

## 333. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1940/11/15	Perleberg, Wehrkreis III	Activation (14. Welle), formation, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Rudolf Pilz, 1940/11/15-1942/12/10 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. III, 1940/11/15-1941/04/26
1941/03/24	Tr.Ueb.Pl. Doeberitz	Training	
1941/04/25	Perleberg	Operational readiness	
1941/04/27	Libourne, Langon, France	Transfer	AOK 7, 1941/04/26-1941/05/02
1941/05/03	Mont-de-Marsan, Bordeaux, Saint-Aigulin, Factice, Le Porge	Security, coastal defense, training, regrouping	AK 31 Hoeh.Kdo., 1941/05/02-1942/02/23
1941/10/09	Dax, Momuy, Bayonne, Arcachon, Biarritz, Hendaye	Extension of the division sector, security	AK 25, 1942/02/24-1943/01/26
1942/03/16	Saint-Nazaire, Lorient, Redon, Vannes, Auray	Coastal defense, security	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Gerhard Grassmann, 1942/12/10-1943/03/22
1943/01/26	Konstantinovka, Russia	Transfer	
1943/02/07	Donets River sector, Slavyansk, Izyum, Krasnyy Liman	Offensive and defensive operations	Subordinate to: AK 40 Pz, 1943/02/07-1943/02/25 AK 3 Pz, 1943/02/25-1943/03/25  C.O.: Gen.Maj. Rudolf Tschudi, 1943/03/22-1943/07/10 Gen.Lt. Erwin Menny, 1943/07/10-1943/11/01 Subordinate to: AK 30, 1943/03/25-1943/06/09 AK 40 Pz, 1943/06/09-1943/08/03 AK 30, 1943/08/03-1943/09/22
1943/09/04	Kazenny Toretz River sector, Kramatorskaya, Stepanovka, Aleksandropol, Bogdanovka, Pavlograd, Samara River sector	Disengagement movements,  defensive operations	
1943/09/19	Muzkovo, Odinkovka, Dnepropetrovsk	Disengagement movements	
1943/09/23	Zaporozhe, Grigoryevka, Balabino	Defensive operations, counterattacks	AK 17, 1943/09/23-1943/10/13
1943/10/15	Dnieper River to Maryevka	Withdrawal across	Korpsgruppe Block, 1943/10/14 AK 40 Pz, 1943/10/15

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1943/10/16	Maryevka	Merging with the 294.ID	AK 17, 1943/10/16-1943/11/16
1943/10/26	Shesternya, Bobrinets	Assembly of units released by the 294.ID	
1943/11/12	Dnieper River sector	Incorporation of other remnants into the 304.ID	
1943/11/15	Novo-Ukrainka	Movement of units released by the 294.ID	294.ID, 1943/11/17-1943/11/27 PzAOK 1, 1943/11/28
1943/12/10	Uman, Khristinovka	Movement	
1943/12/13	Tarvisio, Italy	Transfer for formation of the 278.ID	

Records of the 333.ID are reproduced on rolls 2078-2083 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Sources: According to records of OKH/AHA, H 37/85 (MR 1303) an order of 5 Oct 1942 for the division to be combat ready by 10 Mar 1943; and an order of 11 Oct 1943 of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398, p. 202) for Div.Gruppe 333.ID to be incorporated into the 294.ID; also situation maps of Lage West and Ost and the general officer personnel files were used for the unit history.

