

## 38th Infantry Division

The 38th "Cyclone" Division was inducted into federal service on 17 January 1941, at Indianapolis, Indiana, and immediately moved to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, where the division underwent training. Activated as a "square" division, the unit was organized around the 75th Infantry Brigade, consisting of the 149th and 150th Infantry Regiments, and the 76th Infantry Brigade, consisting of the 151st and 152d Infantry Regiments.

On 10 February 1942 the 150th Infantry Regiment was relieved from its assignment to the division. On 1 March 1942 the division was redesignated the 38th Infantry Division and reorganized as a "triangular" division based around the 149th, 151st and 152d Infantry Regiments.

Based on its service in the Pacific Theater of Operations, General Douglas MacArthur called the division the "Avengers of Bataan." The division was inactivated on 9 November 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>
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### Headquarters and Headquarters Company

#### 149th Infantry Regiment

DeAugustinis, Elmer V.	Box 1	LTC	Service Company	Survey
LaChaussee, Robert A.	Box 1	PFC	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey

Pearce, Milton W.	Box 1	1LT	1st Battalion, Company C; Company D	Survey, typed memoir, "Memories of the 149th (Avengers of Bataan)," letters and V-mail; Headquarters, 149th Infantry document discussing the paratroop attack of 6 December 1944, typed reflections, "Initial Landing Zig-Zag," "Ft. Stotsenburg," "Terrain," "Character of Hostile Opposition," and "Prior History;" photocopied newspaper clippings; and five unit papers, <i>SWPA Maptalk</i> (16 December 1944), <i>The Sunday Cloner</i> (2 September 1945), <i>The Cycloner</i> (nd), <i>The Bayonet</i> (2 December 1983), and [Unit newspapers transferred to Periodical holdings]
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**151st Infantry Regiment**

Ball, Oran A.	Box 1	T/5	2d Battalion Company F	Survey
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**152nd Infantry Regiment**

Motycki, Stanley J.	Box 1	T/2	2d Battalion, Company F	Survey and one-page article, "Peace"
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**38th Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized)**

Lynch, Samuel J.	Box 1	2LT		Survey
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**38th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment****113th Engineer Combat Battalion****113th Medical Battalion****38th Division Artillery****Headquarters and Headquarters Battery**

**138th Field Artillery Battalion**

Wilson, James M., Jr.	Box 1	COL	Battery D*	Survey [*Originally served in Battery D, 2d Battalion, 138th Field Artillery Regiment, 38th Division. On 1 March 1942, the the battalion was redesignated the 198th Field Artillery Battalion and relieved from assignment to the 38th Infantry Division]
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**139th Field Artillery Battalion**

Wright, Clyde C.	Box 1	BG	Headquarters Battery	Survey
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**150th Field Artillery Battalion**

Chaplin, Ernest W.	Box 1	1LT	Battery C; Headquarters Battery	Survey
Mitchell, Fred Jr.	Box 1	CPL	Headquarters Battery	Survey

**163d Field Artillery Battalion****Headquarters, Special Troops****738th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company****38th Quartermaster Company****38th Signal Company**

Augustine, Paul I.	Box 1	T/2		Survey
Brower, William L.	Box 1	SSG		Survey

**Military Police Platoon****Attached/Unidentified Units**

Attached units supported the 38th 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 38th Infantry Division, but did not provide sufficient information regarding the specific subordinate unit.