



WEEK IN REVIEW

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, which faced the British Army near Boston.

Th JUNE 16, 1775: The Corps of Engineers, Finance Corps, Quartermaster Corps and Adjutant General's Corps were all constituted by acts of the Continental Congress.

JUNE 16, 1902: Battery B, 2d Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment is organized in New Lexington as Company H, 7th Infantry Regiment.

JUNE 19, 1875: The 1192d Engineer Company is organized in Youngstown as the Iron City Guards.



CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS

166TH REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

Following World War II, the Ohio Army National Guard was allotted the 166th Regimental Combat Team (RCT). Similar to the modern brigade combat team, the RCT centered on an infantry regiment with three infantry battalions and organic tank, medical and service companies. A direct support field artillery battalion and combat engineer company rounded out the formation.

In Ohio, the RCT consisted of the 166th Infantry, 174th Field Artillery Battalion and 191st Engineer Company.



The structure permitted the RCT to wear its own shoulder sleeve insignia, which was approved by the Army on Aug. 30, 1954. The insignia was described as a blue shield, 2 inches in width and 3 inches in height, with a three-bladed red sword, the hilt outlined in yellow and the blades radiant with yellow flames. The three blades refer to the arms of Infantry, Artillery and Engineers and, joined on one hilt, represent the cooperation, coordination and combat functions of the units as one fighting team. The insignia was worn until 1959, when the RCT was removed from Ohio's troop allotment.

