

388. FELDAUSBILDUNGS-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1942/08/23	Berlin	Activation of the 388. Feldausbildungs-Division (23.Welle)	
1942/09/10	Allenstein, Wehrkreis I	Formation with replacements of the 151.ResD	Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. I, 1942/09/10-1942/09/15 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Johann Pflugbeil, 1942/09/10-1945/02/13
1942/09/15	Pskov, Toroshino, Soviet Union	Transfer	
1942/09/18	Luga, Idritsa, Sebez, Ostrov, OPOCHKA, Strugi Krasnye	Formation, training recruits, securing rear areas, regrouping, operations against partisans	Subordinate to: KomGen d SichTr u Bfh im HGeb Nord, 1942/09/18-1944/02/22
1943/10/12	Utena, Kaunas, Ukmerge, Lithuania; Petseri, Estonia	Preparations and movement of the advance detachment and div. staff	
1943/11/04	Pskov, OPOCHKA, Luga, Strugi Krasnye	Training recruits and replacements, area security, operations against partisans	
1944/02/01	Narva	Transfer, reorganization	
1944/02/06	Yamm, Molodi, Soviet Union	Movement, defensive operations	
1944/02/17	Petseri, Estonia	Reconstitution	
1944/02/19	Daugavpils, Latvia; Ukmerge, Utena, Kaunas, Lithuania	Transfer, area defense	

Records of the 388. Feldausbildungs-Division are reproduced on roll 2201 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1944/02/22 were available in the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost show:

1944/02/23- 1944/06/01	Daugavpils, Latvia	Defensive operations, redesignation as Feldausbildungs-Division Nord (Source: personnel file of Gen.Lt. Johann Pflugbeil)
1944/06/02	Daugavpils	Feldausbildungs-Division Nord (situation maps of Lage Ost)

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<p>Ia, KTB 1 (10 Sep 1942-22 Feb 1944) mit Anlagen (10 Sep 1942-8 Aug 1943). War journal (refers daily to the appendices presented in record items 45138/1-3 concerning the activities of the 388.FldausbD--Feldausbildungs-Division) and orders, instructions, reports, radio messages, maps, and afteraction reports and critiques pertaining to the activation of the 388.FldausbD by order of OKH/Chef HRuest. u. Bfh. d. Ersatzheeres of 29 Aug 1942; formation in Allenstein, Wehrkreis I, 10-15 Sep; transfer to Pskov (Pleskau) and Troshino, Soviet Union, 15-18 Sep; operations against partisans, securing rear areas, training recruits for assignment to combat units, regrouping, reorganization, and alert exercises in the Luga, Toroshino, Iditsa, Sebez, Ostrov, Opochka, and Strugi Krasnye areas, Sep 1942-Jan 1944; preparations for and movement of the advance detachment to Utena, Kaunas, and Ukmerge, Lithuania, and the division staff to Petseri, Estonia, 12 Oct 1943.</p> <p>Formation and training of three Gren.Rqts. (neue Art) and one Feldausb.Rgt. for combat assignments in the Slantsy, Tallinn, Daugavpils, and Luga areas, 9 Dec 1943; movement of the division to west of Narva, 31 Jan 1944; defensive operations in the Yamm and Molodi areas, 6 Feb; reconstitution and formation of new units in Petseri, 17 Feb; and movement of the division staff and subordinate units to Daugavpils, 18 Feb. Special directives concerning training, troop indoctrination, medical and veterinary services, supply, and administrative, personnel, and disciplinary matters; activity reports of the supply branch, the administrative officer, the judge advocate, and the Protestant chaplain; a</p>	1942/09/10-1944/02/22	388.FldausbD 45138/1	2201	1

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<p>register of officers; casualty and strength reports; order-of-battle charts; lists of unit field post numbers; and data relating to the enemy military situation and partisan activities.</p> <p>Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 1, Band I. Daily reports and radio messages, orders, and maps pertaining to training recruits for assignment to combat units, securing rear areas, and operations against partisans in the Pskov, Ostrov, Novosel'ye, Opochka, Strugi Krasnye, Toroshino, and Luqa areas and preparations for and movement of the advance detachment to Utena, Kaunas, and Ukmerge, Lithuania, and the division staff to Fetseri, Estonia, 12-28 Oct 1943.</p> <p>Afteraction reports regarding Unternehmen Rehbock and Hirsch (operations against partisans, 17-26 Aug), and commitment of Kampfgruppe Knappe for operations against partisans in the Ostrov area, 27 Aug-15 Sep. Activity reports of the administrative and medical officers and the Protestant chaplain, 1 Jul-30 Sep; special directives concerning signal communications; strength and casualty reports; orders relating to formation, training, and commitment of raiding detachments; and data on the enemy military situation, losses, and partisan activity.</p>	1943/08/09-1943/11/03	388.FldausbD 45138/2	2201	349
<p>Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 1, Band II. Daily reports and radio messages, orders, and maps pertaining to securing rear areas, operations against partisans, training recruits for assignment to combat units, and personnel matters in the Pskov, Opochka, Ostrov, Luqa, Toroshino, Fetseri, and Strugi Krasnye areas, 4 Nov 1943-14 Jan 1944; formation of three Gren.kqts. (neue Art) A, B, and C in Pskov, 9 Dec 1943, and planned assignment to Slantsy, south of Tallinn (Reval), Estonia, the Daugavpils (Duenaburg) area of Latvia, 15-23 Jan;</p>	1943/11/04-1944/02/22	388.FldausbD 45138/3	2201	682

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movement of the mass of the division to west of Narva, 31 Jan 1944; reorganization into various combat units, such as: Einsatz-Sperrverband Prilugbeil, Einsatzstab Gruppe Pflugbeil, Kampfgruppe Fischer, and others, 1 Feb; and movement to the Yamm and Molodi area, 6 Feb, for defensive operations during the Russian attack from Gdov, 7-11 Feb.				
Reconstitution of the 388.FldausbD in Petseri, Estonia, 17 Feb; formation of a Marsch-Ptl. and release to the 11.ID, 18 Feb; and movement to and defense of Daugavpils, Latvia, and Ukmerge, Utena, and Kaunas, Lithuania, 19-22 Feb. Strength and casualty reports; activity reports of the administrative and veterinary officers, and the Catholic chaplain, 1 Oct-31 Dec 1943; a plan of assignments for the division staff; a register of officers; and data regarding the activities and losses of partisans.				