

187. RESERVE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/00/00	Linz, Wehrkreis XVII	Activation of Ers.Tr. XVII, redesignation as Div.Nr. 187	Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. XVII, 1939-1942/10/31 C.O.: Gen.Maj. Walther Graessner, 1939/10/01-1940/02/05 Gen.Lt. Josef Brauner, 1942/08/15-1944/05/19
1942/10/30	Linz	Redesignation as 187.ResD	
1942/11/06	Zagreb, Bjelovar, Petrinja, Yugoslavia	Transfer, antipartisan operations, road and railroad security	Subordinate to: Wehrkr.Kdo. XVII (ausbildungsmaessig), 1942/11/01-1943/06/30 Wehrm.Bfh. Suedost (AOK 12), 1942/11/01-1943/06/22
1943/01/18	Zagreb, Bjelovar, Petrinja, Vojnic, Brod, Glina, Virovitica, Sava and Drava Rivers	Formation of Gruppe West, antipartisan operations, area security	
	Zagreb, Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia	formation of Eingreifgruppe/187.ResD (Kampfgruppe Kinzelbach) for detached service, antipartisan operations, mopping-up action, area security	Croatian 369.ID, 1943/01/08-1943/02/14 714.ID (114.JgD), 1943/02/15-1943/06/06 187.ResD, 1943/06/07-1944/01/14 (Kinzelbach) C.O.: Obst. Hans Kinzelbach, 1943/01/18-1943/03/20 Obst. Bruno Schulze, 1943/03/21-1944/02/01 (Fhr.Eingr.Gr./187.ResD)
1943/07/01	Bjelovar, Brod, Nova Gradiska, Pakrac, Tuzla, Vinkovci, Cazma,	Antipartisan and mopping-up opera- tions, road and railroad security	Subordinate to: Bfh.d.dtsch.Tr.i. Kroatien, 1943/06/23-1943/06/30 AK 69 Res, 1943/07/01-1944/01/14
1943/09/01	Virovitica, Psunj, Zagreb, Brod, Pozega, Daruvar, Bjelovar	Disbandment of Gruppe West, antipartisan operations, road and railroad security	
1944/01/01	Pakrac, Breza, Vinkovci, Bosanski Samac, Zupanja, Lipik, Brod	Antipartisan and mopping-up operations	
1944/01/14	Brod	Reorganization as the 42.JgD	

Records of the 187.ResD are reproduced on rolls 1553-1556 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

The Order of Battle of the German Army (Washington, March 1945), the general officer personnel files, and situation maps of Lage Balkan were also used for the unit history.

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Ia, KTB Band 1 mit Anlagen; Ic, Ib, IVa-IVc, IIa/b, III, TB. Redesignation of Div.Nr. 187 as the 187.ResD; transfer to Zagreb (Agram); activation of Eingreifgruppen Agram, Bjelovar, Petrinja, and Schaltenbrand, 12 Dec 1942, for operations against partisans in Croatia; Unternehmen Brunhilde-Suedost (combat preparations of Eingreifgruppen); security of roads and railroads and patrol activities in the Drava and Sava Rivers sector; formation of Gruppe West to secure the area north of the Sava River, the Brod-Zagreb railroad, and the Glina, Vojnic, and Virovitica areas; training and use of Croatian units. Activity reports of the intelligence, personnel, and supply branches; the administrative, medical, and veterinary officers; and the judge advocate.	1942/10/30-1943/02/28	187.ResD 37285/1	1553	1
Ia, KTB Band 2 mit Anlagen; Ic, Ib, IVa-IVc, IIa/b, III, TB. Operations against partisans; mopping-up action; and securing of industrial installations, roads, railroads, and bridges by the division, Gruppe West, Verst.Batl. Schrieber, Kampfgruppe Ruckser, and Croatian units in the Zagreb, Petrinja, Sisak, Okucani, Glina, Virovitica, and Daruvar areas. Afteraction reports relating to an operation of the Croatian 1st Mountain Div against Communist units, 27 Feb 1943, and on experiences in Communist prison camps; reports concerning the political, military, and enemy tactical situation in Croatia. Activity reports of the intelligence, personnel, and supply branches; the administrative, medical, and veterinary officers; and the judge advocate.	1943/03/01-1943/03/31	187.ResD 37285/2	1553	600
Ia, KTB Band 3 mit Anlagen; Ic, Ib, IVa-IVc, IIa, III, TB. Operations against partisans and securing oilfields, industrial installations, roads, and	1943/04/01-1943/04/30	187.ResD 37285/3	1553	1007

