

## 225. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/02/02	Hamburg, Wehrkreis X	Activation of 225.ID (3.Welle) by conversion of 225.LdwD, formation, training	
1939/08/30	Wehrkreis X	Operational readiness	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Ernst Schaumburg, 1939/08/26-1940/07/30 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. X, 1939/08/25-1939/09/01
1939/08/31	Aachen, Schleiden, Stolberg, Eschweiler, Tr.Ueb.Pl. Senne	Transfer, border security, training	AK 5, 1939/09/01-1939/09/05 AK 27, 1939/09/06-1940/01/22 OKH Berlin, 1940/01/23-1940/02/28
1940/03/05	Dortmund	Movement, preparations for invasion of the Low Countries	AK 1, 1940/02/29-1940/05/09
1940/05/09	Goch, Germany, Gennep, Bergen op Zoom	Movement, invasion of the Netherlands, offensive engagements	AOK 18, 1940/05/10-1940/06/15 Obf. Belgien u. Nordfrankreich, 1940/06/16-1940/09/30
1940/05/18	Antwerp, Ghent, Thielt, Bruges, Tornhout, Roulers, Tournai	Movement across Belgium, offensive engagements	
1940/06/16	Arras, Albert, Saint-Pol, Lillers, Bruay-en-Artois	Movement in France, occupation and security duty	
1940/07/07	Furnes, Ostend, Bruges, Heist, Belgium, Terneuzen	Movement, coastal defense	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Friedrich Karl von Wachter, 1940/08/01-1941/05/30
1940/10/27	Charleville, Rethel, Vouziers, Roye, Ham, France	Movement, occupation and security duty, training	Subordinate to: AK 23, 1940/10/01-1940/10/29 AK 42, 1940/10/30-1941/01/18 AK 32 Hoeh.Kdo., 1941/01/19-1941/12/24
1941/02/09	Honfleur, Dives-sur-Mer, Pont-Audemcr, Deauville, Lisieux	Coastal defense, security duty, training	
1941/06/08	Amiens, Peronne, Compiègne, Beauvais, Abbeville, Doullens	Movement, occupation duty,	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Hans von Basse, 1941/05/30-1942/09/25
1941/12/24	Narva via Danzig, Liepaja, Riga, Pskov, Luga, Gatchina, Soviet Union	Transfer, assembly	
1942/01/29	Lisino-Korpus, Kastenskaya	Movement, defensive operations	Subordinate to: AOK 18, 1942/01/09-1942/02/09

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1942/02/06	Lisino-Korpus, Kastenskaya	Formation of Gruppe von Basse	AK 50, 1942/02/10-1942/02/24
1942/02/25	Lyuban, Tigoda River	Offensive and defensive operations	Gruppe Endres (AK 1), 1942/02/25-1942/03/22 AK 1, 1942/03/23-1942/05/03
1942/05/03	Lyuban	Disbandment of Gruppe von Basse, reestablishing the 225.ID	AK 50, 1942/05/04-1942/12/10
1942/05/04	Kopor'ye, Gorki, Oranienbaum front	Defensive and assault operations, coastal defense	
1942/12/05	Volosovo, Koty, Veymarn, Shimsk, Demyansk pocket aperture	Movement, defensive operations, rehabilitation	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Walther Risse, 1942/09/25- Subordinate to: AK 10, 1942/12/11-1942/12/16 Gruppe Hoehne (AK 2), 1942/12/17-1943/01/20
1943/01/31- 1943/02/24	Demyansk	Attachment to the 254.ID (no records available for this period, source: Potsdam catalog)	AK 2, 1943/01/21-1943/01/31
1943/02/25	Staraya Russa, Lake Ilmen	Movement, defensive operations	Gruppe v. Erdmannsdorff, 1943/02/24-1943/03/18 AK 10, 1943/03/18-1943/05/15
1943/05/27	Tosno, Lyuban, Shapki	Defensive operations, road security	AK 28, 1943/05/22-1943/09/04
1943/08/31	Mga	Movement, defensive operations	AK 26, 1943/09/05-1943/09/17

Records of the 225.ID are reproduced on rolls 1696-1698 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/09/15 were available in the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost, records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H1/38 (T78, roll 398) and OKH/AHA/Abwicklungsstab, H41/57 (T78, roll 142), and a manuscript in the Foreign Military Studies series, MS D-151, Estonia, 1944 (Fighting on the Narva front, the evacuation of Estonia and withdrawal to the Dvina, Operations of Armeeabteilung Narwa) by Gen.d.Inf. Anton Grasser, contain references to the 225.ID as follows:

