

HISTORY

APRIL 1945

1. Original Unit.

Designation - 80th Infantry Division.

Date of Organization - 15 July 1942.

Place of Organization - Camp Forrest, Tennessee.

Authority for Organization - Letter, War Department, AG 320.2 Organized Reserve (3-19-42), MR-M-GN, Subject: Organized Reserve Divisions Ordered into Active Service during June and July 1942.

Sources from which personnel was obtained - Completed.

2. Changes in Organization.

The Ordnance Platoon of the 80th Infantry Division was redesignated and activated at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, as the 780th Ordnance (Light Maintenance) Company under T/O 9-8, Authority: War Department Letter, The Adjutant General's Office, AG 320.2 (10-18-42) OB-I-GN-M dated 31 October 1942, and General Order Number 10, Headquarters 80th Infantry Division, dated 8 November 1942.

The 405th Quartermaster Battalion, 80th Infantry Division, was redesignated and activated at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, as the 80th Quartermaster Company, 80th Infantry Division, under T/O 10-17, Authority: War Department Letter, The Adjutant General's Office, AG 320.2 (10-28-42) OB-I-GN-M, dated 31 October 1942, and General Order Number 11, Headquarters 80th Infantry Division, dated 13 November 1942.

The 80th Infantry Division was reorganized 12 August 1943 in accordance with T/O Number 7 and allied tables, 15 July 1942, with authorized strength of 737 Officers, 44 Warrant Officers, and 13,472 Enlisted Men.

In accordance with T/O Number 7-3, Headquarters Special Troops, 80th Infantry Division, was activated 12 August 1943, units assigned and/or attached to Special Troops are as follows: Headquarters Special Troops, Headquarters Company, MP Platoon, 780th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, 80th Quartermaster Company, 80th Signal Company, Attached Medical, Attached Chaplains, Attached Band.

On 15 March 1944, the 80th Quartermaster Company was reorganized under T/O & E 10-17 dated 19 February 1944.

Military Police Platoon was increased 33 Enlisted Men and one Officer per Letter, Headquarters Third United States Army, dated 26 September 1944, file AG 320.2-GNMCC, Subject: Reorganization of Military Police Platoons, Infantry Division.

### 3. Strength.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
At beginning of April 1945.	732	39	13,305
Net increase for month.	18		218
Net decrease for month.			
Strength 31 April 1945.	750	39	13,523

### 4. Stations.

GERMANY - Arrived 26 February 1945.

### 5. Marches.

- 1 April 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity NEUKIRCHEN, GERMANY 1330, traveled by motor convoy eighteen miles, arrived vicinity HOMBURG, GERMANY 1415.
- 4 April 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity HOMBURG, GERMANY 0915, traveled by motor convoy twenty three miles, arrived vicinity OBERZWEHREN, GERMANY 1020.
- 7 April 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity OBERZWEHREN, GERMANY 0630, traveled by motor convoy eighty seven miles, arrived vicinity GOTHA, GERMANY 1400.
- 12 April 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity GOTHA, GERMANY 1345, traveled by motor convoy eleven miles, arrived vicinity DIETENDORF 1420.
- 13 April 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity DIETENDORF, GERMANY 13 20, traveled by motor convoy twenty three miles, arrived vicinity WEIMAR, GERMANY 1400.
- 14 April 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity WEIMAR, GERMANY 1445, traveled by motor convoy forty seven miles, arrived vicinity GERA, GERMANY 1710.
- 16 April 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity GERA, GERMANY traveled by motor convoy forty miles, arrived vicinity LIMBACH, GERMANY 1720.

