

HISTORY

MARCH 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 (3-19-43), 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 March 1945.	697	40	13,087
Net increase for month.	36		237
Net decrease for month.		1	
Strength 31 March 1945.	733	39	13,324

4. Stations.

GERMANY - Arrived 26 February 1945.

5. Marches.

- 6 March 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity METTENDORF, GERMANY 1030, traveled by motor convoy thirteen miles, arrived vicinity RITTERSDORF, GERMANY 1130.
- 11 March 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity RITTERSDORF, GERMANY 0730, traveled by motor convoy fifty eight miles, arrived vicinity MONDORF, LUXEMBOURG 1330.
- 13 March 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity MONDORF, LUXEMBOURG 0820, traveled by motor convoy twenty three miles, arrived vicinity BEURIG, GERMANY 0930.
- 17 March 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity BEURIG, GERMANY 1350, traveled by motor convoy fifteen miles, arrived vicinity LOSHEIM, GERMANY 1510.
- 19 March 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity LOSHEIM, GERMANY 1320, traveled by motor convoy twenty nine miles, arrived vicinity ST WENDEL, GERMANY 1620.
- 20 March 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity ST WENDEL, GERMANY 1445, traveled by motor convoy fifteen miles, arrived vicinity GLEN-MUNCHWEILER 1620.
- 21 March 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity GLEN-MUNCHWEILER, GERMANY 0900, traveled by motor

- convoy twenty five miles, arrived vicinity KAISERSLAUTERN, GERMANY 1130.
- 21 March 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity KAISERSLAUTERN, GERMANY 1400, traveled by motor convoy eighteen miles, arrived vicinity BAD DUNKHEIM, GERMANY 1620.
- 24 March 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity BAD DUNKHEIM, GERMANY 0945, traveled by motor convoy thirty nine miles, arrived vicinity HECKHAUSEN, GERMANY 1155.
- 27 March 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity HECKHAUSEN, GERMANY 1015, traveled by motor convoy forty six miles, arrived vicinity SCHWABENHEIM, GERMANY 1530.
- 27 March 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity SCHWABENHEIM, GERMANY 1800, traveled by motor convoy twelve miles, arrived vicinity MAINZ, GERMANY 1820.
- 29 March 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity MAINZ, GERMANY 1645, traveled by motor convoy eight miles, arrived vicinity WIRSBADEN, GERMANY 1800.
- 30 March 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity WIRSBADEN, GERMANY 1550, traveled by motor convoy fifty nine miles, arrived vicinity LICH, GERMANY 1850.
- 31 March 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity LICH, GERMANY 1415, traveled by motor convoy forty five miles, arrived vicinity NEUKIRCHEN, GERMANY 1630.

6. Campaigns.

Names - Rhineland.

Central Europe.

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

Central Europe-22 March 1945 to 8 May 1945.

7. Battles.

See index.

8. Commanding Officers in Important Engagements.

Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns.

Names.

Commanding General

Major General Horace L. McBride, 04430, U. S. Army

Personal Staff

Captain Henry K. Clark, Jr., 01285611, Aide-de-Camp (Inf)

First Lieutenant John L. Seull, Jr., 01165564, Aide-de-Camp (PA)

Assistant Division Commander

Colonel George W. Smythe, 015816, Inf

Personal Staff

None appointed by Colonel Smythe.

Chief of Staff

Colonel Samuel P. Walker, 012179, Cav

Assistant Chief of Staff G-1

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

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff G-1

Major James A. E. Wood, 01285685, Inf

Assistant Chief of Staff G-2

Captain James R. Johnson, 0374044 (PA)

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff G-2

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

Assistant Chief of Staff G-3

Lieutenant Colonel Augustus G. Slegar, 018625, CSC (Inf)

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff G-3

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

Assistant Chief of Staff G-4

Lieutenant Colonel Eriand L. Sandberg, 0213877, CSC (Inf)

