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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1940/12/15	Wehrkreis V Ravensburg, Ehingen, Saulgau	Activation (13. Welle), formation, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Kurt Pflugradt, 1940/12/15-1942/04/12 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. V, 1940/12/15-1941/04/09
1941/04/06	Angouleme, Libourne, Chalais, Cognac, Coutras, Jonzac, France	Transfer, security duty, training, regrouping	AK 59 Hoeheres Kommando, 1941/04/10-1942/01/04
1941/06/01	Royan, Saintes, Bordeaux, Lesparre-Medoc	Movement, coastal defense, training	
1942/01/09	Nantes, Vannes, Auray, Lorient, Quimperle	Coastal defense, training, regrouping	AK 25, 1942/01/05-1942/05/08
1942/03/27	Pontivy, Ploermel, Gourin, Loudeac, Plouguenast	Security duty, training	
1942/05/04	Guingamp, Lorient, Vannes	Detraining for the eastern front	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Kurt Oppenlaender, 1942/04/12-1942/11/01
1942/05/13	Rovno, Poltava, Kovyagi, Lyubotin, Okhocheye, Mikhaylovskoye, south of Kharkov, Russia	Encirclement battle	Subordinate to: AK 8, 1942/05/09-1942/07/14
1942/06/01	Murom, Volchansk, Oskol River, Chernyanka, Tikhaya Sosna River, Chernaya Kalitva River, Olkhovatka	Offensive engagements, advance	
1942/07/01 1942/07/14	Krinitsa and Boguchar Rivers, Don River sector	Defensive operations	
1942/07/21	Chir River sector, Pronin, Raspopinskaya, Orekhovskiy, Perelazovskiy, Plesistovskiy, Ostrovskiy, Vertyachi, Stalingrad	Offensive and defensive operations (source: situation maps of Lage Ost; no records available for the period 1942/07/15-1943/03/04), encirclement, capitulation	
1942/08/25 1943/01/01 1943/02/02			
1943/03/05	Le Mans, Hesdin, Montreuil, Le Faouet, Fruges, Gourin, Arras, France	Reconstitution of 305.ID formation, training, coastal defense	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Friedrich-Wilhelm Hauck, 1943/03/05-1944/11/24 Subordinate to: 17.ID, 1943/03/01-1943/03/29 AK 25, 1943/03/29-1943/04/05
1943/07/27	Nice, Menton, Cannes	Movement	AK 82, 1943/04/06-1943/08/29

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1943/08/12	Genoa, Rapallo, Lavagna, Chiavari, Sestri Levante, Marina di Massa, Viareggio, Massa, Sarzana, Magra Valley, Italy	Coastal defense, training	AK 51 Geb, 1943/08/29-1943/10/08
1943/10/06	Montecatini Terme, Signa, Empoli, Frosinone, Castro, Cassino, Vicalvi, Roccasecca, Montaquila Atina, Cerro al Volturno, Castel San Vincenzo	Movement, defensive and mopping-up operations, counterattacks	AK 14 Pz, 1943/10/09-1943/12/24
1943/12/24	Alfedena, Barrea, Roccaraso, Rocca Pia, Sulmona, Cocullo	Movement, defensive and assault operations	AOK 10, 1943/12/25-1944/01/28
1944/01/24	Ortona de Marsi, Pescasseroli, Chieti, Tollo, Arielli,	Defensive and assault operations	AK 76 Pz, 1944/01/29-1944/02/02
1944/02/14	Francavilla al Mare		AK 51 Geb, 1944/02/02-1944/02/14

Records of the 305.ID are reproduced on rolls 2025-2026 of Microfilm Publication T315 as described on the following pages.

Manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series contain references to the 305.ID as follows:

MS B-267 (Italian Theater: The Fighting in the Bologna-Adriatic Coast Sector, 1 Oct 1944-1 Mar 1945), by Obersten Dietrich Beelitz and Adolf Heckel.

MS D-197 (Einsatz einer Infanterie Division im Hochgebirge, Gebirgskrieg - Verteidigung (305.ID Kriegsschauplatz Italien), 5.10.-24.12.1943), by Oberst Ludwig Graf von Ingelheim.

MS D-210 (Gebirgskrieg: Vorbereitung und Durchfuehrung des Abwehrkampfes des Gren.Rgt. 577 im Rahmen der 305.ID am Oberen Volturno im Oktober - November 1943), by Gen.Lt. Karl Jank.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1944/02/14 were available at the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Italien and Lage Suedwest und Suedost and the general staff officers personnel files show:

1944/05/26	Frosinone, Alatri, Collepardo, Carsoli, Leonessa, Perugia	Disengagement movements, defensive operations	
1944/06/28	Passignano sul Trasimeno, Arezzo, Anghiari	Reorganized as Kampfgruppe 305, defensive operations	
1944/07/27	Subbiano, Chius della Verna, Massa, Marina di Carrara	Movement, defensive operations	
1944/11/01	Modigliana, Brisighella, Faenza, Castel Bolognese, Imola, Crespellano	Disengagement movements	C.O.: Oberst Friedrich Trompeter, 1944/11/26-1944/12/29 Gen.Maj. Friedrich von Schellwitz, 1944/12/29
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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 1. Orders, surveys, and reports pertaining to quartering, formation, and training in the Ravensburg, Biberach, and Ehingen areas, 12 Feb-5 Apr; transfer to Angouleme, France, for training and securing the demarkation line, 6 Apr-31 May; and coastal defense and training in the Royan, Saintes, and Lesparre-Medoc areas and securing of Bordeaux, 1 Jun-12 Nov 1941. Lists of officers duty assignments by rank, order-of-battle chart, and maps showing the location of billeting areas.	1941/02/12-1941/11/12	305.ID 16172/2	2025	48
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