

## U.S. Army Unit Records, Book 5 (Boxes 903-1072)

### 41<sup>st</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION, 1943-1945

19,600 pages (approximate)

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The 41st Infantry Division, nicknamed the “Jungleers” and previously called the Sunset Division, was activated on September 16, 1940 from the National Guard Division of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. It served in the Pacific theatre during the Second World War and participated in the New Guinea, Southern Philippines, and Papuan campaigns. The Division also served on occupation duty for a brief period of time but only rarely throughout the war did it operate as a complete unit. Its three infantry regiments (162nd, 163rd, and 186th), supported by other organic elements, were most often detached on separate operations and in many cases took on the designation of a specified task force. In order to clarify confusion and necessarily arises from such operational and organizational complexity, an attempt has been made in the chronology section to document the assignment and designation changes for the three regiments.

The bulk of the collection is made up of histories, operations reports and separate journal and periodic report files. In addition the collection contains a large number of maps, overlays, and photographs. The maps detail areas of New Guinea, Southern Philippines, and Japan. A good portion of the photographs are aerial views. Both maps and photographs are fairly well scattered throughout the collection as are a small number of documents originated by the Australian forces, mostly in material related to the Papuan and New Guinea campaigns.

Documentation of the unit’s history varies considerably from period to period. The first document in the series provides an overview of the time period, 1941-1945, but other than that there is no record of the Division’s stateside duty and only a few items related to the training periods in Australia. Little is available on the Papuan campaign—units of the 41st were ordered to participate only in the closing months of the operation. The series contains a significant coverage of the unit’s involvement in the Southern Philippine campaign and spot coverage of the operations conducted in New Guinea. In the latter instance, emphasis is on Biak, Hurricane Task Force, and Letterpress Landing Force. There is also substantial material related to the period of occupation duty.

The series consists primarily of routine documentation of unit operations, but there are four subject areas worthy of mention: (1) supply and transportation, (2) the use of native labor, (3) cooperation and interaction with allied troops, in particular Australian forces, and (4) the Japanese reaction to occupation. Documents related to these subjects are not confined to any one portion of the series. The Container List would be the best guide to their locations. The problems mentioned in an earlier paragraph concerning the unit’s complex organizational and operational history take on practical significance when it comes to arrangement of records. Without a definitive way of modifying the classification scheme set up by the Departmental Records Branch the necessity for some subjective application of the guidelines and the placing of certain task force reports in with Staff Section material.

#### Chronology

December 7, 1943      When the attack was made upon Pearl Harbor the 41st was organized as a square division at Fort Lewis, Washington under the command of Major General Horace M. Fuller. Shortly thereafter the division took up defense positions along the Pacific coast with headquarters in Olympia, Washington. The division remained on this duty until Feb.15, 1942

February 15, 1942	Reorganized as a triangular division and reassembled at Fort Lewis, Washington.
February 19, 1942	The 162nd Infantry Regiment with the 641st Tank Destroyer Battalion departed for New York City for further deployment overseas.
March 17, 1942	The division less the 186th Infantry, Division Artillery Headquarters, 146th Field Artillery Battalion, 205th Field Artillery Battalion, and the 218th Field Artillery Battalion was directed to proceed to San Francisco for overseas shipment.
April 10, 1942	San Francisco component of the division arrived in Melbourne, Australia. Two days later the contingent departing from New York arrived and all troops moved to Seymour where training commenced.
May 1942	Reminder of the division arrived.
July 4, 1942	Orders were received to move from Seymour, Victoria to Rockhampton, Queensland. The latter better lent itself to jungle training.
December 1942	The 163rd Infantry, less the artillery and under the command of Colonel Jens A. Doe was ordered to participate in the New Guinea campaign. Shortly thereafter the remainder of the 41st was ordered to New Guinea
January 26, 1943	The 41st was put under the command of New Guinea Force Headquarters and remained until October 5, 1943
March 1943	A task force made up of several units from the 41st and under the direction of Colonel Archibald McKenchnie began a land and water drive to seize Morobe.
June 1943	McKenchnie's force, augmented by other units, participated in an amphibious landing at Nassau Bay.
July 1943	The 41st, less those engaged in the Salamaua operation, returned to Rockhampton, Australia for recuperation. Salamaua troops arrived later.
December 1942	Division took amphibious training at Toorbul Point, Australia.
March-April 1944	The 163rd Infantry along with auxiliary units was organized under the command of Brigadier General Jens A. Doe and assigned a mission against Aitape, New Guinea as Persecution Task Force. The remainder of the Division, designated Letterpress Landing Force participated in the Hollandia-Tanamura Bay operation.
May 1944	The 163rd Infantry was designated as the Tornado Landing Force and directed to land at Toem, Dutch New Guinea. The remainder of the 41st, designated as the Hurricane Task Force, landed at Biak. Late in the month the Tornado Landing Force rejoined the 41st in the Biak operation
June 18, 1944	General Horace H. Fuller relinquished command of the division to Brigadier General Jens A. Doe.

August 20, 1944	Termination of Biak operation.
January 2, 1945	Orders were received to prepare for movement to Luzon, Philippine Islands.
February 1945	Destination of Division was revised. All units bivouacked in preparation for the V-3 (Palawa) and V-4 (Zamboanga – Sulu Archipelago) operations.
February 28, 1945	The Palawan Force (186th Infantry) landed near the town of Puerto Princessa.
March 10, 1945	The remainder of the 41st landed on the Zamboanga Peninsula.
May 3, 1945	The 162 Infantry departed Zamboanga for assignment to the V-5 (Cotabato-Parang-Malabang) operation.
May 7, 1945	The 3rd Battalion, 163rd Infantry was ordered to the V-5 operation.
September 1945	Commenced occupation duty in Japan.
December 31, 1945	Inactivated in Japan.

#### DESCRIPTION OF SUBSERIES

Container Nos.                      Subseries

960	I. GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS. 1941-1945 3/4 container Mostly narrative material and operations reports but also miscellaneous items that did not fit logically into another subseries. Very little documentation after mid-1944, with a substantial amount related to the early New Guinea period. The most extensive grouping of material related to Tornado Task Force can be found in this subseries.
961-961	II. G-1 REPORTS. 1943-1945. 1-1/4 containers Reports are primarily comprised of supporting Documents with little narrative material. The few histories contained in this subseries provide some documentation of administrative procedures. Little material dates earlier than 1945.
962-969	III. G-2 REPORTS. 1943-1945. 7-3/4 containers Contains a mixture of narrative reports and supporting documents. Many of the histories include maps and aerial photographs. Coverage of early operations is limited but beginning with the Biak operation documentation is much more complete. Of special interest is the almost complete collection of the Division's information and education bulletin "Front Lines."
969-973	IV. G-3 REPORTS. 1943-1945. 4-1/4 containers Periodic reports, situation reports and field orders dominate this subseries. Documentation is heaviest for 1945 with some 1944 material and still less related to 1943 operations. A series of miscellaneous G-3 reports contains special reports related to employment of tactics and weaponry in jungle warfare.
974	V. G-4 REPORTS. 1942-1945. 1 container.

