

## 82d Airborne Division

Originally designated the 82d Division, National Army, the unit was constituted on 5 August 1917, and organized on 25 August 1917, at Camp Gordon, Georgia. Because the division contained draftees from all 48 states, it was nicknamed the "All American" division, following extensive training the unit deployed to Europe in April 1918, the division participated in the St-Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne operations. Subsequently, the unit returned to the United States and underwent demobilization during April and May 1919. The division was deactivated on 27 May 1919, at Camp Mills, New York.

The 82d Division was reconstituted on 24 June 1921 as part of the Organized Reserves and established its headquarters in Columbia, South Carolina, in January 1922. On 13 February 1942 the unit was redesignated the 82d Infantry Division, and a month later, on 25 March 1942 the unit was recalled to active service at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

Originally designated the 82d Division, the unit was activated on 25 March 1942 at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. Five months later, on 15 August 1942, the 82d Infantry Division was redesignated the 82d Airborne Division. Following extensive service in the European Theater of Operations, the division returned to the United States on 3 January 1946. Remaining on the active roles at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the division was designated a Regular Army division on 15 November 1948.

In 1942 a typical infantry regiment consisted of a headquarters and band, a headquarters company, a service company, an anti-tank company, a cannon company, and three infantry battalions.

In March 1943 the basic infantry regiment was reorganized to include a headquarters, a headquarters company, a service company, an anti-tank company, and three infantry battalions.

Each of the three infantry battalions consisted of a headquarters and headquarters company, three rifle companies and a heavy weapons company. Within each regiment, the 1st Battalion consisted of Companies A through D, the 2d Battalion consisted of Companies E through H, and the 3d Battalion consisted of Companies I through M (there was no Company J).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Contents</u>
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### Headquarters and Headquarters Company

#### 325th Glider Infantry Regiment

Cassel, William N.	Box 1	PFC	Unidentified Unit	Survey
Lainhart, Edwin T.	Box 1	T/2	2d Battalion, Medical Detachment	Survey
Shebeck, Harold A.	Box 1	LTC	Regimental Headquarters Company	Two surveys

Weese, Richard D.	Box 1	SFC	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey, photocopies of photographs, handwritten reflections, "The Bulge: 16 Dec 44" and "We Meet the Russians," copy of a March 1944 roster of Company B, and a 24 April 1944 photocopied image of the company with a corresponding document identifying the individuals in the photograph
Zera, Stephen	Box 1		1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Post-war correspondence and documents and photocopies of World War II photographs

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Connelly, Francis G.	Box 1	SSG	Unidentified Unit	Survey
Dean Samuel C.	Box 1	1LT	2d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Photocopy of "Certificate of Service," two different "Separation of Service" documents, assorted other documents, and newspaper clipping
Garrison, Chester A.	Box 1	1LT	2d Battalion, Company E	Survey
Hughes, Walter E.	Box 1	PFC	3d Battalion, Company I	Survey
Halloran, Robert M.	Box 1	CPT	Unidentified Unit	Survey
Johnson, Darrell G.	Box 1	PFC	3d Battalion, Company I	Survey
Klescewski, Edward R.	Box 1	SGT	3d Battalion, Unidentified Unit	Survey
Kuehl, Delbert A.	Box 1	COL	Unidentified Unit	Survey
Miller, Harry C.	Box 1	SGT	3d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Mokan, Edward L.	Box 1	SSG	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey, typed document, "The 82d Airborne Division Short History," photocopies of World War II-era photographs, and assorted official and unofficial documents
Pahler, Regis J., Sr.	Box 1	1SG	1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey

Sims, Edward J.	Box 1	COL	3d Battalion, Company H	Survey, revised survey, typed reflections, "Sicily," "Italy," "England," "Holland," "Belgium," and "Germany and Return to the United States," and photocopied article, "Concentration Camp Wobelein"
St. John, Leo R.	Box 1	PFC	3d Battalion, Company G	Survey
Stegall, John R.	Box 1	PFC	Unidentified Unit	Survey
Valles, Gerard W.	Box 1	SSG	3d Battalion, Company G	Survey
Weese, Richard D.	Box 1	SFC	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey, copies of photos and letters
Watts, Joseph C.	Box 1	CPL	3d Battalion, Company F	Survey

