

## 206. INFANERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/08/18	Wehrkreis I	Activation (source: Potsdam catalog)	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Gen.Lt. Hugo Hoefl, 1939/08/17-1942/04/30
1939/08/20	Goldap, Allenstein (Olsztyn), Ortelsburg (Szczytno), Nidzica, Ostrow Mazowiecka, Bielsk Podlaski, Poland	Training, assembly, movement, offensive engagements  withdrawal	
1939/09/27	Lomza, Ostroleka, Narew and Pissa Rivers	Withdrawal, security duty	Subordinate to: AK 26, 1939/09/01-1939/12/26
1940/06/02	Saint-Vith, Malmedy, Belgium, Charleville, Givet, Soissons, Amiens, France	Transfer, offensive engagements (source: situation maps Lage West)	
1940/08/01	Arys (Orzysz), Allenstein East Prussia	Transfer, training	
1941/06/06	Bishofstein, Insterburg (Chernyakhovsk), Angerburg (Wegorzewo)	Movement, training	
1941/06/22	Gumbinnen (Gusev), Vilna, Polotsk, Nevel, Velikiye Luki, Russia	Offensive engagements, advance	AK 23, 1941/06/06-1941/08/09
1941/08/27	Western Dvina River, Zapadnaya Dvina, Nelidovo, Olenino, Rzhev	Offensive and defensive engagements	AK 40, 1941/08/09-1941/08/26 AK 6, 1941/08/26-1941/09/24
1941/10/22	Staritsa, Volga River	Offensive and defensive engagements, withdrawal	AK 23, 1941/09/25-1942/03/17
1941/12/13	Rzhev, Olenino, Molodoi Tud	Winter battle	AK 46 Pz, 1942/03/18-1942/04/17 AK 27, 1942/04/18-1942/07/15
1942/09/11	Olenino, Molodoi Tud, Urdom	Defensive operations, counterattacks, disengagement movements	AK 6, 1942/07/16-1942/10/15 AK 23, 1942/10/15-1943/03/12

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1943/01/01	Urdom, Borodatovo	Defensive and assault troop operations	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Alfons Hitter, 1942/05/03-1944/06/26
1943/03/01	Olenino, Nikitinka, Vorobi	Disengagement movements	Subordinate to: AK 27, 1943/03/12-1943/03/18 AK 39 Pz, 1943/03/18-1943/03/22 AK 6, 1943/03/22-1943/08/31
1943/08/31	Demidov	Position defense	

Records of the 206.ID are reproduced on rolls 1594-1600 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/08/31 were available at the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost and the Potsdam catalog show:

1943/09/28	Liozno, Vitebsk	Disengagement movements, defensive operations
1944/06/23	Vitebsk	Encircled
1944/06/29	Vitebsk	Virtually destroyed
1944/08/13		Disbanded (source: Potsdam catalog)

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 206.ID as follows:

Southeast of Toropets, MS P-149/4 (Selbständiger Entschluss der Vorausabteilung einer Infanterie-Division, Barbareva, 5-10 Oktober 1941), by Gen.Lt. Hugo Hoefl

Volga River, west of Rzhev, MS P-149/14 (Durchbruch einer Infanterie-Division durch eine festungsartige Stellung unter Schwerpunktverlegung im abgekürzten Verfahren, Oktober 1941), by Gen.Lt. Hugo Hoefl

West of Rzhev, MS P-149/6 (Ausbruch einer eingeschlossenen Infanterie-Division, 1-23 Januar 1942), by Gen.Lt. Hugo Hoefl.

