

## 125. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1940/10/02	Wehrkreis V, Stuttgart Muensingen	Formation, (source: Potsdam catalog) training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Wilhelm Schneckenburger, 1940/10/05-1942/12/24
1941/04/10	Maribor, Yugoslavia Friedau (Ormoz), Varazdin Agram (Zagreb)	Transfer Combat operations	Subordinate to: AK 52, 1941/04/16-1941/05/13
1941/04/28	Graz, Friedau	Training, maneuvers	AOK 11, 1941/05/13-1941/05/20; AOK 2, 1941/05/20-1941/06/10;
1941/06/10	Rzeszow, Poland	Transfer, assembly	AK 34 Hoeheres Kommando, 1941/06/10-1941/06/26
1941/06/24	Jaroslaw, Yavorov, San River Sieniawa, Lvov, Ternopol	Invasion of Russia, advance	AK 4, 1941/06/26-1941/07/10
1941/07/08	Zbruch River, Proskurov, Vinnitsa, Bratslav, Uman	Attack and breakthrough of the Stalin line, movement	
1941/08/18	Ingul River, Chigrin, Kirovograd	Advance, offensive operations	AK 49 Geb, 1941/07/11-1941/08/21
1941/08/21	Dnieper River, Kremenchug	Preparations for and crossing of the Dnieper River	AK 11, 1941/08/21-1941/10/05
1941/09/11	Psel River sector	Offensive engagements	
1941/09/22	Orzhitsa River, Mirgorod	Attack, assembly, movement	
1941/10/01	Oposhnya, Madeshda, Poltava, Krasnograd, Merefá	Offensive engagements, advance, defensive operations	AK 17, 1941/10/05-1941/10/10; AOK 17, 1941/10/10-1941/10/16
1941/11/14	Donets River sector, Lozovaya, Kramatorsk, Konstantinovka, Stalino	Advance	AK 52, 1941/10/16-1941/10/17; AK 11, 1941/10/17-1941/10/28; AOK 17, 1941/10/28-1941/11/29; PzAOK 1, 1941/11/29-1941/12/09;
1941/12/16	Taganrog, Rostov, Bataisk, Mius River	Transfer, construction of defensive positions, defensive and offensive engagements	AK 3 Pz, 1941/12/09-1942/01/29; AK 14 mot, 1942/01/29-1942/07/02

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1942/07/20	Rostov, Bataisk	Offensive engagements	AK 57 Pz, 1942/07/03-1942/07/16; AK 5, 1942/07/16-1942/07/20;
1942/07/27	Don River, Kushchevskaya, Yekaterinovskaya, Korenovskaya, Dinskaya, Krasnodar	Offensive operations	AK 49 Geb, 1942/07/20-1942/07/27; AK 5, 1942/07/27-1942/09/19
1942/08/14	Kuban River, Krymskaya, Novorossisk	Crossing the Kuban River, advance, offensive operations	
1942/09/16	Kaluzhskaya, Novodmitriyevskaya, Abinskaya, Psekups Valley	Transfer, offensive operations, position defense	AK 57 Pz, 1942/09/19-1942/11/26
1942/12/12	Goryachi Klyuch, Novorossisk, Gelendzhik	Defensive operations, construction of defensive positions, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Hellmut Friebe, 1942/12/24-1944/03/10 Subordinate to: AOK 17 (Kdo.Stab zbV Foerster), 1942/11/26-1943/01/08 AK 44, 1943/01/08-1943/02/09; AK 5, 1943/02/10-1943/02/13; 73.ID (Kampfgruppe Noworossijsk), 1943/02/13-1943/04/16; AK 5, 1943/04/17-1943/05/03;
1943/05/06	Temryuk, Taman Peninsula, Akhtanizovskaya	Defensive engagements, reorganization as Kdt.d.H.I. Taman	AK 49 Geb, 1943/05/03-1943/07/16; AOK 17, 1943/07/17-1943/08/15; AK 44, 1943/08/15-1943/09/08;
1943/09/05	Moldavanskoye, Taman Peninsula Kerch, Crimea	Assembly, planned withdrawal	PzAOK 1, 1943/09/08-1943/09/13; AK 40 Pz, 1943/09/13-1943/09/19; AK 30, 1943/09/19-1943/09/23; AK 40 Pz, 1943/09/24-1943/10/13; AK 17, from 1943/10/13-

Records of the 125.ID are reproduced on rolls 1343-1349 of Microfilm Publication T315 as described on the pages immediately following.

