



**THROUGH THE LENS:** January 31, 2004: Staff Sgt. Rick Sikora and Sgt. Mark Caron, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 416th Engineer Group, begin welding part of a security gate at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry Regiment

### WEEK IN REVIEW:

January 26, 1968: The 166th Tactical Fighter Squadron is ordered into federal service in response to the seizure of the USS Pueblo by North Korea in the Sea of Japan.

 166th Air Refueling Squadron

January 27-31, 1945: During their drive south to Manila, the 37th Infantry Division, with the 145th Infantry on the left and 129th Infantry on the right, swing west to attack and seize Fort Stotsenberg, Clark Field and the heights west of the field known as the Top of the World.

February 1, 1972: The **196th Public Affairs Detachment** is organized in Worthington as the 196th Public Information Detachment.

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS: Balintawak Beer Brewery, Col. Lawrence K. White, 148th Infantry

"As we approached the outskirts of Manila, we came to the Tulliahan River. The bridge had been blown, but on our side of the river was a large brewery called the Balintawak. The brewery was full of cold beer, and some soldier got in there and broke the spigot. As all the other soldiers came through, he filled their helmets full of beer. We were pushing on, and as they waded across the river, whatever else might be underwater, their helmets full of beer were held high over their heads!

While I was standing on the bank of the river, General Kruger, the 6th Army commander, came down, and, as we were talking, he wanted to know what this helmet-over-the-head was all about. I explained to him that we had captured this brewery and the soldiers each had a helmet full of beer. There was considerable shooting going on not far up the road, and he wanted to know what that was all about. I said, "Well, you know, we've got a pretty good fight going on up there around the Bonafacio Monument." He said, "What do you think about a soldier drinking a whole helmet full of beer and going right into a fire fight?" I said, "General Krueger, I don't know what to think, but I do know I wouldn't like to try to stop it!" He said, "I don't think I would either," and that was the end of that."



**Col. Lawrence K. White, commanding officer, 148th Infantry, 1943-1945**