

## U.S. ARMY UNIT RECORDS, Book 1 (Boxes 1-126)

### 11<sup>th</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION, 1944 – 1948

200 pages (approximate)

Box 1

The “Angels Division” was activated in 1943 and landed in the Philippine Islands in November 1944, where it spent the remainder of the war clearing the enemy from Leyte and Luzon Islands. In August 1945 the Division was sent to Japan and placed on occupation duty.

This series consists of unit histories, historical reports, periodic reports, and field orders. The bulk of the material dates from the time the Division was on occupation duty in Japan. The records are arranged according to the classifications scheme of the Departmental Records Branch and chronologically there under.

The most detailed information on the activities of the Division can be found in the divisional unit histories and the G-2 periodic reports. Although these only cover the latter part of 1948, they contain much information about the activities of the Division and local events such as labor demonstrations and Communist Party activities. The records of the Division’s service in the Philippine Islands are mostly statistical in nature and contain practically no narrative information.

### CHRONOLOGY

February 22, 1943	The Division was activated
May 25, 1944	The Division arrived in New Guinea for training.
November 18, 1944	The Division entered combat by making an amphibious landing on Leyte Island in the Philippines.
January 1945	Japanese resistance on Leyte having ended, the Division rested and prepared for further combat.
January 31, 1945	The Division made an amphibious landing on Luzon Island, 60 miles south of Manila.
February 1945	The Division helped recapture and secure Manila, and then moved to attack southern Luzon.
May 1, 1945	Enemy resistance ended in southern Luzon.
June 23-26, 1945	In its last military operation, the Division helped clear the Japanese from northern Luzon.
August 1945	The Division was transported to Japan to begin occupation duty.
May 1949	The Division returned to the United States.

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	G-2 Periodic Reports Sept. 14-Dec 13, 1948 [incomplete]
	11 <sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Field Orders March 1945
	11 <sup>th</sup> Airborne Division, Occupation History October 1948
	11 <sup>th</sup> Airborne Division, Hq and Hq Battery, Unit History 1945
	11 <sup>th</sup> Airborne Division, Band, Historical Reports Apr. - Dec. 1948
	11 <sup>th</sup> Airborne Division, Headquarters Co. History 1945
	11 <sup>th</sup> Parachute Maintenance Co. History 1945
	11 <sup>th</sup> Airborne Division, Reconnaissance Platoon, History 1945
	11 <sup>th</sup> Airborne Division, Special Troops, History October 1948

### **13<sup>th</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION, 1941 – 1945**

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Box 1

The Thirteenth Airborne Division was activated on August 13, 1943 and left the United States for Europe on January 25, 1945. After landing in France, it continued training. Although it was assigned to the First Allied Airborne Army in Europe, the Division saw no combat during the war. However, one of its elements, the 517<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, had seen combat in Italy and Southern France before being assigned to the Division. On August 23, 1945, the Division returned to the United States, where it was inactivated on February 25, 1946.

This series consists of journals, unit histories, and publicity material. The records are arranged according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch and chronologically there under.

The bulk of the material in this series consists of G-3 journals. These cover the period from April to August 1945 and provide detailed information on the training activities of the Division. In addition to the journals there are also unit histories of several organic elements of the Division. The histories summarize the activities of the various elements but provide little information on the history of the Division as a whole.

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- 1            13<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Activation, Newspaper Aug. 13, 1943
- 13<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division G-3 Journal April 7-30, 1945
- 13<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division G-3 Journal May 1945
- 13<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division G-3 Journal June 1945
- 13<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division G-3 Journal July 2 – Aug. 8, 1945
- 13<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Unit Histories of Organic Elements 1941-1944
- 13<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Headquarters Co., History 1943-1945
- 88<sup>th</sup> Glider Infantry Regiment Unit History 1941-1945
- 13<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Medical Detachment, History
- 13<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Military Police Platoon, Publicity

### **17<sup>th</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION, 1944-1948**

3,200 pages (approximate)

Boxes 2-5

The “Thunder from Heaven Division” was activated in 1943 and landed in France in December 1944. For the rest of the war it was active in the Ardennes-Alsace, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. The Division also served briefly on occupation duty.

This series consists of histories, journals, after action reports and periodic reports. The bulk of the material dates from December 1944 to June 1945 when the Division was in active combat. The records are arranged according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch and chronologically there under.

Most of the records in this series pertain to various staff sections and organizational components of the Division. The operations of the G-2 and G-3 sections, the Division Artillery and the 194<sup>th</sup> Glider Infantry Regiment are the most completely documented. Of particular interest are the records of the 17<sup>th</sup> CIC Detachment, which contain reports of the interrogation of German prisoners. Also of interest is a large collection of miscellaneous G-3 reports. These consist of periodic reports, field orders, administrative orders, memos and map overlays. The reports were originated by the 17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division, its organic elements, and other army units that the Division dealt with. Each document is numbered, and a register of the documents is filed at the start of the reports.

### **CHRONOLOGY**

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| April 15, 1943  | The Division was activated                  |
| August 25, 1944 | The Division arrived in the United Kingdom. |

December 25, 1944	The Division reached France in a series of night flights and took over the defense of the Meuse River from Givet to Verdun.
January 3, 1945	The Division relieved the 28 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Mohret, Belgium.
January 7, 1945	The Division reached Flamierge
January 18, 1945	The Division relieved the 11 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division at Houffalize.
January 26, 1945	The Division seized Wattermal and Espeler.
January 26 – February 10, 1945	The Division cleared the west bank of the Our River and probed the Siegfried Line beyond the river.
February 10, 1945	The Division was relieved by the 6 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division.
March 24, 1945	As part of Operation Varsity (the first airborne invasion over the Rhine River into Germany) the Division landed in Westphalia.
March 25, 1945	The Division secured bridges over the Issel River.
March 29, 1945	The Division captured Haltern.
April 2, 1945	The Division captured Munster.
April 10, 1945	The Division helped capture Essen in the Ruhr Pocket.
April 12 - June 15, 1945	The Division was on occupation duty.
September 15, 1945	The Division returned to the U. S.
September 16, 1945	The Division was inactivated.

## **DESCRIPTION OF SUB-SERIES**

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Sub-series</u>
2	I. GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS, 1945-1948

Histories and after action reports concerning the operations and activities of the 17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division after the end of World War II. Arranged according to the DRB classification scheme and chronologically there under.

2	II. G-1 REPORTS, 1944-1945
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After action reports and periodic reports concerning the operations of the G-1 section during World War II. Arranged according to the DRB classification scheme and chronologically there under.

2-3 III. G-2 REPORTS, 1944-1945.

Periodic reports and summaries concerning the operations of the G-2 section during World War II. Arranged according to the DRB classification scheme and chronologically there under.

3-4 IV. G-3 REPORTS, 1944-1945.

Periodic reports, overlays and miscellaneous documents concerning the operations of the G-3 section during World War II. Arranged according to the DRB classification scheme and chronologically there under.

4 V. G-5 REPORTS, 1945

Periodic reports and summaries concerning the operations of the G-5 section during the latter part of World War II. Arranged according to the DRB classification scheme and chronologically there under.

4-5 VI. STAFF SECTION REPORTS, 1944-1945

Histories, after action reports, periodic reports and journals concerning the operations of various staff sections and organizational components of the 17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division. Arranged according to the DRB classification scheme and chronologically there under.

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17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Div. Pictorial History [published booklet]

17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Div. History Aug.-Dec. 1948 (1) (2)

17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Div. After Action Reports May 1-9, 1945

**SUB-SERIES II: G-1 REPORTS**

G-1 After Action Reports Dec. 24, 1944-Jan. 31, 1945

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G-1 After Action Reports Operations Varsity March 1945

G-1 After Action Reports March 24-31, 1945

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G-1 Periodic Reports Aug.27-Nov. 18, 1944

G-1 Periodic Reports Nov. 19, 1944-Mar. 17, 1945

G-1 Periodic Reports May 26-June 9, 1945

G-1 Casualty and Strength Reports Mar. 16-May 31, 1945

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G-2 Periodic Reports April 11-June 10, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports (III Corps) February 1-7, 1945

G-2 Summaries Dec. 26, 1944-Jan. 1, 1945

17<sup>th</sup> CIC Detachment, Weekly Security Reports Apr. 17-June 7, 1945

17<sup>th</sup> CIC Detachment, Periodic Reports Apr. 26-June 12 1945

G-2 Report on New German Weapons

**SUB-SERIES IV: G-3 REPORTS**

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G-3 Periodic Reports Dec. 27, 1944-Jan 31, 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports February 1-10, 14-28, 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports March 25-April 12, 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports April 13-31, 1945

G-3 Period Reports May 1-June 13, 1945

Miscellaneous G-3 Reports Jan.-Feb. 1945, Register of Documents

Miscellaneous G-3 Reports Jan.-Feb 1945, Documents 1-25

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Miscellaneous G-3 Reports Jan.-Feb. 1945, Documents 122-142

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Miscellaneous G-3 Reports Jan.-Feb. 1945 documents 306-322

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#### **SUB-SERIES V: G-5 REPORTS**

G-5 Periodic Reports Jan. 4-Feb. 10, 1945

G-5 Daily Summaries Mar. 28-May 13, 1945

#### **SUB-SERIES VI: STAFF SECTION REPORTS**

17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Artillery, After Action Report Dec 22, 1944-Jan. 31, 1945

17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Artillery, After Action Report Feb. 1-12, 1945 [narrative]

17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Artillery, After Action Report Feb. 1-12, 1945 [overlays]

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17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Artillery, After Action Report April 1945 [narrative]

17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Artillery, After Action Report April 1945 [overlays]

17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Artillery, After Action Report May 1-9, 1945

17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Artillery, History May 10-June 30, 1945 (1)-(3)

17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Artillery, Operations Journal Dec. 28, 1944-Jan. 31, 1945

17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Artillery, Operations Journal February 1-12, 1945

17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Artillery, Battle Participation Credits and Reports, Jan.-May 1945

194<sup>th</sup> Glider Infantry Regiment S-2 Periodic Reports May 28-April 10, 1945

194<sup>th</sup> Glider Infantry Regiment Interrogation and Patrol Reports Dec. 1944-Jan. 1945

194<sup>th</sup> Glider Infantry Regiment S-3 Periodic Reports Dec. 29, 1944-Feb. 10, 1945

194<sup>th</sup> Glider Infantry Regiment S-3 Periodic Reports March 25-April 9, 1945

194<sup>th</sup> Glider Infantry Regiment S-3 Periodic Reports April 10-20, 1945

194<sup>th</sup> Glider Infantry Regiment S-3 Periodic Reports April 20-May 31, 1945

194<sup>th</sup> Glider Infantry Regiment Glider Loads Sept. 1944

717<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Maintenance Co. After Action Reports Mar. 20-May 9, 1945

717<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Maintenance Co. Awards and Reports 1944-1945

17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Div. Surgeon, History Jan.-Sept. 1945

17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Surgeon, History, Additional Data, Mar.-Apr. 1945

17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division Surgeon, After Action Report May 1-9, 1945

## **82<sup>nd</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION, 1943-1946**

800 pages (approximate)

Box 6

The “All American Division” was the most active American airborne division in World War II. It received training in North Africa and saw combat in Sicily and Italy prior to moving to England to prepare for the Normandy Invasion. On D-Day the Division dropped behind enemy lines to cut off enemy reinforcements. Later the Division participated in Operation Market-Garden in Holland, one of the largest airborne operations in history.

This series consists of histories, reports and journals. The bulk of the material dates from 1943 to 1945 when the Division was in active combat. The records are arranged according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch and chronologically there under.

Probably the most useful records in this series are the set of narrative histories and operations reports which describe the activities of the Division in Sicily, Italy, Normandy, Holland, and in Germany after the end of the war. Also of interest is a collection of miscellaneous documents, containing G-3 reports, orders and histories, which describe the organization and operations of



the Division. Each document is numbered, and a register of the documents is filed in front of the first document. The series contains very little information on the various staff sections and organizational components of the Division.

## **CHRONOLOGY**

March 25, 1942	The Division was activated.
May 10, 1943	The Division landed at Casablanca and entered training in North Africa.
Jul. 9-12, 1943	Elements of the Division landed in Sicily
Sept. 13-14, 1943	Elements of the Division invaded Italy at Salerno
October 1, 1943	Elements of the Division entered Rome
November 1943	The Division moved to Ireland for additional training
February 1944	The Division moved to England to prepare for D-Day
June 6, 1944	The Division dropped behind enemy lines in Normandy
July 8, 1944	The Division returned to England for refitting
September 17,	The Division dropped behind enemy lines in Holland and captured 1944 the Nijmegen Bridge as part of Operation Market-Garden.
November 11, 1944	The Division was relieved and returned to France to rest.
December 18, 1944	The Division returned to combat during the Battle of the Bulge.
February 17, 1945	The Division crossed the Roer River after breaching the Siegfried Line.
March 1945	The Division was relieved and sent into training with new equipment.
April 4, 1945	The Division returned to combat by patrolling along the Rhine River and securing the Koln area.
April 30, 1945	The Division crossed the Elbe River into the Mecklenburg Plain where it stayed until the end of the war.
January 3, 1946	The Division returned to the United States.

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6	82 <sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division in Sicily and Italy, July 9, 1943 – Jan. 22, 1944
	82 <sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division in Normandy, France, Operation Neptune June 6- July 8, 1944

82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division in Holland, Operation Market 1944

82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Operations Report May 8 – Sept. 30, 1945

82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Training and Operations Reports Mar. – Aug. 1944

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G-2 Periodic Reports October 17-25, 1944

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82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Anti-Tank Platoon, Unit History 1947-1949

82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Artillery, Hq Btry, Unit History 1946

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320<sup>th</sup> Glider Field Artillery Battalion, Unit History 1946

376<sup>th</sup> Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, Unit History 1946

456<sup>th</sup> Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, Unit History 1946

**101<sup>st</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION, 1942-1949**

7,200 pages (approximate)

Boxes 7-15

The “Screaming Eagles Division” was one of the most famous American divisions to participate in World War II. It was activated in 1942 and parachuted into France during the Normandy Invasion. For the remainder of the war the Division fought in the Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe campaigns. The Division became famous for its heroic stand at Bastogne, Belgium, during the German offensive in the Battle of the Bulge. It had also taken part in Operation Market in Holland, one of the largest airborne operations in history.

This series consists of histories, after action reports, periodic reports, journals, orders, newspaper and magazine articles and correspondence. The records are arranged according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch.

The records of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division are among the most comprehensive in this collection. About one-third of the series consists of general historical reports. These reports contain information on every phase of the Division’s existence from the time it was activated until the end of the war. There is excellent coverage of the planning and execution of Operations Market, Dragoon and Neptune, as well as coverage of the Division’s stand in Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge.

