

117. JAEGER-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1943/04/01	Sarajevo, Visegrad, Yugoslavia Athens, Khalkis, Marathon, Greece	Formation by conversion of 717.ID, combat against partisans Transfer	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Karl von Le Suire, 1943/03/10-1944/07/10 Subordinate to: Befehlshaber der deutschen Truppen in Kroatien and Kommandierender General und Befehlshaber in Suedgriechenland
1943/05/01		Training, occupation duty, combat against partisans	
1943/07/01	Peloponnesus	Coastal defense, occupation duty, combat against partisans	AK 68
1943/08/01	Vitina, Olympia	Operation against partisans	
1943/10/01	Peloponnesus Corinth Canal	Unternehmen Achse, regrouping, reorganization, training, setting up of Kampfgruppe Korinth, defensive engagements	C.O.: Gen.Lt. August Wittmann, 1944/07/10-1945/03/12
1944/09/00	Belgrade, Sabac	Withdrawal (source: situation maps of Lage Ost)	
1944/10/10	Novi Sad, Brod, Osijek	Defensive operations	Subordinate to: AK 34
1945/04/00	Vukovar, Varazdin	Withdrawal (source: situation maps of Lage Ost)	

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Ia, TB mit Anlagen. Activity report of the 717.ID concerning combat against partisan units in the Sarajevo and Visegrad areas in Yugoslavia and planned transfer to Attica, Greece during April 1943. (This document of the 717.ID was incorporated with the records of the 117.JgD. For additional records of the 717.ID see rolls 2262-2264 of this microfilm publication.)	1943/03/16-1943/03/31	117.JgD 31718/6	1299	1
Ia, TB mit Anlagen. Activity report of the Operations Branch pertaining to the conversion of the 717.ID to the 117.JgD, 1 Apr 1943; training; combat against partisan units; reconnaissance and security activity; and transfer to the Athens, Khalkis, and Marathon areas in Greece. An entraining survey; a list of officers' duty assignments; casualty, combat, and ration strength reports; order-of-battle charts; reports on alert orders; and special supply directives.	1943/04/01-1943/04/30	117.JgD 34737/1	1299	236
Ia, Ic, TB mit Anlagen. Activity report of the Operations Branch concerning the transfer of the division to the Athens, Khalkis, and Thebes areas and later to the Peloponnesus; training; occupation duty; combat against partisan units; the tactical situation; a command post exercise; and the general political and health situation in Greece. Entraining and detraining schedules; billeting surveys; order-of-battle charts; lists of officers' duty assignments; casualty, combat, and ration strength reports; and special supply directives. Activity report of the Intelligence Branch regarding the setting up of intelligence services, military security, and troop entertainment.	1943/05/01-1943/06/30	117.JgD 34737/2	1299	372
Ia, TB. Activity report pertaining to the status, organization, training, occupation duty, and security activity of the unit and combat against partisan units, coastal defense, battle conduct, and the tactical	1943/07/01-1943/07/31	117.JgD 34737/3	1299	645

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situation in the Peloponnesus; and a report on the command relationship between German and Italian units. Intelligence bulletins and reports and charts concerning the enemy army, air, and naval situation; unit identification and strength; partisan activity; and organization and order of battle of British Army units.				
Ia, TB mit Anlagen. Activity report concerning occupation duty, combat against partisan units, air and coastal defense, security activity, and the tactical situation in the Peloponnesus; preparations for and execution of Unternehmen Wytina (antipartisan action in the Vitina, Mazeika, and Olympia areas) and Operation Achse (action taken due to the Italian capitulation); planned reorganization of the division by 15 Oct 1943; and the withdrawal of the Italian Inf.-Div. Cagliari. Intelligence bulletins and a map concerning partisan organization, strength, activity, and tactical disposition in the Peloponnesus.	1943/08/01-1943/09/30	117.JgD 43889/1	1299	845
Ia, TB mit Anlagen. Activity report relating to reorganization, regrouping, movements, status, security and reconnaissance activity, battle conduct, and tactical situation in the Peloponnesus; execution of antipartisan operations; withdrawal of the 1. Pz.Div. and transfer to Serbia, leaving the security of all of Peloponnesus to the 117.JgD, 1 Oct 1943; and the setting up of Kampfgruppe Korinth to defend the Corinth Canal. Intelligence reports and bulletins concerning partisan activity, losses, and situation in the Peloponnesus and the military and political situation in Greece.	1943/10/01-1943/12/31	117.JgD 43889/2	1300	1
Ia, KTB fuer das Unternehmen Wytina als Anlage zum TB. Preparations for and execution of Unternehmen Wytina.	1943/08/28-1943/09/06	117.JgD 43889/3	1300	434
Ia, KTB der Kampfgruppe Lindenblatt. War journal concerning the formation of Kampfgruppe Lindenblatt in	1944/10/10-1945/01/08	117.JgD 43889/4	1300	887

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Ruma, Yugoslavia, 10 Oct 1944, to defend the Sava-Drina Rivers sector and later the area between the Sava and Danube Rivers, and disengagement operations from the Novi Sad area to the Brod-Osijek area. Kampfgruppe Lindenblatt was relieved by Regiment Aschoff and disbanded, 8 Jan 1945. The Kampfgruppe was subordinate to Division Boettcher, 118.JgD and the 117.JgD, successively, under the command of Obstlt. Lindenblatt. (There is no indication that KTB, 1 Jan-30 Jun 1944, record item 54798, as listed in the Potsdam catalog, were ever in the custody of the National Archives.)