

242. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1943/07/16	Gross-Born, Schneidemuehl, Neustettin, Deutsch-Krone, Wehrkreis II	Activation, formation, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Johannes Baessler, 1943/07/20-1944/11/11 (deceased) Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. II, 1943/07/18-1943/08/07
1943/08/16	Ghent, Bruges, Belgium	Transfer, training, reorganization	AK 67, 1943/08/08-1943/08/28 AK 89, 1943/08/29-1943/10/04 AOK 19, 1943/10/05-1943/10/31
1943/10/05	Toulon, France	Movement	
1943/10/16	Toulon, Brignoles, Iles d'Hyeres, Hyeres	Coastal defense, training	Gruppe Kniess, 1943/11/01-1944/04/01

Records of the 242.ID are reproduced on roll 1717 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although only a few record items of the 242.ID were available in the National Archives, situation maps of Lage West, records of OKH/GenStdti/Org.Abt., H1/38 (T78, roll 398), and OKH/AHA/Abwicklungsstab, H41/57 (T78, roll 142), and the general officer personnel files contain references to this division as follows:

1944/01/01	Toulon, Brignoles, Hyeres, Iles d'Hyeres, Saint-Raphael	Coastal defense, training	AK 62 Res, 1944/04/02-1944/08/15
1944/08/15	Toulon, Iles d'Hyeres, Hyeres	Defensive operations (Allied invasion)	AOK 19, 1944/08/16-1944/08/19
1944/08/21	Salon-de-Provence	Withdrawal, defensive operations by remnants of the division	
1944/08/28	Toulon fortress	Defense	
1944/09/02	Toulon fortress	Probably captured	
1944/10/07		Officially disbanded	

CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
Ia, KTB 1. War journal concerning activation of the 242.ID at Truppenuebungsplatz Gross-Born, Wehrkreis II, 16 Jul 1943; formation and training in the Schneidemuehl, Neustettin, and Deutsch-Krone areas, 17 Jul-15 Aug; movement to and training and reorganization in the Ghent and Bruges areas, Belgium, 16 Aug-4 Oct 1943; movement to Toulon, France, 5-15 Oct; and coastal defense and training in the Toulon, Hyeres, Briqnoles, and Iles d'Hyeres areas, 16 Oct-31 Dec 1943.	1943/07/16-1943/12/31	242.ID 44004/1	1717	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 1. Orders, directives, and messages pertaining to the activation of the division at Truppenuebungsplatz Gross-Born, Wehrkreis II, 16 Jul 1943; formation and training in the Neustettin, Schneidemuehl, and Deutsch-Krone areas; operational readiness on 15 Aug, transfer to and training, occupation duty, and reorganization in the Ghent and Bruges areas, Belgium, 16 Aug-4 Oct 1943; movement to Toulon, France, 5-15 Oct; and coastal defense, construction of fortified positions, minelaying, and training in the Toulon, Hyeres, Iles d'Hyeres, Saint-Cyr-sur-Mer, Briqnoles, Pandol, and Aubagne areas. Strength and status reports, order-of-battle charts, reports on artillery organization and assignments, and special directives concerning coastal defense.	1943/07/15-1943/12/29	242.ID 44004/2	1717	51
Ia, Ic, Verschiedene Anordnungen. Intelligence reports and directives concerning troop indoctrination and entertainment, training, partisan and counterintelligence activity, military and coastal security, conduct during patrols, the Normandy invasion, and the assassination attempt on Hitler.	1944/02/02-1944/08/02	242.ID 77719	1717	333