

In memory of Sergeant Joseph S. Black, Company 'D,' 317th Infantry, Company 'F,' 305th Ammunition Train, 80th Division, A.E.F., 1917 - 1919

# 80th Infantry Division in World War I

The **80th Infantry Division** was established at Camp Lee, Virginia, in August 1917 with men from Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

## 80th Infantry Division

MajGen Adelbert Cronkhite  
 BGen George H. Jamerson  
 "By Arms and By Courage"  
 "Old Virginia Never Tires"

## 159th Infantry Brigade

317th Infantry Regiment  
 318th Infantry Regiment  
 313th Machinegun Battalion

## 160th Infantry Brigade

319th Infantry Regiment  
 320th Infantry Regiment  
 315th Machinegun Battalion

BGen Lloyd M. Brett  
 "Willing and Able"  
 "Forward"

## 155th Field Artillery Brigade

313th Field Artillery Regiment  
 314th Field Artillery Regiment  
 315th Field Artillery Regiment  
 305th Trench Mortar Battery

BGen Gordon G. Heiner  
 24 - 75mm Guns  
 24 - 75mm Guns  
 24 - 155mm Guns  
 12 - 6in Mortars

314th Machinegun Battalion  
 305th Engineer Regiment

Erie Pennsylvanians  
 Pittsburgh Pennsylvanians

305th Field Signal Battalion

305th Train Headquarters and 80th MP Company

305th Ammunition Train  
 305th Supply Train  
 305th Engineer Train  
 305th Mobile Ordnance Repair Shop  
 305th Sanitary Train

317th, 318th, 319th, 320th Ambulance Companies and Field Hospitals  
 Medical Support Unit and Mobile Laboratory

In May of 1918, the division embarked aboard ships bound for France. Arriving by June 9, the division was moved by train to Calais and attached to the British Army. All four infantry regiments participated with the British in the *Somme Offensive* during August 1918.

At the end of August, the division moved by train through Paris to the U.S. sector at St. Mihiel. During the *St. Mihiel Offensive* of September 1918, the **80th Division** served as the First Army Reserve.

On September 26, 1918, the allies launched the *Meuse-Argonne Offensive*. For seventeen days, the **80th Division** attacked north along the Meuse River. On October 9th, the division penetrated the Hindenburg Line. The division was headquartered at **Bethincourt** from October 1-12.



**Division Insignia.** The 80th "Blue Ridge" Division shoulder patch shows three mountains of the Blue Ridge, one peak for each state that furnished soldiers to the division: Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. The division memorial was dedicated in 1927 in Nantillois, France.

The general offensive resumed on November 1, 1918. The **80th Division** captured **Sivry-les-Buzancy** on the 2nd, **Vaux-en-Dieulet** and **Sommauthe** on the 4th, and **La Thibaudine Farm** on the 5th. On 6 November, the **80th Division** occupied **La Harnoterie Farm**.

On November 11, 1918, the armistice was announced, ending the war. The **80th Division** had spent 47 days in combat, captured 1813 German prisoners, and suffered 1241 killed and 4788 wounded. 619 **80th Division** soldiers were decorated. After the 1st and 2nd regular divisions, the **80th Division** was recognized as the leading National Army Division for number of days in combat and honors earned.