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1939/ca.	Berlin	Activation of Kommandotruppe by order of OKW/Abwehr II	
1939/10/ca.	Brandenburg/Havel, Wehrkreis III	Formation of Bau-Lehrkompanie Brandenburg zbV. 800 from released Kommandotrups in Poland and Upper Silesia and returned agents and V-Maenner under the control of Abwehr II after the Polish campaign	
1939/12/ca.		Expanded to Bau-Lehrbataillon Brandenburg zbV. 800	
1940/ca.	Brandenburg/Havel, Dueren/Rheinland; Baden, Wehrkreis XVII, Austria	Reorganization as Bau-Lehr-Regiment Brandenburg zbV. 800, with I. and II. Btl., and III. Geb.Btl., training as commandos, parachutists, and interpreters for special assignments in guerrilla warfare (Kleinkrieg) behind enemy lines with an application of intrigue during bold operations	
1940/04/06- 1940/05/02	Yugoslavia, Metaxas line; Athens, Acropolis, Greece	Participation in the Balkan campaign, breakthrough, capture	
1940/04/09	Norway	Participation in the conquest of, special assignments	
1940/05/10- 1940/06/25	Gennep, Meuse River, Netherlands; Belgium; Ardennes, France  Ostend-Bruges Canal, Nieuport, Belgium	Capture of bridge, frontier guard posts, and blockade zone by overwhelming garrisons while wearing enemy uniforms and by cunning and trickery, gaining control of the locks by infiltration of a Belgian unit	
1941/06/22- 1941/08/14	Lvov, Vinnitsa, west of Odessa, Soviet Union, Daugavpils, Latvia, Lithuania, Western Dvina River	Assault operations, liberation and security of Volksdeutsche by I.Btl., offensive engagements by I <sup>r</sup> . and III. Btl., operations against partisans behind enemy lines	
1941/08/15 ca.	Brandenburg/Havel, Dueren; Baden, Austria	Return of I., II., and III. Btl. after the loss of most officers and noncommissioned officers	
1941/end ca.	Truppenuebungsplatz Miedzyrzecz, Poland	Formation of IV. Btl. designated Verfuegungsabteilung des Regiments Brandenburg zbV. 800, training	
1942/07/ca.	Brandenburg/Havel, North Africa	Movement, commando operations by IV. Btl. Brandenburg	

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1942/12/30- 1943/05/ca.	Korbous, Tunisia	Coastal defense and security by IV. Btl., probably captured	
1942/07/ca.- 1942/09/30	From Brandenburg, Dueren, Baden to the Russian front,  Rostov, Don River, Maikop, Caucasus, Volga River sector	Transfer of I., II., and III.Btl./Rgt. Brandenburg also known as Sonderverband Brandenburg, special assignment behind enemy lines, securing the main road, capture and securing oil refineries, wells, bridges, employment as air landing troops	
1942/10/01- 1942/12/31	Russian front, southern sector	Defensive operations	
1943/01/01	Caucasus	Rear guard during withdrawal	
1943/01/30- 1943/04/ca.	Berlin, Brandenburg, Krahne, Neuhaus, Wehrkreis III	Return of Sonderverband Brandenburg from the Russian front	
1943/03/15- 1943/05/ca.		Formation of Division Brandenburg, including one Ers.Btl. and one Lehr-Btl. for each of the four regiments	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Alexander von Pfuhlstein, 1943/02/05-1944/03/31
1943/05/15	Yugoslavia, Mitrovica, Foca, Bioce, Slano Brdo, Savnik	Transfer, arrival of 4. Rgt., participation in Unternehmen Schwarz (encircle and destroy partisan forces)	
1943/06/17	Jajce, Prijepolje, Drvar	Operations against partisans by 1., 2., and 4.Rgt. and Fallschirmjg.-Btl. (No records or maps available for 18 Jun-8 Aug 1943)	
1943/07/28- 1944/01/03	Baden, Austria; Kraljevo, Yugoslavia; Levadia, Greece	Rehabilitation of I./1. Rgt., movement	
1943/08/09- 1943/10/27	Phlorina, Grevena, Kastoria, Skidhra, Edhessa, Konitsa, Kivotos, Greece	Operations against partisans and reprisals by the 2. Rgt.	
1943/08/09- 1944/03/02	Lamia, Levadia, Thebes, Greece, Island of Euboea, Aliartos	Security and occupation, operations against partisans by 1. Rgt., 15. Fallschjg.-Komp./4. Rgt., 1. Kuestenjg.-Abt.	

