



THROUGH THE LENS:

June 4, 1952: Pvt. W.L. Powers, Headquarters Battery, 136th Field Artillery Battalion, talks on the phone while Lt. Gerald Helmug uses a telescope to spot targets during a firing problem at Peason Range, Camp Polk, La.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

June 1, 1944: The **122d Army Band** is organized on Bougainville as the 37th Infantry Division Band.

June 1, 1973: The **121st, 178th and 180th Security Forces Squadrons** are federally recognized as the 121st, 178th and 180th Weapons System Security Flights.

June 3, 1861: The Battle of Philippi — also known mockingly as “The Philippi Races” — took place in and around Philippi, Va. and was the first organized land action of the Civil War. The 14th and 16th Ohio Volunteer Infantry took part and have the honor of being the first Ohio regiments to unfurl their colors in battle.

June 3, 1921: The **1191st Engineer Company** is organized in Portsmouth as Battery C, 135th Field Artillery.

June 6, 1944: The 112th Combat Engineer Battalion lands on Omaha Beach in support of the 1st and 29th Infantry Divisions during Operation Neptune, the Allied invasion of Normandy, France.

June 7, 1944: The 987th Field Artillery Battalion lands on Gold Beach in support of the British 50th Division during Operation Neptune.



CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS: 14TH OHIO VOLUNTEER INFANTRY COLORS

The silk regimental flag of the 14th Ohio is part of the Adjutant General's Battle Flag Collection under the care of the Ohio History Connection. The blue field is painted with the coat of arms of the United States in the center and the scroll below shows the unit's designation. Each regiment was issued two flags — the regimental color and national flag, that marked the unit's position in the battle line. This artifact had just undergone a conservation process in 2003 when this photograph was taken.

Organized on April 25, 1861 in Toledo, the 14th Ohio was one of the first Ohio units to take part in a battle on June 3, 1861 at the Battle of Philippi, Va. First mustered in for three months, the 14th served in Western Virginia in June/July 1861. Reorganized for three years, the regiment fought in many of the principal battles of the western theater, including Perryville, Chichamauga, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Atlanta and Bentonville. The 14th was mustered out of service on July 11, 1865, losing 332 men during the war.