

87th Infantry Division

In January 1942 the 87th "Golden Acorn" Infantry Division, then still part of the Organized Reserves, was reorganized into a "triangular" division built around three infantry regiments, the 345th, the 346th and the 347th Infantry Regiments. On 15 December 1942, the division was activated at Camp McCain, Mississippi.

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>345th Infantry Regiment</u>				
Amor, James	Box 1	CPL	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey
Bazer, Bryan P.	Box 1	CPL	1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey, daily log of where the headquarters was located, a photocopy of the <i>Golden Acorn News</i> for 11 July 1945, and a photocopy of General George S. Patton's 13 September 1945 letter of congratulations for all members of the division
Boggs, Robert V.	Box 1	SSG	1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey, reflections, "First Battalion," dated 23 January 1993, and a letter dated 4 November 1993, to a high school student highlighting the division's role in the Battle of the Bulge
Boring, James W.	Box 1	CPT	1st Battalion, Company A	<i>Golden Acorn News</i> dated 8 May 1945, containing a commendation for the division from George S. Patton, several newspaper clippings, and a copy of the 13th Training Regiment's unit newspaper, <i>Fannin' the Breeze</i> , dated 1 April 1944

Caldwell, Jesse B.	Box 1	CPT	3d Battalion, Headquarters, Battalion Surgeon	Survey and his typed memoir, "Combat Diary"
Carey, Maurice V.	Box 1	PFC	1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Clegg, Norman S.	Box 1	SSG	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey
Coleton, John M., Jr.	Box 1	2LT	3d Battalion, Company K	Memoir, "A Battlefield Pledge Fulfilled . . . Forty Years Later" and newspaper clippings
Dietrich, Willis K.	Box 1	SGT	2d Battalion, Company G	Survey
Dineen, Walter R.	Box 1	SSG	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey
Epple, Augustus	Box 1	T/5	3d Battalion, Company M	Survey
Foreman, Charles L.	Box 1	T/5	1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey and author of <i>First Battalion</i> , located at D769.31 345th.F57 1996
Kaidy, Mitchell	Box 1	CPL	1st Battalion, Company D	Survey, several typed reflections, "The 3rd Army Strikes Back – A Memoir"; "A Titanic Clash of Arms, and the 87th Division was There"; "CPL., Co. D, 345th inf." "GEN. George Patton and the 87th Division: In His Own Words;" "The 87th Division and Patton's Postwar Memoirs;" and "The Only Way You Can Win a War is to Attack and Keep Attacking, and After You have Done That, Keep Attacking Some More"; a French publication, <i>La Revue Communale de Libramont- Chevigny</i> , several newspaper and journal clippings, Golden Acorn News articles, "Who Really Liberated Bastogne? – A Probe of History" and "They Came Flowing in Endless Streams," and a badly damaged unit history, <i>The Famous 299th</i> [Unit history transferred to Library holdings]
Lawson, Adrian L.	Box 1	PFC	3d Battalion, Company K	Survey

McNealy, Delbert D.	Box 1	PFC	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey
Powers, Peter C.	Box 1	SGT	2d Battalion, Company E	Correspondence and newspaper clippings provided by others concerning his death as a result of combat action on 17 December 1944
Silver, Benjamin S.	Box 1	COL	3d Battalion, Company I	[See: Separate papers]
Strouse, Donald C.	Box 1	PFC	Headquarters Company	Survey
White, Andrew A.	Box 1	SGM	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey
Wines, Donald R.	Box 1	PFC	2d Battalion, Company F	Survey
Yake, Lee R.	Box 1	T/2	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey and unit history, <i>Stalwart and Strong: The Story of the 8th Infantry Division</i> [Unit history transferred to Library holdings]
Zimmer, Joseph F.	Box 1	PFC	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey

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Bailey, Johnny R.	Box 1	CPL	3d Battalion, Company M	Survey
Baldwin, Mark F.	Box 1	MAJ	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey
Bree, Joseph J.	Box 1	CPT	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey
Broekhoven, Jacob Van	Box 1	T/3	3d Battalion, Company M	Survey
Charbonneau, Harvey E.	Box 1	SSG	2d Battalion, Company H	Two surveys and <i>The Seattle Sunday Times</i> Rotogravure Section, "Fresh Fish for Tojo," dated 22 August 1943
Charles, John A.	Box 1	T/4	3d Battalion, Company K	Survey
Corbin, Donald E.	Box 1	2LT	3d Battalion, Company K	Survey
DeMasi, Ralph E.	Box 1	1LT	2d Battalion, Company H	Survey
Doherty, Edward J.	Box 1	CPL	2d Battalion, Company H	Typed memoir, "Reminiscences, Winter/Spring 1944-45"

Gardner, Howard L.	Box 1	PFC	3d Battalion, Company I	Letter to his mother dated 9 October 1944; killed in action
Gillin, John P.	Box 1	CPL	1st Battalion, Company B	Newspaper clipping and photograph [Photograph transferred to photographic holdings]
Hale, Everett L.	Box 1	CPT	Anti-Tank Company; 3d Battalion, Company M	Survey
Horton, Warren J.	Box 1	PFC	3d Battalion, Company K	Survey
Jasper, Paul L., Jr.	Box 1	PFC	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey
Lapiner, Arnold J.	Box 1	MAJ	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey, typed reflections on his military service, and article, "Everything That Goes 1, 2, 3 Ain't a Waltz"
Liming, Robert F.	Box 1	PFC	2d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
MacDonald, Kenneth W.	Box 1	SGT	2d Battalion, Company H	Survey
Maxwell, Riley F.	Box 1	PFC	2d Battalion, Company G	Survey
Mullen, Bernard E.	Box 1	SSG	1st Battalion, Company D	Survey
O'Brien, William C.	Box 2	MAJ	2d Battalion, Headquarters	Survey
Pepper, Reid E.	Box 2	2LT	3d Battalion, Company M	Survey
Petrick, Michael C.	Box 2	1LT	3d Battalion, Company M	Survey
Ports, Kenneth N.	Box 2	CPL	3d Battalion, Company K	Survey
Purple, Robert W.	Box 2	SGT	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey
Rowe, Gregory L.	Box 2	SSG	3d Battalion, Company M	Survey
Scribner, Albert W.	Box 2	SSG	1st Battalion, Company D	Survey
Short, John W.	Box 2	PFC	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey
Valente, Angelo E.	Box 2	PVT	3d Battalion,	Survey