Manuscript in the Foreign Military Studies series, MS P-034 (Mountain Warfare, Caucasus, 1942) by Gen. Rudolf Peter Konrad, contains reference to 125.ID

Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/09/08 were available at the National Archives situation maps of Heeresgruppe Sued and records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt. (H 1/38), T78, roll 398 show:

1943/09/00	Kerch, Armyansk, Zaporozhe	Withdrawal, defensive engagements
1944/02/18	Novo-Vorontsovka	
1944/03/08	Berislav	Reorganized as Gruppe 125.ID, part incorporated into 258.ID,
1944/03/14	Kherson, Nikolayev	remainder reorganized as Division-Kommando 125

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Ib, KTB 1; WuG, IVa, IVb, IVc, V, FPM, III, IVd, TB. War journal of the Supply Branch concerning supply services during the division's training at Muensing; transfer 10 Apr 1941, from Stuttgart to Maribor via Munich, Linz, Wiener Neustadt, and Graz; and combat in the Friedau (Ormoz), Varazdin, and Agram (Zagreb) areas; reports regarding billeting areas of supply troops, the division's supply situation, and enemy losses during the Yugoslavian campaign. Activity reports of the Motor Transport, Administrative, Medical and Veterinary Officers, the Postmaster, Chaplain, and Judge Advocate. (TB for the period 2 Oct 1940-26 Mar 1941, document No. 9570/1-2, was destroyed at Krasnodar, Russia, during withdrawal.)	1941/03/26-1941/05/05	125.ID 9819	1343	1
Ia, Ic, IIa/IIb, TB mit Anlagen. Activity reports of the Operations Branch with orders and reports pertaining to training, maneuvers, and march exercises in the Graz and Ormoz areas; transfer to and arrival at the Rzeszow area, 10-20 Jun 1941; maps showing the location of billeting areas in Austria, Yugoslavia, and Poland; a status report; and special directives concerning supply. Activity report of the Intelligence Branch regarding troop entertainment and indoctrination; activity report of the Personnel Branch, 11-21 Jun 1941, including a strength report.	1941/04/28-1941/06/21	125.ID 21397/1	1343	67
Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning operations carried out during assembly in the Jaroslaw area; the invasion of Russia near Yavorov; advance to the Kirovograd area via the Lvov, Ternopol, Proskurov, Gaisin, and Uman areas completed by the middle of Aug; subsequent advance to south of Kharkov via the Kremenchug, Zolotonosha, and Poltava areas; and finally in November the movement southward to the area north of Taganrog via the Kramatorsk, Pavlograd, and Makeevka areas.	1941/06/22-1941/12/15	125.ID 21397/2	1343	300

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Ia, Anlagenband 1 zum KTB 2. Advance across the San River, 24 Jun, movement to Ternopol via Sieniawa and Lvov, crossing the Zbruch River, 8 Jul, attack and breakthrough of the Stalin line near Proskurov, 13-15 Jul, movement to Vinnitsa and Bratslav, crossing the Sob' River, 24 Jul, advance to Uman, the battle for Podvysokoye, 8 Aug, advance to Kirovograd and crossing the Ingul River, 18 Aug, and the advance northward to Chigrin 21 Aug. Order-of-battle charts and intelligence reports concerning enemy operations, movements, and losses.	1941/06/21-1941/08/21	125.ID 21397/3	1343	879
Ia, Anlagenband 2 zum KTB 2. Securing of the Dnieper River area, preparations for and execution of Operation Alex (attack across the Dnieper River southeast of Kremenchug), offensive engagements in the Psel River sector, 11-13 Sep, defensive operations in the Sula River area, 14-18 Sep, attack across the Orzhitsa River, 22-23 Sep, and assembly and movement toward Mirgorod, 26-27 Sep. Special directives for engineer and air reconnaissance units.	1941/08/21-1941/09/27	125.ID 21397/4	1344	1
Ia, Anlagenband 3 zum KTB 2. Advance to Poltava, offensives in the Oposhnya, Madeshda, and Balyasnoye areas, 1-9 Oct, movement thru Poltava toward Merefa via Krasnograd, defensive operations in the Donets River sector, and reconnaissance for billeting areas in the Krasnopavlovka and Taranovka areas. Order-of-battle charts, a translation of a Russian pamphlet on attack operations, afteraction critiques, and special air reconnaissance directives.	1941/09/27-1941/11/14	125.ID 21397/5	1344	487
Ia, Anlagenband 4 zum KTB 2. Orders, directives, reports, messages, overlays, and maps pertaining to the billeting area south of Kharkov, the advance to the	1941/11/14-1941/12/15	125.ID 21397/6	1345	1