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<p>railroads by the division, Gruppe West, and Croatian and Ustasha units in the Zagreb, Sisak, Lipik, Petrinja, Virovitica, Vocin, Hrusevac, and Nova Gradiska areas; afteraction report concerning the assignment of Kampfgruppe Ruckser, 19 Mar-4 Apr 1943; afteraction critiques relating to Unternehmen Braun and Virovitica (operations against Communist units in the Nova Gradiska and Virovitica areas, 19 Mar-5 Apr 1943). Activity reports of the intelligence, personnel, and supply branches; the administrative, medical, and veterinary officers, and the judge advocate.</p>				
<p>Ia, KTB Band 4 mit Anlagen; Ic, Ib, IVa-IVc, IIa/b, III, TB. Operations against partisans, mopping-up action, and securing roads and railroads by the division, Gruppe West, Eingreifgruppe/187.ResD, and Croatian and Ustasha units in the Zagreb, Petrinja, Brod, Stupnik, Glina, Ivanic Grad, and Sisak areas; order regarding the return of Eingreifgruppe/187.ResD from detached service, 7 Jun 1943; notes on command conferences; order-of-battle charts; reports on the political, military, and enemy tactical situation; intelligence bulletins. Activity reports of the intelligence, personnel, and supply branches; the administrative, medical, and veterinary officers; and the judge advocate.</p>	1943/05/01-1943/06/30	187.ResD 37285/4	1554	1
<p>Ia, KTB Band I Balkan, Eingreifgruppe/187.ResD (Kampfgruppe Kinzelbach vom 18.1.-20.3.43). Formation of Eingreifgruppe/187.ResD, also known as Kampfgruppe Kinzelbach, and its operations against partisans and mopping-up action in the Petrinja, Bihac, Sanski Most, Bosanski Novi, Cazin, Bosanska Krupa, Gospic, Kulen Vakuf, and Bosanski Petrovac areas.</p>	1943/01/18-1943/04/29	187.ResD 38343/1	1554	614
<p>Ia, Anlagen zum KTB Band I, Eingreifgruppe/187.ResD (Kampfgruppe Kinzelbach). Reports and orders pertaining</p>	1943/01/18-1943/04/11	187.ResD 38343/2	1554	712

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to operations against partisan units and mopping-up action in the Bosnia Mountains area, movement to and security of the Croatian 369th Inf Div and the 7.SS GebD "Prinz Eugen" sectors; and defense of Bihac and Bosanska Krupa; intelligence bulletins.				
Ia, KTB 2 mit Anlagen; Ic, Ib, IVa-IVc, IIa, III, TB. War journal with reports and orders pertaining to operations against partisans by the division, Gruppe West, Eingr.Gr./187.ResD, and Croatian, Ustasha, and police units in the Zagreb, Petrinja, Sibenik, Sisak, Bjelovar, and Virovitica areas; report concerning Unternehmen Ivan (mopping-up action in the Moslavacka Mountains area, 3-5 Jul 1943); intelligence bulletins. Activity reports of the intelligence, personnel, and supply branches; the administrative, medical, and veterinary officers; and the judge advocate.	1943/07/01-1943/07/31	187.ResD 42462/1	1554	754
Ia, KTB 2 mit Anlagen; Ic, Ib, IVa-IVc, IIa/b, III, TB. War journal with reports and orders pertaining to operations against partisans; mopping-up action; coastal defense, reconnaissance activity; securing roads, railroads, and bridges; and training in the Pozega, Virovitica, Zagreb, Bjelovar, Petrinja, Krapina, Djakovo, Ivanic Grad, Cazma, Kutina, and Brod areas. Order by Gen.Lt. Brauner for disbandment of Gruppe West, 1 Sep 1943; status reports; a report on alleged atrocities against German soldiers; intelligence bulletins. Activity reports of the intelligence, supply, and personnel branches; the administrative, medical, and veterinary officers; and the judge advocate.	1943/08/01-1943/09/30	187.ResD 42462/2	1555	1
Ia, KTB 2 mit Anlagen; Ic, Ib, IVa-IVc, IIa/b, III, TB. Operations against partisans, mopping-up action, police raids, securing bridges and railroads, and training by the division, Eingr.Gr./187.ResD, and	1943/10/01-1943/10/31	187.ResD 42462/3	1555	835

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Ia, KTB 2 mit Anlagen; Ic, Ib, IVa-IVc, IIa/b, III, TB. Operations against partisans, mopping-up action, securing railroads, and reconnaissance activity by the division, Eingr.Gr./187.ResD, and Croatian, Ustasha, Chetnik, and police units in the Vinkovci, Koprivnica, Virovitica, Bjelovar, Zagreb, Cazma, Nova Gradiska, Petronici, and Ivanec areas; the political, military, and enemy tactical situation and counterintelligence in Croatia; preparations for Unternehmen Kugelblitz (antipartisan action in the Tuzla area) and execution of Unternehmen Ferkel (antipartisan action in the Brcko area). Activity reports of the intelligence, supply, and personnel branches; the administrative, medical, and veterinary officers; and the judge advocate.	1943/12/01-1944/01/14	187.ResD 42462/5	1556	323
Ia, KTB 2 mit Anlagen; Ic, Ib, IVa-IVc, IIa/b, III, TB. Operations against partisans, mopping-up action, and securing bridges and railroads in the Bjelovar, Brod, Nova Gradiska, Pakrac, Vinkovci, Virovitica, Tuzla, and Djakovo areas, 1-31 Dec 1943, and the Breza, Bosanski Samac, Zupanja, and Lipik areas, 1-11 Jan 1944; execution of Unternehmen Kugelblitz, 1-17 Dec 1943, Unternehmen Napfkuchen (destruction of enemy forces in the Derventa, Teslic, Doboj, Kotor Varos, and Vrbas				

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areas by Kampfgruppe Brauner, 3-6 Jan 1944), and Unternehmen Brandfackel (destruction of enemy forces in the Kozara Mountains of Bosnia). Activity reports of the intelligence, supply, and personnel branches; the administrative, medical, and veterinary officers; and the judge advocate.