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Ia, KTB Teile 1-2 und 4-9. War journal with orders, reports, and maps pertaining to training in the Goldap area, 20-30 Aug 1939, assembly in the Allenstein (Olsztyn) and Ostroda areas, movement and offensive engagements in the Ortelsburg (Szczyno), Nidzica, Rozan, Ostrow Mazowiecka, and Bielsk Podlaski areas, 2-20 Sep 1939, withdrawal behind the demarkation line in the Lomza and Ostroleka areas, 21-26 Sep 1939, and security duty in the Narew and Pissa Rivers sector, 27-30 Sep 1939. Also, a register of officers, a list of officers duty assignments, strength and casualty reports, and order-of-battle charts. (Record items P168a-b were partially destroyed by fire.)	1939/08/20-1939/09/30	206.ID P163a	1594	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB, Teil 3. Orders, reports, and messages pertaining to movement and offensive engagements, 31 Aug-20 Sep 1939, withdrawal behind the demarkation line west of the Pissa and Narew Rivers, 21-26 Sep 1939, command inspection trips to division units and occupation duty in the Rozan, Ostroleka, Chorzele, Przasnysz, and Mielau (Mlawa) areas, 22 Nov 1939-1 Feb 1940, and atrocities committed against Poles and Jews by the SS.	1939/08/31-1940/02/01	206.ID P168b	1594	78
Ia, TB vom 1.8.1940 bis 31.3.1941 und KTB vom 1.4.1941 bis 9.1.1942. Activity report concerning the transfer from France to Truppenuebungsplatz Arys (Orzysz) in the Allenstein (Olsztyn) area for training and granting of leave to troops to work in the economy. War journal regarding training in the Allenstein area, 1 Apr-5 Jun 1941, movement to the Bischofstein, Insterburg, and Angerburg areas, 6-22 Jun, offensive operations from Gumbinnen (Gusev) to Velikiye Luki via Vilna, Polotsk, and Nevel, 23 Jun-26 Aug 1941, defensive operations in the Western Dvina River sector, 27 Aug-30 Sep 1941, offensive engagements from Zapadnaya Dvina to Rzhev via Nelidovo and Olenino, 1-15 Oct, mopping-up action in	1940/08/01-1942/01/09	206.ID 17259	1594	244

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the Rzhev area and offensive engagements to the Staritsa area, 16 Oct-21 Nov, defensive operations in the Staritsa area, 22 Nov-12 Dec, and withdrawal to defend the Rzhev area, 13 Dec 1941-9 Jan 1942.

Ia, Operationsbefehle I. Orders, messages, and overlays pertaining to the movement from the Arys and Allenstein areas to the Insterburg (Chernyakhovsk) and Angerburg (Wegorzewo) areas, 6-22 Jun, advance and offensive engagements from Gumbinnen (Gusev) to Polotsk via Vilkaviskis, Prienai, Vilna, Postavy, and Disna, 22 Jun-15 Jul, the battle for Nevel, 21-31 Jul, defensive and assault troop operations in the area southeast of Velikiye Luki, 1-20 Aug, encirclement of Velikiye Luki, 21-26 Aug, and offensive engagements north of the Western Dvina River, 27-31 Aug 1941. Order-of-battle charts; strength and casualty reports; and intelligence bulletins, including enemy losses.

Ia, Operationsbefehle II. Orders, directives, and messages pertaining to defensive engagements, security of roads and railroads, and construction of defensive positions in the Western Dvina River sector, 1-30 Sep, offensive operations from Zapadnaya Dvina to Rzhev via Nelibovo and Olenino, 1-15 Oct, mopping-up action in the Rzhev area and crossing of the Volga River, 16-21 Oct, offensive engagements toward and in the Staritsa area, 22 Oct-21 Nov, defensive operations in the Staritsa area, 22 Nov-12 Dec, and withdrawal to and defense of the Rzhev area, 13-31 Dec 1941. Special directives concerning reconnaissance, signal communications, traffic control, map distribution, and engineer and construction troops; order-of-battle charts; and intelligence bulletins.

Ia, Fernsprueche von und an Truppenteile.

Ia, Telefonbuch, Morgen- Zwischen- und Tagesmeldungen, Wochenmeldungen, und Gefechtsberichte.

