

41st Infantry Division

The 41st "Sunset" Division, later nicknamed the "Jungleers," was inducted into federal service on 16 September 1940. At the time the division was organized in a World War I-era "square" configuration consisting of two infantry brigades, the 81st Infantry Brigade and the 82d Infantry Brigade, and the 66th Field Artillery Brigade. Each brigade consisted of two infantry regiments, the 161st Infantry Regiment and the 162d Infantry Regiment, and the 163d Infantry Regiment and the 186th Infantry Regiment, respectively.

On 2 August 1941, the 41st Division was redesignated the 41st Infantry Division. During January and February 1942, the division reorganized into a "triangular" division built around just three infantry regiments. In conjunction with the reorganization, the 161st Infantry Regiment was relieved from assignment to the 41st Infantry Division and reassigned to the 25th Infantry Division.

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>
<u>Headquarters and Headquarters Company</u>				
Baldwin, Kenneth R.	Box 1	MAJ	Headquarters Company	Survey
<u>162d Infantry Regiment</u>				
Ament, Edwin J.	Box 1	PFC	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey
Connell, Ralph B.	Box 1	T/5	Service Company	Survey
Drugan, John L.	Box 1	PFC	2d Battalion, Company G; 2d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Feddersen, Richard T.	Box 1	COL	2d Battalion, Company G; Headquarters, Operations Officer	Survey

Kessenich, Arthur J.	Box 1	CPT	3d Battalion, Headquarters Company	[See: 32d Infantry Division; 128th Infantry Regiment]
Kielsgard, Frederic T.	Box 1	SSG	Anti-Tank Company	Survey, typed memoir, "An Introduction to Induction and Beyond, World War II," reflections, "Reflections of a Foot Slogger or A Worm's Eye View from World War II: The More Things Change the More They Stay the Same," <i>Washington Post</i> article, "Old-Time Vets Line Up Behind Gulf Troops," <i>Jungleer</i> article, "AT Co. 162 Infantry: Desperate Battles in Ildi Pocket," correspondence with the 41st Infantry Division Veterans Association historian, and foreign currency
Norgard, Earl M.	Box 1	SGT	2d Battalion, Company H	Survey
Pasterak, Alexander J.	Box 1	CPT	1st Battalion, Headquarters, Medical Detachment, Aid station	Survey
Pichotte, Erwin A.	Box 1	LTC	Unidentified unit	[See: 32d Infantry Division; 127th Infantry Regiment]
Rowland, Boyd B., Jr.	Box 1	T/5	Unidentified unit	Survey
<u>163d Infantry Regiment</u>				
Jones, Bradley T.	Box 1	MAJ	Unidentified unit	Survey
Kelly, John M.	Box 1		Anti-Tank Company	Survey
Kramer, Manuel	Box 1	SGT	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey
Merrick, Arthur W.	Box 1	LTC	1st Battalion, Company A; 3d Battalion, Company L; 1st Battalion, Company B; 1st Battalion, Headquarters, Operations Officer	Survey
Sanders, Robert W.	Box 1	SSG	2d Battalion, Company H	Survey

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Cripps, Charles W.	Box 1	SSG	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey
LeGro, William E.	Box 1	COL	3d Battalion, Company M	Survey
Mayes, James J.	Box 1	COL	Headquarters Company	[See: 38th Infantry Division]
McCool, Jay L.	Box 1	SFC	Headquarters, Medical Detachment; 3d Battalion, Headquarters, Medical Detachment, Aid Station	Survey and typed memoir, "We Were Tokyo Rose's 'Butchers' My Days with the 41st Infantry Division"
Newman, Oliver P.	Box 1	MG	Headquarters, Executive Officer; 2d Battalion, Commander; Headquarters, Commander	Handwritten memoirs pertaining to his military service, biographical sketches, obituary, "Notes on US Army Actions in S.W. Pacific in World War II Up to and Including the Papua and Biak Campaigns," and two maps
Piwowar, Thaddeus R.	Box 1	PFC	2d Battalion, Company G	Survey
Webster, Wilbur R.	Box 1	LTC	1st Battalion, Company D	Survey
Woodard, Douglas D.	Box 1	SGT	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey

