

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

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SUBJECT: G-1 After Action Report, 1-31 December 1944.

TO : War Department, The Adjutant General's Office, Washington, 25, D.C.

1. In compliance with Par 10, AR 345-105, as amended, the following G-1 report after action against the enemy is submitted for the month of December, 1944.

1. Casualties:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Killed in action	14	390
Wounded in action	82	1246
Missing in action	2	138
Totals	98	1774

2. Prisoners of War:

	<u>Ft Channels</u>	<u>Med Channels</u>
1 Dec 44	5	0
2 Dec 44	11	0
3 Dec 44	46	2
4 Dec 44	146	16
5 Dec 44	52	10
6 Dec 44	88	0
7 Dec 44	4	0
8 Dec 44	14	0
9 Dec 44	1	5
10 Dec 44	0	0
11 Dec 44	1	0
12 Dec 44	9	0
13 Dec 44	0	0
14 Dec 44	0	0
15 Dec 44	0	0
16 Dec 44	0	0
17 Dec 44	0	0
18 Dec 44	0	0
19 Dec 44	0	0
20 Dec 44	0	0
21 Dec 44	0	0
22 Dec 44	80	3
23 Dec 44	415	23
24 Dec 44	48	13
25 Dec 44	50	10
26 Dec 44	122	8
27 Dec 44	109	10
28 Dec 44	7	3
29 Dec 44	40	0

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2. Prisoners of War:

	<u>PW Channels</u>	<u>Medical Channels</u>
30 Dec 44	33	8
31 Dec 44	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTALS	1282	111
	GRAND TOTAL	1393

3. Reinforcements and RTD's

	<u>Reinforcements</u>		<u>RTD's</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
1 Dec 44	0	13	0	54
2 Dec 44	0	0	0	0
3 Dec 44	4	6	2	101
4 Dec 44	1	0	2	49
5 Dec 44	0	1	1	55
6 Dec 44	0	0	0	20
7 Dec 44	2	2	2	5
8 Dec 44	0	8	0	90
9 Dec 44	0	1	0	13
10 Dec 44	0	0	0	0
11 Dec 44	21	748	0	0
12 Dec 44	0	0	0	0
13 Dec 44	1	46	11	106
14 Dec 44	0	15	2	62
15 Dec 44	8	590	3	45
16 Dec 44	0	0	1	17
17 Dec 44	0	0	0	0
18 Dec 44	1	0	3	62
19 Dec 44	0	0	0	0
20 Dec 44	0	0	0	0
21 Dec 44	1	24	0	19
22 Dec 44	0	0	0	0
23 Dec 44	0	0	1	1
24 Dec 44	1	40	0	2
25 Dec 44	0	0	0	0
26 Dec 44	0	0	0	0
27 Dec 44	21	100	0	189
28 Dec 44	0	219	0	0
29 Dec 44	12	1029	0	21
30 Dec 44	0	0	0	0
31 Dec 44	<u>14</u>	<u>591</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>134</u>
TOTALS	87	3433	35	1045
	GRAND TOTAL	3520	GRAND TOTAL	1080

Reinforcements and RTD's were processed through the Division Reinforcement Company (Provisional) to their respective organizations. Equipment was checked and adjustment of personal matters effected; billets were provided and hot meals served. Processing period normally approximated 18 hours including an overnight stay.

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The Division I&E Officer and Chaplain presented the various Reinforcement groups World conditions with emphasis centering around for what we are fighting, the History and World War II Actions of the Division, and present missions and projected operations of the Command.

Receiving Reinforcements: Of many procedures of getting Reinforcements up to their assignments, this command favors the method of assignments, when possible, to the reserve Battalions. However, heavy engagements and the uneven flow of Reinforcements do not permit this accomplishment.

**4. Graves Registration:**

<u>American Dead Evacuated</u>	339
<u>German Dead Evacuated</u>	<u>267</u>
Total	606

**5. Awards and Decorations:**

**a. For Valor and Meritorious Service:**

Distinguished Service Cross	5
Silver Stars	49
Soldier's Medals	1
Bronze Stars	383
Bronze Star (Oak Leaf Cluster)	3
Air Medals	4
Air Medals (Oak Leaf Cluster)	<u>14</u>
TOTALS	459

**b. For Wounds Received in Action:**

Purple Hearts	1349
Purple Hearts (Oak Leaf Cluster)	<u>203</u>
TOTAL	1552

**6. Special Service Activities:**

A brief period of rest, during the period 7-21 December 1944 after 102 consecutive days of combat permitted the scheduling of extensive special service activities. Clubmobiles, USO stage shows, the Division Band, and motion pictures were utilized daily. Passes to Paris and Nancy were allotted to all organizations of the command, as were quotas to the XII Corps Rest Camp in Nancy, with emphasis on the personnel of the Infantry regiments.

Also, writing paper, books and magazines were extensively secured and distributed by Special Service Officers, Chaplains and Red Cross personnel.

**Temporary Duty to United States:**

Six Officers and fifty nine enlisted men were given furloughs to their respective homes, for a 30 day period of rest, rehabilitation and recuperation.

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6. Recreational Activities:

Clubmobiles were continuously utilized. Passes were authorized to Paris, Luxembourg, and the XII Corps Rest Camp at Nancy, France. During a short holding phase during the latter part of the month, motion pictures, USO shows and the Division Band were continuously scheduled.

A total of 3 officers and 56 enlisted men were returned to the United States for 30 days of rest and recuperation at their homes.

7. Miscellaneous:

The Division General Court, and to a large extent the Staff Judge Advocate, operated in the forward echelon of Division Headquarters. The resultant proximity of the Court to organizations of the Division greatly facilitated attendance by witnesses and court personnel and permitted expeditious completion of trials.

8. Manpower:

Extra effort, planning and assignment of Battle Fatigue cases, whom the Medical Official determined would never again be able to enter front line duty, was made to fill authorized overstrength in the Signal Company and Military Police Platoon, to fill vacancies in various Headquarters Companies, and to formulate Class II and Class V Salvage Collection and disposal teams.

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