The records of the Division's historical association are also located in this series. After the end of the war the Association collected a large amount of information on the history of the Division, including anecdotes from individual soldiers. The final product was *Rendezvous with Destiny*, a book on the history of the Division, a copy of which is in the book collection of the Eisenhower Library. The records of the Association contain most of the material collected from the book, including correspondence with individuals, and a rough draft of the book itself.

The activities of the general staff sections are well documented. The G-2 records are of particular importance because they contain information on the intelligence activities of the Division. This includes details of German sabotage and other subversive activities. The CIC records pertain to the interrogation of prisoners of war. Some prisoners were close to top-ranking Nazi officials and provided interesting accounts of the Nazi leaders.

About one-quarter of the series consists of records of various organic units of the Division. The activities of the component artillery and infantry units are especially well documented. Several parachute and glider battalions which participated at Normandy and Bastogne have excellent narrative reports which describe their activities in depth. The records of the numerous medical detachments contain information on the rates of disease and wounds among Division personnel.

## **CHRONOLOGY**

August 15, 1942	The Division was activated
September 15, 1943	The Division arrived in England where it received training in preparation for D-Day
June 6, 1944	The Division dropped into Normandy behind Utah Beach
June 12, 1944	The Division captured Carentan
July 13, 1944	The Division returned to England for rest and further training.
September 17, 1944	As part of Operation Market, the Division dropped into Holland and captured Eindhoven.
November 28, 1944	The Division returned to France for further training
December 18, 1944	The Division moved into Belgium to stop the German advance in the Battle of the Bulge.
December 22, 1944	The Division was surrounded in Bastogne, Belgium, but refused to Surrender
December 26, 1944	The 4 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division reached the 101 <sup>st</sup> at Bastogne. Heavy fighting continued in the area for several weeks.
January 17, 1945	The Division moved to Drulingen and Pfaffenhoffen in Alsace and engaged in defensive patrols along the Moder River.
January 31, 1945	The Division crossed the Moder River

February 26, 1945      The Division returned to France for further training.

March 31, 1945      The Division moved into the Ruhr Pocket where it engaged in patrols and military government activities at Rheydt and Munchen-Gladbach.

May 1945      The Division moved to Southern Germany where it captured Berchtesgaden and entered into occupational duties.

November 30, 1945      The Division was inactivated in Germany.

**DESCRIPTION OF SUB-SERIES**

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Sub-series</u>
7-10	I. GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS, 1943-1949

Histories, after action reports, newspaper and magazine articles, correspondence and rough drafts. The material pertains to the military operations of the Division, the activities of the Division's historical association and the compilation of the Division history *Rendezvous with Destiny*.

10-11	II. G-1 REPORTS, 1942-1945
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After action reports, periodic reports, rosters, commendations and biographies concerning the operations and activities of the G-1 section during World War II.

11-13	III. G-2 REPORTS, 1943-1945
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Histories, after action reports, periodic reports, plans and memoranda concerning the operations and activities of the G-2 section and the CIC Detachment during World War II.

13	IV. G-3 REPORTS, 1943-1945
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Periodic reports and summaries concerning the operations of the G-3 section during World War II.

13	V. G-4 REPORTS, 1944-1945
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After action reports, periodic reports and journals concerning the operations of the G-4 section during World War II.

14-15	VI. STAFF SECTION REPORTS, 1942-1945
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Histories, after action reports, periodic reports and journals concerning the operations of various staff sections and organizational components of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division.

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101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division History of Operation Neptune June 6 – 30, 1944

Airborne Phase of Operation Neptune July 1, 1944

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Report on Operation Market Oct. 8, 1944

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division History of Operation Market Sept. 28 – Nov 27, 1944

History of Operation Market Sept. 17 – Nov. 28, 1944

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Historical Data, Operation Market September – November 1944 (1)-(2)

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division History July 6, 1948 – May 27, 1949

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division After Action Report December 1944

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division After Action Report Jan. – Feb. 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division After Action Report April 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division After Action Report May – June 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Base Camp Log (journal) June 1944 – Jan. 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Order of Battle Reports Sept 1944 – June 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Order of Battle April 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Battle Notes 1944-1945

*Newsweek* article, “Preparing for the Airborne Invasion,” March 6, 1944

*Liberty* article, “Number Six O.K.!” July 26, 1944

*The Readers Digest* article, “The Invasion,” August 1944

*Life* article, “The Incredible Patrol,” Jan. 15, 1945

*Yank* article, “Battle of Bastogne,” Jan. 21, 1945

*Paradise Press* July 20, 1945

*Paraglide* April 1947

*Marine Corps Gazette* August 1947

Miscellaneous Press Clippings 1943

Miscellaneous Press Clippings 1944 (1)

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Miscellaneous Press Clippings 1945 (1)-(3)

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Unit Historians September 1945

Allied Combat Leaflets 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Poems and Songs

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Line Route Maps 1945

AGF Airborne Detachment, Report on BUPS Beacon Container July 20, 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Association. Correspondence and Miscellaneous Historical Material 1944-1947

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Miscellaneous Historical Material

Correspondence and Miscellaneous Material re Normandy Invasion (*Rendezvous with Destiny*) 1947-1948

Miscellaneous Notes and Material re Operation Market (*Rendezvous with Destiny*) Sept. – Nov. 1944

Correspondence and Miscellaneous Material re Holland (Operation Market) (*Rendezvous with Destiny*) 1947

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G-1 Periodic Reports May 28 – December 23, 1944

G-1 Plan (Eclipse)

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Recommendations for Unit Citations September – December 1944 (1)-(2)

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Unit Citations and Commendations 1944-1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Decorations 1944-1945

11 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Roster of Officers 1944-1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Biographical Sketches of Key Division Personnel 1942 – 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Div. Report of Battle Casualties Dec. 12, 1944

G-1 Estimated Loss Report January 14 – February 22, 1945

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G-2 Historical Report May 11-31, 1945

G-2 After Action Reports Dec. 1944 – May 1945

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G-2 Periodic Reports (III Corps) December 26-28, 1944

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G-2 Periodic Reports (XV Corps) Jan. 14 - Feb. 18, 1945

G-2 Intelligence Summaries June – July 1945

101st Airborne Division Patrol Report Feb. 22, 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Plan for Overseas Operations Oct. 16, 1943

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G-2 Miscellaneous Records 1944-1945

Kangaroo IPW Reports (Battle of Bastogne) Dec. 19, 1944 – Jan. 18, 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division IPW Reports December 15-31, 1944

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division IPW Reports January 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division IPW Reports February 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division IPW Reports March – May 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division IPW Reports April 1945



101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division CIC Detachment, Weekly CI Summary Feb. 14 – Sept. 11, 1944

13 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division CIC Detachment, Situation and Summary Reports Sept. 17 Dec. 2, 1944

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division CIC Detachment, CI Activities during Operation Market Dec. 8, 1944

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division CIC Detachment, CIC Monthly Situation Report January 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division CIC Detachment, Summary Reports Jan. 21 – Feb. 20, 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division CIC Detachment, Monthly and Summary CI Reports April – June 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division CIC Detachment, Miscellaneous Reports Dec. 1944 - July 1945

101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division CIC Detachment, Memorandum to the Officer in Charge July 1-25, 1945

#### **SUB-SERIES IV: G-3 REPORTS**

G-3 Monthly Periodic Report September 1943 – October 15, 1944

G-3 Periodic Report October 10 – November 26, 1944 (1)-(2)

G-3 Periodic Report December 1944

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101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Artillery Unit Journal December 18, 1944 – February  
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101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Artillery Unit Journal April 3 – May 10, 1945

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- 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Provost Marshal. After Action Report May 1945

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### **1<sup>st</sup> ARMORED DIVISION, 1940-1946**

10, 400 pages (approximate)

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The 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division was activated on July 15, 1940 and went into action in the North African invasion on November 8, 1942. The Division participated in the Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley campaigns. After the German forces in Italy capitulated, the Division engaged in occupational duties in Germany.

This series contains historical records, operations reports, periodic reports, journals, plans, and messages. Most of the material covers the period from 1943 to 1945. The majority of the material is made up of G-1 and G-2 reports. The series is divided into six sub-series according to the classification scheme of the Department Records Branch and chronologically there under.

Of particular interest are G-2 reports involving French and Spanish forces. Also of interest are G-2 and S-2 reports and journals dealing with occupational problems, such as sabotage, stealing, and Polish and German “DPs” [displace persons].

The sixth sub-series consist of a message file which covers from January to May of 1943. This sub-series is contained in index file boxes.

### **CHRONOLOGY**

July 15, 1940	The Division was activated.
May, 1942	The Division left the U. S.
November 8, 1942	The Division first went into action in the North African invasion, landing at Oran and taking the city.
February 20-25, 1943	The Division participated in the battle of Kasserine Pass.
May 3, 1943	The Division occupied Mateur.
May 13, 1943	The Tunisian campaign was concluded; the Division underwent reorganization in French Morocco.
September 9, 1943	The Division took part in the initial landing at Salerno and Paestium.
January 24, 1944	The Division landed at Anzio.

May 23, 1944	The Division participated in the final break-through and drove through Rome.
September 1, 1944	The Division crossed the Arno and advanced through the Apennines.
April 30, 1945	The Division took Milan.
May 2, 1945	The German forces in Italy capitulated; the Division engaged in occupational duties.
April 24, 1946	The Division returned to the U. S.
April 26, 1946	The Division was inactivated.

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- 1<sup>ST</sup> Armored Division Commanding General's Personal File 1942
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- 1<sup>ST</sup> Armored Division Plan "Bosco" August 7-19, 1944
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27<sup>th</sup> Armored Field Artillery Battalion History May 1945

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#### **2<sup>nd</sup> ARMORED DIVISION, 1941-1950**

12,500 pages (approximate)

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The 2nd Armored Division, nicknamed "Hell on Wheels," was a heavy armored division formed at Fort Benning, Georgia on July 15, 1940 under the command of Major General Charles L. Scott, who was succeeded by Brigadier George S. Patton. The unit took part in the training at the Louisiana Maneuvers in 1941. The division saw action throughout much of World War II, taking part in the North African, Sicilian, Normandy and Rhine Campaigns

This series is divided into four sub-series: General Historical and Operational Reports, G-2 Reports, G-3 Reports, G-4 Reports and Staff Section Reports. Documents within the series include historical records, operations reports, periodic reports, journals, plans, and messages. Most of the material covers the period from 1943 to 1945.

#### **CHRONOLOGY**

July 15, 1940 Division formed at Fort Benning, Georgia

August-September 1941 Louisiana Maneuvers

Sept.-Oct. 1942 Amphibious training at Fort Bragg, NC and Chesapeake Bay

October 19, 1942 Landing teams depart from Norfolk, VA

November 8, 1942	Landings in French Morocco at Safi, Fedala and Port Lyautey
December 12, 1942	Division departs from Fort Dix, NJ and Staten Island, NY
December 24, 1942	Division landed in Casablanca, later moving to Rabat, French Morocco
April 1943	Division moved to Algeria for invasion training
July 8-10, 1943	Division landed in Sicily and took part in the Sicilian Campaign
November 26, 1943	Arrived in Britain, stationed at Tidworth Barracks, Wiltshire
June 9, 1944	Landed at Normandy (D+3)
July 26–30, 1944	Participated in Operation Cobra, resulting in the breakout at St. Lo
September 2, 1944	Entered Belgium near Tournai, first Allied troops to do so
October 3, 1944	Breached the Siegfried Line near Aachen
Dec. 1944-Jan. 1945	Took part in Ardennes Campaign
March 28, 1945	Crossed the Rhine River south of Wesel
April 18, 1945	Capture of Mageburg
April 20-May 12, 1945	Occupation in vicinity of Brunswick
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                 Lineage and Battle Honors of Units of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division

                 Battle Honors, 2d Armored Division, Proposed Citation [list of campaigns, detailed information on Operation Cobra, July 1944]

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                 Wearing of the Belgian Fourragere

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The “Spearhead” Division was activated in April 1941 and was sent to England in September 1943. In late June 1944 the Division landed in Normandy and entered combat near the town of St. Lo. During the remainder of the war it participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe campaigns. After the war the Division spent six months on occupation duty before being inactivated in November 1945.

The records of the Third Armored Division cover the period from June 1944 to November 1945, with one item dated 1949, and provide a detailed account of the Division’s activities in Europe. The material has been arranged in five sub-series according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch of the Adjutant General’s Office. The General Historical and Operational Reports sub-series contains drafts of the Division’s published history, a journal kept by the Division’s Chief of Staff, and after action reports of various units attached to the Division. The after action reports include monthly histories of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup>, and 36<sup>th</sup> Armored Infantry Regiments; the 54<sup>th</sup>, 67<sup>th</sup> and 391<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Battalions; the 486<sup>th</sup> Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion; the 23<sup>rd</sup> Armored Engineer Battalion; the 45<sup>th</sup> Armored Medical Battalion; the 83<sup>rd</sup> armored Reconnaissance Battalion; and the 703<sup>rd</sup> Tank Destroyer Battalion.

The G-2 and G-3 reports contain information on the intelligence activities and military operations of the Division. The G-4 reports, relating to supply and logistics, are very fragmentary and

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## **CHRONOLOGY**

April 15, 1941	The Division was activated at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana
September 15, 1943	The Division arrived in England
June 29, 1944	The Division entered combat near St. Lo, Normandy
August 1-18, 1944	The Division circled through southern Normandy, closing the Falaise Gap and isolating the German Seventh Army
August 25 - September 11, 1944	The Division attacked northeastward through northern France and Belgium
September 11-21, 1944	The Division breached the Siegfried Line into Germany and captured the town of Stolberg.
September 21 - December 19, 1944	The Division rested at Stolberg.
December 19, 1944- January 20, 1945	The Division assisted in reducing the German salient in the Battle of the Bulge
February 25, 1945	The Division attacked eastward from Stolberg
March 7, 1945	The Division assisted in the capture of Cologne.
March 23, 1945	The Division crossed the Rhine River near Bonn and began attacking through central Germany
April 1, 1945	The Division captured Paderborn
April 15, 1945	The Division reached the Mulde River near Dessau where it remained until the end of the war.
November 10, 1945	The Division was inactivated in Europe.

