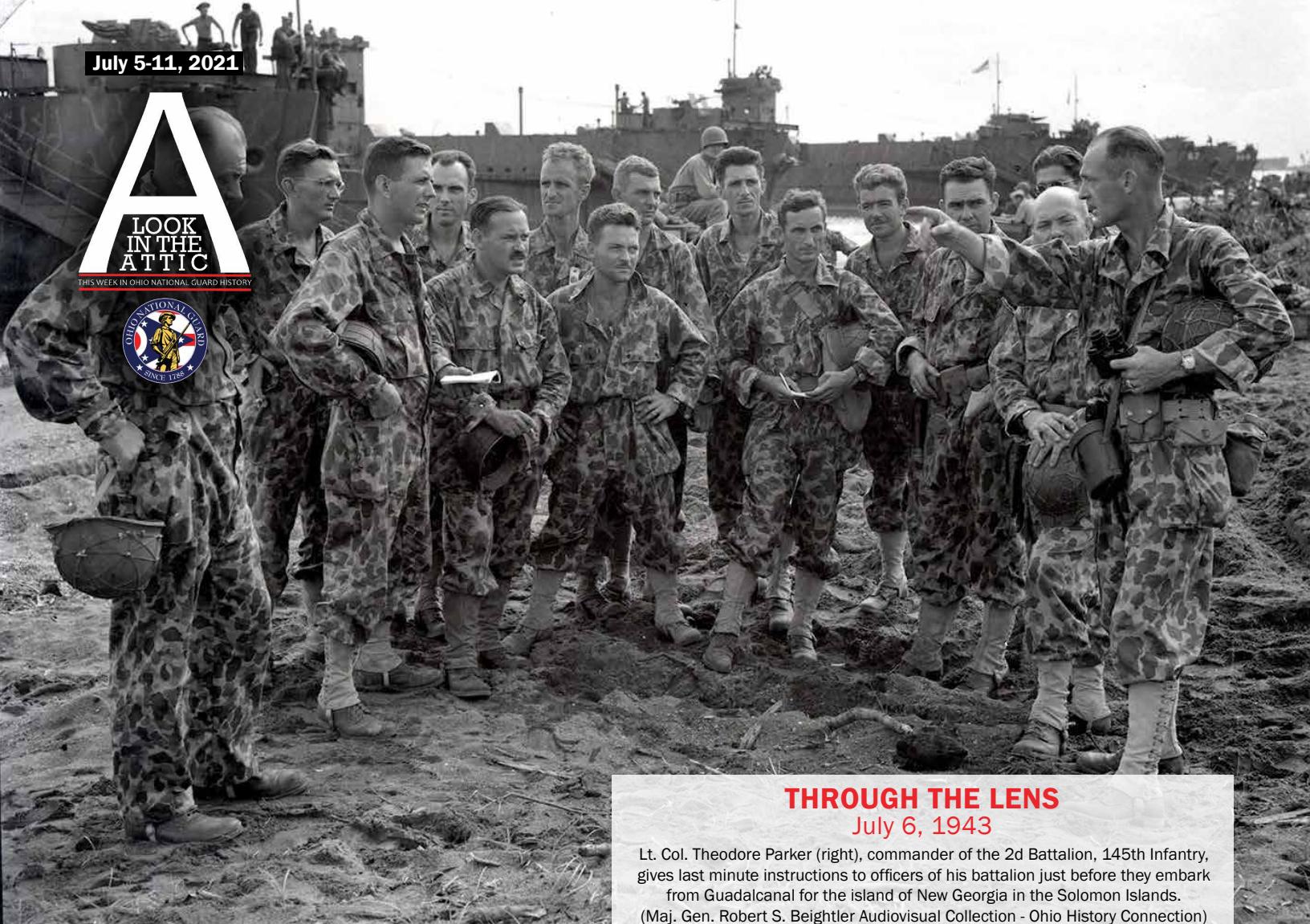




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THIS WEEK IN OHIO NATIONAL GUARD HISTORY



THROUGH THE LENS

July 6, 1943

Lt. Col. Theodore Parker (right), commander of the 2d Battalion, 145th Infantry, gives last minute instructions to officers of his battalion just before they embark from Guadalcanal for the island of New Georgia in the Solomon Islands.

(Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler Audiovisual Collection - Ohio History Connection)

WEEK IN REVIEW:

July 5, 1943: The 3d Battalions of the 145th and 148th Infantry land under Marine command for the attack on Bairoko Harbor, New Georgia, Solomon Islands.

July 6, 1839: The 134th Field Artillery Regiment is organized in Cleveland as the Gun Section, Cleveland Grays.

July 10, 1899: The 838th Military Police Company is organized in Warren as Company D, Unattached Infantry.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

FORMATION OF THE GUN SECTION, CLEVELAND GRAYS TAKEN FROM "REMINISCENCES OF THE CLEVELAND LIGHT ARTILLERY"

"In 1839, for the purpose of field instruction, the Grays held an encampment on a vacant lot at the present corner of Superior and Erie streets. By invitation of the Grays, Major Fay's Light Artillery Company, of Buffalo, famous in those early days for its skill in the art of gunnery, was present at the encampment. The fine evolutions of this command and its proficiency in working and handling artillery attracted much attention and awakened a lively interest in that arm of military science.

The Grays caught the artillery fever and at once decided that they would have a gun squad. No sooner said than done, and nine members of the company were detailed for that purpose. David L. Wood was appointed Sergeant of the Gun Squad. He had formerly lived in Buffalo and had served as a gunner in Major Fay's company, but had removed to Cleveland and was an active and zealous member of the Grays. A six-pound iron gun was obtained and mounted on a carriage which, as well as the caisson, was of home manufacture, made at the expense of the company. The early drills were held in a large barn situated on Erie street opposite the cemetery. These premises were used for five or six years, when more commodious quarters were provided."