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HEADQUARTERS 80TH RECONNAISSANCE TROOP
APO 80, U.S. Army

30 November 1944

Subject: Transmittal of Organization History and Reports
After Action Against Enemy.

To : Commanding General, 80th Infantry Division, APO 80,
U.S. Army. Attention: Division Historian.

1. Transmitted herewith is Organization History and
Reports After Action Against Enemy prepared by this organization
for the month of November 1944.

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Commanding.

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1. Original unit.

- a. 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized)
- b. 15 July 1943.
- c. Camp Forrest, Tennessee.
- d. General Order, 80th Infantry Division.
- e. Cadre for Troop was obtained from 8th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop with the remainder of the men being furnished by Selective Service.

2. On October 6, 1943 the 80th Reconnaissance Troop was enlarged to form the 80th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Provisional). The change never became permanent and on 7 November 1943 the Provisional Squadron was disbanded and the organization became a Troop again.

Table of Organization 2-27, dated 15 July 1943, under which the Troop is now operating, with Change 1, dated 15 September 1943 and Change 2, dated 6 July 1944, reduced the Troop to its present size.

3. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.	<u>Officers</u>	<u>EM</u>
a. At beginning of period	6	152
b. Net increase each month	0	3
c. Net decrease each month	0	8
d. At end of period	6	147

4. Stations:

Arrived Camp Mobberley Hall, England, on 8 July 1944.
Departed on 31 July 1944.

Arrived Marshalling Area, Southampton, England, on 1 August 1944. Departed on 2 August 1944.

Arrived France 6 August 1944.

5. Marches:

Departed 1/2 mile south of Morey, France (last reported location on October report) at 1800, 7 November 44. Arrived Ville au Val at 2200, 7 November 1944. Distance travelled four miles.

Departed Ville au Val at 0900, 11 November 44. Arrived Raucourt at 1300, 11 November 44. Distance travelled 14

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miles.

Departed Raucourt at 1100, 12 November 44. Arrived Bechy at 1300, 12 November 44. Distance travelled 12 miles.

Departed Bechy at 1000, 20 November 44. Arrived Vittoncourt at 1300, 20 November 44. Distance travelled five miles.

Departed Vittoncourt at 0700, 21 November 44. Arrived at Faulquemont at 1300, 21 November 44. Distance travelled 15 miles.

Departed Faulquemont at 1200, 24 November 44. Arrived at Crehange at 1400, 24 November 44. Distance travelled 5 miles.

Departed Crehange at 0800, 25 November 44. Arrived one mile southwest Faulquemont at 1000, 25 November 44. Distance travelled seven miles.

Departed one mile southwest Faulquemont at 1000, 27 November 44. Arrived 1/2 mile west Pont Pierre at 1500, 27 November 44. Distance travelled five miles.

Departed 1/2 mile west Pont Pierre at 1100, 28 November 44. Arrived LaChambre at 1800, 28 November 44. Distance travelled 11 miles.

Condition of roads travelled: Generally fair but only after a maximum engineer effort in the clearance of blocks and the filling of craters.

Weather: Heavy and continuous rainfall throughout the period interfered with operations. Visibility was limited because of the extreme low ceiling throughout the period.

6. Campaigns:

- a. Battle of Germany.
- b. Still in progress.
- c. Destruction of the German Army.
- d. SHAEF.

7. Battles: See attached narrative account of action.

8. Losses in action: Officers and men.

- a. Battle of Germany.
- b. Killed in action:
 - Sgt. Herbert L. Marshall
- c. Wounded in action; Injured in action:
 - Tec 5 Robert L. Weaver
 - Pfc Clarence W. Elwood
 - Pfc Paul E. Haney

9. Commanding Officer in important engagements:
PAUL L. SMITH, 1st Lt., Cavalry.

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

a. Engagement: Battle of Germany (Moselle River sector)

b. Sgt Herbert L. Marshall
Cpl Herbert L. Andrews
Cpl Alphonse F. Aramias
Pfc Clarence W. Elwood
Pfc Edward L. Mosby
Pfc Jason P. Rouby

c. The above named, with the exception of Cpl Herbert L. Andrews, distinguished themselves by heroic service in action against the enemy, Cpl Andrews by meritorious achievement in connection with liaison duties.

d. The above named men were awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

11. Photographs of personnel; important scenes or events:
None.