

PRESENTATION OF BATTLE HONORS

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Kaufbeuren, Germany, 4 July 1945

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“The 80th Only Moves Forward”



CAMPAIGNS

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Northern France
Ardennes
Rhineland
Central Europe

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1050 — Adjutant's Call.
- 1100 — Commander of Troops, COLONEL NORMANDO A. COSTELLO, 319th Infantry, presents command to MAJOR GENERAL LOUIS A. CRAIG, Commander of XX Corps.
- 1105 — COLONEL COSTELLO orders units to be decorated to move forward and presents them to GENERAL CRAIG.
- 1110 — Presentation of Battle Honors to: Second Battalion, 318th Infantry, and 313th Field Artillery Battalion.
- 1125 — Troops pass in review while honored units remain in position beside reviewing stand.
- 1145 — Introduction of GENERAL CRAIG by BRIGADIER GENERAL GEORGE W. SMYTHE.
- 1147 — Address by GENERAL CRAIG.
- 1157 — Closing Prayer.
- 1200 — Star Spangled Banner.
- 1400 — Baseball Game, Division Parade Ground. 317th Infantry versus 318th Infantry.
- 1600 — Special Service Show, Division Parade Ground.

BATTLE HONORS

The Second Battalion, 318th Infantry

"The 2D BATTALION, 318TH INFANTRY, is cited for outstanding performance of duty during the period 25 to 28 December 1944. The battalion was heavily engaged with the enemy in the vicinity of Ettelbruck, Luxembourg, when it was withdrawn from the front lines for the movement to the Bastogne, Belgium area. Its effective rifle-fighting strength had been reduced to 200 men. Attacking on Christmas Day after several days without rest, the battalion began its assault of the enemy positions encircling Bastogne, Belgium. Throughout the next 4 days and 3 nights, the depleted battalion battled its way in freezing temperature, through the strongly held woods and villages separating our troops from the besieged forces in Bastogne. The stubborn resistance of the enemy and well dug-in positions required constant use of the bayonet and hand grenade in their destruction. Suffering heavy casualties, constantly exposed to raking enemy machine-gun and small-arms fire from flanking positions, the battalion fought on with an unrelenting determination that overcame all obstacles, routed the enemy, and established contact with the forces within Bastogne. The aggressiveness of the heroic infantrymen of the 2D BATTALION, 318TH INFANTRY reflects the finest traditions of the Army of the United States."

The 313th Field Artillery Battalion

"The 313TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy on 12-21 September 1944. The 313TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION supported the attack of the 317th Infantry Regiment in the crossing of the Moselle River the morning of 12 September 1944. At 1800 on that date, the 313TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION crossed the Moselle to positions in the vicinity of Bezaumont. That night and the following 4 days the forces that crossed the river were repeatedly attacked by tanks and infantry supported by artillery, mortars, and machine guns. These attacks were in all cases repulsed, on two occasions only after penetration of the firing positions of the 313TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION. On 14 September 1944 the situation became critical. An attack by enemy infantry and tanks, supported by heavy concentrations of mortar and artillery, was directed against our lines. This attack succeeded in penetrating deep into our positions. Without hesitation, and based upon a sound plan, all men of the 313TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, including Service Battery and Headquarters personnel, except the minimum necessary to serve the pieces, were deployed as infantry. Making use of bazookas, machine guns, carbines, and their primary weapons, the 313TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, from their defensive positions, repulsed the attack without the loss of materiel. Two enemy tanks were destroyed in this action. The 313TH FIELD ARTILLERY

BATTALION was the only artillery unit east of the Moselle River during the period 12-16 September 1944. During these 4 days the battery positions were repeatedly subjected to small-arms, machine-gun, mortar, and artillery fire. During the early morning hours of 16 September 1944 an attack by tanks and infantry, directed principally against the left (north) of the front lines, was repulsed by the infantry supported by 313TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION and other artillery with the division (from positions west of the Moselle), but only after the enemy had infiltrated to the rear of the 313TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION and some infantry elements had been forced back across the river. The 313TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION distinguished itself in battle by extraordinary heroism, exhibited such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps as to set it apart and above units participating in the same engagement. The magnificent courage and devotion to duty displayed by all members of the 313TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION are a credit and inspiration to the armed forces of the United States."

INDIVIDUAL DECORATIONS

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR

1st Lt. Edgar H. Lloyd, 319th Infantry (posthumously)
Staff Sgt. Paul J. Wiedorfer, 318th Infantry
Staff Sgt. Day G. Turner, 319th Infantry (posthumously)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Staff Sgt. Louis A. Antal, Jr., 318th Infantry
Sgt. James L. Atkins, 317th Infantry
1st Sgt. Charles A. Baldari, 318th Infantry
Lt. Col. Paul Bandy, 319th Infantry
Pfc. James O. Bird, 319th Infantry
2nd Lt. Raymond E. Broadbent, 318th Infantry (posthumously)
Lt. Col. Sterling Burnette, 317th Infantry (posthumously)
Tech. Sgt. Joseph F. Collinson, 318th Infantry
Lt. Col. James A. Craig, Jr., 317th Infantry
Pfc. Earl G. Goins, 317th Infantry
2nd Lt. Hershel T. Hardin, 319th Infantry (posthumously)
Tech. Sgt. William B. Humphrey, 319th Infantry
Capt. (Chaplain) Benedict A. Henderson, 319th Infantry
Capt. John B. Kelly, 318th Infantry (posthumously)
Pfc. Owen M. Laughlin, 318th Infantry
Pfc. William J. McKenzie, 319th Infantry
2nd Lt. Joseph M. Moore, Jr., 319th Infantry
2nd Lt. William E. Newing, 319th Infantry

Sgt. Watson W. Paine, 318th Infantry
Tec. 5 Thomas W. Pettengill, 317th Infantry
Cpl. James A. Rapino, 317th Infantry
Tec. 5 Otis M. Redd, Jr., 305th Medical Battalion
Tec. 4 Coleman S. Rogers, 317th Infantry
Pfc. Hoyt T. Rowell, 317th Infantry
Capt. Raymond G. Roy, 318th Infantry
1st Lt. Gottlieb Ruby, 319th Infantry
2nd Lt. James E. Russell, 319th Infantry (posthumously)
2nd Lt. James G. Schwartz, Jr., 319th Infantry
Capt. Robert W. Smith, 317th Infantry
Capt. Frank A. Williams, 318th Infantry
Pfc. Edward M. Winterbottom, 319th Infantry

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Major General Horace L. McBride, Commanding General, 80th Infantry Division.

LEGION OF MERIT

Col. Orion L. Davidson, 319th Infantry
Lt. Col. Frederick W. Ellery, 313th Field Artillery Battalion
Col. Max S. Johnson, former Chief of Staff, 80th Infantry Division
Col. Joseph E. Shaw, Division Artillery
Col. Lansing McVickar, 318th Infantry (posthumously)