

167. INFANTERIE-DIVISION (VOLKSGRENADIER) - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/11/16	Muenchen, Wehrkreis VII, Truppenuebungsplatz Heuberg	Activation as 167.ID, movement, formation	Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. VII, 1939/11/16-1939/12/21 AK 5, 1939/12/21-1940/05/02
1940/01/26	Ueberlingen, Friedrichshafen, Biberach, Schramberg, Saarburg, Bitburg, Beurig	Movement, training, maneuvers, air defense	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Martin Gilbert, 1939/12/01-1940/01/10 Gen.Lt. Oskar Vogl, 1940/01/11-1940/08/01 Gen.Maj. Schoenhaerl, 1940/08/01-1941/07/31 Subordinate to: AK 1 zbV (training), 1940/03/15-1940/05/20 AOK 7 (Reserve), 1940/05/02-1940/05/20 HGr. A, 1940/05/21-1940/05/28 AK 45 Hoeh.Kdo., 1940/05/28-1940/06/15
1940/05/29	Merzig, Perl	Movement, relief of the 79.and 95.ID	AOK 1, 1940/06/15-1940/06/18 AK 45 Hoeh.Kdo., 1940/06/18-1940/07/07
1940/06/10	Maginot Line, Faulquemont, Metz, Nancy, France	Defense, rolling back enemy forces, mopping-up action, armistice	AK 36 Hoeh.Kdo., 1940/07/07-1940/08/24 AK 45 Hoeh.Kdo., 1940/08/24-1940/09/12 AK 25, 1940/09/12-1940/10/12
1940/07/04	Commercy, Bar-le-Duc, St.Dizier Chaumont, Meurthe-et-Moselle	Movement, occupation duty	AK 60 Hoeh.Kdo., 1940/10/12-1941/02/18
1941/02/16	Bar-le-Duc	Movement, training	AK 55, 1941/02/18-1941/04/25 AOK 1, 1941/04/26-1941/05/20
1941/05/28	Guenzburg, Ulm, Germany	Transfer	AK 53, 1941/05/20-1941/06/11
1941/06/06	Skierniewice, Konstantynow, Poland	Transfer, preparation for the invasion of Russia	AK 47 Pz, 1941/06/11-1941/06/22 AK 53, 1941/06/22-1941/07/15 AK 43, 1941/07/15-1941/07/18
1941/06/22	Bug River, Pruzhany, Slonim, Baranovichi, Nesvizh	Crossing, offensive engagements, advance into Russia	AK 53, 1941/07/18-1941/07/31 AK 12, 1941/08/01-1941/08/07
1941/07/18	Berezina River, Bobruisk, Rogachev, Chechersk, Bryansk, Plavsk	Crossing, capture, offensive engagements	C.O.: Obst. Richard Wenk, 1941/08/02-1941/08/10 Gen.Maj. Werner Schartow, 1941/08/10-1941/08/19 Gen.Lt. Wolf Trierenberg, 1941/08/19-1943/11/25 Subordinate to: AK 13, 1941/08/08-1941/08/20
1941/12/07	Shchekino, Belev, Orel	Disengagement movements, position defense	AK 12, 1941/08/20-1941/09/18 AK 53, 1941/09/19-1942/04/05
1942/04/05	Utrecht, Netherlands	Transfer, rehabilitation	PzAOK 2, 1942/04/06-1942/04/13 Kdr.d.Tr.d.H.i.d. Niederlanden, 1942/04/13-1942/06/10
1942/04/29	Amsterdam, The Hague, Helder, Ijmuiden	Movement, coastal defense, security, training	AK 88 (Wbfh.Ndl.-OB West), 1942/06/10-1943/02/12

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1943/02/19	Poltava, Russia	Transfer	AAbt. Kempf, 1943/02/19-1943/02/23 Gen.Kdo.zbV Raus, 1943/02/23-1943/04/25
1943/03/01	Akhtyrka, Graivoron, Rakitnoye Belgorod, Kharkov	Movement, position defense, defensive operations	PzAOK 4, 1943/04/25-1943/07/01 AK 48 Pz, 1943/07/01-1943/07/08 SSPzK 2, 1943/07/08-1943/07/09
1943/08/10	Reshetilovka, Kremenchug, Chigrin, Cherkassy, Kanev	Disengagement movements, reorganization as Kampfgruppe 167, position defense	PzAOK 4, 1943/07/09-1943/07/16 AK 3 Pz, 1943/07/16-1943/07/23 AK 52, 1943/07/23-1943/08/04 PzAOK 4, 1943/08/04-1943/08/06
1943/10/23	Aleksandriya, Novaya Praga, Zybково, Adzhamka	Advance, defense	AK 11 (Korns Raus), 1943/08/06-1943/09/11 AK 42, 1943/09/11-1943/09/23 AK 3 Pz, 1943/09/23-1943/09/26 AK 47 Pz, 1943/09/26-1943/10/22 AK 3 Pz, 1943/10/22-1943/10/24 AK 11, 1943/10/25-1943/11/25