Williams, William

Box 2

PFC

Company I
2d Battalion,
Company H

Two surveys

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Allan, Harold E.	Box 2	SSG	3d Battalion, Company I	Survey
Cassidy, Walter L.	Box 2	1LT	3d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Coble, Richard M.	Box 2	CPL	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey, citation for award of a Silver Star and several letters from members of the 87th Infantry Division in response to an article published in the <i>Golden Acorn News</i>
Coughlon, Jeremiah R.	Box 2	PFC	Anti-Tank Company	Survey
Flint, George E.	Box 2	SSG	3d Battalion, Company M	Survey
Jarboe, Everett R.	Box 2	PFC	1st Battalion, Headquarters, Medical Detachment	Survey and the November 1991 issue of <i>The Bulge Bugle</i> [<i>The Bulge Bugle</i> transferred to the Periodical holdings]
Klein, Urban A.	Box 2	SSG	Service Company	Survey
Korn, Jules	Box 2	SGT	2d Battalion, Company F	Survey and typed log of the company's activities for the period 27 November 1945 through 27 May 1945
Mann, John W., Jr.	Box 2	PFC	Cannon Company	Survey
Marien, Daniel	Box 2	SGT	3d Battalion, Company M	Survey
McAuliffe, John E.	Box 2	PFC	3d Battalion, Company M	Survey, article, "As It Was, in the Ardennes, Winter of 1944-45, Battle of the Bulge, Belgium & Luxembourg," poem, "The Ardennes Battle," 1993 booklet of poems on the Ardennes Campaign, and two issues of <i>The Ardennes Echo</i>
Miller, Milton F.	Box 2	PFC	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey
Moore, Ben G.	Box 2	T/2	3d Battalion, Company M	Survey
Moran, Lyman M.	Box 2	PFC	3d Battalion, Company M	Survey
Moranian, George	Box 2	PFC	2d Battalion, Company H	Survey and two unit stickers

Morton, Willard L.	Box 2	SSG	3d Battalion, Company M	Survey, Riviera handbook
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87th Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized)

Asherman, Charles D.	Box 2	T/5		Survey
Barham, Howard L.	Box 2	1LT		Two surveys, Office of the Chief of Engineers, Information Bulletin No. 124, "German Minefields at Alamein," dated 28 June 1943 and newspaper clipping

87th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment

312th Engineer Combat Battalion

312th Medical Battalion

Villa, Virgil V.	Box 2	T/5	Company D	Two surveys
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87th Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

Jorgenson, Lloyd P.	Box 2	CPT		Booklet, "DIVARTY SOP;" "After Action Against the Enemy Report" for March 1945 and April 1945; document, "A German's Advice to Americans and British;" <i>Sea Breeze</i> newsletter dated 8 November 1944; badly damaged issues of <i>Golden Acorn News</i> for 29 April 1945, 30 April 1945, and 8 May 1945; official documents and correspondence; and a large collection of Special Orders and extracts from Special Orders pertaining to the service member
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334th Field Artillery Battalion

Allee, Guy E.	Box 2	MAJ	Battery A	Survey
O'Meara, Raymond J.	Box 2	SGT	Battery C	Survey and photocopies of photographs

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336th Field Artillery Battalion

Jemc, Raymond R.	Box 2	T/4	Battery A	Survey and typed memoir, "Forty Years Ago"
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912th Field Artillery Battalion

Booth, Robert T.	Box 2	CPT	Battery B	Survey, typed memoir, "The Personal Experiences of Robert T. Booth Who was a Prisoner of War in Belgium and Germany, January – May 1945" and copy of the <i>Golden Acorn News</i> article, "As I Remember it"
Gisske, Hugo C.	Box 2	MAJ	Headquarters Battery	Two surveys
Peck, Davis W.	Box 2	T/5	Battery B	Survey
Pfanz, Harry W.	Box 2	1LT	Service Battery	Survey, <i>Golden Acorn News</i> dated 15 September 1945, a pamphlet, "HQ & HQ Btry, 87 th Division Artillery" containing commendations, a brief history of the battery and a personnel roster, and a Golden Acorn matchbook
Rasmussen, Ross H.	Box 1	1LT	Battery A	Survey and a photocopy of his Separation Qualification Record and Officer's and Warrant Officer's Qualification Card Copy

Headquarters Special Troops**Headquarters Company****787th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company****87th Quartermaster Company****87th Signal Company**

McCabe, James J.	Box 2	PFC		Survey
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Military Police Platoon

Goren, Arnold L.	Box 2	PFC		Survey
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Samuelson, Theodore G. Box 2 SSG

Survey, typed reflections about the 87th Military Police Platoon dated 1 March 1986, photocopy of Honorable Discharge and Enlisted Record and Report of Separation Form, photocopies of photographs, letter dated 24 October 1945, and a map

Attached/Unidentified Units

Attached units supported the 87th 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 87th Infantry Division, but did not provide sufficient information regarding the specific subordinate unit.