



JUNE 24-30, 2024



THROUGH THE LENS

JUNE 1924: An Ohio National Guard Soldier guards the destroyed State Theater in Lorain, Ohio after a deadly F4 tornado struck the community on June 28, 1924.



WEEK IN REVIEW

F 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 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. With 80 deaths, the 1924 Lorain-Sandusky Tornado remains the deadliest single tornado in Ohio history.

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JUNE 30, 1884: Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2d Squadron, 107th Cavalry Regiment is organized in Xenia as Company C, 9th Infantry Battalion (Martin Light Guard).



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

On June 30, 1924, Cleveland Plain Dealer correspondent Ralph Donaldson published the following account of the Lorain Tornado titled "Lorain is like war torn city."

"It took four years of constant shelling to make some cities of France look the way Lorain does today. From all accounts the cyclone that tore its way through the city yesterday afternoon did not last over ten minutes. But Lorain looks as though it had been battered and bombarded with shrapnel and high explosives for months. In fact, the wind did some things that shrapnel and high explosives never could have done.

The Ohio National Guardsmen, quartered here, are experiencing everything that goes with war except the fighting. And veterans will tell you that there is a lot to do in a war besides fighting.

In the park where all the trees are down, one company of guardsmen pitched its pup tents. Another city of pup tents is next to the post office. Guardsmen are quartered wherever space is available, with ruin and destruction all around them.

Everywhere are signs of military activity. Armed guards with fixed bayonets are detailed at strategic points to direct relief traffic and exclude curiosity seekers.

Brig. Gen. John R. McQuigg established his headquarters at the Antlers hotel. A constant stream of civilians seeking military credentials passed through his office.

The full extent of what the storm did in residential sections of Lorain was not known until daylight this morning. The things that the wind did are almost unbelievable."



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