Histories are almost entirely narrative. Documentation of G- 4 activities is quite uneven but, unlike the other subseries, there is a heavy concentration of material dating from 1943. See the container list for notes regarding topical coverage.

- 975-984 VI. STAFF SECTIONS. 1943-1945. 9-1/2 containers.  
This subseries contains substantial documentation for 1943 as well material related to some of the operations not extensively documented elsewhere, e.g. Salamaua Campaign and V-3 Operation. Reports filed by the task forces can be found in this subseries. Section histories vary from simple narrative accounts to highly documented reports with periodic reports, journals, and journal files. See Container List for additional notes regarding individual files.

## CONTAINER LIST

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- 960      SUBSERIES I: GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS  
            Condensed History of the 41st Inf. Div. 1941-1945  
  
            New Guinea Chapter, The Battle of Sanananda  
  
            Historical Report: Letterpress Landing Force, Hollandia Operation, 22 Apr-5 May 1944  
  
            Headquarters Letterpress Landing Force G-3 Historical Report (1)-(2)  
  
            History of the Tornado Task Force Wakde-Sarmi, 10-25 May 1944 G-1-2-4 (1)-(4)  
  
            Correspondence File Historical Reporting  
  
            Hurricane Task Force 27, May-20 Aug 1944 Historical Reports  
  
            Aitape Operation, 28 Jun-26 Aug 1944  
  
            Historical Narrative, Occupation of Japan  
  
            Miscellaneous New Guinea Activities, 3 Apr-17 Sep 1943  
  
            Miscellaneous Operations in New Guinea, 1 Jun-2 Oct 1943  
  
            Miscellaneous Maps of Japan  
  
            Historical Photographs [Count: 233. Many, if not all, were taken in New Guinea.]  
  
            Miscellaneous In and Out Correspondence, Mar 23-5 Aug. 1943

## SUBSERIES II: G-1 REPORTS

- G-1 Operations Command and Staff Course for 41st U.S. Division, Dec. 1943  
  
G-1 History Hurricane Task Force

G-1 After Action Report Letterpress Landing Force

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G-1 History V-4 Operation (1)-(4)

V-3 Operations File, Feb 1945

G-1 History Occupation of Japan

G-1 Periodic Reports Palawan Force, Mar-Jul 1945

G-1 Periodic Reports, Oct-Dec 1945

G-1 Journal letterpress Landing Force, 19 Mar-6May 1944 (1)-(2)

G-1 Journal, Jan-Mar 1945

G-1 Journal, 15 Aug-Nov 1945

General Orders, Aug-Nov 1945

G-1 P.O.W. Reports, 10 Mar-16 July 1945

962 SUBSERIES III: G-2 REPORTS

G-2 Miscellaneous Reports on Early Operations in New Guinea

G-2 Estimates Hollandia Operation, Apr 1944

G-2 Miscellaneous Reports Letterpress Operation, 22 Apr-5 May 1944 [G-2 Summaries, Overlays, and Periodic Reports]

G-2 Historical Narrative Hurricane Task Force Biak Campaign

Extracts from Miscellaneous File Biak Campaign, 28 Apr 1944-12 Jan 1945

Addenda to G-2 History, 20 Sep 1944-20 Jan 1945 (1)-(11) [Hurricane Task Force]

Enemy Operations Biak Campaign

Operations of Attached Netherlands East Indies Forces Intelligence Service and Use of Native Patrols Biak Campaign

Enemy Order of Battle Biak Campaign

Example of Enemy Defensive Positions Biak Operations

Surrender Leaflets Biak Campaign

G-2 Miscellaneous Reports Relating to the Biak Operation (1)-(3) [Overlays, Maps, and SOPs]

- 963 G-2 Miscellaneous Reports Relating to the Biak Operation (4) [Overlays of Enemy Situation Reports]  
G-2 History V-3 – V-4 Operation, 28 Feb-20 Jun 1945 (1)-(10)
- 964 G-2 History V-3 – V-4 Operation, 28 Feb-20 Jun 1945 (11)-(15)  
G-2 History V-3 – V-4 Operation, 28 Feb-20 Jun 1945 Copy Two (1)-(9)  
G-2 History Occupation of Japan (1)-(3)
- 965 G-2 History Occupation of Japan (4)-(9)  
G-2 History Occupation of Japan, Copy Two (1)-(4) [Incomplete – includes only intelligence plans, P.I. reports, periodic reports, maps, and miscellaneous material]  
G-2 Periodic Reports Biak Island Campaign, May 1944-Jan 1945 (1)-(5)
- 966 G-2 Periodic Reports Biak Island Campaign, May 1944-Jan 1945 (6)-(8)  
G-2 Periodic Reports, 28 Feb-2 Jul 1945 (1)-(6)  
G-2 Periodic Reports, 3 Oct 1945-1 Jan 1946 (1)-(3)  
G-2 Journal, 17-25 Jan 1943  
G-2 Journal, 27 May 1944-20 Jan 1945 (1)-(4)
- 967 G-2 Journal, 27 May 1944-20 Jan 1945 (5)-(7)  
G-2 Journal File, 1-12 Jan 1945 (1)-(3)  
G-2 Journal File, 13-31 Jan 1945 (1)-(4)
- 968 G-2 News Summary “Front Lines” 18 Sep 1944-31 Mar 1945  
G-2 News Summary “Front Lines” Apr 1945  
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G-2 News Summary "Front Lines" 1-18 Nov 1945  
G-2 News Summary "Front Lines" 19-30 Nov 1945  
G-2 News Summary "Front Lines" 1-15 Dec 1945  
G-2 News Summary "Front Lines" 16-31 Dec 1945  
G-2 News Summary "Front Lines" Jan 1946  
G-2 Historical Maps and Overlays (1)-(2)

969 G-2 Historical Maps and Overlays (3)-(4)  
G-2 Maps and Overlays Biak Operation 1944  
G-2 Historical Photographs

#### SUBSERIES IV. G-3 REPORTS

G-3 Addenda to the G-1, G-3, And G-4 Report on the Biak Operation, 20 Sep 1944-20 Jan 1945 (1)-(5)