Records of the 167.ID (VGren) are reproduced on rolls 1477-1484 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/12/15, except for item 77606/1 covering the period 1944/10/04-1944/12/12, were available in the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost and West and the general officer personnel files show:

1943/11/26	Krivoi Rog, Kirovograd	Movement, defensive engagements	C.O.: Oberst Schwarz, 1943/11/25-?
1944/01/02	Kirovograd	Redesignation as Div.Gruppe 167	
1944/02/18	Novo-Mirgorod, Korsun	Absorption of Div.Gruppe 167 by the 376.ID	
1944/05/23		Disbandment (source: Potsdam catalog)	
1944/10/04	Truppenuebungsplatz Doellersheim, Wehrkreis XVII	Activation of 167.VGrD from remnants of the 17.LwFIdD	
1944/11/05	Trencin, Slovakia	Transfer, formation, defense	Gen.Lt. Hans-Kurt Hoecker, 1944/10/17-1945/04/17
1944/12/15	Malmedy, Belgium	Transfer	
1944/12/23	Ardennes	Offensive operations	
1945/02/01	Bitburg, Kyllburg, Pruem, Germany	Defensive operations	

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 the 167.ID (Volksgrenadier) as follows:

Ardennes, Rhineland, 1944-45: MS B-041 (Report on the participation of the 187. Volks Gren Div, the 59.Div, and Corps Group Hoecker in American Campaigns) by Gen.Lt. Hans-Kurt Hoecker

Belgorod, Aug 1943: MS P-060g, Part II (Small Unit Tactics - Unusual Situations) by Gen.Obst. Erhard Raus

Kharkov, 1943: MS T-010 German: (Abwehrtaktik bei Durchbruechen - Osten) by Gen.Obst. Erhard Raus;

English: see DA Pamphlet No. 20.233 (German Defense Tactics Against Russian Breakthroughs)

Russia, supply, 1941: MS T-008, Part II, vol. 11 (The Supply Operations of the 167th Inf Div during the advance through Russia);

MS T-008, Part III, vol. 18 (Supply of the 167th Inf Div during the defense of Bryansk and south of Belev); and

MS T-008, Part III, vol. 23 (Supply of the 167th Inf Div during the withdrawal from Kashira to the Oka River),
by Gen.Maj. Alfred Toppe and others.

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Ia, Vorlaeufiges KTB Heft 1. Activation of the 167.ID from the Ersatzheer in Wehrkreis VII, 16 Nov; movement to Truppenuebungsplatz Heuberg, 29 Nov, formation, 30 Nov-21 Dec 1939; movements to Ueberlingen, Friedrichshafen, Weingarten, and Biberach, 26 Jan 1940, and to the Schramberg area, 25 Apr; training, billeting, maneuvers, and air defense.	1939/11/16-1940/05/18	167.ID (VGr) W4663	1477	1
Ia, Anlagen zum vorlaeufigen KTB Heft 1. Orders and reports pertaining to activation, equipping, movement to the Schramberg area, march preparedness as of 10 May, training, and maneuvers; order-of-battle charts; status reports; billeting surveys.	1939/11/16-1940/05/20	167.ID (VGr) W4663a	1477	30
Ia, KTB Heft 2. Movement from Schramberg to Saarburg, Bitburg, and Beurig near Trier, 20-28 May, movement to and relief of the 79. and 95.ID in the Merzig and Perl area, 29 May-8 Jun, defense along the Maginot Line, 10-17 Jun, rolling back enemy forces on the Maginot Line in the Faulquemont area, 18-21 Jun, mopping-up action in the Maginot Line and Metz and Nancy areas, 22-24 Jun, and signing the armistice with France on 25 Jun 1940.	1940/05/20-1940/06/26	167.ID (VGr) W4663b	1477	88
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB Heft 2. Reports, orders, and messages on the transfer of the division and the attack on the Maginot Line; a proclamation by OB AOK 1, dated 25 Jun 1940, on cessation of hostilities; orders and reports on the breakthrough of the Maginot Line; order-of-battle charts; billeting surveys; a register of officers; and special directives concerning supply and signal communications. (There is no indication that the TB for the period 29 Nov 1939-25 Jun 1940, record item W4663e as listed in the Potsdam catalog, was ever in National Archives custody.)	1940/05/20-1940/06/26	167.ID (VGr) W4663c	1477	147
Ia, KTB Band 3, Frankreich, Heimat. Takeover of the	1940/06/27-1941/05/28	167.ID (VGr) 26306/1	1477	342

