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	DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND			
	1941/04/12	Wehrkreis III	Activation (15. Welle)	Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. III, 1941/04/12-1941/06/07			
	1941/05/02	Potsdam, Frankfurt/Oder, Guben, Brandenburg/Havel, Spandau	Formation with units of Div.Nr. 143 and 153	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Erich Hoecker, 1941/05/19-1944/01/09			
	1941/06/01	's Hertogenbosch, Netherlands	Transfer				
	1941/06/08	Breda, Bergen op Zoom, Hoek van Holland, Vlaardingen, Flushing, Gorinchem, Dordrecht; Western Scheldt estuary; Islands of Walcheren, North and South Beveland, and Overflakkee	Occupation duty, coastal defense, security, training, regrouping, construction of coastal and land fortifications	Subordinate to: AK 88, 1941/06/08-1943/12/31			
	1942/09/01- 1942/12/31	K.V.A. Dordrecht, Hoek van Holland, Haamstede, Flushing, Breda, The Hague, Steenbergen, Bergen op Zoom; Islands of Voorne, Schouwen Tholen, Overflakkee, and Goeree	security, air raid protection, construction of fortifications,				
1	1942/10/26	K.V.A. Dordrecht	Reorganization as a bodenstaendige (stationary) division				
	1943/01/01	K.V.A. Dordrecht, Hoek van Holland, Flushing, Rotterdam, Meordkjk, Bergen op Zoom, Helder, Scheveningen, Roosendaal, Steenbergen; Islands of Schouwen, Voorne, Tholen, and Overflakkee	air raid protection, defense against parachutists and air landing troops, maneuvers, alert exercises,				
5	Records of the	ecords of the 719.ID are reproduced on rolls 2272-2273 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.					
• • •	Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/12/31 were available in the National Archives, situation maps of Lage West, the general staff officer files, records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/131 (T78, roll 412), and manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies						

series, MS B-004 (Report on the commitment of the 719.ID in the Antwerp and Breda areas in September 1944), by Gen.Lt. Karl Sievers and MS C-010 (Report on the commitment of the 347.ID in Lorraine and Palatinate, 15 Nov 1944-24 Mar 1945), by Gen.Lt. Wolf Trierenberg, show:

1944/01/01 Dordrecht, Schiedam, Vlaardingen, Coastal defense, occupation duty, C.O.: Gen.Lt. Max Horn, 1944/01/10-1944/02/15 Rotterdam, Bergen op Zoom, Breda; security, training, Islands of Schouwen and Voorne air raid protection

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	1944/08/14	Dordrecht, Schiedam, Rotterdam, Bergen op Zoom, Breda, Vlaardingen; Islands of Schouwen and Voorne	Coastal defense, security, alert exercises, training	Gen.Lt. Karl Sievers, 1944/08/03-1944/10/03	
	1944/09/06	Turnhout, Merksem, Belgium	Movement		
	1944/09/12	Merksem, Oostmalle, Antwerp-Turnhout Canal	Relief of Kampfgruppe 347.ID, defensive operations		
	1944/09/23	Hoogstraten	Withdrawal, defense		
	1944/09/28	Baarle-Nassau, Netherlands	Withdrawal, defense		
	1944/10/05	Gilze, Oosterhout, Biesbosch	Withdrawal, defense	Obst. Rudolf Goltzsch, mFb, 1944/10/03-1944/10/16 Gen.Lt. Felix Schwalbe, 1944/10/16-1944/12/16	
	1944/11/05	Dordrecht, Sliedrecht, Island of Beijerland	Movement, defensive operations	Gen.Lt. Feiix Schwalde, 1944/10/10-1944/12/10	
	1944/11/29- 1944/12/02	Wesel, Germany	Transfer		
	1944/12/02	Saarbruecken, Saarlautern	Movement, defensive operations	Gen.Maj. Heinrich Gaede, 1944/12/16 (missing in act:	tion)
	1944/12/21- 1945/01/22	Saarwellingen, Ensdorf	Movement, relief of the 559.VGrD, defensive operations	Gen.Maj. Heinrich Gaede, 1944/12/10 (missing in act.	1011)
	1945/01/10	Ensdorf, Fraulautern	Attack on enemy bridgehead		
_	1945/01/23	Saarlautern	Defensive operations		
	1945/02/08	Merzig, Lebach	Defensive operations		
	1945/02/24	Saarlautern	Defensive operations		
	1945/03/10	Sprengen, Saarwellingen	Defensive operations		
	1945/03/17	Dirmingen, Puettlingen	Committed to stop enemy breakthrough		
	1945/03/19- 1945/03/21	Homburg, Thaleischweiler	Withdrawal, probably destroyed or captured		

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