

HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 60, U.S. Army

12 April 1945

SUBJECT: G-1 After Action Report, 1 - 31 March 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 March, 1945:

1. Casualties:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Killed in action	6	218
Wounded in action	29	707
Missing in action	<u>1</u>	<u>31</u>
Totals	36	956

Battle fatigue and non-battle casualties were comparatively low during the period.

11. Prisoners of War:

	<u>PH Channels</u>	<u>Medical Channels</u>
1 March 1945	232	1
2 March 1945	216	3
3 March 1945	37	2
4 March 1945	35	0
5 March 1945	11	0
6 March 1945	28	1
7 March 1945	4	0
8 March 1945	4	1
9 March 1945	1	0
10 March 1945	0	0
11 March 1945	0	0
12 March 1945	0	0
13 March 1945	291	6
14 March 1945	535	8
15 March 1945	257	11
16 March 1945	875	60
17 March 1945	438	24
18 March 1945	323	15
19 March 1945	1002	660
20 March 1945	1123	6
21 March 1945	1143	5
22 March 1945	807	15
23 March 1945	510	3
24 March 1945	47	2
25 March 1945	20	2
26 March 1945	54	0
27 March 1945	8	0
28 March 1945	1663	14
29 March 1945	2464	15

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II. Prisoners of War (Cont'd):

	<u>PW Channels</u>	<u>Medical Channels</u>
30 March	3981	9
31 March	<u>611</u>	<u>6</u>
	16770	859

III. The heavy influx of PWs, coupled with the speed of movement of the Division, created a serious evacuation problem. At times it was necessary to operate three and five separate Division collecting points. Evacuation was finally accomplished by the utilization of all available 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 March 1945	0	0	2	63
2 March 1945	0	0	0	20
3 March 1945	9	0	1	65
4 March 1945	0	0	0	0
5 March 1945	2	18	2	101
6 March 1945	0	0	0	0
7 March 1945	0	0	1	119
8 March 1945	0	0	1	23
9 March 1945	0	0	0	0
10 March 1945	3	100	1	22
11 March 1945	0	0	0	0
12 March 1945	2	23	8	179
13 March 1945	9	98	1	52
14 March 1945	0	0	0	24
15 March 1945	2	98	1	23
16 March 1945	0	0	0	24
17 March 1945	0	0	3	12
18 March 1945	0	101	2	75
19 March 1945	1	96	2	14
20 March 1945	11	163	8	54
21 March 1945	0	0	0	0
22 March 1945	0	0	0	0
23 March 1945	0	0	0	0
24 March 1945	0	0	0	0
25 March 1945	0	0	0	0
26 March 1945	0	155	3	121
27 March 1945	0	0	0	0
28 March 1945	0	0	0	0
29 March 1945	0	0	0	0
30 March 1945	0	0	0	0
31 March 1945	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	39	852	36	991

Grand Total 1918

V. During the greater part of the month, operations of the Division were characterized by rapid movement and pursuit. The processing of reinforcements and casualties, constituted, as a result, a difficult problem. The critical need for transportation by all echelons and organizations of the command, coupled with the uninterrupted and swift progress of the regiments, necessitated holding incoming personnel for longer than normal periods at the Division Reinforcement Company, until such time as the organizations were in a position to receive them. The great distance separating the Division from the Army Reinforcement installations at which reinforcements and casualties were available also added to the problems involved in maintaining the Division strength.

VI. Graves Registration:

American Dead Evacuated	211
German Dead Evacuated	<u>212</u>
Total	423

VII. Awards and Decorations:

a. For Valor and Meritorious Service:

Distinguished Service Cross	5
Silver Star	69
Soldier's Medal	1
Bronze Star	194
Bronze Star (Oak Leaf Cluster)	31
Air Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)	<u>5</u>
Total	305

b. For wounds received in action:

Purple Heart	932
Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster)	<u>361</u>
Total	1293

VIII. Special Service Activities:

During the period 7 - 10 March 1945, the only static phase experienced by the Division during the month, Clubmobiles were continuously utilized, as well as motion picture and USB shows. The Division band and orchestra were made available for concerts, reviews and special occasions. Rapid movement precluded Special Services activities other than routine supply of PX items, 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 US Riviera Recreational Area, in accordance with quotas allotted the Division. Several field officers were given 72 hours of temporary duty in London, England, for rest and relaxation.

A total of 8 Officers and 77 Enlisted Men were returned to the United States for rest and recuperation at their homes.

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X. APO:

The APO operated at the Division Quartermaster Company, to permit economy of transportation and continuous delivery and receipt of mail in fast-moving situations. Administratively, it was found less satisfactory than operation at the Division Rear Echelon, since the handling of Money Orders under current postal regulations, redirectory service, and the maintenance of accurate locator records, was made more difficult by the APO's separation from the latter installation.

XI. Schools:

Weekly officer quotas were sent to the Information and Education, and Special Service Schools in Paris. Infantry OCS quotas were filled in the majority of cases. A total of six candidates have been sent to date.

XII. Miscellaneous:

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

XIII. Military Government:

The Military Government Section operated with great efficiency under all conditions. All communities occupied were organized and the Division Security Guard posted until relieved by higher headquarters. The great numbers of displaced persons as well as of liberated allied PW's uncovered, constituted the most serious problem. The normal policy was to hold such persons in place until plans could be made for appropriate evacuation and movement to the rear. Large stores of food and equipment were uncovered and placed under guard until disposition could be effected as directed by G-4, or until relieved by Higher Headquarters.

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