36th Infantry Division

When inducted into federal service on 25 November 1940, the 36th "Arrowhead" Division, a National Guard unit also known as the "Texas" Division, was organized as a "square" division consisting of two infantry brigades, the 71st Infantry Brigade, with the 141st and 142d Infantry Regiments, and the 72d Infantry Brigade, with the 143d and the 144th Infantry Regiments, plus the 61st Field Artillery Brigade.

On 1 February 1942, the division was redesignated the 36th Infantry Division and reorganized as a "triangular division" with only three infantry regiments, the 141st, the 142d and the 143d Infantry Regiments. Meanwhile, the 144d Infantry Regiment was relieved from its assignment to the division and became a separate infantry regiment on that same date.

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>	
Headquarters and Headquarters Company					
141st Infantry Regiment					
Bodeen, Russell	Box 1	SSG	3d Battalion, Company I	Large collection of letters written to his girlfriend during the period 14 May 1944 to 25 August 1945 [Letters transferred to the manuscript archives]	
Faught, Robert J.	Box 1	SSG	2d Battalion, Company G	Survey	
Goode, John D.	Box 1	1LT	3d Battalion, Company K	Long letter discussing the crossing of the Rapido River	

Harlinski, Anthony	Box 1	PFC	2d Battalion, Company E	Survey; 102-page typed memoir, "The Purple Road Back;" unit history, <i>The Story of the 36th Infantry Division</i> , War Department Pamphlet 21-4, <i>Going Back to Civilian Life</i> (August 1945), and Veterans' Administration booklet, <i>Continuance of National Service Life Insurance</i> , 25 June 1945 issue of <i>Outfit</i> ; and two letters [<i>Outfit</i> transferred to the periodical holdings]
Meo, Anthony O.	Box 1	SGT	3d Battalion, Company M	Survey, company roster, official document, letter awarding the Bronze Star, two photographs, and newspaper clippings
Sausser, Robert J.	Box 1	PFC	3d Battalion, Company K	Collection of letters [Transferred to the manuscript collection]
Wells, Raymond C.	Box 1	MSG	2d Battalion, Company H	Survey, two issues of <i>The</i> Fighting 36th Historical Quarterly (Winter 1986 and Spring 1992), newspaper clipper, and several articles written by Wells
Wisian, Werner	Box 1		2d Battalion, Company G	Typed reminiscences of his World War II experience and time as a POW
142d Infantry Regiment				
Evans, Irvin	Box 1	SSG	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey
Glover, Harold R.	Box 1	SGT	1st Battalion, Company D	Survey
Johnson, Cewin J.	Box 1	PFC	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey
McNabney William F.	Box 1	SSG	2d Battalion, Company F	Survey
Plummer, James C.	Box 1	PFC	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey
Reahm, George E.	Box 1	SGT	3d Battalion, Company I	Survey
Repke, William	Box 1	1LT	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey

143d Infantry Regiment

Burrage, Richard M.	Box 1	COL	1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Typed reflections, "See Naples and Die!"	
Cross, Bud	Box 1	1LT	2d Battalion, Unidentified unit	Survey	
Davenport, Lynwood L.	Box 1	1SG	Anti-Tank Company	Survey	
Nowling, Richard B.	Box 1	SSG	3d Battalion, Company I	Survey	
Palmer, Bennett J.	Box 1	T/3	1st Battalion, Unidentified unit	Survey	
Ridlehuber, Walter T.	Box 1	1LT	3d Battalion Company K	Survey	
Sunday, Zeb Dee	Box 1	MSG	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey	
Thornburg, Cyril F.	Box 1	1LT	2d Battalion, Company H	Roster of division personnel buried in Epinal Cemetery and Extensive collection of division and regimental after action reports	
Walker, Fred L., Jr.	Box 2	COL	1st Battalion, Commanding Officer	Typed reminiscences, "Operations of the 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry, Chiunzi Pass and Naples Area, September 11 – October 5, 1943"	
Warner, Willis	Box 2	PFC	2d Battalion, Company E	Survey	
Wassall, Elmer A.	Box 2	SFC	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey	
144th Infantry Regiment [Relieved from assignment to the Division on 1 February 1942]					
Fry, Alfred R.	Box 2	SGT	Unidentified unit	[See: Infantry Regiments (Separate); 144th Infantry Regiment]	
Mehaffey, Robert E.	Box 2	MAJ	3d Battalion, Company I	[See: Infantry Regiments (Separate); 144th Infantry Regiment]	
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2d Battalion,

Company H

[See: Infantry Regiments (Separate); 144th Infantry Regiment]

36th Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized)

Box 2

1LT

Sandus, Mark H.

111th Engineer Combat Battalion

Hodges, James E. Box 2 T/2 Company F Survey and 36th Infantry Division

Association's "Song Book"

prepared in 1991

111th Medical Battalion

36th Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

131st Field Artillery Battalion

Offerle, Roy M. Box 2 SSG Battery D Survey, "History of USS Houston

(CA 30)," Otto Schwarz's article, "Burma-Thailand 'Death' Railroad," several clippings about the Lost Battalion, associated Lost Battalion Association materials, and publication, *The Bamboo Express* [The Bamboo Express

transferred to the library

holdings]

Woodard, Jim B. Box 2 1SG Battery B Survey

132d Field Artillery Battalion

Brown, Joseph T. Box 2 COL Headquarters Survey and typed memoir,

Battery "Love, War, Etc."