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Headquarters VII Corps G-2 Periodic Reports, February 14-28, 1945

Headquarters VII Corps G-2 Periodic Reports, March 1-7, 1945

Headquarters VII Corps G-2 Periodic Reports, March 8-14, 1945

Headquarters VII Corps G-2 Periodic Reports, March 15-24, 1945

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Headquarters VII Corps G-2 Periodic Reports, April 1-7, 1945

Headquarters VII Corps G-2 Periodic Reports, April 8-25, 1945

Headquarters VII Corps G-2 Periodic Reports, April 16-22, 1945

Headquarters VII Corps G-2 Periodic Reports, April 23-30, 1945

67<sup>th</sup> Armored Field Artillery Battalion After Action Reports, June-July 1944  
(corrected copies)

23<sup>rd</sup> Armored Engineer Battalion Intelligence Reports, October-December 1944

Reserve Command General Orders, 1949

Supply Battalion After Action Reports, May-August 1944

Supply Battalion After Action Reports, September-December 1944

Supply Battalion After Action Reports, January-March 1945

Supply Battalion After Action Reports, April-September 1945

Supply Battalion Historical Data

703<sup>rd</sup> Tank Destroyer Battalion After Action Report, August 1944

#### **4<sup>th</sup> ARMORED DIVISION, 1944-1946**

5,600 pages (approximate)  
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The 4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division was activated on April 15, 1941 but did not see combat until elements of the Division landed at Utah Beach on July 11, 1944. The Division participated in the Northern France and the Rhineland campaigns. The Division countered the German winter offensive of 1944 and was one of the first units to relieve the encircled 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division at Bastogne. The Division then marched east into Germany and south into Czechoslovakia, having reached Strakonice when the war ended. After serving a period of occupation duty in Germany, the Division returned to the U. S. and deactivation in April 1946. Some elements of the Division remain in Germany as constabulary units.

The series contains unit histories, after action reports, photographs, intelligence reports, lists, schedules, messages, map overlays, periodic reports, situation reports, journals, special reports, operation reports, and operation memoranda. The bulk of the material covers the period from July 1944 to May 1945. Some coverage of the period from 1941 to 1944 is found in the Signal Officer's journal, the Surgeon's Office journal, and the Military Police Platoon history. Coverage of late 1945 and early 1946 is found in many staff section reports. The material is organized into seven sub-series according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch and chronologically there under.

The G-2, G-3 and staff section sub-series are of primary interest in this series. The G-2 sub-series contains numerous POW interrogation reports, while the G-3 sub-series contains special reports on German counterintelligence and infiltration techniques, and werewolf activities, especially

near the end of the war. The staff section sub-series, in particular the material from Combat Command "A" and Reserve Command, contains numerous examples of the problems and responsibilities of an army of occupation, such as black markets, displaced persons, and escaped prisoners.

## **CHRONOLOGY**

April 15, 1941	The Division was activated
December 29, 1943 England	The Division left the U. S. for additional training at Chippenham,
July 11, 1944	The Division landed at Utah Beach
July 17, 1944	The Division entered combat
July 28, 1944	The Division secured Coutenances, then drove south to Nantes, cutting off the Brittany Peninsula.
September 16, 1944	The Division captured Luneville, France
September 27 - October 11, 1944	The Division held a defensive line, Chambrey to Xanrey to Henamenil
November 21-22, 1944	The Division crossed the Saar River
December 18, 1944	The Division entered combat against the German winter offensive, racing 150 miles in 19 hours. One of the first units to attack the Germans at Bastogne, the Division relieved the encircled 101 <sup>st</sup> Airborne.
March 24-25, 1945	The Division crossed the Rhine
May 6, 1945	The Division crossed into Czechoslovakia
May 1945-April 1946	The Division served a tour of occupation duty at Neumarkt, Regensburg, and Landshut, Germany
April 25-26, 1946	The Division returned to the United States and was deactivated.

## **DESCRIPTION OF SUB-SERIES**

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61	II. G-1 REPORTS, 1945

Journal and operations report concerning the operations and activities of the G-1 section during World War II and the military occupation of Germany.

61-63            III. G-2 REPORTS, 1944-1945

Periodic reports, journals, intelligence summaries, messages, operations reports, and map overlays concerning the operations and activities of the G-2 section during World War II.

63-65            IV. G-3 REPORTS, 1944-1946

Periodic reports, journals, map overlays, operations reports, and operations instructions concerning the operations and activities of the G-3 section during World War II and the military occupation of Germany.

65                V. G-4 REPORTS, 1945

Journals and operations reports concerning the operations and activities of the G-4 section during World War II and the military occupation of Germany.

65                VI. G-5 REPORTS, 1945

Operations report concerning the operations and activities of the G-5 section during the military occupation of Germany.

65-67            VII. STAFF SECTION REPORTS, 1941-1946

Histories, journals, after action reports, intelligence reports, map over-lays, operations reports, supporting documents, lists, schedules, operations memoranda, and training reports concerning the operations and activities of the staff sections and organizational components of the 4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division during World War II. and the military occupation of Germany.

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4th Armored Division Combat History, July-December 1944

4th Armored Division Combat History, January – May 1945

4th Armored Division Record of Events, December 1943 – May 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Reports, September-October 1944



4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Reports, March-April 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Photographs, 1944-1945

**SUB-SERIES II: G-1 REPORTS**

G-1 Operations Report, October-December 1945

Miscellaneous G-1 Periodic Reports, January-April, June-July 1945

G-1 Journal, October-December 1945

**SUB-SERIES III: G-2 REPORTS**

G-2 Operations Report, October-December 1945

G-2 Periodic Report, July 15-31, 1944

G-2 Periodic Report, August 1944

G-2 Periodic Report, September 1944, October 1-12, 1944

G-2 Periodic Report, November 10-30, 1944

G-2 Periodic Report, December 1944

G-2 Periodic Report, January-February 1945

G-2 Periodic Report, March 1-15, 1945

G-2 Periodic Report, March 16-31, 1945

G-2 Periodic Report, April 2-10, 1945

G-2 Periodic Report, April 11-29, 1945

G-2 Periodic Report, May 6-27, 1945

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G-2 Journal, November 11-19, 1944

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G-2 Journal, December 1-5, 1944

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G-2 Journal, January 1-6, 1945

G-2 Journal, January 7-20, 1945

G-2 Journal, January 21-31, 1945

G-2 Journal, February 1-12, 1945

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G-2 Journal April 16-30, 1945

G-2 Journal May 4-31, 1945

G-2 Messages, January 1945

III Army Psychological Warfare Branch Miscellaneous G-2 Reports, October 1944 – March 1945 [Summaries of Allied and German news reports]

#### **SUB-SERIES IV: G-3 REPORTS**

G-3 Operations Report, October-December 1945

G-3 Periodic Report, May-June 1944

G-3 Periodic Report, November 1944

G-3 Periodic Report, December 1944

G-3 Periodic Report, January 1945

G-3 Periodic Report, February 1945

G-3 Periodic Report, March 1945

64 G-3 Periodic Report, January-February 1946

Miscellaneous G-3 Periodic Reports, April-May, August-September 1945,  
January 1946 [From 4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, 80<sup>th</sup>, 83<sup>rd</sup>, 102<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Divisions]

G-3 Journal, October 13-31, 1944

G-3 Journal, November 1-15, 1944

G-3 Journal, November 16-24, 1944

G-3 Journal, November 25-30, 1944

G-3 Journal, December 1-5, 1944

G-3 Journal, December 6-20, 1944

G-3 Journal, December 21-25, 1944

G-3 Journal, December 26-31, 1944

G-3 Journal, January 1-5, 1945

G-3 Journal, January 6-15, 1945

G-3 Journal, January 16-31, 1945

G-3 Journal, February 1945 (1)-(2)

Miscellaneous Operations Instructions, July 1944-May 1945

90<sup>th</sup> Inf. Division Checkpoint Overlays, March-May 1945 (1)-(2)

6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Miscellaneous G-3 Periodic Reports, January, April 1945

III Corps Miscellaneous G-3 Periodic Reports, January 1945

65 VIII Corps Miscellaneous G-3 Reports, July 1944-April 1945

XII Corps Miscellaneous G-3 Reports, August 1944-March 1945

XX Corps Miscellaneous G-3 Periodic Reports, January-April 1945 (1)-(2)

**SUB-SERIES V: G-4 REPORTS**

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G-4 Journal, June 1945

G-4 Journal, July 1945

G-4 Journal, August-September 1945

G-4 Journal, October-December 1945

**SUB-SERIES VI: G-5 REPORTS**

G-5 Operations Report, October-December 1945

**SUB-SERIES VII: STAFF ACTION REPORTS**

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery Miscellaneous Reports, July 1944-May 1945 and October-December 1945 [After Action Reports and Operations Report]

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "A" After Action Reports, September 1944-May 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "A" S-2 Miscellaneous Supporting Documents, October-December 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "A" Intelligence Reports, November-December 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "A" Operation "Doublecheck" and Schweiklberg Hospital November-December 1945 [investigations conducted during occupation period]

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "A" S-2 and S-3 Operations Report, October-December 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "B" After action Reports, August 1944-May 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "B" Operations Report, October-December 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "B" Miscellaneous Operations Documents, November 1944-December 1945 [checkpoint lists, schedules of officer's schools, and overlays]

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Commanding Officer/Executive Officer Journal, January-February 1946

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Headquarters Company Unit Histories, March-May 1944; January, April, May, and August 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Headquarters Company After Action Reports July 1944 – May 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion Operations Report, October-December 1945

25<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized) Operations Report, October-December 1945

8<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion Operations Report, October-December 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Military Police Platoon Unit History, 1941-1946

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Military Police Platoon Unit Reports [After Action Reports January-May 1945, Operation Reports October 1945-February 1946]

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command After Action Reports, July 1944 – May 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command for Unit Citation, December 1944 [For 37<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion and 53<sup>rd</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion]

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command Operations Reports, May-December 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command S-2 Journal, December 19, 1944-February 28, 1945

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4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command S-2 Journal, March 1-20, 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command S-2 Journal, March 21-April 10, 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command S-2 Journal, October-November 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command S-2 Journal, December 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command S-2 Journal, January 1946

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command S-2 Journal, February 1946

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command S-3 Journal, November 16-30, 1944

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command S-3 Journal, December 1944

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command S-3 Journal, January-February 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command S-3 Journal, March-May 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command S-3 Journal, October-December 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command S-3 Journal, January-February 1946

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command Map Overlays, November-December 1944

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command Map Overlays, January-February 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command Map Overlays, March 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command Map Overlays, April 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Reserve Command Operational Memoranda, May 1945

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4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Signal Office Journal, February 16, 1944 – January 5, 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Signal Office Journal, January 6, 1945-July 4, 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Signal Office Journal, July 4, 1945 – December 10, 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Miscellaneous Signal Office Reports, October-December 1945 [Operations, Training, and Work Reports]

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Office of Surgeon Periodic Report, January-December 1945 [Includes After Action Reports and History of 46<sup>th</sup> Armored Medical Battalion]

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Office of Surgeon Journal, February 24-August 1, 1944

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Office of Surgeon Journal, August 2 1944 – February 22, 1945

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Special Service Miscellaneous Reports [daily and monthly operations reports October 1945 – February 1946]

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Trains Unit Miscellaneous Reports [1944- 1945]

4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Miscellaneous Staff Section Operations Reports, October-December 1945

## **5<sup>th</sup> ARMORED DIVISION, 1941-1948**

64,000 pages (approximate)

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The 5th Armored Division, known as the "Victory Division," was activated on October 10, 1941 and was headquartered at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and reached the European Theater of Operations on February 23, 1944. After training in the United Kingdom, the division arrived on the continent on July 24, 1944. After landing in Normandy on Utah Beach, the unit proceeded across northern Europe taking part in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe Campaigns.

After the end of the war in Europe, the division served on occupation duty until returning to the U.S. on October 8, 1945. The unit was deactivated on October 11, 1945.

This series contains after action reports, periodic reports, of both the G-2 and G-3 sections, along with extensive G-2 message files and miscellaneous staff sections reports. These records are arranged into four subseries. The G-2 Reports and G-3 Reports subseries were largely organized into unique arrangement. Documents were not arranged according to type, such as periodic reports and after action reports, all documents created or received on a 24-hour period were gathered into daily G-2 or G-3 files.

### **CHRONOLOGY**

October 10, 1941	Division was activated
February 11, 1944	Division left for England
July 24, 1944	Division landed at Utah Beach in Normandy, France
August 2, 1944	Unit entered into action
August 16, 1944	Captured the Eure River Line at Dreux
September 2, 1944	Reached the Belgian border at Conde
September 10, 1944	Liberated Luxembourg City and deployed along German border
September 14, 1944	Penetrated the Siegfried Line at Wallendorf
October 1944	Held defensive positions in the Monschau-Hofen sector
Late November 1944	Entered the Hurtgen Forest and pushed the enemy back to the banks of the Roer River
February 25, 1945	Crossed the Roer River spearheaded the XIII Corps drive to the Rhine
March 30, 1945	Crossed the Rhine River at Wesel
April 12, 1945	Reached the banks of the Elbe River at Tangermunde, 45 miles from Berlin.

April 16, 1945	Moved to Klotze to wipe out the Von Clausewitz Panzer Division
October 8, 1945	Division returned to the United States
October 11, 1945	Unit was deactivated
July 6, 1948	Unit was reactivated

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68-71	II. G-2 REPORTS, 1944-1945  G-2 daily records of events and messages concerning operations of the section during World War II. The G-2 daily records of events files also contain periodic reports, daily journals, memoranda and other documents created or received by the division during the period covered by the report.
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71-79	III. G-3 REPORTS, 1944-1945  Operational records for the unit were organized into G-3 daily records of events files, containing journals, periodic reports, situation reports, messages, field orders, operations memoranda and other documents issued or received by the division during World War II.
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80	IV. STAFF SECTION REPORTS, 1944-1945  Histories, after action reports and miscellaneous reports concerning the operations of various staff sections and organizational components of the 6 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division.
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After Action Reports, August 1944

After Action Reports, September-October 1944

After Action Reports, November-December 1944

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After Action Reports, April 1945

Citations, Awards and Commendations

Lists of Commanders, 1941-1945

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Photographs

## **SUB-SERIES II. G-2 REPORTS**

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- 69      Daily Record of Events, G-2 Messages, Battle of Northern France, Normandy-Luxembourg, July 26-August 13, 1944
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- G-2 Daily Record of Events, June 5-10, 1945
- G-2 Daily Record of Events, June 11-14, 1945
- G-2 Daily Record of Events, June 15-22, 1945 [speech by former Buchenwald prisoner to German POWs]
- G-2 Daily Record of Events, June 23-July 2, 1945

G-2 Daily Record of Events, July 3-25, 1945

G-2 Daily Record of Events, July 26-August 8, 1945

G-2 Daily Record of Events, August 9-22, 1945

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- Headquarters Combat Command "A" S-3 After Action Reports, October-December 1944
- Headquarters Combat Command "A" S-3 After Action Reports, January-April 1945
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- Headquarters Combat Command "B" S-3 After Action Reports, January-April 1944
- Headquarters Combat Command "B" Unit Journal, August-December 1944
- Headquarters Combat Command "B" Unit Journal, January-April 1945
- Headquarters Combat Command "B" Field Orders and Operational Memoranda, 1944

Headquarters Combat Command "B" Field Orders and Operational Memoranda, 1945

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Headquarters Combat Command "B" Maps and Overlays, 1945

Headquarters Combat Command "R" S-3 After Action Reports, August-December 1944

Headquarters Combat Command "R" S-3 After Action Reports, January-April 1945

Headquarters Combat Command "R" S-4 Journal, October, December 1944

Headquarters Combat Command "R" S-4 Journal, February-April 1945

Headquarters Division Artillery After Action Reports, August 1944-April 1945

Office of the Surgeon Medical Activities Report, January-September 1945

15<sup>th</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion After Action Reports, August-October 1944

46<sup>th</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion After Action Reports, September and December 1944

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## **6<sup>th</sup> ARMORED DIVISION, 1942-1945**

4000 pages (approximate)

Boxes 81-84

The "Super Sixth" Armored Division was activated in 1942 and received training at Camp Chaffee, AR., and Camp Coke, CA. In February of 1944 the Division went to England for additional training, and later landed at Utah Beach in July, 1944. The Division took part in the Ardennes-Alsace, Central Europe, Northern France, and Rhineland campaigns. The Division returned to the United States in September, 1945.