1943/09/16	Mga	Position defense
1944/01/19	Tosno, Gatchina, Volosovo	Disengagement movements, reorganization as Kampfgruppe 225
1944/02/27	Lake Peipus	Re-formation as 225.ID, incorporation of elements of the 9.LwFID
1944/05/19	Lake Peipus, Narva, Kokhtla-Yarve, Estonia	Defensive operations
1944/07/04	Daugavpils, Zarasai, Dusetos, Jaunjelgava, Ogre, Latvia	Disengagement movements
1944/10/12	Rokiskis, Mazeikiai, Lithuania	Movement, defensive operations
1945/02/16	Priekule, Lithuania, Durbe, Latvia	Movement, defensive operations
1945/04/26	Durbe	Probably captured

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Ia, KTB (Abschrift). War journal concerning mobilization in the Hamburg area, Wehrkreis X, 26-30 Aug 1939, operational readiness, 30 Aug 1939, transfer to and regrouping in the Aachen, Schleiden, Stolberg, and Eschweiler areas, 31 Aug-3 Sep 1939, construction of fortifications, securing the German-Belgian border, training, and preparations for an attack on Belgium.	1939/08/25-1939/12/31	225.ID W7049	1696	1
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB. Orders, directives, messages, and maps pertaining to mobilization in Wehrkreis X, operational readiness, transfer to and regrouping in the Aachen, Schleiden, Stolberg, and Eschweiler areas, construction and fortifying positions, border security, and training. Billeting surveys and special directives concerning supply, reconnaissance, and signal communications relating to preparations for an attack on Belgium.	1939/08/26-1939/12/22	225.ID W7049a	1696	26
Ia, KTB 1. Border security and training south of Aachen and at Truppenuebungsplatz Senne, 1 Jan-4 Mar 1940, movement to the Dortmund area, 5-7 Mar, training and preparations for the invasion of the Low Countries, 8 Mar-8 May 1940, movement to and invasion of the Netherlands in the Goch area, 9-11 May 1940, offensive engagements and movement to Belgium via Gennepe and Bergen op Zoom, 12-17 May 1940, attack and capture of Antwerp, 19-21 May 1940, offensive engagements in the Wetteren, Thielt, Ghent, Bruges, Torhout, Roulers, Courtrai, and Tournai areas, 23 May-14 Jun 1940, movement into France to Albert via Arras and to Saint-Pol, Lillers, and Bruayen-Artois for occupation and security duty, 16 Jun-6 Jul 1940, movement to and coastal defense in Furnes, Ostend, Bruges, Heist, and Terneuzen, 7 Jul-30 Sep 1940.	1940/01/01-1940/09/30	225.ID W7049/b	1696	213
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 1. Orders, directives, and reports pertaining to border security and training in the area south of Aachen and at Truppenuebungsplatz Senne,	1940/01/02-1940/04/13	225.ID W7049c	1696	278

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Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning movements, relief, coastal defense, security and occupation duty, training, and regrouping in the Furnes, Ostend, Bruges, Heist, and Terneuzen areas, 1-26 Oct 1940; the Charleville, Rethel, and Vouziers areas, 27 Oct 1940-17 Jan 1941; the Roye and Ham areas, 18 Jan-8 Feb 1941; Honfleur, Dives-sur-Mer, Pont-Audemer, Deauville, and Lisieux areas, 9 Feb-7 Jun 1941; the Amiens, Albert, Peronne, Compiegne, Beauvais, Abbeville, Flixecourt, and Doullens areas, 8 Jun-20 Dec 1941; and preparations for the transfer of the division to the east, beginning 24 Dec 1941. A register of officers and a strength report.	1940/10/01-1941/12/20	225.ID 13511/1	1696	355
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 2. Orders, directives, and maps pertaining to coastal defense in the Furnes, Ostend, Bruges, Heist, and Terneuzen areas; relief by the 164.ID; movement to the Charleville, Rethel, and Vouziers areas for occupation duty and securing the northeast line to stop refugees from entering northern France and to the Roye, Ham, Honfleur, Dives-sur-Mer, Pont-Audemer, Lisieux, and Deauville areas for security activity, coastal defense, and training; relief by the 332.ID; and movement to the Amiens, Compiegne, Beauvais, Abbeville, Saint-Omer, Flixecourt, Montdidier, and Peronne areas. Notes on command conferences and order-of-battle charts.	1940/10/01-1941/08/30	225.ID 13511/2	1696	416
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 2. Orders and directives pertaining to securing of the northeast line and railroads, air raid protection, troop indoctrination, training, and regrouping in the Amiens, Compiegne, Beauvais, Abbeville, Flixecourt, Saint-Omer,	1941/09/01-1941/12/20	225.ID 13511/3	1696	777

