

## 211. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/02/02	Landwehrkommandeur Koeln	Activation of 211.ID (3. Welle) by conversion of 211.LdwD	
1939/08/26	Cologne, Wehrkreis VI	Operational readiness	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Kurt Renner, 1939/08/26-1942/02/04
1939/10/06	Eifel Mountains, Euskirchen, Cologne, Dueren	Training, movement	
1940/05/10	Stavelot, Dinant, Namur, Malonne, Maubeuge, Belgium, Denain, France	Movement, offensive engagements	
1940/06/07	La Capelle, Avesnes, Laon, Troyes	Movement, security duty, rehabilitation	
1940/07/01	Avranches, Normandy	Coastal defense	Subordinate to: AOK 6, 1940/07/01-1940/07/05 AOK 7, 1940/07/05-1940/07/09 AK 10, 1940/07/09-1940/07/12 AK 9, 1940/07/12-1940/07/28 AK 11, 1940/07/28-1940/12/12
1940/07/23	Auray, Lorient, Vannes, Redon, Brittany	Coastal defense, training	
1941/04/25	Brest, Morlaix, Quimper, Douarnenez	Coastal defense, training	AK 25, 1940/12/13-1942/01/11 OKH, 1942/01/12-1942/01/13
1942/01/02	Lorient, France, Bryansk, Soviet Union	Transfer	AK 24 Pz, 1942/01/14-1942/01/23
1942/01/22	Shchigry, Sudimir	Assembly	AK 47 Pz, 1942/01/23-1942/02/02
1942/01/29	Zhizdra, Rechitsa, Chernychi, Lutovnya, Klintsy, Duminichi, Buda, Paliki	Defensive operations	C.O.: Gen.Maj.Richard Miller, 1942/02/04-1943/07/16 Subordinate to: AK 24 Pz, 1942/02/03-1942/04/18 AK 47 Pz, 1942/04/19-1943/02/08 AK Scheele, 1943/02/09-1943/03/16 AK 53, 1943/03/17-1943/07/13 AK 55, 1943/07/14-1943/07/17
1942/04/01	Zhizdra-Resseta Rivers sector	Position defense, assault troop operations	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Hans Heinrich Eckhardt, from 1943/07/17- Subordinate to: 134.ID, 1943/07/18-1943/08/11 AK 55, 1943/07/24-1943/08/11
1943/07/22	Granki, Lyubegoshchi, Shchigry	Disengagement movement, defensive operations	

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1943/08/13	Zhizdra, Dyatkovo, Lyudinovo, Kirov	Movement, defensive operations	AK 23, 1943/08/12-1943/08/14 AOK 4, 1943/08/15-1943/08/16 AK 56 Pz, 1943/08/17-1943/08/21 AK 55, 1943/08/22-1943/11/07
1943/09/09	Luzhnitsa, Slavgorod, Starry Bych Rogachev	Disengagement movements, defensive operations	
1943/11/08	Polotsk	Movement, defensive operations	AOK 4, 1943/11/08-1943/11/09 AK 6, 1943/11/10-1943/11/10 PzAOK 3, 1943/11/11-1943/12/19
1943/11/30	Polotsk	Redesignation of 211.ID as Sperrgruppe Eckhardt	
1943/12/31	Polotsk	Defensive operations	AK 9, 1943/12/20-1943/12/31

Records of the 211.ID are reproduced on rolls 1622-1628 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/12/31 were available at the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost show:

1944/01/15	Polotsk	Sperrgruppe Eckhardt redesignated as 211.ID
1944/02/07	Vitebsk, Bykhov, Bobruisk, Rogachev, Kamen Kashirski	Disengagement movements
1944/07/24	Siedlce, Sokolow, Bielsk Podlaski, Pultusk, Makow Mazowiecki, Poland	Withdrawal
1944/11/22	Ciechanow, Nasielsk, Grudziadz	Movement, rehabilitation
1944/12/27	Angerapp (Ozersk)	Movement
1945/01/03	Nitra, Czechoslovakia Nove Zamky (Ersekujvar)	Redesignated 211.VGrD, movement
1945/02/19	Esztergom, Hungary	Movement, defensive operations
1945/03/24	Esztergom	Last trace on maps

