

373. (KROATISCHE) INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1943/01/25	Doellersheim, Stockerau, Wehrkreis XVII	Activation, formation with Croatian personnel, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Emil Zellner, 1943/01/25-1943/08/05 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. XVII, 1943/01/25-1943/05/01
1943/05/01	Banja Luka, Bugojno, Yugoslavia	Transfer	Bfh. d. deutschen Truppen in Kroatien, 1943/05/01-1943/08/26
1943/05/10	Jajce, Travnik, Kupres, Donji Vakuf, Donje Vukovsko, Zenica, Busovaca, Blacici, Orahovica, Nemila	Operations against partisans, area security	
1943/05/26	Mostar	Occupation and security	
1943/06/03	Glamoc, Livno, Konjic, Lise, Blagaj, Vagan	Enlarging the division security sector, operations against partisans, mopping-up action	
1943/06/16	Fojnica, Kiseljak	Operations against partisans, security, mopping-up action	
1943/06/22	Banja Luka, Bugojno, Travnik, Jajce, Cardaci, Busovaca	Movement, security, operations against partisans	
1943/07/06	Prijedor, Bosanski Novi, Prnjavor, Bosanska Gradiska, Bosanska Dubica, Kostajnica, Sanski Most	Movement, operations against partisans, security, mopping-up action	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Eduard Aldrian, 1943/08/05-1944/10/20
1943/08/21	Bihac, Nebljusi, Vrtoce, Kulen Vakuf, Donji Lapac, Bosanski Petrovac, Otoka, Zavalje, Suvaja, Sucevice, Doljane, Srb	Movement, operations against partisans, mopping-up action	Subordinate to: AK 15 Geb, 1943/08/26-1943/12/31
1943/12/06	Bosanski Novi, Samarica, Zrin, Glina, Divusa, Dvor, Gvozdansko, Beslinec, Buzim	Movement of division headquarters, operations against partisans, security	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Hans-Joachim Gravenstein, 1944/10/20-1944/12/31

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The following manuscript in the Foreign Military Studies series contains reference to the 373.(kroat.)ID:

MS P-149/46 (Freikaempfung von Stuetzpunkten im Partisanenkrieg, Inf.Rgt. 383, 28. Aug.-1. Sept. 1944), by Obst. Konrad Wild.

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