

HISTORY

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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, 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 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 January 1945.	664	41	13,050
Net increase for month.			103
Net decrease for month.	21		
Strength 31 January 1945.	685	41	13,153

4. Stations.

LUXEMBOURG - Arrived 19 December 1944.

5. Marches.

6 January 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity RECKANGE LES MERSCH, LUXEMBOURG 1405, traveled by motor convoy, twelve and a half miles, arrived vicinity OBERFEULEN 1500.

24 January 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity OBERFEULEN 1040, traveled by motor convoy, sixteen miles, arrived vicinity WILTZ, LUXEMBOURG 1210.

28 January 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity WILTZ 1230 traveled by motor convoy thirty two miles, arrived vicinity FELS, LUXEMBOURG 1430.

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.

See Index.

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., 01235011, 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 F. Gregory, 0532094, Aide-de-Camp (Inf)

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 James A. E. Wood, 01285685, Inf

Assistant Chief of Staff G-2

Lieutenant Colonel Richard R. Fleisher, 0300312, GSC (FA)

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff G-2

Captain James R. Johnson, 0374044, FA

Assistant Chief of Staff G-3

Lieutenant Colonel Augustus G. Eegar, 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 Erlend E. Sandberg, 0213877, 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, 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. Cleek, 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 H. Gordes, 0466327, IGD (CAC)

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 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

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 Loeser, Jr., 0324075, CAC

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

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

Engineer Officer
Lieutenant Colonel Albert E. McCollam, 02174, 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

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

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

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

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, 0385246, AC

Hq Co

Sig Co

Sig Co

Med Det

Band

319th Inf

319th Inf

319th Inf

Hq Army

Hq Army

319th FA Bn

319th FA Bn

319th FA Bn

305th FA Bn

305th FA Bn

305th FA Bn

305th FA Bn

TOTAL

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9. Losses in action; officers and enlisted men.

a. Engagement - RHINELAND & ARDENNES CAMPAIGN

UNIT	LIA	DOW	DOI	SWA	SIA	LWA	LIA	CAP	LIA	OFF	EM
Div Hq	/			/						2	
Sp Troops											
Hq											
Hq Co											
MP Plat				/							/
Ord Co											
QM Co											
Sig Co											
Med Det							/				/
Band											
317th Inf	3 82	1 22	1	5 62	3	9 147	11 364	3 145	32	826	✓
318th Inf	4 126	20		3 80	1	13 320	3 164	4 87	27	798	✓
319th Inf	5 112	2 19		3 98	1	8 318	2 86	3 87	23	721	✓
Hq Artv											
Hq Btry											
313th FA Bn	1 1	1 1		1		1 4	2	2 1	5	10	
314th FA Bn	1						1 3		1	4	
315th FA Bn	1			1 1		6 4		1	1	13	
905th FA Bn				1 3		7 1			1	11	
80th Ren Tr	3			1		7 4		2	1	17	
305th Engr Bn				1 3		1 18	1		2	22	
305th Med Bn				2		3				5	
TOTAL	14 346	4 62	1	15 252	5	32 820	18 630	12 323	95	2529	✓

RESTRICTED

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

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

NUMBER

General Orders 80th Infantry Division - number 1 to 31 inclusive.

VII. 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 Officers and Enlisted Men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on dates indicated:

NAME AND GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	DATE
K Pvt Bruce J. Van Slack	Inf	26 Dec 44
L Sgt Frederick J. Osterbeck	Inf	26 Dec 44
Pvt John L. Spoe	Inf	26 Dec 44
C Sgt Andrew E. Cischellio	Inf	26 Dec 44
S Sgt Joseph C. Clark	Inf	26 Dec 44
F Pvt Charles E. Itani	Inf	26 Dec 44
I Pvt Lawrence D. Knause	Inf	26 Dec 44
S Pvt Willie G. Drinkon	Inf	26 Dec 44
F Sgt Robert J. Hamilton	Inf	26 Dec 44
K Cpl James G. Morrison	Inf	26 Dec 44
L Pvt Sanford Robbins	Inf	26 Dec 44
Pvt William J. Harris Jr	Inf	26 Dec 44
X Pvt John G. De Jarnett Jr	Inf	26 Dec 44
I Sgt Marvin R. Joyner	Inf	26 Dec 44
Sgt William M. Miller	Inf	26 Dec 44
L Pvt A. C. Anderson	Inf	26 Dec 44
Sgt Charles A. Griffin	Inf	26 Dec 44
I Pvt Daniel W. Harris	Inf	26 Dec 44
Pvt Pat R. Ferguson	Inf	26 Dec 44
F Pvt William J. Dilley	Inf	26 Dec 44
I Pvt Doyle M. Vanderver	Inf	26 Dec 44
S Sgt Herbert Schatz	Inf	26 Dec 44
M Cpl Anthony F. Grunsta	Inf	26 Dec 44
X Pvt Charles H. Palmer	Inf	26 Dec 44
M Pvt Carl G. Tortello	Inf	26 Dec 44
Tec 5 Stephen A. Griffith Jr	PA	26 Dec 44
M Pfc Cecil A. Holstman	Inf	26 Dec 44
Tec 4 Henry J. Piazza	Inf	26 Dec 44
Pvt Melvin W. Madden	Inf	26 Dec 44
C Pvt Robert A. Frank	Inf	26 Dec 44
Pfc Galagere A. P. Russo	Inf	26 Dec 44
S Sgt Robert J. Bokling	Inf	26 Dec 44
K Pvt Andrew J. Peters	Inf	26 Dec 44
M Pfc John G. Busch	Inf	26 Dec 44
C Sgt John Q. Stanley	Inf	26 Dec 44
X Pvt Earl W. Erickson Jr	Inf	26 Dec 44
P Pvt Joseph W. Brennan	Inf	26 Dec 44
L Pfc Albert R. Link	Inf	26 Dec 44
I Pvt Harry Olson	Inf	26 Dec 44