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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 1. Reports, directives, and maps pertaining to movement to and training in the Euskirchen area, release of Landwehr personnel, and troop welfare and entertainment; a status report; and experience report on the movement, 23-28 Oct 1939.	1939/10/27-1939/12/16	211.ID W230/b1	1622	54
Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning movement to and training in Euskirchen, and to Kalk and Reichshof, suburbs of Cologne, for training and preparations for the invasion of the Low Countries; movement from the Cologne area to Stavelot, Belgium, via Nideggen near Dueren, 10-11 May 1940; advance to and offensive engagements at Dinant, Malonne, Maubeuge, Belgium, Le Quesnoy, and Denain, France, 12 May-6 Jun 1940; and movement to Troyes for training and rehabilitation via Maubeuge, La Capelle, Avesnes, and Laon. (Document is partially fire damaged.)	1940/01/01-1940/06/30	211.ID W3509	1622	103
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 2. Corps and division orders pertaining to the advance from La Capelle to Troyes via Avesnes and Laon.	1940/06/09-1940/06/17	211.ID W3509/a1	1622	131
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 2. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to movement from Euskirchen to Kalk, Cologne area, 30-31 Jan 1940, and Deutz, 6 Mar 1940, for training and reorganization, movement to and offensive engagements south of Namur via Stavelot, Dinant, and Malonne, Belgium, 10-24 May 1940; order-of-battle charts; status reports; and supply directives.	1940/01/02-1940/05/24	211.ID W3509/a2	1622	185
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 2. Orders and reports pertaining to offensive engagements from south of Namur to Denain, France, via Maubeuge and Le Quesnoy; a list of officers	1940/05/30-1940/06/06	211.ID W3509/a3	1622	318

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Ia, Anlage I zum Gefechtsbericht ueber den Kampf um die Suedforts von Namur. Orders relating to the battle for the forts south of Namur.	1940/05/23-1940/05/23	211.ID 46582/2	1622	408
Ia, Anlage III zum Gefechtsbericht. Photographs of destroyed forts at Namur.	1940/05/18-1940/05/24	211.ID 46582/4	1622	429
Ia, KTB 3. War journal concerning movement from the Troyes area to Avranches, Normandy, via Auxerre, Patay, and Chartres for coastal defense, 1-13 Jul 1940; movement to Auray via Fougères and Rennes, 23-29 Jul 1940; and coastal defense, training, and regrouping in Auray, Brest, Ushant, Morlaix, Lorient, Vannes, Pontivy, and Redon in southwestern Brittany. Casualty and strength reports and a register of officers.	1940/07/01-1940/12/31	211.ID 47001	1622	439
Ic, TB. Activity report concerning enemy air attacks and acts of sabotage, control and morale of the civilian population, counterintelligence activity, and troop entertainment and indoctrination, and tables citing enemy air attacks on submarine base Lorient.	1940/07/01-1940/12/31	211.ID 47001/a	1622	463
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 3. Orders, directives, maps, and reports pertaining to movement to Normandy for coastal defense, 1-13 Jul 1940, and to southwestern Brittany for coastal defense, training, and regrouping, 23-29 Jul 1940; a report regarding daily march performances from 10 May to 20 Jun 1940; and casualty reports.	1940/07/01-1940/12/31	211.ID 47001/c	1622	483
Ia, KTB 4. War journal concerning coastal defense, training, and security of rear areas in the Auray, Lorient, Vannes, and Redon areas, 1 Jan-25 Apr 1941, and movement to and coastal defense, security of rear areas, and training in the Brest, Morlaix, Quimper, Ushant, and Douarnenez areas; a register of officers;	1941/01/01-1941/06/30	211.ID 12212/1	1622	784

