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<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Chain of Command</u>
1940/12/10	Bad Toelz	Formation as 97.le.ID, training	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Walter Weiss, 1940/12/10-1941/01/24
1941/05/24	Presov, Slovakia Jaslo, Rzeszow, Poland	Training, preparation for the eastern campaign	Gen.Lt. Sigismund von Foerster, 1941/01/24-1941/04/15 Gen.Maj. Maximilian Fretter-Pico, 1941/04/15-1942/01/01
1941/06/22	Zhukov, Lyubachovka, Rava-Russkaya, Peremyshlyany, Ternopol	Offensive operations against Russia	Subordinate to: AK 7, AK 18, AK 55, AOK 11, AOK 2, AK 49 Geb, AOK 17, AK 4, AK 52, Gruppe von Schwedler
1941/07/11	Proskurov, Bar, Zhmerinka, Vinnitsa, Gaisin, Talnoye, Kirovograd	Offensive operations	
1941/09/25	Poltava, Krasnograd	Offensive operations	
1941/12/21	Artemovsk, Slavyansk, Kramatorsk, Voroshilovgrad, Konstantinovka	Defensive engagements	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Ernst Rupp, 1942/01/01-1943/06/01 Subordinate to: AK 44
1942/07/04		Conversion of 97.le.ID to 97.JgD	
1942/08/01	Kamensk, Armavir, Laba River, Maikop, Pshokha River	Offensive operations Defensive engagements	
1942/09/01	Apsheronk, Neftegorsk, Tuapse, Pshish Valley	Offensive and defensive operations	
1943/01/01	Krasnodar, Akhtyrskaya	Defensive engagements	
1943/02/20	Krymskaya, Moldavanskoye	Defensive engagements	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Ludwig Mueller, 1943/06/01-1943/12/31
1943/10/01	Kuban bridgehead, Crimean Peninsula	Defensive engagements	
1944/01/01	Nikopol bridgehead, Novaya Odessa, Berezovka, Bendery	Defensive engagements, retreat	Gen.Lt. Friedrich Rabe von Pappenheim, 1943/12/31-1945/01/18
1944/05/01	Grigoriopol	Defensive engagements	Subordinate to: AK 29, AK 30, AK 52,

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1944/07/28	Loganeshty, Bessarabia	Defensive engagements,	Heeresgruppe Sued-Ukraine

Although no records of this division dated later than 1944/07/28 are available, situation maps of Lage Ost show:

1944/08/12	Campulung, Rumania	Defensive engagements, retreat
1944/09/10	Kielce, Poland	Disengagement movements
1944/10/21	Medzilaborce, Slovakia	Defensive operations
1944/12/07	Kaschau (Kosice), Slovakia	Withdrawal, position defense
1945/02/11	Cesky Tesin, Ratibor (Paciborz), Silesia	Defensive operations, withdrawal
1945/04/25	Freistadt (Karvina), Slovakia	Defensive operations

Records of the 97.JgD are reproduced on rolls 1185-1197, 2355 of Microfilm Publication T315 as described immediately following.

Manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series, prepared by former German officers for the Historical Division, Headquarters United States Army, Europe, between 1945 and 1959, contain references to the 97.JgD as follows:

Eastern Galicia, 22 Jun-10 Jul 1941, MS # D-251 ("Topic: Attack of the Art. Rgt. 81 as a part of the 97th Div. at the beginning of the Russian Campaign.")

Kerch, Oct 1943, MS # P-054a ("Night Combat")

Kuban bridgehead, 1943, MS # P-074 ("Demolition and Mining")

