71st Infantry Division

The 71st Infantry Division began mobilization maneuvers on 15th of July, 1943. The 70th Infantry Division received credit for serving in the: Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns during the war. The division was organized as a 'triangular division' consisting of only three infantry regiments, the 5th Infantry Regiment, the 14th Infantry Regiment, and the 66th Infantry Regiment.

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> | Rank | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Contents</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------|---|---|
| 5th Infantry Regiment | | | | |
| Anderson, Sherman E. | Box 1 | SGT | Service Company | Survey |
| Arthurs, Robert E. | Box 1 | CPT | 3d Battalion, Company L | Survey, memoir |
| Anstell, James C., Jr. | Box 1 | CPT | 1st Battalion | Survey |
| Berry, H.S. | Box 1 | LTC | 3d Battalion | Survey |
| Bodmer, Robert E. | Box 1 | T55 | 3d Battalion, Company L | Survey, newspapers, division booklet, official Army documents [See: WWII Survey Photos] |
| Bond, H. Arnold | Box 1 | LTC | 3d Battalion | Survey, certificate from Holocaust council |
| Dahl, Arthut H. | Box 1 | PFC | Headquarters Company | Survey |
| Edinger, Joseph | Box 1 | 2LT | | [See: Platz, Charles] |
| Gettys, Charles M. | Box 1 | MGEN | | [See: Platz, Charles] |
| Gooch, Woodrow W. | Box 1 | T-SGT | 1st Battalion, Company A | Survey, postcards |
| Guinee, John W. | Box 1 | SSG | 2d Battalion, Headquarters Company | Survey |
| Havens, Thomas B. | Box 1 | SGT | 1st Battalion, Headquarters Company | Survey |
| Hudson, Walton | Box 1 | CPL | 3d Battalion | Survey |

| Ichelson, David L. | Box 1 | T-5 | 3d Battalion, | manuscript "I Was There", 2 surveys, memoirs [See: WWII Survey Photos] |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|---|---|
| Keller, George A. | Box 1 | PFC | 1st Battalion, Cannon Company | Survey |
| Marple, Elmer M. | Box 1 | CPT | 1st Battalion, Headquarters Company | Survey |
| McMahon, Gerald F. | Box 1 | CPT | 1st Battalion, Headquarters Company | Survey, map, drawings of generals, article regarding 7th ID, booklets regarding singing soldiers |
| Meyer, Donald H. | Box 1 | T-3 | Headquarters Company | Survey |
| Nieboer, Stanley J. | Box 1 | SSG | Service Company | Survey |
| Paquin, Henry L. | Box 2 | 1LT | 3d Battalion, Service Company | Survey |
| Pilletier, Francis J. | Box 2 | PFC | 3d Battalion, Headquarters Company | Survey |
| Platz, Charles F. | Box 2 | PFC | 2d Battalion, | 2 Surveys, battle death list, biography of Charles Gettys, map, division reunion book, diary of Joseph Edinger, memoir |
| Ponder, Lewington S. | Box 2 | COL | Headquarters and Headquarters Company | memoir |
| Reynolds, Earl L. | Box 2 | T-4 | 1st Battalion | Survey |
| Rumisek, William | Box 2 | T-5 | 2d Battalion, Company G | Survey, newspaper clippings, commendations |
| Sitz, Donald H. | Box 2 | SSG | 1st Battalion, Company C | Survey |
| Steel, John N. | Box 2 | SGT | 1st Battalion, Company A | Survey |
| Wise, Kenneth V. | Box 2 | T-SGT | 2d Battalion, Company G | Survey |
| Woestenburg, Dirk P. | Box 2 | SSG | 3d Battalion, Headquarters Company | Survey, V-Mail |
| Zebrowski, Edward J. | Box 2 | T-4 | I & R platoon | Survey |
| Unknown | Box 2 | | | newspaper clippings, general orders, postcard, maps [See: WWII Survey Photos] |

