

217. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/02/02	Wehrkreis I, Allenstein	Activation of 217.ID by conversion of 217.LdwD	Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. I, 1939/02/02-1939/08/31
1939/09/01	Alenstein, Neidenburg	Operational readiness, movement	AOK 3, 1939/09/01-1939/09/13 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Richard Baltzer, 1939/09/01-1942/04/15
1939/09/06	Soldau, Mlawa, Pultusk, Serock, Zegrze, Praga, Poland	Offensive engagements, advance	
1939/09/17	Warsaw, Ostrow Mazowiecka, Bug River	Offensive engagements, security of demarkation line	Subordinate to: AK 2, 1939/09/14-1939/09/27 AK 1, 1939/09/27-1939/10/31
1939/11/01	Lochow, Bug River, Warsaw, Soest, Kempen, Viersen	Security duty, training, movement (source: situation maps of Lage Polen)	
1940/05/10	Roermond, Holland Houthalen, Louvain, Brussels, Braine-le-Comte, Nivelles, Mons, Belgium	Invasion of the Low Countries, movement	
1940/05/23	Valenciennes, Saint-Amand, Roubaix, Tourcoing, Lille, Lens, Arras, Albert, Poix, Beauvais, Paris, France	Offensive engagements, advance Occupation duty	
1940/07/01	Saint-Vaast-de-Longmont	Movement	
1940/07/02	Amiens, Saint-Quentin, Hirson, Gumbinnen, Goldap, Ebenrode, Tilſit, Memel	Movement (source: situation maps of Lage West, Poland, and Ost). assembly	
1941/06/22	Rietavas, Silute, Varniai, Kursenai, Joniskis, Lithuania, Jelgava, Latvia	Offensive engagements, pursuit	AK 26, 1941/06/22-1941/07/26
1941/07/01	Riga, Latvia, Parnu, Turi, Paide, Estonia	Offensive engagements, advance	AK 42, 1941/07/26-1941/09/22

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1941/08/10	Rapla, Reval (Tallin), Paldiski	Advance, offensive engagements, coastal defense	
1941/09/24	Koporye, Oranienbaum (Lomonosov), Soviet Union	Movement, position defense	AK 26, 1941/09/22-1942/02/28

Records of the 217.ID are reproduced on rolls 1644-1650 and 2379 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1942/02/28 were available at the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost, general officers personnel files, and records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398), show:

1942/03/01	Koporye	Position defense	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Friedrich Bayer, 1942/04/15-1942/09/27
1942/05/03	Gomontova, Lyuban	Movement, position defense	Gen.Lt. Otto Lasch, 1942/09/27-1943/11/20
1942/10/01	Kirishi	Movement, position defense	
1943/09/01	Nezhin	Transfer to southern sector	
1943/09/15	Nezhin, Pripet River, Gornostaypol	Defensive operations	
1943/10/05	Gornostaypol, Dymmer	Redesignated Kampfgruppe 217	
1943/11/04	Dymmer	KGr 217 incorporated into Korps Abteilung C	