Taylor, Cloyd V. Box 2 LTC Unidentified unit Two surveys, publication,

Spearheading with the Third Armored Division, VI Corps invitation to a dance, several Special Orders, and other associated official documents

133d Field Artillery Battalion

Constant Peter J., Jr. Box 2 T/5 Battery B Survey

Lee, Ray H. Box 2 CPT Battery F Survey and published unit

history, 345th Field Artillery Battalion, 90th Infantry Division, Third United States Army [Unit history transferred to the library

holdings]

Wilson, Ben F., Jr. Box 2 COL Battery F Survey

155th Field Artillery Battalion

Special Troops

736th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company

Burns, Shannon M. Box 2 1LT Survey

36th Quartermaster Company

Self, Marvin V. Box 2 SGT Survey and article, "After 60,000

Combat Miles 'Helldrivers' Keep

Rolling"

36th Signal Company

Military Police Platoon

Attached / Unidentified Units

Attached units supported the 36th 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 36th Infantry Division, but did not provide sufficient information regarding the specific subordinate unit.

Millett, Lewis L.	Box 2	COL	Unidentified unit	Typed memoir
Neville, John M.	Box 2	SSG	Unidentified unit	Survey and newspaper clipping
Powers, Raymond R.	Box 2	SSG	Unidentified unit	Short biographic sketch

443d Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons (AW) Battalion (SP)

Driscoll, John A.	Box 2	Unidentified unit	[See: Anti-Aircraft Artillery Units;

443th AAA AW Battalion (SP)]

Fisher, John R. Box 2 LTC Unidentified unit [See: Anti-Aircraft Artillery Units;

443th AAA AW Battalion (SP)]

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Headquarters

Special Report, Operation "Avalanche," 9 – 21 September 1943

Monthly Operations Reports for November and December 1943

Monthly Operations Reports for January through June 1944

Monthly Operations Reports for August through December 1944

Monthly Operations Reports for January through May 1945

List of the Division's Battle Deaths by Unit

Headquarters Company

Special Report, Operation "Avalanche," 9 – 21 September 1943

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141st Infantry Regiment

Special Report, Operation "Avalanche," 9 – 21 September 1943
History of 141st Infantry Regiment from 9 September to 21 September 1943
Monthly Operations Reports for November and December 1943
Monthly Operations Reports for January through June 1944
Special Report, "Operations on the Rapido River Report in January 1944"
Monthly Operations Reports for August and September 1944
Monthly Operations Reports for October through December 1944
Monthly Operations Reports for January through March 1945
Monthly Operations Reports for April through October 1945

142d Infantry Regiment

Special Report, Operation "Avalanche," 9 – 21 September 1943
Monthly Operations Reports for November and December 1943
Monthly Operations Reports for January through June 1944
Regimental Commander's Comments on Operations for February 1944
Regimental Commander's Comments on Operations for May 1944
Regimental Commander's Comments on Operations for June 1944
Monthly Operations Reports for August through December 1944

Box 4

Monthly Operations Reports for January through June 1945
The Liberation of French Notables from Itter Castle on 5 May 1945

143d Infantry Regiment

Monthly Operations Report for December 1943

Monthly Operations Reports for January and February 1944

Narrative of the Rapido River Crossing on 20-21 January 1944

Monthly Operations Reports for May and June 1944

Monthly Operations Reports for August and September 1944

Monthly Operations Reports for October through December 1944

Monthly Operations Reports for January through March 1945

36th Infantry Division Artillery

Special Report, Operation "Avalanche," 9 – 21 September 1943

Monthly After Action Reports for October through December 1943

Monthly After Action Reports for January through June 1944

Special Report for the Velletri-Colli Laziale Operation, 29 May – 3 June 1944

Monthly After Action Reports for August through December 1944

Monthly After Action Reports for January through April 1945

131st Field Artillery Battalion

Special Report, Operation "Avalanche," 9 – 21 September 1943 Monthly Historical Reports for November and December 1943 Monthly Historical Reports for January through June 1944 Monthly Historical Reports for August through December 1944 Monthly Historical Reports for January through May 1945

Box 5

Unit Journals for November and December 1943
Unit Journals for January through June 1944
Unit Journals for August through December 1944
Unit Journals for January and February 1945

132d Field Artillery Battalion

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Monthly Historical Reports for November and December 1943
Monthly Historical Reports for January through June 1944
Monthly Historical Reports for August through December 1944
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Unit Journals for January through March 1944

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Monthly Historical Reports for August through December 1944 Monthly Historical Reports for January through May 1945

155th Field Artillery Battalion

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111th Engineer Combat Battalion

Special Report, Operation "Avalanche," 9 – 21 September 1943 Monthly Historical Reports for November and December 1943 Monthly Historical Reports for January through June 1944 Monthly Historical Reports for August through November 1944 Monthly Historical Reports for January through May 1945