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Ic, IB. Activity report concerning enemy air attacks and acts of espionage and sabotage, morale of the civilian population, and troop entertainment.	1941/01/01-1941/06/30	211.ID 12212/3	1622	949
Ia, KTB 3, Stabsquartier. War journal of the division headquarters, a register of officers, and strength and casualty reports.	1941/01/01-1941/06/30	211.ID 12212/14	1622	967
Ia, KTB 5. War journal concerning coastal and air defense, and training in the Brest, Morlaix, and Quimper areas, relief by 335.ID, 20-28 Dec 1941, and transfer of the division.	1941/07/01-1941/12/31	211.ID 16377/1	1622	985
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Ic, IIa, IB. Activity report of the intelligence branch concerning enemy air attacks and acts of sabotage, morale of the civilian population, counterintelligence activity, and troop entertainment; activity report of the personnel branch with strength reports.	1941/07/01-1941/12/31	211.ID 16377/3	1623	1
Ia, KTB 6. War journal concerning the transfer from Lorient, France to Bryansk, Russia, via Vaires-sur-Marne, Coloque, Warsaw, Vilna, Minsk, and Gomel, 2-22 Jan 1942, assembly in the Shchigry-Sudimir area, 22-28 Jan, and defensive operations and counterattacks in the Zhizdra, Zikeyevo, Duminichi, and	1942/01/01-1942/03/31	211.ID 19309/1	1623	15

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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 7. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault operations in the Zhizdra River sector, battle conduct and road maintenance during the thaw period, traffic control, construction of positions, reorganization, and regrouping; order-of-battle charts; and status reports.	1942/04/01-1942/08/31	211.ID 23108/2	1623	696
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Ia, KTB 8. War journal concerning defensive and assault operations in the positions along the Zhizdra River east of Zhizdra, register of officers, and strength and casualty reports.

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Ia, Anlagenband 1 zum KTB 8. Orders, directives, reports, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault troop operations in the positions along the Zhizdra River, preparations for and training during the winter, reorganization and regrouping, formation and activities of alert units, and defense against airborne troops; order-of-battle charts; status, strength, and casualty reports; afteraction reports and critique relating to Unternehmen Gneisenau (assault troop operations across the Zhizdra River in the Kolpina area, 22 Nov 1942); and reports on enemy operations, tactical disposition, and unit identification.

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Ia, Anlagenband 2 zum KTB 8. Orders, directives, reports, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault operations in the Zhizdra River positions northeast of Zhizdra, training, alert exercises, command conferences, construction of strong points, rail security, and enemy operations; order-of-battle charts; status reports; and an afteraction critique relating to Unternehmen Schwerthieb (artillery offensive to destroy enemy gun position near Duminichi, 28 Nov 1942).

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Ia, Entwurf zum KTB 8. This record item is a partial duplicate of item 29351/1, except for a subordination status report on the operational readiness of the division, 26 Aug 1939, Wehrkreis VI.	1942/09/01-1942/12/31	211.ID 38878/1	1624	575
Ia, KTB 9. War journal concerning defensive and assault operations in the Zhizdra River sector northeast of Zhizdra, 1 Jan-19 Mar 1943, and in the Zhizdra-Resseta Rivers sector, 20 Mar-30 Jun 1943; register of officers; and strength and casualty reports.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	211.ID 38878/2	1624	638
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Ia, Anlagenband IV zum KTB 9. Defensive and assault operations in the Zhizdra and Resseta Rivers sector, formation of alert units, battle conduct, regrouping, construction of positions, artillery activity, and training; order-of-battle charts; and status, strength, and casualty reports.	1943/05/01-1943/06/21	211.ID 38878/6	1625	443
Ia, Anlagenband V zum KTB 9. Defensive operations in the Zhizdra and Resseta Rivers sector, regrouping, construction of positions, and training; strength and casualty reports; and special directives concerning signal communications.	1943/06/21-1943/06/30	211.ID 38878/7	1625	731
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