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Ia, Anlagenheft 1 und 2 zum KTB. Orders, messages, and maps pertaining to offensive engagements from Soldau to Praga via Mlawka, Pultusk, Serock, and Zegrze, 6-16 Sep 1939, the battle for Warsaw, 17-27 Sep 1939, and movement to and security of the demarkation line in the Ostrow Mazowiecka area north of the Bug River, 30 Sep-11 Oct 1939; appraisal of enemy operations; and an afteraction critique relating to the Polish campaign.	1939/09/05-1939/10/11	217.ID P172/b-c	1644	1
Ia, Anlage zum KTB 3. Orders and reports pertaining to assembly along the Dutch border and movement into Holland in the Roermond area, 10-12 May 1940, movement across Belgium as army reserve via Houthalen, Louvain, Brussels, Braine-le-Comte, Nivelles, and Mons, 13-22 May 1940, and pursuit and offensive engagements from Valenciennes, France, to Arras via Saint-Amand, Roubaix, Tourcoing, Lille, and Lens, 23 May-5 Jun 1940; and special supply directives.	1940/05/10-1940/06/05	217.ID W3808/2a	1644	335
Ia, Anlage zum KTB 3. Meldungen unterstellter Einheiten. Reports and messages pertaining to advance and offensive engagements across Belgium and in France from Valenciennes to Arras, 13 May-5 Jun 1940, and from Arras to Paris via Albert, Poix, and Beauvais, 6 Jun-14 Jul 1940, occupation of Paris, 15-30 Jun 1940, and movement to Saint-Vaast-de-Longmont, 1 Jul 1940.	1940/05/13-1940/07/01	217.ID W3808/3	1645	1
Ia, Anlage zum KTB 3. Kriegsrang- und Verlustlisten, Gefechts- und Verpflegungsstaerken.	1940/05/10-1940/07/11	217.ID W3808/4	1645	403
Ia, Anlage zum KTB 3, Befehle. Orders and messages pertaining to the invasion of Lithuania at Rietavas and pursuit and offensive engagements from Silute to Jelgava, Latvia, via Varniai, Kursenai, and Joniskis. (See record item 77248/2 for KTB 3, 22 Jun 1941-28 Feb 1942.)	1941/06/22-1941/06/30	217.ID 17415/2	1645	413
Ia, Anlage zum KTB 3, Fernsprechmeldungen. Reports on the advance through Lithuania.	1941/06/22-1941/06/30	217.ID 17415/3	1645	590
Ia, Anlage zum KTB 3, Allgemeines. Messages,	1941/06/22-1941/06/30	217.ID 17415/4	1646	1

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directives on traffic control, and an afteraction critique relating to supply services.				
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 3. Orders and reports concerning the advance and offensive engagements from Jelgava to Paide via Riga, Parnu, and Turi.	1941/07/01-1941/07/31	217.ID 17415/5	1545	25
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 3, Fernsprechemeldungen.	1941/07/01-1941/07/12	217.ID 17415/6	1545	521
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 3, Meldungen.	1941/07/13-1941/07/31	217.ID 17415/7	1647	1
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 3, Allgemeines. Messages and reports pertaining to Russian combat methods, counterintelligence and reconnaissance activity, special directives concerning reporting, traffic control, and signal communications; and a status report.	1941/07/01-1941/07/31	217.ID 17415/8	1647	515
Ia, Anlage zum KTB 3. Afteraction and operation reports.	1941/07/26-1941/11/18	217.ID 17415/9	1547	515
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 3, Operative Befehle. Orders and reports relating to the advance to and capture of Paide and Reval (Tallin).	1941/08/01-1941/08/31	217.ID 17415/10	1647	776
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 3, Meldungen.	1941/08/01-1941/08/31	217.ID 17415/11	1648	1
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 3, Allgemeine Befehle.	1941/08/01-1941/08/31	217.ID 17415/12	1648	599
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 3. Orders and messages pertaining to mopping-up operations and coastal defense in the Reval (Tallin), Paldiski, and Haapsalu areas, 1-18 Sep 1941, movement to the Oranienbaum front via Narva, 18-24 Sep 1941, and defensive operations in the area south of Oranienbaum, 24-30 Sep 1940.	1941/09/01-1941/09/30	217.ID 17415/13	1648	758
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 3, Meldungen.	1941/09/01-1941/09/30	217.ID 17415/14	1648	897
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 3, Allgemeines. Reports regarding combat strength, occupation of islands off the Estonian coast, and supply situation on the eastern front; and an afteraction critique.	1941/09/01-1941/09/31	217.ID 17415/15	1649	1
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 3, Unternehmen gegen die Insel Worms. Orders and reports concerning the capture and occupation of the island of Vormsi, off the west coast of Estonia.	1941/08/29-1941/09/17	217.ID 17415/16	1649	19

