



AUGUST 2-8, 2021



THROUGH THE LENS

AUGUST 8, 1987: Soldiers from the 112th Engineer Battalion construct a log crib tank obstacle at Camp Grayling, Mich. during annual training.



WEEK IN REVIEW

M **AUGUST 2, 1898:** The 4th Ohio Volunteer Infantry lands at Arroyo, Puerto Rico during the War with Spain.

Th **AUGUST 5, 1877:** The 945th Engineer Company is organized in Norwalk as Company G, 16th Infantry Regiment (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.

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



CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS



M1874/78 CANTEEN

This canteen was carried by Lt. George Florence of Company M, 4th Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the War with Spain. When adopted by the U.S. Army, the M1874 canteen was nothing more than a Civil War period canteen with some simple modifications. In use since 1858, the tinned iron, oblate spheroid canteen held just shy of 1.5 liters of water. Changes included removing the bottom sling guide and adding triangular iron wire loops to the upper guides in order to attach a leather sling. The old wool or jean cloth cover was replaced with a cover of drab cotton canvas, stamped with "U.S." in black on one side.

While the Army produced new M1874 and later M1878 canteens, it took many existing Civil War period canteens and modified them into the M1874/78, as is the case with this canteen. The pewter spout is stamped "J.C. JOHNSON & CO. FEB. 6. 65." The company received one of the final contracts during the war and produced 100,000 finished canteens for the government. This model of canteen was used by the Army until replaced by the M1910 series of infantry equipment. However, it continued to be used by the Ohio National Guard until the outbreak of World War I in 1917.

