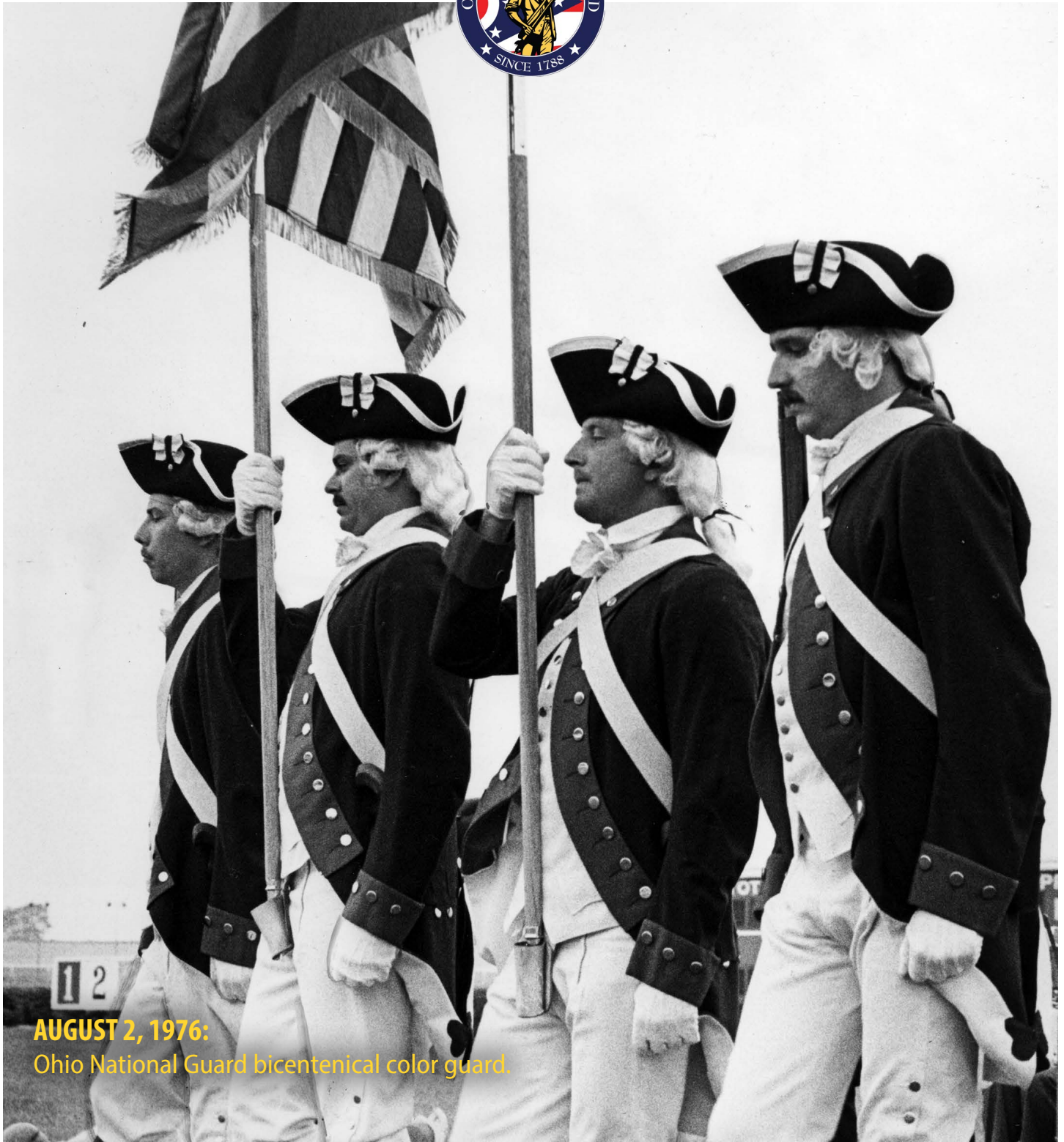


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A LOOK IN THE ATTIC

THIS MONTH IN OHIO NATIONAL GUARD HISTORY



AUGUST 2, 1976:
Ohio National Guard bicentennial color guard.

THROUGH THE LENS



AUGUST 1, 1943

From left, Soldiers of the 37th Reconnaissance Troop, 37th Infantry Division, Cpl. Walter G. Smithers, Cleveland, Ohio; Staff Sgt. James L. Carollo, Columbus, Ohio; Staff Sgt. Donald F. McCann, Wooster, Ohio; and Pvt. Robert Miller, Berlin, Wisc., receive new shoes from division supply during fighting on New Georgia.





WEEK IN REVIEW

AUGUST 1, 1943: Lt. Col. Addison Baker, formerly of the 112th Observation Squadron, is shot down in his B-24 Bomber over Ploesti, Romania and is later awarded the Medal of Honor.

AUGUST 2, 1898: The 4th Ohio Volunteer Infantry lands at Arroyo, Puerto Rico during the War with Spain.



