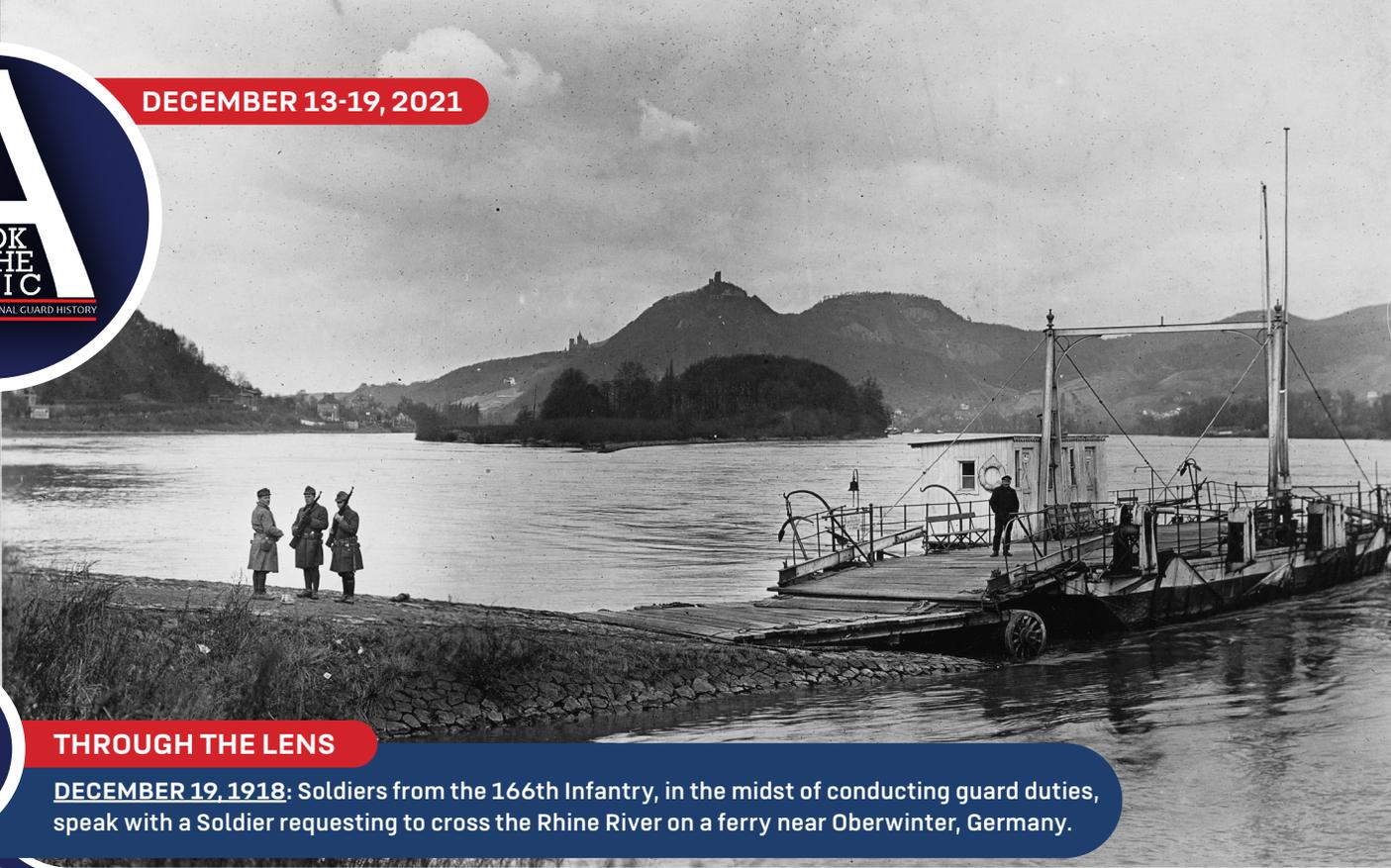




DECEMBER 13-19, 2021



**THROUGH THE LENS**

**DECEMBER 19, 1918:** Soldiers from the 166th Infantry, in the midst of conducting guard duties, speak with a Soldier requesting to cross the Rhine River on a ferry near Oberwinter, Germany.



**WEEK IN REVIEW**

**M** **DECEMBER 13, 1862:** At the Battle of Fredericksburg, Va., Union forces were soundly defeated, sustaining over 12,000 casualties in repeated frontal assaults on fortified Confederate positions. The 4th Ohio Volunteer Infantry lost 40 percent of its officers and men when it charged up Marye's Heights.

**DECEMBER 13, 1996:** Company B, 2d Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group is organized in Chagrin Falls.

**W** **DECEMBER 15, 1864:** The two-day Battle of Nashville begins, resulting in Union Maj. Gen. George H. Thomas defeating Lt. Gen. John B. Hood's Confederate force. Thomas had 28 Ohio infantry regiments and six Ohio artillery batteries, all veterans, together with several newly organized Ohio regiments in his 50,000-strong Army.

**Th** **DECEMBER 16, 2004:** The 1483d Transportation Company is organized in Walbridge.

**Sa** **DECEMBER 18, 1945:** The 37th Infantry Division is inactivated at Camp Anza, Ca. following World War II.



**CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS**



**CHINESE TYPE-56 AUTOMATIC RIFLE**

The Type-56 rifle, also known as the AK-56, is a Chinese 7.62mm rifle that is a variant of the Soviet-designed AK-47. During the Cold War period, the Type 56 was exported to many countries and guerrilla forces.

These rifles are visually very similar to the AK-47. Distinguishing characteristics of the Type-56 include the fully enclosed hood around the front sight and the folding bayonet that is attached to the underside of the barrel.

This rifle was captured by Company B, 2d Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group in 2002 during the unit's mobilization to Kosovo. It was presented to then-adjutant general of Ohio, Maj. Gen. John H. Smith, when the unit returned to the state.