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Ia, TB mit Anlagen. Formation of the 97.le.ID, 10 Dec 1940, by the Aufstellungsstab I/VII, the transfer of the division staff to Bad Toelz for formation, organization, and training; and transfer to Presov, Slovakia, 24 May 1941.	1940/12/10-1941/05/24	097.JgD 9383	1185	1
Ia, KTB. Transfer from Bad Toelz to Presov, Slovakia, movements to the Jaslo and Rzeszow area, and the crossing of the San River near Tarnograd at the beginning of the invasion of Russia.	1941/05/24-1941/06/23	097.JgD 18409/1	1185	18
Ia, Korpsbefehle und Armeebefehle. Training directives and march orders issued by AK 49 Geb and HGr Sued.	1941/06/06-1941/06/23	097.JgD 18409/2	1185	47
Ia, Allgemeines. Reports on conferences of commanding officers and division orders.	1941/05/29-1941/06/23	097.JgD 18409/4	1185	88
Ia, KTB. Offensives from Zhukov to the area east of Ternopol via Lyubachovka, Rava-Russkaya, and Peremyshlyany.	1941/06/23-1941/07/10	097.JgD 18409/5	1185	120
Ia, Korpsbefehle. Orders issued by AK 4.	1941/06/23-1941/07/09	097.JgD 18409/6	1185	320
Ia, KTB. Offensives from the area east of Ternopol to Talnoye via Proskurov, Bar, Zhmerinka, Vinnitsa, and Gaisin.	1941/07/11-1941/08/11	097.JgD 18409/9	1185	402
Ia, Korpsbefehle und Armeebefehle. Orders issued by AOK 17, HGr Sued, and AK 49 Geb.	1941/07/11-1941/08/11	097.JgD 18409/10	1185	773
Ia, Allgemeines. Operation reports and orders, including a report from Fuehrer Hauptquartier on the results of battles in the Ukraine.	1941/07/11-1941/08/11	097.JgD 18409/12	1186	1
Ia, KTB. Offensives from Novo Ukrainka to the area southeast of Poltava via Kirovograd, Aleksandriya, Mishurin Rog, and Kobelyaki.	1941/08/12-1941/09/18	097.JgD 18409/13	1186	168
Ia, Korpsbefehl und Armeebefehle. Orders issued by AK 52 and AOK 17.	1941/08/12-1941/09/18	097.JgD 18409/14	1186	617
Ia, Divisionsbefehle.	1941/08/12-1941/09/18	097.JgD 18409/15	1186	692
Ia, KTB. Operations in the Krasnojrad area.	1941/09/18-1941/09/24	097.JgD 18409/17	1186	844
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Ia, KTB. Defensive operations in the Artemovsk area.	1941/12/01-1941/12/20	097.JgD 18409/20	1187	313
Ia, Korpsbefehle und Armeebefehle. Orders issued by Gruppe von Schwedler and AOK 17 concerning operations of the division and evaluation of enemy positions.	1941/09/18-1941/10/31	097.JgD 18409/21	1187	634
Ia, Divisionsbefehle.	1941/09/18-1941/10/31	097.JgD 18409/23	1187	751
Ia, Gefechtsberichte. Zhukov and Ternopol areas.	1941/06/22-1941/07/09	097.JgD 18409/29	1187	927
Ia, Gefechtsberichte. Ternopol and Talnoye areas.	1941/07/10-1941/08/11	097.JgD 18409/30	1187	1004
Ia, Gefechtsberichte. Novo Ukrainka and Poltava areas.	1941/08/12-1941/09/18	097.JgD 18409/31	1187	1047
Ia, Gefechtsberichte. Krasnograd and Artemovsk areas.	1941/09/18-1941/12/20	097.JgD 18409/32	1188	1
Ic, TB. Partisan and enemy activities, tactical situation, unit identification, captured equipment, and prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries.	1941/06/28-1941/12/20	097.JgD 18409/33	1188	275
Ib, KTB 1. Supply operations, services, and administration during movement from Bad Toelz to Presov and later to Jaslo and Rzeszow, and the advance from Peremyshlyany to Artemovsk via Ternopol, Proskurov, Winnitsa, Kirovograd, Poltava, and Krasnograd.	1941/05/20-1941/12/20	097.JgD 18409/35	1188	423
Ia, KTB. Orders, daily reports, maps, and overlays pertaining to German and enemy operations, movements, and tactical positions in the Artemovsk, Konstantinovka, and Kramatorsk areas and along the Dnepropetrovsk-Stalino railway line. Order-of-battle charts.	1942/04/01-1942/04/30	097.JgD 22888/1	1188	572
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Orders, overlays, and order-of-battle charts pertaining to operations, battle conduct, and the tactical situation in the Slavyansk and Cherkasskoye areas. Evaluation reports on the enemy military situation.	1942/05/16-1942/05/31	097.JgD 22888/3	1188	875
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Orders, messages, and overlays pertaining to position defense west of Kramatorsk and Slavyansk.	1942/06/01-1942/06/15	097.JgD 22888/4	1189	1

