

February 22-28, 2021



THROUGH THE LENS

February 23, 1945

The first organized show in Manila was presented to the 2,000 men, women and children who were internees of the Japanese at Santo Tomas University. The 37th Division Band provided the music and Filipinos and internees provided the show.

 122d Army Band

WEEK IN REVIEW:

February 23, 1847: American forces under Maj. Gen. Zachary Taylor defeat Mexican troops under Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna at the Battle of Buena Vista. The 2d and 3d Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiments were active in the battle guarding Taylor's supply depots and escorting wagon trains that were rushing needed supplies to the battle.

 148th Infantry Regiment

February 23-25, 1945: The assault on the walled city of Intramuros takes place with elements of the 145th and 129th Infantry attacking the ancient Spanish fort within the city of Manila.

February 27, 1948: The **220th Engineering Installation Squadron** is organized in Zanesville as the 105th Communications Squadron.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

37TH DIVISION BAND AT SANTO TOMAS, EXCERPT FROM "GI JIVE: AN ARMY BANDSMAN IN WORLD WAR II" BY FRANK F. MATHIAS

“As the battle drew to a close, the band was relieved of its duties in the defense platoon and given its instruments. There was a lot of blowing, rebuilding of lips and embouchures, after months away from trumpet or clarinet. We recovered rapidly, and soon had arrangements worked back into passable shape. The internees, happy now, gathered around our bandstand as we serenaded them. “The dance band was cheered,” I wrote, “as we played many of the old songs as well as the new ones: The Flat Foot Floogie, Dipsy Doodle, The Music Goes Round and Round, Fools Rush In, GI Jive, Moonlight Cocktail, Brazil, and All or Nothing At All.” Some danced, some smiled, while others were still sick and dazed by it all. We sensed we needed to play well here, to provide entertainment after their three harrowing years as prisoners.”