- 19 April 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity LIMBACH, GERMANY, traveled by motor convoy one hundred and eighty three miles, arrived vicinity SCHESZLITZ, GERMANY 1930.
- 22 April 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity SCHESZLITZ, GERMANY 0850, traveled by motor convoy forty three miles, arrived vicinity NURNBERG, GERMANY 1345.
- 29 April 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity NURNBERG, GERMANY 0945, traveled by motor convoy sixty eight miles, arrived vicinity ZIEGELSDORF, GERMANY 1405.
- 30 April 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity ZIEGELSDORF, GERMANY 1440, traveled by motor convoy thirty one miles, arrived vicinity ERG-OLDSBACH, GERMANY 1620.

## 6. Campaigns.

Name - Central Europe.

Duration - 22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945.

Purpose - Liberation of France and other occupied countries and the invasion of Germany.

Authority Ordering - Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces.

## 7. Battles.

See Index.

8. Commanding Officers in Important Engagements.

Central Europe Campaign.

Names.

Commanding General

Major General Horace L. McBride, 04450, U. S. Army

Personal Staff

Captain Henry K. Clark, Jr., 01285011, Aide-de-Camp (Inf)

First Lieutenant John L. Scull, Jr., 01165564, Aide-de-Camp (FA)

Assistant Division Commander

Colonel George W. Smythe, 015816, Inf

Personal Staff

None assigned as yet

Chief of Staff

Colonel Samuel P. Walker, 012179, Cav

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1

Lieutenant Colonel Leon O. Clayton, 0282406, GSC (Inf)

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1

Captain Roger F. Pone, 01296641, Inf

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

Lieutenant Colonel Richard H. Fleisher, 0300512, GSC (FA)

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

Captain James H. Johnson, 0374044, FA

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Lieutenant Colonel Augustus C. Aeger, 018625, GSC (Inf)

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Major George H. Craig, 0296674, GSC (Inf)

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

Lieutenant Colonel Erlend L. Sandberg, 0213877, GSC (Inf)

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

Major Creedin E. Appley, 01577140, GSC (QMC)

Military Government Officer

Lieutenant Colonel Edmund A. Ball, 0118828, FA



Adjutant General

Lieutenant Colonel John W. Trone, 0243502, AGD (Cav)

Assistant to Adjutant General

Major Sylvester W. Roth, 0360983, AGD (Inf)

Chemical Officer

Major Thomas B. Crawford, 0225830, CWS

Assistant to Chemical Officer

Captain Ralph A. Creek, 01036086, CWS

Finance Officer

Lieutenant Colonel Bernard Jeffrey, 0464213, FD

Assistant to Finance Officer

Captain James H. Rice, Jr., 0455419, FD

Inspector General

Captain Vernon A. Nelson, 0346827, IGD

Assistant to Inspector General

None assigned as yet

Judge Advocate

Lieutenant Colonel George W. Weeks, 0345668, JAGD

Assistant to Judge Advocate

Captain Henry C. Todd, 01291544, JAGD

Special Service Officer

Captain Richard H. Stock, 0297031, Inf

Assistant to Special Service Officer

Captain Vilas F. Lacy, 0389068, Inf

Surgeon

Lieutenant Colonel Harold J. Halleck, 0245498, MC

Assistant to Surgeon

Major Charles S. Winston, 021690, DC

Chaplain

Lieutenant Colonel John O. Woods, 022755, Ch C

Assistant to Chaplain

Major Edward J. Comer, 0461788, Ch C

Public Relations Officer  
First Lieutenant Bernard Didinsky, 01297009, Inf

Information and Education Officer  
Captain Robert D. Hanson, 0375980, Inf

CIC Officer  
Captain Thomas R. McMillen, 01304421, Inf

Assistant to CIC Officer  
First Lieutenant Carl F. O'Neal, 01946826, TC

PI Team No. 69  
(Atchd to TUSA for duty with 80th Inf Div)  
Captain Michael E. Derbin, 01010653, MI

IPW Team No. 75  
Captain Paul Loeser, Jr., 0324075, CAC

IPW Team No. 76  
First Lieutenant Theodore E. Gutman, 01081820, CAC

MII Team No. 444  
First Lieutenant Erick R. Denzer, 01326078, Inf

OB Team No. 34  
First Lieutenant Armand V. Paolino, 01052514, CAC

In addition to their duty as Unit Commanders, the Officers listed below are also members of the Division Staff:

