

Congressional Medal Presented at Atterbury

The 106th Infantry division and Camp Atterbury played host to the general public today at an "open house" observance of Infantry day, highlighted by presentation of the nation's top military award—the Congressional Medal of Honor—to the father of an Army hero.

A crowd of more than 5,000 civilians, many of them from Bartholomew county, stood this morning in a long row along the edge of the parade ground at the extreme southern edge of the cantonment area of Atterbury's big acres and watched as Maj. Gen. Alan W. Jones made a posthumous award of the Medal of Honor to Lt. Robert Craig of Toledo, Ohio.

Lieutenant Craig was killed in action in Sicily last July and the medal presentation was made, in the name of Congress, to William F. Craig, his father. Mrs. Craig, mother of the hero, and other relatives also were present at the ceremonies.

Other Generals Present.

Others present included Maj. Gen. Henry Terrell, Jr., commanding officer of the Twenty-second corps, Second army, and Maj. Gen. James L. Collins, commanding officer of the Fifth Service command, Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio.

General Terrell has headquarters at Fort Campbell, Ky.

In making the presentation, General Jones paid tribute to the infantry and the part the men of its units are playing on war fronts around the world. He pointed out that the combat infantry divisions overseas have shown ability, skill and courage and that their willingness to accept the challenge of combat will make victory possible.

General Jones also reviewed the background of Infantry day, which is being observed today throughout the nation for the first time. June 15 was selected because on June 15, 1775, the Second Congressional Congress chose General George Washington as commander-in-chief of the Continental army, which consisted almost entirely of infantry.

Combat Badges Awarded.

The Combat Infantry badge also was awarded two returned veterans from the North African area for showing exemplary conduct under fire. Those receiving the badge from General Jones were Sgt. Charles W. Brennan and Pvt. Edward J. Bundy, both of 422nd Infantry regiment, 106th Division.

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