



SEPTEMBER 19-25, 2022



THROUGH THE LENS

SEPTEMBER 23, 1967: Soldiers from the 37th Administrative Company play the role of protesters for 37th Infantry Division Soldiers taking part in civil disturbance and riot control training at the Ohio Exposition Center in Columbus.



WEEK IN REVIEW

- M** **SEPTEMBER 19-20, 1863:** Confederate forces defeat Union troops at the Battle of Chickamauga, Ga. Ohio contributed 44 infantry regiments, 11 batteries and four cavalry regiments, which represented about 30 percent of the Army of the Cumberland. In two days, 3,591 Ohioans were either killed or wounded and 1,351 were captured.
- W** **SEPTEMBER 21-23, 1846:** American forces under Gen. Zachary Taylor defeat the Mexican Army of the North at the Battle of Monterey. The 1st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, part of Butler's 4th Division, took part in the battle, which was characterized by its vicious urban combat.
- Su** **SEPTEMBER 25, 1971:** The 200th Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers (RED HORSE) is constituted in Port Clinton as the 200th Civil Engineering Squadron.



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Sgt. John H. Bolton of the 21st Ohio Vol. Infantry describes the actions of the regiment on Snodgrass Hill during the waning moments of the Battle of Chickamauga.

"The sun was now setting and the smoke of battle settling down like a dense cloud we could see but indistinctly only a short distance and troops were moving in the valley in our rear. It was a matter of uncertainty to us what troops they were, when a sergeant from Co "D" went down to see but failed to return. Next, Captain Alban went down and he also failed to return and report. When the column marched up, the fact was the enemy was in our rear and had taken the sergeant and Capt. Alban prisoners of war and demanded our surrender. Major McMahan, then in command of our regiment, promptly refused to surrender and ordered the men to charge the enemy. The Major was jerked from his horse and taken prisoner, as well as a large number of our officers and men killed, wounded or taken prisoner. I was on horse back and when I charged through their lines threw myself flat on my horse and with spurs into the flanks of the old war horse "Jim" rushed through this line of battle without getting hurt. My horse got slightly wounded in the neck and I had one hole shot through the top of my hat. Another ball passed through my coat, uncomfortably close calls, but fortunate for me.

This was the last of the fighting on Sunday evening September 20, 1863 of the eventful battle of "Chickamauga". The 21st Ohio was the last regiment to leave this bloody field after dark. I gathered such members of the regiment as we could, which by the way was but a mere squad, and followed the crowd back towards Roseville. About 12 o'clock we lay down utterly worn out and exhausted after passing the fiery ordeal of the day. The small number left of our regiment, as they gathered around this camp fire, sat in silence by the glance of the dim lights. The veteran heroes of many battles, whose doubtless courage saved the army on the field of Chickamauga."

