

HISTORY

MAY 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 & S 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>T0</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
At beginning of May 1945.	750	39	13,523
Net increase for month.	97		421
Net decrease for month.			
Strength 31 May 45.	847	39	13,944

4. Stations.

GERMANY - Arrived 26 February 1945.

AUSTRIA - Arrived 5 May 1945.

5. Marches.

2 May 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity ERGOLESBACH, GERMANY 1315, traveled by motor convoy thirty eight miles, arrived vicinity FRONTHAUSEN, GERMANY 1545.

3 May 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity FRONTHAUSEN, GERMANY 1500, traveled by motor convoy forty three miles, arrived vicinity SIMBACH, GERMANY 1745.

5 May 1945 - Closed Command Post vicinity SIMBACH, GERMANY 1320, traveled forty six miles by motor convoy, arrived vicinity VOCHABRUCK, AUSTRIA 1600.

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 (PA)

Assistant Division Commander

Colonel George W. Smythe, 015816, Inf

Personal Staff

First Lieutenant Broadman F. Lockwood, 035805, Aide-de-Camp (Inf)

Chief of Staff

Colonel Samuel P. Walker, 012179, Cav

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1

Lieutenant Colonel Leon C. Clayton, 0282405, GSC (Inf)

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1

Captain Roger F. Bone, 01296641, Inf

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

Captain James K. Johnson, 0374044, PA

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Lieutenant Colonel Augustus C. 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 Arland L. Sandberg, 0215877, GSC (Inf)

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff G-4

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

Military Government Officer

Lieutenant Colonel Edmund A. Ball, 0118828, PA

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

Assistant to Adjutant General
Major Sylvester V. Roth, 0350985, 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 Robert W. Huffer, 0321249, IGD

Judge Advocate
Lieutenant Colonel George W. Weeks, 0345668, JAGD

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

Special Service Officer
Captain Clarence E. Boston, 0359227, PA

Assistant to Special Service Officer
Captain Vilas F. Incy, 0389068, Inf

Surgeon
Lieutenant Colonel Harold J. Halleck, 0245498, MC (Inf)

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, TG

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

MIT 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. Hindleman, 01185058, Aide-de-Camp (FA)
First Lieutenant Robert B. Betts, 0536920, Aide-de-Camp (FA)

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

Assistant to Engineer Officer
None assigned as yet

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

1st Regt Inf Co A 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, 0384534, QMC

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

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

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, 0355246, AC

317th Inf

318th Inf

319th FA Bn

314th FA Bn

315th FA Bn

316th FA Bn

306th FA Bn

305th Engr Bn

305th Med Br

TOTAL

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9. Losses in action; officers and enlisted men.

a. Engagement -

CENTRAL EUROPE

UNIT	LIA	DOW	DOF	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	1	20				3		12	1	35	
318th Inf		11				5		4		20	
319th Inf		8	2			4				14	
Hq Arty						1				1	
Hq Btry											
313th FA Bn						1				1	
314th FA Bn											
315th FA Bn											
905th FA Bn											
80th Rcn Tr											
305th Engr Bn				1		1			1	1	
305th Med Bn											
TOTAL	1	39	2	1		15		16	2	72	X

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

**General Orders 80th Infantry Division
Numbers 116 to 121 inclusive.**

Award of Silver Star.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the regulation 60-45, dated 22 September 1942, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

JOHN J. KELLY, PFC, 1st Inf., Infy. of the United States Army, was awarded the Silver Star Medal on 7 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 7 September 1944, in the vicinity of the Saar River, the infantry company in which he was serving was delayed by several enemy mortar attacks. He crawled through treacherous terrain between the river and the enemy positions, a very bad, muddy and boggy area, to his original position and, after crawling to safety, returned to a place of safety despite the intense fire of the enemy mortars, and continued to hold his position until the arrival of reinforcements of the armed forces of the United States from Pennsylvania.

JOHN J. KELLY, PFC, Infy. of the United States Army, was awarded the Silver Star Medal on 7 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the course of the assault on the town of Bitburg on 23 March 1945, Lt. Cassell, commanding the leading company of a battalion attack, was fired on by three enemy machine guns. Fighting his battalion, he displayed his company and alone continued to hold his enemy position in an attempt to stop their fire. All of the enemy were fired at him resuming their positions, which were soon destroyed by the combined fire power of the lead company, and the battalion advanced against the enemy. Lt. Cassell's courage, tenacity, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

EDWARD T. DICIONE, SFC, 3d Inf. Regt., Infy. of the United States, was gallant in action in Germany on 15 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 15 March 1945, SFC Dicione commanded a medical team which at great risk gained entrance into Bitburg, Germany, which the enemy was bitterly defending. For thirty-six hours he treated and treated the injured, disregarding the severe fire which surrounded him. Needing medical supplies he forced his way into a nearby hospital, and obtained the needed material for continuing his work. SFC Dicione's courage, perseverance, and sincere devotion to duty saved many lives to the credit of and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.