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Maginot Line, including weapons and equipment; release of the Maginot Line to the 444.ID, 3 Jul 1940; movement to the Commercy, Vaucouleurs, Saint-Dizier, and Chaumont areas for occupation duty, 4-7 Jul; movement to the Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, 5-8 Sep, and the Bar-le-Duc area, 16-18 Feb 1941; training and map exercises; transfer to Guenzburg near Ulm, Germany, 28-29 May.				
Ia, KTB Band 4. Transfer from Guenzburg to Skierniewice via LcSz, Poland, 29 May-6 Jun, movement to the Konstanyow area, 6-16 Jun, preparations for and attack across the Bug River, 14-24 Jun, advance to and occupation of the Pruzhany area, 25 Jun-1 Jul, and offensive engagements during the advance to the area south of Nesvizh via Slonim and Baranovich, 2-18 Jul.	1941/05/29-1941/07/17	167.ID (VGr) 26306/2	1477	452
Ia, KTB Band 5. Crossing the Berezina River; capture of Bobruisk, 2-7 Oct 1941; Unternehmen Taifun (attack against Timoshenko's Army); offensive engagements during the advance to the Bogoroditsk area via Rogachev, Chechersk, Bryansk, and Plavsk.	1941/07/18-1941/12/06	167.ID (VGr) 26306/3	1477	596
Ia, KTB Band 6. Disengagement movements from Bogoroditsk to the Orel area via Shchekino and Belev, 7 Dec 1941-5 Jan 1942, position defense in the area north of Orel, 6 Jan-5 Apr 1942, and preparations for the transfer to Utrecht, Netherlands.	1941/12/07-1942/04/05	167.ID (VGr) 26306/4	1477	900
Ic, TB mit Anlagen. Correspondence dealing with security measures during occupation duty in the Netherlands, reports on landing of enemy parachutists and sabotage, interrogation summaries on persons suspected of aiding the enemy, intelligence bulletins concerning hostile British and Dutch activities, rules governing the apprehension of crews of crashed enemy aircraft, an order by Rundstedt for the proper conduct of troops and officers in occupied territory during	1942/04/15-1943/02/07	167.ID (VGr) 26306/10	1478	1

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public disturbances, and enemy and German propaganda. Ic, Anlagen zum TB. Intelligence bulletins relating to hostile British and Dutch activities, morale of the civilian population in the Netherlands, and the military and political situation; reports concerning sabotage, military and rail security, U.S. practice landing maneuvers in the Mississippi Delta in 1942, counterintelligence activity, German and enemy propaganda and troop entertainment; training directives; enemy leaflets urging the local population to sabotage the German war effort.	1942/08/06-1943/02/06	167.ID (VGr) 26306/11	1478	268
Ic, IIa, TB zum KTB. Activity report of the intelligence branch with interrogation and intelligence reports concerning enemy operations, troop movements, propaganda, and unit identification; and tactical intelligence, counterintelligence activity, military security, combat against partisan units, control of the civilian population, and German propaganda in the Merzig, Bar-le-Duc, and Guenzburg areas and during the eastern campaign. Activity report of the personnel branch, 15 Mar 1941-8 Apr 1942, a register of officers, and casualty and strength reports.	1941/05/15-1942/04/01	167.ID (VGr) 26306/12	1478	457
Ia, Anlagenband 3 zum KTB 3. Befehle, Dienst-u. Ausbildungs-Richtlinien, Unterkunftsuebersichten und Kriegsgliederungen.	1940/06/27-1941/05/28	167.ID (VGr) 26306/13	1478	622
Ia, Anlagenband 4 zum KTB 4. Befehle, Feindnachrichtenblaetter, Besondere Anordnungen fuer die Versorgung und Erfahrungsberichte.	1941/05/29-1941/07/17	167.ID (VGr) 26306/14	1478	908
Ia, Anlagenband 5 zum KTB 5. Befehle, Auftraege, Feindnachrichtenblaetter, Versorgungslage, Kriegsgliederungen und Gefechtsbericht ueber die Schlacht von Rogatschew-Gomel.	1941/07/18-1941/12/06	167.ID (VGr) 26306/16	1479	1
Ia, Anlagenband 6 zum KTB 6. Befehle, Korps-u.	1941/12/07-1942/04/05	167.ID (VGr) 26306/19	1479	504

