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Unit History - MP Ptn - 80th Inf Div

Aug-Dec 44

HQ MILITARY POLICE PLATOON
80th Infantry Division
APO #80, U. S. ARMY

9 November 1944

SUBJECT: Unit History for August 1944.

TO : Commanding General, 80th Inf Div. (Attn Div Historian)

1. Original Unit:
 - a. Military Police Platoon, 80th Inf Div.
 - b. 15 July 1942.
 - c. Camp Forrest, Tenn.
 - d. WD Letter activating 80th Inf Div.
 - e. Personnel from selectees and voluntary enlistments at induction centers.
2. No change in organization or designation.
3. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:
 - a. 2 officers, 66 enlisted men, 1 Aug 1944
 - b. Net increase, 50% officers, 8% enlisted men.
 - c. Net decrease, 0% officers, 0% enlisted men.
 - d. 3 officers, 71 enlisted men, 31 Aug 1944.
4. Station: France
 - a. Arrived, 3 August 1944
5. Marches:
 - a. Purpose; combat action against enemy.
 - b. Daily marches not made.
 - c. Points between which marched and dates:
 - Les Dunes de Ville to St Jores, 3 Aug, 23 miles.
 - St Jores to Cellande Grande, 8 Aug, 50 miles.
 - Cellande Grande to vicinity Vaiges, 9 Aug, 35 miles.
 - Vaiges to Anne, 11 Aug, 13 miles.
 - Anne to vicinity of Roulle, 14 Aug, 17 miles.
 - Roulle to Dea Evailles, 15 Aug.
 - Dea Evailles to Road Junction GC28-808, 17 Aug, 70 M.
 - RJ, GC 28-808 to vic Almeneches, 18 Aug, 3 miles.
 - Almeneches to Creux, 26 Aug, 70 miles.
 - Creux to RJ, N442-IC33N, 27 Aug, 260 miles.
 - RJ, N442-IC33N, to Ville Seneaux, 29 Aug, 50 miles.
 - Ville Seneaux to Chalons-sur-Marne, 30 Aug, 7 miles.
 - d. Roads good, weather mostly clear and favorable.
6. Campaign:
 - a. Battle of France.
 - b. Duration, entire month.
 - c. Combat against enemy.
 - d. Authority, Hq European Theater, U. S. Army

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7. Military Police Platoon operated in close conjunction with Div Hq at all times, performing the duties of traffic control, straggler patrol, traffic information posts and numerous special assignments as ordered.

Division Prisoner of War Enclosure operated by Platoon in immediate area of Platoon Hqs, processing all PW'S and evacuating same to Corps or Army.

Total number of PW'S for August 1944, 1672.

8. Commanding Officer: Major D. K. HUGHES.

9. Losses in action: None.

a. Pfc Edward W. Allison, wounded, 19 August 1944, but was not lost from duty.

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

All personnel have duly performed any and all duties to which assigned.

11. Photographs of personnel, scenes or events:
None available.



D. K. HUGHES,
Major, C.M.P.,
Provost Marshal.

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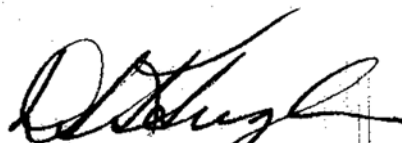
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 - c. Camp Forrest, Tennessee.
 - d. WD Letter activating 80th Inf Div.
 - e. Personnel from Selectees and voluntary enlistments.
2. No change in organization or designation.
3. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:
 - a. 3 officers, 71 enlisted men, 1 Sept 1944
 - b. Net increase, 0% officers, 50% enlisted men.
 - c. Net decrease, 0% officers, 0% enlisted men.
 - d. 3 officers, 106 enlisted men, 30 Sept 1944.
4. Station: France, arrived 3 August 1944.
5. Marches:
 - a. Purpose, combat action against enemy.
 - b. Marches not made daily, but as required.
 - c. Points between which marched and dates:
Chalons-sur-Marne to Vignot, 1 Sept, 80 miles.
Vignot to Gironville, 3 Sept, 7 miles.
Gironville to Bernecourt, 5 Sept, 9 miles.
Bernecourt to vic Griscourt, 12 Sept, 10 miles.
Vic Griscourt to Dieulouard, 23 Sept, 3 miles.
 - d. All movements by motor convoy. Roads good, weather mostly cloudy, considerable rain.
6. Campaign:
 - a. Battle of France
 - b. Entire month
 - c. Combat action against enemy.
 - d. Authority: Hq European Theater, U. S. Army
7. M P Platoon operated as situation required in direction of traffic in Div area and towns, operated straggler patrols, and various other special details peculiar to M P units.
Division PWE operated daily through entire month in area, processing PW'S and evacuating them to Corps and/or Army.
Total number of PW'S for September, 1615.

