

## 165. RESERVE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/10/20	Stuttgart, Wehrkreis V	Formation of Ersatztruppenteil 2/V, redesignation as Div.Nr. 165 (source: <u>Order of Battle of the German Army</u> (Washington, March 1945))	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Philipp Mueller-Gebhard, 1939/10/20-1941/04/26 Gen.Lt. Sigmund von Schacky auf Schoenfeld, 1941/05/01-1944/01/31 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. V, 1939/10/20-1941/07/08
1941/07/09	Epinal, France	Transfer	
1942/07/10	Epinal	Formation of Division Schacky from elements of Div.Nr. 165	AGr. Felber, 1942/07/09-1942/09/27
1942/07/11	Sens, Bourges, Nevers, Dijon, Beaune	Movement, security, training	
1942/10/01	Dijon	Disbandment of Division Schacky	AK 5, 1942/09/28-1942/09/30
1942/10/04	Dijon, Beaune	Formation of 165.ResD, regrouping, training, movement to Epinal, 1943/01/26	AK 64 Res, Dijon, 1942/10/04-1943/12/31 C.O.: Gen.Maj.z.V. Rudolf Baecher, Kdr. 165.ResD, 1942/10/04-1943/02/25
1942/10/10	Dijon, Chalon-sur-Saone, Nevers	Re-formation of Division Schacky (also designated 165. Div.)	Subordinate to: AK 84, 1942/10/15-1943/02/25
1942/10/16	Cherbourg, west coast of the Cotentin Peninsula	Transfer, coastal defense, security	
1943/02/22	Dunkirk	Transfer of part of the 165.D and incorporation into the 282.ID	
1943/02/25	Cherbourg	Disbandment of Division Schacky (165.D)	
1943/02/26	Epinal	Movement, incorporation of remainder of 165.D into the 165.ResD	
1943/05/01	Sens, Auxerre, Dijon, Beaune, Belfort	Movement, training, security	

Records of the 165.ResD are reproduced on roll 1475 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

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Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/12/31 were available in the National Archives, situation maps of Lage West show:			
1944/01/01	Besancon	Movement	
1944/01/07	Bergen op Zoom, Netherlands	Transfer	
1944/01/10	Walcheren Island	Movement, coastal defense, security	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Wilhelm Daser, 1944/02/01-1944/07/31 (source: general officer personnel files)
1944/07/31	Walcheren Island	Disbandment of the 165.ResD, cadres of the division used to form the 70.ID (bodenstaendig)	

The following manuscript in the Foreign Military Studies series contains references to the 165.ResD:  
MS B-274, Defense of Walcheren Island, 1944 (The 165th Reserve Division and the 70th Infantry Division, 1944, Holland) by Gen.Lt. Wilhelm Daser.

CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
Ia, TB mit Anlagen d. Division Schacky. Redesignation of Div.Nr. 165 as Division Schacky, consisting of the Div.Stab, IR Graeter, and Art.Abt. Roemer, in Epinal, France, 10 Jul, to secure the demarkation line; movements to the Sens, Bourges, Nevers, Dijon, Beaune, and Chalon-sur-Saone areas; disbandment of Division Schacky, 1 Oct 1942; training, alert exercises, and regrouping. Activity report of IR Graeter, 25 Apr-31 Aug, on its formation between 25 Apr and 4 May in the Feldkdtr. Nancy; activity reports of the administrative, medical, veterinary, and signal staff officers, the judge advocate, and chaplains; register of officers; strength reports.	1942/07/09-1942/09/30	165.ResD 27328/1	1475	1
Ia, TB mit Anlagen. Re-formation of Division Schacky (also designated 165.Div.), 10 Oct, assembly of its personnel at Dijon, Beaune, Chalon-sur-Saone, and Nevers, and transfer to the Cherbourg area, 14-16 Oct, for coastal defense and security of this sector; and redesignation of IR Graeter as Gren.Rgt. Reithinger, 19 Oct. Order-of-battle charts, billeting surveys, and orders concerning the state of alerts. Activity reports of the intelligence branch of the 165.Div., Gren.Rgt. Reithinger, Art.Abt. Roemer, the supply branch, and the administrative, medical, and veterinary officers.	1942/10/09-1942/11/30	165.ResD 27328/2	1475	69
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Coastal defense and security of the Cherbourg area and the west coast of the Cotentin Peninsula under the command of Kmdr.d.Verteidigungsbereichs Cherbourg; transfer of command responsibility for Kuestenverteidigungsabschnitt West to the 709.ID, 19 Feb; movement of Gren.Rgt. Reithinger and Art.Abt. Roemer to Dunkirk to be incorporated into the 282.ID,	1942/12/01-1943/02/25	165.ResD 27328/3	1475	156

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19-22 Feb; transfer of the remainder of the 165.D to the 165.ResD at Epinal, and disbandment of the 165.D on 25 Feb 1943. War journal, including orders and special directives of the supply branch; activity reports of the administrative, medical, and veterinary officers and the judge advocate; a register of officers; billeting surveys; strength reports.				
Ia, TB 1 mit Anlagen. Formation of the 165.ResD from units of Div.Nr. 165 in Dijon, 4 Oct 1942; movement of the headquarters to Beaune, 13 Oct; formation of Eingr.Btl. Brunhilde, its disbandment 19 Oct, and re-formation on 1 May 1943; training of recruits; securing the Belfort-Besancon railroad line; occupation duty; map exercises; mobilization preparations (code name Senta); and transfer of the 165.ResD to Epinal, 26 Jan 1943. Orders relating to the reorganization of the Ersatzheer; registers of officers; lists of officers duty assignments; billeting surveys with maps showing the location of division units; order-of-battle charts.	1942/10/04-1943/04/30	165.ResD 30897	1475	260
Ia, TB 2 mit Anlagen. Assignment of personnel, weapons, equipment, and horses to and transfer (destination unknown) of Eingr.Btl. Brunhilde, 10-16 May; training, administrative, personnel, disciplinary, medical, veterinary, and supply matters; and troop entertainment. An intelligence report relating to army academic courses; afteraction reports pertaining to security services and combat against partisans; lists of officers duty assignments; an order-of-battle chart; a map showing the location of division units in the Sens, Auxerre, Beaune, Dijon, and Belfort areas; tables of assignments of officers and staff personnel released to Eingr.Btl. Brunhilde.	1943/05/01-1943/10/31	165.ResD 37900	1475	306
Ia, TB 3. Training, security, personnel, disciplinary, medical, veterinary, and supply matters and troop indoctrination and entertainment in the division sector at Dole, Auxerre, Sens, Dijon, Beaune, and Belfort.	1943/11/01-1943/12/31	165.ResD 43498	1475	348