This series contains after action reports, periodic reports of both the G-2 and G-3 sections, and miscellaneous staff sections reports. Of special interest is the pictorial history of the 6<sup>th</sup>, which has been removed to the publications collection of the Eisenhower Library.

The series has been arranged into six sub-series, according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch, and has been placed in chronological order there under. The Public Relations sub-series comprises the largest part of this series. This sub-series includes a

large number of photographs and newspaper clippings, which cover the activities of the Division during its period of training at Camps Chaffee and Cooke. The photographs have been removed to the audio-visual collections of the Library.

## **CHRONOLOGY**

February 15, 1942	The Division was activated.
February 11, 1944	The Division left for training in England.
July 18, 1944	The Division landed at Utah Beach, and then went on the offensive in the Cotentin Peninsula.
August-November, 1944	The Division moved east across France and reached the Saar River
November 11-12, 1944	The Division crossed the Nied River.
December 6, 1944	The Division reached the German border and maintained a defensive position at Saarbrucken.
March 21, 1945	The Division reached the Rhine River at Worms
March 25, 1945	The Division crossed the Rhine at Oppenheim.
April, 1945	The Division assisted in freeing Allied prisoners of war and inmates of the concentration camp at Buchenwald.
April 15, 1945	The Division stopped at Rochlitz after taking Leipzig, and held a defensive position along the Mulde River until the end of the war.
September 18, 1945	The Division returned to the U. S.

## **DESCRIPTION OF SUB-SERIES**

<u>Box Nos.</u>	<u>Sub-series</u>
81	I. GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATION REPORTS, 1942-1945  After action reports and miscellaneous historical materials concerning the operations of the 6 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division during World War II. Also includes a pictorial history. Arranged according to the DRB classification scheme and chronologically there under.
81	II. G-2 REPORTS, 1944-1945  Periodic reports concerning operations of the section during World War II.
82	III. G-3 REPORTS, 1944-1945



Periodic reports and overlays concerning the operations of the G-3 section during World War III.

82 IV. G-5 REPORTS, 1945

Reports and summaries concerning the operations of the G-5 section after World War II.

82 V. STAFF SECTION REPORTS, 1944-1945

Histories, after action reports and miscellaneous reports concerning the operations of various staff sections and organizational components of the 6<sup>th</sup> armored Division.

83-84 VI: PUBLIC RELATIONS MATERIAL, 1942-1945

This sub-series contains news clippings and public relations materials from the years the division spent training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas and Camp Cooke, California, a prepared history of the unit through January 1945, general orders and other materials prepared the Public Relations. The clippings from the scrapbook are unarranged.

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81      **SUB-SERIES I: GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division General History, 1942

Pictorial History of the Super Sixth Armored Division

6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Report, February 1945

6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Report, March 1945

6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Report, April 1945

6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Report, May 1945

6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Operations Summaries, October 1944-January 1945

6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Narrative of Operations Brittany Campaign, July 27, 1944-September 16, 1944

6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division General Correspondence

VIII Corps Miscellaneous Reports and Memos, July-August 1944

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6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division G-2 Periodic Report, January 1945 (1)-(2)  
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6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division G-3 Periodic Report, February 1945 (1)-(2)  
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6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division G-3 Periodic Report, May 1945

**SUB-SERIES IV: G-5 REPORTS**

6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division G-5 Monthly Summaries, September-October 1944 and January 1945

## **SUB-SERIES V: STAFF SECTION REPORTS**

777<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion After Action Reports, July 27, 1944-May 8, 1945

6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "A" Unit History and After Action Reports, July 28, 1944-December, 1944

6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "A" After Action Reports, January-April 1945

6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "A" Field Orders, August 1944

128<sup>th</sup> Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion Historical Record, July 29, 1944-May 9, 1945

6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Quartermaster Operations, July, 1944-May, 1945

603<sup>rd</sup> Tank Destroyer Battalion Report of Operations, July 28, 1944-April 30, 1945

Miscellaneous Staff Section Operations Reports, 1944-1945 [Judge Advocate, Division Surgeon, Postal Report]

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6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Public Relations Scrapbook 1942-1944 (1)-(25)

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## **7<sup>th</sup> ARMORED DIVISION, 1942-1945**

8,800 pages (approximate)

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The "Lucky Seventh" Armored Division was activated in 1942 and received training at Camp Polk, Louisiana and Fort Benning, Georgia. In January 1944 the Division left the United States for overseas, trained in England, and landed in France the following August. For the remainder of the war the Division participated in the Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe campaigns. After the war it was on occupation duty in Germany until returning to the United States in October 1945.

This series contains histories, after action reports, periodic reports, journals, messages and newspaper articles. Most of the material pertains to the activities of the Division in Europe during 1944 and 1945. However, a large number of press releases and newspaper clippings contain information on the early history of the Division in the United States. The records are arranged according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch and chronologically there under.

The information in this series which pertains to the combat history of the Division is extremely detailed. The after action reports and G-3 reports and journals describe the military operations of the Division in great detail. Many of the G-3 reports were originated by the Army Corps to which the Division was attached and contain information on the operations of the Division in relation to those of neighboring units. The G-2 reports and journals describe the intelligence activities of the Division and contain information on the enemy order of battle and interrogations of prisoners of war.

The information on the Division's occupation duty is also extremely detailed. The G-2 and G-3 reports describe the Division's work in guarding important installations and processing prisoners of war and displaced persons. There is also much information on subversive activities conducted in the Division's area and relation between the Division and the Russian army.

In addition to the textual records, a large number of photographs were found in this series. These depicted the activities of the Division during the period of training in the United States. The photographs have been transferred to the audio-visual collection of the Eisenhower Library.

## **CHRONOLOGY**

March 1, 1942	The Division was activated
January 7 1944	The Division left the United States.
August 13, 1944	The Division landed in Normandy and began an attack on the city of Chartres
August 18, 1944	The Division captured Chartres
August 24, 1944	The Division crossed the Seine River.
August 31, 1944	The Division crossed the Meuse River and captured Verdun.
Sept. 15-24, 1944	The Division attacked across the Moselle River near Metz against heavy opposition.
October 8, 1944	The Division joined the British-Canadian drive to clear the approaches to Antwerp
November 1944	The Division rested in Belgium
Dec. 16-23, 1944	Division was ordered to St. Vith where it was heavily attacked during the German offensive and forced to withdraw west of the Salm River.
Dec. 23-31, 1944	The Division cleared the enemy from Manhay, Belgium.
January 1945	After a brief rest the Division returned to positions near St. Vith and recaptured the town.
February 1945	The Division received rest and relaxation in Holland

March 1945	Division held defensive positions along the Rhine River south of Bonn.
March 26, 1945	The Division attacked out of the Remagen bridgehead and took part in the reduction of the Ruhr Pocket
April 16, 1945	The 53 <sup>rd</sup> German Panzer Corps surrendered to the Division, causing the eastern sector of the Ruhr pocket to collapse.
May 1-8, 1945	The Division crossed the Elbe River and swept north into Mecklenburg where it met the Russian army.
May-September 1945	The Division was on occupation duty in Germany
October 8, 1945	The Division returned to the United States
October 9, 1945	The Division was inactivated.

### **DESCRIPTION OF SUB-SERIES**

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85                    I. GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATION REPORTS, 1942-1945

This series contains stories and after action reports pertaining to the history and the military operations of the 7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, Headquarters and Headquarter Company. Arranged chronologically.

85                    II. G-1 REPORTS, 1945

This series contains journals containing statistical information on the personnel of the Division and its attached units during the summer of 1945. Arranged chronologically.

85-86                III. G-2 REPORTS, 1944-1945

This series contains periodic reports, notes, journals and intelligence summaries describing the operation of the G-2 section during World War II. Arranged chronologically.

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This series contains periodic reports, journals, messages and orders describing the operation of the G-3 section during World War II. Arranged chronologically.

89                    V. G-4 REPORTS, 1945

This series contains messages describing the operation of the G-4 section during the summer of 1945. Arranged chronologically.

90-95 VI. STAFF SECTION REPORTS, 1942-1945

This series contains histories, periodic reports, orders, correspondence and newspaper clippings and releases concerning the operations of various staff sections and organizational components of the 7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division. Arranged by component unit and chronologically thereunder.

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- 7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Report, September 1944
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- 7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Report, July 1945
- 7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Report, August 1945
- 7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Photographs, 1942 [all photographs transferred to audiovisual department]

**SUB-SERIES II: G-1 REPORTS**

- G-1 Journal June-July 1945

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G-2 Periodic Reports, August 14-31, 1944

G-2 Periodic Reports, September 1944

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G-2 Periodic Reports, May 1-August 6, 1945

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G-2 Notes, August 1944-July 1945

SUB-SERIES IV: G-3 REPORTS

XX Corps G-3 Reports, August 1944

XX Corps G-3 Reports, September 1944

XIII Corps G-3 Situation Reports, November 1944

XIII Corps Miscellaneous G-3 Reports, November 1944 (1)-(2)

VII Corps G-3 Orders and Reports, March 1945

V Corps G-3 Periodic Reports, January 26-31, 1945

V Corps G-3 Periodic Reports, February 1-15, 1945

V Corps G-3 Periodic Reports, February 16-28, 1945

V Corps G-3 Periodic Reports, March 1-6, 1945

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III Corps G-3 Period Reports, March 7-11, 1945

III Corps G-3 Periodic Reports, March 12-16, 1945

III Corps G-3 Periodic Reports, March 17-23, 1945

III Corps G-3 Periodic Reports, March 24-31, 1945

III Corps G-3 Periodic Reports, April 1-9, 1945

III Corps G-3 Periodic Reports, April 10-16, 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, August 15-31, 1944

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7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Reports, November 1944

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Periodic Reports, June 1945

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Periodic Reports, July 1945

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Periodic Reports, August 1945

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Message Log, May 1945

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Journal and Message Log, June 1945

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Journal and Message Log, July 1945

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Journal and Message Log, August 1945

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Message File, June 14-17, 1945

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Message File, June 18-21, 1945

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Message File, June 22-26, 1945

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Message File June 27-30, 1945

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery Orders & Instructions, May-August 1945

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery Hq. & Hq. Battery and Medical Detachment History 1944

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Band History, January-August 1945

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, Combat Command "A" S-3 Periodic Reports, August 1944

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, Combat Command "A" S-3 Periodic Reports, September 1944

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, Combat Command "A" S-3 Periodic Reports, October 1944

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, Combat Command "A" S-3 Periodic Reports, November 1944

91 7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, Combat Command "A" S-3 Periodic Reports, May-August 1945

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7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, Combat Command "B" S-3 Periodic Reports, August 13-31, 1944

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7th Armored Division, Hq. Company History, 1944

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7th Armored Division Public Relations Office News Clippings, February-April 1942

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7th Armored Division Public Relations Office News Clippings, June-August 1942

7th Armored Division Public Relations Office News Release List, August 24, 1943-March 6, 1944

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7th Armored Division Quartermaster Journal, June 1945

7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Trains S-3 Period Reports, August 15-October 31, 1944  
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750<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion After Action Report, May 1945

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94 7<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Public Relations Office Scrapbooks, 1941-1942 [consists entirely of newspaper clippings]

**8<sup>th</sup> ARMORED DIVISION, 1944-1945**

1,600 pages (approximate)

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The "Iron Snake Division" was activated in 1942 and left the United States for overseas in November 1944. After a brief period of training in England the Division landed in France in January 1945. For the remainder of the war it participated in the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe campaigns. When the war ended the Division went on occupation duty in the Harz Mountains in Germany and Czechoslovakia.

This series consists of periodic reports, journals, histories and orders. Most of the records date from January to September 1945 when the Division was active in Europe. The material is arranged according to the classification scheme of the Department Records Branch and chronologically there under.

The bulk of the records in this series are G-1 periodic reports, G-1 journals and G-3 journals. The G-1 material contains statistical data on the personnel strength of the Division and its attached units. The G-3 journals describe the activities of the Division's G-3 staff as well as the operations of the Division as a whole. There is much information on troop movements, prisoners of war and relations with the Russian army scattered through the G-3 journals.

The series contains practically no information on the operations of the organic units of the Division. The most useful item is a brief history of the Division's Combat Command "A" during the first half of 1945. This history provides a summary of the activities of the entire Division.

**CHRONOLOGY**

April 1, 1942	The Division was activated.
November 7, 1944	The Division left the United States for England.
January 5, 1945	The Division landed in France
January 10, 1945	The Division arrived at Pont-a-Mousson, France, to help stem the German drive for Strasbourg but found the enemy already halted.
January 10- February 19, 1945	The Division received training in France and Holland.
January 19-28, 1945	Combat Command "A", an element of the Division, supported the 94 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division during the Third Army's drive against the Moselle-Saar salient.
February 19, 1945	The Division moved to Roermond, Holland, and entered combat by pushing the enemy east of the Roer River.

February 27, 1945	The Division crossed the Roer River and began its drive toward the Rhine.
March 26, 1945	The Division crossed the Rhine River and attacked Dorsten.
April 1945	The Division participated in the battle for the Ruhr Pocket and then shifted south through Wolfenbuttel to Blankenberg and the Harz Mountains.
April 23, 1945	The Division went on occupation duty in the Harz Mountains.
November 10, 1945	The Division returned to the United States.
November 14, 1945	The Division was inactivated.

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G-1 Journal, July 1945

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G-3 Journal, February 16-28, 1945

G-3 Journal, March 1-9, 1945

G-3 Journal, March 10-22, 1945

G-3 Journal, March 23-31, 1945

G-3 Journal, April 1-8, 1945

G-3 Journal, April 9-19, 1945

G-3 Journal, April 20-30, 1945

G-3 Journal, May 1945

G-3 Journal, June 1945

G-3 Journal, July-August 1945

G-3 Orders and Instruction, February 1945 (1)-(2)

8<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery, Flight Operations Orders, 1944-1945

8<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "A", History, January-June 1945

### **9<sup>th</sup> ARMORED DIVISION, 1941-1945**

200 pages (approximate)

Box 98

The "Phantom Division" was activated in 1942 from elements of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Division. It entered combat in October 1944 along the border of Luxemburg and Germany. For the remainder of the war the Division was active in the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe campaigns. During the Battle of the Bulge the Division was subjected to heavy enemy attacks. It delayed the German drive toward Bastogne until the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division could prepare a



defense of the city. In March 1945 the Division participated in the drive to the Rhine River and captured intact the Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen, the only remaining bridge across the Rhine.