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8. Commanding Officer: Major D. K. HUGHES.
9. Losses in action; None.
10. Awards: Pfc Edward W. Allison, awarded Purple Heart as result of wounds received, 19 August 1944.
11. No photographs of personnel, scenes or events available.



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 - b 15 July 1942
 - c Camp Forrest, Tennessee
 - d WD letter activating 80th Inf Div
 - e Personnel obtained from Induction Centers.
2. No change in organization or designation.
3. Strength, Commissioned and enlisted:
 - a 3 officers, 106 EM, 1 October 1944
 - b Net increase, 0% officers, 0% EM for October.
 - c Net decrease, 0% officers, 1% EM for October.
 - d 3 officers, 105 EM, 31 October 1944
4. Station: France, arrived, 3 August 1944.
5. Marches: None, unit was in same location entire month, as all situations arising were handled from one place. Considerable rain during month resulting in bad traffic conditions at times due to slippery surface.
6. Campaign; Battle of France, entire month, authority, Hq European Theater of U. S. Army.
7. Platoon continuously engaged in traffic control in area, controlling bridges over Moselle River, at Dieulouard, Custines, Pont-a-Mousson. Operating straggler patrols, town MP details in Div area. Operated Div PW enclosure, handled 1389 PW'S.
8. Commanding Officer; Major D. K. HUGHES.
9. Losses in action: None.
10. All personnel performed duties as assigned.
11. Photographs of any activities not available.

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80th Infantry Division
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1 December 1944

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 - b 15 July 1942
 - c Camp Forrest, Tennessee
 - d WD letter activities 80th Inf Div
 - e Personnel obtained from Induction Centers.
2. No change in organization or designation.
3. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted:
 - a 3 officers, 105 EM, 1 November 1944
 - b Net increase, 33% officers, 18% EM for November
 - c Net increase, 0% officers, 0% EM for November
 - d 4 officers, 124 EM, 30 November 1944
4. Station: France, arrived, 3 August 1944.
5. Marches:
 - a Purpose, combat action against enemy as tactical situation required.
 - b Points between which marched and dates:
Dieulouard to Manoncourt, 8 Nov, 10 miles in distance
Manoncourt to Vulmont, 11 Nov, 10 miles in distance
Vulmont to St Epvre, 15 Nov, 10 miles in distance
St Epvre to Brulange, 20 Nov, 10 miles in distance
Brulange to Holacourt, 22 Nov, 4 miles in distance
Holacourt to Cites des Charbonnages, 24 Nov, 12 miles
Charbonnages to St Avoird, 28 Nov, 15 miles in distance
 - c All marches by motor convoy. Weather conditions, cloudy, much rain, roads slippery and muddy and areas flooded.
6. Campaign; Battle of France, entire month, authority, Hq European Theater of U.S. Army.
7. Platoon continuously engaged in support of Div operations in controlling traffic in Div area, operating on bridges, and road hazards. Patrols of Main Supply Route, straggler and no passage line patrols. Div PW Enclosure maintained by unit-handled 3411 PW's.

