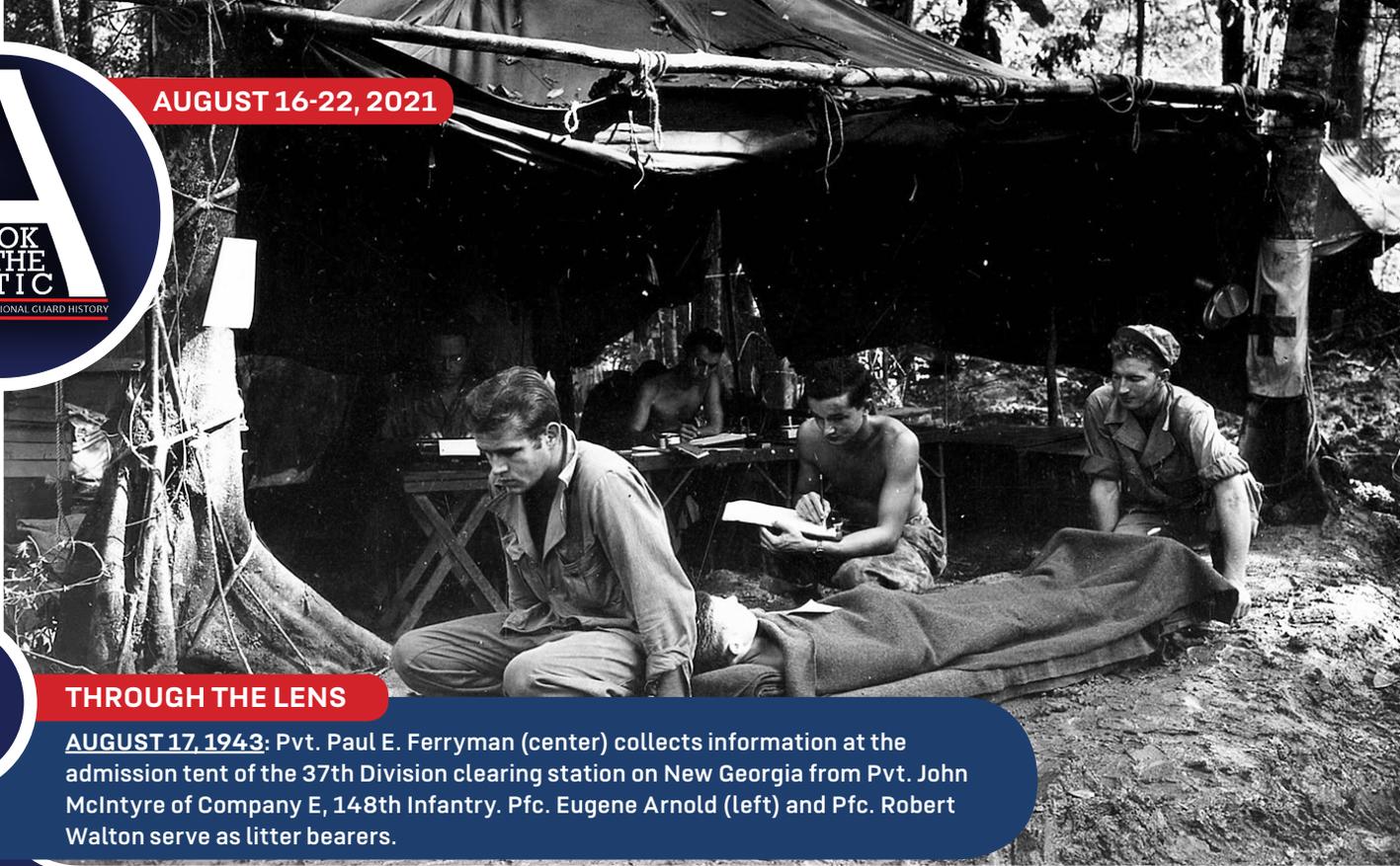


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THROUGH THE LENS

AUGUST 17, 1943: Pvt. Paul E. Ferryman (center) collects information at the admission tent of the 37th Division clearing station on New Georgia from Pvt. John McIntyre of Company E, 148th Infantry. Pfc. Eugene Arnold (left) and Pfc. Robert Walton serve as litter bearers.



WEEK IN REVIEW

W AUGUST 18, 1950: The 112th Fighter Squadron is organized at Kelly Field, Texas as the 112th Aero Squadron (U.S. Army Air Service)

Th AUGUST 19, 1987: Company B, 237th Support Battalion is constituted in Warren as Maintenance Troop, Support Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry

AUGUST 19, 1987: Company F, 237th Support Battalion is constituted in Medina as Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, Support Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry.

F AUGUST 20, 1917: The 4th Infantry Regiment is redesignated as the 166th Infantry and assigned to the 42d "Rainbow" Division.



CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS



FLAG, AMBULANCE AND MARKER

This flag, which measures 18 inches on the hoist and 27 inches on the fly, contains a 12-inch red cross centered on a field of white. The left side contains a sleeve so that it can be attached to a staff. This particular flag was used by the 112th Medical Battalion, 37th Infantry Division, during combat in World War II. In Through the Lens, a similar flag can be seen hanging from the tree on the right.

The use of the red cross on a white field to clearly identify medical personnel in the field dates back to 1864. Flags like this were primarily used to distinguish ambulances and aid stations that were protected by the Geneva Convention. The 1929 Geneva Convention recognized that bearers of special identification cards and civilian protected personnel identified by armbands, and vehicles and installations wearing Geneva Convention markings and markers were all exclusively engaged in medical care activities and consequently protected and respected by the Geneva Convention.