This series consists of histories, after action reports, journals, messages orders and commendations. The records are arranged according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch.

The history of the 9<sup>th</sup> Armored Division is poorly documented by this series. A large segment of the records pertains to the training maneuvers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Division in Kansas prior to the activation of the 9<sup>th</sup> Armored Division. There is very little information on the activities of the Division as a whole during its active combat engagements in Europe. Of particular interest, however, is a detailed history of Combat Command "A" which provides a useful summary of the history of the entire Division.

### **CHRONOLOGY**

July 15, 1942	The Division was activated from elements of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Division.
August 26, 1944	The Division left the United States for Europe.
October 23, 1944	The Division commenced patrol duty along a quiet sector of the Luxemburg-German border.
December 1944	The Division engaged in heavy fighting near St. Vith and Bastogne, Belgium, to blunt the German offensive during the Battle of the Bulge.
January – February 1945	The Division rested in France.
February 28, 1945	The Division launched an offensive across the Roer River to Rheinbach.
March 7, 1945	Elements of the Division reached Remagen and captured the Ludendorff Bridge.
March 1945	The Division continued to drive south and east across the Lahn River toward Limburg.
April 1945	The Division encircled Leipzig and secured a line along the Mulde River.
October 13, 1945	The Division was inactivated.

### **CONTAINER LIST**

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder Title</u>
98	9 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Report, October 20-31, 1944
	G-3 Journal File, July 1941
	G-3 Journal File, July-December 1941

G-3 Journal File, December 1941-March 1942

9<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "A", History, 1942-1945

9<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "A", Hq Co. History, 1943-1945

9<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "A", Commendations and  
Miscellaneous Records

2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Medical Battalion After Action Reports, October 20-31, 1944

9<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Trains After Action Report, October 1944

### **10<sup>th</sup> ARMORED DIVISION, 1942-1945**

4,800 pages (approximate)

Boxes 99-104

The "Tiger Division" was activated in July 1942, but it did not enter combat until November 1, 1944. By the time the war ended the Division had participated in numerous operations and engagements of the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe campaigns. The Division helped halt the German winter offensive in December 1944 in the area near Bastogne.

This series contains histories, after action reports, operation reports, periodic reports, special reports, intelligence summaries, journals, notes, bulletins, lists, general orders, field orders, maps, map overlays, training materials, and message logs. Most of the material covers the period from November 1944 to May 1945 with some additional coverage in the form of training materials for 1943 and 1944 and limited reports for June to August 1945. The material is organized into seven sub-series according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch and chronologically there under.

Of interest in this series are the journals and message logs of the Division Artillery Section, some training manuals for battle drill, and a series of nine maps of the battle of Bastogne.

A little over one third of the series consists of G-3 reports and a second third is made up of staff section reports. About half of the remainder are G-2 reports and the balance includes a few G-1, G-4 and G-5 reports and several folders of division after action reports.

### **CHRONOLOGY**

July 15, 1942	The Division was activated
September 13, 1944	The Division left the U. S. For Cherbourg, France
Sept-October, 1944	The Division underwent additional training at Teurtheville, France
November 1, 1944	The Division entered combat at Mars-la-Tour in support of XX Corps.
November 15, 1944	The Division participated in an offensive and crossed the Moselle River at Malling and drove to the Saar River north of Metz

December 17, 1944	The Division moved north to stop the German offensive and held defensive positions near Bastogne, Noville, and Bras. The 420 <sup>th</sup> Armored Field Artillery Battalion was one of the encircled units at Bastogne.
January 10, 1945	The 10 <sup>th</sup> moved to defensive positions which were east of the Saar River and south of the Maginot Line
February 20, 1945	The Division joined an offensive to eliminate opposition in the Saar-Moselle triangle
March 15, 1945	The Division attacked and captured Trier
March 15-28, 1945	The Division advanced through Kaiserlautern and crossed the Rhine at Mannheim
April 1945	The Division turned south and seized Oehringen and Heilbronn and reached Kirchheim
April 23-25, 1945	The Division Crossed the Danube River and captured Oberammergau
May 1945	The 10 <sup>th</sup> drove into the “Redoubt” and reached Innsbruck at the end of the war
October 13, 1945	The Division returned to the United States and was inactivated

#### **DESCRIPTION OF SUB-SERIES**

##### Box Nos.

##### Sub-series

99	I. GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS, 1944-1945  A narrative history of the 10 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division after action reports, maps, map overlays, and unit citation materials pertaining to the operations and activities of the 10 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division during World War II.
99	II. G-1 REPORTS, 1944-1945  After action reports and material on awards and decorations given to soldiers in the 10 <sup>th</sup> during operations of World War II.
99-100	III. G-2 REPORTS, 1944-11945  After action reports, periodic reports, map overlays, and intelligence summaries concerning the operations and activities of the G-2 section during World War II.
100-102	IV. G-3 REPORTS, 1944-1945

After action reports, amp overlays, periodic reports, administrative memos, training materials, including battle drills, an order of battle, troop lists, and operations instructions concerning the operations and activities of the G-3 section during World War II.

102 V. G-4 REPORTS, 1944-1945

After action reports concerning the operations and activities of the G-4, section during World War II.

102 VI. G-5 REPORTS, 1944-1945

After action reports concerning the operations and activities of the G-5, or military government section, during World War II.

103-104 VII. STAFF SECTION REPORTS, 1944-1945

Histories, after action reports, air operation reports, journals, bulletins, message logs, map overlays, field orders, and periodic reports concerning the operations and activities of the various staff sections and organizational components of the 10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division during World War II.

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99      **SUB-SERIES I: GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Unit History, October-December 1944

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Unit History, April 1945

110<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Monthly History, February 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Reports, December 1944-May 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Reports, April 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Reports, May 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Unit Citation (1)-(4) [Crailsheim Operation]

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Public Relations Materials, February 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Censorship Procedures for Parcels, June 13, 1945

**SUB-SERIES II: G-1 REPORTS**

G-1 After Action Reports, November 1944-May 1945

G-1 Reports of the Awards and Decorations Board, June 23-September 20, 1945

G-1 Awards and Decorations--Kusaila Case, March-April 1945

**SUB-SERIES III: G-2 REPORTS**

G-2 After Action Reports, November 1944-May 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, November 2-20, 1944

G-2 Periodic Report November 21-December 18, 1944

G-2 Periodic Report December 19, 1944-February 21, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, February 22-March 1, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, March 2-10, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, March 11-24, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, March 29-April 8, 1945

100 G-2 Periodic Reports, April 9-21, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, April 22-May 7, 1945

G-2 Intelligence Summary, February 1-9, 1945

**SUB-SERIES IV: G-3 REPORTS**

G-3 After Action Reports, November-December 1944

G-3 After Action Report, January 1945

G-3 After Action Report, February 1945

G-3 After Action Report, March 1945 (1)-(2)

G-3 After Action Report, April 1945 (1)-(3)

G-3 After Action Report, May 1-10, 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, November 1-22, 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports, November 23-December 2, 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports, December 3-18, 1944

- 101 G-3 Periodic Reports, December 20, 1944-January 1, 1945  
G-3 Periodic Reports, January 2-18, 1945  
G-3 Periodic Reports, January 19-24, 1945  
G-3 Periodic Reports, January 25-February 2, 1945  
G-3 Periodic Reports, February 3-12, 1945  
G-3 Periodic Reports, February 13-24, 1945  
G-3 Periodic Reports, February 25-March 3, 1945  
G-3 Periodic Reports, March 4-13, 1945  
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G-3 Periodic Reports, March 28-April 6, 1945
- 102 G-3 Periodic Reports, April 7-16, 1945  
G-3 Periodic Reports, April 17-24, 1945  
G-3 Periodic Reports, April 25-May 2, 1945  
G-3 Administrative Memorandum: Methods of Historical Interviews, June 1944  
G-3 Training Directives, 1945  
G-3 Training Material--Battle Drills 1943-1944 (1)-(3)  
G-3 Training Material—Combat Firing and Battle Drill, 1943  
G-3 Order of Battle, April 10, 1945  
G-3 Troop Lists, December 1944 and February 1945  
G-3 Operation Instructions, April 1945  
G-3 Miscellaneous Reports, December 1944  
G-3 Task Force Riley After Action Report, February 1945

**SUB-SERIES V: G-4 REPORTS**

- G-4 After Action Reports, November-December 1944  
G-4 After Action Reports, January-February 1945

G-4 After Action Reports, March-May 1945

**SUB-SERIES VI: G-5 REPORTS**

G-5 Military Government Section After Action Reports, November-December 1944

G-5 Military Government Section After Action Reports January-May 1945

103 **SUB-SERIES VIII: STAFF SECTION REPORTS**

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery After Action Reports, November-December 1944

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery After Action Reports, January-May 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery Unit Journal, September-December 1944

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery Unit Journal, January-February 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery Unit Journal, March-May 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery Unit Journal, June-July 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-2 Journal, November 1944

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-2 Journal, December 1944

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-2 Journal, January-February 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Periodic Reports, December 1944-January 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Periodic Reports, February-March 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Periodic Reports, April-May 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Journal, November 1944

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Journal, December 1944

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Journal, January-February 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Journal, March 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Journal, April 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Journal, May 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-3 Journal, June-July 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery Daily Reports, November 24-December 3, 1944

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Daily Artillery Air Operations Reports

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Daily Artillery Message Log, February 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Daily Artillery Message Log, March 1945 (1)

104 10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Daily Artillery Message Log, March 1945 (2)

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Daily Artillery Message Log, April 1945 (1)-(2)

Combat Command "A" After Action Reports, November 1944, February, April, May 1945

Combat Command "A" Field Orders and Operations Instructions, May 1945

Combat Command "B" After Action Reports, November 1944, February-May 1945

Headquarters Reserve Command After Action Reports, November 1944, February, April, May 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Ordnance Officer After Action Reports, February, April 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Trains After Action Reports, November 1944, January-May 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Trains Periodic Reports, November 15, 1944-March 5, 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Trains Field Orders, December 1944

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Trains Operations Memoranda, January 26-February 8, 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Chaplain's Office After Action Reports, February, April, May 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Chemical Warfare Section After Action Reports, November 1944, February, April 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Headquarters Company After Action Reports, January-March, May 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Quartermaster Journal, April 1945



10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Signal Supply Section After Action Reports, November 1944, February, April 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Special Service Office After Action Reports, February, April, May 1945

10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Surgeon After Action Reports, November 1944, February, April 1945

3<sup>rd</sup> Tank Battalion After Action Reports, November 1944, February, April, May 1945

3<sup>rd</sup> Tank Battalion S-3 Journal and Field Orders, November 1944

11<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion After Action Reports, February, April, May 1945

20<sup>th</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion Miscellaneous Reports, November 1944, February 1945

20<sup>th</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion After Action Reports, April-May 1945

21<sup>st</sup> Tank Battalion Operational Reports, April-May 1945

54<sup>th</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion After Action Reports, February, April-May 1945

55<sup>th</sup> Armored Engineer Battalion After Action Reports, November 1944, February, April 1945

55<sup>th</sup> Armored Engineer Battalion Recommendation for Unit Citation

61<sup>st</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion After Action Reports, November 1944. February, April, June 1945

80<sup>th</sup> Armored Medical Battalion After Action Reports, November 1944. February, April, May 1945

90<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized) After Action Reports, December 1944, January, April 1945

132<sup>nd</sup> Ordnance Maintenance Battalion After Action Reports, November 1944, February, April, May 1945

150<sup>th</sup> Armored Signal Company Periodic Reports, November 1944, February, April 1945

419<sup>th</sup> Armored Field Artillery Battalion After Action Reports, November 1944, February, April, May 1945

420<sup>th</sup> Armored Field Artillery Battalion After Action Reports, November 1944, February, April, May 1945

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February, April, May 1945

442<sup>nd</sup> Quartermaster Truck Company After Action Reports, November 1944,  
February 1945

448<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Truck Company After Action Reports, February, April 1945

609<sup>th</sup> Tank Destroyer Battalion After Action Reports, February, April, May 1945

796<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion After Action Reports,  
February, April, May 1945

### **11<sup>TH</sup> ARMORED DIVISION, 1944-1945**

4,800 pages (approximate)

Boxes 105-110

The “Thunderbolt Division” was activated in the fall of 1942 and spent succeeding two years in training at various locations throughout the United States. It initially sailed for France in late September of 1944, but the unit was diverted enroute to the United Kingdom for an additional two months’ training on the Salisbury Plain Area. Once on the continent, participation in the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe campaigns gave the Division 96 days of combat. Throughout the unit’s combat and occupational duty it was assigned to the Third Army, 12<sup>th</sup> Army Group, but variously to the VIII, XII and XX Corps.

The standard directive and reporting documents, e.g., field orders and periodic reports, account for most of the material in this series and are almost entirely confined to the unit’s period of combat duty. The bulk of the material dated as late as May. Recording documents, including such items as personal notes and memos are limited to a few journals and message logs and one folder titled “Liaison Officer’s Notes.” The latter, in addition to a few G-5 periodic reports dated as late as June, constitute the only source of information on the occupation period.

Aside from the substantial coverage of the unit’s combat history this series offers only limited information on other topics in the area of military history. Material on the concentration camps is thin. Internal administrative matters, community including refugees and displaced persons, and relations with the Russian Army are all covered more adequately but still not to any great degree. Combat conditions, from a medical point of view, are described in a report originated by the Division’s Office of the Surgeon.

The material has been arranged according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch and then chronologically by month, or in some cases be portions thereof, depending upon the content of the original file. Little arrangement within individual file folders has been attempted.

### **CHRONOLOGY**

August 15, 1942      Activated at Cap Polk, Louisiana

September 29, 1944      Left U.S., diverted to the United Kingdom while en route to France.

