



NOVEMBER 1-7, 2021



**THROUGH THE LENS**

**NOVEMBER 3, 1940:** O-47 Observation planes of the 112th Observation Squadron are shown lined up at Pope Field, North Carolina.

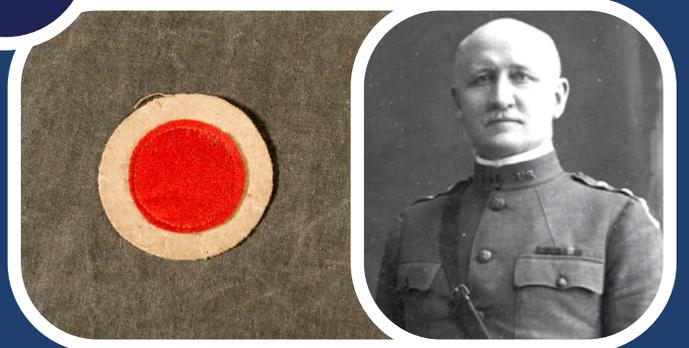


**WEEK IN REVIEW**

- M** **NOVEMBER 1, 1920:** Company D, 237th Support Battalion is organized in Cincinnati as Troop H, 1st Cavalry Regiment.
- Tu** **NOVEMBER 2, 1918:** The 37th Division makes a forced crossing of the Escault River in Belgium. The 145th Infantry crossed at Eyne and the 148th Infantry near Heurne. Both regiments built crude bridges from available materials with the assistance of Soldiers from the 112th Engineer Regiment.
- F** **NOVEMBER 5, 1918:** The shoulder sleeve insignia for the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team is approved by the commanding general, American Expeditionary Forces for the 37th Division.



**CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS**



**37TH DIVISION SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA, c. 1919**

Approved in the final days of World War I, 103 years ago this week, the shoulder sleeve insignia for the 37th Division is described as a 2 1/4 inch diameter white disc with a 1 1/2 inch red disc superimposed in the center. The insignia is taken from the State Flag of Ohio. The insignia first appeared on division baggage and equipment in 1918 during shipment to Europe. Following the end of World War I on November 11, 1918, the division directed units to procure the insignia and it was to be worn on the left sleeve of the uniform coat. Upon return of the 37th Division in the spring of 1919, the insignia can also be seen painted on the center of helmets and gas mask carriers.

This particular insignia was worn by Maj. Gen. Charles Farnsworth, commanding general of the division from 1918 to 1919. Simple in construction, it consists of two pieces of felt that are sewn together.

The insignia was worn by the 37th until 1968, when it was temporarily authorized for the 16th Engineer Brigade. It was canceled in 1969 and reinstated on Sept. 1, 2007, for the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