14th Infantry Regiment

| Acre, John L. | Box 3 | E-7 | 3d Battalion, Company L | Survey |
|---|----------------|-------------------|---|---|
| Anderson, Vance | Box 3 | T-5 | 1st Battalion, Company C | Survey |
| Blitz, Jules E. | Box 3 | T-SGT | Headquarters and Headquarters Company | Survey |
| Brown, Robert E. | Box 3 | T-SGT | 3d Battalion | Survey |
| Carter, John H. | Box 3 | T-SGT | | Survey |
| Cooper, Delbert | Box 3 | SGT | Headquarters Company | Survey |
| Downs, John | Box 3 | PFC | 1st Battalion, Company B | Survey |
| Earle, John W. | Box 3 | CPT | | Survey, letters, official Army documents, PFC Judkins booklet, newspaper clippings, snack bar menu, V-mail |
| Finley, Arthur C. | Box 3 | PFC | 3d Battalion, Company I | Survey |
| Ford, Arthur M., Jr. | Box 3 | SSG | 1st Battalion, Company F | Survey |
| Granfield, Laurence J., Jr. | Box 3 | 1SGT | 1st Battalion, Company D | Survey |
| Hatfield, Lewis C. | Box 3 | MSGT | 1st Battalion, Company B | Survey |
| Hermann, Kenneth W. | Box 3 | SGT | 2d Pottolion | Cumian assessant sambat lan |
| | | 301 | 2d Battalion, Company G | Survey, company combat log, regimental history |
| Hyde, Charles J. | Box 3 | PFC | • | |
| Hyde, Charles J. Karlis, George P. | Box 3 Box 3 | | • | regimental history |
| • | | PFC | Company G 1st Battalion, | regimental history Survey |
| Karlis, George P. | Box 3 | PFC PFC | Company G 1st Battalion, Company C 2d Battalion, | regimental history Survey Survey |
| Karlis, George P. Kissinger, Wilbur L. | Box 3 | PFC PFC | Company G 1st Battalion, Company C 2d Battalion, | regimental history Survey Survey Survey |
| Karlis, George P. Kissinger, Wilbur L. Melman, Rodger | Box 3 | PFC PFC | Company G 1st Battalion, Company C 2d Battalion, Company H 1st Battalion, | regimental history Survey Survey Survey [See: WWII Survey Photos] |
| Karlis, George P. Kissinger, Wilbur L. Melman, Rodger Moffitt, Ivan D. | Box 3 Box 3 | PFC PFC PFC | Company G 1st Battalion, Company C 2d Battalion, Company H 1st Battalion, Company D 2d Battalion, | regimental history Survey Survey Survey [See: WWII Survey Photos] Survey |

| | | | Company M | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|--|---|
| Schroer, Stanley B. | Box 3 | SGT | 1st Battalion, Company A | Survey, map |
| Wright, Robert F. | Box 3 | 1SGT | 3d Battalion, Company M | Survey |
| 66th Infantry Regiment | | | | |
| Beecham, Russell R. | Box 3 | T-5 | | Survey |
| Coletti, James J. | Box 3 | 1SGT | Headquarters Company | Survey, collection of literature about veterans |
| Holloway, Richard G | Box 3 | T-SGT | Cannon Company | Survey |
| King, Troy D. | Box 3 | T-4 | 3d Battalion | Survey |
| Kissell, Leo | Box 3 | | 1st Battalion, Company C | memoir |
| Leach, Jesse B. | Box 3 | SSG | 2d Battalion, Company E | Survey |
| Lewis, T.J. | Box 3 | SSG | 1st Battalion, Company B | Survey |
| Meissner, William L. | Box 3 | PFC | 1st Battalion, Company B | Survey, memoir |
| Melman, Rodger W. | Box 3 | SSG | 2d Battalion, Company E | discharge, personal journal |
| Olson, Donald L. | Box 3 | T-SGT | 2d Battalion, Company G | Survey |
| Olson, Roland F. | Box 3 | SGT | 2d Battalion, Company G | Survey |
| Proctor, Warren L. | Box 3 | SGT | 3d Battalion, Company L | Survey |
| Pyer, Warren C. | Box 3 | SGT | 2d Battalion, Headquarters Company | Survey |
| Rossano, Anthony J. | Box 3 | | 2d Battalion, Headquarters Company | [See: 443d AAA-AW BN] |
| Sauze, Frederic M. | Box 3 | T-5 | 2d Battalion, Company G | Survey, V-mail |
| Snider, Charles M. | Box 3 | T-SGT | 3d Battalion, Headquarters Company | Survey |
| Snodgrass, Evan | Box 3 | T-SGT | 3d Battalion, Company L | Survey |
| Stallones, Relus L. | Box 3 | SGT | 1st Battalion, | 2 Surveys |