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Ia, TB. Activation of the 333.ID (14.Welle) on 15 Nov 1940 in Perleberg, Wehrkreis III; formation and training, 19 Nov 1940-23 Mar 1941; movement to and training in Truppenuebungsplatz Doeberitz, 24 Mar-22 Apr; movement to and operational readiness in Perleberg, 23-26 Apr; and planned transfer to France beginning 27 Apr 1941. (Orders relating to the activation and equipping of this division are in item No. 11360/1 of the 168.ID, roll 1485, frames 331-359 in Guide No. 68.)	1940/11/15-1941/04/26	333.ID 8488/1	2078	1
Ic, TB. Activity report concerning training of intelligence personnel of the 333.ID in ways of collecting information on the enemy and in counterintelligence with AOK 7 in Bordeaux, 15-20 Feb, Heeresgruppe D in Paris, 14-23 Mar, various divisions in the west, 21 Feb-13 Mar, and with OKH in Berlin, 7-11 Apr 1941; and troop indoctrination and entertainment.	1941/02/15-1941/04/11	333.ID 8488/2	2078	12
IIa, TB. Activity report of the personnel branch.	1940/11/12-1941/04/07	333.ID 8488/3	2078	19
Ib, TB als Anlage zum TB der Abt. Ia. Activity report of the supply branch concerning activation and equipping of the 333.ID in Perleberg and West Priqnitz, Wehrkreis III, 15 Nov 1940; and reports, schedules, and attendance lists relating to training of supply, ordnance, administrative, and medical personnel.	1940/11/15-1941/04/24	333.ID 8489/1	2078	25
Ia, , KTB 1. War journal concerning transfer from Perleberg, Wehrkreis III, to Libourne and Langon, France, 27 Apr-2 May 1941; securing the demarkation line, coastal defense, training, and regrouping in the Libourne, Langon, Mont-de-Marsan, Barbezieux, Bordeaux, Saint-Aigulin, and Facture areas; extension of the division sector to include the Dax and Momuy areas, 9 Oct, and the Bayonne, Arcachon, Biarritz, and Hendaye areas, 13 Dec; securing the area from the Spanish border to Bordeaux and Le Porge, 3 May 1941-16 Mar	1941/04/26-1943/01/26	333.ID 25562/1	2078	71

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1942; movement to and coastal defense, security activity, and training in the Saint-Nazaire, Redon, Vannes, Auray, and Lorient areas, 16 Mar 1942-12 Jan 1943; preparations for the transfer to the east, 13-25 Jan; and transfer from Redon to the eastern front, 26 Jan 1943. Includes registers of officers and combat and ration strength reports.				
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 1, Akte 1. Orders, reports, surveys, tables, and maps pertaining to the relief of the 305.ID, securing the demarkation line, guard duty, training, and regrouping in the Libourne, Coutras, Brocas, Guitres, Roquefort, Mont-de-Marsan, Saint-Loubes, Castillon, Langon, Saint-Jean-de-Blaignac, and Barbezieux areas. An order-of-battle chart, status reports, notes on command inspections, and special supply directives.	1941/05/03-1941/09/22	333.ID 25562/2	2078	269
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 1, Akte 2. Orders, directives, reports, and maps pertaining to security activity and training in the Libourne, Langon, Mont-de-Marsan, and Castillon areas; movement of Inf.Rgt. 679, 9-13 Oct, to relieve the 212.ID of coastal defense in the Dax, Momuy, and Castelnau-Chalosse areas; securing the Saint-Aigulin, Bordeaux, and Facture railroad line by Inf.Rgt. 680, beginning 4 Nov; movement to include the Bayonne, Arcachon, Biarritz, and Fendaye areas in the division sector and to relieve the 88.ID of coastal defense, 13 Dec 1941; release of personnel for formation of the 377.ID; relief by the 715.ID, 13-16 Mar 1942; and movement to and coastal and air defense in the Redon, Nantes, Vannes, Auray, Saint-Nazaire, and Lorient areas, 16 Mar-31 Jul 1942. Special directives concerning signal communications; notes on command conferences and inspections; activity reports of the intelligence	1941/10/06-1942/07/31	333.ID 25562/3	2078	428

