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1941/05/01	Mainz, Darmstadt, Koblenz, Trier, Kaiserslautern, Wehrkreis XII	Activation (15.Welle), formation, training	Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. XII, 1941/05/01-1941/06/05 C.O.: Gen.Maj. Georg von Doehren, 1941/05/09-1942/04/16
1941/05/15	Wehrkreis XII	Operational readiness	
1941/06/04	Angers, France, Laval, Rennes, Mayenne, Beaufort-en-Vallee, La Fleche, Chateau-Gontier	Transfer, occupation and security duty, defense against parachutists, training	Subordinate to: AK 25, 1941/06/06-1941/09/20
1941/09/14	Auxerre, Bourges, Montrichard, Joigny, Vierzon, Cravant, Laroche, Cosne, Tr.Ueb.Pl. Suippes	Movement, securing the demarcation line and military installations, occupation duty, regrouping, training	AK 45 Hoeh.Kdo. (Dijon), 1941/09/21-1942/06/10
1941/11/26	Montargis, Courtenay, Auxonne, Nogent, Cezy, Lorris, Vaux, Les Chesnez, Vincelle	Occupation and security duty, regrouping, training	
1942/01/28	Auxerre, Sens, Paris, Cosne, Fontainebleau, Nevers	Occupation and security duty, regrouping, training	
1942/05/28	Tr.Ueb.Pl. Mailly-le-Camp  Sens	Training and maneuvers by the mass of the 712.ID, occupation duty by part of the 712.ID	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Friedrich-Wilhelm Neumann, 1942/04/16-1945/02/25
1942/06/12	Bruges, Dudzele, Lissewege, Knokke, Zeebrugge, Belgium; Oostburg, Aardenburg, Breskens, Sluis, Terneuzen, Ijzendijke, Netherlands	Transfer, coastal defense, security, construction of fortifications, alert exercises, air raid protection, training, regrouping	Subordinate to: AK 82 (Lille), 1942/06/11-1942/08/08  Gen.Kdo. Schelde, 1942/08/09-1942/09/30 AK 89 (Antwerp), 1942/08/09-1944/09/23
1943/01/01	Bruges, Blankenberge, Zeebrugge, Lissewege, Belgium; Oostburg, Breskens, Terneuzen, Sluis, Schoondijke, Aardenburg, Flushing, Netherlands	Coastal defense, air raid protection, map and alert exercises, regrouping, training	
1944/08/12	Ostend, Nieuport, Furnes, Belgium	Extension of the coastal defense sector, relief of the 48.ID	

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1944/08/14	Oostburg, Breskens, Terneuzen, Sluis, Netherlands; entire Belgian coastal sector	Coastal defense, security, air raid protection, alert exercises	
1944/09/06	Scheldt River estuary, Eeklo, Belgium	Defense	
1944/09/10	Ijzendijke, Sas van Gent, Axel, Hulst, (Gent-Terneuzen Canal), Netherlands	Movement, defense of the Sperrlinie	
1944/09/22	Bergen op Zoom, Breda, 's Hertogenbosch	Disengagement movements	AK 88, 1944/09/24-1944/12/31
1944/10/22	's Hertogenbosch	Major defensive battle	

Records of the 712.ID are reproduced on rolls 2255-2257 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1944/10/29 were available in the National Archives, situation maps of Lage West and Ost show:

1944/10/28	North of Waalwijk and Heusden	Withdrawal, rehabilitation	
1944/11/07- 1944/12/31 ca.	Between Tiel and Culemborg (Kuilemburg)	Movement, defensive operations	
1945/01/00 ca.	Poland	Transfer	
1945/01/16	Miasteczko (Georgenberg), Zawiercje (Warthenau), Wolbrom, Chorzow (Koenigshuette)	Arrival, defensive operations	
1945/02/01	Zory (Sohrau), Rybnik	Defensive operations by Kampfgruppe 68.ID and remnants of the 712.ID	
1945/02/04	Rybnik	Remnants of the 712.ID were probably destroyed or incorporated into Kampfgruppe 68.ID	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Joachim von Siegroth, 1945/02/25

The following 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 712.ID:

MS P-186 (Der Kampfeinsatz der 712. Division im Zeitraum August-Oktober 1944), by Oberst a.D. Adalbert von Boetticher

MS T-9 (Der Kampf um die Oder im Abschnitt der HGr. Weichsel, Feb-Apr 1945), by Gen.Obst. Gotthart Heinrici