**505th Parachute Infantry Regiment** [Assigned to the division on 10 February 1943]

Alexander, Mark J.	Box 2	COL	2d Battalion, Company F	Two surveys
Bishop, Hunter M., Jr.	Box 2	SGT	3d Battalion, Company G	Survey
Blank, William L.	Box 2	SSG	3d Battalion, Company G	Survey and typed reflections on his military service
Borda, William F.	Box 2	CPL	2d Battalion, Company F	Survey
Buck, Francis C.	Box 2		1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Buffone, Harry J.	Box 2	SSG	3d Battalion, Unidentified Unit	Survey
Carpenter, Ott J.	Box 2	SGT	1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Dawson, John R.	Box 2	SSG	2d Battalion, Company D	Survey, draft manuscript and listing of all US Army airborne combat jumps during World War II

Dyas, Timothy G.	Box 2	LTC	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey, photocopy of diary for the period 9 July 1943 to 27 April 1945 kept while a Prisoner of War, booklet of original poems, "Requiescat in Pace Aeterna," several individual original poems, photocopies of newspaper articles, and a copy of the November 1988 Northern Highlands Regional High School newspaper, <i>The Highland Fling</i> , containing coverage of his Veteran's Day remarks during a school assembly
Gallo, John J.	Box 2	MSG	Regimental Headquarters Company	Survey, typed reflections, "Sicily Invaded," "From Sicily to Italy – Salerno, Naples," and "D-Day Normandy," a photocopied document, "Itinerary of the 505th Parachute Infantry," and an undated booklet, <i>A Camera Trip Through Fort Benning</i> [Booklet transferred to the Library Holdings]
Havron, James A.	Box 2	SSG	2d Battalion, Company E	Survey
Herkness, Frank G.	Box 2	1LT	1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Hillman, Jack M.	Box 2	SSG	3d Battalion, Company I	Survey
Huston, George F.	Box 2	T/2	Regimental Headquarters Company	Survey
Jacobus, George R.	Box 2		2d Battalion, Company E	1992 publication, <i>Echoes of the Warriors: Personal Experiences of the Enlisted Men and Officers of E Company of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne in World War II</i> [Publication transferred to the Library Holdings]
Janney, Richard M.	Box 2	1LT	Regimental Headquarters Company	Privately published tribute, <i>Richard Mott Janney, 1st Lt. 505 Reg. 82 A.B. Div., Killed in Action, Villa Literno, Italy, October 5, 1943</i>
Kroener, Walter B.	Box 2	LTC	3d Battalion, Company I; Service Company	Survey

Laughlin, Edward P.	Box 2	PFC	Regimental Headquarters Company	Survey and typed memoir of his military service and post-war era
McIlvoy, Daniel B.	Box 2	COL	Regimental Headquarters, Regimental Surgeon	Survey, unpublished unit history, "Medical Detachment, 505th Parachute Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division in World War II," several articles extracted from various publications, photocopies of photographs, and assorted documentation and materials
Meyers, James J.	Box 2	1LT	2d Battalion, Company D	Survey
Morgan, Fred B., Jr.	Box 2	LTC	1st Battalion, Medical Detachment	Survey and some official documents
Opplinger, Rudolph J.	Box 3	PFC	2d Battalion, Company E	maps, letters, orders, newspapers, survey, "Songs to Remember", Airborne magazine, Paraglide booklets, training Information
Scarpato, Lawrence S., Sr.	Box 3	CPL	1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey and photocopies of his "Honorable Discharge" and "Separation Qualification Record"
Sheaffer, Robert R.	Box 3	CPL	2d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Shuman, Mervyn M.	Box 3	PFC	2d Battalion, Company E	Survey
Sousa, Joseph R.	Box 3	CPL	1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey and photocopied sheet music, "The All American Soldier" and "The Airborne Corps"
Stolp, Northam H.	Box 3	T/5	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey
Thompson, Frank W.	Box 3	SSG	1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Tucker, William H.	Box 3	SGT	3d battalion, Company I	Survey
Wheelock, Phillip O.	Box 3		Unidentified Unit	Typed memoir, "Borrowed Time Stories from the Damned Army"
Winton, Walter F., Jr.	Box 3	BG	1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey and DA Form 66, Officer Qualification Record
Wolf, Vincent E.	Box 3	LT	2d Battalion, Company F	Survey