G-3 Report on the V-4 Operation, 10 Mar-20 Jun 1945 (1)-(10)

970 G-3 Report on the V-4 Operation, 10 Mar-20 Jun 1945 (11)-(16)

G-3 Operations Report on the Occupation of Japan (1)-(5)

G-3 Periodic Reports, 16-31 May 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports, 1-6 Jun 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports 7-14 Jun 1944

971 G-3 Periodic Reports, 15-21 Jun 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports, 22-30 Jun 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports, 1-15 Jul 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports, 16-31 Jul 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports, Aug-Sep 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports, Oct 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports, Nov 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports, Dec 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports, 1-25 Jan 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, 10-20 Mar 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, 21-31 Mar 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, 1-10 Apr 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, 11-16 Apr 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, 17-30 Apr 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, 1-15 May 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, 16-31 May 1945

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G-3 Periodic Reports, 1-15 Jun 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, 16 Jun-2 Jul 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, 7-31 Oct 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, Nov 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, Dec 1945

G-3 Situation Reports, 25 Jan-28 Feb 1943

G-3 Situation Reports, Mar-Apr 1943

G-3 Situation Reports, May 1943

G-3 Situation Reports, Jun 1943

G-3 Situation Reports, 1-28 Jul 1943

G-3 Field Order #1 Letterpress Landing Force (1)-(2)

G-3 Field Order No. 9

G-3 Field Order No. 10 (1)-(2)



G-3 Field Order No. 10 Copy Two

G-3 Field Orders Nos. 11, 12, and 14

G-3 Field Orders Nos. 15-18

G-3 Administrative Order No. 8

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G-3 Reports (1)-(4) [The original file contained several “flags” which have been stapled to the item immediate after the flag. These folders contain an assortment of miscellaneous reports and correspondence including circulars, SOPs, combat operations reports, preliminary technical reports, special reports submitted by staff sections and dealing with such diverse matters as training, the use of rocket launchers, chemical warfare activities, and jungle warfare. Almost all of the material dates from 1944.]

G-3 File 1945 (1)-(6) [Contain special reports memorandum, general orders, messages, circulars, field orders, transmittal memos, and G-2 estimates.]

G-3 Weekly Troop Location Reports 16 Oct-29 Dec 1945

#### SUBSERIES V: G-4 REPORTS

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G-4 Historical Record Letterpress Landing Force, 22 Apr-5 May 1944

G-4 Historical Record Hurricane Task Force, 27 May-20 Aug 1944

G-4 Historical Record V-4 Operation, 20 Mar-20 Jun 1945

G-4 Historical Record Occupation Japan, 15 Aug-30 Nov 1945

G-4 Operations Report (1)-(4)

G-4 Daily Reports 1-11 May 1943 [information on supplies, transportation, evacuations, road conditions, and material salvaged and captured]

G-4 Daily Reports, 12-22 May 1943

G-4 Daily Reports, 1-9 Jul 1943

G-4 Daily Reports 10-19 Jul 1943

G-4 Periodic Reports 9-17 Oct 1945

G-4 Miscellaneous Memoranda and Papers (1) – (5) 1942-1943. Management, transportation and maintenance of materials, personnel and equipment; G-4 Journal; Strength, Ration and Gas Reports; Summary of Native Labour; Ammunition Stockage in Various Divisional Dumps; Report on Suitability of Anchorages in Buna Area; Evacuation and Plane Loadings Report; Report on Loss of Small Craft; Notes taken at a

Conference on Supply Systems; Notes taken at a Conference on Supply Systems; Salvage reports; Air Transport Requirements.]

975 SUBSERIES VI: STAFF REPORTS

Historical Reports (1)-(4) [1944-1945]

Headquarters 41st Division Artillery Unit History 27 May-20 Aug 1944 (1)-(10)

976 Headquarters 41st Division Artillery Unit Report on V-4 Operation (1)-(11)

977 Headquarters 41st Division Artillery Unit Report on V-4 Operation (12)-(23)

978 Headquarters 41st Division Artillery Unit Report on V-4 Operation (24)-(37)

979 Headquarters 41st Division Artillery Unit Report on B-4 Operation (38)-(44)

Headquarters 41st Division Artillery Unit Report on the Occupation of Japan Kure-Hiro Operation

Headquarters 41st Division Artillery Historical File (1)-(7) [1944. Letterpress Landing Force and the Biak Campaign. Includes B-2 Estimates, B-2 Periodic Reports, artillery data sheets, overlays, vehicle reports, passenger lists, S-3 work sheets, S-2 reports, and concentration file.]

980 Headquarters 41st Division Artillery Message File, 23 Apr-4 May 1944

Headquarters 41st Division Artillery Incoming Phone Message File, 28 Apr-5 May 1944

Headquarters 41st Division Artillery Message 28 Apr-4 May 1944 (1) (2)

146th Field Artillery Battalion Unit Operations Report V-4 Sulu White Operation 2-9 Apr 1945 (1)-(2)

146th Field Artillery Battalion S-3 Work Sheets

218th Field Artillery Battalion New Guinea Operations Miscellaneous Reports, Jun-Jul 1943 [Reports issued by other units including some Australian operation orders.]

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery Unit History, 23 Apr-4 Oct 1943

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery S-2 Correspondence Coane Force Salamaua Campaign July 1943 (1)-(2)

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery S-2 Correspondence Reviews Salamaua Campaign, Aug-Oct 1943 [Includes 2 diagrams of enemy gun emplacements.]

