

## 304. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1940/11/15	Wehrkreis IV, Leipzig Wittenberg, Bitterfeld, Eisleben, Halle an der Saale	Activation, formation, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Heinrich Krampf, 1940/11/15-1942/11/16 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. IV, 1940/11/15-1941/04/01
1941/03/31	Brussels, Belgium Ostend, Furnes, Ghent, Torhout, Nieuport, Lokeren, Wetteren	Transfer, movement, training, coastal defense	AK 37 Hoeheres Kommando zbV, 1941/04/02-1942/05/27
1941/12/01	Dunkirk, Bailleul, France Bourbourg, Rosendael, Wormhout, Gravelines	Coastal defense, training	AK 82, 1942/05/28-1942/12/05
1942/11/21	Saint-Omer, Hesdin, Doullens, Arras	Reorganization, preparation for detraining	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Ernst Sieler, 1942/11/16-1945/04/06
1942/12/04	Gorlovka, Mezhevaya, Russia Donets River, Kamensk-Shakhtir'ski	Transfer, movement, defense of bridgehead	Subordinate to: Armeearbeitung Fretter-Pico, 1942/12/24-1943/02/01
1942/12/28	Verkhne-Tarasovka, Millerovo, Staraya Stanitsa	Advance, offensive engagements	
1943/01/14	Dyachkino, Dubovoy, Donets River, Pavlovka, Semeykino, Kokino, Olkhovaya River	Withdrawal, defensive operations, counterattacks	AK 48 Pz, 1943/02/22-1943/02/17 AK 30, 1943/02/18-1943/03/22
1943/03/08	Petrovenki, Malo-Martynovka, Nikitovka, Illiriya	Defensive operations	AK Mieth zbV, 1943/02/23-1943/07/20
1943/05/01	Bashtevich, Bugayevka, Voroshilovsk	Assault, defensive, and mopping-up operations	
1943/07/01	Adrianopol, Shterovka, Veselaya Tarasovka, Malaya Nikolayevka	Counterattacks, defensive operations	AK 4 Pz, 1943/07/21-1943/08/28
1943/08/28	Sabovka, Debaltsevo, Andreyevka, Makeyevka, Stalino, Priluki	Withdrawal to fortified positions	Korpsgruppe Kreysing, 1943/08/29-1943/09/02 Korpsgruppe, Sieler, 1943/09/03-1943/09/08

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1943/09/30	Dnieper River, Chervonoarmeyskoye, Novyy Kichkas, Petersa, Zaporozhe, Novo Avgustinovka	Withdrawal, defensive operations	AK 17, 1943/09/09-1943/09/21 16.PzGrD, 1943/09/22-1943/09/28 Gruppe Henrici, 1943/09/29-1943/09/30
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Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/09/30 were available at the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost, general staff officers personnel file, and records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398), show:			
1943/11/25	Lukashev, Grigoryevka, Sofiyevka, Loshkarevka	Withdrawal, defensive operations	
1944/01/20	Krivoi Rog	Defensive operations	
1944/02/02	Gornostayevka, Snigirevka, Vodopoy	Withdrawal	
1944/03/18	Kalinovka, Nikolayev, Odessa, Ovidiopol, Sadovoye (Shabolat)	Defensive operations, reorganization as Kampfgruppe 304, withdrawal	
1944/04/23 1944/05/24	Oloneshty (Olanesti), Dniester River	Defensive operations, reorganization as 304.ID	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Gustav Hundt, mstFb, 1944/05/02-1944/08/15
1944/08/07	Volontirovka, Romanovka, Russia	Defensive operations, withdrawal	
1944/08/25	Stopnica, Szczucin, Zabno, Poland	Transfer, position defense	
1945/01/13	Szczurowa, Brzesko Nowe, Niepolomice, Koenigshuette, Gleiwitz	Defensive operations, movement of remnants of 304.ID	
1945/01/30 1945/02/01	Katowice (Kattowitz)	Encircled, break out of encirclement by Stab 304	
1945/02/09	Wiesengrund, Steinau, Niesse	Reorganization of 304.ID as Korps Gruppe Sieler with Stab 304	
1945/03/01	Ostrava, Czechoslovakia Tvrdosin, Namestovo, Lokca	Redesignation as 304.ID, movement, defensive operations	
1945/03/25	Nova Bystrice, Zilina	Withdrawal	