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1943/08/09- 1943/12/07	Banja Luka, Yugoslavia	Operations against partisans by 4. Rgt.	
1943/09/09	Yugoslavia, Greece, Albania, N. Italy, Islands of Corfu and Maddalena	Unternehmen Achse (disarming and internment of Italian Forces)	
1943/09/09	Mont Cenis Tunnel, Nice-Menton-Genoa highway	Security by II./3. Rgt.	
	Harbor of Durazzo, Albania	Occupation and security by 15. Fallschjg.-Komp./4. Rgt.	
	Island of Maddalena, Italy	Capture and occupation by 16. Fallschjg.-Komp./4. Rgt.	
	Island of Corfu, Greece	Capture by Komp. Suedtiroler/2. Rgt.	
1943/09/11- 1943/11/24	Zhukovka, Foshnya, Kostyukovichi, Desna, Vet'ma, & Iput River sector, Nevel, Mogilev, Zhitomir, Soviet Union	Offensive and defensive operations, operations against partisans, by I. and III./3. Rgt. and Legionaer-Btl.	
1943/10/03- 1943/12/08	Aegean Islands of Astypalaia, (Stampalia), Cephalonia, Leros, Levitha, Kos, Samos	Assault on and occupation by 1. Rgt., 15. Fallschjg.-Komp./4. Rgt., 1. Kuestenjg.-Abt.	
1943/12/08- 1944/09/02	Livno, Sarajevo, Jajce, Bugojno, Donji Vakuf, Yugoslavia	Movement, Unternehmen Ziethen (operations against partisans), defensive operations by 4. Rgt. (No trace on situation maps after 1944/09/02)	
1943/12/09- 1943/12/28	Sjenica, Sarajevo, Zenica, Yugoslavia	Unternehmen Kugelblitz and Schneesturm (operations against partisans) by 2. Rgt.	
1943/12/09	Island of Samos to Piraeus, Greece	Movement, occupation by III./1. Rgt.	
1943/12/21	Split, Yugoslavia	Unternehmen Herbstgewitter (operations against partisans) by II./1. Rgt.	
1943/12/29- 1944/09/14	Nova Varos, Prijepolje, Pljevlja, Kraljevo, Negotin, Donji Milanovac, Jabukovac, Pozarevac, Yugoslavia	Movement, operations against partisans, defensive operations by 2. Rgt., probably captured or destroyed	

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1944/03/03- 1944/04/30	Island of Kornat, Dalmatia	Occupation and defense by 1. Kuestenjg.-Abt., probably captured	
1944/03/03- 1944/09/01	Levadia, Greece to Knin, Yugoslavia, Trogir, Scutari, Drvar, Skradin	Transfer of 1. Rgt., operations against partisans	Gen.Lt. Friedrich Kuehlwein, 1944/03/27-1944/10/16
1944/05/28- 1944/09/01	Italy, France, Baltic and Balkan States, Slovakia, Transcarpathian Oblast	Formation of landeseigene Streifkorps or Einsatzgruppen to aid the division's missions	
1944/06/01- 1944/07/01	Trieste, Sezana, Yugoslavia	Arrival of Alarm-Rgt. Brandenburg, movement, operations against partisans	
1944/06/09- 1944/06/27	Reichsgau Oberkirchen	Transfer of Ausbau- u. Ersatzeinheiten of Division Brandenburg	
1944/07/19- 1944/09/03	Ilirska Bistrica, Yugoslavia, Sezana	Movement, operations against partisans by 3. Rgt. minus I.Btl., transfer of I.Btl.	
1944/09/02- 1944/10/28	Sibenik, Gradusa, Belgrade, Arandjelovac, Valjevo, Zabal, Curug, Darda, Yugoslavia	Movement, operations against partisans, defensive operations by 1. Rgt. (No trace on situation maps after 1944/10/29)	
1944/09/15	Chef d. Wehrm.Fuehr.Stab Berlin	Reorganization as Panzergrenadier-Division Brandenburg	
1944/09/21	Freiburg i./Breisgau	Release of personnel of Streifkorps and transfer to combat school	
1944/09/25	Baden, Austria	Transfer of I./3. Rgt.	
1944/10/08- 1944/11/03	Viso, Monte, Vinadio, Italy	Transfer, security by III./3. Rgt.	
1944/10/15- 1944/11/27	Belgrade, Zabal, Osijek (Esseg), Darda, Yugoslavia	Movement, defensive operations by division remnants	Gen.Maj. Hermann Schulte-Heuthaus, 1944/10/16-1945/03/01

