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THIS WEEK IN OHIO NATIONAL GUARD HISTORY



## THROUGH THE LENS

April 22, 2009

U.S. Air Force firefighters with the 180th Fighter Wing, participate in an aircraft crash and recovery exercise at Toledo Express Airport. The drill, required every three years, tests the response of local airport, emergency, fire and rescue crews.

## WEEK IN REVIEW:

April 19, 1854: **The 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment** is organized in Cincinnati as the Guthrie Greys.

April 19, 1900: **Battery C, 2d Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment** is organized in Marietta as Company B, 7th Separate Infantry Battalion.

April 20, 1929: The coat of arms for the 237th Support Battalion is approved for the 2d Battalion, 372d Infantry Regiment.

April 21, 1923: The coat of arms for the 148th Infantry Regiment is approved, marking the first Ohio National Guard unit to receive War Department approval.

April 23, 1920: **Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 837th Engineer Battalion** is organized in Springfield as the 1st Separate Machine Gun Company.

## CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS

ORGANIZATIONAL COLORS, 148TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

This flag is believed to have been issued to the regiment by the Philadelphia Depot shortly after the approval of the coat of arms in 1923. The flag is unique in that it contains both the coat of arms and the former state designation (Second Ohio) in parentheses after the 148th in the scroll below the eagle. This flag was carried by the regiment during World War II and research indicates it was replaced in the early 1950s.

The blue silk flag heraldic description of the arms reads: Azure, a fess wavy Gules fimbriated Or, between two fleurs-de-lis in chief and a rampant lion in base of the last. The shield is blue for infantry and the wavy red fess represents the Escaut River in Belgium. Two gold fleurs-de-lis denotes service in France and the lion, taken from the arms of Belgium, denote service in that country during World War I.

