



THROUGH THE LENS July 2, 1955

Lt. Col. James A. Poston, commander of the 166th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, is shown emerging from his F-84E Thunderjet after competing in the Ricks Memorial Trophy cross-country jet race from Ontario, California to Detroit-Wayne Airport, Michigan with a time of 2 hours, 57 minutes and 14 seconds.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

June 28, 1918: The Chemical Corps was established as the Chemical Warfare Section. It was made a permanent branch of the Army in 1920 and was redesignated as the Chemical Corps in 1945.

June 28, 1924: A deadly F4 tornado struck the Lake Erie shoreline communities of Sandusky and Lorain. The storm killed eight in Sandusky before moving east over Lake Erie and striking Lorain where 72 people were killed. The Ohio National Guard was dispatched to the scene within nine hours to help with rescue work, caring for the injured, guarding property and protecting against vandalism. Elements of the 145th and 148th Infantry, 112th Engineers, 135th Collecting Company and 37th Tank Company under the command of Brig. Gen. John R. McQuigg focused their efforts in Lorain where nearly 125 city blocks were destroyed or damaged. The 1924 Lorain-Sandusky Tornado remains the deadliest single tornado in Ohio history.

June 30, 1884: **Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2d Squadron, 107th Cavalry Regiment** is organized in Xenia as Company C, 9th Infantry Battalion (Martin Light Guard).

July 1-3, 1863: The Battle of Gettysburg takes place, blunting the Army of Northern Virginia's movement into the North. Ohio was represented by 13 infantry regiments, a cavalry regiment and six batteries of artillery.

July 1, 1962: The Military Intelligence Branch was established as the Intelligence and Security Branch.

July 2, 1955: Lt. Col. James A. Poston, commander of the 166th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, wins the Ricks Memorial Trophy, a cross-country jet race from California to Michigan.

July 4, 1863: Maj. Gen. Grant takes Vicksburg with the assistance of 21 Ohio regiments and eight batteries, which constituted 18 percent of his infantry and 30 percent of his artillery.

July 5, 1943: The 3d Battalions of the 145th and 148th Infantry land under Marine command for the attack on Bairoko Harbor, New Georgia, Solomon Islands.