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THROUGH THE LENS

SEPTEMBER 12, 1918: Soldiers from Company A, 112th Engineer Regiment, 37th Division pose for a photograph following a Bible class at a Y.M.C.A. hut near Montigny, France.



WEEK IN REVIEW

Tu **SEPTEMBER 6, 1992:** The 73d Infantry Brigade is redesignated as the 37th Infantry Brigade.

Sa **SEPTEMBER 11, 2001:** Islamic terrorist group Al-Qaeda attacks the United States in New York City and Washington D.C. In response, planes from the 180th Fighter Wing are scrambled to provide military protection of American airspace.

Su **SEPTEMBER 12-15, 1918:** The American First Army launches an attack against the St. Mihiel salient in France. Ohio's 166th Infantry, part of the 42d "Rainbow" Division, made the main effort for the IV Corps in the center of the salient's southern edge.



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

On September 11, 2001, Maj. Gen. James Camp was a captain, assigned to the 121st Air Refueling Wing as a KC-135 pilot at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. He describes the immediate response from the 121st on that day.



"I walked into the flight operations room, and everybody was staring at the TV, kind of in awe of watching the first tower burning. When the second aircraft hit, it was kind of a moment with all of us in the room, we understood what that meant, that it was an actual deliberate attack.

Very quickly our squadron commander went through the flight room and we had at the time, a couple of KC-135s that were full of fuel. They were on what we call alert status. So the aircraft were ready to fly, everything was aligned in the cockpit, so it was really an opportunity to get an airplane airborne quickly. So my commander asked me to find a co-pilot, and find a boom operator, and take off and head towards the Pentagon, because the Pentagon was on fire and had been hit. So we quickly ran out to the aircraft, got the engines started, missed a few of the checklist items that we would normally catch when it wasn't such an urgent situation. We were told that Air Force One was airborne and that the fighters on the east coast were going to need the gas to escort the president to wherever they were relocating to.

So we took off, it was a really eerie feeling, because I remember the controller, he basically said, you're cleared east, any altitude, any speed, good luck to you guys. He said you're really one of the only airplanes right now airborne east of the Mississippi — other than the other military aircraft. It was a very beautiful day, clear blue skies. So from pretty far out we could actually see the smoke billowing up in the sky from the Pentagon. And we established an orbit over the Pentagon."