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Ia, Einlagen zum Telefonbuch, Morgen- Zwischen- und Tagesmeldungen, Wochenmeldungen und Gefechtsberichte.	1941/06/06-1942/07/01	206.ID 22007	1597	1
Ia, Operationsbefehle III. Orders, messages, and maps pertaining to disengagement movements, defensive and assault troop operations, offensive engagements, and regrouping in the Volga River sector near Olenino and Molodoi Tud. Also, a translation of a Russian directive concerning the formation of assault detachments, dated 10 Jan 1942.	1942/01/01-1942/09/10	206.ID 26587/2	1598	1
Ia, Operationsbefehle IV. Orders and messages pertaining to defensive operations, counterattacks, artillery activity, winter preparations, fuel economy, and disengagement movement to fortified positions in the Olenino, Molodoi Tud, and Urdom areas.	1942/09/11-1942/12/31	206.ID 26587/3	1598	445
Ia, Telefonbuch, Morgen- Zwischen- und Tagesmeldungen, Wochenmeldungen, und Gefechtsberichte.	1942/07/02-1943/01/03	206.ID 26587/4	1599	1
Ia, Gefechtsberichte der Division. Afteraction reports with maps concerning the attack against the fortified zone around Borovukha, 13-19 Jul 1941, encirclement of Velikiye Luki, 22-26 Aug 1941, advancement from Zapadnaya Dvina to the Volga River, 2-15 Oct 1941, battle for Vyazma with holding attacks by the 206.ID in the Staritsa area, 16 Oct-2 Nov 1941, the winter battle of Rzhev, 21 Jan-19 Feb 1942, and activities of raiding detachments of 206.ID, 18 Jul-6 Sep 1942.	1941/07/19-1942/12/31	206.ID 26587/6	1599	768
Ia, Gefechtsberichte der Truppenteile. Afteraction reports concerning series of assault troop operations and attacks by division units; activity reports of the Nachrichtenabteilung 206 and SS-Kav.-Brigade; an afteraction critique relating to defense against Russian tanks; and a casualty report.	1941/12/22-1942/12/31	206.ID 26587/7	1599	959
Ia, Kriegsrangliste und Gefechts- und Verpflegungsstaerken. (This record item, filmed originally without frame numbers on MR 1420, has been assigned a simulated initial frame number.)	1941/06/22-1942/12/31	206.ID 26587/5	1599	1103

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Ia, Operationsbefehle (ohne Bueffel-Bewegung Maerz 1943). Orders, messages, and overlays pertaining to defensive and assault troop operations in the Urdom and Borodatovo areas, 1 Jan-28 Feb 1943, disengagement movement from the Olenino area to Demidov via Nikitinka and Vorob'i, 1-21 Mar, and position defense in the Demidov area, 22 Mar-31 Aug 1943.	1943/01/01-1943/08/31	206.ID 36051	1600	1
Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning defensive and assault troop operations in the Urdom and Borodatovo area northeast of Olenino, 1 Jan-28 Feb 1943, preparation for and execution of Unternehmen Bueffel (disengagement movements from the Olenino to the Demidov area, 1-21 Mar 1943), position defense in the Demidov area, 22 Mar-26 Jun 1943; order-of-battle chart, 1 Jan-1 Jun 1943; and an order of the day by Hitler, 20 Mar 1943.	1943/01/01-1943/06/26	206.ID 38055/1	1600	464
Ic, TB. Activity report concerning enemy operations in the Borodatovo area, 1 Jan-28 Feb 1943, during the execution of Unternehmen Bueffel, 1-21 Mar 1943, and in the Demidov area, 22 Mar-30 Jun 1943.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	206.ID 38065/4	1600	543
Ic, Anlagen zum TB. Reports on the results of reconnaissance activity and enemy losses; interrogation summaries; and maps showing enemy tactical disposition.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	206.ID 38065/5	1600	589