

75th Infantry Division

The 75th Infantry Division, nicknamed the “Buglebusters,” was activated on 15 April 1943, at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Activated as a “triangular” division, the unit was built around three infantry regiments, the 289th, the 290th and the 291st Infantry Regiments.

After participating in the #6 Louisiana Maneuvers, the division deployed to the European Theater of Operations (ETO), entering France on 13 December 1944. The division was inactivated on 14 November 1945, at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia.

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

289th Infantry Regiment

Ayers, James E.	Box 1	SGT	1st Battalion, Company D	Survey
Demchuck, Orest E.	Box 1	PFC	Cannon Company	Survey
DePew, Clarence	Box 1	1SG	2d Battalion, Company E	Typed reflections, “Clarence Henry Depew, A Cavalryman’s Story,” based on two oral history interviews
Ehlers, Rufus A.	Box 1	SSG	2d Battalion, Company G	Survey
Glick, Lawrence V.	Box 1	T/4	Headquarters Company; 3d Battalion, Company L	Survey and photocopies of published photographs
Iaciofono, Lawrence M.	Box 1	PFC	3d Battalion, Headquarters, Medical Detachment	Survey
Jamison, Albert H.	Box 1	T/2	2d Battalion, Company F	Survey
Jennings, Clyde	Box 1	SGT	3d Battalion, Company I	Survey

Jordan, Orville B.

Box 1

PFC

1st Battalion,
Company B

Survey

Keller, Robert J.	Box 1	PFC	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey
Kelly, Bernard J.	Box 1	1SG	Cannon Company	Survey
Lampe, Robert G.	Box 1	PFC	Cannon Company	Survey
Leamon, John T.	Box 1	PFC	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey and typed memoir, "From Breckinridge to Braunlauf, 15 October 1944 – 30 January 1945"
Lindstrom, Harold R.	Box 1	PFC	2d Battalion, Company F	Two surveys and typed narratives, "Engagements and Actions of F Company, 23 Dec 1944 – 4 Jan 1945" and "Role of F Company, 2nd Battalion, 289th Infantry in the Defense that Stopped the Germans from Breaking Out, 23 December 1944 – 4 January 1945"
Logan, Ralph E.	Box 1	SGT	2d Battalion, Company F	Survey
Mazon, Meyer I.	Box 1	T/5	Anti-Tank Company	Survey and letter dated 19 June 1969, discussing the action at Appenweir
McCall, George E.	Box 1	SSG	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey
McClure, Joseph W.	Box 1	T/2	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey, photocopies of magazine articles and a collection of typed reflections, "Christmas 1944 – Battle of the Bulge," "Remembering the Bulge and World War II," "With the British," "Talked with a Slaved Laborer," "Regular Army German Captain," "The Big Fake," and "Clash with 'Hitler's Youth'"
Merkel, Jerome N.	Box 1	CPL	Headquarters Company	Survey
Rosenbloom, Fred	Box 1	CPL	2d Battalion, Company H	Survey
Roxburgh, Alfred S.	Box 1	T/5	Cannon Company	Survey and a short account of his military service
Santner, Joseph G.	Box 1	COL	2d Battalion, Company G	Two surveys and a copy of the September 1992 Willow Grove Retired Officers Association's newsletter, <i>Stack Arms</i>

Shadday, Harold L.	Box 1	CPL	Cannon Company	Survey and copies of the Cannon Company veterans' newsletters, "On Target," for 8 May 1990 and 10 June 1991
Sherman, Bertram A.	Box 1	PFC	2d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Smith, Robert J.	Box 1	SGT	1st Battalion, Company D	Survey
Sumner, Mark R.	Box 1	PFC	2d Battalion, Company G; Headquarters, Intelligence Section	Survey, unit history, "Combat History, Intelligence Section, 2nd Bn, 289th Inf." and five issues of the regimental news booklet, <i>The Doughfoot of the 289th Inf.</i> [<i>The Doughfoot</i> issues transferred to the Periodical holdings]
Ursenbach, Wayne O.	Box 1	PFC	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey
Van Arsdale, Richard F.	Box 1	LTC	2d Battalion, Company G	Survey
Weihman, Paul J.	Box 1	PFC	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey and copy of a bound collection of stories by members of the Hawkeye State Chapter of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Inc., "World War II Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge: Memories of What It Was Like"

290th Infantry Regiment

Clagett, David C.	Box 2	COL	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey and Advanced Infantry Officers Course monograph, "The Operations of the 3rd Battalion, 290th Infantry (75th Infantry Division) Near Hotton, Belgium, 24-26 December 1944 (Ardennes-Alsace Campaign) (Personal Experience of a Rifle Company Commander)"
Eberhart, William S., Jr.	Box 2	SGT	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey
Ellis, Paul B., Jr.	Box 2	MAJ	3d Battalion, Company K	Survey
Freeman, Kent S.	Box 2	SFC	2d Battalion, Headquarters, Medical Detachment	Survey

