



JULY 11-17, 2022



THROUGH THE LENS

JULY 12, 1943: Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 145th Infantry load ammunition boxes on a waiting transportation craft prior to embarking from Guadalcanal.



WEEK IN REVIEW

F JULY 15, 1876: The 1486th Transportation Company is organized in Ashland as Company F, 12th Infantry Regiment (Ashland Guards).

JULY 15, 1911: Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 437th Military Police Battalion and the 323d Military Police Company are organized in Toledo as Troop D, 1st Cavalry Squadron.

JULY 15, 1918: The 166th Infantry, as part of the French army, stops a German attack near the French village of Suippes in the Champagne Region.

Su JULY 17, 1884: The 5694th Engineer Detachment is organized in Plimpton as Company H, 17th Infantry Regiment (Plimpton Guard).

JULY 17, 1928: The coat of arms for the 145th Armored Regiment is approved for the 145th Infantry.



HALL OF VALOR

STAFF SERGEANT CHARLES V. KETTLER

COMPANY K, 148TH INFANTRY, 37TH INFANTRY DIVISION

JULY 11, 1943 - NEW GEORGIA, SOLOMON ISLANDS

CITATION: The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Silver Star (Posthumously) to Staff Sergeant Charles V. Kettler, United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with Company K, 148th Infantry Regiment, 37th Infantry Division, at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, on 11 July 1943. During combat operations when his platoon's advance was held up by heavy enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Kettler located the hostile section and aggressively moved forward alone in an attempt to eliminate it. Upon reaching a point 25 yards removed from his objective he threw a hand grenade which missed its mark. Disregarding the intensity of the enemy's fire he crawled closer, grenaded the position as he moved, completely demolished it, and enabled his platoon to continue its advance. In doing so, Sergeant Kettler sacrificed his life.

