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brought it back to playing condition.

"Just to think this horn is still here and has basically come home, it's just fantastic," Brown said. "It really gives me a connection to history, to my grandfather."

Doerres, whose father also served with the 332nd Infantry in Italy, is hopeful to collect more stories such as Brown's. The footage being shown was collected by his brother, Ralph M. Doerres, who lives in Germany.

Caught up in the history of Camp Sherman, Doerres, 70, has helped establish the non-profit Camp Sherman Inc. and is hopeful the group will be able to begin a museum. Even though it is still in the very beginnings, Doerres is looking for "stuff" — sharing stories, treasures, unique family features.

Camp Sherman was a training camp established and built in 1917 and open until 1920. The camp extended from inside current Chillicothe city limits around Wharf Street to what currently is the Chillicothe Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Most of the mounds at Hopewell were leveled to build the camp and later rebuilt with the assistance of maps made by Squires and Davis in 1840. The maps were a little off and in the 1960s, mounds were placed into correct positions.

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The events

The celebration of Camp Sherman's history continues today and Monday. At 10 a.m. today, gateposts discovered along Ohio 104 during excavation for the new Ohio 217 connector will be dedicated at the entrance of the Chillicothe Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The dedication will include the 9th Veterans Day activities which will continue with a program at 11 a.m. at Memorial Stadium, parade at 12 p.m. and patriotic music at 2 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

At Hopewell Culture National Historical Park, Camp Sherman history will continue to be spotlighted with displays of artifacts from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Monday. There will be 47 American flags lining Ohio 104 newly christened Camp Sherman Memorial Highway from gate posts to gate posts.

For more information about joining or donating to Camp Sherman Inc., go online to campsherman.org.



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