



NOVEMBER 8-14, 2021



THROUGH THE LENS

NOVEMBER 9, 1918: Pvt. L.S. Dunn of the 166th Infantry, 42d Division, enjoys a bunch of celery from a German general's garden at the Chateau du Nord, Ardennes, France.



WEEK IN REVIEW

M NOVEMBER 8, 1943: Led by the 148th Regimental Combat Team, the first echelon of the 37th Infantry Division lands at Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville, Solomon Islands.

W NOVEMBER 10, 1918: For the second time in eight days, the 37th Division is ordered to make an attack across the Escault River in Belgium. The 147th Infantry, near Syngem, and the 146th Infantry, near Nedezwalen, both under heavy artillery and machine gun fire, crossed the river on improvised foot bridges.

Th NOVEMBER 11, 1918: World War I ends with an armistice that takes effect at 11 a.m. on 11-11.



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

The Bougainville landing, as recalled by Col. Lawrence K. White, commander of the 148th Infantry, from his book "Red White Memoirs."



"We arrived in Empress Augusta Bay at Bougainville on the 8th of November. The Commodore said, "What beaches do you want me to put you on?" I told him I hadn't received any word yet, and he said, "Well, Colonel, you've got to get off my ships. You just tell me what beaches you want to land on, and I'll put you on 'em." With that, I took a look at the map and chose the two interior beaches, which I thought were the most likely to be safe. We headed for shore and much to my surprise, the Marines were coming out from the shore directing small boat traffic. I was in the third wave, but it didn't matter much, inasmuch as about half of the small boats obeyed the orders from the Commodore, and the other half took orders from the Marines. As a result, this was about the most mixed-up landing one can possibly imagine. My regiment had landed all up and down the beach, and some of them even on a separate island. Knee deep in mud when I hit the beach, I tried to find Division Headquarters."