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Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Offensive operations from the area east of Izyum to Kamensk and the conversion of the 97.le.ID to the 97.JgD on 4 Jul 1942. Directives on railway security and traffic control, promotion orders, casualty reports, and order-of-battle charts.	1942/07/01-1942/07/31	097.JgD 22888/6	1189	395
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Offensive engagements during the advance from Kamensk southward to the Kuban River at Armavir, then across the Laba River near Labinsk, and on to Maikop; and later defensive operations in the Pshekha River sector. Evaluation reports of the tactical situation in the Caucasus.	1942/08/01-1942/08/31	097.JgD 22888/7	1189	747
Ia, KTB 1. Position defense in the Artemovsk, Voroshilovgrad, and Kramatorsk areas, with afteraction reports.	1941/12/21-1942/01/31	097.JgD 27068/1	1189	1084
Ia, Ic, Ib, Anlagen zum KTB 1. Daily reports, orders, prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries, and intelligence bulletins pertaining to German and enemy tactical operations and situations, enemy movements, unit identification, and weapons in the Slavyansk, Artemovsk, and Voroshilovgrad areas. Afteraction reports and critiques relating to tactical and supply operations, strength reports, surveys regarding the supply situation, special supply directives, and reports on the construction of defensive positions.	1941/12/21-1942/01/31	097.JgD 27068/2	1189	1411
Ia, KTB 2. Defensive operations in the Artemovsk and Kramatorsk areas.	1942/02/01-1942/02/28	097.JgD 27068/3	1190	1
Ia, Ic, Anlage zum KTB 2. Corps and division orders, directives, messages, status reports, order-of-battle	1942/02/01-1942/02/28	097.JgD 27068/4	1190	189

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Ia, KTB 3. Position defense in the Konstantinovka, Artemovsk, and Kramatorsk areas.	1942/03/01-1942/03/31	097.JgD 27068/5	1190	407
Ia, Ib, Anlagen zum KTB 3. Orders, messages, and overlays pertaining to operations, mission, battle conduct, construction of defensive positions, and the tactical situation. Evaluations of the enemy military situation and an order relating to the activation of the Traegerkolonne 97.	1942/03/01-1942/03/31	097.JgD 27068/6	1190	687
Ia, KTB Band 1 mit Anlagen. Offensive engagements in the Apsheronk, Neftegorsk, and Tuapse areas.	1942/09/01-1942/09/15	097.JgD 27073/1	1191	1
Ia, KTB Band 2 mit Anlagen. Defensive engagements in the Kurinskaya and Pshish Valley areas in the Caucasus.	1942/09/16-1942/09/30	097.JgD 27073/2	1191	210
Ia, KTB Band 3 mit Anlagen. Defensive operations in the Nizhegorodskaya area.	1942/10/01-1942/10/15	097.JgD 27073/3	1191	535
Ia, KTB Band 4 mit Anlagen. Position defense in the Pshish Valley area.	1942/10/16-1942/10/31	097.JgD 27073/4	1191	818
Ia, KTB Band 5 mit Anlagen. Position defense in the Pshish Valley area.	1942/11/01-1942/11/15	097.JgD 27073/5	1191	1010
Ia, KTB Band 6 mit Anlagen. Position defense in the Pshish Valley area.	1942/11/16-1942/11/30	097.JgD 27073/6	1192	1
Ia, KTB Band 7 mit Anlagen. Position defense in the Pshish Valley area.	1942/12/01-1942/12/15	097.JgD 27073/7	1192	209
Ia, KTB Band 8 mit Anlagen. Position defense and relief of the division from the Pshish Valley front and its transfer to the Apsheronk and Maikop areas.	1942/12/16-1942/12/31	097.JgD 27073/8	1192	414
Ia, Zustandsberichte. Reports on troop conditions, casualties, health, morale, food supply, and clothing.	1941/04/20-1942/09/30	097.JgD 27073/9	1192	614
Ia, TB mit Anlagen 1-3. Intelligence reports, prisoner-of-war interrogation reports, and maps	1941/12/21-1942/01/19	097.JgD 29231/1	1192	754