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Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 3, Meldungen. Reports concerning operations on the Oranienbaum front.	1941/10/01-1941/10/31	217.ID 17415/17	1649	175
Ic, TB. Activity report concerning enemy operations, unit identification, losses, and combat methods during operations in Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia, 22 Jun-18 Sep 1941, and on the Oranienbaum front, 24 Sep 1941-28 Feb 1942.	1941/06/22-1942/02/28	217.ID 17415/22	1649	350
Ic, Anlage zum TB, Feindlage. Intelligence reports, maps, and charts pertaining to enemy land and air operations, losses, morale, unit identification and strength, order of battle, organization, tactical disposition, weapons, fortifications, rations, and artillery, partisan, and espionage activities; and interrogation summaries and intelligence bulletins.	1941/06/10-1942/02/25	217.ID 17415/23	1649	384
Ic, Anlage zum TB. Reports on enemy defense of Reval (Tallin) and German capture of the island of Vormsi.	1941/08/09-1942/02/07	217.ID 17415/24	1649	533
Ic, Anlage zum TB, Gefangenenvernehmungen.	1941/06/22-1942/02/28	217.ID 17415/25	1649	598
Ic, Anlage zum TB, Partisanen und Spione. Intelligence and interrogation reports concerning partisan and espionage activities.	1941/09/11-1942/02/23	217.ID 17415/26	1649	951
Ic, Anlage zum TB, Feindpropaganda, Ueberwachung der Zivilbevoelkerung, Voelkerrechtsverletzungen, Massnahmen gegen Pluenderung. Reports, directives, and leaflets pertaining to enemy propaganda; control of the civilian population, alleged Soviet violations of international law, and measures taken against looting.	1941/06/24-1942/02/06	217.ID 17415/27	1650	1
Ic, Anlage zum TB, Geistige Betreuung, Berichte zur Veroeffentlichung in der Presse. Reports concerning troop indoctrination and entertainment and press releases.	1941/09/12-1942/01/13	217.ID 17415/28	1650	257
Ic, Anlage zum TB, Meldungen.	1941/06/22-1941/07/13	217.ID 17415/29	1650	447
Ic, Anlage zum TB, Meldungen.	1941/07/14-1941/08/04	217.ID 17415/30	1650	487
Ic, Anlage zum TB, Meldungen.	1941/07/29-1941/11/29	217.ID 17415/31	1650	514
Ic, Anlage zum TB, Meldungen an AK 26.	1941/11/30-1942/02/28	217.ID 17415/32	1650	609
Ia, KTB 3. Daily reports, in lieu of a war journal,	1941/06/22-1942/02/28	217.ID 77248/2	1650	735

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<p>pertaining to the invasion and crossing of Lithuania and penetration of Latvia to Jelgava, 22-30 Jun 1941, advance and offensive engagements to Paide, Estonia, via Riga, Parnu, and Turi, 1-31 Jul 1941, capture of Paide and security of the Paide area, 1-9 Aug 1941, advance and offensive engagements to Reval (Tallin) via Rapla, 10-28 Aug 1941, capture of Reval and coastal defense in the Reval and Paldiski areas, 29 Aug-18 Sep 1941, transfer to the Oranienbaum front, 19-24 Sep 1941, and position defense in the area south of Oranienbaum. Order-of-battle chart; afteraction reports and a critique concerning Russian attacks, 10-11 Dec 1941 and 30 Jan 1942; and appraisals of the German and enemy military situation in December 1941 and January and February 1942.</p>	1941/06/22-1942/02/28	217.ID 17415/19	2379	1
<p>Ib, KTB. (The record items reproduced on this roll, filmed originally as MR 1420-1421, without frame numbers, have been assigned consecutive simulated initial frame numbers and a new roll number in this microfilm publication.)</p>	1941/06/22-1942/02/28	217.ID 17415/21	2379	2
<p>Ib, Anlage zum KTB, Befehle, Tagesmeldungen, Gefechts- und Verspflegungsstaerken.</p>				