

85th Infantry Division

The 85th Infantry Division, nicknamed the Custer Division after George Armstrong Custer, was reactivated at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, on 15 May 1942. In preparation for overseas deployment the division trained at Camp Shelby, in nearby DeSoto National Forest, in the swamps of Louisiana, and at Camps Coxcomb and Pilot Knob in the California Desert Training Area. In late December 1943 the division was shipped overseas to North Africa. By April 1944 the entire division was engaged in operations in Italy. The division returned to Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia, on 26 August 1945 and was deactivated that same day.

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>337th Infantry Regiment</u>				
Johnson, Benham M.	Box 1	PFC	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey
Lonergan, John F.	Box 1	PFC	2d Battalion, Company G	Survey
<u>338th Infantry Regiment</u>				
Babbitt, Edward J.	Box 1	PFC	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey, article copies
Bell, Lawrence G.	Box 1	MAJ	2d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Demuth, William H.	Box 1		Antitank Company	Survey
Doherty, John J.	Box 1	T/5	Headquarters Company; Service Company and Company E	Survey
Jackson, Willis O., Sr.	Box 1	COL	1st Battalion	Survey
O'Connell, John T.	Box 1	SSG	2d Battalion, Company H	Survey
Thigpen, Clifton E.	Box 1	T/5	2d Battalion, Company H	Survey

Wiggans, Robert L.	Box 1	1LT	1st Battalion, Company D	Survey, memoir
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Atwell, John W.	Box 1	MAJ	2d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey, newspapers, infantry school log, journal, roster, journal articles, veterans publications, cartoons, operation Blue Jay booklet, commendations, copies of photographs, recollections
Getty, Kenneth W.	Box 1	1LT	Antitank Company	Survey
Lykins, George W.	Box 1			Survey, recollections
Sanders, Maynard T.	Box 1	SGT	1st Battalion	Survey

85th Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

328th Field Artillery Battalion

329th Field Artillery Battalion

403d Field Artillery Battalion

Peters, Lawrence	Box 1	PFC	Battery C	Survey
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910th Field Artillery Battalion

85th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized

Prunchunas, Casimer	Box 1			memoir
Treadway, Nelson W., Jr.	Box 1	1LT		Survey

310th Engineer Combat Battalion

310th Medical Battalion

85th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment

Headquarters Special Troops

Headquarters Company, 85th Infantry Division

Military Police Platoon**785th Airborne Ordnance Light Maintenance Company****85th Quartermaster Company****85th Signal Company****Attached / Unidentified Units**

Attached units supported the 85th 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 85th Infantry Division, but did not provide sufficient information regarding the specific subordinate unit.

Baum, Howard, Sr.	Box 1	SSG	Unidentified unit	Survey
Boyt, Russell	Box 1		140th Inf Regt	Survey
DeLetto, Raymond P.	Box 1		Unidentified unit	newspaper clippings, orders, Postcards
Diamond, Norman	Box 1	1LT	Unidentified unit	Survey
Stauber, Richard J.	Box 1	SGT	Unidentified unit	Survey