

## 37th Infantry Division

The 37th "Buckeye" Division, a National Guard organization, was inducted into federal service on 15 October 1940 at Columbus, Ohio, and moved to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, five days later where it underwent intensive training. Activated as a "square" division, the unit consisted of the 73d Infantry Brigade, consisting of the 145th and 148th Infantry Regiments, the 74th Infantry Brigade, consisting of the 147th and 166th Infantry Regiments, and the 62d Field Artillery Brigade. On 16 January 1942 the 166th Infantry Regiment was relieved from its assignment to the division.

On 1 February 1942 the division was redesignated the 37th Infantry Division and reorganized as a "triangular" division consisting of the 145th, 147th and 148th Infantry Regiments. In April 1942 the 147th Infantry Regiment was relieved from the division. On 31 July 1943, the 129th Infantry Regiment was assigned to the division.

Following service in the Pacific Theater of Operations, the division was inactivated on 18 December 1945, at Camp Anza, 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>
<b><u>Headquarters and Headquarters Company</u></b>				
Brown, Byron W.	Box 1	LTC	Headquarters, Office of the Inspector General	[See: 37th Infantry Division; 148th Infantry Regiment]
Gassner, Julius S.	Box 1	1LT	Headquarters, G-2 Section	Survey and photocopied collection of letters written by members of the teaching staff of Section V of the Military Intelligence Training Center at Camp Ritchie, describing their memories of Camp Ritchie and their experiences after leaving Camp Ritchie; Gassner's letter is at page 11

Kawamoto, Yukio	Box 1	T/3	Headquarters, G-2 Section, MIS Detachment	Survey, handwritten reflections regarding his military service, a 4 March 1944 letter concerning his experiences in the Army as a Nisei, and two sample of Japanese stationery
Mathias, Frank F.	Box 1	T/4	Division Band	Survey

**129th Infantry Regiment** [Assigned to the division on 31 July 1943]

Boardman, James S.	Box 1	1LT	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey
Kline, James W.	Box 1	SSG	Service Company	Survey
Morris, John N.	Box 1	COL	Headquarters, S-2 Section	Survey
Sitzler, George K.	Box 1	PFC	2d Battalion, Company F	Survey
Todd, Floyd E.	Box 1	PFC	2d Battalion, Company F	Survey
Whitehead, William L.	Box 1	PFC	Anti-Tank Company	Survey

**145th Infantry Regiment**

Beatty, James D.	Box 1	CPT	1st Battalion, Company C; Headquarters Company	Survey and personal military log of flights flown over the "Hump"
Fitch, Warren P.	Box 1	SSG	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey and various photocopied documents
Gilbert, Willie M.	Box 1	PFC	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey
Howard, Robert H.	Box 1	CPT	2d Battalion, Company F	Photocopies of transcribed letters for 25 July through 22 August 1943, one-page typed reflections, "New Georgia, Solomon Islands" and a short document regarding Frank J. Petrarca winning the Medal of Honor
Jones, James R.	Box 1	MAJ	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey
Lutze, Frank M.	Box 1	CPT	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey

Outland, Orland T.	Box 1		3d Battalion, Company K	Typed memoirs, "Guadalcanal to New Georgia" and "Ground Force Training Center" and assorted documents
Timpanaro, Joseph	Box 1	CPL	1st Battalion, Company D	Survey
Weston, Logan E.	Box 1	COL	2d Battalion, Company H	[See: Merrill's Marauders]
Wilkinson, Roy H.	Box 1	T/5	Headquarters Company	Pamphlet, <i>Camp Wolters, Texas</i> ; collection of official documents pertaining to his military service during and after World War II; sketch map showing the 37th Infantry Division's campaigns on Luzon; <i>USNS Gen. C. G. Morton's</i> program, "Captain's Dinner Welcome Home;" a copy of R. Ernest Dupuy's <i>Infantry Journal</i> article, "Bibolo Hill – And Beyond;" "Beyond;" poems, "The Battle of Luzon" and "The Infantry? What's That?;" an 11 April 1951 <i>Stars and Stripes</i> article, "Truman Names Ridgway CinC;" collection of War Stamp Albums and War Ration Books; official program for the 2d Infantry Division Association's 47th annual reunion, conducted on 18-20 July 1968; <i>Servicemen's Map of the United States and Insignia of the Armed Forces</i> published by Fred Harvey; Rand McNally's <i>Battle Map of the Pacific</i> ; March 1945 map of Central Manila prepared by the regimental S-2; August 1945 map of Manila; and March 1945 map of North Philippine Islands