Frodsham, William C., Jr.	Box 2	2LT	Headquarters Company; 2d Battalion, Company G	[See: 29th Infantry Division; 175th Infantry Regiment]
Hawkins, Arthur C.	Box 2	CPT	3d Battalion, Company I; Company K	Survey
Hessemer, Paul B.	Box 2	PFC	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey
Krueger, Robert W.	Box 2	MSG	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey
Maginel, Calvin J.	Box 2	PFC	1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Marks, Robert L.	Box 2	SFC	3d Battalion, Company I; 2d Battalion, Company F	Survey and collection of photocopied 1918 General Orders concerning service awards
Maxwell, Roger F.	Box 2	SGT	3d Battalion, Company K	Small collection of letters, telegrams and V-mail
Mayerchak, Edward F.	Box 2	CPL	Headquarters Company, Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon	Survey
McKean, Verdinal T.	Box 2	T/4	3d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Montgomery, Richard H.	Box 2	SSG	2d Battalion, Company E	Typed reflections, "Battle of the Bulge" and obituary
Pildner, John A., Sr.	Box 2	PFC	Anti-Tank Company	Survey
Roach, Jack L.	Box 2	SSG	1st Battalion, Company D	Survey
Sasin, Richard	Box 2	1LT	1st Battalion, Company C	Typed reflections, "Company Diary, Co. C, 290th Infantry, 75th Infantry Division"
Schneck, David	Box 2	PFC	1st Battalion, Company C	Letter about POWs
Sittman, Jack G.	Box 2	SGT	1st Battalion, Company D	Survey
Vedeloff, Russell R.	Box 2	SSG	2d Battalion, Company H	Survey

Van Cleve, Gerald W.	Box 2	PFC	2d Battalion, Company F	Survey and photocopied regimental history, <i>290th Combat Diary, 75th Infantry</i> [Unit history, <i>290th Combat Diary, 75th Infantry</i> , transferred to Library holdings]
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291st Infantry Regiment

Anderson, Robert M.	Box 2	PFC	3d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Beese, Earl J.	Box 2	SSG	1st Battalion, Company C	Partially completed survey and typed memoir, "Wake-Up, We're Moving Out! Or Grandpa, Where Were You in the Army?"
Blair, Homer O.	Box 2	PFC	2d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey, photocopied unit histories, <i>A Combat Diary of the 291st Infantry Regiment, US Army, The 75th Infantry Division in Combat</i> , and <i>The Story of the 75th Infantry Division</i> , a brief biography, correspondence indexing a substantial number of official documents and World War II-era letters and V-mail, the December 1984 – January 1985 issue of <i>The Guidon</i> , the official publication of Company G, 2d Battalion, 291st Infantry Regiment, and assorted Materials [The three photocopied unit histories transferred to the Library holdings]
Brizzi, James V.	Box 2	T/2	3d Battalion, Company K	Survey
Burnley, Henry G.	Box 2	MAJ	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey and a copy of the Camp Stewart Anti Aircraft Training Center's newspaper, <i>Shoot 'Em Down</i>
Cascarelli, Andrew A.	Box 2	PFC	2d Battalion, Company E	Survey
Condon, William R.	Box 2	PFC	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey and typed memoir, "My Army Days"
Conway, Francis, H., Jr.	Box 2	SSG	2d Battalion, Company G	Survey
Dowd, James J.	Box 2	PFC	2d Battalion, Company E	Survey
Eberle, Harold R.	Box 2	PFC	Headquarters Company	Survey

Fay, Patrick J.	Box 2	SGT	2d Battalion, Company G	Survey and photocopy of War Department General Orders 24 dated 10 December 1947, awarding the Belgian Croix de Guerre to the 2d Battalion, 75th Infantry Division
Finlay, John W.	Box 2	T/5	3d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Gil, Joseph, Jr.	Box 2	CPL	2d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Hickel, Ned R.	Box 2	MAJ	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey and brief summary of his military service
Hohmann, Kenneth W.	Box 3	PFC	2d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey, photocopies of his Enlisted Record, Separation Qualification Record and Report of Separation and Honorable Discharge, account in German of Werner Hiller's experiences as a POW, roster of 75th ID personnel who were part of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), 1919 Graves Registration Service poem "The Salvage of the Dead" printed for private distribution, publication, <i>Songs of the Soldiers and Sailors</i> , and the June 1990 issue of <i>The Bulge Bugle</i> , the official publication of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge (VBOB) [Poem transferred to manuscript holdings; <i>Songs of the Soldiers and Sailors</i> transferred to Library holdings and <i>The Bulge Bugle</i> transferred to Periodical holdings]
Huvar, Arthur J.	Box 3	PFC	Cannon Company	Survey
Jacobs, John D.	Box 3		3d Battalion, Company K	[See: 44th Infantry Division; 71st Infantry Regiment]
Jones, Price L.	Box 3	T/5	2d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Justice, Robert H.	Box 3	2LT	2d Battalion, Company E	Survey
Kitts, James A.	Box 3	PFC	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey

