



WEEK IN REVIEW



OCTOBER 8, 1862: Maj. Gen. Don
Carlos Buell's Army of the Ohio and
Confederate Gen. Braxton Bragg's
Army of Mississippi clash at the
Battle of Perryville, Ky. After back
and forth fighting, the day ends with
a Confederate tactical victory, but
Bragg, short of men and supplies, is
forced to retreat during the night.
The battle ends Bragg's offensive
campaign into Kentucky. Buell's
three corps include 30 infantry
regiments, five batteries of artillery
and parts of two cavalry regiments
from the Buckeye state.



CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS



NATIONAL FLAG 121ST OHIO VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

Recruited in Delaware, Knox, Logan, Union, Marion and Morrow counties in September 1862, the 121st Ohio was barely a month old when it took part in the Battle of Perryville. When the unit marched onto the field, it had barely conducted drill as a regiment and was partially equipped with obsolete Prussian muskets, of which over 400 wouldn't fire. During the battle, the 121st was ordered to support a battery of artillery on Chaplin Hill. When the Union line broke, the 121st retreated with them and spent the rest of the war living under the motto "Wipe out Perryville!" The regiment identified the battle on their flag as "Chaplin Hill."

