



THROUGH THE LENS NOVEMBER 2, 1916

2d Brigade, Ohio National Guard, commanded by Brig. Gen. John Speaks, outside of Fort Bliss, Texas during Mexican Border Duty. The three regiments that constitute the brigade include, from left, the 8th Ohio, 5th Ohio and 4th Ohio.



SECOND BRIGADE, OHIO INFANTRY
FORT BLISS AND MOUNT FRANKLIN IN THE DISTANCE
EL PASO, TEXAS 1916-17

GEN. SPEAKS AND STAFF

Photo by Roland Tacoma, Wash.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

November 2, 1918: The 37th Division makes a forced crossing of the Escault River in Belgium. The 145th Infantry crossed at Eyne and the 148th Infantry near Heurne. Both regiments built crude bridges from available materials with the assistance of Soldiers from the 112th Engineer Regiment.

November 5, 1918: The shoulder sleeve insignia for the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team is approved by the commanding general, American Expeditionary Forces for the 37th Division.

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

IN THEIR OWN WORDS MEXICAN BORDER SOLDIER POEM, 1916

Come all you crabbing soldiers, wherever you may be.
I'll tell to you a story, that happened once to me.
My name is nothing extra, but the truth to you I'll tell.
I am a crabbing soldier, and sure do wish you well.
When at the age of seventeen, I joined the soldier band.
We marched from Fostoria, out to the Rio Grande.
And here Capt. Nichols told us, perhaps he thought it right.
Before you reach home again, you will probably have to fight.
The bullets around me hurled, the bayonets around glistened.
I thought of my old mother, and that little blue eyed girl.
Now if you want to be a soldier, and think you are bound to roam.
I'll tell you from experience boys, you had better stay at home.