Lambke, Roger H.	Box 3	PFC	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey
Littlejohn, Oliver M.	Box 3	SSG	1st Battalion,	Survey and publication, <i>The Battle of the Other Bulge: Colmar Action at Wolfgantzen, France, January, February 1945</i> [Publication transferred to the Library holdings]
Lowe, Charles N.	Box 3	SSG	2d Battalion, Company G	Survey
Lundeen, Carroll J.	Box 3	COL	2d Battalion, Company E	Brief unit history, "2d Battalion, 291st Infantry at Rochefort"
Lynch, Randal W.	Box 3	SSG	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey
Malone, Charles P.	Box 3	SGT	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey
Mehale, Kenneth G.	Box 3	PFC	2d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Melanson, Gerald M.M.	Box 3	CPL	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey
Miller, John F.	Box 3	SGT	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey
Penny, Robert L.	Box 3	SSG	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey and brief memoir, "Personal Report of a Minor Participant in the Operations of Company C, 291st Infantry in the Attack on the High Ground Outside Grand Halleux, Belgium, 15-16 January 1945"
Peters, Forrest I.	Box 3	PFC	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey and letter dated 13 October 1993, discussing Infantry training and combat
Richards, Theodore F.	Box 3	SSG	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey, Special Orders 145 dated 2 November 1945, and a copy of the February 1964 issue of the 75th Division Veterans Association's publication, <i>Bulge Buster</i> [<i>Bulge Buster</i> transferred to Periodical holdings]
Saunders, Oscar B.	Box 3	PFC	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey
Schaff, John B.	Box 3	SSG	3d Battalion, Company K	Survey, newspaper clipping and letter dated 16 May 1945, recounting his military experiences
Soseree, George N.	Box 3	T/4	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey

Spence, Charles	Box 3	CPL	2d Battalion, Company E	Survey
Strasser, Sherman	Box 3	SGT	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey
Strong, James M., Jr.	Box 3	CPL	2d Battalion, Company H	Survey
Verga, Lawrence L.	Box 3	PFC	1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey, typed memoir, "The Anecdotal WWII History of PFC Lawrence L. Verga," typed unit history, "Big Red," about the 1st Battalion, 291st Infantry Regiment, booklet, <i>Reims Assembly Area Command</i> , and several tourist type pamphlets to include "Chillon Visitor's Guide Book" and <i>The League of Nations</i> pamphlet
Walsh, Albert C.	Box 3		1st Battalion, Company C	Advertisement for his memoir, <i>A G.I. Remembers</i> , published in 1991
Wessels, George H.	Box 3	T/5	3d Battalion, Company K	Survey, photocopy of of V-Mail letter dated 12 February 1945, and three photographs
Wilken, Gilbert H.	Box 3	PFC	1st Battalion, Company D	Photocopy of Enlisted Record and Honorable Discharge form
Zylstra, David B.	Box 3	PFC	3d Battalion, Company M	Survey

75th Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized)

75th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment

275th Engineer Combat Battalion

Romine, Ralph E.	Box 3	T/2	Headquarters Company	Survey, listing of where the unit was located in Europe by date, photocopies of his Enlisted Record and Report of Separation and Honorable Discharge, Separation Qualification Record and Transcript of Military Record, and collection of official documents most of which pertain to his being awarded a Bronze Star medal
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375th Medical Battalion

Ferguson, Robert L.	Box 3	PFC	Company D	Partially completed survey
Ratliff, Donald L.	Box 3	CPL	Company B	Survey

75th Division Artillery**Headquarters and Headquarters Battery**

Cantor, Samuel T.	Box 3	SGT		Survey, "Approximate Miles Traveled During 3 Years of Army Service," photocopies of Enlisted Record and Report of Separation and Honorable Discharge forms, V-Mail letter dated 21 December 1944, assorted letters of unit commendation, typed reflections, "A Diary and Lingering Memories," two issues of <i>The Stars and Stripes</i> , one issue of the Fort Leonard Wood newspaper, <i>Fort Wood News</i> , and two issues of the 75th Infantry Division's newspaper, <i>The Mule</i> [The five newspapers transferred to the Periodical holdings]
Ferguson, Carl E.	Box 3	CPT	Assistant S-2	Survey and typed memoir, "One Soldier's Story"