- Chemical Section Historical Report V-4 Operations (1)-(3)
- 981 Chemical Section Historical Report V-4 Operations (4)-(5)
- Chemical Section Historical Report V-4 Operation Copy Two (1) -(4)
- Chemical Section Historical Report "Occupation of Japan", 15 Aug-30 Nov 1945
- 116th Engineer Battalion Operational Report 1 Jan-30 Sep 1943 [Photographs of construction operations in New Guinea.]
- Headquarters Company Historical data Jan 1944-Sep 1945
- 162 Infantry Regiment Report of Operations Biak Island, 15 May – 19 Aug 1944 (1)-(8)  
[Includes hand drawn illustrations.]
- 982 162 Infantry Regiment Report of Operation of Japan Zamboanga, P.I. – Onomichi, Honshu, Japan, 15 Aug 1945-30 Nov 1945 (1)-(3)
- Military Police Platoon Historical Reports (1)-(2)
- Office of the Ordnance Officer Historical Account of V-4 Operation
- Headquarters Palawan Force History of the V-3 Operation (1)-(13) [Includes photographs.]
- 983 Headquarters Palawan Force S-1 Annex to Historical Report V-3 Operation (1)-(4)
- Headquarters Palawan Force S-3 Report on V-3 Operation (1)-(4)
- Headquarters Palawan Force S-4 Historical Record, 17 Feb 1945-8 May 1945
- Persecution Task Force History of Persecution Operation (1)-(3)
- 26th Quartermaster War Dog Platoon Historical Report of the Biak Operation
- 162nd Regimental Combat Report of Operation Zamboanga Area, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, 10 Mar 1945-2 May 1945
- Office of the Surgeon Section Journal
- 984 Signal Company History of Signal Corps Operation in the Southwest Pacific Theater of War (1) (2) [Two copies, includes photographs.]
- Signal company Historical Reports [Includes both 1944 and 1945 material.]

Signal Company Field Orders (1) (2) [Orders issued by higher command and generally only with attachments related to the Signal company.]

#### **42nd INFANTRY DIVISION, 1943-1946**

3,500 pages (approximate)

Boxes 986-990

The "Rainbow Division" had a rather brief period of activity in the European Theater during World War II. Although it was activated in 1943, advance elements of the Division did not arrive in Europe until December 1944. These advanced elements arrive in Europe until December 1944. These advance elements were formed into a Task Force Linden and were engaged in defensive activities along the Rhine River near Strasbourg. The rest of the Division arrived in January 1945, but did not go on the offensive until March. The Division participated in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns, and was crossing the Austrian border north of Salzburg when the war ended on May 5, 1945. One of the most noted actions of the Division was the liberation of 30,000 inmates of the Dachau concentration camp.

The series contains historical reports, periodic reports, memos and journals. The material covers the period from 1943 to 1946, although the bulk of the records date from 1945 and 1946. The material is organized into three subseries according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch, and chronologically thereunder.

The bulk of the General Historical and Operational Reports consists of the War Room Journal. This journal, which makes up roughly half of the entire series, was apparently kept at the Division headquarters. It recorded the hour-by-hour activities of the Division, and contains both G-2 (intelligence) and G-3 (operations) information. Most of the General Staff Section Reports concern intelligence matters. The most interesting records detail the activities of the T Force. This Force was a team of intelligence experts whose duty was to visit factories, offices, and other places of interest as soon as possible after they had been occupied by the Division, in order to confiscate and analyze documents and other intelligence items. The Special Staff Section Reports contain information on various organizational components of the Division. Probably the most interesting of these is the Judge Advocate. The Judge Advocate had to cooperate with the Austrian Military Government in preparing for the trials of was criminals in Salzburg in 1946. Among the records is a large report on the preparation of the courtroom where the trials were held.

#### **CHRONOLOGY**

July 14, 1943	The Division was activated
December 8-9, 1944	Elements of the Division arrived at Marseilles, France, and were formed into a Task Force Linden
December 24, 1944	The Task Force entered combat by defending the Rhine River north and south of Strasbourg
January 1945	The Task Force was relieved and was reunited with the rest of the Division which had recently arrived in Europe
February 14, 1945	The Division entered combat as a whole by taking up defensive positions near Haguenau in the Hardt Mountains

March 15-21 1945      The Division attacked through the Hardt Mountains and broke through the Siegfried Line

March 31-April 1, 1945 The Division crossed the Rhine River and captured Wertheim

April 18-19, 1945      The Division captured Furth, near Nurnberg

April 25, 1945          The Division reached the Danube River and captured Donauworth

April 29, 1945          The Division liberated Dachau concentration camp

May 5, 1945              The Division was crossing the Austrian border north of Salzburg when the war ended

June 29, 1946            The Division was inactivated in Europe

#### DESCRIPTIONS OF SUBSERIES

##### Container Nos. Subseries

986-989                  I GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS 1944-1946  
3 1/2 Containers.

                                 Histories and Journals concerning the operations and activities of the 42nd Infantry Division during World War II. Arranged according to the DRB classification scheme and chronologically thereunder.

989-990                  II GENERAL STAFF SECTION REPORTS. 1945.  
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                                 Histories, and periodic reports and journals concerning the operations and activities of the G-2, G-3, G-4, and G-5 sections during World War II. Arranged according to the DRB classification scheme and chronologically thereunder.

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                                 Histories and reports concerning the operations and activities of various staff sections and organizational components of the 42nd Infantry Division during World War II. Arranged according to the DRB classification scheme and chronologically thereunder.

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42 Inf. Div. Monthly History, March 1945  
42 Inf. Div. Monthly History, April 1945 (2 copies)  
42 Inf. Div. Monthly History, May 1945 (2 copies)  
42 Inf. Div. War Room Journal, Feb. 18-25, 1945  
42 Inf. Div. War Room Journal, Feb. 26-Mar. 8, 1945  
42 Inf. Div. War Room Journal, Mar. 9-16, 1945  
42 Inf. Div. War Room Journal, Mar. 17-22, 1945

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42 Inf. Div. War Room Journal, Apr. 6-11, 1945  
42 Inf. Div. War Room Journal, Apr. 12-18, 1945  
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42 Inf. Div. War Room Journal, Apr. 25-30, 1945

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42 Inf. Div. War Room Journal, May 11-25, 1945  
42 Inf. Div. War Room Journal, May 26 – June 8, 1945  
42 Inf. Div. War Room Journal, June 9-30, 1945  
42 Inf. Div. War Room Journal, Jan. – Feb. 1946  
42 Inf. Div. War Room Journal, Mar. – Apr. 1946

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42 Inf. Div. Historical Data, 1944-1946

#### SUBSERIES II. GENERAL STAFF SECTION REPORTS

G-2 General Summary, Apr. 1-May 9, 1945  
G-2 Periodic Reports, Feb. 27 – Apr. 15, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, Apr. 15 – May 30, 1945

T Force, Dec. 1944 – Apr. 1945

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T Force, Targets, Apr. 1945 (1)-(2)

G-3 Periodic Reports, Feb 17 – Mar 2, 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, Apr. 28 – May 28, 1945