December 23, 1944	Combat Command "A" committed in defense of the Meuse River while the remainder of the Division made the movement to France.
December 29, 1944	The Division as a whole moved into an assembly area near Neufchateau and learned of its attachment to VIII Corps, Third Army.
January 1945	Participated in the Chenogne – Rechrival Valley engagement to defend the highway to Bastogne, the Bertogne – Houffalize engagement and the Boeur – Buret engagement.
February 7, 1945	Lutzkampen fell after penetration of the Siegfried line days before.
March 1-9, 1945	First breakthrough to the Rhine
March 16-21, 1945	Second breakthrough to the Rhine
March 22-28, 1945	Rhine River defense
March 29-31, 1945	First phase of the Thuringia Wald engagement
April 1945	The Division raced through Bavaria and crossed the Regen River on the 24 <sup>th</sup> to begin the final drive and the eventual plunge toward the Danube.
May 5, 1945	Entered Linz, Austria.
May 6, 1945	Liberated Concentration camps at Mauthausen and Gusun.
May 8, 1945	The Division was the first unit of the Third Army to meet the Russian Armies.
August 31, 1945	Inactivated in Europe

## **DESCRIPTION OF SUB-SERIES**

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105	I. GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS, 1944-1945
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After action reports contain maps, overlays, photographs and other visuals pertaining to military operations. The Liaison Officer's Notes provide an informal documentation of day-to-day military operations, verbal orders and internal division matters. A single published pamphlet deals exclusively with the Division's period of stateside training.

105	II. G-2 REPORTS, 1944-1945
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Mostly G-2 periodic reports but also intelligence summaries, intelligence bulletins and S-2 material. All include overlays and/or other addendum material. G-2 journals include information on the movement of 11th Armored organic units and contact with the enemy.

105-107      III. G-3 REPORTS, 1944-1945

Operations bulletins provide a general summary of operations for periods encompassing several days. G-3 journals provide a day-by-day record of events, including the receipt and disposition of reports, messages, orders and other items of correspondence. Period reports, field orders and operations memoranda originated by both the Corps and the Division contain overlays. Additionally, some Corps and Division field orders and operations memoranda are supplemented with signal annexes, note on verbal operations memoranda and intelligence information including G-2 estimates.

107            IV. G-5 REPORTS, 1944-1945

Contains primarily daily periodic reports but also a few messages sent to Army and Corps command headquarters. Overall, early periodic reports emphasize staff operations; later reports contain more information on civil administration, refugees and public health.

107-110      V. STAFF SECTION REPORTS, 1944-1945

After action reports and supporting papers account for the bulk of the material in this sub-series. The latter includes journals, S-3 periodic reports, division field orders and operations memoranda, mission reports, S-2 periodic reports, firing reports, G-3 periodic reports, firing coordinates, preparation fires, staff section field orders and miscellaneous documents originating at the Corps and Corps staff section levels. Other documents of interest include staff journals, message files, and a periodic report/unit history prepared by the Office of the Surgeon.

## **CONTAINER LIST**

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**105      SUB-SERIES I: GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

*Eleventh Armored Division, Thunderbolt, "A Natural" Published Pictorial Review Period of Stateside Training*

11<sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Report, February 1945

11<sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Report, March 1945 (1)-(2)

11<sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Report, April – May 1945 (1)-(3)

11<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Standard Operating Procedures

11<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Liaison Officer's Notes

**SUB-SERIES II: G-2 REPORTS**

G-2 Periodic Reports, January 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, February 1945

G- Periodic Reports, March 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, April 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, May 1945

G-2 Journal, January 1945

G-2 Intelligence Summaries, December 1944 – January 1945

**SUB-SERIES III: G-3 REPORTS**

G-3 Operations Bulletins, December 1944 – January 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, December 1944 – January 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, February 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, March 1945

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G-3 Periodic Reports, April 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, May 1945

G-3 Journal, December 1944 – January 1945

G-3 Journal, February 1945

G-3 Journal, March 1945

G-3 Message File, December 1944 – January 1945

VIII Corps Field Orders, December 1944 – January 1945

VIII Corps Field Orders, February 1945

VIII Corps Field Orders, March 1945

11<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Field Orders, December 1944 – January 1945

11<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Field Orders, February 1945

11<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Field Orders, March 1945

VIII Corps Operations Memoranda, January 1945

VIII Corps Operations Memoranda, February – March 12, 1945

XII Corps Operational Directives, March 14-31, 1945

11<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Operations Memoranda, December 1944 – January 1945

107 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Operations Memoranda, February 1945

11<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Operations Memoranda, March 1945 (1)-(2)

**SUB-SERIES IV: G-5 REPORTS**

G-5 Periodic Reports, January – March 1945

G-5 Periodic Reports, April – June 1945

**SUB-SERIES V: STAFF SECTION REPORTS**

Reorganization of 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Armored Infantry Battalions Anti-Tank Platoons

Division Artillery After Action Reports, December 1944 - March 1945

Division Artillery After Action Report Supporting Papers, December 23-28, 1944 [Defense of Meuse River]

Division Artillery After Action Report Supporting Papers, December 29, 1944 – January 2, 1945 [Phase I, Engagement: Chenogne-Rechrival Valley]

Division Artillery After Action Report Supporting Papers, January 3-11, 1945 (1)-(2) [Phase II, Engagement: Chenogne-Rechrival Valley]

Division Artillery After Action Report Supporting Papers, January 12-16, 1945 (1)-(2) [Engagement: Bertogne, Houffalize]

Division Artillery After Action Report Supporting Papers, January 17-31, 1945 [Engagement: Boeur-Buret]

Division Artillery Periodic Reports and After Action Report Supporting Papers, January 1945 (1)-(2)

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Division Artillery After Action Report Supporting Papers, March 1945 (1)-(5)

109 Division Artillery After Action Report Supporting Papers, April 1945

Division Artillery After Action Report Supporting Papers, May 1945

Combat Command "A" After Action Reports December 1944 –February 1945

Combat Command "A" After Action Report, March 1945

Combat Command "A" After Action Report, April 1945

Combat Command "A" S-2 Journal, December 1944 – January 1945

Combat Command "A" S-2 Journal, March and May 1945

Combat Command "B" After Action Reports, December 1944 – May 1945

Combat Command "B" S-3 Periodic Reports, January – April 1945

Combat Command "B" S-3 Journal, December 1944 – May 1945

Combat Command "B" S-3 Message Journal, February – May 1945

Combat Command "B" S-3 Miscellaneous Memoranda and Papers

Headquarters Company After Action Reports, December 1944 - May 1945

Headquarters Company S-4 Periodic Reports, May 1945

Headquarters Reserve Command After Action Reports December 1944 – May 1945

Headquarters Reserve Command Supporting Papers for After Action Report, February 1945

Headquarters Reserve Command Supporting Papers for After Action Report, March 1945

Headquarters Reserve Command Supporting Papers for After Action Report, April 1945 (1)-(2)

Headquarters Reserve Command Supporting Papers for After Action Report, May 1945

Division Office of the Surgeon Periodic Report

Division Trains After Action Report, December 1944 – March 1945

110 21st Armored Infantry Battalion After Action Reports, December 1944-March 1945

22nd Tank Battalion After Action Reports, December 1944- March 1945

41st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized After Action Reports, December 1944 – March 1945

41st Tank Battalion After Action Reports, December 1944 – March 1945

42nd Tank Battalion After Action Reports, December 1944 – March 1945

55th Armored Infantry Battalion After Action Reports, December 1944-March 1945

56th Armored Engineer Battalion After Action Reports, December 1944 – March 1945

63rd Armored Infantry Battalion After Action Reports, December 1944 – March 1945

81st Armored Medical Battalion, Armored After Action Reports, December 1944 – March 1945

133rd Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion After Action Reports, February - March 1945

133rd Ordnance Maintenance Battalion After Action Reports, December 1944 – January 1945

151st Armored Signal Company After Action Reports, December 1944 - March 1945

490th Armored Field Artillery Battalion After Action Reports, December 1944 - March 1945

491st Armored Field Artillery Battalion After Action Reports, December 1944 - March 1945

492nd Armored Field Artillery Battalion After Action Reports, December 1944 - March 1945

575th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (SP) After Action Reports, December 1944 - March 1945

705th Tank Destroyer Battalion After Action Report, March 1945

## **12<sup>th</sup> ARMORED DIVISION, 1942-1945**

2,400 pages (approximate)

Boxes 111-113

The “Hellcat Division” participated in the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe campaigns. The Division was also engaged in security duty in Germany prior to leaving for the U.S. in November 1945.



This series contains histories, after action reports, operation reports, periodic reports, journals, messages, memoranda, supply memos, and map overlays. The series covers the period from 1942 to late 1945, but the bulk of the material deals with the period from November 1944 to November 1945. Except for a published pictorial sketchbook there is very little material on the Division prior to November 1944. The material is organized into seven sub series based on the classification system of the Departmental Records Branch and chronologically there under.

Although most elements of the 12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division's organizational structure are represented in the series, there is very little material on general history or division-level operations and on activities of G-1, G-4, and G-5 sections. Slightly over one-third of the material is made up of G-3 reports, and staff section reports make up an equal amount. G-2 reports make up about one-fifth of the series.

Of particular interest are the G-2 and S-2 reports and messages dealing with problems during the occupation of Germany from May to October 1945. The reports and messages describe sabotage attempts and incidents of conflict, looting, and stealing, involving "D.P. s", "Russians", and German civilians. Also of interest are the Surgeon's reports, including charts and tables on battle casualty, exhaustion, and venereal disease rates for December 1944 to 1945.

A published history of the 12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division and its role in World War II is available in the book collection.

## **CHRONOLOGY**

September 15, 1942	The 12 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division was activated
September 20, 1944	The Division left the U.S. for Europe
October 2, 1944	The Division landed at Liverpool, England
November 11, 1944	The Division went ashore at Le Havre, France
December 5-10, 1944	The Division was assigned to XV Corps; met enemy near Weisslingen, attacked the Maginot Line, captured Singling and Rohrbach
December 21, 1944	The Division Captured Utweiler, Germany
January 13-20, 1944	The Division attacked enemy forces west of Rhine River in Offendorf-Herrlisheim-Drusenheim area and met fierce resistance
January 22, 1945	The Division went under control of II French Corps and moved south
February 3-5, 1945	Elements of the 12 <sup>th</sup> captured Colmar and entered Rouffach
February-March 1945	The Division went to France for rest and rehabilitation; Division performed blocking and counter-reconnaissance duties
March 18-24 1945	The Division drove eastward to the Rhine River and captured Ludwigshafen, Speyerk, and Germersheim and cleared the Saar Palatinate

March 28, 1945	The Division crossed the Rhine on bridge near Worms
March 29-Apr 4, 1945	The Division moved east and attacked and cleared Wurzburg
April 1945	The Division swung south and assisted in taking of Schweinfurt, Neustadt, Dillingen, Hochstadt, and Landsberg and moved toward Munich
May 1945	The Division crossed Inn River and Austrian border
May-November 1945	The Division was assigned to security duty in Germany
December 1945	The Division returned to the U.S. and was inactivated

**DESCRIPTION OF SUB-SERIES**

<u>Box Nos.</u>	<u>Sub-series</u>
111	I. GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS, 1942-1944  Official published pictorial sketch-book of the 12th Armored Division in training in 1942-1944 period.
111	II. G-1 REPORTS, 1944-1945  Operation reports for December 1944 to September 1945 make up the material involving the operations and activities of the G-1 section during World War II and the following occupation period.
111	III. G-2 REPORTS, 1944-1945  Operation Reports, periodic reports, and messages concerning the operation and activities of the G-2 section during World War II and the occupation period.
111-112	IV. G-3 REPORTS, 1944-1945  Operation reports, periodic reports, and map overlays concerning the operations and activities of the G-3 section during World War II and the following occupation period.
112	V. G-4 REPORTS, 1944-1945  Operations reports and a supply memo concerning the operations and activities of the G-4 section during World War II and the occupation period.
112	VI. G-5 REPORTS, 1945

Journals and reports concerning the operations and activities of the G-5 section during World War II and the occupation period.

112-113 VII. STAFF SECTION REPORT. 1944-195

Unit historical materials, after action and periodic reports, unit journals, and memoranda concerning the operations and activities of various organic elements and offices of the 12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division during WWII and the occupation period after the war.

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12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Pictorial Sketchbook, *Hellcats*, 1942-1944

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G-1 Operations Reports, December 1944-September 1945

**SUB-SERIES III: G-2 REPORTS**

G-2 Operations Reports, November 1944-September 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, March 31-April 17, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, April 17-May 20, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, May 20-31, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, May 31-June 7, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, June 7-20, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, June 20-July 30, 1945

G-2 Messages, June 1945

G-2 Cables, June-July 1945

XXI Corps G-2 Periodic Reports, May-June 1945

100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division G-2 Periodic Report, June 1945

**SUB-SERIES IV: G-3 REPORTS**

G-3 Operations Reports, December 1944-February 1945

G-3 Operations Reports, March- April 1945

G-3 Operations Reports, May-November 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, December 7-9, 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports, December 10-18 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports, December 20-24, 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports, December 25-30, 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports, December 31, 1944-January 15, 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, January 16-22, 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, January 21-31, 1945

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G-3 Periodic Reports, January 31-February 12, 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, February 13-28, 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, March 1-14, 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, March 15-31, 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, April 1-6 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, April 7-10 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, April 11-17 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, April 18-20 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, April 22-26, 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, April 27-29, 1945

G-3 Map Overlays, 1945

G-3 Deployment Statements, June 1945

#### SUB-SERIES V: G-4 REPORTS

G-4 Operations Reports, December 1944-September 1945

G-4 Supply Memos, May 1945

#### SUB-SERIES VI: G-5 REPORTS

G-5 Journal and Report, January, March, May 1945

G-5 Journal and Reports June-July 1945

SUB-SERIES VII: STAFF SECTION REPORTS

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Office of Chief of Staff Reports, December 1944-September 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Adjutant General Journal, March – September 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery Unit History, September 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery S-2 Report, June 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Chaplain's Section Report, March-September 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Chemical Section Reports, March and August 1945

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12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "A" Unit History and After Action Reports, September 1942-January 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "A" After Action Reports, February-May 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "A" After Action Reports June-November 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "A" S-2 Periodic Reports, May-June 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "B" S-2 Periodic Reports, May-June 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "B" After Action Report, December 1944, March and July 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "R" Unit History, March 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "R" S-2 Periodic Reports, May-June 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Finance Section Report, March, June-July, October 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Headquarters Company Unit History, April 30-May 8, 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Inspector General's Office Reports, March, June, August and September 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Judge Advocate Report January- February, April-May, August-September 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Office of Surgeon Unit History

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Office of Surgeon S-3 Monthly Reports, January-September 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Office of Surgeon Miscellaneous Reports and Memoranda, September 1944-January 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Office of Provost Marshal Unit History, March and May 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Office of Provost Marshal S-2 Reports, May-July 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Quartermaster Periodic Reports, March, June, and September 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Quartermaster Journal, January 1-13, 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Quartermaster Journal, January 14-30, 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Quartermaster Journal, June 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Signal Corps Unit History, March-September 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Special Service Unit Reports, March, June, August, September 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Trains Unit History, September 1942-March 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Trains Unit History, April-December 1945

12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Trains, S-2 Periodic Reports, June 1945

13th Field Artillery Brigade S-2 Reports, May-June 1945

23rd Tank Battalion Unit History, March 1945 [includes part of April]

43rd Tank Battalion Reports, March and June 1945

66th Armored Infantry Battalion S-2 Reports, June 1945

92nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized) S-2 Periodic Reports, June 1945

119th Armored Engineer Battalion Periodic Intelligence Reports, June 1945

119th Armored Engineer Battalion Situation Reports, June 1945

## **13<sup>th</sup> ARMORED DIVISION, 1942-1945**

2,400 pages (approximate)

Boxes 114-116

The “Black Cat Division” participated in operations of the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. The 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division entered combat around April 10, 1945, in the northwestern part of Germany and moved southward across Germany and into Austria by early May 1945

The series contains unit history materials, after action reports, periodic reports, general orders, field orders, map overlays, a roster of officers, a list of awards and decorations, and ammunition supply report. The bulk of the material covers March to May 1945, but there is some coverage of the Division’s history prior to this period. The material is organized into seven sub-series according to the classification system of the Departmental Records Branch and chronologically there under.

