

559. VOLKSGRENADIER-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1944/07/10	Berlin	Activation as the 559.Sperr-Div. (29.Welle)	
1944/07/13	Truppenuebungsplatz Baumholder, Wehrkreis XII	Formation, training	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Frhr. Kurt von Muehlen, 1944/07/15 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. XII
1944/07/20		Redesignation as 559.Gren.Div.	
1944/07/31	Truppenuebungsplatz Bitche	Movement, training	
1944/09/01		Operational readiness	
1944/09/02	Thionville (Diedenhofen), Metz, France	Advance, offensive and defensive operations	AK 47 Pz
1944/09/19	Thionville	Redesignation as 559.Volks.Gren.Div.	AK 82
1944/09/26	Moerchingen, Saint-Avold, Salzburgen, Dieuze, Delme	Movement, offensive and defensive operations, regrouping	
1944/11/04	Insming, Sarralbe	Movement, defensive operations	
1944/11/23	Saarlautern, Voelklingen	Withdrawal, defensive operations	
1944/12/24	Bitche	Offensive and defensive operations	AK 90
1944/12/31	Bitche, Lemberg	Unternehmen Nordwind (offensive operations in Alsace)	
1945/01/23	Wilgartswiesen	Absorption of elements of the 361.ID(VGr)	SSAK 13
1945/02/26	Voelklingen, Germany	Withdrawal, defensive operations	AK 85
1945/03/14	Sankt-Wendel, Bad Kreuznach, Frankenthal, Altrip, Mannheim, Heidelberg, Sinsheim, Schweigern, Heilbronn, Beilstein	Disengagement movements, defensive operations	AK 80

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1945/04/18- 1945/04/21	Laufen, Schwaebisch Gmuend, Goeppingen, Reichenbach, Blochingen	Encirclement by Allied forces	
1945/04/28	Oberguenzburg	Takeover of remnants by AK 64	AK 64
1945/05/ca.	Germany	Probably captured by American forces	

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