



THROUGH THE LENS:

June 10, 1952: Members of the **112th Medical Battalion** try out an improvised litter in the field during training at Camp Polk, La.  OHARNG Medical Detachment

WEEK IN REVIEW:

June 9, 1966: The **178th Communications Flight** is federally recognized in Springfield.

June 10, 1942: The 37th Infantry Division arrives at Suva, Fiji Islands.

June 10, 1966: The **180th Communications Flight** is federally recognized in Toledo.

June 11, 1966: The **121st Communications Flight** is federally recognized in Columbus.

June 12, 1966: The **179th Communications Flight** is federally recognized in Mansfield.

June 14, 1775: The Infantry Branch, the oldest in the Army, was constituted when the Continental Congress authorized 10 companies of riflemen. This date also marks the formation of the United States Army when Congress voted to “adopt” the New England Militia, who faced the British Army near Boston.

CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS: INFANTRY OFFICER INSIGNIA

Officer infantry branch insignia used by 2nd Lt. C.C. Mann of Tiffin’s Company I, 8th Infantry Regiment, circa 1905. The crossed rifles include the regimental number “8” and was worn on the standing collar of officers’ dress and field uniforms in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Ohio National Guard officers also wore the metal “OHIO” insignia, pictured here.

Crossed rifles, or muskets, were adopted by the Army in 1876 as the insignia of the Infantry Branch. Early attempts were made to keep the insignia current with the style of rifle then in service. However, in 1924 the insignia was standardized by the adoption of crossed 1795 Springfield Muskets – the first official shoulder arm of the United States. The recommendation for this came from Maj. Gen. Charles S. Farnsworth, Chief of Infantry for the Army, who also commanded the 37th Division during World War I.