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Ic, TB mit Anlagen 1-2. Intelligence reports, prisoner-of-war interrogation reports, and an overlay pertaining to enemy operations, movements, unit identification, losses of men and weapons, tactical situation, and treatment of German prisoners of war; counterintelligence activity and troop entertainment. Data on the Russian Panzer T-60.	1942/01/26-1942/02/15	097.JgD 29231/2	1192	779
Ic, TB mit Anlagen 1-5. Intelligence reports and prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries pertaining to enemy operations, unit identification, tactical situation, and partisan activities. Includes a report on the mutilation by the Russians of wounded German soldiers left behind as the unit retreated.	1942/02/16-1942/03/23	097.JgD 29231/3	1192	813
Ic, TB mit Anlagen 1-7. Intelligence reports, prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries, charts, and overlays pertaining to enemy operations, movement, unit identification, order of battle, tactical situation, and partisan activities; counterintelligence activity; and troop entertainment. An evaluation of the enemy military situation and daily reports of the Nahaufklaerungszug 97.	1942/03/24-1942/05/12	097.JgD 29231/4	1192	876
Ic, TB mit Anlagen 1-19. Intelligence reports, prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries, charts, overlays, and a map pertaining to enemy operations, movements, unit identification, order of battle, losses of men, weapons, and equipment, partisan warfare, and tactical situation in the Belbasovka and Cherkasskoye areas; counterintelligence activity; and troop entertainment.	1942/05/13-1942/06/21	097.JgD 29231/5	1192	1014
Ic, TB mit Anlagen 1-8. Intelligence and prisoner-of-war interrogation reports pertaining to	1942/07/24-1942/08/11	097.JgD 29231/8	1192	1130

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Ic, TB mit Anlagen 1-7. Intelligence and prisoner-of-war interrogation reports pertaining to enemy operations, movements, unit identification, and the tactical situation in the Maikop, Apsheronk, and Pshekha River areas. Afteraction critique and German translations of 18th Russian Army orders.	1942/08/12-1942/09/08	097.JgD 29231/9	1193	1
Ic, TB mit Anlagen 1-10. Intelligence reports, prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries, charts, overlays, and maps pertaining to enemy operations, unit identification, order of battle, partisan activity, and tactical situation in the Tuapse and Neftegorsk areas.	1942/10/23-1942/12/29	097.JgD 29231/11	1193	94
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Transfer of the division to the area south of Krasnodar and counterattacks in the Akhtyrskaya area. Order-of-battle charts and casualty reports.	1943/01/01-1943/01/15	097.JgD 36689/1	1193	207
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Defensive engagements in the Kuban River sector near Severskaya. Includes activity report, afteraction critique, and order-of-battle charts of Grenadierbataillon 560 zbv for the period 8 Aug 1942-20 Jan 1943.	1943/01/16-1943/01/21	097.JgD 36689/2	1193	383
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Position defense in the Kuban River sector east of Krymskaya. An afteraction report and overlays showing the tactical situation.	1943/01/22-1943/01/31	097.JgD 36689/3	1193	550
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Defensive engagements in the Kuban River sector.	1943/02/01-1943/02/10	097.JgD 36689/4	1193	734
a, KTB mit Anlagen. Defensive engagements in the Akhtyrskaya area.	1943/02/11-1943/02/20	097.JgD 36689/5	1193	924
1, KTB mit Anlagen. Withdrawal from the Akhtyrskaya	1943/02/20-1943/02/28	097.JgD 36689/6	1194	1

