



DECEMBER 27, 2021 - JANUARY 2, 2022



THROUGH THE LENS

DECEMBER 31, 1943: 37th Infantry Division officers and guests who attended a New Year's Eve party given by Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler on Bougainville.



WEEK IN REVIEW

JANUARY 1, 1904: Ohio Medical Readiness Detachment is organized as the Medical Department, Ohio National Guard.



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Following its organization in January 1904, the Medical Department attended its first annual encampment that summer in Athens, Ohio. Capt. Charles Lynch, of the War Department General Staff, submitted a report to the Chief of the Third Division, General Staff, describing the organization and progress of the department. The below excerpts are taken from this report.

"The organization of the Medical Department and the Hospital Corps of the Ohio National Guard is practically the same as that of the regular establishment, the old regimental organization having been abandoned. Ambulance companies, and companies and detachments of instruction are formed at the largest and most convenient cities from which officers and men are detailed to regiments, battalions, etc. The personnel of the Medical Department consists of one Chief Surgeon, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, thirteen Surgeons, with the rank of Major, two assigned as Brigade Surgeons, eight as Regimental Surgeons, one as medical supply officer and two as commanding officers of ambulance companies, thirty-two Assistant Surgeons, Lieutenants or Captains after five years' service.

Two Assistant Surgeons are usually assigned to a regiment and others to separate battalions, batteries and ambulance companies. The quota of the Hospital Corps is eleven Sergeants, first class; thirty-five Sergeants and 215 privates; distinction is not made between privates first class and privates. The hospital personnel allowed for detail to a regiment is that prescribed by the manual for the Medical Department, i.e., one Sergeant, first class; two Sergeants, nine privates, while ambulance companies have two Sergeants, first class; six Sergeants and thirty-eight privates.

High professional attainments are required in order that physicians may qualify for commissions and a board carefully examines each candidate. The Hospital Corps is recruited largely from medical students and clerks with a few physicians who are serving with the hope of ultimately obtaining commissions.

In conclusion it should be stated that the Medical Department of the Ohio National Guard is making progress on correct lines, and that there is every reason to believe that there will be a continued advance in their efficiency. The thoroughly workmanlike character of their efforts and the general interest displayed were especially gratifying."

