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THIS WEEK IN OHIO NATIONAL GUARD HISTORY



THROUGH THE LENS

March 9, 1944

Pfc. Roy J. Naquin (from left), Staff Sgt. Donald A. Lyon, and Pfc Perry I. Owen, of Company E, 145th Infantry, walk through a lane between barbed wire, carrying 60 mm mortar shells from the 2d Battalion command post to the perimeter of the company on Bougainville's Hill 700.

 1486th Transportation Company

WEEK IN REVIEW:

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.

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.

 237th Support Battalion



CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS

SERVICE HAT, 2D BATTALION, 372D INFANTRY, C. 1940

This service hat, commonly known as a campaign hat, was used by an officer in the all-black 2d Battalion, 372d Infantry prior to World War II. The olive drab felt hat with a "Montana" peak was adopted by the Army in 1911. A hat cord was worn around the base of the headgear that designated the enlisted men's branch. This example shows an officer's hat cord of gold and black. On the front of the hat is the distinctive unit insignia of the 2d Battalion, 372d Infantry, which is worn today by members of the 237th Support Battalion. The service hat is a symbolic piece of Army headgear that was worn until it was phased out in 1942. It is the inspiration for the modern drill sergeant hat worn by NCOs leading basic training since 1964.