



AUGUST 1-7, 2022



THROUGH THE LENS

AUGUST 3, 1939: 112th Observation Squadron, 37th Division Aviation, Camp Perry, Ohio. Then-Capt. Addison Baker (circled) can be seen in the 3rd row, seventh from the left.



WEEK IN REVIEW

M **AUGUST 1, 1943:** Lt. Col. Addison Baker, formerly of the 112th Observation Squadron, is shot down in his B-24 Bomber over Ploesti, Romania and is later awarded the Medal of Honor.

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

F **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.



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

4th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Sgt. Maj. Charles E. Creager describes the activities of the regiment after landing at Puerto Rico on Aug. 2, 1898.

"As soon as the men reached shore, a strong guard was placed around the new camp. The exercise of the march from the shore to the site of the camp wore off the sea sickness and the first thing the men did when they had secured quarters for the night was to look for something to eat. Fires were kindled and coffee was ground. Vessels of every description were put to use and before any one was hardly aware, the whole plantation was filled with the invigorating odor of coffee. Cans of beans, tomatoes and beef were opened and actually cooked, and while this was not the diet the appetites of the boys really craved, it was nevertheless most tempting food when it was heated and thoroughly cooked to be served to the men who had lived on cold rations for almost a week. Before morning a pig and a calf and several other animals died in a very mysterious way and fresh meat formed a part of the breakfast of some. Strict orders were at once issued against foraging, and indeed during all the time the regiment was on the island there was very little if any thieving done, at least by the members of the Fourth Ohio."

