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 attach 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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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 517th 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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17th AIRBORNE DIVISION, 1944-1948

3,200 pages (approximate)
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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 194th Glider Infantry Regiment are the most completely documented. Of particular interest are the records of the 17th 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 17th 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

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 28th Infantry Division at Mohret, Belgium.
January 7, 1945        The Division reached Flamierge
January 18, 1945       The Division relieved the 11th 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 6th 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.
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82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION, 1943-1946

800 pages (approximate)
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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.
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<td>The Division returned to combat by patrolling along the Rhine River and securing the Koln area.</td>
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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 101st 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**

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<td>The Division was surrounded in Bastogne, Belgium, but refused to Surrender</td>
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<td>The 4th Armored Division reached the 101st at Bastogne. Heavy fighting continued in the area for several weeks.</td>
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<td>The Division moved to Southern Germany where it captured Berchtesgaden and entered into occupational duties.</td>
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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*.

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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.

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

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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                                       |

Histories, after action reports, periodic reports and journals concerning the operations of various staff sections and organizational components of the 101st Airborne Division.
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The 1st 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.

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CHRONOLOGY

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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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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 break out 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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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 32nd, 33rd, and 36th Armored Infantry Regiments; the 54th, 67th and 391st Field Artillery Battalions; the 486th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion; the 23rd Armored Engineer Battalion; the 45th Armored Medical Battalion; the 83rd armored Reconnaissance Battalion; and the 703rd Tank Destroyer Battalion.

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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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The 4th 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 101st 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.
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65 VI. G-5 REPORTS, 1945

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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.
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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 6th, 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.
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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 53rd 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.
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1,600 pages (approximate)
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The “Iron Snake Division” was activated in 1942 and let 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 94th 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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The “Phantom Division” was activated in 1942 from elements of the 2nd 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 101st 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 9th Armored Division is poorly documented by this series. A large segment of the records pertain to the training maneuvers of the 2nd Cavalry Division in Kansas prior to the activation of the 9th 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 2nd 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.
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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

10TH Armored Division

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 420th Armored Field Artillery Battalion was one of the encircled units at Bastogne.

January 10, 1945  The 10th 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 Heilbrown and reached Kirchheim

April 23-25, 1945  The Division Crossed the Danube River and captured Oberammergau

May 1945  The 10th 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
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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, 12th 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.
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<td>Combat Command “A” committed in defense of the Meuse River while the remainder of the Division made the movement to France.</td>
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<td>December 29, 1944</td>
<td>The Division as a whole moved into an assembly area near Neufchateau and learned of its attachment to VIII Corps, Third Army.</td>
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<td>January 1945</td>
<td>Participated in the Chenogne – Rechrival Valley engagement to defend the highway to Bastogne, the Bertogne – Houffalize engagement and the Boeur – Buret engagement.</td>
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<td>February 7, 1945</td>
<td>Lutzkampen fell after penetration of the Siegfried line days before.</td>
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<td>March 29-31, 1945</td>
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<td>The Division raced through Bavaria and crossed the Regen River on the 24th to begin the final drive and the eventual plunge toward the Danube.</td>
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<td>May 5, 1945</td>
<td>Entered Linz, Austria.</td>
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<td>May 6, 1945</td>
<td>Liberated Concentration camps at Mauthausen and Gusun.</td>
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<td>May 8, 1945</td>
<td>The Division was the first unit of the Third Army to meet the Russian Armies.</td>
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<td>Inactivated in Europe</td>
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DESCRIPTION OF SUB-SERIES

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105 I. GENERAL HISTORICAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS, 1944-1945

After action reports contain maps, overlays, photographs and other visuals pertaining to military operations. The Liaison Officer’s Notes provide 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

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

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705th Tank Destroyer Battalion After Action Report, March 1945
12th ARMORED DIVISION, 1942-1945

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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 12th 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 12th Armored Division and its role in World War II is available in the book collection.
CHRONOLOGY

September 15, 1942  The 12th 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, 1945  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 12th 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
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23rd Tank Battalion Unit History, March 1945 [includes part of April]

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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
The “Black Cat Division” participated in operations of the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. The 13th 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 percent 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 13th Armored Division is available in the book collection.
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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 border, 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.
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The 16th 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 16th 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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The 20th 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 20th 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 there under.

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 412th Armored Field Artillery Battalion S-2 journals and messages from April 23 to May 10, 1945.
CHRONOLOGY

20th Armored Division

March 15, 1943 The 20th 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, 7th 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 20th Armored Division returned to the U. S.

April 2, 1946 The Division was deactivated.
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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
1st 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 1944-45. 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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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.

3rd 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.

5th ARMORED GROUP, 1944
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Box 124

This series contains only the General Orders activating the group on 30 November 1944.

7th 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.

8th ARMORED GROUP, 1944
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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.

12th 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.

13th 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.

19th 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.

20th 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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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.

36th 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.

415th INFANTRY REGIMENT, 1945

6 pages
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