

33d Infantry Division

The 33d "Golden Cross" Division, a National Guard unit also known as the "Illinois" or "Prairie" Division, was inducted into federal service on 5 March 1941 in Chicago, Illinois. Shortly thereafter, the unit moved to Camp Forrest, Tennessee, for training.

Activated as a World War I-era "square" division, the unit was organized around the 65th Infantry Brigade, consisting of the 129th and 130th Infantry Regiments, the 66th Infantry Brigade, consisting of the 131st and 132d Infantry Regiments, and the 58th Field Artillery Brigade. Subsequently, the 132d Infantry Regiment was relieved from assignment to the division on 14 January 1942.

On 21 February 1942 the unit was redesignated the 33d Infantry Division and reorganized as a "triangular" division. That same day the 131st Infantry Regiment was relieved from assignment to the division, as was the 129th Infantry Regiment on 31 July 1943. Meanwhile, the 136th Infantry Regiment was assigned to the division on 1 April 1942, as was the 123d Infantry Regiment on 28 September 1942.

Following service in the Pacific Theater of Operations, the division was inactivated on 5 February 1946 in Japan.

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

Kaniarz, Frank A.	Box 1		Headquarters, G-2 Section	Typed memoir, "Franz'l Kaney Goes Off to the Wars"
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123d Infantry Regiment

Dennis, Harold L.	Box 1	PFC	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey
Dimmick, John F.	Box 1	T/5	Service Company	Survey
Morgan, Henry R.	Box 1	PFC	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey and newspaper clipping
Timmer, Raymond H.	Box 1	COL	1st Battalion, Company A; 1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey

129th Infantry Regiment [Relieved from assignment to the division on 31 July 1943]

Kline, James W.	Box 1	SSG	Service Company	[See: 37th Infantry Division; 129th Infantry Regiment]
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130th Infantry Regiment

Blake, Ellis D.	Box 1	COL	3d Battalion, Headquarters Company, Commanding Officer	Survey and letter of commendation
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Chaftin, Everett L.	Box 1	LTC	3d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
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Henderson, James N.	Box 1	1LT	1st Battalion, Company B; 2d Battalion, Company E	Survey
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Jansen, Frank W., Jr.	Box 1	T/2	1st Battalion, Company D	Survey
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Talbott, Charlie Y.	Box 1	COL	Cannon Company; 1st Battalion, Headquarters Company, Executive Officer; 1st Battalion, Headquarters Company, Commanding Officer	Survey and some official correspondence
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Wonsetler, Noble T.	Box 1	1LT	Cannon Company	Survey
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132d Infantry Regiment [Relieved from assignment to the division on 14 January 1942]

DePinto, John J.	Box 1	PVT	1st Battalion, Company D	[See: Americal Division; 132d Infantry Regiment]
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136th Infantry Regiment

Boston, Joffre H.	Box 1	COL	Headquarters, S-4 Section	Map of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater
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Smith, George F.	Box 1	1LT	Headquarters Company	Survey
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Waln, Eugene C.	Box 1	SSG	Unidentified unit	Survey
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33d Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized)**33d Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment**

108th Engineer Combat Battalion

McNeil, William S.	Box 1	1LT	Company C	Survey, typed memoir, "World War Two 1941 – 1946, My Own Story," and some official documents
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108th Medical Battalion**33d Infantry Division Artillery****Headquarters and Headquarters Battery**

Southworth, John D.	Box 1	SSG	Headquarters Battery	Survey
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122d Field Artillery Battalion

Applegate, Marion H.	Box 1	T/2	Headquarters Battery	Survey
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123d Field Artillery Battalion**124th Field Artillery Battalion****210th Field Artillery Battalion****Special Troops****Headquarters Company****733d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company****33d Quartermaster Company****33d Signal Company**

Sweenie, James L.	Box 1	T/2		Survey
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Military Police Platoon

Attached / Unidentified Units

Attached units supported the 33d 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 33d Infantry Division, but did not provide sufficient information regarding the specific subordinate unit.

Borcherding, Alfred L.	Box 1	SGT	Unidentified unit, Company C	Survey
Leach, Robert	Box 1	LTC	Unidentified unit,	Correspondence pertaining to the 33d Infantry Division's reunion conducted on 10-14 September 1997 with participation by representatives from the 44th Military History Detachment

108th Quartermaster Regiment

Hardy, William	Box 1	T/4	1st Battalion, Headquarters Detachment	[See: Quartermaster Units; 108th Quartermaster Regiment]
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