



SEPTEMBER 23-29, 2024



THROUGH THE LENS

SEPTEMBER 27, 1918: Rolling kitchen and cooks from the 112th Field Signal Battalion, 37th Division near Avocourt, France.



WEEK IN REVIEW

W 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.

Th SEPTEMBER 26, 1877: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 112th Engineer Battalion is organized in Berea as Company K, 15th Infantry (Berea Light Guards).

SEPTEMBER 26, 1918: The Meuse-Argonne Offensive begins as the final Allied offensive of World War I. Ohio's 37th Division, 166th Infantry and 2d Battalion, 372d Infantry all participate in various elements of the offensive that last until the Armistice of November 11, 1918.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1947: Company B, 3d Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment is organized in Columbus as Battery A, 183d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion.

F SEPTEMBER 27, 1918: 2nd Lt. Albert E. Baesel, Company B, 148th Infantry, is killed near Ivoiry, France while attempting to rescue a wounded Soldier. For his actions, he would be awarded the Medal of Honor.

Su SEPTEMBER 29, 1864: During the Battle of Chaffin's Farm, near Petersburg, Va., four Ohioans of the 5th United States Colored Troops would earn the Medal of Honor. First Sgt. Powhatan Beaty, Sgt. Maj. Milton M. Holland, 1st Sgt. Robert Pinn and 1st Sgt. James H. Bronson were all recognized for taking command of their respective companies when all the officers had been killed or wounded, and gallantly led them in the attack. The 5th USCT was organized in 1863 as the 127th Ohio.



HALL OF VALOR

SERGEANT ALBERT L. HECHTL

COMPANY C, 146TH INFANTRY
37TH DIVISION

SEPTEMBER 26 TO OCTOBER 1, 1918
MONTFAUCON, FRANCE



The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Sergeant Albert Louis Hechtel, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in action while serving with Company C, 146th Infantry, 37th Division, A.E.F., near Montfaucon, France, September 26 to October 1, 1918. Throughout the five days' offensive Sergeant Hechtel commanded his platoon with rare coolness and was always in the first wave of his company, facing the greatest danger. He personally took charge of a thin line of outposts on the flank and broke up a German counterattack that was forming under the protection of a barrage. On the fourth day of the drive this soldier was severely gassed, but he concealed this fact from his officers until he was exhausted.



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