



**AUGUST 9-15, 2021**



**THROUGH THE LENS**

**AUGUST 11, 1943:** Lt. Col. Frederick Kirker, 37th Infantry Division chaplain, conducts burial services at Munda Cemetery No. 1 for a Soldier killed in action on New Georgia.

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**WEEK IN REVIEW**

**Sa** **AUGUST 14, 1950:** The 987th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, with units in Canton and Alliance, is ordered into active federal service for the Korean War. The 987th would be the only Ohio Army National Guard unit to deploy to Korea as a unit, where it earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation for its support of U.S. and Republic of Korea units.

**Su** **AUGUST 15, 1945:** World War II ends when Imperial Japan accepts the terms of the Potsdam Declaration.

**AUGUST 15, 2010:** The 121st, 178th, 179th and 180th Comptroller Flights are constituted in the Air Force and allotted to the Ohio Air National Guard.



**IN THEIR OWN WORDS**

On August 11, 1944, Chaplain Joel Wareing of the 148th Infantry responded to a letter from Mrs. George Dowmondz, sister of Pfc. Stanley Ligman of Company F, 148th Infantry, who was killed in action on July 29, 1943 on New Georgia. In the letter, Chaplain Wareing describes the burial and religious services conducted for Ligman and his removal to Munda Cemetery No. 1.

Dear Mrs. Dowmondz; Your letter written to the Commanding General of the Division was referred to me as I am senior Chaplain of the regiment to which Stanley Ligman was assigned.

I regret that information concerning Stanley has not been received by you. The War Department notifies the next of kin which was given by the man. I mailed recently a letter with additional information. I imagine that this information has gone to Stanley's wife.

Stanley was killed in action against the enemy on 29 July 1943. His body was placed in a temporary grave and a religious service was held over the grave. Chaplain Heindl, Catholic Chaplain, held a memorial mass for all the Catholic men killed in action. Since that time Stanley's body has been removed to a permanent cemetery. This cemetery is very beautiful and well kept. All graves are marked with a cross and the name of the man buried there. At the time of this burial the Catholic Chaplain then on the island held a service fulfilling all the requirements of the Catholic faith.

It was my privilege recently to be at this cemetery and to stand beside the grave of your brother. I know that time has not taken away the sorrow that is yours because of his death. But we can pray the Blessing of Almighty God on his soul and commend ourselves to His care.

It is impossible for me to give you any further details due to censorship. But you may rest assured that everything was done by the Chaplains and the Graves Registration unit to show all the reverence and respect fittingly due to men, who like Stanley, gave their lives as a supreme sacrifice for their country.

Sincerely yours, Joel M. Wareing, Chaplain (Major) USA