41st Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized)**41st Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment****116th Engineer Combat Battalion****116th Medical Battalion****41st Division Artillery****Headquarters and Headquarters Battery**

146th Field Artillery Battalion

Julius, Henry F.	Box 1	SGT	Service Battery	Survey, typed reflections, "Powdered Eggs and Other Tales of the Southwest Pacific," commendation for service with the Quartermaster Subsistence Depot and flyer, "Flag Ceremony Introduction"
Leonard, J. V.	Box 1	T/5	Battery B	Survey

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Bannerman, Herbert	Box 1	SGT	Battery C; Headquarters Battery	Survey
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205th Field Artillery Battalion**218th Field Artillery Battalion****Special Troops****Headquarters Company****741st Ordnance Light Maintenance Company****41st Quartermaster Company****41st Signal Company**

Sweeney, Leonard W.	Box 1	SGM		Survey
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Military Police Platoon**Attached/Unidentified Units**

Attached units supported the 41st 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 41st Infantry Division, but did not provide sufficient information regarding the specific subordinate unit.

Albertson, James L.	Box 1	CPL	Unidentified unit	Survey
Jaggers, John	Box 1		Unidentified unit	Brief sketch of his military service prepared by a student
Taylor, Loyd W.	Box 1	PFC	3d Battalion, Unidentified unit	Survey

41st Infantry Division Veterans Association Documents

Westerfield, Hargis	Box 2	Donor	Association Historian	Background on Westerfield's preparation of 41st Infantry Division unit histories and lists of the histories sent to the MHI in conjunction with the Institute's World War II Veterans Survey initiative; these unit histories all appeared in the Association's publication, <i>Jungleers</i>
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Accounts of Japanese Units

"American and Japanese Invasion Plans" [Japanese Army]
"Atrocities and Explanations" [Japanese Army]
"An Officer on Biak" [Japanese Army]
"Reasons for Soldier Suicides" [Japanese Army]
"Japanese Medics in New Guinea" [67th Line of Communication Hospital]
"Jap Tanks in Parai Defile" [36th Japanese Division]
"A Jap Officer in Defeat on Biak" [36th Japanese Division]
"Matsuyama and Yoshino Forces at Toem" [36th Japanese Division]
"Night Fight Against C 162 at Zamboanga by 3 Japanese Infantrymen" [54th Independent Mixed Brigade]
"Japanese Death March at Zamboanga" [54th Independent Mixed Brigade]
"A Brigade's Life and Death" [55th Independent Mixed Brigade]
"Three Kon Operations Against Biak" [Japanese Navy]

125th Infantry Regiment (Moro)

"The Sulu Guerilla Story, Part I"
"The Sulu Guerilla Story, Part II (Jolo)"

Papuan Infantry Battalion

"Our Papuan Soldiers"

Accounts of 41st Infantry Division Organic and Attached Units

Division Headquarters

"The Division's Z-Day on Biak"

“PT Boats for the 41st”
“First Wave Fighters for Wakde”
“Destroyer *Kalk's* Travail for the 41st”
“General Krueger and Fuller’s Resignation”
“General Fuller’s Resignation”
Letter concerning the tactical and command challenges on Biak

