

31st Infantry Division

The 31st "Dixie" Division, a National Guard unit, was inducted into federal service on 25 November 1940, at Birmingham, Alabama and shortly thereafter, it moved to Camp Blanding, Florida. At the time the division was organized in a World War I-era "square" configuration consisting of two infantry brigades, the 61st and the 62d Infantry Brigades, and the 56th Field Artillery Brigade. Each Infantry brigade consisted of two infantry regiments, the 155th and 156th Infantry Regiments, and the 124th and 167th Infantry Regiments, respectively.

On 8 December 1941, the 125th Infantry Regiment was relieved from assignment to the division. Likewise, on 27 February 1942, the division was designated the 31st Infantry Division and reorganized as a "triangular" division built around just three infantry regiments, the 124th, the 155th and the 167th Infantry Regiments.

Following service in the Pacific Theater of Operations, the division was inactivated on 21 December 1945, at Camp Stoneman, California.

In 1942 a typical infantry regiment consisted of a headquarters and band, a headquarters company, a service company, an anti-tank company, a cannon company, and three infantry battalions.

In March 1943 the basic infantry regiment was reorganized to include a headquarters, a headquarters company, a service company, an anti-tank company, and three infantry battalions.

Each of the three infantry battalions consisted of a headquarters and headquarters company, three rifle companies and a heavy weapons company. Within each regiment, the 1st Battalion consisted of Companies A through D, the 2d Battalion consisted of Companies E through H, and the 3d Battalion consisted of Companies I through M (there was no Company J).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Contents</u>
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Headquarters and Headquarters Company

124th Infantry Regiment

Nix, James M.	Box 1	PFC	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey
Tillery, Aubrey P.	Box 1	MSG	2d Battalion, Company E; Service Company	Privately published memoir, "Florida's Own 124th Infantry Regiment in New Guinea – Morotai & Mindanao During World War II"

155th Infantry Regiment

Crichton, John H.	Box 1	MAJ	2d Battalion, Company H	Partially completed survey, personal papers and photographs [Personal papers transferred to manuscript holdings; photographs transferred to the photographic archives]
Smith, James J.	Box 1	MSG	Headquarters Company	Survey

167th Infantry Regiment**31st Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized)**

Hill, Robert M.	Box 1	1LT		Survey and typed memoir, "My War Years, 1941-1947"
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31st Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment**106th Engineer Combat Battalion**

Owens, John D.	Box 1	T/4	Company A	Survey, series of vignettes and photocopy of unit newsletter, "Company 'A' 106th Engineers," dated February 1995
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106th Medical Battalion**31st Division Artillery****Headquarters and Headquarters Battery****114th Field Artillery Battalion****116th Field Artillery Battalion****117th Field Artillery Battalion****149th Field Artillery Battalion****Special Troops****731st Ordnance Light Maintenance Company****31st Quartermaster Company****31st Signal Company**

Military Police Platoon**Attached / Unidentified Units**

Attached units supported the 31st Infantry 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 31st Infantry Division, but did not provide sufficient information regarding the specific subordinate unit.

Briand, John P.	Box 1	T/4	Unidentified unit, Infantry; X Corps, Headquarters, Cook/Baker	Survey
Marr, Cyril	Box 1	PFC	Unidentified unit, 1st Battalion, Company D	Partially completed survey