



JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 5, 2023



THROUGH THE LENS

FEBRUARY 3, 1944: Pfc. Ross O. Steiner, baker for Headquarters Company, 37th Infantry Division, is shown carrying two oversize pies for the Officers' Mess, just baked in "Ye Old Bake Shoppe" at the division headquarters on Bougainville.



WEEK IN REVIEW

W **FEBRUARY 1, 1972:** The 196th Public Affairs Detachment is organized in Worthington as the 196th Public Information Detachment.

Th **FEBRUARY 2, 1813:** Gen. William Henry Harrison establishes Fort Meigs on the south side of the Maumee River. The fort was to serve as a temporary supply depot and staging area for an invasion of Canada and was home for more than 2,000 men, consisting of U.S. regulars and militia from Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

FEBRUARY 2, 1926: The 812th Engineer Company is organized in Akron as Headquarters Company, 73d Infantry Brigade.

Su **FEBRUARY 5, 1942:** The 37th Infantry Division leaves Camp Shelby, Miss. for Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.

FEBRUARY 5, 1945: 2d Lt. Robert M. Viale, Company K, 148th Infantry, is killed during the Battle of Manila. His actions will lead to him being awarded the Medal of Honor.

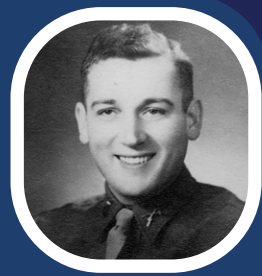


HALL OF VALOR

CAPTAIN LABIN KNIPP

**COMPANY K, 148TH INFANTRY
37TH INFANTRY DIVISION**

FEBRUARY 5, 1945 - MANILA, LUZON



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS CITATION: For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving as Commanding Officer of Company K, 148th Infantry Regiment, 37th Infantry Division, in action against enemy forces in Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 5 February 1945. During the battle for Manila, Captain Knipp, commanding Company K, 148th Infantry, was leading his men forward through the Binondo district under heavy enemy mortar, rocket, machine gun, and rifle fire when the enemy set fire to buildings on the right flank and front and deployed troops to the left flank in an attempt to encircle his forces. Although the enemy now covered every route of escape, except those already blocked by the most intense heat and flame, he calmly instructed his men in a plan of withdrawal. Then, arming himself with an automatic rifle and smoke grenades, he walked into the middle of an open intersection covered by heavy enemy machine gun fire. Neutralizing the enemy position with a long burst from his own weapon and throwing a smoke grenade toward the enemy, while suffering a back wound, he remained exposed and directed his men across the intersection to the next block. Coming to a second intersection, commanded by enemy machine guns on either side, he quickly moved into the fire-swept area and although hit in the stomach almost immediately, threw smoke grenades and directed covering fire until all of his men had crossed the intersection before him. Reaching a bridge, he personally directed the action until the entire company had crossed and the wounded had been evacuated. By his heroic actions despite his wounds, his coolness under fire and exceptional combat judgment, Captain Knipp extricated his company from a seemingly hopeless situation with a minimum of casualties.

