

88th Infantry Division

The 88th Infantry Division, nicknamed both the “Fighting Blue Devils” and the Clover Leaf Division,” was the first division to be created entirely from scratch following the implementation of the draft in 1940.

The division was activated on 15 July 1942, at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, as a “triangular division” consisting of three infantry regiments, the 349th, the 350th, and the 351st Infantry Regiments. Following combat throughout Italy, the 88th Infantry Division eventually assumed occupation duty in both Italy and later in the Free Territory of Trieste. Subsequently, the division was inactivated on 24 October 1947 in Italy, having received credit for having served in the Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley campaigns during the war.

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

349th Infantry Regiment

Aloisi, Angelo N.	Box 1	SGT	3d Battalion, Company K	Survey
Brinker, Wayne W.	Box 1	SSG	2d Battalion, Company F	Survey, photocopy of selected pages extracted from <i>The Blue Devils in Italy</i> , photocopies of photographs, and a photocopy of a map depicting the division’s activities in Italy
Costa, Patrick	Box 1	Donor	Unidentified unit	Large collection of handwritten training notes and official documents pertaining to the regiment
Cuddy, John E.	Box 1	SGT	Service Company	Survey
DeLoach, James W.	Box 1	COL	2d Battalion, Company F	[See: Infantry Regiments (Separate); 29th Infantry Regiment]

Flemming, Richard C.	Box 1	PFC	2d Battalion,	Two surveys, a typed memoir, "The Saga of Me, and World II," a collection of post-war letters written to him by a fellow veteran of the 88th Infantry Division, and a published unit history, <i>We Were There</i> [Unit history transferred to the Library]
Grant, Elmer C.	Box 1	PFC	2d Battalion, Company H	Survey
McConnell, William J.	Box 1	COL	2d Battalion, Headquarters, Commanding Officer	Survey
Richardson, Robert M.	Box 1	MAJ	3d Battalion, Company K	Survey
Smith, James	Box 1	CPL	2d Battalion, Company F	Survey
Waters, Claude W., Jr.	Box 1	PFC	1st Battalion, Company A	Survey, photocopies of Honorable Discharge and assorted official documents, and typed reflections regarding his military service

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Babin, Bernard L.	Box 1	T/4	Headquarters Company	Survey and photocopies of Honorable Discharge and Separation Qualification Record
Bell, William G.	Box 1	LTC	2d Battalion, Company G	Survey
Custer, Robert J.	Box 1		1st Battalion, Company C	Survey
Duffy, George E.	Box 1	1LT	Headquarters Company	Official correspondence; separation letter from General Jacob L. Devers thanking him for his service; immunization register; publication, <i>How the Gun Works: Caliber .50, M2 Browning Machine Gun</i> ; and Christmas Menu, "Headquarters Company, 350th Infantry, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, Christmas Dinner, December 25, 1942
Jackson, Harry H.	Box 1	COL	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey

Liparoto, Phillip	Box 1	SFC	2d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey
Polito, Samuel J.	Box 1	CPL	2d Battalion, Company E	Survey
Salamone, Dante A.	Box 1	PFC	2d Battalion, Company E	Survey
Wells, Robert P.	Box 1	SSG	2d Battalion, Company H	Survey
<u>351st Infantry Regiment</u>				
Campbell, John P.	Box 2	CPT	3d Battalion, Company I	Two surveys
Conner, Edgar G.	Box 2	MAJ		[See: Infantry Regiments (Separate); 125th Infantry Regiment]
Dziabas, Leonard J.	Box 2	SSG	2d Battalion, Company H	Survey; "Soldier's Individual Pay Record"; publication, <i>Combination Score Book for US Rifles M1903 and M1 and Browning Automatic Rifle M1918A2</i> ; pamphlet, Schick General Hospital, "Dear Folks"; <i>Devotions Under the Flag</i> , a prayer book for Catholic service personnel; a photocopy of General Order 53 (11 June 1946), awarding the 2d Battalion, 351st Infantry Regiment, a Presidential Unit Citation; a photocopy of a biographic sketch of Captain Edward John Church, killed in action on 24 October 1944; a small collection of letters to include one V-mail; (Folder 2) several typed reflections on various aspects of his military service; three photographs; and assorted other materials
Gerress, John F.	Box 2	SSG	Regimental Headquarters	Survey
Janderchick, Eugene S.	Box 2	SSG	1st Battalion, Company C	Survey
Jurena, Charles S.	Box 2	SGT	2d Battalion, Company F	Survey and typed memoir, "Memories of World War II"
Luby, Daniel M.	Box 2	SSG	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey

Pearson, Walter D.	Box 2	T/5	2d Battalion, Company F	Two surveys
Reda, Hubert A.	Box 2	CPT	3d Battalion, Company I	Survey
Roche, John J.	Box 2	SGT	2d Battalion, Company E	Survey
Shanshuck, David W.	Box 2	PFC	2d Battalion, Headquarters Company	Survey, photocopied extract of publication, <i>Small Unit Actions</i> and photocopied extract of Fred Majdalany's publication, <i>The Battle of Cassino</i>
Sharp, Hal D., Jr.	Box 2	PFC	3d Battalion, Company L	Survey
Valent, William O.	Box 2	CPT	2d Battalion, Company H	Survey
Ventura, Nicholas C.	Box 2	T/5	1st Battalion, Company B	Survey
Williams, Trevor E.	Box 2	COL	3d Battalion, Headquarters	[See: 9th Infantry Division; 39th Infantry Regiment]
Wiltshire, Hugh K.	Box 2	CPL	1st Battalion, Headquarters Company	Photocopied collection, "The Combat Letters of CPL Hugh K. Wiltshire, HQ CO., 1st Bn, 351st Infantry, 88th Division, ETO, 1943-1944 (North Africa, Italy, France)"

88th Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized)

88th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment

313th Engineer Combat Battalion

Perry, Edward P.	Box 2	2LT	Company B	[See: Army Air Forces; Bomber Squadrons; 429th Bomber Squadron]
Weisman, Morris	Box 2	PVT	Headquarters and Service Company	[See: Engineer Regiments; 19th Engineer Regiment (Combat)]

313th Medical Battalion

Rattenbury, Kenneth H.	Box 2	SGT		Survey
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88th Division Artillery**Headquarters and Headquarters Battery****337th Field Artillery Battalion****338th Field Artillery Battalion**

Molzahn, Edwin L.	Box 2	1LT	Service Battery	Survey
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339th Field Artillery Battalion

Pate, Freddie W.	Box 2	T/4	Battery B, Cook	Survey
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913th Field Artillery Battalion**Special Troops****Headquarters Company****788th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company****88th Quartermaster Company****88th Signal Company**

Retek, Alex R.	Box 2	T/5		Survey
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Military Police Platoon**Attached / Unidentified Units**

Attached units supported the 88th Infantry Division at some point during the war, but were not organic to the division. Unidentified unit means that the veteran's survey indicated service with the 88th Infantry Division, but did not provide sufficient information regarding the specific subordinate unit.

Oehler, James C.	Box 2		Donor	Program, "Dedication Service, Division Chapel," conducted on 16 Aug 1942
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