

## 212. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/02/02	Wehrkries VII	Activation of 212.ID (3. Welle) by conversion of 212.LdW	
1939/08/30	Sulz am Neckar, Baumholder, Neunkirchen, Saarbruecken	Movement, training	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Friedrichs, 1939/08/27-1939/09/15 Gen.Lt. Theodor Endres, 1939/09/16-1942/11/20 Subordinate to: AOK 1, 1939/12/19-1940/01/04
1940/01/01	Freiburg, Villingen, Ebingen	Training	AK 25, 1940/01/05-1940/02/01 AOK 7, 1940/02/01-1940/02/11
1940/05/17	Koblenz, Trier, Luxembourg	Movement	OKH, 1940/02/12-1940/05/18 HGr H, 1940/05/19-1940/05/21
1940/05/24	Arlon, Virton, Belgium, Longuyon, Damvillers, Saint-Mihiel, Commercy, Toul, France	Offensive engagements, advance	AOK 16, 1940/05/21-1940/05/22 AK 36, 1940/05/23-1940/06/07 AOK 16, 1940/06/07-1940/06/17
1940/06/17	Nancy	Offensive engagements	AK 36, 1940/06/17-1940/07/09
1940/07/09	Lahr, Freiburg, Muenchen, Augsburg, Rosenheim, Germany	Transfer, regrouping, training	AOK 16, 1940/07/09-1940/07/16 Stellv.Gen.Kdo.VII, 1940/07/16-1941/03/04
1941/03/05	Rennes, France, Saint-Malo, Saint-Brieuc, Dinan	Transfer, coastal defense	AK 28, 1941/03/05-1941/04/08
1941/04/11	Angers, Le Mans, Mayenne, Mont-de-Marsan, Dax, Bayonne	Movement, training, security duty	AK 25, 1941/04/09-1941/05/16 AK 31, 1941/05/17-1941/10/07
1941/10/10	Gatchina, Soviet Union, Pushkin, Krasnoye Selo, Petrodvorets	Transfer, movement, offensive engagements	AOK 18 (HGr N), 1941/10/10-1941/10/20 AK 33, 1941/10/21-1941/11/05
1941/11/08	Oranienbaum (Lomonosov), Krasnoye Selo	Offensive and defensive operations, withdrawal	AK 26, 1941/11/05-1942/02/24
1942/02/22	Volkhov River, Tigoda River	Movement, defensive and assault operations	AK 1, 1942/02/24-1942/04/25
1942/04/26	Oranienbaum, Krasnoye Selo	Defensive and assault operations	AK 28, 1942/04/26-1942/06/28

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1942/07/06	Novgorod, Volkhov River Podberezye	Defensive engagements, training, security duty	AK 38, 1942/06/29-1943/02/05 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Hellmuth Reymann, 1942/11/20-1943/11/01
1943/01/30	Mga, Krasny Bor	Movement, training, rehabilitation, defensive operations	Subordinate to: AK 26, 1943/02/06-1943/02/10 AK 50, 1943/02/10-1943/02/28 AK 26, 1943/02/28-1943/12/31
1943/06/18	Pogost'ye, Chernaya River Maluksa Stantsiya, Lodva, Voronovo	Antipartisan operations, assault troop operations	
1943/12/31	Mga River sector	Position defense	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Karl Koske, 1943/11/01-1944/05/08

Records of the 212.ID are reproduced on rolls 1629-1632 and 1642 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1944/01/03 were available at the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost and West, general staff officers personnel files, records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398), and manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series, MSS A-930, A-931, B-073 (Ardennes, 16 Dec 1944-25 Jan 1945), by Gen.Lt. Franz Sensfuss, MS B-185 (Bavaria, 18 Mar-8 May 1945), by Gen.Lt. Oskar Bluemm, MS B-771 (Tauber, 30 Mar-2 Apr 1945), by Oberst Cord von Hobe, MS B-795 (The Last Battles of the 212.VGrD, 1-28 Apr 1945), by Gen.Maj. Max Ulrich, show:

