

371. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1942/02/02	Fuehrerhauptamt Berlin	Activation of the 371.ID (19.Welle)	
1942/03/01	Koeln, Wehrkreis VI	Formation	Subordinate to: Wehrersatzinspektion Koeln, 1942/03/01-1942/04/28 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Richard Stempel, 1942/04/01-1943/01/26 (killed at Stalingrad)
1942/04/15	Bruges, Belgium	Formation, training	
1942/04/29	Antwerp, Hasselt, Beverloo	Movement, training	Subordinate to: AK 37 zbV, 1942/04/29-1942/05/27 AK 82, 1942/05/28-1942/06/13
1942/06/09	Kramatorsk, Soviet Union	Transfer	AK 4 (Gruppe von Schwedler), 1942/06/14-1942/10/10
1942/07/05	Voroshilovgrad, Bol'shaya Kamenka River sector, Donets River, Vronitzkiy, Nikolayevskaya, Vladimirskaia, Don River	Advance, offensive operations, pursuit	
1942/08/01	Sal River sector, Abganerovo	Mopping-up action	
1942/08/18	Yurkino, Tinguminskoye, Andreyevka	Offensive operations	
1942/09/14	Elkhi, Volga River Bend, south of Stalingrad, Starodubovka, Beketovka	Relief, movement, position defense	
1943/01/13	South of Stalingrad	Probably destroyed	
1943/03/ca.	Russia	Formation of Ausbildungs-Btl. 371 from remnants of the 371.ID	
1943/03/13	Callac, France	Transfer	
1943/04/10- 1943/05/27	Callac, Guingamp	Reformation of the 371.ID with Ausblgd.-Btl. 371 as cadre, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Hermann Niehoff, 1943/04/01-1945/03/02 Subordinate to: AK 87, 1943/04/08-1943/08/01
1943/05/28	Huelgoat	Movement	

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1943/06/21	Morlaix, Pontrieux	Regrouping, coastal defense	
1943/07/07	Belle-Isle-en-Terre	Movement	
1943/08/05	Morlaix, Pontrieux	Relief of coastal defense by 266.ID	AK 74, 1943/08/02-1943/08/06
1943/08/14	Carhaix, Brest-Nantes Canal	Movement, completion of reformation and training	AK 25, 1943/08/07-1943/10/08
1943/10/01	Saint-Brieuc	Movement, relief by Kampfgruppe 353	
1943/10/06	Viareggio, Italy Tripalle, Marina di Pisa, Piombino, Pietrasanta, Cecina	Transfer, coastal defense, security	AK 51 Geb, 1943/10/09-1943/11/23
1943/11/18	Zagreb, Croatia Karlovac	Transfer	SSPzK 3 (germanisches), 1943/11/24-1943/11/25 AK 15 Geb, 1943/11/26-1943/12/31
1943/12/07	Petrova and Samarica Mountains	Movement, Unternehmen Panther (operations against partisans)	
1943/12/15	Glina	Movement of division headquarters	
1943/12/27	Turopolje, north of the Kupa River, Sava River	Operations against partisans, mopping-up action	
1943/12/29	Velika Gorica	Movement of division headquarters	
1944/01/01	Sinj, Dalmatian Coast	Planned movement for coastal defense	

C.O.: Obst. Rolf Scherenberg, 1945/03/02

Records of the 371.ID are reproduced on rolls 2164-2169 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Situation maps of Lage West, Ost, Italien, and Suedost and the general officer personnel files were also used for the unit history.

CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
Ia, TB mit Anlagen. Activity report concerning the division's activation, 2 Feb 1942, formation by Wehrersatzinspektion Koeln of Wehrkreis VI as the 4th division of the 19. Welle, 1 Mar-12 Apr; training in the Bruges area of Belgium, 15-27 Apr, and in the Antwerp, Hasselt, and Beverloo areas, 29 Apr-8 Jun; and transfer to Kramatorsk, Soviet Union, 9-24 Jun. Orders and reports concerning the division's activation, formation, training, and transfer to the eastern front.	1942/02/14-1942/06/13	371.ID 23168/1	2164	1
Ia, Anlage zum TB, Aufstellungsakten der stammstellenden West-Divisionen. Orders, reports, and messages relating to formation of the division's cadre from units of the 306., 321., 711., 716., and 719.ID and training at Truppenuebungsplaetze Beverloo and Maria-ter-Heide for service on the eastern front.	1942/02/17-1942/05/05	371.ID 23168/2	2164	431
Ic, TB mit Anlagen. Activity report concerning formation of the intelligence branch and troop discipline, indoctrination, and entertainment during training in Belgium and counterintelligence activities.	1942/02/08-1942/06/14	371.ID 23168/3	2164	613
Ia, KTB 1. Advance from Kramatorsk to Voroshilovgrad with offensive operations at Karrier, Serbinevka, Kripaki, and Cherkasskoye, 5-17 Jul 1942; pursuit of the enemy southeastward toward Varvarcvka and the valley of the Bol'shaya Kamenka River with offensive operations at Novo-Aleksandrovka, 20-24 Jul; advance southward to Vladimirskaia via Mars and Platovo, crossing the Donets River at Vronitzkiy and the Don River at Nikolayevskaya, 25-31 Jul; advance eastward to Veselyy; mopping-up action in the Sal River Valley and moving to Abqanerovo via Remontnaya and Aksay, 1-17 Aug; offensive operations at Yurkino, Tinguminskoye, Stantsiya Tinguma, Kharausun, and Andreyevka, 18 Aug-13 Sep; and relief by the 20. rum. ID northeast of Elkhi for position defense south of Stalingrad in the Volga River Bend at Starodubovka and Beketovka, 14 Sep-10	1942/06/14-1942/10/10	371.ID 23168/4	2164	693

