

May 3-9, 2021



## THROUGH THE LENS

May 3, 1952

Getting ready to swing at the first pitched ball of the 1952 baseball season at Camp Polk, La. is Col. Harold Hayes, 37th Infantry Division chief of staff, while Brig. Gen. Delbert Schultz, assistant division commander, serves as the catcher.

### WEEK IN REVIEW:

May 5-7, 1864: The opening battle of Lt. Gen. Grant's Overland Campaign was fought in an area of dense wooded undergrowth known as the Wilderness. Ohio was represented in the campaign by six infantry regiments, two cavalry regiments and one artillery battery.

May 5, 1898: The Ohio National Guard is ordered into federal service for the War with Spain.

May 7, 1884: **Battery A, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment** is organized in Bucyrus as Company A, 8th Infantry Regiment (Finley Guards).

May 8, 1875: **Battery B, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment** is organized in Gettysburg as the Gettysburg Guard.

May 8, 1945: Pfc. Anthony Krotiak, Company I, 148th Infantry, is killed after jumping on a Japanese grenade that landed near his men at Balet Pass. His heroic act would lead to the awarding of the Medal of Honor.

May 8, 1945: The official end of the war in Europe is marked by V-E Day (Victory in Europe).

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS

THE 14TH INFANTRY REGIMENT ARRIVES AT CAMP BUSHNELL, OHIO FOR THE WAR WITH SPAIN

"Colonel Adams began at once to exert his influence over the regiment and the work of drilling was begun where it had been left off at Goodale Park, but it was begun in far more earnest. Twice each day the companies were taken to a field at the north side of the camp and there put through the school of the soldier, of the squad, the company and the battalion. As soon as the recruits had learned the "right shoulder" and "fours right," "extended order" drills were begun and many was the charge that was made against an imaginary foe on the banks of now historic Alum Creek. Parade at retreat soon made the camp a popular resort not only to those who had friends or relatives at the camp, but to all Columbus. On the first Sunday the camp was in existence the railroads arranged for excursions to Columbus and all day the street railway leading to the camp, all the hacks, omnibuses and even transfer wagons were busy carrying visitors to and from the camp. The newspapers took a great interest in the boys and established branch offices near General Axline's headquarters. This interest kept up as long as there were any troops at the park."