



MAY 13-19, 2024



THROUGH THE LENS

MAY 17, 1952: Ohio Gov. Frank Lausche talks with a Soldier from the 37th Infantry Division honor guard during a visit to Camp Polk, La.



WEEK IN REVIEW

- M** MAY 13, 1920: Company A, 1st Battalion, 137th Aviation Regiment is organized in Delaware as Sanitary Detachment, 4th Infantry Regiment.
- Tu** MAY 14, 1812: The Army Ordnance Corps is established by an act of Congress as the Ordnance Department. It acquired its present designation in 1950.
- MAY 14, 1921: The 684th Medical Company is organized in Westerville as the 134th Ambulance Company, 112th Medical Regiment.
- Th** MAY 16, 1973: The 179th Security Forces Squadron is federally recognized in Mansfield as the 179th Weapons System Security Flight.
- Sa** 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.
- Su** MAY 19, 1952: Company A, 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry Regiment is organized in Toledo as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 107th Armored Cavalry.



HALL OF VALOR

**STAFF SERGEANT
HUGH W. BRUCE**

COMPANY B, 148TH INFANTRY, 37TH INFANTRY DIVISION

**MAY 17, 1944
BOUGAINVILLE, SOLOMON ISLANDS**

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 Hugh W. Bruce, United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with Company B, 148th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division, in action against the enemy in risking his life to rescue a wounded officer from almost certain death at Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on 17 May 1944. The officer had been hit by two bullets, one passing through his thigh, completely paralyzing one of his legs. The patrol, of which both were members, had been ambushed while crossing swiftly flowing waters of a shallow river. Disregarding the intense hostile fire, Sergeant Bruce courageously went to the stricken man and started dragging him through the rapid current to cover 180 yards away. During this time, Sergeant Bruce was wounded in the face and hand but he continued until two other soldiers, seeing their plight, assisted the pair to cover. Although suffering from loss of blood and exhaustion, Sergeant Bruce assisted in carrying the officer to an aid station more than a mile away over rough terrain.



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