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Oct. A list of orders and reports submitted and received, a register of officers, and a casualty list.				
Ia, Anlage 1 zum KTB 1, Kriegsqliederungen, Truppeneinteilungen.	1942/07/05-1942/09/16	371.ID 23168/5	2165	1
Ia, Anlage 2 zum KTB 1, Befehle vorges. Dienststellen einschl. Gruppenbefehle. Orders from higher headquarters, including Gruppe vor Schwedler, concerning the division's advance from Kramatorsk to position defense in the Volga River Bend area.	1942/06/21-1942/09/29	371.ID 23168/6	2165	17
Ia, Anlage 5b zum KTB 1, Zustandsberichte.	1942/04/24-1942/10/01	371.ID 23168/7	2165	352
Ia, Anlagen 5d-8b zum KTB 1, 5d, Besondere Vorqaenge; 6, Taktische Befehle; 7, Gefechts- und Erfahrungsberichte; 8a, Divisionsbefehle; 8b, Fuehrungsanordnungen. Details of the division's transfer from Herenthals, Belgium to Kramatorsk, Russia and advance to the Stalingrad area.	1942/05/15-1942/09/30	371.ID 23168/8	2165	486
Ia, Anlage 9 zum KTB 1, Lagekarten und Stellungsskizzen. Map sketches and overlays showing position defense of the division in the Volga River Bend area.	1942/09/08-1942/09/21	371.ID 23168/9	2165	786
Ia, Anlage 9 zum KTB 1, Luftbilder. Aerial photographs showing areas of the division's operations on the Sal River and position defense in the Volga River Bend area.	1942/07/12-1942/10/10	371.ID 23168/10	2165	804
Ia, Anlage 10 zum KTB 1, Allgemeine Ausbildungsanordnungen.	1942/06/26-1942/07/06	371.ID 23168/11	2165	837
Ic, TB als Anlage zum KTB 1, 1a. Activity report of the intelligence branch with situation maps and overlays, intelligence bulletins, and interrogation summaries concerning operations, unit identification, and tactical situation of the enemy; counterintelligence; booty; prisoners of war; and troop indoctrination, discipline, and entertainment during the division's advance from Kramatorsk to position defense in the Volga River Bend area.	1942/06/15-1942/10/10	371.ID 23168/12	2165	856

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Ia, Anlage 3a zum KTB 1, Ausgaenge an unterstellte Einheiten. Outgoing division orders and radio messages to subordinate units.	1942/07/08-1942/09/23	371.ID 23230/1	2166	1
Ia, Anlage 3b zum KTB 1, Eingaenge von unterstellten Einheiten. Incoming radio messages and reports from subordinate units.	1942/06/25-1942/07/31	371.ID 23230/2	2166	322
Ia, Anlage 3b zum KTB 1, Eingaenge von unterstellten Einheiten. Incoming radio messages and reports from subordinate units.	1942/08/01-1942/08/23	371.ID 23230/3	2166	867
Ia, Anlagen 3b-3c zum KTB 1, Eingaenge von unterstellten Einheiten und Verkehr mit Nachbarn. Reports and radio messages from subordinate units and correspondence with neighboring divisions (14.PzD, 94.ID, 370.ID, and 29.ID mot), concerning the division's advance from Kramatorsk to position defense in the Volga River Bend area.	1942/07/04-1942/10/10	371.ID 23230/4	2167	1
Ia, Anlage 3d zum KTB 1, Aufklaerungsfliegermeldungen.	1942/07/10-1942/10/10	371.ID 23230/5	2167	471
Ia, Anlage 4 zum KTB 1, Meldungen an vorgesetzte Dienststellen einschl. taktische Tagesmeldungen. Reports and radio messages relating to the division's advance from Kramatorsk to position defense in the Volga River Bend area.	1942/07/09-1942/10/10	371.ID 23230/6	2167	1000
Ia, Anlage 5a und 5c zum KTB 1, Wochenmeldungen und Staerkemeldungen. Weekly reports relating to the division's advance from Kramatorsk to position defense in the Volga River Bend area. Combat and ration strength reports.	1942/07/21-1942/10/10	371.ID 23230/7	2168	1
Ia, Anlage 9 zum KTB 1, Lagekarten, Stellungsskizzen, Luftbilder.	1942/07/06-1942/10/10	371.ID 23230/8	2168	160
Ia, Spruchbuch Nr. 1. Register of messages concerning transfer of Ausbildungs-Rtl. 371 (remnants of the division) to Callac (Brittany), France, 13 Mar 1943, for reorganization and training for the reformation of the 371.ID after its destruction at Stalingrad, to be completed 27 May.	1943/04/10-1943/05/27	371.ID 34956/1	2168	258

