

158. RESERVE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/00/00	Liegnitz, Wehrkreis VIII	Formation of Ers.Tr. VIII, redesignation as Div.Nr. 158	
1941/02/01	Strasbourg, France	Transfer	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Josef Russwurm, 1940/07/15-1942/05/01
1942/10/14	Fontainebleau	Movement, redesignation as 158.ResD	Gen.Lt. Ernst Haeckel, 1942/05/01-1944/08/07
1942/11/11	Moulins	Movement, formation of the 158.ID from the Stab d. 158.ResD, Eingreifgruppe Welzel (158.ResD), Eingreifgruppe Faerber (159.ResD), occupation of unoccupied France	Subordinate to: AK 66 Res, 1942/11/11-1943/01/22 AGr Felber, 1942/11/11-1943/01/04 AK 66 Res, 1943/01/05-1943/01/11
1942/11/13	Marseilles, Nimes	Transfer, coastal defense	
1942/11/15	Nevers	Re-formation of the Stab d. 158.ResD	
1942/12/28	Limoges	Movement of the 158.ID and Stab d. 158.ResD	
1943/01/18	Limoges	Disbandment of the 158.ID, incorporation of units into the 158.ResD	
1943/01/25	Fontenay-le-Comte, La Rochelle, Nantes, Rochefort, Saintes	Transfer, coastal defense, security duty, training	AK 80 (tactically), Stellv.Gen.Kdo. VIII, and AK 66 Res (personnel), 1943/01/25-1943/12/31
1943/04/01	Niort, Poitiers, Limoges	Movement, security duty	
1943/05/11	Fontenay-le-Comte, La Rochelle, Rochefort	Movement, coastal defense, security	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Edgar Arndt, mFb., 1943/05/31-1943/07/30
1944/01/01	Fontenay-le-Comte, La Rochelle, Rochefort	Coastal defense, security	
1944/08/06	Cholet	Transfer, incorporation into the 16.ID (see Guide No. 63, p. 85)	

Records of the 158.ResD are reproduced on roll 1441 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although only three record items of the 158.ResD are available in the National Archives, the Order of Battle of the German Army (Washington, March 1945), situation maps of Lage West, and the general officer personnel files were also used for the unit history.

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Ia, TB des Stabes der 158.ResD. Transfer from Strasbourg to Fontainebleau, 14-15 Oct; redesignation of the Stab der Div Nr. 158 as Stab der 158.ResD, 15 Oct; movement to Moulins; reorganization as Stab der 158.ID on 11 Nov, to take part in the occupation of unoccupied France under the command of Gen.Lt Haeckel; establishing a new Stab der 158.ResD in Nevers, 11-15 Nov, under the command of Oberst Huehner; movement of both staffs to Limoges on 28 Dec 1942; resumption of the division command by Gen.Lt. Haeckel on 31 Dec; disbandment of the Stab der 158.ID, 18 Jan 1943; transfer of the 158.ResD to Fontenay-le-Comte, 24 Jan. Order-of-battle charts and a billeting survey for the La Rochelle, Fontenay-le-Comte, Rochefort, and Tours areas.	1942/10/14-1943/01/24	158.ResD 28094/1	1441	1
Ia, KTB 1 der 158.ID mit Anlagen. War journal with orders and messages pertaining to Unternehmen Brunhilde (establishing Eingreifgruppen to take part in the occupation of unoccupied France), formation of the 158.ID (also known as Division Haeckel) from Eingreifgruppe Welzel (158.ResD) and Eingreifgruppe Paerber (159.ResD) in Moulins, 11 Nov 1942, under the command of Gen.Lt. Haeckel, crossing the demarkation line near Clermont-Ferrand, transfer to Nimes and Marseilles to secure the southern French coastal areas, movement of the division to Limoges, 26-28 Dec, and disbandment on 18 Jan 1943. Order-of-battle charts, lists of officers duty assignments, and an afteraction critique relating to the occupation of unoccupied France.	1942/11/11-1943/01/11	158.ResD 28094/2	1441	21
Ia, KTB 1 mit Anlagen, Ic TB. Relief of the 15.ID by the division for coastal defense in the La Rochelle, Rochefort, Nantes, and Saintes areas, 15 Jan; security	1943/01/25-1943/12/31	158.ResD 44620	1441	154

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of the Fontenay-le-Comte area; training, alerts, and map exercises; relief of the division by the 18. ID, and movement to the Niort, Poitiers, and Limoges areas, 1-15 Apr; return to the La Rochelle and Rochefort area for coastal defense in May; and release of personnel to the 275.ID in the Nantes area, 11 Dec. Activity reports of the intelligence branch, 23 Jan-31 Dec 1943. (There is no indication that the KTB for the period 1 Jan-5 Aug 1944, record item 54159 as listed in the Potsdam catalog, was ever in National Archives custody.)