

## 717. INFANTRIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1941/04/00 ca.	Wehrkreis XVII	Activation (15. Welle)	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Paul Hoffmann, 1941/04/17-1941/11/01 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. XVII, 1941/04/17-1941/05/15
1941/04/24	Truppenuebungsplatz Bruck an der Leitha	Formation, training	
1941/05/14		Operational readiness	
1941/05/15	Ptuj (Pettau), Ormoz (Friedau), Yugoslavia	Transfer	AK 11, 1941/05/16-1941/06/10
1941/05/20	Zemun near Belgrade, Nis	Movement	
1941/05/31	Kraljevo, Niska Banja, Mitrovica, Raska, Bor, Novi Pazar, Krusevac, Aleksinac, Zajecar, Kragujevac, Cacak, Leskovac, Milanovac, Pristina, Prokuplje, Vrnjci	Operations against partisans, securing roads and railroads, alert and map exercises, training, regrouping	AK 65 Hoeh.Kdo., 1941/06/11-1942/03/02  C.O.: Gen.Lt. Walter Hinghofer, 1941/11/01-1942/10/25
1942/01/01	Leskovac, Nis, Zajecar, Knjazevac, Kragujevac, Aleksinac, Valjevo	Release of areas to the Royal Bulgarian Armed Forces, Takeover from the 113.ID	
1942/01/15	Novi Pazar, Cacak, Valjevo, Kraljevo	Operations against partisans, mopping-up action, security	Subordinate to: Kom.Gen. u. Bfh. in Serbien, 1942/03/03-1942/12/31
1942/09/06	Valjevo, Loznica, Sabac, Tuzla, Zemun, Mitrovica, Ruma	Operations against partisans, mopping-up action, security	
1943/01/01	Nova Gradiska, Dobojski, Bosanska Gradiska, Okucani, Dubica, Prijedor, Omarska, Banja Luka	Movement, preparations for Unternehmen Weiss I	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Benignus Dippold, 1942/10/25-1943/03/15 Subordinate to: Bfh. der deutschen Truppen in Kroatien, 1943/01/01-1943/03/31
1943/01/20	Sanski Most, Stari Majdan, Benakovac, Skucani Vakuf	Participation in Unternehmen Weiss I (operations against partisans and mopping-up)	
1943/02/05	Jasenica, Babici, Ramici, Jasenovac, Braysko	Movement, operations against partisans, reorganization as the 717. Jaeger-Division (source: OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/131 (T78, roll 412))	

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1943/02/11	Kljuc, Kamicak, Velagici, Zablance, Medari	Assembly, rehabilitation, establishing a bridgehead	
1943/02/19	Sitnica, Cadavica, Dragoraj, Vagani, Mrkonjic Grad, Jezero, Jajce, Vijenac, Donji Vakuf, Bugojno, Kamenica, Osredak, Mraca	Movement, operations against partisans, securing roads	
1943/03/05	Pograde, Gornji Vakuf, Prozor, Duge, Uzdol, Kruscica, Slatino	Movement, operations against partisans	
1943/03/17	Sarajevo	Movement	C.O.: Obst. Karl von Le Suire, mFb, 1943/03/10-1943/03/31, mFb, 117.JgD, 1943/04/01-1943/04/30, as Gen.Maj. Kdr. 117.JgD, 1943/05/01-1944/07/10
1943/03/20	Sarajevo, Rotica, Visegrad	Preparations for transfer	
1943/04/01	Sarajevo, Visegrad	Redesignation as the 117. Jaeger-Division (see Guide No. 67)	

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CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
<p>Ia, TB 1; Ib, IVa-IVd, IIa/b, III, Anlagen. Activity and daily reports concerning formation of the 717.ID (15. Welle) and training at Truppenuebungsplatz Bruck an der Leitha, Wehrkreis XVII, Austria, 24 Apr-13 May 1941; operational readiness, 14 May; transfer to Ptuj (Pettau) and Ormoz (Friedau), Yugoslavia, 15-19 May; movement to Zemun near Belgrade, 20-25 May, and to the Nis area, 26-30 May; operations against partisans, securing railroads and roads, guard duty, alert and map exercises, training, and partisan activity; supply, personnel, disciplinary, and administrative matters; and medical, veterinary, and religious services in the Kraljevo, Niska Banja, Mitrovica, Raska, Novi Pazar, Krusevac, Bor, Aleksinac, Zajecar, Kragujevac, Cacak, Leskovac, Milanovac, Pristina, Prokuplje, and Vrnjci areas.</p> <p>Billeting, entraining, and detraining surveys; order-of-battle charts; lists of officer duty assignments and casualties; strength reports; notes on command conferences and inspections; inventories of equipment, ammunition, and weapons; periodic status reports; monthly tables showing division and enemy losses, reprisal measures, and time, location, and type of commitment assigned to division units, Aug-Oct 1941; surveys regarding operations in Sep, Oct, and Dec 1941; and an afteraction critique on operations against insurgents (Aufstaendische).</p>	1941/04/24-1941/12/31	717.ID 18951	2262	1
<p>Ia, TB 2; Ib, Ic, IVa-IVd, IIa/b, III, Anlagen. Activity report and orders and daily reports pertaining to preparations for and transfer of the Leskovac, Nis, Zajecar, Knjazevac, Kragujevac, and Aleksinac areas to the Royal Bulgarian Army and takeover by the division of the Valjevo area from the 113.ID, 1-14 Jan 1942; operations against partisans; mopping-up action;</p>	1942/01/01-1942/12/31	717.ID 25121	2262	357