1944/01/22	Tosno, Luga, Strugi Krasnye, Pskov, Ostrov	Disengagement movements, defensive operations	
1944/06/20	Drissa, Glubkoye, Svencionys, Lithuania, Ukmerge, Dotnuva, Raseiniai, Taurage	Withdrawal	Gen.Lt. Franz Sensfuss, 1944/05/08-1945/03/19
1944/09/20	Sieradz, Poland	Withdrawal, redesignated 212.VGrD	
1944/11/06	Andernach, Germany, Trier	Transfer, defensive operations	
1944/12/15	Echternach, Aach, Consdorf, Luxembourg, Sure (Sauer) River	Offensive engagements, withdrawal, position defense	
1945/02/24	Idar-Oberstein, Bad Mergentheim, Tauberbischofsheim, Donauwoerth, Rothenburg ob der Tauber	Movements, defensive operations, reorganization	Oberst Cord von Hobe, 1945/03/30-1945/04/02
1945/04/28	Poettmes, Schobenhause, Dachau, Muenchen	Last day of defensive engagements	Gen.Maj. Max Ulrich, 1945/04/02-1945/04/29

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Ia, Anlagenakte zum KTB 1. Division order concerning the relief of the Division Commander, General Major Friedrichs, 15 Sep 1939, for health reasons and the appointment of Gen.Lt. Theodor Endres, 16 Sep 1939, as commander of 212.ID.	1939/08/27-1939/09/17	212.ID W5758f	1629	141
Ia, KTB 2a. War journal concerning training in the Freiburg area, 13 Feb-23 Apr 1940, movement to and training in the Villingen, Ebingen, and Truppeuebungsplatz Heuberg, Baden areas, 24 Apr-16 May 1940, movement from Ebingen via Koblenz and Trier through Luxemburg, 17-23 May 1940, offensive engagements from Arlon and Virton, Belgium, and Longuyon, Damvillers, Saint-Mihiel, Commercy, and Toul, France, 24 May-17 Jun 1940.	1940/01/01-1940/06/17	212.ID W5758j	1629	147
Ia, KTB 2b. War journal concerning offensive engagements to and security of the area south of Nancy and the armistice, 25 Jun 1940.	1940/06/17-1940/06/25	212.ID W5758h	1629	366
Ia, Anlagenakte, Teil A zum KTB 2a. Orders pertaining to movements from Saarbruecken to Buehl via Kaiserslautern, Speyer, Karlsruhe, and Rastatt, 1-3 Jan 1940, and to the Freiburg area, 28 Jan-1 Feb 1940, reorganization, and training; order-of-battle charts; entraining and detraining schedules; and special directives concerning signal communications.	1940/01/01-1940/02/12	212.ID W5758i	1629	417
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Ia, Anlagenakte, Teil 2 zum KTB 2a-b, Gefechts- und Erfahrungsberichte. Afteraction reports and critiques relating to operations of the division in France during June 1940.	1940/06/21-1940/09/13	212.ID W5758n	1630	1
Ia, Anlagenakte, Teil 1 zum KTB 2a-b. Verlustlisten.	1940/05/25-1940/07/01	212.ID W5758o	1630	182
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Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning guarding prisoners of war in the Nancy area, 26 Jun-8 Jul 1940, transfer to Lahr and Freiburg, Germany, via Epinal and Colmar, 9-12 Jul 1940, movement to the Munich, Freising, Landsberg, Rosenheim, Landshut, and Augsburg areas for training and regrouping, 13-18 Jul 1940; and order-of-battle charts.	1940/06/17-1941/02/13	212.ID W6795/1	1630	289
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 2. Movement orders and training directives.	1940/06/25-1941/02/13	212.ID W6795/2	1630	365
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Ia, KTB 3. War journal relating to reorganization of the division and recall of personnel on leave, 14-26 Feb 1941, movement from the Muenchen area to Rennes, France, 27 Feb-5 Mar 1941, for coastal defense in the Saint-Malo, Saint-Brieuc, and Dinan areas, movement to the Angers, Le Mans, and Mayenne areas, 11-20 Apr 1941, for training and security of rear areas, movements to the Mont-de-Marsan and Dax areas, 16-20 May 1941, and part of the division to Bayonne, 29 May 1941, for	1941/02/14-1941/10/07	212.ID 15309/1	1630	606

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