HALL OF VALOR



FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM H. EYLER
COMPANY G, 166TH INFANTRY, 42D DIVISION

AUGUST 2, 1918
MAREUIL-EN-DOLE, FRANCE

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to First Lieutenant (Infantry) William H. Eyler, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in action while serving with Company G, 166th Infantry, 42d Division, American Expeditionary Forces, northeast of Chateau-Thierry, France, 2 August 1918. Never faltering in his advance during the attack on the hill commanding Mareuil-en-Dole, and disregarding all personal danger, Lieutenant Eyler led his company forward through heavy fire until he was killed.



CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS

U.S. ARMY SERVICE SHOE, TYPE II

The boots issued to the Soldiers in the Through the Lens photograph (opposite page) are the World War II U.S. Army Service Shoe, Type II. The service shoe was developed in the years between the world wars, rose just above the ankle and was made of top-grain, polished leather and dyed in Army russet brown. The shoe had a distinctive toe cap with brogue holes. The distinctive feature of the Type II shoe was the composite outer soles made of rubber. The Type I shoe had leather soles that were prone to wearing out quickly and the Army developed the rubber tap that was attached to the sole. By the end of World War II, the service shoe was mostly replaced by the double-buckle combat boot.



THROUGH THE LENS



AUGUST 7, 1953

Chaplain William Boyle, at microphone, offers a blessing upon a new set of organizational colors for the 147th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division, during a ceremony at Camp Polk, La.





WEEK IN REVIEW

AUGUST 5, 1877: The 945th Engineer Company is organized in Norwalk as Company G, 16th Infantry Regiment (Western Reserve Guards).

AUGUST 5, 1917: The Ohio National Guard is drafted into federal service for World War I.

AUGUST 5, 1943: The 37th Infantry Division captures Munda Airfield and the Battle of New Georgia comes to an end.

AUGUST 8, 1868: Battery A, 1st Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment is organized in Cincinnati as the Cincinnati Zouaves.



HALL OF VALOR

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

987TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

AUGUST 6-12, 1944

MORTAIN, FRANCE

By direction of the Secretary of the Army, the Presidential Unit Citation is awarded to the 30th Infantry Division and cited units, for extraordinary heroism in action and outstanding performance of duty against armed enemy forces from 6 August 1944 to 12 August 1944, in the vicinity of Mortain, France. On the night of 6 August 1944, following a hasty occupation of positions vacated by a friendly unit, the 30th Infantry Division and cited units withstood the first of many attacks, launched by an aggressive enemy making a desperate attempt to drive to the sea at Avranches to seal off the American penetration and sever the communications of the Third Army. All available personnel, including clerks, messengers and drivers, were committed against the powerful enemy infantry-tank teams that followed closely behind paralyzing mortar and artillery fire. Frequently front line companies, after heavy fighting, were overrun by the numerically superior enemy. Several of them, completely cut off from friendly units, exhibited great gallantry and fortitude against repeated attacks, spurring enemy offers for surrender. It seemed that the almost overwhelming superiority of the foe, in both personnel and armor, would cause a complete breakthrough, when heroically the attack was stopped. The command immediately began an offensive. Aggressively fighting back, the 30th Infantry Division and cited units restored its original defensive lines, relieved its isolated elements, and destroyed the opposing hostile forces. Under unceasing enemy fire and often in the face of extreme danger, many individual acts of heroism were performed without regard for personal safety, and the bravery and unswerving devotion to duty of all forces made possible the complete and brilliant victory. Their conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of VII Corps, Twelfth Army Group, and the Army of the United States.

**The 987th Field Artillery Battalion was an Ohio National Guard unit serving in Europe during World War II and was supporting the 30th Infantry Division at Mortain. The battalion was composed of units from Piqua, Lima, Cambridge and Dover. The 134th Field Artillery Regiment perpetuates the lineage of the battalion.*

THROUGH THE LENS



AUGUST 1883

4th Battery, Ohio Light Artillery, Camp Rice, Ottawa, Ohio. Capt. Owen J. Hopkins, commanding officer of the battery, is seen in the center of the photo with his arms crossed.



WEEK IN REVIEW

AUGUST 14, 1950: The 987th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, with units in Canton and Alliance, is ordered into active federal service for the Korean War. The 987th would be the only Ohio Army National Guard unit to deploy in its entirety to Korea, where it earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation for its support of U.S. and Republic of Korea units.

AUGUST 15, 1945: World War II ends when Imperial Japan accepts the terms of the Potsdam Declaration.

AUGUST 15, 2010: The 121st, 178th, 179th and 180th Comptroller Flights are constituted in the Air Force and allotted to the Ohio Air National Guard.



HALL OF VALOR

CORPORAL GEORGE HADNETT
COMPANY F, 145TH INFANTRY, 37TH DIVISION

AUGUST 15, 1918
BACCARAT, FRANCE

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Corporal George Hadnett, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in action while serving with Company F, 145th Infantry Regiment, 37th Division, American Expeditionary Forces, east of Baccarat, France, 15 August 1918. Corporal Hadnett was in command of a small advance post which was successfully held by three men and himself against a raid by 80 of the enemy. Two of his party were killed, but the staunch defense of the others drove off the raiders. He personally killed three of the enemy in hand-to-hand fighting.