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<p>Ia, KTB 1 mit Anlagen; Ib, Ic, IVa-IVd, IIa/b, III, TB. War journal, including orders and directives pertaining to the formation and training of the 712.ID in the Mainz, Darmstadt, Koblenz, Trier, and Kaiserslautern areas, Wehrkreis XII, 3 May-3 Jun 1941; operational readiness, 15 May; transfer to Angers, France to relieve the 332.ID, 4-9 Jun; occupation and security duty, defense against parachutists and forest fires, and training in the Angers, Laval, Rennes, Mayenne, Beaufort-en-Vallee, Chateau-Gontier, and La Fleche areas, 10 Jun-13 Sep; movement to relieve the 342.ID, securing the demarcation line and military installations, occupation duty, alert exercises, and training in the Auxerre, Joigny, Montrichard, Bourges, and Vierzon areas, 14-30 Sep. Activity reports of the supply branch. Activity reports of the intelligence branch concerning the enemy military situation, morale, and behavior; counterintelligence, mail censorship, and troop indoctrination and entertainment. Also activity reports of the administrative, medical, and veterinary officers, the personnel branch, the judge advocate, and Catholic and Protestant chaplains. Combat and ration strength reports, order-of-battle charts, notes on command inspections, billeting surveys, maps showing the location of division units, lists of officers duty assignments, and a register of officers.</p>	1941/05/03-1941/09/30	712.ID 13369	2255	1
<p>Ia, Ib, Ic, IVa-IVd, IIa/b, III, TB. Activity reports of the operations branch regarding securing the demarcation line and railroad lines, occupation duty, regrouping, and training in the Auxerre, Bourges, Cravant, Joigny, Laroche, Montrichard, and Cosne areas and at Truppenuehungsplatz Suippes, 1 Oct-26 Nov 1941; in the Montargis, Courtenay, Auxonne, Nogent, Cezy,</p>	1941/10/01-1942/03/31	712.ID 19473	2255	184

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<p>Lorris, Vaux, Les Chesnez, and Vincelle areas, 26 Nov 1941-27 Jan 1942; and in the Auxerre, Sens, Paris, Cosne, Fontainebleau, and Nevers areas, 28 Jan-31 Mar. Activity reports of the intelligence branch concerning military security, counterintelligence, the morale and behavior of French civilians, cooperation between German military forces and French Government officials, and troop indoctrination and entertainment. Activity reports of the supply and personnel branches; administrative, medical, and veterinary officers; the judge advocate; and Catholic and Protestant chaplains; also a combat and ration strength report.</p>	1942/04/01-1942/06/30	712.ID 22831	2255	326
<p>Ia, Ib, Ic, IVa-IVd, IIa/b, III, TB. Activity reports of the operations branch pertaining to guard duty in Paris, 1 Apr-27 May 1942; occupation and security duty and training in the Sens, Fontainebleau, Joigny, Cosne, Auxerre, Nevers, and Amilly areas, release of the command of the Aube Department to the 370.ID, 9 Apr, the Seine-et-Oise Department to the 6.PzD and the Seine-et-Marne Department to Panzer-Brigade 100, 21 Apr, the Haute-Marne Department and Bar-le-Duc to the 182.ID, 27 Apr, and the Loiret and Yonne Departments to the 337.ID, 28 May; and movement to Truppenuebungplatz Mailly-le-Camp, 28 May-2 Jun, for training and maneuvers, 3-11 Jun. Activity reports of the intelligence branch concerning enemy air operations and acts of sabotage, military security, counterintelligence, morale and behavior of French civilians, cooperation of the French with the German military administration, and troop indoctrination and entertainment. Activity report of the administrative officer regarding the commitment of the 712.ID as an occupation force in the Sens area</p>				

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Ia, Ib, KTB mit Anlagen; Ia/Pi., Ic, IVa-IVd, IIa/b, III, TB. War journal, including orders and directives of the operations branch pertaining to the transfer of the advance echelon and the division from Sens and Mailly-le-Camp, France, to Bruges, Belgium, 12-17 Jun 1942; relief of the 306.ID, 18-20 Jun, and coastal defense, securing the Scheldt River estuary, ship loading exercises, construction of coastal fortifications, alert exercises, air raid protection, regrouping, and training in the Bruges, Dudzele, Lissevege, Knokke, and Zeebrugge areas of Belgium and the Oostburg, Aardenburg, Breskens, Sluis, Terneuzen, and Ijzendijke areas of the Netherlands, 21 Jun. War journal of the supply branch. Activity reports of the intelligence branch concerning the enemy military situation and acts of sabotage, morale and attitude of civilians, counterintelligence, and troop indoctrination and entertainment. Activity reports of the personnel branch; the administrative, medical, veterinary, and engineer staff officers; the judge advocate; and Catholic and Protestant chaplains. Order-of-battle charts, status and combat and ration strength reports, register of officers,	1942/06/11-1942/09/30	712.ID 24526	2255	406

