

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

9 June 1945

SUBJECT: G-1 After Action Report, 1 - 9 May 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 May, 1945:

I. Casualties:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Killed in action	1	34
Wounded in action	1	15
Missing in action	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	2	49

Battle fatigues and non-battle casualties were practically non-existent for this period due to the nature of the operations and the mild weather experienced.

II. Prisoners of War:

	<u>IM Channels</u>	<u>Medical Channels</u>
1 May 1945	1704	0
2 May 1945	843	0
3 May 1945	1113	4
4 May 1945	3722	2
5 May 1945	2537	0
6 May 1945	4750	0
7 May 1945	4100	4
8 May 1945	16981	0
9 May 1945	<u>139497</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	175257	10

Grand Total 175267

III. The collapse of enemy resistance created an unprecedented problem of evacuation. The unconditional surrender of the Sixth German Army and attached organizations, added to the capitulation of the Hungarian forces (21000) located in the Division sector, placed upon the 80th Infantry Division the responsibility for the processing and discharging of over three times the total aggregate of prisoners of war captured and evacuated since the Division was committed.

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 May 1945	0	0	0	0
2 May 1945	0	0	0	0
3 May 1945	0	0	0	0
4 May 1945	0	0	3	81
5 May 1945	16	15	3	125
6 May 1945	0	0	0	0
7 May 1945	0	6	0	28
8 May 1945	6	0	6	219
9 May 1945	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	21	12	453
Grand Total		506		

V. The 80th Infantry Division Reinforcement Company (Prov) continued to act as the Division receiving and processing unit for all reinforcements and RTD's shipped by the Ground Forces Reinforcement Command, as well as for the men released by the 80th Division Clearing Station for return to their organizations for duty. The Reinforcement Company also acted as a receiving unit where the officers and men returning to the United States were collected and processed for shipment through the prescribed channels.

VI. Graves Registration:

American Dead Evacuated	8
Enemy Dead Evacuated	<u>0</u>
Total	8

VII. Awards and Decorations:

a. For Valor and Meritorious Service:

Silver Star (Oak Leaf Cluster)	1
Silver Star	31
Bronze Star (Oak Leaf Cluster)	7
Bronze Star	61
Air Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)	<u>4</u>
Total	104

b. For Wounds Received in Action:

Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster)	1
Purple Heart	<u>4</u>
Total	5

VIII. Special Service Activities:

During the period 1-9 May 1945, the Special Service Section, under G-1 supervision, developed the facilities of the two major lakes in the Division zone, Atter oder Kammer See and Traun oder Gmunden See to provide recreational and rest areas for the personnel of the Division and attached units. Two recreation areas and a Division Rest Camp were developed on Gmunden See.

Boats were secured and repaired, riding horses were provided, fields were developed for baseball, softball, volley ball, and horse shoe pitching; in brief, a well rounded program of indoor and outdoor sports was presented.

The Division Band played for a number of reviews, ceremonies and special occasions, and the Division Dance Orchestra played a full calendar of engagements.

PX items were distributed regularly, as were "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. Rivers Recreational Area, in accordance with quotas allotted the Division. The Division was also granted additional quotas for officers, who were given 72 hours temporary duty in London, England for rest and relaxation.

A total of 7 officers and 84 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 Administrative Center. This facilitated the handling of money orders under current postal regulations. The tactical situation stabilized rapidly during this period, and this resulted in a regular and rapid distribution of mail and packages to all echelons.

XI. Schools:

Weekly officer quotas were sent to the Information and Education School in Paris, France. One officer was sent to the Special Service School, and one officer was sent to the Librarians' School.

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 increasingly difficult conditions. All communities, overrun by the Division, were promptly organized, and Division Security Guards or elements of combat troops were posted, until relieved by Higher Headquarters. The great numbers of displaced persons uncovered, plus the refugees who had flocked to this area, presented a problem which, when coupled with the serious food shortage, threatened to become critical. The Military Government Section immediately impounded all food stocks, arranged with G-4 for supplementary shipments from adjacent areas, and planned and supervised an equitable distribution throughout the Division sector.

In compliance with directives from Higher Headquarters, the displaced persons were held in place until plans could be perfected for orderly evacuation and movement to the rear.

XIV. Morale:

The rapid deterioration of enemy resistance gave rise to an expectancy of an early end to the war in Europe. Morale, reflecting this expectancy, and the comparatively low casualty rate, was at a very high peak.

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