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8. Commanding Officer, MAJOR D.K. HUGHES.
9. Losses in action - None
One (1) EM slightly wounded by enemy sniper-27 Nov
10. Following personnel of the unit were awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service:

Major D.K. Hughes, Div Provost Marshal, Unit Commander. Awarded per General Order # 88, Hq 80th Inf Div, dtd 27 November 1944

Sgt. Tom P. Loftus, per GO #90, Hq 80th Inf Div dtd 29 Nov 1944

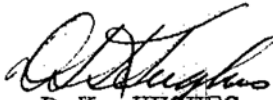
Sgt. Frank A. Maher, per GO #90, Hq 80th Inf Div dtd 29 Nov 1944

Sgt. Harold E. Saulsbury, per GO #90, Hq 80th Inf Div, dtd 29 Nov 1944

Cpl. William P. Withrow, per GO #90, Hq 80th Inf Div, dtd 29 Nov 1944

Pfc. Joseph A. Fabry, per GO # 89, Hq 80th Inf Div, dtd 28 Nov 1944

11. No photographs of activities or events are available.

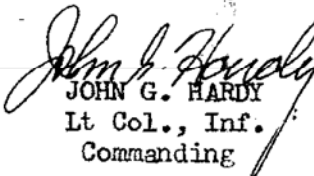

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TO: Commanding General, 80th Infantry Division, APO 80, U. S. Army

Approved.


JOHN G. HARDY
Lt Col., Inf.
Commanding

HQ MILITARY POLICE PLATOON
80th Infantry Division
APO #80, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

3 January 1945

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 - d WD letter activating 80th Inf Div.
 - e Personnel obtained from Induction Centers.
2. No change in organization or designation.
3. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.
 - a 4 Officers, 124 EM, 1 December 1944.
 - b Net increase for December, 25 % officers, 2% EM.
 - c Net decrease for December, 0% officers, 0% EM.
 - d 5 Officers, 126 EM, 31 December 1944.
4. Stations:
 - 1 Dec 1944 to 4 Dec 1944 inclusive, St Avoild, France, grid coordinates, Q251577, Maps of France, 1:50,000.
 - 5 Dec 1944 to 17 Dec 1944 inclusive, Valmont, France, grid coordinates, Q242547, Maps of France, 1:50,000.
 - 18 Dec 1944 to 19 Dec 1944 inclusive, Rohrbach, France, grid coordinates, Q655497, Maps of France, 1:50,000.
 - 20 Dec 1944 to 21 Dec 1944 inclusive, Luxembourg, Lux., grid coordinates, P849118, Maps of NE France and Belgium, 1:100,000.
 - 22 Dec 1944 to 31 Dec 1944 inclusive, Mersch, Lux., grid coordinates, P830293, Maps of NE France and Belgium, 1:100,000.
5. Marches:
 - a Purpose, continuation of combat action against enemy as required by tactical situation.
 - b Points between which marched:

St Avoild, France (Q251577) to Valmont, France, (Q242547)
5 December by motor convoy, distance 4 miles.
Valmont, France (Q242547) to vicinity Rohrbach, France, (Q655497) 18 December by motor convoy, distance 40 miles.
From vicinity of Rohrbach, France (Q655497) to Luxembourg, Lux., (P849118) 20 December by motor convoy, distance 120 miles.
From Luxembourg, Lux., (P849118) to Mersch, Lux., (P830293) 22 December by motor convoy, distance 15 miles.

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6. Campaign:

Name: Battle of Germany.

Duration: 15 September 1944 to date unknown.

Purpose: To conquer Germany.

Authority Ordering: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force.

7. Battles:


This unit was continuously engaged in support of Division operations, controlling traffic in area, operating at bridges and maintaining motor patrols of MSR, straggler and MO Passage Line. Detachments were furnished to Civil Affairs Units operating with each Combat Team of Division. Division Prisoner of War Enclosure operated by Platoon processed 1308 PW'S during the month of December 1944.

8. Commanding Officer: Major D. K. HUGHES

9. Losses in action during December 1944: None.

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

11. Photographs of personnel, activities or events not available.


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