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Ia, Ib, KTB mit Anlagen; Ia/Pi., Ic, IVa, IVd, IIa/b, III, TB. War journal, including orders, directives, and weekly reports pertaining to coastal defense, air raid protection, formation of alert units, map and alert exercises, regrouping, and training in the Bruges, Knokke, Blankenberge, Zeebrugge, and Lissewege areas of Belgium and the Oostburg, Breskens, Terneuzen, Sluis, Schoondijke, Ijzendijke, and Aardenburg areas of the Netherlands and release of units by the 712.ID to form	1943/01/01-1943/03/31	712.ID 38427	2256	1

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Registers of officers, copies of fundamental orders and remarks by OB West, notes on command inspections and conferences, order-of-battle charts, combat and ration strength reports, inventories of weapons, lists of officer duty assignments, captured American instructions entitled "landing operations on hostile shores," and maps showing the location of division units.

Ia, Ib, KTB mit Anlagen; WuG, Ic, IVa, IVc, IVd, IIa/b, III, TB. War journal of the operations branch pertaining to coastal defense, air raid protection, coastal defense and alert exercises, securing roads, defense against enemy air landings, regrouping, and training in the Bruges, Blankenberge, Lissewege, Knokke, and Zeebrugge areas of Belgium and the Oostburg, Flushing (Vlissingen), Breskens, Nieuwvliet, Ijzendijke, Sluis, Terneuzen, and Schoondijke areas of the Netherlands. War journal of the supply branch; activity reports of the intelligence branch concerning the enemy military situation, acts of sabotage and espionage and propaganda, morale and attitude of the civilian population, counterintelligence, and troop indoctrination and entertainment; and activity reports of the personnel branch, administrative and veterinary officers, ordnance group, judge advocate, and Catholic

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Ia, Ib, KTB mit Anlagen; Ia/Mess., Ia/Pi., Ic, IVa-IVd, IIa/b, III, TB. War journal of the operations branch pertaining to coastal defense, air raid protection, map, alert, and movement exercises, regrouping, and training in the Bruges, Lissewege, Knokke, and Zeebrugge areas of Belgium and the Oostburg, Breskens, Nieuwvliet, Ijzendijke, Sluis, Terneuzen, and Schoondijke areas of the Netherlands. War journal of the supply branch; activity reports of the intelligence branch regarding the enemy military situation, acts of sabotage and espionage and propaganda, morale and attitude of the civilian population, counterintelligence, and troop indoctrination and entertainment; and activity reports of the personnel branch, administrative, medical, veterinary, map and survey, and engineer staff officers, judge advocate, and Catholic and Protestant chaplains.

Order-of-battle charts, lists of officer duty assignments, combat and ration strength reports, inventories of ammunition, registers of officers, maps showing the location of division units, copies of fundamental orders and remarks by OB West, notes on command inspections, special directives concerning supply, and a report on the seizure of Belgian and Dutch workers for slave

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Ia, Befehle, Anordnungen und Vorschriften. Orders, directives, and regulations pertaining to coastal defense, air raid protection, alert and movement exercises, defense against enemy parachutists and air landing troops, march control, various types of training, and personnel; signal communications, supply, and motor transport matters; preparations for and execution of Fall Dostburg (preparations for movement to the combat zone and extension of the division sector to include the Ostend, Nieuport, and Furnes areas of Belgium (coastal defense sector A3) thereby releasing the 48.ID for combat operations, 8 Jun-13 Aug 1944), and of Fall Bruegge (release of the 712.ID from coastal defense for missions on the combat front, 18-26 Aug). Casualty and strength reports, a list of strong points and pockets of resistance along the Dutch and Belgian coast and code names, notes on command conferences, special supply and command directives, periodic intelligence reports, and an intelligence bulletin.	1944/06/02-1944/08/26	712.ID 77627	2257	19
Ia, Verschiedene Befehle. Orders relating to Fall Bruegge and disengagement movements to the Bassevelde and Assende line, Belgium, and Sas van Gent, Axel, and Hulst, the Netherlands, 19 Sep 1944; crossing the eastern Scheldt River and assembly in the Heerle area northeast of Bergen op Zoom, 17 Sep, and to the Breda	1944/08/12-1944/10/21	712.ID 77782/1	2257	314

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Ia, Verschiedene Anordnungen. Directives pertaining to air raid protection, construction of coastal defense fortifications, the use of minefields, the preparation and training of reserves for combat duty, defense against parachutists and flooding in the spring; training; and administrative, personnel, supply, signal communications, veterinary, motor transport, and disciplinary matters. Reports regarding alert plans, a study concerning Allied combat methods and tactics, command directives, and periodic intelligence reports.	1944/01/20-1944/06/01	712.ID 77782/2	2257	363
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