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Ia, Ib, Ic, III, IVa-d, TB. Activity report of the operations branch concerning activation of 304.ID (13. Welle) in Leipzig, Wehrkreis IV, 15 Nov 1940; formation from units of the 56.ID and 294.ID and training in the Wittenberg, Bitterfeld, Eisleben, and Halle an der Saale areas, 16 Nov 1940-31 Mar 1942; activity report and directives of the intelligence branch relating to counterintelligence activities and troop entertainment and indoctrination; activity reports of the supply branch, the judge advocate, the administrative, medical, and veterinary officers, and the Protestant and Catholic chaplains; reports pertaining to personnel, organization, weapons, equipment, and horses; training directives; lists of officers duty assignments; strength reports; order-of-battle charts; and maps showing the location of billeting areas.	1940/11/15-1941/03/31	304.ID 9414	2023	1
Ia, KTB. War journal concerning transfer from Bitterfeld to Brussels, 31 Mar-6 Apr 1941, movement to and coastal defense in the Ostend and Furnes areas, 6 Apr-9 Aug, movement to and occupation duty in the Ghent and Lokeren areas, 10 Aug-30 Nov, and movement to and coastal defense in the Dunkirk area, 1 Dec 1941-30 Jun 1942. Data regarding enemy air and sea operations.	1941/03/31-1942/06/30	304.ID 21698/1	2023	105
Ia, Anlagenband 2 zum KTB, Befehle. Orders, directives, surveys, and maps pertaining to the transfer from Bitterfeld to Brussels, 31 Mar-6 Apr 1941; relief of the 24.ID, 5-7 Apr; coastal defense, securing of rear areas, defense against airborne troops, and training for Unternehmen Seelowe (planned invasion of England) in the Bruges, Ostend, Furnes, Torhout, Roulers, Dixmude, and Nieupoort areas, 8 Apr-9 Aug; relief by the 305.ID and movement to the Ghent area, 10-15 Aug, occupation duty, securing of rear areas, air raid protection, regrouping, and training in the Bruges, Aalst, Ghent, Melle, Lokeren, and Wetteren	1941/03/28-1942/06/29	304.ID 21698/3	2023	262

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Ic, TB und Stimmungsberichte. Monthly activity reports concerning enemy operations, counterintelligence activity, and troop indoctrination and entertainment; reports regarding the morale, care, and conduct of the civilian population of Belgium and northern France; and lists of sentences pronounced by the courts.	1941/04/01-1942/06/30	304.ID 21698/4	2023	524
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB, Gefechts- und Verpflegungsstaerken, Kriegsranngliste, Verlustliste und Taetigkeitsberichte. Combat and ration strength and casualty reports; a register of officers, and activity reports of the ordnance group, the judge advocate, the administrative, medical, veterinary, and motor transport officers, the Protestant and Catholic chaplains, and the postmaster.	1941/03/31-1942/07/01	304.ID 21698/5	2023	616
Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning coastal defense, reorganization, regrouping, and training in the Dunkirk, Gravelines, and Wormhout areas, 1 Jul-17 Nov; relief by 182.ID, 18-28 Nov; movement to the Saint-Omer, Hesdin, and Doullens areas, 21-30 Nov 1942; and planned transfer to the eastern front. Data on enemy air and sea operations in the Dunkirk and Gravelines areas.	1942/07/01-1942/11/30	304.ID 24450/1	2023	875
Ia, Anlagenband 2 zum KTB 2. Orders and surveys pertaining to coastal defense, reorganization, regrouping, training, and defense against airborne troops in the Gravelines, Lumbres, Bourbourg, Rosendael, Wormhout, and Bergues areas, 13 Jul-17 Nov; relief of the 304.ID of coastal defense by the 182.ID, 18-28 Nov; movement to the Saint-Omer, Hesdin, and Doullens areas, 21-30 Nov; and planned transfer to the	1942/07/13-1942/11/30	304.ID 24450/3	2023	919

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eastern front, 3 Dec 1942. Order-of-battle charts.				
Ic, TB und Stimmungsberichte. Activity report concerning enemy operations, counterintelligence activity, and troop entertainment and indoctrination; combat and ration strength reports; a register of officers; monthly intelligence reports regarding the morale and conduct of the civilian population in northern France; and periodic lists of sentences pronounced by the 304.ID court.	1942/07/01-1942/11/30	304.ID 24450/4	2023	992
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Ia, KTB 3. War journal concerning transfer from Arras, France, to Mezhevaya and Gorlovka, Russia, 4-19 Dec; movement to the Kamensk-Shakhtinski area to defend a bridgehead along the Donets River, 19-27 Dec; advance and offensive engagements in the Verkhne-Tarasovka, Staraya Stanitsa, and Millerovo areas, 28 Dec 1942-13 Jan 1943; withdrawal, defensive operations, and counterattacks in the Verkhne-Tarasovka, Dyachkino, Dubovoy, Bolshoy Sukhodol, and Davydo-Nikol'skoye areas of the Donets River sector, 14-31 Jan; withdrawal to and defensive operations in the Pavlovka and Semeykino areas, 1-27 Feb, and the Kokino area of the Olkhovaya River sector, 28 Feb-7 Mar; and movement to and defense	1942/12/01-1943/04/30	304.ID 33974/1	2024	87

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