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Ia, KTB 7. Transfer from the Orel area in Russia to Utrecht in the Netherlands, 5-19 Apr; rehabilitation, 19-29 Apr; relief of the 82.ID in the Amsterdam, The Hague, Helder, and Ijmuiden areas, 29 Apr-2 May; defense of coastal and rear areas; combat against enemy landing attempts; training; alerts; maneuvers; regrouping; preparations for return to the eastern front.	1942/04/13-1943/02/12	167.ID (VGr) 26782/1	1479	761
Ia, Anlage 1 zum KTB 7. Orders, reports, and messages pertaining to the transfer to Utrecht, rehabilitation, relief of the 82.ID, coastal defense, alerts, training, and defense and security of Amsterdam; status reports; order-of-battle charts.	1942/04/13-1942/09/01	167.ID (VGr) 26782/2	1479	954
Ia, Anlage 5 zum KTB 7. Ausbau-, Abloesung- und Ausbildungsbefehle, Kuestenverteidigung und Raemung.	1942/08/29-1942/12/20	167.ID (VGr) 26782/6	1480	1
Ia, Anlage 6 zum KTB 7. Abloesungsbefehle, Uebergabeverhandlungen, Ausbildungshinweise, Alarmierung der Alarmeinheiten und Richtlinien fuer Einsatz im Falle einer Feindlandung.	1942/12/21-1943/02/04	167.ID (VGr) 26782/7	1480	301
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB Band 8 Heft 1. Report on the return of the division from the Netherlands to the southern sector of the Russian front, where it was charged with preventing enemy forces from reaching the Poltava and Kremenchug areas.	1943/02/19-1943/04/25	167.ID (VGr) 38451/1	1480	537
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB Band 8 Heft 2. Daily reports, messages, orders, directives, and overlays pertaining to defensive engagements in the Rakitnoye area, training, and preparations for Operation Zitadelle (last German Army offensive operations in the Belgorod and Kharkov areas in July 1943), 12 May-30 Jun 1943. Status reports and order-of-battle charts.	1943/04/25-1943/06/30	167.ID (VGr) 38451/2	1480	904
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB Band 8 Heft 3. Daily reports,	1943/07/01-1943/08/03	167.ID (VGr) 38451/3	1481	1

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messages, and orders pertaining to the execution of Operation Zitadelle, 4-13 Jul, and defensive operations in the Rakitnoye and Graivoron areas; order-of-battle charts; status and casualty reports.				
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB Heft 4. Daily reports, messages, and orders pertaining to defensive operations in the Rakitnoye and Graivoron areas and disengagement movements toward Poltava and afteraction reports.	1943/08/04-1943/08/12	167.ID (VGr) 38451/4	1481	379
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB, Funksprueche. Radio messages concerning the tactical situation and an afteraction critique relating to the battles in the Rakitnoye and Graivoron areas, 5-8 Aug 1943.	1943/07/21-1943/08/09	167.ID (VGr) 38451/9	1481	642
Ic, Iia, TB. Intelligence matters during the division's transfer from the Netherlands to Poltava, assignment in the Rakitnoye and Graivoron areas, and disengagement movements toward the Cherkassy area. Activity reports of the personnel branch, 9 Apr 1942-10 Aug 1943; a register of officers; combat and ration strength reports.	1943/02/01-1943/08/26	167.ID (VGr) 38451/10	1481	931
Ia, KTB Band 8. Transfer from Amsterdam to the Poltava area, 19-28 Feb, movement to Graivoron via Akhtyrka to stop a Russian offensive, 1-12 Mar, preparations for and execution of Operation Zitadelle, 12 May-13 Jul, and position defense in the area between Graivoron and Rakitnoye, 13 Mar-9 Aug 1943.	1943/02/19-1943/08/09	167.ID (VGr) 41130/1	1482	1
Ia, KTB Band 9. Movement from Rakitnoye to the Cherkassy area via Reshetilovka, Kremenchug, and Chigrin, 10-30 Aug, reorganization as Kampfgruppe 167, position defense in the Cherkassy and Kanev areas, 31 Aug-22 Oct, and offensive engagements from Chernyavka to Adzhamka via Aleksandriya and Novaya Praga, 23 Oct-25 Nov 1943.	1943/08/10-1943/11/25	167.ID (VGr) 41130/2	1482	366
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB Band 9 Heft 1. Daily reports, messages, orders, and overlays pertaining to	1943/08/10-1943/09/24	167.ID (VGr) 41130/3	1482	651