General historical and operational reports and G-1 to G-5 materials are very limited and constitute only 20 to 25 percent of the series. Thus, staff section reports make up about 75 to 80 per cent of this series.

Of particular interest in this series are the S-1 daily reports which are included with the after action reports of some of the staff sections.

The official published history of the 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division is available in the book collection.

### **CHRONOLOGY**

October 15, 1942	The Division was activated
January 18, 1945	The Division left the U.S.
January 29, 1945	The 13 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division landed at Le Harve, France
February-March	The Division performed occupation duties 1945
April 1-9, 1945	The Division moved to Hamberg under the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Army and joined the XVIII Corps
April 10-18, 1945	The Division began attack at Honnef and crossed the Sieg River at Siegburg and moved on the Bergisch Gladback, Duisburg, and Mettmann
April 18-28, 1945	The Division turned south and crossed the Regen River and the Danube River near Matting and secured the area near Duzling and crossed the Isar River also
May 1-3, 1945	The Division took the offensive into Braunau, Austria, and established a bridgehead on the Inn River at Marktl
May-June, 1945	The Division was on duty in Germany
July 14, 1945	The Division left France for U.S.

July 23, 1945            The Division arrived in the U.S.

November 15, 1945    The 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division was inactivated

### **DESCRIPTION OF SUB-SERIES**

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Unit history and after action reports concerning the operations and activities of the 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division during World War II.

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After action reports and general orders concerning the operations and activities of the G-1 section during World War II.

114                    III. G-2 REPORTS, 1945

After action reports concerning the operations and activities of the G-2 section during World War II.

114                    IV. G-3 REPORTS, 1945

After action and periodic reports concerning the operations and activities of the G-3 section during World War II.

114                    V. G-4 REPORTS, 1945

After action reports concerning the operations and activities of the G-4 section during World War II.

114                    VI. G-5 REPORTS, 1945

After action reports concerning the operation and activities of the G-5 section during World War II.

114-116            VII. STAFF SECTION REPORTS, 1942-1945

Unit histories, after action reports, periodic reports, general orders, field orders, and map overlays concerning the operations and activities of various organic elements and offices of the 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division during World War II.



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13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Reports, January-May 1945 (1)-(4)

**SUB-SERIES II: G-1 REPORTS**

G-1 After Action Reports, April-May 1945

G-1 General Orders, April-May 1945

**SUB-SERIES III: G-2 REPORTS**

G-2 After Action Reports, February-May 1945

**SUB-SERIES IV: G-3 REPORTS**

G-3 After Action Reports, January-May 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, March 1945

**SUB-SERIES V: G-4 REPORTS**

G-4 After Action Reports, April-May 1945

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13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery Unit History (1)-(2)

13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery After Action Report, March-May 1945 (1)-(2)

13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Artillery Field Orders and Overlays, March 1945

13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Adjutant General Reports, January-May 1945

13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Chaplain Report, April 1-May 4, 1945

13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command "A" After Action Reports, Jan-April 1945

- 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command “B” Unit History, October 1942-September 1945
- 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Combat Command “B” After Action Reports, April-May 1945
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- 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Finance Office Unit History, February-May 1945
- 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Headquarters Company Unit History, October 1942-June 1945
- 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Information-Education Section After Action Reports, January-May 1945
- 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Inspector General’s Office Reports, February-May 1945
- 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Judge Advocate’s Section Unit History, January-May 1945
- 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Office of Surgeon Reports, October 1942-May 1945
- 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Quartermaster After Action Reports, January-June 1945
- 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Signal Office Reports, April-May 1945
- 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Special Services Report, February-May 1945
- 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Red Cross Monthly Report, April 1945
- 13<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Trains After Action Reports, March-May 1945 (1)-(2)
- 116 16th Armored Infantry Battalion After Action Report, April-May 1945 (1)-(2)
- 24th Tank Battalion After Action Report, April-May 1945
- 46th Tank Battalion After Action Report, April-May 1945
- 59th Armored Infantry Battalion After Action Report, April-May 1945
- 67th Armored Infantry Battalion After Action Reports, January-May 1945
- 83rd Armored Medical Battalion After Action Reports, March-May 1945
- 93rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron After Action Report, April-May 1945
- 124th Armored Engineer Battalion After Action Reports, February-May 1945

135th Armored Ordnance Battalion After Action Reports, March-May 1945  
153rd Armored Signal Company After Action Report, April-May 1945  
403rd Quartermaster Truck Company After Action Reports, March-May 1945  
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497th Armored Field Artillery Battalion After Action Report, April 1945  
497th Armored. Field Artillery Battalion After Action Report, May 1945  
498th Armored Field Artillery Battalion After Action Report, March-May 1945  
574th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion After Action Report,  
March-May 1945  
4028th Quartermaster Truck Co. After Action Report, April-May 1945

#### **14<sup>TH</sup> ARMORED DIVISION, 1944-1945**

2,400 pages (approximate)  
Boxes 117-119

The "Liberator Division" was activated in 1942 and landed in Southern France in October 1944. After a brief period of defensive patrolling along the Franco-Italian boarder, the Division moved north to the Vosges Mountains where it was attached to the VI Corps. For the remainder of the war it participated in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. When the war ended the Division served on occupation duty for a few months before returning to the United States.

This series consists of histories, periodic reports, orders, journals and summaries. The bulk of the material covers the period from November 1944 to May 1945 when the Division was in active combat. A few records date from the time the Division was on occupation duty. There is no information on the early history of the Division in the United States. The records are arranged according to the classification scheme of the Departmental Records Branch and chronologically there under.

Most of the records in this series are histories and periodic reports which pertain to the G-2 and G-3 staff sections and various organic elements of the Division. There is little information on the activities of the Division as a whole. Of particular interest is a small, published pamphlet, *Now it Can Be Told*, which describes the activities of the U. S. seventh Army in eastern France during December 1944 and January 1945.

The operations of the various organic elements are well documented. Histories exist for the three Combat Commands and several other units. There is a large set of S-3 reports which were originated by the tank, infantry and engineer battalions that were attached to the Division. These reports provide detailed information on the operations of the Division's organic elements during December 1944, January 1945, and the period immediately after the end of the war.

## **CHRONOLOGY**

November 15, 1942	The Division was activated.
October 29, 1944	The Division landed at Marseilles, France and took up defensive positions along the Franco-Italian border.
November 20, 1944	The Division moved north to Rambervillers to take part in the VI Corps drive through the Vosage Mountains.
December 12, 1944	The Division attacked across the Lauter River to capture Haguenau.
December 1944 - January 1945	The Division thwarted heavy German attacks at Bitche, Hatten and Rittershoffen.
February-March 1945	The Division was withdrawn from active combat to receive rest and rehabilitation.
March 15, 1945	The Division attacked across the Moder River, pierced the Siegfried Line, and captured Germersheim on the Rhine by the end of the month.
April 1, 1945	The Division crossed the Rhine River near Worms and pursued the enemy through Lohr, Germunden, Neustadt and Hammelburg.
April-May 1945	The Division crossed the Danube River at Ingolstadt and pushed on across the Isar River to Moosburg.
September 7, 1945	The Division returned to the United States.
September 16, 1945	The Division was inactivated.

## **DESCRIPTION OF SUB-SERIES**

<u>Box Nos.</u>	<u>Sub-series</u>
117	I. GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS, 1944-1945  Historical reports concerning the operations and activities of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division during World War II. Arranged chronologically.
117	II. G-2 REPORTS, 1944-1945  Periodic reports and intelligence summaries concerning the operations and activities of the G-2 section during World War II.

117-118      III. G-3 REPORTS, 1944-1945

Periodic reports and operations instructions concerning the operations and activities of the G-3 section during World War II.

118-119      IV. STAFF SECTION REPORTS, 1944-1945

Histories, periodic reports, orders, journals, training reports and map overlays concerning the operations and activities of the organizational components for the 14<sup>th</sup> Armored Division during World War II.

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117      **SUB-SERIES I: GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

14<sup>th</sup> Armored Division History, November 1944

14<sup>th</sup> Armored Division History, December 1944

14<sup>th</sup> Armored Division History, January 1945

14<sup>th</sup> Armored Division History, February 1945

14<sup>th</sup> Armored Division History, March 1945

14<sup>th</sup> Armored Division History, April 1-May 9, 1945

*Now It Can Be Told!* [printed pamphlet on history of U. S. Seventh Army during Dec. 1944-Jan. 1945]

**SUB-SERIES II. G-2 REPORTS**

G-2 Periodic Reports, December 12-24, 1944

G-2 Periodic Reports, January 12-19, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, February 20, 28, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, March 1-15, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, March 16-25, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, April 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, May 1-26, 1945

G-2 Intelligence Summaries, November 22- 30, 1944

G-2 Intelligence Summaries, December 1944

G-2 Intelligence Summaries, January 1-12, 1945

G-2 Intelligence Summaries, January 23-31, 1945

G-2 Intelligence Summaries, February 1-15, 1945

G-2 Intelligence Summaries, February 16-20, March 27-April 1, 1945

### **SUB-SERIES III: REPORTS**

G-3 Periodic Reports, November 20-28, 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports, December 9-31, 1944

G-3 Periodic Reports, January 1945

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G-3 Periodic Reports, March 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, April 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports May 1-August 18, 1945

Operations Instructions, March-April, July 1945

### **SUB-SERIES IV: STAFF SECTION REPORTS**

Division Artillery History, December 1944-April 1945

Division Band History, January-February 1945

Combat Command "A" History, November 1944-March 1945

Combat Command "A" Training Exercises December 1944-March 1945

Combat Command "A" Combat Command Review, June 1945

Combat Command "A" Mine Fields

Combat Command "A" S-2 Reports, 1944-1945

Combat Command "A" S-3 Periodic Reports, December 6-31, 1944

Combat Command "A" S-3 Periodic Reports, January 1945

Combat Command "A" S-3 Periodic Reports, February 1945

Combat Command "A" S-3 Periodic Reports, March 1945

Combat Command "A", S-3 Periodic Reports, April 1945

Combat Command "A", S-3 Periodic Reports, May-June 1945

Combat Command "A" S-3 Air Requests, November-December 1944

Combat Command "B" History, December 1944 – April 1945

Combat Command "B" Investigation [Col. Francis Gillespie]

Combat Command R History, December 1944, February-March 1945

14<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Hq and Hq Co, History, December 1944-April 1945

119 14<sup>th</sup> Armored Division Military Police Platoon History, December 1944-April 1945

Task Force Blue S-3 Periodic Reports, March 16-21, 1945

Division Train History, December 1944-April 1945

25<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion S-3 Periodic Reports, December 1944

47<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion History, March-July 1945

48<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion S-3 Periodic Reports, December 1944

48<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion S-3 Periodic Reports, January 1945

48<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion After Action Report, March 1945

62<sup>nd</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion S-3 Reports, December 1944, January, March 1945

68<sup>th</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion S-3 Reports, December 1944-January 1945

68<sup>th</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion S-3 Reports, April-May 1945

68<sup>th</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion S-3 Reports, June-July 1945

84<sup>th</sup> Armored Medical Battalion History, November-December 1944, March 1945

94<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, S-3 Reports, November-December 1944, January and March 1945

125<sup>th</sup> Armored Infantry Battalion S-3 Reports, December 1944-January 1945

136<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Maintenance Battalion History, December 1944, March 1945

500<sup>th</sup> Armored Field Artillery Battalion Reports of Fire Missions, January 1945

500<sup>th</sup> Armored Field Artillery Battalion S-3 Weekly Report, May 19, 1945

501<sup>st</sup> Armored Field Artillery Battalion S-3 Reports, December 1944, January, March 1945

801<sup>st</sup> Tank Destroyer Battalion S-3 Weekly Reports, June-July 1945

### **16<sup>th</sup> ARMORED DIVISION, 1943-1945**

200 pages (approximate)

Box 120

The 16<sup>th</sup> Armored Division saw only three days of combat during World War II. After landing in France in February 1945 the Division did not advance to the front but remained in a quiet area until April when it began a security and training mission at Nurnberg, Germany. On May 5 the Division moved to Waidhaus, Germany, and the next day attacked across the border into Czechoslovakia where it captured Pilsen, a famous beer and munitions city. This marked the deepest American penetration into Czechoslovakia.

This series consists of histories, after action reports, orders and correspondence. Most of the material pertains to the operations of the Division during its brief period of activity in late April and early May 1945. The period is very well documented, with detailed after action reports describing the activities of the Division and most of its organic elements.

Also of interest is a file of historical records. These pertain to the history of the 16<sup>th</sup> Armored Supply Battalion, an organic element of the division, and contain much information on its activation and personnel. The file also contains a few documents relating to the early history of the Division as a whole.

### **CHRONOLOGY**

July 15, 1943	The Division was activated
February 11, 1945	The Division landed in France
April 28, 1945	The Division began a security and training mission at Nurnberg, Germany
May 5, 1945	The Division moved to Waidhaus, Germany
October 6, 1945	The Division returned to the United States.
October 15, 1945	The Division was inactivated.



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	16 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Reports, April 28-May 8, 1945
	G-1 After Action Report, April 22-May 8, 1945
	G-2 After Action Report, April 28-May 8, 1945
	G-3 After Action Report, April 28-May 8, 1945
	G-4 After Action Report, April 28-May 8, 1945
	Division Artillery After Action Report, April 28-May 8, 1945
	Combat Command "A" After Action Report, April 28-May 8, 1945
	Combat Command "B", After Action Report, April 28-May 8, 1945
	Combat Command "R" After Action Report, April 28-May 8, 1945
	Headquarters Company After Action Report, April 28-May 8, 1945
	Military Police Platoon, After Action Report, April 28-May 8, 1945
	16 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division Historical Data, January-July 1943
	Division Trains Unit Histories, January-July 1945

### **20<sup>th</sup> ARMORED DIVISION, 1943-1946**

1600 pages (approximate)

Boxes 121-122

The 20<sup>th</sup> Armored Division was activated in March 1943, but it did not arrive in France until February 1945 and saw its first combat on April 25, 1945 at Dorf, Germany. The 20<sup>th</sup> saw about ten days of action in the Central Europe campaign. The division crossed the Danube River, seized a bridge over the Paar River, participated in the attack and capture of Munich, crossed the Inn River, and advanced to Salzburg, Austria.