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branch, 1 Sep-31 Oct 1941, and 1 Mar-30 Apr 1942; and afteraction reports relating to British surprise raids on the harbor of Saint-Nazaire, 27-28 Mar, and the submarine base at Saint-Nazaire, 30-31 Mar 1942.				
Ia, Anlagen zum KTP 1, Akte 3. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to coastal defense, security activity, construction of fortifications, defense against airborne troops, and training in the Saint-Nazaire, Redon, Vannes, Auray, Lorient, and La Paule areas, 27 Jul 1942-12 Jan 1943; reorganization as a combat division by 10 Mar 1943; relief by the 17.LwFeldD, 13 Jan; and planned transfer to the east. Activity report of the intelligence branch, 1 Sep-31 Oct 1942; Grundlegende Bemerkungen und Befehle des OB West; notes on command conferences; special directives on signal communications; Stammtafel d. Nachr.Abt. 333; and an order-of-battle chart.	1942/07/27-1943/01/19	333.ID 25562/4	2078	831
Ia, Verfuegungen, Akte 1. Orders and instructions of Stellv.Gen.Kdo. III, AOK 7, and Hoeh.Kdc. 31 concerning the activation, formation, and training of the 333.ID.	1940/10/25-1941/06/05	333.ID 25562/5	2079	1
Ia, Verfuegungen, Akte 2. Orders and instructions of AOK 7 and Hoeh.Kdo. 31 concerning training for combat and coastal defense.	1941/06/06-1941/12/29	333.ID 25562/6	2079	209
Ia, Aufstellungsbefehle. Orders for the activation of the division.	1940/11/12-1940/11/18	333.ID 25562/7	2079	504
Ia, Aufstellung der Division. Orders and directives concerning the activation of the 333.ID (14.Welle) in Perleberg, Wehrkreis III, 15 Nov 1940; formation and training; and operational readiness on 25 Apr 1941.	1940/10/31-1941/04/28	333.ID 25562/8	2079	587
Ia, Unternehmen Isabella. Orders, directives, and correspondence concerning preparations by Vorausabteilung Sonnenaufgang (Inf.Rgt. 679) for Unternehmen Isabella (planned occupation of the Iberian Peninsula).	1941/10/13-1942/03/02	333.ID 25562/9	2079	725

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Ia, Aufstellung bodenstaendiger Divisionen. Orders, directives, and charts pertaining to the release of personnel by the 333.ID for the replenishment of divisions or the formation of new divisions.	1941/12/18-1942/09/28	333.ID 25562/10	2079	818
Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning transfer from Redon, France, to Konstantinovka, Russia, 26 Jan-7 Feb; advance to and offensive and defensive operations along the Donets River between Slavyansk and Izyum, 7 Feb-30 Jun 1943. A casualty list, combat and ration strength reports, and registers of officers.	1943/02/07-1943/06/30	333.ID 34424/1	2080	1
Ia, Anlage 1 zum KTB 2, Divisionsbefehle und Zustandsmeldungen. Division orders No. 1-44, 10 Feb-30 Jun, pertaining to defensive, reconnaissance, and assault operations; construction of positions; mission; commitment; security activity; training; regrouping; concentration and detachment of division units; and battle conduct; and data concerning enemy operations, military situation, unit identification, movements, battle conduct, and probable intentions. Status reports, 25 Jan-26 Jun 1943, and a report regarding operational readiness of the 333.ID as of 23 Dec 1942.	1943/01/25-1943/06/30	333.ID 34424/2	2080	247
Ia, Ic, Anlage 2 zum KTB 2, Taktische Befehle. Orders, messages, surveys, and maps pertaining to transfer from Redon, Guer, Vannes, and Auray, France, to Lozovaya, Barvenkovo, and Konstantinovka, Russia, 26 Jan-7 Feb 1943; advance and offensive engagements in the Gavrillovka, Stepanovka, Kramatorskaya, and Slavyansk areas, 8 Feb-2 Mar; clearing the enemy from the west side of the Donets River, 3-26 Mar; defensive operations along the Donets River in the Adamovka, Mayanki, Golaya Dolina, Prishib, and Bannovskiy areas; operations against partisans in the division rear area; and defense against floods on the Krivoy Torets and Donets Rivers. Activity reports of the intelligence branch, 1	1943/01/24-1943/06/28	333.ID 34424/3	2080	479