PRIVATE PASQUALE DIGIACOMO
COMPANY F, 145TH INFANTRY, 37TH DIVISION

AUGUST 15, 1918
BACCARAT, FRANCE

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Private Pasquale Di Giacomo (ASN: 1518469), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in action while serving with Company F, 145th Infantry Regiment, 37th Division, American Expeditionary Forces, east of Baccarat, France, 15 August 1918. Private Di Giacomo was one of four men who successfully held a small advanced post against a raid of 80 of the enemy. Two of the defenders were killed, but the staunch work of the others drove off the raiders. He engaged in a hand-to-hand encounter with the assailants, with hand grenades and his rifle.

Cpl. Hadnett and Pvt. Digiacomo were the first two members of the 37th Division to be awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in World War I. Pvt. Digiacomo, later promoted to corporal, was killed in action on Nov. 4, 1918, in Belgium and is buried in Flanders Field American Cemetery, Belgium.

THROUGH THE LENS



AUGUST 23, 1951

Airmen from the 112th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron pose for a photograph in front of an A-26 Invader light attack bomber during Exercise Southern Pine at Pope Air Force Base, NC.





WEEK IN REVIEW

AUGUST 18, 1917: The 112th Fighter Squadron is organized at Kelly Field, Texas as the 112th Aero Squadron (U.S. Army Air Service).

AUGUST 19, 1987: Company B, 237th Support Battalion is constituted in Warren as Maintenance Troop, Support Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry. Company F, 237th Support Battalion is constituted in Medina as Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, Support Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry.

AUGUST 20, 1917: The 4th Infantry Regiment is redesignated as the 166th Infantry and assigned to the 42d "Rainbow" Division.

AUGUST 24, 1943: The emblem for the 166th Air Refueling Squadron is approved for the 364th Tactical Fighter Squadron.



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

In 1924, *Ohio in the Rainbow* was published as the official history of the 166th Infantry in World War I. The book includes this brief account about the origins of the division's popular nickname from Maj. Gen. William A. Mann, who was Chief of the Bureau of Militia Affairs in 1917 and was chosen as the first commanding general of the 42d Division.

"When the actual formation of the division was decided upon, the Secretary of War tendered the command of it to Major General William A. Mann, the chief of the Bureau of Militia Affairs. General Mann gladly accepted and the work of organization went forward rapidly. Colonel Douglas McArthur was selected as Chief of Staff and other staff officers detailed as became necessary.

The designation of the various regiments, battalions, etc., to compose the divisions was left to the commanding generals of the various departments from which the organizations were drawn — the War Department plan of organization calling only one regiment of infantry each from New York, Ohio, Alabama and Iowa, one regiment field artillery from Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, and so on.

It early became apparent that some distinctive name would be necessary for the new division. It was first referred to as the "Composite" Division, a name both awkward and unsatisfactory.

As plans for the mobilization of the division neared completions, the fact of its contemplated organization gradually leaked out and about this time a General Staff Officer meeting General Mann in one of the corridors of the War Department, stopped and congratulated him on his assignment, adding "It's quite a Rainbow you have, but I believe it will be a success."

General Mann repeated this to some of his staff officers who were immediately taken with it and at once adopted the name of the Rainbow Division for this new organization.

Newspaper correspondents who by this time, had an inkling of what was going on, and who daily called at the offices for news, instantly took up what seemed to them, a very appropriate name for the division and from that time the 42nd Division was popularly known as the "Rainbow Division."

THROUGH THE LENS



AUGUST 28, 1993

Guidon bearers from the Support Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry stand at parade rest during a reorganization ceremony for the regiment at the Army Aviation Support Facility in North Canton, Ohio.





WEEK IN REVIEW

AUGUST 28-30, 1862: The Second Battle of Bull Run takes place, with Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia defeating Union Maj. Gen. John Pope's Army of Virginia. Eleven infantry regiments, one cavalry regiment and three light artillery batteries represented Ohio in Pope's force.

AUGUST 29, 1917: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Engineer Brigade and Headquarters and Special Troops Battalion, 371st Sustainment Brigade are constituted as Headquarters, 62d Field Artillery Brigade.



CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS

GUIDONS, SUPPORT SQUADRON, 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY OHIO FLAG COLLECTION

These guidons represent three of the four elements of the Support Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry that were used by the unit in the Through the Lens photo (opposite page). The guidons, a swallow-tailed flag, are divided horizontally red and white for cavalry. The regimental number, 107, is on the top and the appropriate troop letter is on the bottom. The squadron designation is indicated by a red letter S inside of a buff circle. Buff is the traditional color associated with support units. Headquarters Troop was stationed in Medina; Troop B was stationed in Youngstown and served as the maintenance element; and Company C was stationed in Cleveland and served as the medical unit.



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24 1943: 166th Air Refueling Sq. emblem approved	25	26	27	28	29 1862: Second Battle of Bull Run 1917: HHC, 16th Engineer Bde. constituted 1917: HQ & STB, 371st Sust. Bde. constituted	30
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