



THROUGH THE LENS:

June 23, 1944: Warrant Officer Charles D. Moore (left) and Master Sgt. Joseph P. Medved, both assigned to Headquarters and Service Company, 112th Combat Engineer Battalion and from Cleveland, Ohio, pose after being awarded the Silver Star Medal for D-Day heroism at Normandy, France.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

June 23, 1846: The **148th Infantry Regiment** is organized as the 2d Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry and mustered into Federal service for the Mexican War.

June 23, 1918: The 37th Division, less artillery and trains, arrive in Brest, France during World War I.

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.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

GAS MASKS IN WORLD WAR I

“On 8th July gas masks were being received, to be issued under supervision of gas officers appointed by unit commanders for each regiment, battalion and separate unit. Organizations were ordered on 20th July to enter upon intensive work in gas training and at the same time were informed that gas masks would be issued that day; regimental and separate unit gas officers were ordered to provide gas chambers for testing of the apparatus and all organizations were required to wear masks at all drills and formations and to wear them adjusted for at least an hour each day at drill. The periods wearing the gas masks will be gradually increased until men are accustomed to wearing the masks in all kinds of exercises for periods of three or four hours. Both officers and enlisted men must be thoroughly impressed with the importance of the gas instruction, and the necessity of all kinds of trench discipline.”

The 37th Division in the World War