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Feb-31 May 1943; German and enemy propaganda leaflets; interrogation summaries; a report on the supply situation; a casualty list; a status report; and an afteraction report concerning the operations of Art.Rgt. 333, 6 Feb-31 Mar 1943.				
Ia, Anlage 3 zum KTB 2, Befehle und Meldungen. Daily messages; an order of AK 40 Pz, 18 Jun 1943; and an intelligence bulletin.	1943/02/07-1943/06/29	333.ID 34424/4	2080	682
Ia, Anlage 4 zum KTB 2, Tagesmeldungen I.	1943/02/07-1943/04/10	333.ID 34424/5	2081	1
Ia, Anlage 5 zum KTB 2, Tagesmeldungen II.	1943/04/11-1943/06/30	333.ID 34424/6	2081	317
Ia, Anlage 6 zum KTB 2, Karten, Funkskizzen usw.	1943/02/12-1943/06/06	333.ID 34424/7	2081	745
Ia, KTB 3. War journal concerning the defense of the Donets River sector between Slavyansk and Izyum, 1 Jul-3 Sep; disengagement movements from the Krasnyy Liman area to the Kazennyy Torets River sector, 4-6 Sep, in the Kramatorskaya, Stepanovka, Aleksandropol, Bogdanovka, and Pavlograd areas to defend the Samara River sector, 6-19 Sep, and in the Muzkovo, Odinkovka, and Dnepropetrovsk areas, 19-22 Sep; movement to and defensive operations and counterattacks in the Zaporozhe area, 23 Sep-13 Oct; setting up of a new line of defense between Zaporozhe and Grigoryevka in the Balabino area, 14 Oct; and execution of Unternehmen Gneisenau (withdrawal across the Dnieper River) with the new division headquarters at Maryevka, 15 Oct 1943. Merging of the 333.ID with the 294.ID, 16 Oct, and release of some units and staffs of the 333.ID by the 294.ID, 26 Oct, their assembly in Bobrinets and Shesternya, 28 Oct-8 Nov, and movement to Novo-Ukrainka, 15-26 Nov, for planned transfer to Tarvisio (Tarvis), Italy, to form the 278.ID. Some units of the 333.ID were incorporated into the 304.ID, 12-14 Nov, and the division's military police attached to PzAOK 1, 28 Nov 1943. Registers of officers and combat and ration strength reports.	1943/07/01-1943/11/28	333.ID 40434/1	2081	811

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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 3, Akte 1. Daily teletype orders, a strength report, an intelligence bulletin, and a map showing the location of enemy units in the Raigorodok and Golaya Dolina areas along the Donets River.	1943/07/11-1943/09/05	333.ID 40434/2	2081	965
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 3, Akte 1a, Korpsbefehle. Daily teletype orders; a strength report; maps showing the location of enemy forces facing the division, 17 Jul 1943, and crossings of the Dnieper River in the Dnepropetrovsk area by the 62., 124., 333., and 387.ID, 19-22 Sep; and special orders relating to the relief of the 306.ID in the Zaporozhe area, 26 Sep, dividing the sector west of the Dnieper River amongst the 123., 125., 304., 333., and 335.ID, 10 Oct, the merging of the 333.ID with the 294.ID, 16 Oct, and planned transfer of units and staffs of the 333.ID to Novo-Ukrainka on 15 Nov 1943. An afteraction report concerning combat operations of the 333.ID at the Zaporozhe bridgehead, 26 Sep-14 Oct 1943.	1943/09/10-1943/11/12	333.ID 40434/3	2082	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 3, Akte 2, Divisionsbefehle und Fuehrungsanordnungen.	1943/03/09-1943/10/14	333.ID 40434/4	2082	228
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 3, Akte 3, Tagesmeldungen.	1943/07/01-1943/10/12	333.ID 40434/5	2082	388
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 3, Akte 4, Allgemeines. Daily teletype messages and reports, maps showing the location of combat operations in the Donets River sector, and an order relating to the transfer of division units and staffs to Uman and Khristinovka, 10-13 Dec 1943.	1943/07/17-1943/12/13	333.ID 40434/6	2083	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 3, Akte 5, Zustandsberichte und Meldungen. Periodic status reports.	1943/07/01-1943/10/10	333.ID 40434/7	2083	200
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 3, Akte 6, Kartenskizzen und Kriegsgliederungen. Maps and organization charts.	1943/07/01-1943/11/28	333.ID 40434/8	2083	291
Ib, KTB 2. War journal of the supply branch. For fuller information on the divisions activities during this period, see the description of the concurrent Ia	1943/01/27-1943/06/30	333.ID 34424/8	2083	351



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