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disengagement movements from Graivoron to Cherkassy via Reshetilovka, Kremenchug, and Chigrin; construction of defensive positions; security of the Dnieper River crossings at Cherkassy and Kanev and defensive operations in this area. Order-of-battle charts; status and casualty reports; afteraction reports of Kampfgruppe Boehmer (Korpsreserve), 13-23 Aug, I./AR 40, 14 Aug-6 Sep, and Art.Komp. Sauter, 17-31 Aug 1943.				
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB Band 9 Heft 2. Daily reports, messages, orders, and overlays pertaining to construction and defense of the Dnieper positions in the Cherkassy area, 24 Sep-22 Oct, advance toward Aleksandriya, Novaya Praga, Zybkcvo, and Adzhamka, relief of SSPzGrD Totenkopf, 23-31 Oct, and reorganization of the division as an ID neuer Art, 30 Sep 1943; order-of-battle charts; status reports.	1943/09/24-1943/10/31	167.ID (VGr) 41130/4	1483	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB Band 9 Heft 3. Daily reports, messages, orders, and overlays pertaining to the defense of the Aleksandriya and Pyatikhatki areas and the Russian attack against Voroshilovka, 20-21 Nov 1943; an order-of-battle chart, status and casualty reports, and afteraction reports of subordinate units and of AK 11, 8 Oct-9 Nov 1943. (There is no indication that KTB 10 and Anlagen for the period 27 Nov 1943-22 May 1944, record items 50818/1-3 as listed in the Potsdam catalog, were ever in National Archives custody.)	1943/11/01-1943/11/25	167.ID (VGr) 41130/5	1483	328
Ic, TB als Anlagen zum KTB 9. Activity report with intelligence reports and interrogation summaries concerning enemy operations, new weapons, losses, unit identification, partisan warfare, and tactical situation in the Smela, Cherkassy, Chigrin, Aleksandriya, and Kremenchug areas; combat against enemy parachutists, agents, and partisan units; control	1943/08/17-1943/12/15	167.ID (VGr) 41130/8	1483	631

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of Hilfswillige; military security; and troop indoctrination and entertainment. Strength reports.				
IIa, VGrD Offizier-Personalien. Orders and reports concerning activation of the 167.VGrD from remnants of the 17.LwFlD at the Truppenuebungsplatz Doellersheim, Wehrkreis XVII, 4 Oct 1944, and personnel assignments.	1944/10/04-1944/12/12	167. ID (VGr) 77606/1	1483	724
IIa, Offiziersstellenbesetzungen. Lists of officers duty assignments dated 20 Mar 1942.	1942/03/20-1942/03/20	167. ID (VGr) 77606/3	1483	897
Ia, Divisions-Tagesbefehle.	1940/04/18-1940/12/31	167. ID (VGr) 77606/4	1483	921
Ia, Ic, Abschriften. Reports, directives, orders, and instruction pamphlets concerning training, inspection, air raid protection, disciplinary matters, guard and occupation duty in France, and troop indoctrination and entertainment; billeting surveys; OKH communiques.	1939/12/16-1940/12/21	167. ID (VGr) 77606/5	1484	1
Ia, Ic, Berichte. OKH communiques; reports on troop indoctrination and disciplinary matters; instruction pamphlets regarding traffic control, hunting, and the French "Springmine 60mm"; lists of code names; billeting surveys; an afteraction critique relating to the attack against "Panzerwerk 505" west of Margut, France.	1939/12/20-1940/06/25	167. ID (VGr) 77606/6	1484	287
Ia, Divisions-Tagesbefehle.	1939/12/00-1940/04/00	167. ID (VGr) 77606/7	1484	760
Ia, Divisions-Tagesbefehle.	1941/06/17-1941/12/09	167. ID (VGr) 77606/8	1484	955