| | | | Headquarters Company | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---|---|
| Summerlin, Bryant A. | Box 3 | T-5 | 2d Battalion, Company E | Survey |
| Weales, Gerald | Box 3 | SGT | 2d Battalion, Company L | Survey |
| 71st Division Artillery | | | | |
| Headquarters and I | <u>leadquarte</u> | ers Battery | | |
| Edwards, Theodore C. | Box 4 | PFC | Headquarters and Headquarters Battery | Survey |
| Gross, Herb | Box 4 | SSG | Headquarters Battery | Survey |
| 564th Field Artillery | Battalion | | | |
| Belschwender, Robert W. | Box 4 | CWO-O3 | | Survey, "From Whece Came You?" manuscript |
| Herskowitz, Gerald. | Box 4 | T-5 | Headquarters Company | Survey |
| Riess, Robert C. | Box 4 | MAJ | Battery A | Survey |
| Smith, Robert W. | Box 4 | T-SGT | Battery B | Survey |
| Smith, Wilson W. | Box 4 | CPL | Battery C | Survey |
| 607th Field Artillery | Battalion | | | |
| Berry, Clayton H. | Box 4 | SSG | Battery B | Survey |
| Matthews, Cecil E. | Box 4 | SSG | Service Battery | Survey |
| Zeligson, Phillip H. | Box 4 | CPT | Battery C | Survey |
| 608th Field Artillery | Battalion | | | |
| Knutson, Loren G. | Box 4 | PFC | Battery C | Survey |
| Nash, Gervice F. | Box 4 | 1SGT | Battery B | Survey |
| O'Neill, Philip W. | Box 4 | T-5 | Battery B | Survey |
| 609th Field Artillery | Battalion | | | |
| Dobrosky, Robert J. | Box 4 | CW-3 | Battery B | Survey |
| Iverson, Earle S. | Box 4 | T-5 | Headquarters Battery | Survey |

71st Reconnaissance Troop, Mecz

| Philipi, William J. | Box 5 | SSG | Survey, M.8 armored car article, [See: WWII Survey Photos] |
|------------------------|-------|-----|--|
| Ross, John V. | Box 5 | PVT | letters, correspondence with German officials |
| Samuel, Edward W., Jr. | Box 5 | COL | Survey, memoir, maps, articles relating to division combat (some |

in German)

749th Tank Battalion

761st Tank Battalion

LaPine, R.J. Box 5 "Red Circle News": Battalion

newsletter (7 issues)

635th Tank Destroyer Battalion

530th AAA Auto-Wpns Battalion

271st Engineer Combat Battalion

| Eddy, Orin R. | Box 5 | LTC | Headquarters Company | Survey |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Kelley, James F. | Box 5 | 1LT | | Survey |
| Knabe, Frederick S. | Box 5 | LTC | | Survey |
| Somers, Chester L. | | | | [See: WWII Survey Photos] |

371st Medical Battalion

| Best, Edgar A. | Box 5 | T-5 | Company D | Survey |
|---------------------|-------|-----|--------------------|--------|
| Quintavella, Joseph | Box 5 | T-5 | 617th Clearing Co. | Survey |

71st Counter Intelligence Corps Det

Headquarters Special Troops

Headquarters Company, 71st Infantry Division

| Irvine, Frederic H. II | Box 5 | MAJ | Headquarters Company | Survey |
|------------------------|-------|-----|-------------------------|--------|
| Pletcher, James D. | Box 5 | CPT | Headquarters G-4 | Survey |
| Tippey, Byron L. | Box 5 | T-5 | Headquarters Company | Survey |

Military Police Platoon

Eadon, Conrad H. Box 5 CPL Survey

771st Ordnance Light Maintenance Company

251st Quartermaster Company

Beecham, Russell R. Box 5 [See: 66th Infantry Regiment]

Engelhardt, Charles J. Box 5 SSG Survey

571st Signal Company

Attached/Unidentified Units

Attached units supported the 71st 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 71st Infantry Division, but did not provide sufficient information regarding the specific subordinate unit.

| Delbert, Mack | | | | [See: WWII Survey Photos] |
|------------------|-------|------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Pelkin, Lyle R. | Box 5 | LT | Unidentified unit | Survey |
| Perry, Milton C. | Box 5 | MSGT | Unidentified unit | Survey |
| Poduska, Paul J. | Box 5 | SGT | Unidentified arty | Survey |