

HISTORY

DECEMBER 1944

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 (3-19-43), 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, HP 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 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 December 1944.	703	41	12,103
Net increase for month.			449
Net decrease for month.	49		
Strength 31 December 1944.	654	41	12,552

4. Stations.

FRANCE - Arrived 3 August 1944.

LUXEMBOURG - Arrived 20 December 1944.

5. Marches.

18 December 1944 - Closed Command Post vicinity ST AVOLD, FRANCE 0844, traveled by motor convoy forty two miles, arrived vicinity BINING, FRANCE 1225.

19 December 1944 - Closed Command Post vicinity of BINING, FRANCE 1800, traveled by motor convoy one hundred and twenty two miles, arrived at vicinity of DOMMELDANGE, LUXEMBOURG 201300.

22 December 1944 - Closed Command Post vicinity of DOMMELDANGE, LUXEMBOURG 1400, traveled by motor convoy sixteen miles, arrived at vicinity of RECKANGE LES MERSCH, LUXEMBOURG 1600.

6. Campaigns.

Name - Rhineland.
Ardennes.

Duration - Rhineland - 15 September 1944 to 21 March 1945.

Ardennes - 16 December 1944 to 25 January 1945.

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

Authority Ordering - Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces.

7. Battles. Attached to Department Headquarters.
See Index.
Whitcomb - Assistant Secretary.
Jones.

Major General George B. Smith, Chief, U. S. Army

Colonel Staff
Captain Harry L. Clark, Jr., 0135712, Aide-de-Camp (Inf)
Major Frederick John L. Hall, Jr., 0225450, Aide-de-Camp (Inf)

Assistant Division Commander
Major General John H. Hays, 0135712, U. S. Army

First Lieutenant Paul J. Hays, 0135712, Aide-de-Camp (Inf)

Colonel Staff
Colonel George B. Johnson, 0135712, 0135712 (Inf)

Assistant Chief of Staff 3-1
Major General John G. Hays, 0135712, 0135712 (Inf)

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff 3-2
Captain John L. Hays, 0135712, 0135712 (Inf)

Assistant Chief of Staff 3-2
Major General John L. Hays, 0135712, 0135712 (Inf)

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff 3-1
Major George B. Johnson, 0135712, 0135712 (Inf)

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Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff 3-1
Major George B. Johnson, 0135712, 0135712 (Inf)

Staff Affairs Officer
Major General John L. Hays, 0135712, 0135712 (Inf)

8. Commanding Officers in Important Engagements.

Rhineland - Ardennes Campaigns.

Names.

Commanding General

Major General Horace L. McBride, 04430, 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 (PA)

Assistant Division Commander

Brigadier General Owen Summers, 08066, U. S. Army

Personal Staff

First Lieutenant Noel F. Gregory, 0532094, Aide-de-Camp (Inf)

Chief of Staff

Colonel Max S. Johnson, 016745, GSC (CE)

Assistant Chief of Staff G-1

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

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff G-1

Captain James A. E. Wood, 01285685, INF

Assistant Chief of Staff G-2

Lieutenant Colonel Richard K. Fleisher, 0500312, GSC (PA)

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff G-2

Major Elmore C. Kerr, Jr., 0454361, GSC (Cav)

Assistant Chief of Staff G-3

Lieutenant Colonel Augustus G. Elegar, 018625, GSC (Inf)

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff G-3

Major George N. Craig, 0296674, GSC (INF)

Assistant Chief of Staff G-4

Lieutenant Colonel Brian L. Sandberg, 0215877, GSC (Inf)

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff G-4

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

Civil Affairs Officer

Lieutenant Colonel Edmund A. Ball, 0118828, PA

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
Lieutenant Colonel William V. Copeland, 0239549, IGD (Inf)