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Ic, IIa/IIb TB zum KTB 2. Activity report of the Intelligence Branch with interrogation summaries, maps, and overlays pertaining to enemy operations, movements, losses, unit identification, and the Stalin line in the Novyy Konstantinov area. Information concerning the alleged killing of members of the O.U.N. (Organization of Ukrainian Nationals) and an activity report of the Personnel Branch with strength and casualty reports.	1941/06/22-1941/12/15	125.ID 21397/9	1345	319
Ia, KTB 3. Defensive engagements in the Taganrog, Rostov, Bataisk, and Mius River areas from Dec 1941 through Jul 1942; offensive operations during the advance from Bataisk to Novorossisk and Anapa on the Black Sea via Kushchevskaya, Tikhoretsk, Korenovskaya, and Krasnodar in Aug and Sep; and position defense in the Goryachi Klyuch area from Oct to Dec 1942.	1941/12/16-1942/12/11	125.ID 25343/1	1345	506
Ia, Anlagenband 1 zum KTB 3. Defensive operations in the Mius River area, artillery activity, tactical movements, formation of winter mobile units, construction of defensive positions and shelters, and preparations for the thaw period. Order-of-battle charts, status reports, Fuehrer orders, tables showing periodic expenditure of ammunition, and instructional pamphlets concerning the laying of mines to blockade an ice-covered area and the combatting of enemy artillery.	1941/12/15-1942/02/19	125.ID 25343/2	1346	1
Ia, Anlagenband 2 zum KTB 3. Defensive operations in the Mius River area, attacks against the Rostov defense, 20-23 Jul 1942, artillery activity, tactical movement, and construction of positions. Order-of-battle charts, status reports, Fuehrer orders, and afteraction critiques relating to defensive	1942/02/20-1942/07/23	125.ID 25343/3	1346	509

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Ic, TB mit Anlagen. Activity reports, with interrogation and intelligence reports, maps, and overlays pertaining to enemy operations, intentions, losses, unit identification, strength, supply situation, and tactical disposition from Dec 1941 through Jul 1942 in the Taganrog, Rostov, Bataisk, and Mius River areas, during Aug and Sep in the Kushchevskaya, Tikhoretsk, Krasnodar, Novorossisk, and Anapa areas, and from Oct to Dec in the Goryachi Klyuch area. Appraisal of the enemy situation and German translations of instructions of the Soviet 12th Army concerning defense organization in mountainous terrain, 24 Aug 1942, an order of the Soviet 47th Army, 27 Aug 1942, and notes on a conference of the	1941/12/16-1942/12/11	125.ID 25343/6	1347	475

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Ia, Anlagenband 1 zum KTB 4. Disengagement movements, assault troop operations, tactical disposition, assignment, battle conduct, subordination, order of battle, march readiness, artillery and reconnaissance activity, training, antitank defense, construction and defense of strong points and defensive and switch positions (Goten and Ubinka), supply situation, military security, employment of civilians, casualties, and combat and ration strength. Afteraction report and critiques relating to antitank defense, major Soviet attacks, and division and enemy operations.	1942/12/12-1943/02/13	125.ID 43002/2	1348	283
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of Kampfgruppe Radulescu and Nord; casualties, combat and ration strength, map exercises, 17 and 24 May 1943, and withdrawal for assembly in the Taman Peninsula, 5-6 Sep, and planned withdrawal to the Crimea by 11 Sep 1943.				
Ic, TB. Activity report with interrogation summaries and maps pertaining to enemy operations, movements, losses, rations, unit identification and strength, partisan activity, and tactical disposition in the Goryachi Klyuch area during Dec 1942, the Novorossisk and Gelendzhik area from Jan through Apr 1943, the Taman Peninsula south of Temryuk from May through Jul, and the area south of Moldavanskoye in Aug and Sep 1943; counterintelligence activity; military security; and troop entertainment.	1942/12/12-1943/09/07	125.ID 43002/6	1349	590