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securing mines, industrial and military installations, roads, and railroads; map exercises; training; regrouping; and supply, personnel, and administrative matters; and medical, veterinary, and religious services in the Novi Pazar, Kraljevo, Cacak, and Valjevo areas, 15 Jan-5 Sep, and in the Loznica, Sabac, Tuzla, Zemun, Mitrovica, and Ruma areas, 6 Sep-31 Dec. Lists of officer duty assignments; reports on the supply situation, combat and ration strength, and status; billeting surveys; special supply directives; inventories of equipment, ammunition, and weapons; monthly surveys of regimental operations; afteraction critiques relating to operations against partisans; and periodic intelligence reports.				
Ia, KTB 3 mit Anlagen. War journal, including orders and reports pertaining to movement from the Valjevo, Zemun, and Ruma areas to the Nova Gradiska, Doboj, Bosanska Gradiska, and Okucani areas, 1-6 Jan 1943; reconnaissance operations, assignment of the 2. kroat. Geb.-Brigade to the division, and movement to the Prijedor and Omarska area, 7-15 Jan, in preparation for Unternehmen Weiss I (operations against partisans in the Kozara Mountains northwest of Banja Luka). Reports on a meeting scheduled for 11 Mar in Gornji Vakuf of the Delegation des Volksbefreiungsheeres und der Partisanenabteilungen Jugoslawien with German military commanders concerning exchange of prisoners of war. Special supply directives for Unternehmen Weiss I; lists of casualties, combat and ration strength and status reports, a list of officer duty assignments, and data relating to partisan activity.	1943/01/01-1943/01/15	717.ID 31718/1	2263	1
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. War journal, including activity reports and orders pertaining to movement to the Sanski Most area via Banja Luka and Prijedor, 16-19 Jan 1943,	1943/01/16-1943/01/31	717.ID 31718/2	2263	132

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and participation of the division and the attached 2. kroat. Geb.-Brigade in Unternehmen Weiss I (operations against partisans and mopping-up action in the Sanski Most, Stari Majdan, Benakovac, and Skucani Vakuf areas, 20-31 Jan). Casualty lists, an inventory of ammunition, special directives concerning signal communications, and data relating to partisan activity, strength, and losses.				
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. War journal, including orders and reports pertaining to participation of the division and the attached 2. kroat. Geb.-Brigade in Unternehmen Weiss I in the Skucani Vakuf and Benakovac area, 1-4 Feb 1943; movement to and operations against partisans in the Jasenica, Babici, Pamici, Jasenovac, and Braysko areas, 5-10 Feb; assembly in the Kljuc, Kamicak, and Velagici areas, rehabilitation, and establishing a bridgehead and mopping-up in the Kljuc area to secure the crossing of the Sana River and roads for Unternehmen Weiss II (securing the Bauxite mines in the Mostar area), 11-15 Feb; and reorganization of the division as the 717. Jaeger-Div., 15 Feb. An order-of-battle chart, casualty lists, combat and ration strength and status reports, a list of officer duty assignments, and data relating to partisan activity, strength, and losses.	1943/02/01-1943/02/15	717.ID 31718/3	2263	659
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. War journal, including messages and overlays pertaining to the extension of the bridgehead at Kljuc to include the Zablace and Medari areas, 16-18 Feb 1943; movement to, operations against partisans, and road security in the Kljuc, Zablace, Sitnica, Cadavica, Dragoraj, Mrkonjic Grad, Vagani, Jezero, Jajce, Donji Vakuf, Vijenac, Bugojno, and Kamenica areas. Reports regarding rear services and signal communications in the Sanski Most, Prijedor, Nova Gradiska, and Kljuc areas; an afteraction critique	1943/02/16-1943/02/28	717.ID 31718/4	2264	1

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<p>relating to Unternehmen Weiss I; data on partisan activity, strength, and losses; and casualty lists. Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. War journal, including messages and overlays pertaining to movement to and operations against partisans in the Bugojno, Boljkovac, Osredak, Mraca, Podgrade, Gornji Vakuf, Prozor, Voljevac, Duge, Gornji Kranjcici, Uzdol, Kruscica, and Slatino areas and securing the road Rama-Konjici. A report concerning the planned movement to the Sarajevo and Visegrad areas by 19 Mar 1943, and transfer (destination not mentioned) probably to begin on 1 Apr; an account by Croatian Lt. Petrovic Mirko, a German agent, concerning partisan activity in Yugoslavia; a list of officer duty assignments; order-of-battle charts; a billeting survey; combat and ration strength and status reports; casualty lists; and data relating to partisan activity, unit identification, strength, and losses. (The activity report, 16-31 Mar 1943, item No. 31718/6 was filmed with records of the 117. Jaeger-Div., Guide No. 67 (roll 1299, first frame 1, p. 4).)</p>	1943/03/01-1943/03/16	717.ID 31718/5	2264	373