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THROUGH THE LENS

AUGUST 1884: Maj. Gen. Ebenezer B. Finley, seated in white trousers, adjutant general of Ohio, visiting with officers during the 2d Brigade encampment Aug. 11-18, 1884, at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Columbus. Seated to his right is his wife Charlotte.



WEEK IN REVIEW

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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 in its entirety to Korea, where it earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation for its support of U.S. and Republic of Korea units.

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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.

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AUGUST 18, 1917: The 112th Fighter Squadron is organized at Kelly Field, Texas as the 112th Aero Squadron (U.S. Army Air Service).



CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS



DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA, 987TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

The metal insignia consists of a gold triangle with a red border. Inside the triangle is a charging red bull. The battalion was known as the "Red Bulls" which inspired the insignia. The Army never approved this version for the unit and it was slowly phased out during the battalion's deployment to Korea. The Army approved an official insignia for the battalion on Sept. 16, 1954, but it was never manufactured in substantial quantities. The battalion was released from active service eleven days later on Sept. 27, 1954, and was removed from Ohio's troop allotment the following day. The "Red Bull" insignia remained a source of pride for the veterans of the battalion, appearing on unit veteran reunion materials into the early 2000s.