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff G-4

Major Creedin L. Eppley, 01577130, CSC (QMC)

Civil Affairs Officer

Major 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, GWS

Assistant to Chemical Officer
Captain Ralph A. Clegg, 01036086, GWS

Finance Officer
Lieutenant Colonel Bernard Jeffrey, 0464213, PD

Assistant to Finance Officer
Captain James H. Rice, Jr., 0455419, PD

Inspector General
Captain Vernon A. Nelson, 0346827, IGD

Assistant to Inspector General
Captain Erwin H. 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 Vilas 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)
First Lieutenant Robert B. Betts, 0536920, Aide-de-Camp (FA)

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

Assistant to Engineer Officer
Captain William Selesnick, 01103760, 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

Assistant to Quartermaster
Major Charles J. Powell, 0584554, QMC

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

Assistant to Signal Officer
Captain Donald E. Borah, 01635085, 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, AO

Ord Co

2d Co

3d Co

Head Det

2d Det

317th Inf

318th Inf

319th Inf

Hq Arty

Hq Btry

315th PA Bn

314th PA Bn

313th PA Bn

309th PA Bn

305th Rec Tr

305th Engr Bn

305th Med Bn

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TOTAL

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9. Losses in action; officers and enlisted men.

a. Engagement - RHINELAND & CENTRAL EUROPE

UNIT	KIA	DDF	DOI	SWA	SIA	LWA	LIA	CAP	MIA	OFF	EM
Div Hq											
Sp Troops											
Hq											
Hq Co											
MP Plat			/								/
Ord Co											
QM Co											
Sig Co											
Med Det											
Band											
317th Inf	2 82	2 9	1	2 33	1	6 147	35		2 76	14	384
318th Inf	2 90	1 7		1 41	1	11 188	25		1 67	16	419
319th Inf	2 54	4		1 18	1	4 94	1 9		2 21	10	301
Hq Arty											
Hq Btry											
313th FA Bn						2 1	1 1			3	2
314th FA Bn	4			1		1			1		7
315th FA Bn							1				1
905th FA Bn						2					2
80th Ren Tr						2					2
305th Engr Bn		1		1		4	1				7
305th Med Bn											
TOTAL	6 230	3 21	2	4 94	3	23 439	2 72		5 165	43	1026

RESTRICTED

HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION

10. Former and Present Members Who Have Distinguished Themselves in Action.

GENERAL ORDER

1 March 1945.

NUMBER

General Orders, 80th Infantry Division
Numbers 60 to 90 inclusive.

Memorandum No. 18, 80th Infantry Division.

- I thru III - Award of Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster).
- IV - Award of Purple Heart.
- V - Award of Bronze Star.
- VI - Award of Purple Heart (Oak Leaf Cluster).
- VII and VIII - Rescissions.

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 Pfc Rodolfo Garza, 38462452, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 26 November 1944.

II. 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 two bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a third bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Pfc Samuel L. Fennimore, 37313323, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 27 February 1945.

III. 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 personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on dates indicated:

NAME AND RANK	ASN	SERVICE	DATE
T Sgt Paul L. Engleka	33254119	Inf	18 Feb 45
S Sgt Clement M. Hook	33505041	Inf	26 Feb 45
S Sgt Richard E. Scher	35313053	Inf	26 Feb 45
Pfc William L. Brower	34981140	Inf	26 Feb 45
Pfc Roscoe Locklear	34674863	Inf	26 Feb 45
Pfc Fred Mackel Jr	32761298	Inf	26 Feb 45
Sgt Dominick J. Casulli	42146631	Inf	27 Feb 45
Sgt Joseph D. Beach	33035794	Inf	27 Feb 45
Pfc Hamilton J. Lachney	38466272	Inf	27 Feb 45

IV. 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:

Pvt Russell L. Smith	37449065	Inf	21 Feb 45
Pvt Thomas H. McGee	33402057	MD	21 Feb 45
Pfc Jerry G. Spelman	15311623	MD	21 Feb 45