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Folder 1

“Miracle Landing at Nassau Bay”
“COL Taylor’s Frustrated Beachhead”
“Mopping Up On Biak” [Headquarters, Information and Reconnaissance Platoon]
“Mopping Up On Biak” [Headquarters, Information and Reconnaissance Platoon]
“Last Days of Lieutenant Myron Folsom” [Headquarters, Information and Reconnaissance Platoon]
“The Sibago Island Fight” [Headquarters, Information and Reconnaissance Platoon]
“Assault Guns at Zamboanga” [Cannon Company]
“Mine Platoon on Biak” [Anti-Tank Company]
“Mine Platoon on Biak” [Anti-Tank Company]
“Our Southern Philippine Campaign” [Anti-Tank Company]
“First Assault on Parai Defile” [Service Company]
“The Australian Critique of Salamaua” [1st Battalion]
“Australian Guides into Nassau Bay” [1st Battalion]
“Cutting the Komiatum Track” [Company A]
“First Fight at Nassau Bay” [Company A]
“Horseshoe Hill and A Co. Ridge (Biak) [Companies A and C]
“Our ‘Soepiori Campaign’” [Company B]
“Yanks, Japs, and Aussies” [Companies B and C]
“SGT Camp’s Patrol Against Oba’s Raiders” [Company C]
“Battle Before Dawn at Zamboanga” [Company C]

Folder 2

“Chaplain Smith’s Southern Philippine Campaign” [2d Battalion]
“Bradshaw Liberates Zamboanga and Basilan Island” [Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion]
“Patrol with Guerillas in Mindanao” [Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion]

“Fox Farm, Oro Bay, and Biak [Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion]
“From C Ridge Into Salamaua” [Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion]
“Barman Floyd West’s War” [Company E]
“From Roosevelt Ridge to Berger Hill” [Company E]
“Ambush at Hollandia” [Company F]
“Roosevelt Ridge and C Ridge” [Company F]
“How We Named Fisher Perimeter” [Company G]
“Lt Hal C. Fisher’s Last Fight” [Company G]
“Death of 1/LT Hal Fisher” [See: Company K, “Mini-History of Roosevelt Ridge”]
“Captain Munkres Breaches Roosevelt Ridge” [Company G]

Folder 3

“3/Bn 162 Inf at Zamboanga” [3d Battalion]
“Skilled Combat on Mokmer Ridge” [Companies I and K]
“Mini-History of Roosevelt Ridge” [Company K]
“Balut Island to Calinan” [Company K]
“First Two Days in Parai Defile” [Company K]
“Bypassing Parai Defile” [Company K]
“Lorenzo Ambush: The Divisi On’s Last Fight” [Company L]
“Waria River Patrol” [Company L]
“Parai Defile Through Death Ridge” [Company M]
“Sergeant Botta’s Memories of Mindanao” [Company M]
“Machine-Gunners in Parai Defile” [Company M]
“Australian Siege of Mount Tambu and Tom Boothby’s Siege” [Company M]

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Folder 1

“Sanananda Battle Before 163 Infantry”
“Road Ambushes Behind Ibdi Pocket”
“Attempted Removal of COL Doe”
“Four Sanananda Patrols”
“The Important Killerton Patrol”
“Winning the Jolo Mountains”
“Matsuyama Force Breaks Through at Toem” [See: 116th Engineer Combat Battalion]

“Death of Keenan and Sullivan” [Anti-Tank Company]
“Conquering Mount Daho on Jolo” [1st Battalion]
“Pasananca and the Reservoir Perimeter” [1st Battalion]
“Wire and Water on Wakde” [Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion]
“Fighting the Road-Bend Perimeters” [Company A]
“Bernard Marly’s Battle of Sanananda” [Company B]
“First Wave on Wakde Beach” [Company B]
“Suicide Trail to Perimeter 3” [Company B]
“Battling Perimeters R and S” [Company C]
“Bob Burns’ Story of Toem-Wakde” [Company C]

