

321. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1940/12/02	Wehrkreis XI, Braunschweig, Osterwieck, Gardelegen, Oschersleben, Helmstedt	Activation (13. Welle), formation, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Ludwig Loeweneck, 1940/12/13-1942/11/25 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. XI, 1940/11/27-1941/04/08
1941/03/31	Boulogne-sur-Mer, Etaples, Berck, Hesdin, Montreuil-sur-Mer, Abbeville, Le Touquet-Paris-Plage, France	Transfer, coastal defense, training	AK 38, 1941/04/09-1941/04/11 AK 32 Hoeheres Kommando, 1941/04/11-1941/04/26 AK 37 Hoeheres Kommando zbV, 1941/04/26-1942/05/27
1942/11/30	Doullens, Arras, Amiens	Preparation for entraining	AK 82, 1942/05/27-1942/12/13 OKH (Res) HGr Mitte, 1942/12/11-1942/12/19
1942/12/04	Spas-Demensk, Russia	Transfer	C.O. Gen.Lt. Wilhelm Thomas, 1942/11/26-1943/10/10
1942/12/20	Kirov, Dubrova, Petrovskoye, Mokroye, Feliksovo, Luzhnitsa, Bol'shiye Zheltoukhi, Bolva River sector	Defensive operations, training, regrouping	Subordinate to: AK 56 Pz, 1942/12/20-1943/08/16
1943/08/10	Betlitsa, Ustrozino, Rognedino	Withdrawal, defensive operations	AK 55, 1943/08/17-1943/09/17
1943/09/20	Roslavl, Chechersk, Korma, Sozh River sector	Movement of Div.Kdo. and Stab 321	AK 53, 1943/09/17-1943/09/18 262.ID, 1943/09/19-1943/10/02
1943/10/03	Osinovka, Bykhov, Zhlobin, Madory, Dnieper River	Construction of defensive positions	AOK 9, 1943/10/03-1943/11/21 C.O.: Gen.Maj. Georg Heinrich Zwade, 1943/10/01-1943/11/20
1943/10/21	Dnieper River sector	Incorporation of 321.ID units into the 110.ID and 211.ID, remainder transferred to Saint-Lo,	
1943/12/06		France, to reconstitute 352.ID	

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