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Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Defensive engagements in the Krymskaya and Abinskaya area.	1943/03/11-1943/03/19	097.JgD 36689/8	1194	410
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Defensive engagements around Krymskaya and withdrawal movements to the southwest of the city. An overlay showing the tactical disposition of subordinate units, reports on construction of defensive positions, and order-of-battle charts.	1943/03/20-1943/03/31	097.JgD 36689/9	1194	551
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Defensive engagements southwest of Krymskaya and order-of-battle charts.	1943/04/01-1943/04/10	097.JgD 36689/10	1194	742
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Defensive engagements southwest of Krymskaya and order-of-battle charts.	1943/04/11-1943/04/20	097JgD 36689/11	1194	941
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Defensive engagements in the Krymskaya area; data on construction of defensive positions, and afteraction and combat strength reports.	1943/04/21-1943/04/30	097.JgD 36689/12	1195	1
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Defensive engagements in the Krymskaya area. Reports on the construction and manning of defensive positions, a map showing the tactical situation in the Moldavanskoye area, order-of-battle charts, and status and casualty reports.	1943/05/01-1943/05/15	097.JgD 36689/13	1195	213
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Defensive engagements in the Krymskaya and Moldavanskoye areas. Reports on division and enemy artillery activity, overlays and maps showing the tactical disposition of the division, afteraction critique, and casualty and combat strength reports.	1943/05/16-1943/05/28	097.JgD 36689/14	1195	492
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Defensive engagements in the	1943/05/29-1943/06/05	097.JgD 36689/15	1195	783

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Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Position defense in the Krymskaya and Moldavanskoye areas. Directives concerning the construction of defensive positions, reports on division and enemy artillery activities, an afteraction critique, overlays showing tactical situation and combat strength reports.	1943/06/21-1943/07/01	097.JgD 36689/17	1196	1
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Position defense in the Krymskaya and Moldavanskoye areas. Status reports, order-of-battle charts, and overlays showing the tactical disposition.	1943/06/01-1943/07/10	097.JgD 36689/18	1196	188
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Position defense in the Krymskaya and Moldavanskoye areas, with overlays and casualty reports.	1943/07/11-1943/07/20	097.JgD 36689/19	1196	310
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Position defense in the Krymskaya and Moldavanskoye areas. Afteraction critique, casualty reports, and overlays showing the tactical situation.	1943/07/21-1943/07/31	097.JgD 36689/20	1196	538
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Position defense in the Krymskaya and Moldavanskoye areas. Overlays showing the tactical situation, order-of-battle charts, status and casualty reports, maps and reports concerning the construction of roads and enemy artillery activity, and an intelligence bulletin.	1943/08/01-1943/08/07	097.JgD 36689/21	1196	710

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Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Position defense in the Krymskaya and Moldavanskoye areas. Maps and overlays showing the tactical disposition, orders and reports concerning the construction and manning of Guentherstellungen, combat strength and casualty reports, an afteraction critique, intelligence reports and bulletins pertaining to enemy military situation, unit identification, fighting quality, combat methods, and artillery.	1943/08/16-1943/08/31	097.JgD 36689/23	1197	195
Ia, Berichte des Artillerieregiments 81. Daily reports of Artillerieregiment 81 and orders of the 97. Jaeger-Division concerning the operations and administration of Artillerieregiment 81 during the division's position defense in the Nikopol bridgehead, its withdrawal to the Bendery area, the division's defensive engagements south of Grigoriopol in May and June, and its withdrawal from the AK 52 sector in July 1944 to the area south of Campulung, Rumania, as a reserve unit of HGr Sued-Ukraine. Reports relating to the division's operations during the transfer from the Kuban bridgehead in Oct 1943 to the Crimea and an announcement of the attempted assassination of Hitler.	1944/01/01-1944/07/28	097.JgD 77159/1	1197	425
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Orders, messages, and overlays pertaining to defensive engagements in the area west of Kramatorsk and Konstantinovka and Russian intentions to retake Dnepropetrovsk.	1942/05/01-1942/05/15	097.JgD 22888/2	2355	1