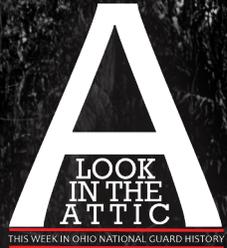


April 12-18, 2020



### THROUGH THE LENS:

**April 18, 1945:** Jump ball! The start of a basketball game between members of the 37th Signal Company on Bougainville. (Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler Audiovisual Collection - Ohio History Connection)

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### WEEK IN REVIEW:

April 12, 1862: The Great Locomotive Chase, also known as Andrews' Raid, took place in northern Georgia. Civilian scout James J. Andrews leads 22 volunteer Soldiers from the 2d, 21st and 33d Ohio Infantry behind enemy lines to steal a train and damage vital rail and telegraph lines. The raiders were captured and some executed as spies. A portion of the Soldiers would become the first recipients of the Medal of Honor.

April 12, 1983: The Aviation Branch is established as a basic branch by the Department of the Army.

April 16, 2006: **Company C, 237th Support Battalion** is constituted in Akron.

### CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS:

#### ORGANIZATIONAL COLORS, 137TH AVIATION BATTALION, 1963-1968

The 137th Aviation Battalion was added to Ohio's troop allotment on April 1, 1963 and was organized from existing units in Columbus and Greensburg as an element of the 37th Infantry Division. The battalion was broken up in 1968 with the removal of the Buckeye Division from the Army force structure.

This set of organizational colors was issued to the unit by the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot in May 1963. Because aviation was not a Army branch at that time, the background color is teal with white fringe for branch immaterial units. Because the battalion did not have approved heraldic items, the colors were issued without the coat of arms. By regulation, new units are authorized to receive their colors without an approved coat of arms, which will be added once approval is received.

While the coat of arms for the unit was approved in 1966, it is not clear why it was not added prior to removal of the unit from the force structure.



 Lineage Link-Up icon shows the current unit that perpetuates the lineage of a cited unit.

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