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THROUGH THE LENS

MARCH 13, 1963: Capt. Ronald Bowman salutes Lt. Col. W.R. Goodwin from the Second Army inspector general section, during a visit to the 1st Battle Group, 148th Infantry at the Wall Street Armory in Toledo.



WEEK IN REVIEW

Tu **MARCH 8, 1927:** The U.S. Army Adjutant General's Office approves the coat of arms for the 107th Cavalry Regiment.

March 8-12, 1944: On Bougainville, Japanese forces attack the 145th Infantry at Hill 700. After five days of bitter fighting, the attack is repulsed with the help of the 2d Battalion, 148th Infantry. The Presidential Unit Citation was awarded to four 37th Infantry Division units for their part in the battle.

Th **March 10, 1941:** The 2d Battalion, 372d Infantry is ordered into active federal service for World War II and sent to Fort Dix, N.J. for training.



HALL OF VALOR

CAPTAIN SIDNEY S. GOODKIN

COMPANY F, 148TH INFANTRY

MARCH 12, 1944 - BOUGAINVILLE, SOLOMON ISLANDS

CITATION: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Captain Sidney S. Goodkin, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with Company F, 148th Infantry in action against enemy forces at Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on 12 March 1944. Captain Goodkin maneuvered his troops with exceptional tactical skill and energy, exerting unrelenting pressure on the firmly established enemy and inspiring his men to push forward despite great hazards. Throughout the 5 1/2 hour attack, he was in the forefront of the lines, shouting encouragement to his men and repeatedly exposing himself to the sweeping fire of the enemy to gain the best vantage point from which to direct the assault. When one of the smoke grenades being used to blind the enemy fell accidentally into a nearby trench, Captain Goodkin picked up the burning grenade in his bare hands and threw it before it could ignite incendiary grenades in the trench. In performing this bold act, he was painfully burned but continued to lead the attack with undiminished aggressiveness. After all but one dominant fortification had been destroyed by flame throwers, rocket launchers and grenades, he led his troops in a final, furious charge which completely overran the Japanese position and liquidated all enemy opposition. Captain Goodkin's superior leadership and battle courage prevented the enemy from occupying a strategic position which constituted a threat to the American beachhead at Empress Augusta Bay.

