

38. Infanterie-Division (38th Infantry Division)

The 38. Infanterie-Division staff which was formed in Brittany, France, on July 7, 1942, was trained and brought to full strength at Münster, Germany. In the latter part of July 1942 the division was transferred to Holland for training in coastal security and close combat, and in December 1942 it was sent to St.Nazaire, France. In late March 1943 the division was transferred to the southern sector of the eastern front and participated in defen-

sive engagements in the Artemovsk, Krasny Liman, Izyum, Slavyansk, and Pavlograd areas to September 1943. Although no records of this division dated later than September 10, 1943, are available, situation maps of Lage Ost show that it took part in the defense of the Pavlograd, Zaporozhe, and Krivoi Rog areas until December 1943, when it was probably destroyed.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>1st Frame</u>
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1, Text. Forming of the division staff in France, transfer to Münster to bring it to full strength; move to Holland in the Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Utrecht areas for training and to the coast for training in close combat and coastal security. The division was subordinate to the IX. and LXXXVIII. A.K. during this period under the command of Gen.Lt. Friedrich Eberhardt.	Jul 7 - Dec 27, 1942	27450/1	904	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 1. Reports, directives, orders, and messages.	Jun 11 - Dec 24, 1942	27450/2	904	45
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Intelligence and counterintelligence activities in Münster and in Holland and sports activities by division personnel.	Jul 7 - Sep 30, 1942	27450/3	905	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2. Transfer of the division to St.Nazaire for training and coastal security in the coastal defense sector from St.Nazaire to Vannes. Also, orders for the transfer of the division to the southern sector of the eastern front. The division was subordinate to the XXV. A.K.	Dec 27, 1942 - Mar 23, 1943	28293/1	905	12
Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB 2. Orders, directives, reports, and maps.	Dec 28, 1942 - Mar 20, 1943	28293/2	905	44
Ia, Anlagenband 3 z. KTB 2, Küstenverteidigungsplan. Plans, orders, directives, reports, maps, and overlays relating to the defense of the coast of France against enemy landings.	Dec 27, 1942 - Mar 23, 1943	28293/4	905	421
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3, Text. Transfer of the division from St.Nazaire to Grigoryevka on the Donets River to participate in defensive actions along the Donets River between Artemovsk, Krasny Liman, and Izyum, where it suffered heavy losses. The division was subordinate to the XXX. A.K. under the command of Gen.Lt. Friedrich Eberhardt until Aug 23, 1943, and of Oberstleutnant Reimpell thereafter.	Mar 29 - Aug 31, 1943	35671/1	905	533

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Ia, Anlagenbände 1-5 z. KTB 3. Orders, directives, reports, messages, and maps.	Mar 26 - Jun 8, 1943	35671/2- 35671/6	905- 906	849, 175
Ia, Anlagenbände 6-7 z. KTB 3. Directives, orders, messages, and maps.	Jun 29 - Aug 31, 1943	35671/7-8	906	407
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4, Text. Operations in the Slavyansk and Kramatorsk areas along the Donets River. The division was subordinate to the XXX. A.K. during this period.	Sep 1 - 10, 1943	35671/9	906	1038
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4. Directives, orders, messages, and maps.	Sep 1 - 10, 1943	35671/10	906	1065