



APRIL 15-21, 2024



### THROUGH THE LENS

APRIL 18, 1918: A Soldier from the 166th Infantry takes some time to help a French peasant woman strip willow in Brouville, France.

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### WEEK IN REVIEW

**M** APRIL 15, 1861: President Lincoln calls for 75,000 troops to serve for three months following the Confederate bombardment of Fort Sumter, S.C. By April 18, 20 independent militia companies organized into the 1st and 2d Infantry, Ohio Volunteer Militia and departed for Washington D.C. the following day.

**Tu** APRIL 16, 2006: Company C, 237th Support Battalion is constituted in Akron.

**F** APRIL 19, 1854: The 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment is organized in Cincinnati as the Guthrie Greys.

APRIL 19, 1900: Battery C, 2d Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment is organized in Marietta as Company B, 7th Separate Infantry Battalion.

**Sa** APRIL 20, 1929: The coat of arms for the 237th Support Battalion is approved for the 2d Battalion, 372d Infantry.

**Su** APRIL 21, 1923: The coat of arms for the 148th Infantry Regiment is approved, marking the first Ohio National Guard unit to receive War Department approval.



### CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS



#### CIVIL WAR BELT PLATE

During the mid-19th century, Army regulations prescribed an oval plate be used as a belt buckle on the leather equipment waist belt. Standard issue plates were stamped "US", while state regulations set "OVM" for Ohio troops. The lettering stands for Ohio Volunteer Militia and was procured and issued in large numbers to many regiments that were organized in the first year of the Civil War. The plate is made of stamped brass with solder-filled backs and measures roughly 3 x 2 inches in size. Waist belt plates had two rounded studs and a single hook on the back for attaching to the belt. A matching plate was also issued for wear on the cartridge box and differs only in having two iron wire eyes on the back for attaching to the box.



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