

HISTORY

NOVEMBER 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, 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 November 1944.	756	41	13,734
Net increase for month.			
Net decrease for month.	68		1,602
Strength 30 November 1944.	688	41	12,132

4. Stations.

FRANCE - Arrived 3 August 1944.

5. Marches.

- 10 November 1944 - Closed Command Post vicinity VILLE-AU-VAL (818288) 1800, traveled by motor convoy eight miles, arrived vicinity MAILLY (909356) 1910.
- 11 November 1944 - Closed Command Post vicinity MAILLY (909356) 1330, traveled by motor convoy eight miles, arrived vicinity LICCOURT (498235) 1410.
- 13 November 1944 - Closed Command Post vicinity LICCOURT (980357) 1330, traveled by motor convoy fourteen miles, arrived vicinity ST EPVRE (050423) 1430.
- 16 November 1944 - Closed Command Post vicinity ST EPVRE (050423) 1350, traveled by motor convoy five miles, arrived vicinity LESSE (110330) 1415.
- 24 November 1944 - Closed Command Post vicinity LESSE (110330) 1145, traveled by motor convoy fifteen miles, arrived vicinity CHARBONNAGES (162534) 1320.
- 28 November 1944 - Closed Command Post vicinity CHARBONNAGES (162534) 1535, traveled by motor convoy eleven miles, arrived vicinity ST AVOLD (240560) 1615.

6. Campaigns. Operations in Northwest Europe.

Name - Rhineland.

Duration - 15 September 1944 to 21 March 1945.

Purpose - Liberation of FRANCE and other occupied countries.

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 R. 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. M. 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

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

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 L. Sandberg, 0213877, GSC (Inf)

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff G-4

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

Civil Affairs Officer

Major Edmund A. Ball, 0113825, FA

Adjutant General

Lieutenant Colonel John W. Irone, 0243502, AGD (Cav)

Assistant to Adjutant General

Major Sylvester W. Roth, 0380983, AGD (Inf)

Chemical Officer

Major Thomas B. Crawford, 0225830, CWS

Assistant to Chemical Officer

Captain Ralph A. Creek, 01036036, CWS

Finance Officer

Lieutenant Colonel Bernard Jeffrey, 0464213, PD

Assistant to Finance Officer

Captain James H. Rice, Jr., 0455419, Pd

Inspector General

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

Assistant to Inspector General

Captain Vernon A. Nelson, 0346827, ICD

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 Viles 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 B. Hanson, 0375980, Inf

PI Team No. 69
(Attached 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
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 Officers
Lieutenant Colonel Albert E. McCollam, 021748, CE

Assistant to Engineer Officer
Captain William Selesnich, 01103760, CE

Ordnance Officer
Lieutenant Colonel Maurice H. 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, 0384334, QMC

Lieutenant Colonel Alvin L. Burke, 021148, SC

Assistant to Signal Officer
Captain Donald E. Borah, 01633095, SC

Provost Marshal
Major Donald K. Hughes, 0344903, CME (FA)

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

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

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9. Losses in action; officers and enlisted men.

a. Engagement - RHINELAND CAMPAIGN

UNIT	LIA	DOT	DOI	SWA	SIA	LVA	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	8 225	3 17		12 79	2 10	18 475	12 338		6 203	61	1347
318th Inf	6 135	2 9		15 218	1 29	20 336	2 182	1	2 91	48	1001
319th Inf	7 75	2 12		8 146	1 10	6 361	1 105		3 67	28	776
Hq Artv											
Hq Btry	1			1							2
313th FA Bn	5			3 4		2 14	3			5	26
314th FA Bn	1 1					2 2	3			3	6
315th FA Bn						1 2	2 1		1	3	4
905th FA Bn	1			1		1 3	1			3	4
80th Ren Tr	1					3					4
305th Engr Bn	1 1	1		1 5		1 10	1 1			4	17
305th Med Bn						1					1
TOTAL	23 444	8 38		40 453	4 49	51 1707	18 634	1	11 362	155	3188

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HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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

GENERAL ORDERS

1 November 1944.

NUMBER

General Orders 80th Infantry Division - number 68 to 91 inclusive.

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUSLY: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 300-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Paul U. Brinker, P. 77904, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 24 September 1944, when his machine gun position was attacked by an unknown number of the enemy. Although his position was isolated from the remainder of his unit he repulsed numerous enemy counterattacks and under heavy enemy small arms fire moved his machine gun single-handedly to a more advantageous position. He continued to protect the right flank of his company until killed by enemy machine gun fire. His superb bravery and zealous devotion to duty were commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (MISSING IN ACTION): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 300-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named Enlisted Man (Missing in Action):

Richard L. Broadway, 34311528, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 2 October 1944, when his platoon, upon capturing prisoners, was suddenly and heavily fired upon by an enemy machine gun, wounding the platoon leader and platoon sergeant. Sgt Broadway immediately assumed command and successfully routed the enemy. Although himself wounded in this action, his unflinching confidence inspired his men to carry on despite the intense hazards involved. His courageous leadership and bravery are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

III. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 300-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded the following named Officers and Enlisted Men:

Willie E. Good, 34484011, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 2 October 1944, when his platoon, upon capturing prisoners, was suddenly and heavily fired upon by an enemy machine gun, wounding the platoon leader and platoon sergeant. Although in hostile territory and in complete darkness, he assisted materially in routing the enemy and later successfully completed the assault. His personal bravery and aggressive leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

HERMAN D. IVES, 5261687, Lt Col, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France during 18-20 - 17 - 19 September 1944, under intense enemy artillery barrage, the enemy counterattacked with tanks and