Assistant to Inspector General
Captain Vernon A. Nelson, 0346827, IGD

Judge Advocate
Lieutenant Colonel James K. Evetts, 0917350, JAGD

Assistant to Judge Advocate
Captain Henry C. Todd, 01291544, JAGD

Special Service Officer
Captain Richard M. Stock, 0297051, Inf

Assistant to Special Service Officer
Captain Vilas F. Lacy, 0589068, Inf

Surgeon
Lieutenant Colonel Harold J. Halleck, 0245498, MC

Assistant to Surgeon
Major Charles S. Winston, 021690, DC

CIC Officer
Captain Thomas R. McMillen, 01304421, Inf

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

Anti-Tank Section and Public Relations Officer
First Lieutenant Bernard Didinsky, 01297009, Inf

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

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 Loesser, Jr., 0324075, CAC

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

MII Team No. 444
First Lieutenant Erich H. 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 (FA)
Second Lieutenant Norman W. Cameron, Jr., 0536925, Aide-de-Camp (FA)

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

Assistant to Engineer Officer
First Lieutenant Richard H. Foerster, 01114931, CE

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

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

Quartermaster
Lieutenant Colonel Herbert L. Smith, 0352829, QMC

9. Major Charles J. Powell, 0384334, QMC Assistant to Quartermaster

a. Engagement - Signal Officer
Lieutenant Colonel Alvin L. Burke, 021148, SC

Assistant to Signal Officer
Captain Donald S. Borah, 01633085, SC

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

Special Troops Commanding Officer
Lieutenant Colonel John C. Hardy, 0212496, INF

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

Ord Co

QM Co

Sig Co

Med Det

Band

317th Inf

318th Inf

319th Inf

Hq Arty.

Hq Btry

313th FA Bn

314th FA Bn

315th FA Bn

905th FA Bn

80th Rec Tr

305th Engr Bn

306th Med Bn

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TOTAL

45	4	2	48	7	9	94	214
20	47	246	3	55	24	496	

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9. Losses in action; officers and enlisted men.

a. Engagement - RHINELAND ARDENNES CAMPAIGN

UNIT	KIA	DOF	DOI	SWA	SIA	LWA	LIA	CAP	MIA	OFF	EM
Div Hq											
Sp Troops											
Hq											
Hq Co											
MP Plat											
Ord Co											
QM Co	1			1		2	1			1	4
Sig Co											
Med Det											
Band											
317th Inf	4 95	2 29		7 114	1 1	22 350	4 124		7 484	47	1197
318th Inf	4 101	1 14		1 63	1 1	12 246	1 58		1 118	19	601
319th Inf	1 88	1 12		3 61	1 1	10 174	2 13		1 80	19	428
Hq Artv											
Hq Btry											
313th FA Bn	1 2	1 1		2 1		6 3				1	11
314th FA Bn	1 1	1 1		1 1		4 1			3	4	10
315th FA Bn	1 1	1 1		1 1		2 2	4 4		1 1	3	9
905th FA Bn				1 1		3 3	1 1				5
80th Ren Tr				1 1		3 3	1 1				5
305th Engr Bn	1 1			2 2		4 4					7
305th Med Bn											
TOTAL	12 289	4 57		12 246	2 3	48 794	7 202		9 686	94	2277

RESTRICTED

HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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

GENERAL ORDERS)

2 December 1944

NUMBER

General Orders 80th Infantry Division - number 92 to 118 inclusive.

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR (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 Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named Enlisted Man:

Casper D. Greenwood, Jr., 33240395, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France on 7 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named Officer:

HENRY J. WEHR, 01533099, Capt, MAC, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 14 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (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 Air Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named Enlisted Man:

Merion S. King, 20833780, S Sgt, PA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France during the period 13 August 1944, to 3 October 1944, as an artillery observer in successfully completing the required number of sorties while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

IV. 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 and bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Pfc Hart Doering, 3418644, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 29 November 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

V. 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 the following named Officers and Enlisted Men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on dates indicated:

RANK AND NAME	ASN	ARM OF SERVICE	DATE	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Pvt Richard W. Luce	3507543	Inf	22 Nov 44	Indiana

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