

Overseas Wartime Assignments:

XV Corps - 5 May 44
 Third Army (attached to XIX Corps) - 8 Jul 44
 V Corps - 27 Jul 44
 Third Army (attached to V Corps) - 1 Aug 44
 Third Army - 5 Aug 44
 XX Corps - 6 Aug 44
 Third Army (attached to VII Corps) - 9 Aug 44
 XII Corps - 13 Aug 44

Commanders: MG R. E. Truman: Dec 40
 MG William H. Simpson: Oct 41

Third Army - 23 Dec 44
 XX Corps - 24 Dec 44
 III Corps - 26 Dec 44
 XX Corps - 18 Jan 45
 XV Corps - 23 Jan 45
 XVI Corps - 30 Jan 45
 XIX Corps - 13 Apr 45
 XIII Corps - 16 Apr 45

MG Maxwell Murray: May 42
 MG Paul W. Baade: Jan 43

Killed in Action: 2,485 *Wounded in Action:* 11,526 *Died of Wounds:* 462

35th Infantry Division Combat Narrative

The division arrived over Omaha Beach France 5-8 Jul 44 and the 137th Inf attacked along the Vire 11 Jul 44 but was halted at St Gilles, and the 320th Inf held to small gains north of St Lô. On 14 Jul 44 the division was able to reach the Pont Hébert-St Lô Highway and pushed toward the city through well-defended hedgerow terrain with heavy air and artillery support, gaining Hill 122 with the 134th Inf 15 Jul 44 and entering St Lô 18 Jul 44 after the defeat of twelve German counterattacks at Emelie. It then cleared high ground to the south and west and crossed the Vire River on 2 Aug 44.

The division was diverted to the Mortain-Avranches corridor while enroute to assembly areas as a result of the German counteroffensive there, and fought in that vicinity until 13 Aug 44 which included the rescue of a trapped battalion of the 30th Inf Div. Next the division drove east behind the 4th Armd Div, seized Orléans 18 Aug 44, took Montargis 23 Aug 44, and forced the Moselle at Crevechamps with the 137th Inf on 11 Sep 44. The 134th Inf entered the Lorey Bridgehead near Nancy 15 Sep 44 and recovered Agincourt in hard fighting 21 Sep 44. The division cleared the Bois de Faulx and defended the Forêt de Grémecey against strong German counterattacks which punctured its lines 30 Sep 44 and were only restored with the assistance of the 6th Armd Div. With the capture of Chambrey 1 Oct 44 the Forêt de Grémecey was secured. The division then closed the Seille River and took and held Fossieux 8-9 Oct 44, after which its front became quiet into November, permitting the division to regroup and train.

On 8 Nov 44 the 137th Inf attacked across the Seille and fought battles at the Bois d'Amélocourt with the 320th Inf, the Forêt de Château-Salins 10-11 Nov 44 with both 134th and later 320th Inf, and Viviers which was taken 10 Nov 44 by 137th Inf. The division stormed Morhange and captured it after heavy combat 15 Nov 44. The 137th Inf was hit by a German counterattack which forced it out of Hilsprich 23 Nov 44, and the 134th Inf finally took the town with tanks and massive artillery fire on 24 Nov 44. The division pushed into Sarreguemines 6 Dec 44 and as it fought for the town, the 134th and 320th Inf assaulted across the Saar River the next day and defended their bridgehead against strong German attacks with liberal air and artillery support. Sarreguemines was reduced after house-to-house combat 11 Dec 44, and the division attacked across the Blies 12 Dec 44 where the 134th Inf was subjected to fierce German counterattacks at Habkirchen, which was finally secured 15 Dec 44. The 137th Inf was driven out of Breiterwald the same day, and on 19 Dec 44 the division halted its offensive and moved to Metz for rehabilitation.

On 26 Dec 44 the division was moved to Arlon Belgium to help relieve Bastogne. After a 13-day battle in which the division faced four German divisional assaults, the 137th Inf took Villers-la-Bonne-Eau by assault on 10 Jan 45. The division advanced into the Lutrebois-Lutremagne area where the 320th Inf took Oubourcy in house-to-house combat 15 Jan 45 and the town of Lutrebois fell after a 5-day engagement. The division returned to Metz for rehabilitation on 18 Jan 45 and assembled near Maastricht Holland 3 Feb 45, relieved the British 52nd Div and held defensive positions along the Roer 6-22 Feb 45.

On 25 Feb 45 the division attacked across the Roer at Linnich and the 320th Inf advanced rapidly against moderate opposition to take Venlo Holland 1 Mar 45. On 6 Mar 45 the division reached the Rhine and mopped up Rheinberg, and then pushed through heavy resistance to the Wesel River where the 134th Inf seized Fort Blucher on 11 Mar 45. The division was sent to the rear for rehabilitation 12 Mar 45. The 134th Inf crossed the Rhine east of Rheinberg during the night of 25-26 Mar 45, followed by the division which was engaged at Kirchhellen until the end of the month. The 134th Inf reached the Zweig Canal at Meckinghoven 2 Apr 45 and then joined the rest of the division defending the Rhein-Herne Canal sector. After regrouping, the division attacked across the Rhein-Herne Canal to positions beyond Gelsenkirchen 9 Apr 45 and closed to the Ruhr River west of Witten 11 Apr 45. The division was then posted to the west bank of the Elbe from Tangermuende to Grieben, and with the return of the 134th Inf from corps, to the Colbitz Forest. The division then moved to Hannover for occupation duty on 26 Apr 45 and was in that capacity when hostilities were declared ended on 7 May 45.