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THROUGH THE LENS

NOVEMBER 14, 2002: Spc. Aaron Hibbard, left, and Spc. Krista Ellis, Company A, 612th Engineer Battalion, aid the Ohio Department of Transportation in clearing Van Wert County roadways after deadly tornadoes struck the area just days earlier.



WEEK IN REVIEW

- Th** NOVEMBER 16, 1945: The first group of Soldiers from the 37th Infantry Division begins to depart the Philippines for the United States.
- F** NOVEMBER 17, 1775: The artillery branch is established when the Continental Congress unanimously elects Henry Knox "Colonel of the Regiment of Artillery." Both the field artillery and air defense artillery branches celebrate this birthday.
- Sa** NOVEMBER 18, 1921: Company H, 134th Support Battalion is organized in Akron as Troop I, 1st Cavalry Regiment.



CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS

PATTERN 1942 ENLISTED SERVICE COAT

This enlisted service coat was worn by Staff Sgt. Leroy E. Lewis, a member of Battery B, 136th Field Artillery Battalion, 37th Infantry Division during World War II. The Dayton native joined the battery in January 1941 and served with the Buckeye Division until 1945. Lewis was awarded two Bronze Star Medals for his meritorious performance on New Georgia, Bougainville and Luzon.



The P1942 service coat was made of olive drab wool serge and was a revised version of the P1939 coat. The primary revision eliminated the bi-swing back that gave extended freedom of movement to the wearer. The elimination set to improve the appearance of the garment and decrease the cost to manufacture and to save on wool during World War II.



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