

## 326. INFANTRIE-DIVISION (VOLKSGRENADIER) - UNIT HISTORY

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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1942/11/08	Wehrkreis XII, Bitsch (Bitche)	Activation (18. Welle, Kriemhilde), formation	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Max Dennerlein, 1942/11/11-1943/05/08 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. XII, 1942/11/08-1942/11/23
1942/11/23	Lyons, Saint-Etienne, Moulins, Montelimar, France	Transfer, occupation duty	AK 66 (Res), 1942/11/23-1942/12/09
1942/12/10	Narbonne, Perpignan, Conques, Carcassonne, Montreal, Mediterranean coast	Occupation duty, coastal defense, training	AOK 1, 1942/12/09-1942/12/18 Armeegruppe Felber, 1942/12/18-1943/06/30 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Karl Boettcher, 1943/05/08-1943/05/31 Gen.Lt. Viktor von Drabich-Waechter, 1943/06/01-1944/08/0
1943/06/30			
1944/01/07	Abbeville, Fruges, Montreuil, Samer	Movement (source: situation maps of Lage West; no records available for the period 1943/07/01-1944/06/30)	
1944/07/14	Abbeville, Ondefontaine, Guilberiville, Normandy	Movement	
1944/07/24	Bieville, Le Beny-Bocage, Caumont, Saint-Jean-le-Blanc	Defensive operations, counterattacks, encirclement	
1944/08/17			Gen.Maj. Erwin Kaschner, 1944/08/15-1945/03/23
1944/08/22	Saint-Lambert, France; Germany	Breakthrough of remnants, march	
1944/09/18	Eitorf, Hannef, Germany	Assembly	
1944/09/24	Fuezesabony, Hungary	Reconstituted as 326.VGrD	
1944/10/02	Galanta, Slovakia	Movement, training	
1944/11/20	Gerolstein, Germany	Movement	
1944/12/02	Nohn, Gemuend, Schleiden	Movement	
1944/12/16	Monschau	Preparation for Ardennes offensive	
1945/01/02	Saint-Vith, Belgium	Offensive and defensive operations	

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1945/03/23	Rhine River, Harschbach, Wirges	Withdrawal	
1945/04/17	Fulda, Werra River sector	Withdrawal (source: situation maps of Lage West)	

Records of the 326.ID(VGr) are reproduced on roll 2040 of Microfilm Publication T315 as described on the following pages.

Manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series, prepared by former German officers for the Historical Division, Headquarters U.S. Army, Europe, between 1945 and 1959, contain references to the 326.ID(VGr) as follows:

- Ardennes: MS B-031 (Ardennes Offensive, Right Wing), by Gen.Maj. Erwin Kaschner  
 MS B-032 (LIII Corps, 1 Dec 1944-22 Jan 1945), by Oberst Werner Bodenstein  
 MS B-092 (16 Dec 1944-25 Jan 1945), by Gen.Maj Erwin Kaschner  
 MS P-109a (SS-Panzer Grenadier-Regiment 3 "Deutschland", vom 16.12.1944 bis 20.1.1945), by Oberstlt. Guenther Wisliceny  
 MS P-109b (SS-Panzer Grenadier-Regiment 4 "Der Fuehrer", vom 16.12.1944 bis 17.2.1945), by Oberstlt. Otto Weidinger  
 MS P-109c (2. Panzer-Division), by Gen. Heinrich Frh. von Luettwitz  
 MS P-109d (Die Ardennesschlacht, 16.12.1944-30.1.1945), by Oberst (der Schutzpolizei) Friedrich Wilhelm Bock
- East of the Rhine: MS B-562 (Engagements of the 326.VGrD, 15 Mar-17 Apr 1945), by Gen.Maj. Erwin Kaschner
- Eifel: MS B-561 (Battles of the 326.VGrD, 26 Jan-14 Mar 1945), by Gen.Maj. Erwin Kaschner
- Normandy: MS P-179 (Vorgeschichte der 326.ID vor ihrem Einsatz an der Normandiefrent, 8.11.1942-22.7.1944, Fronteinsatz in der Normandie, 23.7.-20.8.1944 und Rueckmarsch nach Deutschland, 21.8.-3.9.1944), by Oblt. Wilhelm Nettmann.

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Ia, KTB 1 mit Anlagen. Orders and maps pertaining to quartering and formation of the 326.ID (Kriemhilde) at Truppenuebungsplatz Bitsch (Bitche), Wehrkreis XII, 11-22 Nov; demobilization of the French Armed Forces and movement to and occupation duty in the Lyons, Saint-Etienne, Montelimar, and Moulins areas, France, 23 Nov-5 Dec; relief by the 157.ResD., 6-9 Dec; and movement to the Narbonne and Perpignan areas for occupation duty and coastal defense along the Mediterranean coast and to relieve the SS-T-Div. and Gruppe Oehler, 10-31 Dec 1942. An order-of-battle chart. (The war journal is missing except for the title page, which states the period covered, 8 Nov-31 Dec 1942, and the subordination.)	1942/11/08-1942/12/31	326.ID (VGr) 25971	2040	1
Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning coastal defense, occupation duty, defense against air landings and acts of sabotage, alerts, formation and release of units, and the reorganization of the 326.ID as a bodenstaendige Division in the Narbonne, Perpignan, Carcassonne, Conques, and Montreal areas along the Mediterranean coast.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	326.ID (VGr) 37893/1	2040	30
Ia, Anlagenheft zum KTB 2. Orders relating to coastal defense, an order-of-battle chart of the 236.ID as a bodenstaendige Division, special directives concerning signal communications, and combat and ration strength reports.	1943/01/28-1943/06/03	326.ID (VGr) 37893/2	2040	59
Ic, TB mit Anlagen. Monthly activity reports and appendices concerning attitude and morale of the French population, cooperation of French official administrative offices, counterintelligence activity, military security, and troop entertainment and indoctrination.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	326.ID (VGr) 37893/3-8	2040	116
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Ic, TB. Activity report concerning transfer from Eitorf, Germany, to Fuezesabony, Hungary, 18-27 Sep 1944; movement to Galanta, Slovakia, 2-11 Oct; transfer from Galanta to Gerolstein, Germany, 20-26 Nov; and movement to the Nohn, Gemuend, and Schleiden areas, 2-10 Dec 1944.	1944/09/18-1944/12/10	326.ID (VGr) 64700	2040	327
Ic, TB. Activity report concerning enemy operations and unit identification, offensive engagements in the Monschau area, 16-20 Dec, and defensive engagements in the Saint-Vith area, Belgium, 2 Jan 1945; intelligence bulletins; interrogation summaries; daily intelligence reports; maps showing the location of enemy forces in the Monschau area; and directives relating to intelligence service.	1944/12/16-1944/12/31	326.ID (VGr) 64701	2040	336
Ia, Ib, Ic, Allgemeine Meldungen. Reports and messages pertaining to withdrawal across the Rhine River and defense of the east bank in the Harschbach and Wirges areas, special directives concerning supply and supply troops, and order-of-battle charts.	1945/03/11-1945/03/23	326.ID (VGr) 77573	2040	415