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THROUGH THE LENS

JULY 7, 1986: From left, Sgt. Vinton Workman, Sgt. Steve Deitrich, Sgt. Don Bruce and Pvt. Michael French, of the 5694th Engineer Detachment, prepare to attack a simulated fire in an abandoned building during annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich.



WEEK IN REVIEW

Tu **JULY 4, 1863:** Maj. Gen. Ulysses Grant takes Vicksburg with the assistance of 21 Ohio regiments and eight batteries, which constituted 18 percent of his infantry and 30 percent of his artillery.

W **JULY 5, 1943:** The 3d Battalions of the 145th and 148th Infantry land under Marine command for the attack on Bairoko Harbor, New Georgia, Solomon Islands.

Th **JULY 6, 1839:** The 134th Field Artillery Regiment is organized in Cleveland as the Gun Section, Cleveland Grays.

Su **JULY 9, 1864:** A makeshift Union force, which included six Ohio infantry regiments, under Maj. Gen. Lew Wallace attempt to stop Confederate Gen. Jubal Early along the Monocacy River, just east of Frederick, Md. Although the Union forces were defeated, the battle bought time for more reinforcements to bolster the defenses of Washington.



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

A few days after the battle, Brig. Gen. Erastus B. Tyler, commanding the 1st Separate Brigade, VII Corps at Monocacy shared with a reporter from the Baltimore Telegram his account of his narrow escape as the Union Army left the battlefield. Tyler commanded the 7th Ohio at the start of the Civil War and was promoted to a general officer in 1862.



"On Saturday (July 9) after the troops had passed the Monocacy bridge, Gen. Tyler and his staff made a stand on the hill on the east side of the bridge, but were not here long before they discovered themselves to be surrounded by Rebels. The general and his party succeeded in making their escape on the north side closely pursued by the enemy, who fired upon them rapidly, killing one of the general's orderlies, a German whose name we could not ascertain. So the fact the General attributes to his escape, as when the soldier fell from his saddle in the road, the pursuers stopped to see who it was and to investigate if General Tyler was not of the party. During this time, the general reached a clump of woods and there the officers secreted themselves from their pursuers. Another who was endeavoring to make his escape from the rebel lines pointed out the way to the house of a well known and patriotic citizen of Frederick County, whose family were unremitting in their attentions to the fugitives, concealing them until Tuesday, when they took their departure for Frederick, which was reached only in the morning. The general left Frederick yesterday, at which time our forces had held undisputed possession since Sunday. He came down the Frederick road as far as Ceresville and from there to the Relay House, where the headquarters of Tyler's Brigade are situated. Gen. Tyler speaks in the highest terms of the bravery and endurance of our forces generally in the battle of Monocacy. One general officer was killed, the Rebels said, and many officers. The punishment the enemy received was very great."

