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THIS WEEK IN OHIO NATIONAL GUARD HISTORY



THROUGH THE LENS

February 8, 1918

Soldiers from the 166th Infantry, 42d Division, pull a 37 mm gun, commonly known as the "one-pounder," into a firing position during training with French officers at Chanoy, France.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

February 9, 1945: Pfc. Joseph Cicchetti of Company A, 148th Infantry and Pfc. Cleto Rodriguez and John Reese Jr. of Company B, 148th Infantry are awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions during fighting at the Manila Gas Works and Paco Railroad Station in Manila. Cicchetti and Reese would both receive the medal posthumously.

February 12, 1978: Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler, World War II commander of the 37th Infantry Division, passes away at the age of 85.

February 13, 1992: The **204th Engineer Detachment** was organized in Logan as Detachment 1, Company D, 216th Engineer Battalion.

HISTORY

MYTHBUSTERS

The 148th Infantry Regiment has more Medal of Honor recipients than any other unit in the Army.

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While six "We'll Do It" Regiment Soldiers earned the Medal of Honor for their heroic deeds during World War II, they in fact DO NOT have the most MOHs in the Army: Regular or Guard.

The Army maintains no official or unofficial list for this, but a quick tally of the recipients by unit in just World War II shows a number of regiments exceeding six recipients.

February 5 - 9, 1945 may be the most heroic for the 148th Infantry, in terms of the number of valor awards received by Soldiers in the regiment. In addition to the four Medals of Honor, that five-day stretch yielded 11 Distinguished Service Crosses and 36 Silver Stars for a total of 51 decorations for extreme heroism and valor.