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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1942/11/11	Tunis, Bizerte, Tunisia	Activation of Kampfgruppe Tunesien or Stab Lederer, formation	Subordinate to: AK 90, 1942/11/11-1942/12/07 C.O.: Oberst Lederer, 1942/11/11-1942/11/15
1942/11/13	Ferryville, Bizerte	Formation of an axis bridgehead, coastal and city defense	
1942/11/16	Bizerte	Redesignation as Kampfgruppe Stolz or Stab Stolz, formation	Oberstlt. Stolz, 1942/11/16-1942/11/17
1942/11/18	Bizerte	Redesignation as Division von Broich, formation	Oberst Fritz Freiherr von Broich, 1942/11/18-1943/02/07
1942/11/19	Beja, Mateur, Tabarka, Tebourba, Si Nsir, Medjez-el-Bab, Bizerte	Reconnaissance and defensive operations, counterattacks, coastal defense	Subordinate to: PzAOK 5, 1942/12/08-1943/04/27
1943/01/01	Tebourba, Mateur, Beja, Teboursouk, west of Bizerte	Reconnaissance, defensive, and offensive operations, coastal defense	
1943/02/07	Ferryville	Redesignation as Division von Manteuffel	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Hasso von Manteuffel, 1943/02/05-1943/03/31
1943/02/26	Si Nsir, Ksar-Mezouar, Beja, along the line Jefna, El Aouana, Sedjenane, Djebel-Aboid, west of Bizerte	Assault operations, holding operations, coastal defense	
1943/03/04	Djebel-Aboid, Beja, Sedjenane, Tamera, Cap Negro, Randa, Cap Serrat	Reconnaissance, assault, and defensive operations, coastal defense	
1943/03/19	Tabarka, Djebel-Aboid, Beja	Attack to close the enemy supply route	
1943/03/20	West of Mateur	Reorganization for defense	

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1943/03/28	Sedjenane River Valley, El Aouana, Djebel-Tabouna, Si Nsir, Djebel-Dardyss, Jefna, Mettarchem	Laying mines, disengagement movements, occupation of positions	
1943/04/04	Ferryville to Mateur, Rass al Koran to Cap Blanc	Reconnaissance and defensive operations, coastal defense	
1943/05/00 ca.	Bizerte area	Probably captured by American or British Forces	

Records of Division von Broich/Manteuffel are reproduced on rolls 2276-2278 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and described following the unit history. Situation maps of Lage Nordafrika and the Potsdam catalog were also used as sources for the unit history.

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Ia, KTB 1. War journal concerning formation of Kampfgruppe Tunesien also called Stab Lederer, under the command of Oberst Lederer, by order of Deutscher General Rom, from units flown in from Italy, for the mission of forming an axis bridgehead in the Ferryville, Beja, Mateur, and Tabarka areas for the defense of Bizerte, Tunisia, 11-15 Nov 1942; change of command with the assignment of Oberstlt. Stolz and redesignation as Stab Stolz, 16-17 Nov, and Oberst Freiherr von Broich and redesignation as Division von Broich, 18 Nov; and reconnaissance and defensive operations, counterattacks, and the defense of Bizerte, 19 Nov-31 Dec. Combat and ration strength reports; inventories of ammunition expended, 4-28 Dec; and lists of officer duty assignments, casualties, and attached units.	1942/11/11- 1942/12/31	Div.v.Broich 29627/1	2276	1
Ia, Anlagenheft I zum KTB 1. Orders relating to reconnaissance and defensive operations, counterattacks, and construction of defensive positions in the Bizerte sector of Tunisia; order-of-battle charts; a survey of weapons on hand; situation maps of the various Kampfgruppen of Division von Broich; tactical orders and reports between the army and the division; and tactical reports and messages of subordinate units.	1942/11/12- 1942/12/31	Div.v.Broich 29627/2	2276	56
Ia, Ic, Anlagenheft II zum KTB 1. Reports and situation maps of Italian units attached to Division von Broich, 16 Nov-31 Dec 1942; reports relating to negotiations with former French administrative offices, 14 Nov-11 Dec; and daily final reports of Kampfgruppe (Stab) Lederer to the Deutsche Waffenstillstandskommission, OB Sued, Deutscher General Rom, and Fuehrer der Luft, Tunis, concerning formation in and movement of division units to North Africa, 12-15 Nov, and of Kampfgruppe (Stab) Stolz and Division	1942/11/12- 1942/12/31	Div.v.Broich 29627/3	2276	471

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von Broich to AK 90, PzAOK 5, Jagdgeschwader 52 and 53, Deutsches Marinekommando Biserta, 16 Nov-31 Dec, regarding the arrival of division units at Bizerte and military operations and movements in North Africa in defense of the Bizerte bridgehead. Afteraction reports of Kampfgruppe Witzig, 20 Nov-14 Dec, Kampfgruppe (Lw.Rgt.) Barenthin, 4-7 Dec, and Kampfgruppe Jefna, 17 Dec; combat and casualty reports; and interrogation summaries, 26-30 Dec.				
Ia, KTB 2 der Division von Broich, 1. Jan.-6. Feb. und Division von Manteuffel, 7. Feb.-31. Maerz 1943. War journal concerning movements, reconnaissance and defensive operations and offensive engagements in the Tebourba, Mateur, and Beja areas and coastal defense west of Bizerte by Division von Broich, 1 Jan-6 Feb 1943, and Division von Manteuffel, 7 Feb-31 Mar; the arrival and taking command of Oberst von Manteuffel at the division headquarters at Ferryville, Tunisia, on 7 Feb and the reassignment of Oberst von Broich to command the 10.PzDiv. on 2 Feb. A register of officers, casualty lists, and combat and ration strength reports.	1943/01/01-1943/03/31	Div.v.Manteuffel 30489/1	2277	1
Ia, Anlagenheft I zum KTB 2 der Division von Broich, 1. Jan.-6. Feb. und Division von Manteuffel, 7. Feb.-31. Maerz 1943. Orders pertaining to movements, reconnaissance and defensive operations, offensive engagements, and regrouping in the defense sector between the division, the 10.PzDiv., and the newly arrived 334.ID in the Ferryville, Tebourba, Mateur, and Beja areas and coastal defense west of Bizerte; formation, training, and commitment of Panzer-Vernichtungstrupps and anti-aircraft troops; and execution of Unternehmen Olivenernte (attack to destroy the enemy security forces in the Teboursouk, Si Nsir, and Medjez-el-Bab areas, 14 Jan 1943, and Unternehmen Mandelbluete (operations to contain enemy forces	1943/01/01-1943/03/31	Div.v.Manteuffel 30489/2	2277	99

