

The 11th Armored Division, nicknamed the "Tiger Division," was activated on 15 August 1942, at Camp Polk, Louisiana. After undergoing training and participating in the Louisiana Maneuvers and later, the California Maneuvers, the division deployed to the European Theater of Operations (ETO), arriving in France in December 1944. The division entered Germany on 5 March 1945 and later was inactivated in Germany on 31 August 1945.

Organized as a "light" armored division, the 11th Armored Division evolved around three tank battalions containing some 245 light and medium tanks. Each tank battalion consisted of three medium tank companies and one light tank company. Light armored divisions also had three armored infantry battalions, each consisting of a headquarters and headquarters company, a service company and 3 armored rifle companies.

### **11th Armored Division**

| <u>Name</u>   | <u>Location</u> | <u>Rank</u> | <u>Unit</u>                                 | <u>Contents</u>  |
|---|-----------------|-------------|---|--|
| <b><u>Headquarters and Headquarters Company</u></b> |                 |             |   |  |
| Miltuniewicz, Jack                                  | Box 1           | T/5         | HEADQUARTERS<br>Company                     | Survey   |
| Stoneking, Robert E.                                | Box 1           | CW4         | HEADQUARTERS<br>and HEADQUARTERS<br>Company | Survey   |
| <b><u>22d Tank Battalion</u></b>                    |                 |             |   |  |
| <b><u>41st Tank Battalion</u></b>                   |                 |             |   |  |
| Rastelli, John D.                                   | Box 2           | T/4         | HEADQUARTERS<br>Company                     | Survey   |
| Semelmaker, Horton                                  | Box 2           | 1LT         | Company A                                   | Survey   |
| <b><u>42d Tank Battalion</u></b>                    |                 |             |   |  |
| Geiger, John H.                                     | Box 2           | T/5         | Company C                                   | Survey   |
| Lummer, Ken   | Box 2           | SGT         |   | Combat diary   |
| Reece, Phillip M.                                   | Box 2           | T/4         | Service Company                             | Survey   |
| <b><u>21st Armored Infantry Battalion</u></b>       |                 |             |   |  |
| Aldinger, Wayne A.                                  | Box 1           | SGT         | Company B                                   | Survey, unit combat history,<br>newspaper clippings, photograph<br>copies, letters |
| Dean, Dale E.                                       | Box 1           | SSG         | Company B                                   | Survey   |
| Fague, John W.                                      | Box 1           | SSG         | Company B                                   | Survey, memoir   |
| Holly, Alfred R., Sr.                               | Box 1           |             | Company C                                   | letter to MHI  |

|                    |       |     |           |                |
|--------------------|-------|-----|-----------|----------------|
| McKnight, James C. | Box 1 | PFC | Company B | Survey, memoir |
| Shebs, Theodore L. | Box 1 | CPT | Company A | Survey, memoir |
| Storm, Ralph A.    | Box 1 | PFC | Company B | Survey         |
| Weiner, Samuel     | Box 1 |     | Company C | Survey         |

### **55th Armored Infantry Battalion**

|                        |       |     |                      |   |
|------------------------|-------|-----|----------------------|---|
| Cheney, A.H.           | Box 1 | PFC |                      | Survey                                  |
| Drebus, Richard W.     | Box 1 | PFC | Company C            | Survey, letters, Western Union Receipts |
| Fee, William W.        | Box 1 | PFC | Company A            | Survey, letter to MHI, brief Memoir     |
| Fisher, George M., Jr. | Box 1 |     | Company A            | Speech transcript                       |
| Fisk, Robert M.        | Box 1 | PFC | Company C            | Survey                                  |
| Mockford, Roger J.     | Box 1 | PFC | Company C            | Survey                                  |
| Power, James M.        | Box 1 | PFC | Company C            | Survey, memoir                          |
| Reimer, George L.      | Box 1 |     | Company B            | Company history, letter to MHI          |
| Wolfe, Lester E.       | Box 1 | 1SG | Headquarters Company | Survey                                  |

### **63rd Armored Infantry Battalion**

|                        |       |     |                      |                                   |
|------------------------|-------|-----|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Brandt, Harold C.      | Box 1 | SGT | Company A            | Survey, term paper, letter to MHI |
| Greene, Mark F.        | Box 1 | PFC | Headquarters Company | Survey                            |
| Kottwitz, Geo V.       | Box 1 | SSG | Company A            | Survey                            |
| Oliver, John A.        | Box 1 | CPL | Company B            | Survey                            |
| Tucker, Howard E., Jr. | Box 1 | T/5 | Company A            | Survey                            |