Record items 77755/1 and 2 of Panzergrenadier-Division Brandenburg are reproduced on roll 2112 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and described following the unit history.

Although only two record items of this division were available in the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost, Balkan, Nord Afrika, Suedwest, and Suedost; the Order of Battle of the German Army (Washington, Mar 1945); the general staff officer personnel files; and manuscript by Obstlt. Friedrich Wilhelm Heinz, CO 4. Rgt./Division Brandenburg: VON WILHELM CANARIS ZUR NKVD, Wilhelm Nicolai und Wilhelm Canaris "zwei Menschen, zwei Systeme, zwei Welten," chapter V: "Die Geschichte der deutschen Kommandotruppe" (ML 1078), were also used for the unit history and show:

1944/10/17	Osijek (Esseg)	Incorporation of Sturm-Division Rhodos Source: OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt. H 1/38 (T78, roll 398) and H 1/132 (T78, roll 412)
1944/11/04	Turin, Italy	Incorporation of staff of II. and III./3. Rgt. into the 157.GebD
1944/11/28	Srokowo, Poland	Transfer of division personnel
1944/12/05	Srokowo	Reformation of Panzergrenadier-Division Brandenburg
1945/01/13	Orzysz (Arys) to Mlawa, Lodz	Movement
1945/01/19	Wadlew, Sieradz	Defense against Russian breakthrough
1945/01/25	Korotoszyn, Gora, Glogau	Disengagement movements, defensive operations
1945/02/09	Przemkow, Szprotawa, Sagan	Disengagement movements
1945/02/19	Forst, Germany	Withdrawal, position defense
1945/04/08	Niesky	Defensive operations
1945/04/18	Radibor, Bautzen	Defensive operations
1945/04/28	Radeberg, Klotzsche, Dresden	Withdrawal

Situation map Lage Ost of 6 May 1945 shows units of this division with Heeresgruppe Mitte which was captured by Russian Forces.

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 PzGren-Div. Brandenburg as follows:

MS T-9, Part II (Die Operationen der Heeresgruppe Suedukraine (Sued) in Rumaenien, Ungarn und Oesterreich (Mai 1944 bis Kriegsende) der Heeresgruppe Nordukraine (A) in Galizien und Ostpolen (Mai bis Ende August 1944) und der Armeegruppe Heinrici (1. Panzer-Armee) in den Beskiden, (September 1944 bis Ende Januar 1945)), by Gen.Lt. Otto Heidkaemper

Appendix No. 1 to MS T-9 (Die Operationen der Heeresgruppe Suedukraine (Sued), der Heeresgruppe Nordukraine (A) und der Armeegruppe Heinrici (1. Panzer-Armee), Mai 1944 bis Mai 1945), by General der Panzertruppen Walter Wenck, Gen.Obst. Erhard Raus, Obst. Hermann Teske, Gen. Jon Gheorghe (Rumanian), and Gen.Obst. Gotthard Heinrici.

