

## 557. INFANERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1940/01/29	Berlin	Activation of Stellungs-Divisionen by OKH/Chef HRuest. u. BdE/AHA	
1940/02/15	Posen, Wehrkreis XXI, Wehrkreise III, IV, XVIII, Wehrm.Bevollm. Prag	Formation of Stab 557.Stellungs-Div., formation of Inf.Rgt. 632, 633, 634, Art.Rgt. 557, Nachr.Komp. 557	C.O.: Gen.Maj. zV. Hermann Kuprion, 1940/02/19-1940/06/09
1940/02/17	Posen	Redesignation as 557.ID	
1940/03/17- 1940/04/05	Oberkirch, Appenweier, Offenburg, Achern, Zell, Dinglingen, Lahr, Gengenbach, Laufenbach, Wehrkreis V	Arrival of 557.ID staff and units, formation, training	
1940/03/21- 1940/06/09	Offenburg, Ichenheim, Freistett, Kehl, Renchen, Lichtenau, Willstaett, Butschbach, Wehrkreis V	Border security, air raid protection, training	

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1940/06/10	Lahr, Germany	Assembly
1940/06/15	Rhinau, France	Advance into France
1940/06/18	Selestat, Laveline	Movement, administration and control of prisoners of war and captured booty
1940/06/26- 1940/07/17	Ribeauville, Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines, Colmar, Saint-Leonard, Saint-Die	Occupation duty, control of prisoners of war and captured booty
1940/07/28	Germany	
1940/10/01	Germany	Probably disbanded

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CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
Ia, Anlage zum KTB 1, Tagesmeldungen, Operationsbefehle und Aufstellungsakte. Orders and reports relating to the activation of bodenstaendige Organisationen im Bereich der Heeresgruppe C (Stellungs-Divisionen-a deceptive designation, later redesignated as an ID) under the code name "Bereitstellung Muenchen" by order of OKH/Chef HRuest. u. Bfh. d. Ersatzheeres/Allgemeines Heeresamt, 29 Jan 1940; formation of the 557. Stellungs-Div. in Posen, Wehrkreis XXI, Inf.Rgt. 632 in Loebau, Wehrkreis IV, Inf.Rgt. 633 and Art.Rgt. 557 in the area of Wehrm.Bevollm. Praq, Inf.Rgt. 634 in Salzburg, Wehrkreis XVIII, and Nachr.Kp. 557 in Potsdam, Wehrkreis III, 15 Feb-17 Mar; and redesignation as the 557.ID, 17 Feb. Arrival of the division staff and units, formation, and training at Oberkirch, Offenburg, Appenweier, Dinglingen, Lahr, Achern, Zell, Gengenbach, Openau, Laufenbach, and Hesselbach, Wehrkreis V, 17 Mar-5 Apr, and training, border security, and air raid protection in the Offenburg, Ichenheim, Freistett, Kehl, Renchen, Lichtenau, Willstaett, and Butschbach areas of Wehrkreis V, 21 Mar-9 Jun. A register of officers, strength reports, order-of-battle charts, and lists of officers duty assignments. (Damaged by fire.)	1940/01/29-1940/06/09	557.ID W802b	2232	1