



WEEK IN REVIEW

MAY 16, 1973: The 179th Security Forces Squadron is federally recognized in Mansfield as the 179th Weapons System Security Flight.

Th MAY 18, 1974: Lockbourne Air Force Base is renamed Rickenbacker Air Force Base in honor of Ohio native and Medal of Honor recipient Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker.

MAY 19, 1952: Company A, 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry Regiment is organized in Toledo as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 107th Armored Cavalry.

Sa MAY 20, 1846: Ohio Gov. Mordecai Bartley orders three infantry regiments of the Ohio Militia into service for the Mexican War.

MAY 21, 1952: The coat of arms for the 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment is approved for the 180th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion.

HALL OF VALOR

STAFF SERGEANT HERBERT H. CORBIN

HQ COMPANY, 3D BATTALION, 148TH INFANTRY 37TH INFANTRY DIVISION

> MAY 16, 1945 BALETE PASS, LUZON, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS



CITATION: The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Staff Sergeant Herbert H. Corbin, United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 148th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division, in action against an armed enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands. On 16 May 1945 in the Balete Pass Area, Sergeant Corbin, with a work party, was repairing a break in a communications line in an entirely exposed area between two hills. When a litter team carrying a wounded man approached to within ten yards of the party, an enemy machine gun suddenly opened fire, wounding all of the men in the litter party. Whenever anyone made a move, the Japanese would again open fire. Sergeant Corbin crawled to his test phone in an attempt to inform our troops of the situation, but as he reached for it, hostile bullets shattered the instrument. Finally, a rescue party approached to within 20 yards of the scene and moved behind a small knoll. Sergeant Corbin, acting as an observer, then called instructions to this group which had a radio, and mortar fire was placed on the enemy position, effectively silencing the fire. On many other occasions during the Balete Pass Campaign, Sergeant Corbin courageously exposed himself to the enemy in order to establish and maintain communications.

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