**147th Infantry Regiment** [Relieved from assignment to the division in April 1942]

Sikes, Thomas C.	Box 1	PFC	2d Battalion, Company G; 3d Battalion, Company L	[See: Infantry Regiments, (Separate); 147th Infantry Regiment]
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**148th Infantry Regiment**

Brown, Byron W.	Box 1	LTC	3d Battalion, Company M; Service Company	Survey, handwritten daily journal and a privately published family genealogy that contains extensive information on his World War II and subsequent military service
Eschbach, Ernest E.	Box 2		1st Battalion, Company A	Photocopy of the 11 November 2002 Allentown, PA <i>Morning Call</i> newspaper article, "Deadly Patrols, Fearful Nights in a Foxhole on Guadalcanal"
Foret, Murphy J.	Box 2	CPL	3d Battalion, Company I; 1st Battalion, Company C	Survey and extensive collection of photocopied correspondence from other veterans endorsing efforts to get Foret a Medal of Honor
Gale, Jesse	Box 2	PFC	Headquarters, Medical Detachment	Nine original letters for the period 20 April through 23 August 1944
Hanson, Edwin E.	Box 2	PFC	2d Battalion, Company F	Survey, typed reflections, "One Day in the Life of an Infantry Line Company Private Replacement," a collection of official documents regarding his entry into the Army and basic training, photocopied newspaper article, and a typed memoir, "My Military History: A Chronicle of My Experiences in the US Army in WWII, 1943-1946"
Helling, Clarence S.	Box 2	T/5	Unidentified unit	Survey
Henne, Charles A.	Box 2	COL	3d Battalion, Company L; Company M; 1st Battalion, Headquarters, Executive Officer; 3d Battalion, Company L; Headquarters, Executive Officer; Headquarters, Commanding Officer	Survey and typed chronology, "World War II Chronology, Pacific Theater of Operations"
Kiser, Robert H.	Box 2	CPL	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey and typed reflections, "World War II Experiences of Robert H. Kiser Cpl. 37664377"
Knauss, Robert G.	Box 2	CPL	3d Battalion, Company K	Survey

Schwab, Cletus J.	Box 2	CPT	3d Battalion, Company L; 1st Battalion, Company B; Company D	Survey, typed reflections on his military service and assorted official documents and correspondence
Sears, Daniel J., Sr.	Box 2	T/2	3d Battalion, Company K	Survey
Simpson, Lynn L.	Box 2	SGT	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey
Vidrine, Wallace E., Jr.	Box 2	PVT	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey

**37th Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized)**

McCurdy, John C.	Box 2	CPT		Five folders of official documents pertaining to the unit and his military service during and post- World War II
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**37th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment****117th Engineer Combat Battalion****112th Medical Battalion****37th Division Artillery****Headquarters and Headquarters Battery****6th Field Artillery Battalion****135th Field Artillery Battalion**

Steffy, Robert W.	Box 2	CPL	Battery C	Two surveys
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**136th Field Artillery Battalion****140th Field Artillery Battalion****Special Troops****Headquarters Company****737th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company****37th Quartermaster Company**

**37th Signal Company**

Weger, Edward J.                      Box 2              T/2

[See: Separate collection – Edward J Weger. Collection consists of three wide Hollinger boxes containing original letters to his wife covering the period October 1940 through September 1945]

**Military Police Platoon**

**Attached / Unidentified Units**

Attached units supported the 37th 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 37th Infantry Division, but did not provide sufficient information regarding the specific subordinate unit.