



THROUGH THE LENS SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

Sgts. 1st Class Mark A. Wanner (left) and Jay D. Brove, assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group, prepare a freshly-caught turtle for stew during survival training with their counterparts in the Serbian military.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

September 14, 1955: The **135th Military Police Company** is organized in Chardon as Battery C, 179th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion.

September 15, 2000: The **52d Civil Support Team (WMD)** is organized in Columbus.

September 15, 1986: The **637th Chemical Company** is constituted in Covington as the 641st Quartermaster Detachment.

September 17, 1862: At Antietam, near Sharpsburg, Md., Union troops under Maj. Gen. George McClellan fought Gen. Robert E. Lee's invading army to a standstill. With over 22,000 total casualties, Antietam remains the single bloodiest day in American military history.

September 18, 1837: The **112th Engineer Battalion** is organized in Cleveland as the Cleveland City Guard. The company would later change its name to the Cleveland Grays.

September 18, 1947: With the passage of the National Security Act of 1947, the United States Air Force becomes a separate branch of the U.S. military.

September 19-20, 1863: Confederate forces defeat Union troops at the Battle of Chickamauga, Ga. Forty-four Ohio infantry regiments, 11 Ohio batteries and four Ohio cavalry regiments, representing about 30 percent of the Army of the Cumberland, were engaged in the battle. In two days, 3,591 Ohioans were either killed or wounded and 1,351 were captured.

William McKinley Monument
Antietam National Battlefield



IN THEIR OWN WORDS MCKINLEY AT ANTIETAM

“Early in the afternoon, naturally enough, with the exertion required of the men, they were famished and thirsty, and to some extent broken in spirit. The commissary department of that brigade was under Sergeant McKinley’s administration and personal supervision. From his hands every man in the regiment was served with hot coffee and warm meats.... He passed under fire and delivered, with his own hands, these things, so essential for the men for whom he was laboring.”

Rutherford B. Hayes
Colonel, 23d Ohio Volunteer Infantry and
19th President