G-3 Journal, July 1-15, 1945

G-4 Historical Reports, Mar. – Dec. 1945

G-4 Periodic Reports Feb. 4 – May 11, 1945

G-5 Monthly, April 1945

#### SUBSERIES III: SPECIAL STAFF SECTION REPORTS

42 Inf. Div. Adjutant General, Historical Report, May 8 – Sept. 31. 1945

42 Inf. Div. Artillery, Narrative History, May 8 – Sept. 30, 1945; S-3 Report, Apr. 24-25, 1945

42 Inf. Div. Artillery, Headquarters Battery, Chronological History, July 1943-Oct. 1944

42 Inf. Div. Information and Education Section, Narrative History, May 8-Sept. 30, 1945

42 Inf. Div. Judge Advocate Section, Monthly Report, May 1945

42 Inf. Div. Judge Advocate, War Crimes Trials, 1946

42 Inf. Div. Medical Department, Narrative History, 1943-1945

42 Inf. Div. Prisoner of War Section, Historical Report, July 15 -Sept. 30, 1945

42 Inf. Div. Quartermaster Company, Monthly Report, Jan.-May 1945

42 Inf. Div. Special Service Section, Historical Report, May 8 -Sept. 30, 1945

42 Inf. Div. Special Troops, Narrative History, July 15-Dec 31, 1943

42 Inf. Div. Special Troops, Monthly Report, Feb.-May 1945, March 1946

42 Inf. Div. Special Troops, Briefing Reports, Apr. 18-June 25, 1946

## **44th INFANTRY DIVISION, 1942-1945**

500 pages (approximate)

Box 1019

The 44th Infantry Division was activated in 1940, but did not see combat until after landing in France in the fall of 1944. The Division served in the Rhineland campaign and later participated in the Allied drive to the Alps in the Central European Campaign. After the war it served a brief occupation duty in Austria until being sent back to the United States.

The series contains mostly historical and after action reports, dating from October 1944 to June 1945. A few items are dated as late as November 1945 and as early as 1942. The series is organized according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch, and chronologically thereunder.

### CHRONOLOGY

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|-----------------------|---|
| September 16, 1943    | The Division was activated  |
| September 15, 1944    | The Division landed in France   |
| October 18, 1944      | The Division entered combat near Foret de Parroy, France  |
| November 13-17, 1944  | The Division forced passage through the Vosges Mountains and captured Avricourt   |
| Dec. 1944 – Feb. 1945 | The Division defended the area around Sarreguemines, France , against enemy counterattacks.   |
| March 26-29, 1945     | The Division crossed the Rhine at Worms and captured Mannheim   |
| April 23-May 4, 1945  | The Division captured Ehingen, crossed the Danube, and pursued the retreating Germans southeast through the Fern Pass into the Inn Valley, Austria. |
| May-June 1945         | The Division was on occupation duty in Austria  |
| July 21, 1945         | The Division returned to the United States  |
| November 30, 1945     | The Division was inactivated  |

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| 1019 | 44th Infantry Division-Unit History, Oct. 1944 June 18, 1945                                    |
|      | Battle of Bellevue and Brandelfingerhoff, Feb. 1945, 2nd Battalion, 114th Regt., 44th Inf. Div. |
|      | 44th infantry Division, Reports of Non-Citizen Soldiers, March 1942                             |
|      | War Department Observers Board Questionnaire, Feb. 2, 1945                                      |



44th Inf. Div. Pictorial History, General Information, 1945

G-1 After Action reports, Dec. 1, 1944-June 18, 1945

G-2 After Action Reports, Oct. 24, 1944-June 18, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, May 1-June 18, 1945

G-3 After Action Reports, Feb. 1-June 18, 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, Apr. 8-16, 1945

G-4 After Action Reports, Oct. 1944-June 18 1945

G-5 Daily reports, Jan. 10-Feb. 27, 1945

G-5 General Messages and Reports, Sept. 1944-May 1945

44th Div. Artillery after Action Report, Oct. 1944-Nov. 21, 1945

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#### **45th INFANTRY DIVISION, 1940-1945, 1951**

8,800 pages (approximate)

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The "Thunderbird Division" was activated in 1940 and spent its first two years training in the United States. In June 1943 the Division was sent to North Africa and participated in the invasion of Sicily the following month. In September 1943 the Division invaded Italy where it spent almost a year of bitter fighting in the mountains of central Italy and at the Anzio beachhead. In August 1944 the Division participated in the invasion of Southern France, fighting northward along the Rhine Valley to the Vosges

Mountains and then turned eastward toward Germany. In 1945 the Division crossed southern Germany to capture Munich and was stationed near Dachau at the end of the war.

This series contains histories, periodic reports and journals describing the activities of the Division. Most of the material covers the period from July 1943 to May 1945 when the Division was in combat. The material is arranged into the subseries according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch, and chronologically thereunder.

The first subseries consists of records describing the activities of the entire Division. Included in this subseries is a printed booklet titled *The 45th*. It was published by the Division at the end of the war and gives a brief summary of the history of the Division. The monthly histories for September and October 1943 contain detailed maps showing the daily positions of the Division in southern Italy.

The next four subseries contain the records of the Division's general staff. Of particular interest are the G-4 histories which contain detailed lists of the amount and type of equipment and supplies used by the Division in combat.

The last subseries pertains to the special staff sections of the Division. The activities of most of the staff sections are well documented for the period when the Division was in France and Germany. Of particular interest are the Activities reports of the Special Service office. These provide a detailed account of the entertainment and recreation facilities available to the men of the Division during times of combat. One item in this subseries was the Division during times of combat. One item in this subseries was compiled during the spring of 1951. This was an S-1 Journal of the Placement Company, and gives information on the activities of the Division in the United States before being sent to Korea.

## CHRONOLOGY

September 16, 1940	The Division was activated
June 22, 1943	The Division landed in North Africa and began combat training in French Morocco.
July 10, 1943	The Division participated in the invasion of Sicily.
August 1, 1943	The Division withdrew from combat for a rest.
September 10, 1943	The Division invaded Italy at Salerno.
November 3, 1943	The Division crossed the Volturno River.
January 9, 1944	The Division withdrew from combat for a brief rest.
January 22, 1944	The division landed at the Anzio beachhead where it spent four month repulsing German attacks.
June 4, 1944	The Division crossed the Tiber River near Rome.
June 16, 1944	The Division withdrew from combat for rest and training.
August 15, 1944	The Division participated in the invasion of Southern France.

September 24, 1944	The Division captured the city of Epinal.
October 23, 1944	The Division crossed the Montagne River.
November 25, 1944	The Division reached the Maginot Line north of Mutzig.
January 2, 1945	Division reached the border of Germany but later withdrew to Moder River.
February 17, 1945	The Division withdrew from combat for rest and training.
March 17, 1945	The Division attacked the Siegfried Line.
March 26, 1945	The Division crossed the Rhine River between Worms and Hamm.
April 20, 1945	The Division captured Nurnberg.
April 30, 1945	The Division captured Munich.
May 8, 1945	The Division was stationed near Dachau when the war ended.
September 14, 1945	The Division returned to the United States.
December 7, 1945	The Division was inactivated.

