

239. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/02/02	Gleiwitz, Wehrkreis VIII	Activation of the 239.ID (3.Welle) by conversion of the 239.LdWD, formation, training	
1939/08/25	Gleiwitz, Cosel, Oppeln	Operational readiness, assembly	Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. VIII, 1939/08/25-1939/10/06
1939/09/01	Beuthen (Bytom), Nikolai (Mikolow), Kattowitz (Katowice), Zory, Biala, Orawka, Bochnia	Invasion of Poland, movement, security and occupation duty	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Ferdinand Neuling, 1939/09/01-1942/03/02
1939/10/06	Rzeszow, Jaroslaw, Krosno, San River sector, Sieniawa, Jaslo	Movement, security and occupation	Subordinate to: AK 8, 1939/10/07-1940/04/29
1940/04/29	Truppenebungszplatz Brdywald (Brdy) Beraun (Beroun)	Transfer, training	Mil.Bfh. Protektorat Boehmen u. Maehren, 1940/05/01-1940/05/28
1940/05/31	Villingen, Freiburg	Movement, assembly	AK 33 Hoen.Kdo.
1940/06/13	Rhine River, Colmar, Soultzbach-les-Bains, Mulhouse, Belfort	Crossing, advance, offensive engagements, occupation duty	
1940/07/03	Freiburg	Movement	
1940/07/07	Gleiwitz, Oppeln, Cosel, Beuthen, Truppenebungszplatz Lamsdorf	Transfer, rehabilitation, training	Stellv.Gen.Kdo. VIII, 1940/07/07-1941/04/03
1941/04/03	Siret River sector, Botosani, Pascani, Suceava, Falticeni, Rumania	Transfer, training Rumanian units, offensive engagements	Deutsche Heeresmission in Rumaenien, 1941/04/04-1941/05/24
1941/06/10	Dorohoi, Braesti, Bucecea	Preparations for invasion of Russia, defensive and assault operations	Obkdo.d.Tr.d.deutsch.Heeres in Rumaenien, 1941/05/24-1941/06/05 AK 11, 1941/06/06-1941/06/28
1941/07/02	Prut River, Zguritsa, Yampol, Balta, Dniester and Kodyma Rivers	Advance into Russia, offensive engagements, crossing	Kgl.rum.Kav.Korps, 1941/06/28-1941/07/01 AOK 11, 1941/07/01-1941/07/08 AK 11, 1941/07/08-1941/07/28

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1941/08/06	Pasitsely, Bug River, Novaya Odessa, Novo-Ukrainka, Kirovograd, Znamenka, Chigrin	Advance, offensive engagements	
1941/08/29	Dnieper River, Uspenskoye, Psel River, Kremenchug Kandybovka, Zolotonosha	Crossing, attack, capture, offensive engagements	AK 44, 1941/08/28 AK 11, 1941/08/28-1941/10/05
1941/09/23	Orshitsa, Khorol, Vorskla River, Poltava, Krasnokutsk, Bogodukhov	Offensive and defensive operations	
1941/10/15	Bogodukhov	Occupation, defense	AK 17, 1941/10/05-1941/10/25
1941/10/17	Kharkov (northern part)	Attack, occupation	AK 55, 1941/10/25-1941/11/03
1941/11/01	Donets River sector	Movement, defense, security	AK 51, 1941/11/03-1941/11/27
1941/11/27	Bogodukhov	Movement, disbandment	AK 17, 1941/11/28-1941/12/03
1941/12/26	Oboyan, Marino (Rzhava)	Transfer of the Div.Stab and Nachr.Komp. 239 to form Gruppe Neuling	AOK 6, 1941/12/03-1942/02/01
1942/02/01	Bogodukhov	Disbandment completed	

Records of the 239.ID are reproduced on rolls 1713-1716 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Situation maps of Lage Ost and West and the general officer personnel files were also used for the unit history.