Folder 2

“Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon” [Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion]
“Bongao and Sanga Sanga Islands” [2d Battalion]
“Blowout Hill at Zamboanga” [Company E]
“Insoemanai, Liki, and Toem Foreshore” [Company E]
“Lucky Platoon at Sanananda” [Company E]
“Morning Ambush on Jolo” [Company E]
“Battle on Waterless Wakde” [Company F]
“Death Behind Wapil Beach (Aitape)” [Company F]
“F 163’s Definitive History of Sanananda” [Company F]
“Fighting the Ibdi Pocket Cliffs” [Company F]
“Our Wakde Hell-Hole” [Company F]
“Probing Ibdi Pocket” [Company F]
“Weird Combat at Sanananda” [Company F]
“Combat in the Zamboanga Ridges” [Company G]
“The Deadly Patrols of 19 June 1944” [Company G]
“G Co’s Bongao Action” [Company G]
“Ibdi Pocket and G Company” [Company G]
“The Kumusi Campaign” [Company G]
“The Long Patrol Across Tementoe Creek” [Company G]
“Death from Our Own Mortar” [Company H’]

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“MacKenzie’s Reconnoissances at Kamti (Aitape)” [3d Battalion]
“Mokmer Ridges, Hill 320, The Teardrop” [3d Battalion]
“Mount Mabusing and Tommy-Gunner Gonzales” [Company I; two versions]
“Road Ambushes Behind Ibdi Pocket” [Company I]
“Capturing Zamboanga City” [Company L]
“Combat in Abaca Jungle” [Company L]
“2/Lt Merrick’s Battle of Sanananda” [Company L]
“War of Nerves at Davao” [Company L]
“Bunching Up on Zambo Beach” [Company M]

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“Three Important Biak Patrols”
“The Palawan Story”
“Capt Moore’s Moonlight Death Duel” [Cannon Company]
“Night Fight on Biak” [Cannon Company]
“Wounded Near Death on Biak” [Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion]
“Blunting Kuzume’s Last Offensive” [1st Battalion]
“LST to Hollandia” [2d Battalion]
“Dawn Landing” [Company F]
“The Landing and the Cave” [Companies F and G]
“A Cave on Biak” [Company G]
“Our Hard Luck at Hollandia” [Company I]
“Our Two Battles of Zamboanga” [Company I]
“Barman Wins DSC at Anungan” [Company I]
“Ambush Near Masilay” [Company M]
“Our Biak Story” [Company M]

116th Engineer Combat Battalion

“Combat and Labor in Papuan Campaign”
“Priefert’s Battle of Biak” [Headquarters Company]
“Matsuyama Force Breaks Through at Toem” [Company A]

116th Medical Battalion

“Foxhole Medics at Toem” [Company B]

146th Field Artillery Battalion

“Wet landing and Night Combat”

“Escaping the Parat Defile Death-Trap”

“146th Field Artillery in 1944: Three Sagas – Fire at Hollandia; War in SE Biak; Missing in Action on Biak”

“Bongao and Sanga Sanga Islands” [Battery B; see 2d Battalion, 163d Infantry Regiment]

167th Field Artillery Battalion

“167th Field Artillery Battalion: With the 34th Infantry (24th Infantry Division) on Biak”

205th Field Artillery Battalion

“Observer Schroeder’s Salamaua Action” [Battery B]

“The Palawan Story” [See 186th Infantry Regiment]

218th Field Artillery Battalion

“Our Hollandia Maneuver”

“Toem, Wakde, and Maffin Bay”

“Observer Gorrell Norman’s War” [Battery B]

“Panek’s Career with 218th FA” [Battery C]

41st Military Police Platoon

“Soldiers and Policemen”

Attached Units

532d Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment

“The Hollandia Fire and Lake Sentani”

542d Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment

“Amphibian Engineers: Wakde and Biak”

“Beachhead Battles for Biak”

603d Tank Company

“First Tank Battle in the SW Pacific”

“Tankmen’s Gallantry on Biak”

641st Tank Destroyer Battalion

“Insoemanai Island, Maffin Bay, Noemfor” [Company B]

“Battering Ibdì Pocket” [Company D, 1st Platoon]

“Blasting East Caves, Mokmer Ridges” [Company D, 2d Platoon]

26th Portable Surgical Hospital

“Saving 162 Lives at Parai”

26th Quartermaster Company

“War Dogs for the 41st”

“Our War Dog Soldiers”