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**63rd Infantry Division. 1943-1945.**

3000 pages (approximate)

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The 63rd Infantry Division was activated on June 15th, 1943. Elements of "Blood and Fire" protected the east flank of the Seventh Army along the Rhine River in December, 1944. The rest of the Division joined up with the advance elements on February 6th, 1945. The Division participated in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. After reaching the Danube and capturing Leipheim, the Division was withdrawn from the line and assigned to security duty in the area between the Rhine River and Darmstadt. The 63rd began leaving for home on August 21, 1945, and was inactivated on September 27, 1945

The series is divided into seven subseries; however, the majority of the material is contained in the staff section subseries. This subseries is entirely composed of monthly unit histories covering the activities of each section from February to August, 1945. The G-5 subseries contains the periodic reports of the military governments of several units and detachments in Germany, Belgium, and Luxembourg.

The material in this series is arranged according to the classification system of the Departmental Records Branch and chronologically thereunder.

#### CHRONOLOGY

June 15, 1943	The Division was activated.
November 25, 1944	The Division was shipped overseas.
December 1944	Three regiments of the Division arrived in France and, under the designation Task Force Harris, protected the east flank of the Seventh Army along the Rhine.
February 6, 1945	The advance elements are joined by the rest of the Division.
February 17, 1945	The Division crossed the Saar River
March 15, 1945	The Division breached the Siegfried Line at St. Ingbert and Hassel.
March 28, 1945	The Division crossed the Rhine.
March 30, 1945	The Division captured Heidelberg.
April 25, 1945	The Division crossed the Danube and captured Leipheim.
April 28, 1945	The Division was assigned to security duty in the area between the Rhine and Darmstadt.

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63rd Infantry Division, Division Surgeon Unit History, February 1945  
63rd Infantry Division, Division Surgeon Unit History, March 1945  
63rd Infantry Division, Division Surgeon Unit History, May 1945  
63rd Infantry Division, Division Surgeon Unit History, June 1945  
63rd Infantry Division, Division Surgeon Unit History, July 1945  
63rd Infantry Division, Division Surgeon Unit History, August 1945  
63rd Infantry Division, Division Surgeon USAMEDS OUTCARD  
822nd Tank Destroyer Battalion Unit History, March 1945  
63rd Infantry Division Misc. Staff Section Reports [incomplete] 1945

### **65th INFANTRY DIVISION**

600 pages (approximate)  
Boxes 1037-1038

The 65th Infantry Division, nicknamed "Battle Axe", was activated on August 16, 1943. The Division landed at Le Havre, France, on January 21, 1945, and proceeded to Camp Lucky Strike, where training continued until March, 1945 when the Division relieved the 26th Infantry Division. The 65th took over the aggressive defense along the Saar River on March 8, 1945, and on the 17th it crossed the river just as the Siegfried Line defenses cracked. On March 30, the 65th crossed the Rhine and ran into heavy German resistance. Continuing its advance, the Division crossed the Danube on April 26, 1945, and occupied Linz, Austria on May 5. On May 9, as hostilities ended, the troops of the 65th made contact with the Russians at Erlauf. The Division received credit for participating in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns.

The series contains detailed historical material concerning the activities of the 65th Infantry Division, including biographical sketches of the general officers and a pamphlet "Right to Be Proud". The series also contains after action reports, G-2 reports, and a scrapbook concerning the history of the Division Artillery unit.

The material in the series is arranged according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch and chronologically thereunder.

### **CHRONOLOGY**

August 16, 1943	The Division was activated.
January 21, 1945	The Division landed at Le Havre, France, and proceeded to Camp Lucky Strike.

March 1, 1945	The Division relieved the 26th Infantry Division.
March 17, 1945	The Division crossed the Saar River.
March 30, 1945	The Division crossed the Rhine River.
April 26, 1945	The Division crossed the Danube River.
May 5, 1945	The Division occupied Linz, Austria.
May 9, 1945	The Division made contact with the Russians at Erlauf.
August 31, 1945	The Division was Inactivated.

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1037	65th Infantry Division General Historical Information, 1945
	65th Infantry Division Unit History Biographical Sketches of General Officers
	65th Infantry Division After Action Reports, March 1945
	65th Infantry Division After Action Reports, April-May 1945
	65th Infantry Division G-1 Periodic Reports, March-July 1945
1038	65th Infantry Division G-1 After Action Reports, April-June 1945
	65th Infantry Division G-2 Periodic Reports, May 1945 (1)-(2)
	65th Infantry Division G-2 Weekly Intelligence Summaries, June-August 1945
	65th Infantry Division History of Division Artillery [scrapbook] (1)-(2)
	65th Infantry Division Material Concerning the Disposition of Records, 1945

#### **66th INFANTRY DIVISION**

1600 pages (approximate)  
Boxes 1038-1040

The "Black Panther" Division was activated on April 15, 1943. After training in England, the Division was crossing the channel on December 24, 1944, when a German torpedo ripped into the transport, killing 14 officers and 748 enlisted men. The 66th was attached to the 12th Army Group for action in the Northern France campaign. The Division was designated the 12th Army Group Coastal Sector, and, with operational control of the French forces in the area, the 66th relieved the 94th Division in the Brittany-Loire area on December 29, 1944. Its mission was to contain the enemy in the St. Nazaire and Lorient pockets. In April, 1945, a heavy German attack was repulsed near La Croix, and several strong enemy

positions were taken. Enemy troops in the St. Nazaire and Lorient pockets surrendered to the Division on May 8, 1945. The 66th took up occupational duty near Koblenz until May 26, when it left for Marseilles. The division sailed for home on October 27, 1945.

The series is divided into five subseries, and is arranged according to the Departmental Records Branch classification scheme. The majority of the material in the series is contained in the G-4 subseries, most of which covers training exercises in 1944. Of special interest are the G-2 and G-3 reports. The G-2 reports contain POWs' opinions of Hitler and his plans, and the eyewitness account of the concentration camp at Buchenwald. The G-3 after action reports contain detailed plans and accounts of the surrender of the German forces at St. Nazaire and Lorient. The Staff Section Subseries consists of the Adjutant General's File, and is mostly troop assignments and attachment orders.

## CHRONOLOGY

April 15, 1943 The Division was activated.