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Ia, KTB 4. War journal concerning training and rehabilitation in the Gleiwitz, Oppeln, Cosel, and Beuthen (Bytom) areas and at Truppenuebungsplatz Lamsdorf.	1940/08/27-1940/11/22	239.ID 9604/1	1713	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 4. Orders, directives, reports, and maps pertaining to training, air raid protection, rehabilitation, and leave for military personnel to bolster the economy in the Oppeln, Cosel, Beuthen (Bytom), and Gleiwitz areas and at Truppenuebungsplatz Lamsdorf; a register of officers; and status reports.	1940/08/24-1940/11/23	239.ID 9604/2	1713	28
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 4. Schedules, reports, and maps pertaining to training and map exercises in Oppeln.	1940/09/19-1940/11/09	239.ID 9604/3	1713	175
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 4. Orders, reports, schedules, and maps pertaining to training, reequipping, rehabilitation, leave for personnel to bolster the economy, and completion of formation and march-readiness of the division on 29 Mar 1941, in the Gleiwitz, Hindenburg (Zabrze), Oppeln, Kattowitz (Katowice), Neustadt (Prudnik), and Beuthen (Bytom) areas and at Truppenuebungsplaeetze Lamsdorf and Neuhammer. A list of officers duty assignments, an order-of-battle chart, and special directives concerning supply and rear area services.	1940/11/23-1941/03/29	239.ID 9604/4	1713	239
Ia, KTB 5. War journal concerning transfer to Rumania, 3-8 Apr 1941, training and defensive operations in the Siret (Sereth) River sector, 10 Apr-1 Jul; advance to and offensive engagements in the Botosani, Zguritsa, Yampol, Balta, Novaya Odessa, Novo-Ukrainka, Kirovoograd, Znamenka, Kremenchug, Zolotonosha, Khorol, Poltava, Krasnokutsk, and Bogodukhov areas; 2 Jul-14 Oct 1941, attack on and occupation of the northern part of Kharkov, 17-30 Oct; relief by the 68.ID, 31 Oct; movement to and securing the Donets River line south of Belgorod, 1-25 Nov; relief by the 79.ID, 26 Nov; and movement to Bogodukhov for disbandment, which was	1941/03/29-1942/02/01	239.ID 16183/1	1713	239

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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders, directives, reports, and maps pertaining to the transfer from Oppeln and Gleiwitz to the Siret (Sereth) River sector in Rumania, training of Rumanian Army and division units in the Botosani, Suceava, Falticeni, and Pascani areas, 9 Apr-11 May, relief of the area east of the Siret River by the 76.ID, 12 May, and movement to and preparations for defense of the Dorohoi and Braesti areas, 10-13 Jun 1941. An order-of-battle chart, a status report, an entraining survey, a list of code names for division units, and special directives concerning supply and signal communications.	1941/03/28-1941/06/13	239.ID 16183/2	1713	801
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders, messages, and maps pertaining to preparations for Operation Barbarossa (invasion of Russia); assault and defensive operations in the Dorohoi, Braesti, Bucecea, and Saveni areas; results of reconnaissance of the Prut River sector, 14-29 Jun 1941; relief by the 2. gemischte rum. Geb. Brigade; assembly in the Braesti and Bucecea areas, 30 Jun-1 Jul; and movement to east of Botosani, 2 Jul 1941. An order-of-battle chart, casualty reports, and special directives concerning signal communications.	1941/06/14-1941/07/02	239.ID 16183/3	1714	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders, messages, and maps pertaining to movements and offensive and defensive operations from Botosani to the Yampol and Soroki areas via Zguritsa and the crossing of the Prut River east of Botosani and the Dniester River at Yarova, 2-17 Jul 1941, movement to and offensive engagements in the Zagmitkov and Kodyma areas, 18-24 Jul, attack on Balta and mopping-up action, 25 Jul-4 Aug, and movement toward the Kodyma River, 5 Aug 1941. Order-of-battle charts; and reports concerning enemy operations, losses and unit identification.	1941/07/02-1941/08/05	239.ID 16183/4	1714	427
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders, messages, and maps	1941/08/06-1941/09/23	239.ID 16183/5	1714	813