This series contains unit history material, after action reports, periodic reports, messages, journals, intelligence summaries, field orders, general orders, map overlays, and memorandum. The series covers the Division's history from March 1943 to May 1945 with the bulk of the material covering the period from April 23 to May 10, 1945. The material is divided into seven sub-series according to the classification system of the Departmental Records Branch and

chronologically thereunder.

Slightly less than half of the series consists of G-3 after action and periodic reports. There are a few folders with material on unit history and G-1 and G-2 reports. The second half of the series is made up of staff section reports for March to May 1945. Of particular interest within the staff section reports are the Division artillery journals for March to May 1945 and the 412<sup>th</sup> Armored Field Artillery Battalion S-2 journals and messages from April 23 to May 10, 1945.

### **CHRONOLOGY**

March 15, 1943	The 20 <sup>th</sup> armored Division was activated
February 1945	The Division left the U. S. and landed at Le Havre, France
February-April, 1945	The Division trained at Buchy, France and then moved through Belgium to Langendernbach, Germany
April 1945	The Division was attached first to the III Corps and later to the XV Corps, 7 <sup>th</sup> Army.
April 25, 1945	The Division entered first combat at Dorf, Germany
April 28, 1945	The Division crossed the Danube River and met sporadic resistance, seized bridge over Paar River at Schrobenhausen and secured crossings of the Ilm River.
April 29-30 1945	The Division participated in the attack and capture of Munich.
May 1945	The Division crossed the Inn River and entered Traunstein and moved to Salzburg.
August 2, 1945	The 20 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division returned to the U. S.
April 2, 1946	The Division was inactivated.

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121	20 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division Unit History Reports, March 1943-February 1945
	20 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division After Action Reports, April 23-May 10, 1945 [account of prisoner from concentration camp at Flossenbug]
	20 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division Memorandum: Policies and Procedures, February 1945
	20 <sup>th</sup> Armored Division Miscellaneous Orders, February 1945
	G-1 After Action Reports, April 23-May 10, 1945

G-1 Travel Orders, February 1946

G-2 After Action Reports, April 23-May 10, 1945

G-2 Periodic Reports, April 6-May 9, 1945

G-2 Intelligence Summary, April 1945

G-3 After Action Report, April 23-30, 1945

G-3 After Action Report, May 1-10, 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, January 1945 [includes February]

G-3 Periodic Reports, January 18-March 30, 1945

G-3 Periodic Reports, April 1945 (1)-(2)

G-3 Periodic Reports, May 1945

G-3 Field Orders, February and April 1945

G-3 Administrative Orders, April-May 1945

G-3 Training Memorandum, February 1945

G-3 Operations Instructions, May 1945

G-4 After Action Reports, April 23-May 10, 1945

G-5 After Action Report, May 1-10, 1945

Adjutant General Records

Division Artillery History, March 1944-May 1945, 1946

Division Artillery Reports, February-May 1945

Division Artillery Journal, March 28-May 21, 1945

Division Artillery Map Overlays, May 1945

Division Artillery Orders and Memoranda, March 1944 and April 1945

Division Chemical Officer After Action Report, May 25, 1945

Combat Command "A" After Action Reports, April 1-May 5, 1945

Combat Command "A" Unit Reports, June-July 1945

Combat Command "A" Hq & Hq Co. Unit History, 1943-1946

Combat Command "B" S-2 Periodic Reports, April 25-May 4, 1945

Combat Command "B" After Action Reports, April 23-May 31, 1945

Command "B" Unit Reports, May 10-15, 1945

Combat Command "B" Hq & Hq Co., Unit History, 1943-1944, 1946

122 Division Headquarters Co. History, January 1945-April 1946

Division Headquarters Co. Unit Report, April 21-May 15, 1945

Division Surgeon Reports, January 1-June 20, 1945 [medical care for prisoners freed from concentration camp at Lebenau]

Division Military Police Platoon Unit Reports, April 23-May 16, 1945

Division Quartermaster After Action Report, May 1-10, 1945

Division Reserve Command After Action Report, April 23-May 10, 1945

Division Signal Officer After Action Report, April 23-May 10, 1945

Division Trains and Attached Band Unit History, 1943-1944

Division Trains Reports and Journals, April 23-May 10, 1945

6th Armored Group After Action Report, May 1-10, 1945

8th Armored Infantry Battalion Unit Reports, April 23-May 10, 1945

8th Armored Infantry Battalion Unit Reports, June-July 1945

9th Tank Battalion After Action Reports, April 1-May 10, 1945

9th Tank Battalion Unit Reports, June-July 1945

20th Tank Battalion After Action Reports, February 19-May 14, 1945

27th Tank Battalion After Action Reports, April 23-May 10, 1945

33rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized) Unit History, April 23-May 10, 1945

65th Armored Infantry Battalion After Action Reports, April 23-May 10, 1945

70th Armored Infantry Battalion After Action Reports, April 23-May 13, 1945

138th Ordnance Maintenance Battalion After Action Reports, May 1-10, 1945

220th Armored Engineer Battalion Reports, April 23-May 10, 1945

220th Armored Medical Battalion After Action Report, May 1-10, 1945

412th Armored Field Artillery Battalion S-2 Journal and Messages April 23-May 10, 1945

412th Armored Field Artillery Battalion Miscellaneous Reports, April 23-May 10, 1945

412th Armored Field Artillery Battalion Unit Reports, June-July 1945

413th Armored Field Artillery Battalion After Action Reports, April 23-May 10, 1945

414th Armored Field Artillery Battalion Reports, April 19-May 10, 1945

468th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion After Action Reports, April 23-May 10, 1945

### **1<sup>st</sup> ARMORED GROUP, 1943-1945**

800 pages, estimated

Box 123

In early 1944 the 1st Armored Group was headquartered in Italy. By the beginning of October, they moved to France, where they stayed until mid-March of 1945, when they crossed over into Germany for the remainder of the war.

The documents date from 1943-1945, but the bulk of the material dates from 1944-1945. Kinds of documents in the series include S-2 reports, journals, intelligence summaries, S-3 journals and after action reports. Integrated as well are documents on German intelligence, French documents, and After Action Reports. There are also records for battalions attached to the armored group. These are the 81st Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, the 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion and the 1st Tank Group.

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81st Armored Reconnaissance Battalion S-2 Reports, July 1944

27th Armored Field Arty Bn., S-2 Reports July, Aug 1944

S-2 Intelligence Summaries, Mar 1944

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S-2 Intelligence Summaries, May 1944

S-2 Intelligence Summaries, June 1944

S-2 Intelligence Summaries, July 1944

S-2 Intelligence Summaries, August 1944

1st Tank Group, S-3 Journals, Dec 1943 – Feb 1944

S-3 Journals, Mar – Aug 1944

S-3 Journals, Nov 1944 – Jan 1945

S-3 Journals, Jan – July 1945

S-3 Journals, Feb – May 1945

Daily S-3 Reports, Oct – Dec 1944

Daily S-3 Reports, Jan – Apr 1945

Daily S-3 Reports, May – Aug 1945

S-3 Monthly Report of Operations, Mar – May 1945

S-3 Periodic Report of Operations, May – Aug 1945

S-3 Historical Records & Histories of Organization, Feb 1944 – Feb 1945

1st Tank Group, S-3 After Action Reports, Jan – Aug 1944

G-2 Reports, May 1944

IPW Reports, July 1944

7th Army Documents Regarding 1st Armored Group

French Documents, June – July 1944

### **2<sup>nd</sup> ARMORED GROUP, 1944**

10 pages  
Box 124

Records for the 2nd Armored Group consist of plans for two missions in Italy, carried out in late summer and the fall of 1944. These missions were Plan Serchio, dated August 31, 1944, and Plan Porta, which is dated October 27, 1944.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> ARMORED GROUP, 1943-1945**

350 pages, estimated  
Box 124

The 3rd Armored Group took part in the Normandy Invasion, crossing the channel on D-Day. The series documents the unit's participation in that campaign, as well as their movement across France and Germany in the months following. The reports included in these folders span from November 1943 to January 1945. Records for tank battalions were attached to the 3rd Armored Group within this series include the 70th, 707th, 709th, 735th, 737th, 741st and 759th Tank Battalions. Records included in the series include S-1, S-2, and S-3 monthly reports, journals, and after action reports.

### **5<sup>th</sup> ARMORED GROUP, 1944**

1 page  
Box 124

This series contains only the General Orders activating the group on 30 November 1944.

### **7<sup>th</sup> ARMORED GROUP, 1944-1945**

500 pages, estimated  
Box 124

This series consists of records from April 1944 to August 1945 for the 743rd, 744th, and 747th Tank Battalions that were attached to the 7th Armored Group. Kinds of documents found within the series include S-3 Journals, journals, after action reports, and other related documents.

### **8<sup>th</sup> ARMORED GROUP, 1944**

9 pages  
Box 124

Records in this series consists of after action reports for the months of August thru November 1944 for the 8th Armored Group.

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3rd Armored Group, S-2 Journal, Dec. 1944

3rd Armored Group, S-3 Reports, July 1944

3rd Armored Group, S-3 Journal, July 1944

3rd Armored Group, S-3 Journals, Nov. 1944 – Apr. 1945

3rd Armored Group, Histories of the Month, Nov. 1943 – June 1945

3rd Armored Group, After Action Reports, June – Oct 1944

3rd Armored Group, After Action Reports, Nov 1944 – Feb 1945

3rd Armored Group, Battle Casualty Reports, Nov 1944 – Feb 1945

3rd Armored Group, Vehicular Losses Reports, June 1944 – Feb 1945, Oct 1945

5th Armored Group, Nov. 1945

7th Armored Group, S-3 Journal, Apr. – July 1944

7th Armored Group, S-3 Journal, 1st-16th August 1944

7th Armored Group, S-3 Journal, 17th – 31st August 1944

7th Armored Group, S-3 Journal, Sept. – Oct. 1944

7th Armored Group, S-3 Journal, Dec. 1944 – Aug. 1945

7th Armored Group, After Action Report, July 1944 – Mar. 1945

7th Armored Group, After Action Report, Apr. – May 1945

7th Armored Group, Sept. 1944 – Oct. 1944

7th Armored Group, 747th Tank Bn. June – Nov. 1944

7th Armored Group, 744th Tank Bn. July 1944, Aug. 1944, Jan. 1945

7th Armored Group, 743rd Tank Bn. Sept. 1944

8th Armored Group, Aug. – Nov. 1944



**9<sup>th</sup> ARMORED GROUP, 1944-1945**

92 pages

Box 125

This series contains documents for the 9th Armored Group. The records date from April 1944 through September 1945 and consists of G-3 monthly reports and a post-war change of location report.

**12<sup>th</sup> ARMORED GROUP, 1943-1945**

82 pages

Box 125

This series documents the activities of the 12th Armored Group from the day it was activated to the day it was deactivated. Records within the series consist primarily of monthly historical reports.

**13<sup>th</sup> ARMORED GROUP, 1943-1946**

580 pages, estimated

Box 125

This series contains records documenting the activities of the 13th Armored Group from November 1943 to January 1946. In addition to monthly reports, group histories and operations reports, the series contains a report on the MIKE ONE Operation.

The S-3 reports describe the activity of the tank battalions and brigades that were attached to the armored group. They include 44th, 632nd, 716th, 775th Tank Battalions. The 209th AAA Battalion and the 68th AAA Brigade were also noted.

**19<sup>th</sup> ARMORED GROUP, 1945**

11 pages

Box 125

This series consists of a single unit history of the 19th Armored Group documenting the activities of the unit from January-April 1945.

**20<sup>th</sup> ARMORED GROUP, 1944-1945**

400 pages, estimated

Box 125

The 20th Armored Group was stationed in the Philippines for the duration of World War II. The documents included in this series cover the King II operation dating from 20 October to 25 December 1944. There is also one folder of post-war operations reports dating from August 1945 to September 1945.

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	9th Armored Group, G-3 Reports, Apr – Nov 1944
	9th Armored Group, Change of Location, Sept. 1945
	12th Armored Group, History of Group, 1943 – 1945
	12th Armored Group, Monthly Group Histories, Jan. 1944 – Oct. 1945
	13th Armored Group, Monthly Group Histories, Nov. 1943 – Jan. 1946
	13th Armored Group, MIKE ONE Operation, Nov. 1944 – Aug. 1945
	13th Armored Group, News for Armored Group, Mar. – June 1944
	13th Armored Group, Operations Reports, Dec 1944 – Mar. 1945
	13th Armored Group, Operations Reports, Apr. – May 1945
	13th Armored Group, Operations Reports, June – July 1945
	13th Armored Group, Operations Reports, Aug. – Sept. 1945
	13th Armored Group, S-3 Reports 15 Jan. – 3 Mar. 1945
	19th Armored Group, Unit History, 1 Jan. – 10 Apr. 1945
	20th Armored Group, King II Operation, After Action Reports, Oct. – Dec. 1944
	20th Armored Group, King II Operation, After Action Reports (1 of 2)
	20th Armored Group, King II Operation, After Action Reports, (2 of 2)
	20th Armored Group, Operations Reports, Aug. – Sept. 1945

**32<sup>nd</sup> ARMORED Regiment, 1945**

400 pages, estimated

Box 126

This series documents the activities of the 32nd Armored Regiment from February to April, 1945. Documents in the series include operations reports, after action reports, training schedules, unit journals and other routine reports.

### **36<sup>th</sup> ARMORED REGIMENT, 1945**

7 pages

Box 126

This series consists of seven maps depicting operations of the 36th Armored Regiment in Germany other various locations in February and March 1945.

### **415<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT, 1945**

6 pages

Box 126

This series consists of five maps depicting operations of the 415<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment in Germany other various locations in March 1945.

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126	32nd Armored Regiment, Unit Reports No. 86 – 131, Jan – Mar 1945
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	32nd Armored Regiment, Oversized Maps, Feb 1945
	32nd Armored Regiment, After Action Reports, Feb 1945
	32nd Armored Regiment, Training Schedule, Feb 1945, Mar 1945
	32nd Armored Regiment, Operations Reports, Feb – Mar 1945
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	32nd Armored Regiment, G-3/S-3 Reports, Apr. 1945
	32nd Armored Regiment, Small Map Overlays Apr. 1945
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32nd Armored Regiment, Vehicular Loss Reports, Apr. 1945

36th Armored Regiment, Oversized Maps, Feb – Mar 1945

415th Infantry Regiment, Oversized Maps, Mar 1945