

## 385. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1941/12/28	Wehrkreis VI	Activation of the 385.ID (18.Welle), formation under code name "Rheingold" with personnel of Wehrkreis VI, X, and XI	
1942/01/09	Muenster	Formation of the division staff	Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. VI, 1942/01/10-1942/01/17
1942/01/18	Bergen, Fallingbostel, Wehrkreis XI	Formation of the division, training	Stellv.Gen.Kdo. XI, 1942/01/18-1942/03/24
1942/03/11	Polotsk, Soviet Union	Transfer	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Karl Eibl, 1942/02/01-1943/01/15
1942/03/29	Polotsk, Nevel, Bobruisk	Securing the rear area, training, operations against partisans	Subordinate to: Bfh.rueckw.HGeb. Mitte, 1942/03/25-1942/04/15
1942/04/16	Spas-Demensk, Suborovka	Movement, defensive operations	AOK 4, 1942/04/16-1942/04/21 AK 40 Pz, 1942/04/22-1942/04/30 AK 56 Pz, 1942/05/01-1942/05/12
1942/05/13	Orel, Ivanovskoye	Movement, defensive operations	AOK 4, 1942/05/13-1942/05/20
1942/06/01	Lebedki, Tim River sector	Movement, defensive operations	PzAOK 2, 1942/05/21-1942/05/31 AK 55, 1942/06/01-1942/06/05 AOK 2, 1942/06/06
1942/06/29	Mar'ino, Kshen' River, Krivtsova Plota, Vyshne-Kobyl'ye, Kazanka, Olym	Advance, attack across, offensive engagements, formation and defense of bridgehead	AK 48 Pz, 1942/06/07-1942/06/08 AK 13, 1942/06/09-1942/07/15
1942/07/15	Pavlovka, Vyshne-Ol'shanoye, Volovo, Volovchik	Relief by the 88.ID, movement	AOK 2, 1942/07/16-1942/07/22
1942/07/21	Malaya Vereyka, Ozerki, Kaverya	Battle, destruction of enemy forces	AK 7, 1942/07/23-1942/08/23
1942/07/27	Donskaya Negochevka, Golaya Snova, Bol'shaya Vereyka, Vereyka and Don River sectors	Movement, position defense	AK 13, 1942/08/24-1942/09/30

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Although no records of this division dated later than 1942/11/01 were available in the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost show:

1942/11/28	Rossosh' via Istobnoya, Rep'yevka, Ostrogozhsk	Movement	
1942/12/07	Rossosh' River sector	Defensive operations	
1943/01/08	Novaya-Kalitva, Don River sector	Defensive operations	
1943/01/15	Rossosh'	Movement	
1943/01/16	Rossosh'	Incorporation of remnants into AK 24 Pz	
1943/01/17	Rossosh'	Redesignation of AK 24 Pz as Korpsgruppe Eibl	
1943/03/12		Official disbandment, remnants incorporated in the 387.ID (Source: records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt. H 1/131 (T78, roll 412))	

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<p>Ia, KTB 1, Heimat und Russland. War journal relating to an order by OKH/Chef HRuest. u. Bfh. d. Ersatzheeres of 28 Oct 1941, concerning the activation of five divisions under code name "Rheingold" (18. Welle); formation of the division staff in Wehrkreis VI, 9-15 Jan 1942; formation of the 385.ID, with units and personnel of Wehrkreis VI, X, and XI, and training at Truppenuebungsplatz Bergen and Fallingbcstel, Wehrkreis XI, 18 Jan-19 Mar; transfer to Polotsk, Soviet Union, moving via Suwalki, Poland, 11-28 Mar; training, regrouping, security, and operations against partisans in the Polotsk and Nevel areas, 29 Mar-15 Apr, and the Bobruisk area by part of the division with the mass moving to Spas-Demensk via Roslavl, 16-21 Apr; defensive operations in the Spas-Demensk and Suborovka areas, 22 Apr-12 May; and movement to and defensive operations in the Orel and Ivancvskoye area, 22-31 May, and to the southern sector, 1-8 Jun. Defensive operations, preparations for and attack across the Tim River in the Lebedki area, 9-28 Jun; defensive operations in the Krivtscva Plota area, 29 Jun-15 Jul; movement to the Volovo and Volovchik areas, 16-20 Jul; the battle at Malaya Vereyka, 21-26 Jul; and movement to and position defense in the Dcnskaya Negrochevka, Gclaya Snova (Golosnovka), and Bol'shaya Vereyka areas in the Vereyka and Don River sectors, 27 Jul-30 Sep. A register of officers and casualty lists.</p>	1942/01/09-1942/09/30	385.ID 23834/1	2193	1
<p>Ia, Anlagenband P1 zum KTB 1, Operationsbefehle. Division orders relating to the transfer to Russia, 11-28 Mar 1942; securing the rear area and operations against partisans in the Polotsk and Nevel areas, 29 Mar-15 Apr; movement to Spas-Demensk via Roslavl and Yukhnov, 16-21 Apr, defensive operations in the Kolodez and Suborovka areas, 22 Apr-12 May; movement to,</p>	1942/03/09-1942/08/12	385.ID 23834/3	2193	411