December 24, 1944 A German torpedo struck the Division's transport in the English Channel, killing 762 men.

December 29, 1944 The Division relieved the 94th Division in the Brittany-Loire area.

April 16, 1945 A German attack near La Croix was repulsed.

May 8, 1945 Enemy troops in the Lorient and St. Nazaire pockets surrendered.

May 20, 1945 The Division moved to Koblenz for occupational duties.

May 26, 1945 The Division left for Marseilles.

October 27, 1945 The Division left for home.

## DESCRIPTION OF SUBSERIES

### Container Nos. Subseries

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| 1038 | Subseries I: GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS, 1943-1945. 6 file folders.<br>Periodic reports, letters, and medical records concerning the operations and activities of the 66th Infantry Division during World War II. Arranged according to the DRB classification scheme and chronologically thereunder. |
| 1038 | Subseries II: G-2 REPORTS, 1945. 4 file folders.<br>Periodic reports and plans concerning the operations and activities of the G-2 section during World War II. Arranged according to the DRB classification scheme and chronologically thereunder.   |
| 1038 | Subseries III: G-3 REPORTS, 1945. 5 file folders.<br>After action reports and periodic reports concerning the operations and activities of the G-3 section during World War II. Arranged according to the DRB classification scheme and chronologically thereunder.   |



- 1039-1040 Subseries IV: G-4 REPORTS, 1944-1945. 1 container.  
Operations reports and periodic reports concerning the operations and activities of the G-4 section during World War II. Arranged according to the DRB classification scheme and chronologically thereunder.
- Box 1040 Subseries V: STAFF SECTION REPORTS, 1944-1945. 6 file folders  
Operations reports and instructions concerning the operations and activities of the Adjutant General's Office during World War II. Arranged according to the DRB classification scheme and chronologically thereunder.

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- 1038 SUBSERIES I: GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS  
IX Corps Misc. Periodic Reports, 1943-1944
- 66th Infantry Division Letters Concerning Activation Ceremony, 1943
- 66th Infantry Division Commendations, 1945
- 66th Infantry Division Medical Records 1945 [OUTCARD]
- 66th Infantry Division Misc. Reports 1945, [OUTCARD]
- SUBSERIES II. G-2 REPORTS
- G-2 Periodic Reports March 1945
- G-2 Periodic Reports, April 1945
- G-2 Periodic Reports, May 1945
- G-2 Plans, November 1944
- SUBSERIES III. G-3 REPORTS.
- G-3 After Action Reports, March 1945
- G-3 After Action Reports, April 1945
- G-3 After Action Reports, May 1945 (1)-(2)
- 1039 G-3 Periodic Report, April 1945
- G-3 Periodic Report, May 1934
- SUBSERIES VI: G-4 REPORTS
- G-4 "D" Exercises Operations Problem #1, January 1944

G-4 "D" Exercises Operations Problem #2, January 1944 (1)-(2)

G-4 "D" Exercises Operations Problem #3, January 1944 (1)-(3)

G-4 "D" Exercises Operations Problem #4, February 1944

G-4 "D" Exercises Operations Problem #5, February 1944 (1)-(2)

1039a G-4 "D" Exercises Operations Problem #6, February 1944 (1)-(2)

G-4 Maneuvers Operations October, 1944 (1)-(2)

G-4 Periodic Reports, January 1945

G-4 Periodic Reports, February 1945

G-4 Periodic Reports, March 1945

G-4 Periodic Reports, May 1945

Notes on S-4 Meetings, October 1944

#### SUBSERIES V: STAFF SECTION REPORTS.

66th Infantry Division Adjutant General's File, Sept.-Dec, 1944

66th Infantry Division Adjutant General's File, Jan. 1945

66th Infantry Division Adjutant General's File, Feb. 1945

66th Infantry Division Adjutant General's File, Mar. 1945

66th Infantry Division Adjutant General's File, Apr. 1945

66th Infantry Division Adjutant General's File, Attachment Orders, 1945 (1)-(2)

#### **69th INFANTRY DIVISION, 1943-1945**

1,600 pages (approximate)

Boxes 1040-1041

The "Fighting Sixty-Ninth Division" was activated in May 1943 and spent over a year in training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. In January 1945 the Division landed in Europe where it participated in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. After the war ended the Division was on occupation duty for four months until being sent home in September 1945.

This series consists of histories, reports, journals and orders. The bulk of the material covers the period from February to August 1945 when the Division was in combat and on occupation duty. There are a few records describing the Division's activities prior to arrival in Europe. The records are arranged according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch and chronologically thereunder.

Most of the series consists of G-2 and G-3 reports and journals. These provide a detailed, day-by-day account of the operations of the Division. Many of the records from April and May contain information on contacts between American and Russian Troops. The activities of the various special staff sections are poorly documented. Of particular interest is a published pamphlet containing a history of the 273rd Infantry Regiment during its tour of duty in Europe.

#### CHRONOLOGY

May 15, 1943	The Division was activated at Camp Shelby, Mississippi
December 12, 1944	Arrived in England
January 24, 1945	Landed in France
February 12, 1945	Entered combat relieving the 99th Division along the Siegfried Line in Belgium
February 27, 1945	Went on the offensive and started a rapid advance eastward
March 7, 1945	Captured Schmidtheim
March 27, 1945	Crossed the Rhine River near Koblenz and captured Ehrenbreitstein
April 5-19, 1945	Relieved the 80th Division at Kassel and attacked eastward to capture Leipzig
April 23, 1945	Captured Eilenburg and secured the east bank of the Mulde River
April 25, 1945	While patrolling the area between the Mulde and Elbe Rivers, Division troops made first contact with the Russian army
May – August 1945	Occupation duty in Germany
September 13, 1945	Returned to the United States
September 16, 1945	The Division was inactivated

#### CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box Nos.</u>	<u>File Title</u>
1040	69th Inf. Div. Unit History, May 1943 – May 1945
	69th Inf. Div. After Action Report, June 1945
	69th Inf. Div. After Action Reports, July 1945
	69th Inf. Div. Military Histories, 1943-1945
	69th Inf. Div. Activation Day Ceremony, May 1943
	G-2 Periodic Reports, February 10, 14-21, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, February 22-28, 1945  
G-2 Periodic Reports, March 1-15, 1945  
G-2 Periodic Reports, March 16-31, 1945  
G-2 Periodic Reports, Apr. 6, July 11-Aug. 2, 1945  
G-3 Periodic Reports, February 10-28, 1945  
G-3 Periodic Reports, February 1945 [faded]  
G-3 Periodic Reports, March 1-10, 1945  
G-3 Periodic Reports, March 11-20, 1945