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opposite the division's sector), 13-14 Feb. Daily reports concerning combat operations and movements of Kampfgruppen Bersaglieri (Italian Rgt. 10), Jefna, and Barenthin (Lw.Rgt.), 1 Jan-31 Mar; also weekly reports of the division, Kampfgruppen, and other subordinate units regarding combat actions south, southwest, and west of Bizerte, 2 Jan-29 Mar. Order-of-battle charts, training directives, status reports, tactical orders of the army to the division, tactical reports of subordinate units, inventories of weapons on hand, and combat and ration strength reports.

Ia, Ic, Anlagenheft II zum KTB 2 der Division von Broich, 1. Jan.-6. Feb. und Division von Manteuffel, 7. Feb.-31. Maerz 1943. Reports regarding the operations of Division von Broich for the period Nov 1942-Feb 1943 in the Ferryville and Bizerte areas of Tunisia; plans for the construction of new positions south of Mateur; and afteraction reports of Kampfgruppe Jefna, 5 Jan, of 4./Fallschirm-Pi.Btl. 11 concerning its operations from 14 Nov 1942-9 Jan 1943, with strength reports on arrival at Bizerte, 15 Nov 42 and 10 Jan 43, and losses suffered, and of Lw.Rgt. Barenthin regarding reconnaissance patrols, assault group operations, and battles during December 1942. Maps showing the tactical situation and reports of Kampfgruppen Bersaglieri, Barenthin, and Jefna and other subordinate units. Interrogation summaries; an intelligence bulletin; a report by IV./Art.Rgt. 190 on results of a reconnaissance patrol mission on 11 Feb; a map showing the tactical disposition of the British 46th Div., 11 Mar; a report by Lt. von Wesendonk who pretended to be an escaped prisoner of war and

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infiltrated among the French troops, 22 Mar; and general correspondence of Division von Broich and von Manteuffel pertaining to tactics, shortages, enemy superior strength, morale weakness of Italian units, and establishing the actual strength of the division (Etatisierung).				
Ia, Ib, Anlagenheft III zum KTB 2 der Division von Manteuffel, Akte Ausladung. Orders, reports, and messages pertaining to Unternehmen Ausladung (assault operations on road and railroad junctions toward Beja, along the lines of Si Nsir and Ksar-Mezouar, and holding operations along the lines of Jefna, El Aouana, Sedjenane, and Djebel-Aboid to force the British and Americans to release their pressure against Rommel's main force and to cut off the enemy's supply lines, 26 Feb-3 Mar 1943). Included are defensive, reconnaissance, and assault operations west of Mateur, north of the Beja and Djebel-Aboid road, and in the Sedjenane, Tamera, and Djebel-Aboid areas and coastal defense in the Cap Negro, Randa, and Cap Serrat areas, 4-20 Mar. Attack to close the enemy's supply route Tabarka-Djebel-Aboid-Beja, 19-20 Mar; reorganization for defense west of Mateur, 20-27 Mar; mining of the Sedjenane River Valley; and disengagement movements from the main line of resistance and occupation of the Jefna position, 28 Mar-1 Apr. An afteraction report and critique regarding Unternehmen Ausladung and special supply directives.	1943/02/25-1943/04/01	Div.v.Manteuffel 30489/4	2277	808
Ia, Anlagenheft IV zum KTB 2, Lagekarten der Division von Manteuffel. Situation maps showing the tactical disposition of division units in the Bizerte, Cap Negro, and Cap Serrat areas of Tunisia.	1943/02/17-1943/03/31	Div.v.Manteuffel 30489/5	2278	1
Ic, TB mit Anlagen. Activity report concerning the	1943/08/30-1943/09/30	Div.v.Manteuffel 30489/7	2278	14

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difficulties encountered by the intelligence service to carry out its mission in the division sector due to the military, political, and geographical conditions and situation in North Africa, the use of Arabs for reconnaissance operations, evaluation of Arabian V-Maenner (agents), Innere Abwehr (internal counterintelligence), and troop indoctrination and entertainment; daily intelligence reports of subordinate division units; intelligence bulletins; maps showing the enemy military situation; interrogation summaries; reports on the morale of enemy troops, the use of deceptive commands in German given by British parachutists; and an evaluation of the American soldier.

Daily reports and sketches presenting the results of reconnaissance operations by young Arabian individuals and V-Maenner behind British and American lines; enemy propaganda leaflets; and reports pertaining to the activity of the military police and field court, Unternehmen Berg (interrogation to determine what happened to the cargo of two captured British and American ships), enemy organizations in the Ferryville area, sentences imposed on Arabs tried at field courts-martial (most were condemned to death), an evaluation of the intelligence and political situation in Tunisia, and a list of prisoners of war and booty.