730th Field Artillery Battalion**897th Field Artillery Battalion**

Dufrene, Warren P.	Box 3	PFC	Unidentified unit	Survey
Johnson, Norman F.	Box 3	T/3	Headquarters, Medical Detachment	Survey
Mudd, Guy D.	Box 3	CPL	Headquarters Battery	Survey

898th Field Artillery Battalion

Evans, Tom H.	Box 3	CPL	Battery A	Survey
Jorgensen, Charles W.	Box 2	T/5	Battery B	Survey, bibliography of 75th Infantry Division unit histories, one-page summary about the 75th Infantry Division, one-page listing of "Dates & Places, 1944-1945" reflecting his military service, photocopy of Enlisted Record, photocopy of an extract from Battery B's "Record of Events," a list of the division's battle deaths, booklets, 75th Infantry Division Veterans Association's "Memorial Dedication,"

6 July 1985, and 75th Infantry Division Veterans Association's 47th Annual Reunion for 1993, two issues of the Veterans Association's publication, *Bulgebusters*, for August 1987 and August 1998, and a copy of the division's 1945 unit history, *The 75th* [Unit history, *The 75th*, transferred to the Library holdings, the *Bulgebusters* transferred to the Periodical holdings]

McKinney, J. B. Box 3 PFC Battery B

Photocopy of a memoir, "Combat Highlights of the 898th FA Bn. During the ETO" donated by James Celino on behalf of his deceased father

Taubeneck, Walter A. Box 3 PFC Battery B

Survey, copy of his personal military log, "Military Travels of Walter A. Taubeneck of 1943-1946," photocopy of Enlisted Record and Report of Separation and Honorable Discharge, brief unit history of the 97th Infantry Division's 387th Infantry Regiment, a list of the 387th Infantry Regiment's casualties, assorted official documents

899th Field Artillery Battalion

Curtiss, Earl L. Box 3 CPL Headquarters
Battery

Survey

Edwards, Richard L. Box 3 CPL Battery C

Survey, extract from a typed memoir, "IV: From Here to Absurdity" and photocopies of the *Trident Tribute* newsletters for 12 September and 7 October 1945

Stell, Harley F. Box 3 SSG Headquarters
Battery

Survey

Headquarters, Special Troops

Headquarters Company

775th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company

75th Quartermaster Company

575th Signal Company

Bare, Charles W.	Box 3	PFC	Survey
Beasley, Winfield S..	Box 3	T/4	Survey
Curran, James P.	Box 3	T/4	Survey
Snell, Edward L.	Box 3	1LT	Survey, "History of the 38th Signal Battalion's Basic European Tour, May 9, 1988 – May 20, 1988" and "History of the 38th Signal Battalion's Extended European Tour, May 20, 1988 – May 27, 1988," letter containing reflections on his military experiences, 38th Signal Light Construction Battalion," five issues of the 38th Signal Battalion's unit newspaper, <i>The Spur</i> , and an issue of the <i>USS General Butner's</i> newsletter, <i>Buttner World News</i> , dated 3 August 1945 [The unit newsletters transferred to the Periodical holdings]

Military Police Platoon

Attached / Unidentified Units

Attached units supported the 75th 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 75th Infantry Division, but did not provide sufficient information regarding the specific subordinate unit.

Sass, Louis R.	Box 3	T/2	Unidentified unit	Survey
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Box 4

75th Infantry Division Official Documents / Reports

Headquarters

Monthly After Action Reports for December 1944 through May 1945

General Orders for January and February 1945

General Orders for March 1945

General Orders for April 1945

General Orders for May 1945

General Orders for June 1945

General Orders for July 1945

General Orders for August 1945

Box 5

General Orders for September and October 1945

Battle of the Ruhr Pocket

List of the Division's Battle Deaths by Unit

289th Infantry Regiment

Monthly After Action Reports for December 1944 and January 1945

Monthly After Action Report for February 1945

Monthly After Action Reports for March and April 1945

290th Infantry Regiment

Monthly After Action Reports for December 1944 through February 1945

Report, Colmar Campaign, February 1945

Monthly After Action Report for March 1945

Report, Last Days on the Maas River, March 1945

Monthly After Action Report for April 1945

291st Infantry Regiment

Monthly After Action Reports for December 1944 and January 1945

Monthly After Action Reports for February through April 1945

75th Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized)

Monthly After Action Reports for December 1944 through April 1945

275th Engineer Combat Battalion

Monthly After Action Reports for December 1944 through May 1945

375th Medical Battalion

Monthly After Action Reports for December 1944 through April 1945

897th Field Artillery Battalion

Monthly After Action Reports for December 1944 through April 1945

898th Field Artillery Battalion

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899th Field Artillery Battalion

Monthly After Action Reports for December 1944 through April 1945

775th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company

Monthly After Action Reports for December 1944 through April 1945

575th Signal Company

Historical Report for the Period 8 May 1943 through February 1945