**82d Airborne Reconnaissance Platoon****82d Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment****307th Airborne Engineer Battalion**

Kearns, Walter J.	Box 1	SGT	Company B	Survey and photocopy of his "Enlisted Record and Report of Separation"
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**307th Airborne Medical Battalion**

Knutson, Willard D.	Box 1	CPL	Unidentified Unit	Survey
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**80th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion**

Leh, John II	Box 1	CPL	Battery B	Survey
MacLean, Edward C.	Box 1	CPT	Battery B	Survey and handwritten guidance for unit personnel dated 8 September 1943

**82d Airborne Division Artillery****Headquarters and Headquarters Battery**

Kick, Leslie W.	Box 1	CPT		Survey
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**319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion**

Stanard, James D.	Box 1	T/5	Battery B	Survey
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**320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion**

Marcado, Sol	Box 1	SGT	Headquarters Battery	Survey
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**376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion****456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion**

Mote, Richard W.	Box 1	SGT	Battery A	Survey
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**82d Airborne Signal Company****Special Troops****Headquarters Company****782d Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company**

**407th Airborne Quartermaster Company****82d Parachute Maintenance Company****82d Airborne Signal Company****Military Police Platoon****Attached / Unidentified Units**

Attached units supported the 82nd Airborne Division at some point during the war, but were not organic to the division. Unidentified unit means that the veteran's survey indicated service with the 82nd Airborne Division, but did not provide sufficient information regarding the specific subordinate unit.

Gillispie, Elton	Box 3		Unidentified Unit	Survey
Givens, Stuart R.	Box 3	PFC	Unidentified Unit	Survey
Spencer, H. Richard	Box 3	Donor	Curator of Education, Museum of Nebraska History	Publication, <i>Selected Resources on Nebraska in World War II Available in the Division of Reference Services</i> , clipping, "Nebraska Tells How It Was in WWII," Nebraska State Historical Society pamphlet, "Wartime Memories," Nebraska State Historical Society <i>Newsletter</i> , January 1992, <i>Nebraska History</i> (Fall 1989) article, "The Fighting First Nebraska: Nebraska's Imperial Adventure in the Philippines, 1898-1899," and <i>Nebraska History</i> (Winter 1991) article, "What Did You Do in the War?"
Thomas, Norman	Box 3		Unidentified Unit	numerous booklets concerning communications and command, personal ID cards, Vietnam memorabilia, convention booklet
Skeath, Dan., Jr.	Box 3		Unidentified Unit	unit sticker, maneuver Newspaper
Wise, Raymond E.	Box 3	CPL	Unidentified Unit	Survey

**XVIII Corps (Airborne) Official Documents / Reports**

Summary of Operations, Battle of the Bulge, 18 December 1944 – 13 February 1945

## **82th Airborne Division Official Documents / Reports**

### **Headquarters**

Commanding General's Journal, 2 July – 19 August 1943

Plan for Airborne Operations – Operation Avalanche, September 1943

Airborne Activities in the Avalanche Operation, September 1943

Lessons of Airborne Operations in Italy, September 1943

Battle Casualties, Italian Campaign

Regimental Unit Study Number 5: Preliminary Operations Around the La Fiere Bridgehead, Merderet River, Normandy, 6 – 9 June 1944

Special Report, Operation Neptune, dated 25 July 1944

Operations in the Ardennes, 17 December – 25 December 1944

Units Attached to the 82d Airborne Division, 18 – 26 December 1944

Special Report, "Bulge" Operations, December 1944 – January 1945

Story of the 82d Airborne Division in the Battle of the Belgian Bulge, December 1944 – February 1945

