

131. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1940/09/17	Wehrkreis XI Bergen-Belsen	Formation, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Heinrich Meyer-Buerdorf, 1940/10/05-1944/01/20 Subordinate to: Stellvertretendes Generalkommando XI, 1940/09/17-1940/10/31; AOK 11, 1940/11/01-1940/12/01; AK 52, 1940/12/02-1941/03/08; AK 35, 1941/03/16-1941/04/15
1941/03/16	Warsaw, Poland	Transfer	AK 44, 1941/04/15-1941/05/02; AK 12, 1941/05/02-1941/06/04; AK 43, 1941/06/04-1941/07/30
1941/04/17	Siedlce	Training, border security	
1941/05/26	Biala Podlaska	Assembly, preparation for the invasion of Russia	
1941/06/22	Bug River, Brest, Kobrin, Shereshevo, Kopyl, Bobruisk, Studenka, Rogachev	Offensive operations, advance	AK 13, 1941/07/31-1941/08/23
1941/08/12	Sozh River, Gomel, Chechersk, Dobrush, Chernigov, Berezna, Mglin	Offensive operations	AK 12, 1941/08/23-1941/08/25 AK 43, 1941/08/25-1942/06/19
1941/10/02	Desna River, Mglin, Zhizdra, Kozelsk, Dubna, Tula, Aleksin	Offensive operations Disengagement movement	
1941/12/12	Argunovo, Mukovnino, Kaluga, Davydovo, Yukhnov	Defensive operations, movements	
1942/03/06	Vyazma, Baskakovka	Movements, defensive operations	
1943/06/17	Kirov	Position defense	AK 56 Pz, 1942/06/20-1943/06/30

Records of the 131.ID are reproduced on rolls 1380-1383 of Microfilm Publication T315 as described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/06/30 were available at the National Archives, situation maps of Heeresgruppe Mitte and Weichsel and records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt. (H 1/38), T78, roll 398 show:

1943/07/01	North of Kirov	Position defense	AK 56 Pz, 1943/07/01-1943/08/31
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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1943/09/01	Roslavl, Chausy	Defensive engagements	AK 12, 1943/09/01-1943/09/30; AK 41 Pz, 1943/10/01-1943/12/21; AK 23, 1943/12/22
1944/01/01	Vitebsk	Defensive engagements, withdrawal	C.O.P Gen.Lt. Friedrich Weber, 1944/01/15-1944/12/10
1944/03/10	Polotsk	Defensive engagements	
1944/04/10	Kovel	Defensive engagements	
1944/07/01	Grodno	Defensive engagements	
1944/08/01	Kalvarija, Suwalki	Defensive engagements	
1944/09/15	Goldap, Lyck, Reszel	Absorbtion of part of 196.ID, defensive engagements	Gen.Maj. Werner Schulze, 1944/12/10-1945/04/09
1945/02/01	Wormditt (Orneta), Heiligenbeil (Mamonovo)	Position defense	
1945/03/12	Heiligenbeil		

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Ia, TB 1. Formation of the division (11. Welle) at Truppenuebungsplatz Bergen, Wehrkreis XI on 17 Sep 1940, from components of the 31. and 269.ID, and training.	1940/09/17-1941/03/08	131.ID 15473/1	1380	1
Ia, Anlagenband zum TB 1. Directives and orders pertaining to the formation, organization, and training of the division, and a combat and ration strength report.	1940/09/17-1941/03/08	131.ID 15473/2	1380	20
Ia, TB 2. Transfer from Bergen to the area east of Warsaw, 16-20 Mar 1941, movement to Siedlce, 17 Apr 1941, and training.	1941/03/10-1941/05/25	131.ID 15473/3	1380	105
Ia, Anlagenband 1 zum TB 2. Orders, directives, and a map pertaining to transfer, quarters, and training; billeting, loading, and unloading surveys.	1941/03/10-1941/05/27	131.ID 15473/4	1380	118
Ia, Anlagenband 2 zum TB 2. Orders, directives, tables, and maps pertaining to movement to the area east of Siedlce, border security, and training; special directives and orders concerning supply and defense of the "Interessen-Grenze" and "Achtung Berta" (defense in case of a Russian attack); list of code names.	1941/03/31-1941/05/21	131.ID 15473/5	1380	177
Ia, KTB 1. Strategic concentration in the Siedlce area, movement to the Biala Podlaska area, training, and readiness for attack.	1941/05/26-1941/06/20	131.ID 15473/6	1380	254
Ia, KTB 3. Offensive engagements in the Rogachev, Sozh River, Gomel, Chechersk, Dobrush, Chernigov, Berezna, and Desna River areas and movement toward Mglin via Starodub. (See record item 22643/1 for KTB 4 for the period 2 Oct 1941-11 Dec 1941)	1941/08/12-1941/10/01	131.ID 16025/1	1380	268
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 3. Corps and division orders and notes on command conferences pertaining to offensive operations. Intelligence bulletins and interrogation summaries concerning enemy operations, losses, and unit identification, and the military situation in Russia and Finland.	1941/08/12-1941/09/30	131.ID 16025/2	1380	493

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Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 2. Corps and division orders and notes on command conferences concerning the invasion of Russia and advance to Rogachev. Intelligence reports, bulletins, and maps pertaining to enemy operations, losses, and tactical situation.	1941/06/22-1941/08/11	131.ID 18427/2	1380	893
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Ia, Anlagenband I zum KTB 5. Corps and division orders concerning defensive operations and afteraction reports of IR 432, 29 Nov 1941-15 Feb 1942, and of IR 434, 29 Nov 1941-13 Feb 1942.	1941/12/12-1942/03/05	131.ID 18949/2	1381	169
Ia, Anlagenband II zum KTB 5. Funk- und Fernsprueche.	1941/12/13-1942/03/06	131.ID 18949/3	1381	408
Ia, KTB 6. Disengagement operations from the Yukhnov area, movement to and defense of the area southeast of Vyazma, and Operation Hannover (antipartisan action in the Vyazma area).	1942/03/06-1942/06/16	131.ID 22120/1	1381	795
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 6. Corps and division orders, reports, and messages concerning disengagement movements and defensive operations; orders relating to Operation Hannover and Operation Nordstern (destruction of enemy forces east of Baskakovka, 5 May 1942); intelligence bulletins and interrogation reports concerning enemy operations, tactical situation, movements, morale, organization, unit strength and identification, and weapons and equipment; reports on the military situation on all fronts in Russia.	1942/03/06-1942/06/16	131.ID 22120/2	1381	938
Ia, KTB 4. Offensive engagements in the Mglin, Bytosh, Zhizdra, Kozelsk, Dubna, and Tula areas and disengagement movements to and defense of Aleksin.	1941/10/02-1941/12/11	131.ID 22643/1	1382	1

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