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G-3 Periodic Reports, March 21-31, 1945  
G-3 Periodic Reports, April 1-10, 1945  
G-3 Periodic Reports, April 11-20, 1945  
G-3 Periodic Reports, April 21-30, 1945  
G-3 Periodic Reports, May 1-19, June 2, 1945  
G-3 Journal February, 12-28, 1945  
G-3 Journal March, 1-15, 1945  
G-3 Journal March, 16-31, 1945  
G-3 Journal April, 1-10, 1945  
G-3 Journal, April 11-20, 1945  
G-3 Journal, April 21-30, 1945  
G-3 Journal, July 1945  
G-3 Journal, August 1-26, 1945  
G-3 Field Orders, Feb.-Mar. 1945  
G-3 Operations Instructions, April-May 1945  
69th Inf. Div. Artillery Unit Histories, Mar.-Aug. 1945  
69th Inf. Div. Artillery, .Hq. & Hq. Battery, Group Photograph, Dec. 1943

273rd Inf. Regt. History, 1945 [printed pamphlet]

69th Inf. Div. Medical Section Out Cards

69th Inf. Div. Special Troops Unit History, Aug. 1943 – Dec. 1944

69th Inf. Div. Special Troops Unit History, Jan.-July 1945

### **71ST INFANTRY DIVISION, 1944-1946**

2,400 pages (approximate)

Boxes 1061-1063

The “Red Circle Division” was activated on July 15, 1943 and arrived in France on February 6, 1945. The Division saw 62 days of combat in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns before serving lengthy occupation duty in Augsburg, Germany.

The series contains periodic reports, journals, administrative and operational instructions, PW reports, medical reports, and news clippings. The material is organized into six subseries according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch and chronologically thereunder.

Although the Division was activated in 1943, the vast majority of material deals with the 1945 engagements and occupational operations continuing into 1946. G-2 journals from May 1 to December 31, 1945, and periodic reports (G-2 and G-3) from March to May, 1945, are included. Of particular interest are PW journals from November to December, 1945, and copies of the Red Circle News File, the 71st Division’s newspaper, from August to September, 1945, in the General Historical Reports Subseries.

### **CHRONOLOGY**

July 15, 1943	The Division was activated.
February 6, 1945	The Division arrived at Le Havre, France, for further training
March 11, 1945	The Division entered combat at Ratswiller.
March 15, 1945	Ouster of Germans from France began.
March 21, 1945	The Division captured Pirmasens.
March 30, 1945	The Division crossed the Rhine at Oppenheim.
April 16, 1945	The Division captured Bayreuth.
April 26, 1945	The Division crossed the Danube.
May 2, 1945	The Division entered Austria.
May 8, 1945	The Division made contact with Russian troops east of Linz.
March 10, 1946	The Division returned to U.S.

March 12, 1946            The Division was inactivated.

CONTAINER LIST

Box Nos.        Folder Title

1061    SUBSERIES I: GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS

71st Infantry Division Reports After Action, April 26-June 10, 1945

71st Infantry Division Special Operational Report, October 29, 1945

71st Infantry Division Periodic Reports, Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 1945

71st Infantry Division *Red Circle News File*, newspaper, Aug. 11-Sept. 29, 1945

71st Infantry Division, *The Story of Our Reinforcements*

SUBSERIES II: G-1 REPORTS

G-1 Journal, Oct 2-31, 1945

G-1 Journal, Nov. 1-Dec. 31, 1945

G-1 PW Journal Nov. 9-30, 1945

G-1 PW Journal, Dec. 1-29, 1945

SUBSERIES III: G-2 REPORTS

G-2 Periodic Reports, March 14-31, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, April. 1-15, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, Apr. 16-30,1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, May 1-25, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, May 15-31, 1945

G-2 Journal, May 1-14, 1945

G-2 Journal, May 15-31, 1945

G-2 Journal, June 1-14, 1945

G-2 Journal, June 15-30, 1945

1062            G-2 Journal, July 1-15, 1945

G-2 Journal, July 16-31, 1945

G-2 Journal, Aug. 1-15, 1945

G-2 Journal, Aug. 16-31, 1945

G-2 Journal, Sept. 1-15, 1945

G-2 Journal, Sept. 16-30, 1945

G-2 Journal, Oct. 1-9, 1945

G-2 Journal, Oct. 10-20, 1945

G-2 Journal, Oct. 21-31, 1945

G-2 Journal, Nov. 1-9, 1945

G-2 Journal, Nov. 10-21, 1945

G-2 Journal, Nov. 22-30, 1945

G-2 Journal, Dec. 1-10, 1945

G-2 Journal, Dec. 11-21, 1945

G-2 Journal, Dec. 22-31, 1945

#### SUBSERIES IV: G-3 REPORTS

G-3 Periodic Reports, Mar. 2-Apr. 14, 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, Apr. 15-May 9, 1945

G-3 Journal, Oct. 1-Nov. 30, 1945

G-3 Journal, Dec. 1-31, 1945

G-3 Overlay

G-3 Administrative Orders, Feb. 15-Apr. 29, 1945

G-3 Administrative Instructions, May 6, 1945

G-3 Operations Instructions, Mar. 15-Apr. 30, 1945

G-3 Operations Instructions, May 1-Aug. 31, 1945

XX Corps Operations, Dec. 29, 1945

Third U. S. Army Operations Instructions, Dec. 29, 1945

#### SUBSERIES V: G-4 REPORTS

G-4 Journals, Feb. 9-Mar. 10, 1945

G-4 Journals, Mar. 11-Apr. 30, 1945

G-4 Journals, May 1-July 31, 1945

#### SUBSERIES VI: STAFF SECTION REPORTS

History of Adjutant General's Office Overseas, 1945 [includes personnel information]

Adjutant General's Office Historical Reports, April-May, 1945

564th Field Artillery Battalion, Historical Report, April 20, 1945

271st Engineer Combat Battalion, Historical Report, April 15, 1945

5th Infantry Division, Historical Report, March 1945

14th Infantry Division, Historical Report, April 10, 1945

66th Infantry Division, Historical Report, April 12, 1945

Medical Department Activities Annual Report, 1944 & 1945

Medical Department Activities Historical Report, Jan. 1-June 30, 1945

371st Medical Battalion, Monthly Report, March, 1945

Ordnance-List of War Factories and Research Centers, List of ordnance Equipment Wanted for Technical Intelligence, List of Items Required for Use in Other Theaters and for Rearmament of Allied Personnel

71st Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, Historical Report