



NOVEMBER 18-24, 2024



THROUGH THE LENS

NOVEMBER 24, 1898: Company H, 1st West Virginia, serving Thanksgiving dinner to Company H, 6th Ohio in camp at Knoxville, Tenn.



WEEK IN REVIEW

M NOVEMBER 18, 1921: Company H, 134th Support Battalion is organized in Akron as Troop I, 1st Cavalry Regiment.

F NOVEMBER 22, 1900: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 216th Engineer Battalion is organized in Manchester as Company G, 7th Separate Infantry Battalion.

Sa NOVEMBER 23, 1863: The final battles of the Chattanooga Campaign begin when Brig. Gen. Thomas Wood's 3d Division, IV Corps, Army of the Cumberland, moves forward at the double quick from its fortifications to overwhelm the Confederates on Orchard Knob. Wood's 14,000 men included 10 Ohio infantry regiments and one battery of artillery.

Su NOVEMBER 24, 1863: Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant sends three Union divisions, including nine Ohio infantry regiments and one artillery battery, under Maj Gen. Joseph Hooker, to attack the left flank of the Confederate Army at Lookout Mountain, Tenn.



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Pvt. Francis Kiene, a member of Company I, 49th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, describes the attack of his regiment on Orchard Knob on Nov. 23, 1863. Born in France, Kiene enlisted in the Union Army in August 1861, in his hometown of Pandora, Ohio. Pvt. Kiene was severely wounded in May 1864 at the Battle of Pickett's Mill, Ga., and was discharged from the Army in November 1864.

"The first brigade moved out and formed in front and to the left of Fort Wood. The 49th and 15th Ohio were on the front line. After waiting a short time we moved forward...meanwhile the picket reserve formed on the picket line in skirmish order...soon the firing commenced. The lines having formed on both sides of us. Our line dashed forward sweeping over the rebel line part of which did not make much of a resistance. Our rgt. moved forward in the direction of a high hill directly in front of Fort Wood. We never halted till we got to a high knob on our line...at this knob we took a number of prisoners. The first Ohio alone met with a determined resistance. The rebels had a line of low rifle pits...to this we went than [sic] halted. Our regiment resting on a high knob we could plainly see the fighting along the rifle pits to our left as fare [sic] as we went we carried them with care. In one place I seen the rebels run from the rifle pits when they were not pressed...when they seen that our line did not advance and take possession of them they charged back in to them. Nearly all the Generals gather on the knob where we was as it was a nice place to see the grounds in front. The rebels shelled the knob very severe but done not much damage."



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