

## HISTORY

FEBRUARY 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 February 1945.	688	41	13,218
Net increase for month.			
Net decrease for month.	8	1	513
Strength 28 February 1945.	680	40	13,731

4. Stations.

LUXEMBOURG - Arrived 19 December 1944.

GERMANY - Arrived 26 February 1945.

5. Marches.

18 February 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity FEELS, LUXEMBOURG 1455, traveled nine miles by motor convoy, arrived vicinity BETTENDORF, LUXEMBOURG 1530.

26 February 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity BETTENDORF, LUXEMBOURG, traveled by motor convoy fourteen miles, arrived vicinity METTENDORF, GERMANY 1450.

6. Campaigns.

Name - Rhineland

Duration - 15 September 1944 to 21 March 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.

Rhineland Campaign.

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 (FA)

Assistant Division Commander

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

Personal Staff

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

Chief of Staff

Colonel Samuel P. Walker, 012179, Cav

Assistant Chief of Staff G-1

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

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff G-1

Major James A. E. Wood, 01285685, Inf

Assistant Chief of Staff G-2

✓ Captain James K. Johnson, 0374044, FA

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 C. Eegar, 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 Creedon E. Appley, 01577140, GSC (QMC)

Civil Affairs Officer

Major 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. Cisek, 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  
Captain Erwin R. Gordes, 0466327, IGD (CAC)

Judge Advocate  
Lieutenant Colonel James K. Evetts, 0917350, 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 Villas F. Lacy, 0389068, 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  
Second 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 Loeser, Jr., 0324075, CAC

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

MII Team No. 444  
Captain Edgar A. Eschmann, Jr., 0452438, 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  
Captain William Selesnick, 01105760, CE

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

Assistant to Ordnance Officer  
Major Ralph A. McCool, 025940, Ord

Quartermaster  
Lieutenant Colonel Herbert L. Smith, 0352829, QMC

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

Signal Officer  
Lieutenant Colonel Alvin L. Burke, 021148, SC

Assistant to Signal Officer  
Major Donald E. Borah, 01633085, SC

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

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

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



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9. Losses in action; officers and enlisted men.

a. Engagement - RHINELAND

UNIT	LIA	DOF	DOI	SWA	SIA	LWA	LIA	CAP	LIA	OFF	EM
Div Hq											
Sp Troops											
Hq											
Hq Co											
MP Plat											
Ord Co											
QM Co											
Sig Co											
Med Det											
Band											
317th Inf	4 109	2 6		2 26	1	6 149	2 114		2 125	18	530
318th Inf	5 177	13		3 113	2	9 421	1 102		2 128	20	956
319th Inf	3 111	6		3 85	1	11 368	61		1 135	18	767
Hq Arty											
Hq Btry											
313th FA Bn	1 1					4 2	2 1			1	7
314th FA Bn	2 4			2 6		2 8	1 3			7	21
315th FA Bn	1 1			1 1		1 2				2	3
905th FA Bn				3 3		6 6	3 3				12
80th Ren Tr						2 2	1 1				3
305th Engr Bn	3 3			3 3		11 11	1 1		1 2	1	20
305th Med Bn							2 2				2
TOTAL	15 406	2 25		11 236	4	29 971	4 289		6 390	67	2321 ✓

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

General Orders 80th Infantry Division - number 32 to ~~56~~ inclusive.

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