Congratulatory Messages, January 1945

Action in Central Europe, April – May 1945

Proposed Presidential Unit Citation, dated 15 May 1946

### **G-1 Section**

G-1 Report for History, Month of September 1943

G-1 Activities, October 1943

### **G-2 Section**

G-2 Reports, 19 – 23 December 1944

G-2 Reports, 25 – 27 December 1944

G-2 Reports, 28 – 31 December 1944

Report on Liaison Trip to Berlin, 28 June 1945

### **G-3 Section**

G-3 Operational History, Sicilian Campaign, 9 July – 21 August 1943

### **G-4 Section**

G-4 Report on Operation Neptune, 25 July 1944

### **Inspector General**

Inspector General's Report on Operation Neptune, 25 July 1944

### **Headquarters and Headquarters Company**

Unit History, 1 April – 30 September 1945

### **504th Parachute Infantry Regiment**

Airborne Assault Operations, Sicily, 11 July – 19 August 1943

Narrative of Events, 504th Parachute Infantry Combat Team, Anzio Beachhead

Action in Italy, 13 September – 26 September 1943

Compilation of Casualties, Anzio Beachhead, 22 January – 24 March 1944

Synopsis of 504th's Activities, 17 September – 4 November 1944 [Operation Market Garden]

Staff Journal, Italy, September 1943

Staff Journal, Italy, October 1943

Staff Journal, Italy, November 1943

Staff Journal, Italy, December 1943

### **S-1 Section**

S-1 Journal, 17 September – 16 October 1944

S-1 Daily Journal, January 1945

### **S-2 Section**

S-2 Journal, September 1943

S-2 Journal, 21 January – 31 January 1944

S-2 Periodic Reports, 23 January – 29 January 1944

S-2 Unit Journal, 17 September – 16 October 1944

S-2 Unit Journal, 17 December 1944 – 9 January 1945

S-2 Unit Journal, 26 January to 6 February 1945

S-2 Unit Journal, 8 February – 17 February 1945

S-2 Unit Journal, Operation Cologne, 30 March – 30 April 1945

### **S-3 Section**

S-3 Journal, 1 October – 30 November 1943

S-3 Journal, 20 January – 24 March 1944

S-3 Unit Journal, 22 January – 31 January 1944

S-3 Operations Summary, 22 January – 31 January 1944

S-3 Unit Journal, February 1944

S-3 Unit Journal, March 1944

S-3 Unit Journal, 13 September – 15 October 1944

S-3 Unit Journal, 24 January – 6 February 1945

S-3 Unit Journal, 8 February – 21 February 1945

S-3 Unit Journal, 30 March – 30 April 1945

S-3 Periodic Reports, 3 April – 10 April 1945

S-3 Periodic Reports, 10 April – 24 April 1945

### **505th Parachute Infantry Regiment**

Airborne Assault Operations (Sicily), 23 July – 25 July 1943

Unit Journal, 23 July 1943

Airborne Assault Operations (Sicily), dated 14 August 1943

Report of Combat Action, Company B, from 15 September – 18 September 1943

Historical Data, September 1943

505th Normandy Campaign

Patrol Reports, 25 June – 2 July 1944

General Orders 12, 15 August 1944, Award of the Combat Infantryman Badge, Sicilian Campaign, 9 July to 19 August 1943

Invasion of Holland, 17 September – 16 October 1944

History of Operations, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Belgian Campaign, Part I

After Action Report, 24 – 25 December 1944

Report of Operations, 8 May – 1 October 1945

General Orders 52, 1 September 1945, Award of the Good Conduct Medal

### **S-1 Section**

S-1 Journal, 6 June – 26 June 1944

### **S-2 Section**

S-2 Report, 14 June – 1 July 1944

S-2 Journal, 18 December – 31 December 1944

### **S-3 Section**

S-3 Journal, 14 September – 29 October 1943

S-3 Journal, 6 June – 1 July 1944

S-3 Reports, 10 June – 10 July 1944

S-3 Journal, 17 December – 23 December 1944

### **82d Airborne Division Artillery**

#### **Headquarters and Headquarters Battery**

Report of Operations, 8 May – 30 September 1945

**82d Airborne Signal Company**

Report of Operations, 8 May – 30 September 1945