



OCTOBER 9-15, 2023



THROUGH THE LENS

**OCTOBER 10, 1943:** Staff Sgt. James G. Smith of Headquarters Company, 37th Infantry Division recites the poem "Sons of the 37th" during a memorial service on Guadalcanal for deceased members of the division.



WEEK IN REVIEW

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**OCTOBER 10, 1877:** Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 237th Support Battalion (First Cleveland Troop) and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Armored Regiment (Black Horse Troop) are organized in Cleveland as the First Cleveland Troop, an independent volunteer militia company.

**OCTOBER 10, 1950:** The 112th Bomb Squadron, 112th Utility Flight, 112th Weather Station and 206th Air Service Group, Ohio Air National Guard, are ordered into active federal service for the Korean War.

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**OCTOBER 15, 1950:** The 37th Infantry Division is inducted into federal service by order of the president and sent to Camp Shelby, Miss. for 12 months of training.

**OCTOBER 15, 1962:** The 178th Wing, 179th Cyberspace Wing and 180th Fighter Wing are allotted to the Ohio Air National Guard and receive federal recognition as the 178th, 179th and 180th Tactical Fighter Groups in Springfield, Mansfield and Toledo, respectively.



CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS

FIRST CLEVELAND TROOP RIFLE BADGE

This annual competitive rifle badge was awarded to Trooper John R. Owens, a member of the troop between 1880-1892. The ladder-style badge contains a horseshoe-shaped device with a crossed rifle and saber, which was an early logo of the troop. Below the badge are devices that indicate the years the trooper earned the rifle badge. The word "Veteran" has been engraved at the top, indicating that Owens was no longer a member of the active troop. On the reverse of the badge is engraved Owens' name and the date he enlisted in the troop, Nov. 29, 1880. The badge was manufactured by The Sigler Bros. Company of Cleveland, and is part of the First Cleveland Cavalry Association Collection.



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