

HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 80, U. S. Army

SUBJECT: G-1 After Action Report, 1-30 April 1945.

To : War Department, the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, 25, D. C.

1. In compliance with Paragraph 10, AR 345-105, as amended, the following G-1 report after action against the enemy is submitted for the month of April, 1945:

I. Casualties:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Killed in action	11	187
Wounded in action	28	579
Missing in action		(-) 322*

* Negative figure breakdown is as follows:

125 Returned to Military Control
50 Missing to Captured
27 Killed in action
118 Wounded in action

Battle fatigue and non-battle casualties were comparatively low for this period due largely to the nature of the operations and the improved weather conditions experienced.

II. Prisoners of War:

	<u>PW Channels</u>	<u>Medical Channels</u>
1 April 1945	1308	5
2 April 1945	629	39
3 April 1945	1561	37
4 April 1945	1898	58
5 April 1945	374	18
6 April 1945	130	24
7 April 1945	83	4
8 April 1945	132	0
9 April 1945	303	5
10 April 1945	500	6
11 April 1945	1207	68
12 April 1945	1104	34
13 April 1945	3536	10
14 April 1945	1476	2
15 April 1945	3054	4
16 April 1945	1295	3
17 April 1945	519	3
18 April 1945	0	0
19 April 1945	22	0

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II. Prisoners of War (Cont'd)

	<u>PW Channels</u>	<u>Medical Channels</u>
20 April 1945	1019	0
21 April 1945	10	0
22 April 1945	45	0
23 April 1945	66	0
24 April 1945	252	0
25 April 1945	141	16
26 April 1945	58	0
27 April 1945	57	0
28 April 1945	0	0
29 April 1945	105	1
30 April 1945	<u>1881</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	22765	337

III. The increasing influx of PW's, coupled with an accelerated speed of movement of the Division, created a serious evacuation problem. At times it was necessary to operate simultaneously three to five separate Division collecting points. Evacuation was effected by the utilization of all empty supply vehicles moving to the rear.

IV. Reinforcements and RTD's:

	<u>Reinforcements</u>		<u>RTD's</u>	
	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1 April 1945	0	0	0	0
2 April 1945	0	0	0	0
3 April 1945	17	8	22	152
4 April 1945	0	0	0	0
5 April 1945	0	66	5	222
6 April 1945	0	0	0	0
7 April 1945	0	0	0	0
8 April 1945	0	175	3	367
9 April 1945	0	0	0	0
10 April 1945	0	0	0	0
11 April 1945	0	0	0	0
12 April 1945	1	0	2	3
13 April 1945	0	0	0	0
14 April 1945	0	3	0	57
15 April 1945	0	0	0	0

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IV. Reinforcements and RTD's:

	<u>Reinforcements</u>		<u>RTD's</u>	
	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
16 April 1945	0	0	0	0
17 April 1945	0	0	2	66
18 April 1945	0	64	6	254
19 April 1945	0	0	0	0
20 April 1945	0	0	0	0
21 April 1945	0	10	1	2
22 April 1945	0	0	0	0
23 April 1945	0	0	0	3
24 April 1945	0	161	0	0
25 April 1945	0	0	0	0
26 April 1945	0	0	0	0
27 April 1945	0	0	0	0
28 April 1945	0	0	2	115
29 April 1945	1	39	0	0
30 April 1945	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	526	43	1241

Grand Total: 1829

V. During the greater part of the month, operations of the Division were characterized by rapid movement and pursuit. The continued critical need for transportation by all echelons and organizations of the command necessitated the holding of incoming personnel for longer than normal periods at the Division Reinforcement Company (Provisional) until such times as the organizations were in a position to receive them.

By leapfrogging and by means of the use of all available means of transportation, the Company was maintained generally in close proximity to the forward echelon, thus aiding the delivery of the reinforcements to their assignments with a minimum of delay.

VI. Graves Registration:

American Dead Evacuated	173
German Dead Evacuated	<u>181</u>
Total	354

VII. Awards and Decorations:

a. For Valor and Meritorious Service:

Distinguished Service Cross	1
Silver Star (Oak Leaf Cluster)	1
Silver Star	35

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a. For Valor and meritorious service (cont'd):

Bronze Star (Oak Leaf Cluster)	14
Bronze Star	115
Air Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)	10
Air Medal	<u>1</u>
Total	177

b. For Wounds Received in Action:

Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster)	234
Purple Heart	<u>465</u>
Total	699

VIII. Special Service Activities:

During the period of 19 - 30 April 1945, the only period during which the Division was not moving forward during the month, Clubmobile facilities were given maximum utilization. In addition, a U.S.O. Show gave a series of performances for the Divisional personnel in the Nuremberg Stadium. Motion pictures were shown as frequently as possible at all installations. The Division Band played for a number of reviews and special occasions. Softball, baseball, volleyball and various other recreational activities were conducted by organizations. During the remainder of the period, rapid movement precluded special service activities other than the routine supply of PX items, stationary, and of "Stars and Stripes", "Yank", and daily news summaries.

IX. Leaves, Furloughs and Passes:

Passes were authorized to Paris. Seven day leaves and furloughs were granted to visit the U. S. Riviera Recreational Area, in accordance with quotas allotted the Division; both plane and train travel were utilized. Quotas allotted the Division for field officers were given 72 hours temporary duty in London, England for rest and relaxation.

A total of 10 officers and 129 enlisted men were returned to the United States on forty five days temporary duty for rest and recuperation at their homes.

X. APO:

The APO operated at the Division Rear Echelon. This facilitated the handling of Money Orders under current postal regulations, and, because of resultant easier access to locator records, made redirectory service easier. To offset the administrative advantages accruing from the location of the APO at the Division rear echelon, the fast moving situation and taxed transportation facilities, encountered by all echelons during this period, made it impossible to deliver and receive mail with the regularity possible when

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the APO operated at the Division Quartermaster Company.

XI. Schools:

Weekly officer quotas were sent to the Information and Education, Combat Intelligence and Special Service Schools in Paris.

XII. Miscellaneous:

The Division General Court continued to function in the forward echelon of Division Headquarters.

XIII. Military Government:

The Military Government section of the Division operated with outstanding efficiency under the difficult conditions encountered. All communities occupied, including the cities of Kassel, Gotha, Erfurt, Weimar, Gera, Limbach, and Nurnberg, were organized, and Division Security Guards or elements of combat troops were posted until relieved by Higher Headquarters. The great numbers of displaced persons as well as liberated Allied PW's uncovered, continued to constitute the most serious problem encountered. In compliance with directives from Higher Headquarters, such persons were held in place until plans could be perfected for orderly evacuation and movement to the rear.

Large stocks of food and enemy equipment were uncovered and placed under guard until disposition could be effected as directed by G-4, or until relieved by Higher Headquarters.

XIV. Morale:

The rapid deterioration of enemy resistance, the rapid forward movement of the Division coupled with the moderation of weather conditions combined to improve the morale of the men to a higher degree than at any time since the winter campaign in Luxembourg.

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