

148. RESERVE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/00/00	Neisse, Wehrkreis VIII	Formation of the 148.ErsD, training	
1941/02/01	Metz, France	Transfer, training	
(Source: the above information was taken from the <u>Order of Battle of the German Army (Washington, March 1945))</u>)			
1942/10/01	Lorraine	Redesignation as 148.ResD	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Hermann Boettcher, 1942/04/02-1943/04/01 Subordinate to: AK 64 Res, 1942/10/01-1942/10/12
1942/10/12	Cher and Loire Rivers, Orleans	Movement, security duty	AK 66 Res, 1942/10/12-1943/10/28
1942/11/11	Montauban, Agen, Condom, Toulouse, Pau, Tarbes	Transfer, occupation duty, security, training, regional defense	
1943/10/20	Cannes, Nice, Menton	Transfer, coastal security	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Friedrich-Wilhelm von Rothkirch und Panthen, 1943/04/01-1943/09/25; Gen.Lt. Otto Fretter-Pico, 1943/09/25-1944/09/21 Subordinate to: AOK 19, 1943/10/28-1944/08/27

Records of the 148.ResD are reproduced on roll 1437 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/10/28 were available in the National Archives, situation maps of Lage West show:

1944/08/15	Cannes, Nice, Menton	Defensive engagements (Allied invasion of southern France)	
1944/08/29	Cuneo, Italy	Transfer	AK 62 Res
1944/09/25	Cuneo	Re-formation as the 148.ID	
1944/10/30	Genoa	Movement, coastal defense	
1945/04/10	La Spezia	Defense	

The following manuscript in the Foreign Military Studies series contains references to the 148.ID:

MS B-203, French Mediterranean coast, May-Sep 1944 by Gen.Lt. Otto Fretter-Pico.

CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
Ia, TB. Reorganization of the Ersatzheer due to Allied sabotage and landing attempts in the western theater and partisan activities in the eastern theater; redesignation as the 148.ResD in Lorraine on 1 Oct 1942; transfer on 12 Oct 1942 to the demarkation line between the Cher and Loire Rivers near Orleans for security duty; movement on 11 Nov 1942 via Montlucon to the Montauban, Agen, Condom, Toulouse, Pau, and Tarbes areas to secure unoccupied France against sabotage and enemy landing attempts after the American and British landings in French North Africa; combat training.	1942/10/01-1943/03/31	148.ResD 30662	1437	1
Ia, TB mit Anlagen. Occupation and security duty, regional defense, training, alerts, combat readiness, and morale of the civilian population in the Montauban, Toulouse, Castres, and Albi areas; transfer to the Cannes, Nice, and Menton areas, 20-28 Oct 1943; order-of-battle charts. An afteraction critique relating to the scope of action of the operations, intelligence, and supply branches, the administrative, medical, veterinary, and chemical warfare officers, and the judge advocate. (There is no indication that the TB for the period 20 Oct 1943-30 Jun 1944, record item 58912 as listed in the Potsdam catalog, was ever in National Archives custody.)	1943/04/01-1943/10/28	148.ResD 44068	1437	26