

HISTORY

OCTOBER 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 (3-19-42), MR-M-CN, 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-CN-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-CN-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 18-17 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 October 1944.	753	41	14,319
Net increase for month.	5		
Net decrease for month.			546
Strength 31 October 1944.	758	41	13,773

4. Stations.

FRANCE - Arrived 3 August 1944.

5. Marches.

13 October 1944 - Closed CP vicinity BELLEVILLE, FRANCE, (809253) 1130, traveled by motor convoy six miles, arrived vicinity VILLE-AU-VAL, FRANCE, (818288) 1200.
31 October 1944 - CP still located vicinity VILLE-AU-VAL, FRANCE, (818288).

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., 01163564, Aide-de-Camp (PA)

Assistant Division Commander

Brigadier General Owen Summers, 03066, U. S. Army

Personal Staff

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

Chief of Staff

Colonel Max S. Johnson, 016745, GSC (CM)

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 H. Fleisher, 0300312, GSC (PA)

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. Bieger, 018625, GSC (Inf)

Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff G-3

Major George R. 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 M. Eppley, 01577140, GSC (QAC)

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)

Chaplain

Lieutenant Colonel John O. Woods, 022755, Ch

Assistant Chaplain

Major Edward J. Comer, 0461788, Ch

Chemical Officer

Major Thomas B. Crawford, 0225330, 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

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

Assistant to Inspector General

Captain Vernon A. Nelson, 0346827, IGD

Judge Advocate

Major 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. Hilleck, 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, 01297609, Inf

Information and Education Officer
Captain Robert D. Hanson, 0375986, 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, 01100760, CE

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

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9. Losses in action; officers and enlisted men.

a. Engagement - RHINELAND CAMPAIGN

UNIT	MIA	DOW	DOI	SWA	SIA	LVA	LIA	CAP	MIA	OFF	EM
Div Hq											
Sp Troops											
Hq											
Hq Co											
MP Plat											
Ord Co											
QM Co	2										2
Sig Co											
Med Det											
Band											
317th Inf	8 188	2 34		50		22 472	4 57		12 395	48	1196
318th Inf	7 123	1 30		7 120	1 7	2 102	7		5 144	23	533
319th Inf	4 63	1 6		2 72	2	5 153	2 6		10	14	312
Hq Artv											
Hq Btry											
313th FA Bn	2			1 4		1 1			1 1	3	8
314th FA Bn	1		1	1 1	2	1 4				2	9
315th FA Bn	2										2
905th FA Bn	1 1			2	1	3				1	7
80th Ren Tr						1					1
305th Engr Bn	1 12			1 10		6			1	2	29
305th Med Bn	3			1		2					6
TOTAL	21 397	4 70	1	12 260	1 12	31 744	6 70		18 551	93	2105

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APO 30, U. S. Army

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

General Orders 80th Infantry Division - Number 48 to 67 Inclusive.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 23 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named Officer and Enlisted Man:

1. Wm. F. Bechtel, 3478377, Pvt, 30, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 7 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

2. Wm. F. Bechtel, 3478377, Pvt, 30, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 14 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

3. Matthew Sanichowski, 32024228, 3 Sgt, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 16 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

4. Charles D. Quinn, 3247147, Pvt, 02, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 12 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

11. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 23 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named Enlisted Man:

1. Joseph P. Gasker, 1222732, Pvt, Inf, United States Army. For heroic service and outstanding personal courage in France on 13 August 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

12. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 23 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named Officer and Enlisted Man for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on date indicated:

NAME AND GRADE	ARMY NO.	ARMY OR SERVICE	DATE	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
2 Sgt John B. Smith	31171345	Inf	29 Sep 44	Rhode Island
Pvt Willis D. Grimes	356430	Inf	29 Sep 44	Texas
Pvt Chester L. Gradowski	36904413	Inf	29 Sep 44	Wisconsin
Pvt Maurice W. Mitchell	36900331	Inf	29 Sep 44	Arkansas