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Montdidier, Peronne, Albert, Doullens, and Roye areas and at Truppenuebungsplatz Sissonne and preparations for the transfer of the division to the east, beginning 24 Dec 1941.				
Ic, IB. Activity report concerning enemy military situation; counterintelligence; and troop entertainment, welfare, and indoctrination.	1940/10/01-1941/12/20	225.ID 13511/4	1696	1013
Ia, KTB. Transfer from Amiens, France, to Danzig by train, and to Riga and Libau (Liepaja) by ship, 24 Dec 1941-8 Jan 1942; movement to and assembly in the Narva area via Pskov, Luga, and Gatchina, 9-29 Jan 1942; movement to and defensive operations in the Lisino-Korpus and Kastenskaya areas, 29 Jan-24 Feb 1942; formation of Gruppe von Basse from the 225.ID and elements of other units to secure the southern flank of AOK 18, 6 Feb; defensive and offensive operations in the Lyuban area and the Tigoda River sector, 25 Feb-1 May; relief of the 5.GebD, 7 Apr, and by the 93.ID, 2 May 1942; movement to the Kopor'ye area along the Kranienbaum front to relieve the 217.ID; and disbandment of Gruppe von Basse and reestablishing the division, 3 May 1942.	1941/12/21-1942/05/03	225.ID 18022/1	1697	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB. Orders and maps pertaining to movement from Gatchina to the Narva and Kingisepp areas, defensive operations in the Lisino-Korpus, Kastenskaya, and Lyuban areas, formation of Gruppe von Basse, 6 Feb, and its disbandment on 3 May 1942, attack in the Tigoda River sector, and movement to the Kopor'ye and Gorki areas. Order-of-battle charts, strength reports, and an afteraction critique relating to the division's transfer from France to Russia, 1-14 Jan 1942.	1942/01/07-1942/05/01	225.ID 18022/2	1697	76
Ic, IB. Activity report concerning enemy tactical operations and unit identification and strength.	1942/01/01-1942/03/31	225.ID 20460/1	1697	221
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Ia, KPB 3. War journal concerning relief of the 217.ID, 3-5 May 1942, defensive and assault operations in the Kopor'ye area along the Oranienbaum front, 6 May-3 Dec 1942, coastal defense west of the Oranienbaum encirclement to Gorki, 15 Aug-3 Dec 1942, and relief by the 10.LwFlD, 29 Nov-5 Dec 1942.	1942/05/04-1942/12/05	225.ID 24500/1	1697	252
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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 3. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to defensive operations, taking over the coastal defense west of the Oranienbaum encirclement to Gorki, construction of positions and bridges, artillery and engineer activity, changes in unit assignments, reorganization, replacements, assignment and mission of alert units, increasing combat strength, battle conduct, training, relief by the 10.LwFlD, and preparations for movement from Koty and Volosovo, 5-10 Dec 1942. Order-of-battle charts; status and strength reports; special directives concerning supply and signal communications; and reports on enemy operations, morale, and unit identification.	1942/08/13-1942/12/04	225.ID 24500/4	1697	557

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Ia, KTB 4. War journal concerning relief by the 10.LwFldD, 5-10 Dec 1942; movement from Volosovo, Koty, and Veymarn via Shimsk to the Demyansk pocket aperture and defensive operations, 6-22 Dec 1942; relief of the 81.ID, 23 Dec 1942-15 Jan 1943, and by the 254.ID, 15 Jan 1943; assembly in the Demyansk area for rehabilitation, 19-30 Jan 1943, disbandment and reassignment of Gren.Reggt. 333; and attachment of the division to the 254.ID, 31 Jan 1943.	1942/12/05-1943/01/31	225.ID 34327/1	1697	845
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 4. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to movement from Volosovo, Koty, and Veymarn and assembly in the Shimsk and Tuleblya area, 7-16 Dec 1942, movement and defensive operations in the Demyansk pocket aperture, 6-22 Dec 1942, relief of the 81.ID and by the 254.ID, assembly in the Demyansk area for rehabilitation, disbandment and reassignment of Gren.Reggt. 333, and attachment of the division to the 254.ID, 31 Jan 1943.	1942/12/07-1943/01/31	225.ID 34327/3	1697	839
Ia, KTB 5. War journal concerning Gen.Lt. Walther Risse again taking over the command of the division, 25 Feb 1943, which was also known as Untergruppe Risse, 25 Feb-18 Mar 1943; movement from Demyansk to defend the area west of Staraya Russa and south of Lake Ilmen, 26 Feb-17 May 1943; relief by the 329.ID, 18-31 May 1943; movement to Lyuban and Shapki via Tosno to relieve the 132.ID, 27 May-1 Jun 1943; defensive operations in the area east of Lyuban, 1 Jun-22 Aug 1943, relief by the 1.ID, 23-25 Aug 1943, securing the road from Lyuban to Shapki, 25-31 Aug 1943, and relief of the 69.ID and defense of the area south of Mga, 31 Aug-15 Sep 1943. A register of officers.	1943/02/25-1943/09/15	225.ID 37355/1	1698	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to movements, relief by and of other divisions, defensive operations, construction of positions, operations against partisans, formation and	1943/02/25-1943/09/15	225.ID 37355/2	1698	34

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Ic, TB. Activity report concerning enemy operations, morale, losses, unit identification, and propaganda and partisan and agent activity; control of the civilian population; counterintelligence activity; and troop indoctrination and entertainment.	1942/04/01-1943/09/15	225.ID 37988/1	1698	339
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