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Ia, Anlagenband B2 zum KTB 1, Operationsbefehle und Bemerkungen. Orders, reports, and instructions concerning construction and defense of positions, regrouping, conduct of battle, and enlarging the division sector in the Donskaya Negrochevka, Golaya Snova, and Bol'shaya Vereyka areas.	1942/08/15-1942/09/28	385.ID 23834/4	2193	732
Ia, Anlagenband C1 zum KTB 1, Eingegangene Meldungen. Daily radio messages of subordinate units concerning operations.	1942/04/23-1942/06/09	385.ID 23834/5	2193	782
Ia, Anlagenband C2 zum KTB 1, Eingegangene Meldungen. A report regarding enemy air attack on III./Inf.Rgt. 537 on 5-6 Jun 1942; daily radio messages of subordinate units concerning operations; and an inventory of the division's motor vehicles.	1942/06/05-1942/07/28	385.ID 23834/6	2194	1
Ia, Anlagenband C3 zum KTB 1, Eingegangene Meldungen. Daily radio messages of subordinate units concerning operations; a report and tables to Vorausabteilung 385 pertaining to enemy losses, 24-28 Jul 1942, medical care at the front, and laying minefields; inventories of motor vehicles and ammunition expended and on hand; and casualty lists.	1942/07/24-1942/08/13	385.ID 23834/7	2194	389
Ia, Anlagenband C4 zum KTB 1, Eingegangene Meldungen.	1942/07/31-1942/08/31	385.ID 23834/8	2194	839

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Ia, Anlagenband C5 zum KTB 1, Eingeordnete Meldungen. Daily radio messages of subordinate units concerning their operations; reports and tables pertaining to security of Vereyka River bridges and operations of Art.Rgt. 385; inventories of motor vehicles and ammunition; and data relating to enemy operations for the period 23-28 Jul and 5-8 Sep 1942.	1942/08/27-1942/09/18	385.ID 23834/9	2195	1
Ia, Anlagenband C6 zum KTB 1, Eingeordnete Meldungen. Daily radio messages of subordinate units concerning their operations; reports, directives, and tables pertaining to construction of defensive positions and strong points in the Vereyka River sector and troop discipline; inventories of motor vehicles and ammunition; and an intelligence bulletin.	1942/09/10-1942/09/30	385.ID 23834/10	2195	479
Ia, Anlagenband D1 zum KTB 1, Abgesandte Meldungen und Einzelbefehle. Daily radio messages and reports to higher headquarters and individual orders relating to operations of the division and its units and order-of-battle charts of the division and its supply units.	1942/03/27-1942/06/17	385.ID 23834/11	2195	885
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Ia, Anlagenband E2 zum KTB 1, Lagenkarten und Skizzen. Maps and overlays showing the tactical disposition of	1942/08/01-1942/09/25	385.ID 23834/13	2196	94

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Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 1, Angriffs-Vorbereitungen, Akte 1. Orders, reports, and tables pertaining to preparations and assembly for the attack on the enemy's Tim River positions and across in the Lebedki area and a map exercise; special directives concerning commitment of engineers and antiaircraft, assembly, supply, signal communications, traffic and march control, division reserves, and military security; a radio plan; a list of special code names; and command conference notes.	1942/05/27-1942/06/26	385.ID 23834/18	2196	998
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 1, Angriffs-Vorbereitungen, Akte 2. Orders relating to a map exercise and preparations for, regrouping, assembly, attack across the Tim River and battle conduct during the breakthrough of the Russian Tim River positions; and special directives concerning assembly and traffic control on the day of attack.	1942/06/09-1942/06/26	385.ID 23834/19	2197	1
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 1, Panzerabwehr, Erfahrungsberichte aus den Kaempfen seit 28.6.1942. Afteraction critiques relating to German antitank defense and close combat against tanks and Russian armored attacks and battle conduct of enemy armored units.	1942/06/28-1942/08/01	385.ID 23834/20	2197	200
Ic, TB als Anlagenband H1 zum KTB 1 Ia, Heimat-Russland. Activity reports of the intelligence branch, including daily reports and maps concerning formation of the division, training at Fallingbostel, Wehrkreis XI, and transfer to Polotsk and Nevel, Russia; enemy unit identification, troop morale, and partisan activity; and counterintelligence, operations	1942/01/10-1942/05/12	385.ID 23834/21	2197	522

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Ic, TB als Anlagenband H3 zum KTB 1 Ia. Activity report of the intelligence branch concerning movements and combat and intelligence operations; reports regarding propaganda, movement and control of the civilian population, identification of enemy units, description of Russian weapons, and troop indoctrination; maps showing the tactical disposition of enemy forces; interrogation summaries; and intelligence bulletins.	1942/07/15-1942/08/31	385.ID 23834/23	2198	1
Ic, TB als Anlagenband H4 zum KTB 1 Ia. Activity report of the intelligence branch, including orders and reports concerning combat and intelligence operations, enlarging the division sector, evacuation of the civilian population from the combat zone, control of prisoners of war, securing ammunition and supply depots, troop indoctrination and entertainment, and the enemy military situation, losses, and unit identification and strength. Maps showing the tactical disposition of Russian forces facing the 385.ID, intelligence bulletins, interrogation summaries, and	1942/09/01-1942/09/30	385.ID 23834/24	2198	213

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Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 1. Corps and division orders, daily reports, radio messages, and maps pertaining to offensive engagements for the Tim River bridgehead in the Novo-Sergeyevka and Mar'ino areas.	1942/06/29-1942/07/01	385.ID 23834/28	2198	892
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Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 1, Schlacht von Vereika. Orders, reports, radio messages, and maps pertaining to defensive battles in the Malaya Vereyka, Czerki, Kaverya, and Bol'shaya Treshchovka areas. A copy of a lecture given for Portuguese officers concerning the battle at Vereyka, status and strength reports, an order-of-battle chart, data on enemy operations, and an intelligence bulletin.	1942/07/23-1942/07/28	385.ID 23834/31	2199	516
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