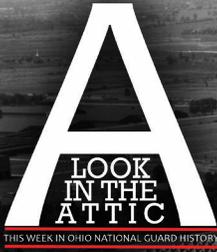


August 3-9, 2020



### THROUGH THE LENS:

**August 6, 1939:** Aerial view of Camp Perry, Ohio, taken by the 112th Observation Squadron, showing the old east entrance to the reservation.

### WEEK IN REVIEW:

**August 5, 1877:** The **945th Engineer Company** is organized in Norwalk as Company G, 16th Infantry (Western Reserve Guards).

**August 5, 1917:** The Ohio National Guard is drafted into federal service for World War I.

**August 5, 1943:** The 37th Infantry Division captures Munda Airfield and the Battle of New Georgia comes to an end.

**August 8, 1868:** **Battery A, 1st Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment** is organized in Cincinnati as the Cincinnati Zouaves.

### CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS: SERGEANT CLINTON MCLAUGHLIN SERVICE COAT



From 1917 to 1945, the 945th Engineer Company was designated as Company G, 145th Infantry in Norwalk.

Clinton McLaughlin enlisted in Company G prior to World War II. After the Battle of New Georgia in 1943, McLaughlin was given a battlefield commission and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his heroism during the Battle of Hill 700 on Bougainville.

Pictured is McLaughlin's wool service coat, adopted by the Army in 1926 for enlisted men. The single breasted coat had four bright brass general service buttons, a roll collar and notched lapels. A russet leather garrison belt (not pictured) was worn around the waist. McLaughlin's uniform includes his sergeant stripes, 37th Division insignia, marksmanship badge, 145th Infantry unit insignia on the lapels and US and Infantry collar discs. The regimental number is below the US and the company letter "G" is attached below the crossed rifles. The brass U.S. Army NCO whistle is attached to the left breast pocket while the chain is attached to the lapel button. McLaughlin is pictured on the right in this uniforms, circa 1941.

