



# European Theater Casualties

During WWII, the U.S. Army deployed 68 combat divisions to the European Theater of Operations. Those infantry, armored, airborne and mountain divisions suffered 78% of all Army casualties sustained in the theater.

The infantry, by far, absorbed the greatest percentage of casualties: 80% of Army killed in action. While only 14% of the Army's total overseas strength, the infantry suffered 70% of all battle casualties. Rifleman equaled 68% of an

infantry division's manpower, but accounted for 95% of its casualties.

Divisions varied widely as far as time in combat. For instance, the 3rd Infantry Division went into action in November 1942; the 13th Airborne Division arrived in France on Feb. 6, 1945, but was never deployed in combat. Maximum time in combat for the average infantryman was 200 days before he reached the breaking point.

## U.S. Army Division Casualties in Descending Order

Division	Combat Deaths	Wounded in Action	Division	Combat Deaths	Wounded in Action
3rd Infantry	5,558	18,766	104th Infantry	1,114	3,657
4th Infantry	4,854	17,371	7th Armored	1,098	3,811
29th Infantry	4,786	15,541	102nd Infantry	1,077	3,668
9th Infantry	4,504	17,416	6th Armored	989	3,666
1st Infantry	4,280	15,208	100th Infantry	984	3,539
45th Infantry	4,080	14,441	63rd Infantry	974	3,326
90th Infantry	3,930	14,386	10th Mountain	953	3,134
36th Infantry	3,637	13,191	75th Infantry	928	3,314
83rd Infantry	3,620	11,807	70th Infantry	834	2,713
30th Infantry	3,516	13,376	103rd Infantry	821	3,329
2nd Infantry	3,488	12,785	66th Infantry	800	636
80th Infantry	3,480	12,484	10th Armored	774	3,109
34th Infantry	3,350	11,545	12th Armored	725	2,416
35th Infantry	2,947	11,526	5th Armored	710	2,442
79th Infantry	2,943	10,971	9th Armored	693	2,280
8th Infantry	2,820	10,057	42nd Infantry	638	2,212
28th Infantry	2,683	9,609	92nd Infantry	616	2,187
5th Infantry	2,656	9,549	14th Armored	560	1,955
88th Infantry	2,556	9,225	76th Infantry	523	1,811
3rd Armored	2,126	6,963	11th Armored	522	2,394
26th Infantry	2,112	7,886	106th Infantry	470	1,278
101st Airborne	2,090	6,388	8th Armored	466	1,572
82nd Airborne	1,951	6,560	69th Infantry	383	1,146
85th Infantry	1,736	6,314	89th Infantry	325	692
78th Infantry	1,625	6,103	71st Infantry	278	843
91st Infantry	1,575	6,748	65th Infantry	260	927
84th Infantry	1,438	5,098	13th Armored	253	912
1st Armored	1,428	5,168	97th Infantry	214	721
17th Airborne	1,382	4,904	86th Infantry	161	618
95th Infantry	1,372	4,945	20th Armored	59	134
4th Armored	1,356	4,551	16th Armored	5	28
87th Infantry	1,295	4,342	13th Airborne	0	0
44th Infantry	1,206	4,209			
2nd Armored	1,183	4,557			
94th Infantry	1,156	4,789			
99th Infantry	1,134	4,177			

Patches shown represent the 10 divisions that suffered the highest number of killed in action. Patches courtesy of Val Kolesik, Independence, MO.



3rd Infantry



4th Infantry



29th Infantry



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1st Infantry



45th Infantry



90th Infantry



36th Infantry



83rd Infantry



30th Infantry

Source: *Order of Battle, U.S. Army World War II* by Shelby L. Stanton (Navato, Calif.: Presidio Press, 1984).