### **11th Armored Division Artillery**

#### **Headquarters and Headquarters Battery**

#### **490th Armored Field Artillery Battalion**

|                     |       |     |           |        |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----------|--------|
| Clark, David E.     | Box 2 | SGT | Battery C | Survey |
| Kyle, Leonard R.    | Box 2 | MAJ |           | Survey |
| Henneman, Walter J. | Box 2 | CPL | Battery A | Survey |

#### **491st Armored Field Artillery Battalion**

|                |       |     |  |        |
|----------------|-------|-----|--|--------|
| Hehn, Jacob R. | Box 2 | PFC |  | Survey |
|----------------|-------|-----|--|--------|

|                        |       |      |                         |        |
|------------------------|-------|------|-------------------------|--------|
| Bishopp, Robert J.     | Box 2 | 1SGT | Service Battery         | Survey |
| Dreveniak, Theodore J. | Box 2 | LTC  | Battery C               | Survey |
| Kenney, Robert E.      | Box 2 | PFC  | Battery A               | Survey |
| Tarr, Curtis W.        | Box 2 | T/4  | Headquarters<br>Battery | Survey |

**492d Armored Field Artillery Battalion**

|                    |       |     |           |        |
|--------------------|-------|-----|-----------|--------|
| Lortie, Richard E. | Box 2 | SGT | Battery B | Survey |
|--------------------|-------|-----|-----------|--------|

**41st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mecz**

**511th Counter Intelligence Corps Det**

**602nd Tank Destroyer Battalion**

**705th Tank Destroyer Battalion**

|                |       |  |  |                        |
|----------------|-------|--|--|------------------------|
| Walsh, Francis | Box 2 |  |  | [See: Tank Destroyers] |
|----------------|-------|--|--|------------------------|

**811th Tank Destroyer Battalion**

**575th AAA Auto-Wpns Battalion**

**Special Troops**

**Headquarters Company**

**HHC, Combat Command A**

**HHC, Combat Command B**

|                        |       |      |                         |  |
|------------------------|-------|------|-------------------------|--|
| Kadish, Stephen C.     | Box 1 | TSGT |                         | Survey   |
| Neighbor, Morris F.    | Box 1 | TSGT | HEADQUARTERS<br>Company | Survey   |
| Papke, Keith G.        | Box 1 | PFC  | Company B               | Survey   |
| White, Charles A., Jr. | Box 1 | T/5  | HEADQUARTERS<br>Company | Survey, memoir, booklets<br>concerning England |

**Headquartersss. Reserve Command**

**HHC, Division Trains**

**Supply Battalion**

**81st Medical Battalion, Armored**

|                  |       |     |           |           |
|------------------|-------|-----|-----------|-----------|
| Heinold, Bert T. | Box 2 | MAJ | Company C | 2 Surveys |
| Hill, Donald R.  | Box 2 | T/4 |           | Survey    |

**133rd Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion**

|                        |       |     |           |                              |
|------------------------|-------|-----|-----------|------------------------------|
| Sorenson, Russell E.   | Box 2 | T/4 | Company B | Survey, brief combat history |
| Wooldridge, William D. | Box 2 | SGT | Company A | Survey                       |

**Military Police Platoon**

|                         |       |     |  |        |
|-------------------------|-------|-----|--|--------|
| Ribeiro, Manuel F., Jr. | Box 2 | PFC |  | Survey |
|-------------------------|-------|-----|--|--------|

**56th Armored Engineer Battalion**

|                    |       |     |  |        |
|--------------------|-------|-----|--|--------|
| Buch, Raymond S.   | Box 2 | SGT | Company A                                | Survey |
| Ferrari, Alfred    | Box 2 | CPL | Company C                                | Survey |
| Fritz, Gaylord N.. | Box 2 | CPL | Company A                                | Survey |
| O'Brien, Daniel W. | Box 2 | T/5 | Company A                                | Survey |
| Platky, Leon D.    | Box 2 | PVT | Company A and<br>HEADQUARTERS<br>Company | Survey |

**151st Armored Signal Company**

|                  |       |      |  |        |
|------------------|-------|------|--|--------|
| Conine, Lewis A. | Box 2 | TSGT |  | Survey |
| Smith, Harold W. | Box 2 | T/4  |  | Survey |

**Attached/Unidentified Units**

Attached units supported the 11th Armored Division at some point during the war, but were not organic to the division. Unidentified unit means that the veteran's survey indicated service with the 11th Armored Division, but did not provide sufficient information regarding the specific subordinate unit.

|                     |       |     |                   |        |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-------------------|--------|
| Alford, Edgar G.    | Box 2 | COL | Unidentified Unit | Survey |
| Leonhardt, Harry A. | Box 2 | 1LT | Unidentified Unit | memoir |
| Papke, Keith G.     | Box 2 | PVT | Unidentified Unit | memoir |