

# A LOOK IN THE ATTIC

THIS WEEK IN OHIO NATIONAL GUARD HISTORY



## THROUGH THE LENS NOVEMBER 19, 1918

A Soldier from the 37th Division helps Pfc. John Thompson of the 91st Division navigate the village of Thielt, Belgium while he rides in a "sight seeing" bus.

### WEEK IN REVIEW:

November 16, 1945: The first group of Soldiers from the 37th Infantry Division begins to depart the Philippines for the United States.

November 17, 1775: The Artillery branch is established when the Continental Congress unanimously elects Henry Knox "Colonel of the Regiment of Artillery." Both the Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery branches celebrate this birthday.

November 18, 1921: **Company H, 134th Support Battalion** is organized in Akron as Troop I, 1st Cavalry Regiment.

November 22, 1900: **Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 216th Engineer Battalion** is organized in Manchester as Company G, 7th Separate Infantry Battalion.

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS

NO BOATS, NO VOTES! THE DEPARTURE OF THE 37TH DIVISION FROM LUZON

"The departure date was shifted from October 15 to November 1. Then, as November 1 neared, the elusive leave taking was pushed ahead to November 15. Both new and old division men decided that the jinx was on. The 38th Division pulled out en masse in October. The priority of Camp Shelby partners of the 37th, whose combat activities were comparatively meager and whose overseas period was relatively short, broke the stoical patience of the men of the 37th Division.

In early November, Congressmen, newspaper columnists, and just plain citizens were bombarded with telegrams and letters all emphasizing the untoward delay in the 37th's return to the States and the head start given to "other units with ten percent of the combat time and twenty-five percent of the overseas time of the Buckeye Division." These wires were supplemented by a rubber-stamp device which printed on the backs of thousands of letters sailing or flying Statesward "no boats, no votes." Armed with this correspondence Senator Taft, Drew Pearson, and other luminaries spoke and wrote publicly against the patent injustice, and within days, the 37th was alerted for movement. This time the ships for the homeward trip were designated by name."

The 37th Infantry Division in World War II