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Ia, Spruchbuch Nr. 2. Register of messages concerning movement of the division staff to Huelgoat, 28 May 1943, and regrouping of the division for coastal defense in the Morlaix and Pontrieux areas, and relief of the division by the 266.ID, 8 Aug.	1943/05/28-1943/08/08	371.ID 34956/2	2168	308
Ia, Spruchbuch Nr. 3. Register of messages concerning reformation and training of the 371.ID in the Huelgoat and Carhaix area.	1943/08/08-1943/09/30	371.ID 34956/3	2168	441
Ia, Vernichtungsverhandlungen, Band 1. Register of destroyed classified correspondence.	1943/04/09-1943/08/24	371.ID 34956/4	2168	531
Ia, Anlagenband 6, Ausbildungs-Etl. 371. Orders relating to deactivation of Ausbildungs-Etl. 371 and its reorganization as the 371.ID at Callac, France. Register of correspondence, 16 Apr-21 May 1943.	1943/04/16-1943/05/27	371.ID 34956/6	2168	583
Ia, Anlagenband 7, Zustandsberichte. Status reports of the division and order-of-battle charts.	1943/04/14-1943/08/31	371.ID 34956/7	2168	618
Ia, Anlagenband 7, Tagesmeldungen der Division.	1943/04/08-1943/08/11	371.ID 34956/8	2169	1
Ia/b, IIa/b, Anlagenband 9, Waffen und Geraetenachweis der Unterfuehrer- Lehrabteilung der 371.ID. Inventory of and receipts for arms, equipment, and ammunition on hand, on loan, or issued during the NCO training course. Register of classified documents received, 21 May-17 Jul 1943. Administrative and personnel files of the Unterfuehrer-Lehrabteilung (NCO training detachment).	1943/05/21-1943/07/16	371.ID 34956/9	2169	125
Ia, KTB 2, Band 2. War journal concerning movement from Huelgoat, Brittany, to Saint-Erieuc, 1-5 Oct 1943; transfer to Viareggio, Italy, moving via Bourges, Marseilles, and Nice in France and Mentone and Genoa in Italy, 6-13 Oct; relief of the 90.Pz.Gren.Div. in the Tripalle area, 14 Oct; coastal defense in the Marina di Pisa and Piombino area and security of the Pietrasanta and Cecina areas, 15 Oct-17 Nov; transfer of the advance party of the division to Zagreb, 18 Nov; relief by Sturmbrigade Reichsfuehrer-SS and transfer of the	1943/10/01-1943/12/31	371.ID 41890/1	2169	291

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division to Karlovac, Croatia, via Colle Salvetti, Pisa, Bologna, and Trieste, Italy, and Zagreb, Croatia, 23 Nov-5 Dec; and participation in Unternehmen Panther (operation to destroy the bandit forces in the Petrova and Samarica Mountains), 7-21 Dec.				
Movement of the division headquarters to Glina, 15 Dec; participation in Unternehmen Weihnachtsmann (operations by the division, reinforced by the 1. Kosaken-Division, to destroy bandit forces in the mountains north of the Kupa and Sava Rivers, 27-30 Dec); movement to Velika Gorica, 29 Dec; and planned movement to Sinj for defense of the Dalmatian Coast as of 1 Jan 1944.				
Ia, Anlagenband I zum KTB 2, Grundsätzliche Befehle und Meldungen. Orders and reports concerning the division's operations in France, transfer to Italy for coastal defense, and transfer to Croatia for operations against partisans.	1943/09/03-1943/12/31	371.ID 41890/2	2169	427
Ia, Anlagenband II zum KTB 2, Karten und Skizzen. Situation maps and overlays.	1943/10/01-1943/12/31	371.ID 41890/3	2169	832
Ia, Anlagenband III zum KTB 2, Eingegangene Meldungen. Incoming messages from subordinate units.	1943/12/03-1943/12/27	371.ID 41890/4	2169	865
Ia, Anlagenband IV zum KTB 2, Eingegangene Meldungen. Incoming messages from subordinate units.	1943/12/27-1943/12/30	371.ID 41890/5	2169	1224
Ia, Anlagenband V zum KTB 2, Morgen- und Tagesmeldungen an AK 51. Daily reports of the division to AK 51.	1943/10/10-1943/10/26	371.ID 41890/6	2169	1307
Ia, Anlagenband VI zum KTB 2, Meldungen der Division an AK 15 Geb.	1943/11/25-1943/12/31	371.ID 41890/7	2169	1353
Ia, Anlagenband VII zum KTB 2, Aufgegebene Sprueche. Radio messages to subordinate units.	1943/12/03-1943/12/31	371.ID 41890/8	2169	1518