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<p>Ia, Befehle und Meldungen der Division Brandenburg.  Orders, reports, and messages pertaining to the operations of all units of Sonderverband Brandenburg in the southern sector of the eastern front and transfer to Berlin, Brandenburg, Krahne, and Neuhaus, Wehrkreis III, Jan-Mar 1943; coastal defense and security by IV. Btl. Brandenburg in Tunisia, Jan-May (probably captured); reformation as Division Brandenburg by adding one Ers. Btl. and one Lehr-Btl. to each of the four regiments, mid-Mar-May; and transfer to southeast Europe (Yugoslavia) by order of OKW, 22 Apr, and the arrival of the 4. Rgt. at Mitrovica, Yugoslavia, in mid-May and participation in Unternehmen Schwarz (operations against partisans in the Foca area, mid-May-16 Jun), and operations against partisans in the Banja Luka area, 28 Oct-7 Dec.  Security in the Lamia, Levadia, and Thebes areas of Greece and occupation of the Island of Euboea by the 1. Rgt., 15. Fallschirmjg.-Komp./4. Rgt., and 1. Kuestenjg.-Abt., 9 Aug-27 Oct, and assault on and occupation of the Aegean Islands of Astypalaia (Stampalia), Leros, Samos, Cephalonia, Kos, and Levitha, 3-23 Oct; operations against partisans and carrying out of sanctions, such as burning villages, and security by the 2. Rgt. in Phlorina, Grevena, Kastoria, Kozane, Skidhra, Edhessa, Kivotos, and Konitsa, Greece, 9 Aug-8 Dec; and participation in Unternehmen Achse (disarming and internment of Italian Forces in Greece, Yugoslavia, Albania, Northern Italy, and the Islands of Corfu and Maddalena, 8-30 Sep).  Securing of the Mont Cenis Tunnel and the Nice-Menton-Genoa highway by the II./3. Rgt; occupation of and securing the harbor of Durazzo, Albania, by the 15. Fallschirmjg.-Komp./4. Rgt.;</p>	1943/01/01-1944/10/10	PzGrD Brandenburg 77755/1	2112	1

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<p>and the capture and occupation of the Island of Maddalena, Italy, by the 16. Fallschirmjg.-Komp./4. Rgt. through a coup de main, and the Island of Corfu, Greece, by Komp. Suedtiroler/2. Rgt. and 1. Kuestenjg.-Abt., Sep; defensive and offensive engagements by the III./3. Rgt. in the Zhukovka, Poshnya, Semerechi, and Kostyukovich areas and in the Desna, Vet'ma, and Iput' River sectors, Soviet Union, 11 Sep-2 Oct; and defensive engagements and operations against partisans by the I./3. Rgt. in the Nevel and Mogilev areas and by the Legionaer-Btl. in the Zhitomir area, 1-24 Nov.</p> <p>Formation of landeseigene Streifkorps or Einsatzgruppen in France, Italy, Balkan, Baltic States, Slovakia, and Carpathia to aid Division Brandenburg in its missions, 28 May-1 Sep 1944; assembly of the division in the Belgrade, Yugoslavia area, 9 Sep; reorganization of Division Brandenburg as Panzergrenadier-Division Brandenburg by order of OKW, 15 Sep; transfer of I./3. Rgt. to Baden, Wehrkreis XVII, Austria, 25 Sep; release of all personnel of Streifkorps and their transfer to the combat school in Freiburg i./Breisgau, 21 Sep; and incorporation of the staff of the II. and III./3. Rgt. into the 157.GebD in Turin, Italy, 4 Nov.</p>	1942/11/25-1945/01/19	PzGrD Brandenburg 77755/2	2112	141
<p>IIa/b, Personal Meldungen, Befehle, Nachweisungen und Listen der Division Brandenburg. Orders, reports, lists, tables, receipts, and forms pertaining to drafting and assignment of special qualified personnel, with commando type training, especially as paratroopers and interpreters, for units of Sonderverbaende and Division Brandenburg and Heimatstab Brandenburg at Brandenburg/Havel, Wehrkreis III, and Ersatz-Brigade (mot) Grossdeutschland.</p>				