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pertaining to movement and offensive engagements from Pasitsely to Mostovoye Lyakhovo and the crossing of the Bug River between Voznesensk and Novaya Odessa, 6-17 Aug 1941; offensive engagements to the Kremenchug area via Novo-Ukrainka, Kirovograd, Znamenka, and Chigrin, 18-29 Aug; relief by the 24.ID, 30 Aug; crossing the Dnieper River at Uspenskoye, 31 Aug; crossing the Psel River and attack on and capture of Kremenchug, 1-9 Sep; and movement and offensive engagements to Kandybovka north of Zolotonosha, 10-23 Sep 1941. Order-of-battle charts, a status report, and reports on enemy operations and losses.				
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders, messages, and overlays pertaining to movement to the Poltava area via Orzhitsa and Khorol, crossing the Psel River; offensive engagements in the Vorskla River sector, 23 Sep-6 Oct 1941, and in Krasnokutsk, Parkhomovka, and Bogodukhov and the Merlya River sector, 7-14 Oct; occupation and defense of Bogodukhov, 15-16 Oct; movement to Kharkov; crossing the Udy River; attack on and occupation of the northern part of Kharkov, 17-30 Oct; relief by the 68.ID; and movement to and securing of the Donets River sector from Murom to south of Belgorod, 1-7 Nov 1941. Status reports, special directives concerning supply, and reports on enemy operations.	1941/09/23-1941/11/07	239.ID 16183/6	1715	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders and messages pertaining to securing of the Donets River line, training, operations against partisans, 8-25 Nov 1941, relief of the division's security sector by the 79.ID, and movement to Bogodukhov for disbandment, to be completed by 1 Feb 1942.	1941/11/08-1941/12/23	239.ID 16183/7	1715	554
Ic, TB. Activity report concerning enemy operations, losses, and unit identification, and reports by German war correspondents dated from 16 Jul to 7 Aug 1941, German propaganda leaflets and proclamations for the	1941/07/04-1941/12/23	239.ID 16183/8	1715	815

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civilian population, afteraction reports, overlays showing the enemy tactical situation, and a note referring to the disbandment of the division by 1 Feb 1942, with assignment of the division staff and Nachr.Komp. 239 to form the nucleus of Gruppe Neuling.				
Ic, Biographie russischer Fuehrer. Brief biographical sketches of the top level Russian Army and Navy commanders and Army commissars.	1941/06/20-1941/06/20	239.ID 16183/10	1715	1056
Ia, Die 239. Infanterie-Division im Feldzug gegen Polen. Orders and reports pertaining to preparations for the invasion of Poland in the Gleiwitz (Gliwice) area, 26-29 Aug 1939; assembly in the Cosel (Kozle) and Oppeln areas, 30-31 Aug; invasion of Poland; protection of the right flank of AK 8; occupation of the east Silesian industrial region; security activity from Beuthen (Bytom) to Bochnia via Nikolai (Mikolow), Kattowitz (Katowice), Zory, Biala, and Orawka, 1-18 Sep 1939; occupation duty in the Bochnia area, 19 Sep-10 Oct; movement to the San River area via Rzeszow, Jaroslaw, and Krosno; and relief of the 2.GebD and the 57.ID of securing the San River sector from Uzhok Pass to Sieniawa, 11-14 Oct 1939.	1939/08/26-1939/10/14	239.ID 37412/1	1716	630
Ia, Erlebnisberichte. Afteraction reports relating to combat action during the Polish campaign.	1939/11/13-1939/11/27	239.ID 37412/2	1716	759
Ia, Die 239. Infanterie-Division. Ihr Einsatz im Krieg 1939/1940. Reports concerning operations during the Polish campaign; movement to and securing the San River sector; relief by the Zollgrenzschutz and movement to the Jaslo and Krosno areas for occupation duty in December 1939; transfer to Truppenuebungsplatz Brdywald (Brdy) and Beraun (Bercun), Czechoslovakia, for training in April 1940; movement to Villingen and assembly in the Freiburg area, 31 May-12 Jun 1940; crossing the Rhine River; movements to and offensive engagements in the Colmar, Soultzbach-les-Bains,	1939/08/25-1940/07/04	239.ID 37412/3	1716	854

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Mulhouse, and Belfort areas, 13-24 Jun; occupation duty in the Belfort area, 25 Jun-3 Jul; and movement back to Freiburg, 4 Jul 1940. Casualty reports.				
Ic, Feindmeldungen. Intelligence reports concerning enemy operations on land and in the air, movements, and unit identification during defensive operations by Gruppe Neuling in the Oboyan and Bzhava areas.	1941/12/26-1942/03/25	239.ID 37412/4	1715	1011