

709. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1941/04/00 ca.	Kassel, Wehrkreis IX	Activation (15. Welle)	
1941/05/01	Wehrkreis IX	Formation, training	
1941/05/28	Wehrkreis IX	Operational readiness	
1941/05/29	Saint-Malo, France	Transfer	
1941/06/03	Saint-Malo, Saint-Servan-sur-Mer, Dinan, Rennes, Saint-Brieuc, Vitre, Loudeac, Lannion, Guingamp	Coastal defense, occupation duty, air raid protection, security, training	Subordinate to: AK 25
1942/03/20	Loudeac area	Released to the 305.ID	
1942/04/02	Same as above, plus Paimpol, Lamballe, Dol-de-Bretagne	Coastal defense, occupation duty, security, training	
1942/07/22	Lannion area	Released to the 335.ID	
1942/08/15	Dinan area	Released to the 337.ID	
1942/11/04	Guingamp area	Released to the 343.ID	
1942/11/26	Saint-Brieuc area	Relieved by the 343.ID	
1942/11/30	Lamballe, Saint-Servan-sur-Mer, Saint-Malo, Loudeac	Relieved by the 346.ID	
1942/12/04	Valognes	Movement, relief of the 320.ID	AK 87
1943/01/05	Valognes, Cherbourg	Coastal defense, security, air raid protection, training	
1943/10/07	Valognes	Reorganization as 709.ID (bodenstaendig), coastal defense, security, training	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Eckhard von Geyse, 1943/07/01-1943/12/12
1944/06/06	Valognes, Montebourg, Tamerville, Quineville	Defensive operations (Allied invasion)	Gen.Lt. Karl-Wilhelm von Schlieben, 1943/12/12-1944/07/11 AK 84

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1944/06/16	Montebourg	Reorganization as Gruppe von Schlieben		
1944/06/17	Bricquebec, Sottevast, Quettenhou, Cherbourg	Disengagement movements		
1944/06/22	Cherbourg	Defense		
1944/06/26	Cherbourg	Defense by remnants of Gruppe von Schlieben		
1944/07/11	Cherbourg	Probably captured		
1944/12/01		Official disbandment		

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Although only one record item of this division was available in the National Archives for the period 1942/08/11-1942/09/03, records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/131 (T78, roll 412) and OKH/AHA/Abwicklungsstab, H 41/57 (T78, roll 142) and H 41/61a-b (T78, roll 672); situation maps of Lage West; the general officer personnel files; and manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series were used for the unit history.

Manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series, prepared by former German officers for the Historical Division, Headquarters U.S. Army, Europe, between 1945 and 1959, contain references to the 709.ID as follows:

Cherbourg: MS B-845 (Defense of Cherbourg, Dec 1943-30 Jun 1944, and MS D-331 (German), Jun 1944), by Gen.Lt. Karl-Wilhelm von Schlieben
Cotentin Peninsula: MS C-018 (Report covering the battles of Grenadier Regiment 919 and Kampfgruppe Keil, Jul 1944), by Obstlt. Guenther Keil.

CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB, Kuestenverteidigungsplan des Kuestenverteidigungsabschnittes A. Coastal defense plan, including maps, for the coastal defense sector A in the Saint-Malo, Dinan, Saint-Brieuc, and Lannion coastal areas of the Ille-et-Vilaine and Cotes-du-Nord Departments. Tables showing alert readiness and plans, sketches and plans of radio communications networks, a list of code names for sectors of the 709.ID, and an instruction pamphlet concerning defense against parachutists.	1942/08/11-1942/09/03	709.ID 33109	2253	1