Division Artillery Commander  
Brigadier General Jay W. Mackelvie, 05476, U. S. Army

Personal Staff  
First Lieutenant David J. Hindlemann, 01185058, Aide-de-Camp (PA)  
First Lieutenant Robert B. Betts, 0536920, Aide-de-Camp (PA)

Engineer Officer  
Lieutenant Colonel Albert E. McCollam, 021748, CE

Assistant to Engineer Officer  
None assigned as yet

Ordnance Officer  
Lieutenant Colonel Maurice W. Mitchell, 0122871, Ord

Assistant to Ordnance Officer  
Major Ralph A. McCool, 023940, Ord

Quartermaster  
Lieutenant Colonel Herbert L. Smith, 0352829, QMC

Assistant to Quartermaster  
Major Charles J. Powell, 0354354, QMC

Signal Officer  
Lieutenant Colonel Alvin L. Burke, 021148, Sig C

Assistant to Signal Officer  
Major Donald E. Moran, 01633085, Sig C

Provost Marshal  
Major Donald K. Hughes, 0344503, CMP (PA)

Special Troops Commanding Officer  
Lieutenant Colonel John G. Hardy, 0212436, Inf

Air Liaison Officer  
Captain Ray G. Fuchs, 0885246, AC

Med Det

Band

317th Inf

318th Inf

319th Inf

Hq Army

Hq Btry

313th FA Bn

314th FA Bn

315th FA Bn

305th FA Bn

306th FA Bn

305th Arty Bn

305th Med Bn

TOTAL

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9. Losses in action; officers and enlisted men.

a. Engagement - CENTRAL EUROPE

UNIT	KIA	DOW	DOI	SWA	SIA	LWA	LIA	CAR	MIA	OFF	EM
Div Hq											
Sp Troops											
Hq											
Hq Co											
MP Plat											
Ord Co											
QM Co											
Sig Co											
Med Det											
Band											
317th Inf	4 47	1 5		34		4 114	13		3 88	12	301
318th Inf	2 86	1 3		2 42		10 179	11		1 26	17	347
319th Inf	6 50	1 11		1 18		5 93	7		1 26	13	205
Hq Arty											
Hq Btry											
313th FA Bn	1			1		1 2				1	4
314th FA Bn				1 1		1				1	2
315th FA Bn						1 1				1	1
905th FA Bn											
80th Ren Tr	1										1
305th Engr Bn	1					2					3
305th Med Bn						1 1					1
TOTAL	12 186	2 19		4 96		21 392	1 32		5 140	45	865



# RESTRICTED

10. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.

GENERAL ORDER

General Orders 80th Infantry Division - number 91 to 115 inclusive.

NUMBER

Third U. S. Army, General Order number 82

- I - Award of Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster).
- II - Award of Purple Heart.
- III - Amendment.

I. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded S Sgt Clarence M. Sannorenberg, 36806706, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 29 March 1945.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded the following named personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

RANK AND NAME	ASN	SERVICE	DATE
S Sgt Helmut E. Wildermann	32806694	Inf	21 Mar 45
Sgt John F. Carter	31465079	Inf	29 Mar 45
Cpl Robert F. Harner	34714133	SAC	29 Mar 45
Pvt Thomas J. Cannon	34990532	Inf	30 Mar 45
S Sgt Ralph T. Wescott	28755516	Inf	30 Mar 45

III. Section VIII, General Orders number 77, this Headquarters, dated 18 March 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart to Cpl Webster L. Copey, 35733007 Inf 13 Mar 45, is amended to award enlisted man the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR GENERAL McBRIDE:

S. W. WALKER  
Colonel, Cavalry,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

J. W. FORD  
Lt Colonel, AGO,  
Adjutant General