

## 189. RESERVE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/autumn	Kassel, Wehrkreis IX	Activation of Ersatztruppenteil IX redesignated Div.Nr. 189	Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. IX, 1939-1942/09/30
1942/09/21	Friedberg, Hessen	Redesignated 189.ResD	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Egon von Neindorff, 1942/09/20-1943/10/01
1942/10/01	Saint-Quentin, Laon, Soissons, Chateau-Thierry, France	Transfer, training	Subordinate to: AK 66 Res, 1942/10/01-1943/03/31
1942/10/25	Beaune, Mirecourt, Langres, Neufchateau, Paray-le-Monial Autun	Movement, occupation duty, training	
1942/12/07	Le Puy, Ales, Millau, Rochemaure, Nimes, Rodez, Viviers	Training, occupation duty	
1943/06/20	Clermont-Ferrand, Vichy	Movement, training, occupation duty	AK 64 Res, 1943/09/00 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Richard von Schwerin, 1943/10/01-1944/10/05
1944/07/09	Montpellier	Movement, defensive engagements	
1944/09/04	Lyons, Gray, Remiremont, Thann, Villersexel	Defensive engagements, also known as Kampfgruppe von Schwerin and Kampfgruppe Degener	
1944/10/12	Montbeliard, Belfort	Movement, defensive engagements, reinforcement, formation of 189.ID	Gen.Lt. Otto Ottenbacher, 1944/10/05-1944/10/24 Gen.Maj. Joachim Degener, 1944/10/24-1944/12/29
1944/12/02	Neuenburg, Germany	Withdrawal	
1944/12/05	Colmar, France	Movement, defensive engagements	Oberst Eduard Zorn, 1944/12/29-1945/02/08
1945/02/09	Staufen, Freiburg, Germany	Withdrawal, defensive engagements	Oberst Friedrich Warnecke, 1945/02/09-1945/03/25
1945/02/26	Furtwangen	Withdrawal, known as 189.ID Stab	Subordinate to: AOK 19

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1945/03/11	Freiburg	Reconstitution of 189.ID	C.O.: Oberst Karl Mellwig, 1945/03/25

Although only one record item of 189. Reserve-Division was available and is reproduced on roll 1557 of Microfilm Publication T513, the Order of Battle of the German Army (Washington, D.C., March 1945), the general staff officers personnel files, manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series, situation maps of Lage West, and records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398), were used for the unit history.

Record items 46720/1-2, TB mit Anlagen, 1943/04/01-1943/12/31, as listed in the Potsdam catalog were never in the custody of the National Archives. Records of the medical officer of the 189. ResD, EAP 49-n-10/5, for the period 1943/04/22-1944/02/22, were filmed on roll 257 of Microfilm Publication T84, and are listed in Guide No. 36, page 54.

Manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series, prepared by former German officers for the Historical Division, Headquarters, U.S. Army, Europe, between 1945 and 1959, contain references to the 189.ID as follows:

- MS A-878 (Southern France, 15 Aug-14 Sep 1944), by Gen.Lt. Richard von Schwerin
- MS B-608 (Southern France, 1944), by Gen.Lt. Walter Botsch
- MS A-879 (Operations of Kampfgruppe Degener near Villersexel against the U.S. 45th Infantry Division, 7-11 Sep 1944), by Gen.Maj. Joachim Degener
- MS B-248 (Kampfgruppe Degener east of Villersexel, 12-14 Sep 1944), by Gen.Maj. Joachim Degener
- MS B-253 (189.ID (Kampfgruppe Degener) west of Belfort, 15 Sep-19 Nov 1944) by Gen.Maj. Joachim Degener
- MS B-369 (189.ID west of Belfort, 14-19 Nov 1944), by Gen.Maj. Joachim Degener
- MS A-999 (Combat operations in the Lorraine and Vosges areas, fall 1944), by Gen.Maj. Friedrich-Wilhelm von Mellenthin
- MS B-493 (Moselle, Sep 1944), by Maj. Kurt Schuster.

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Ia, Ic, Ib, IIa/IIb, IVa-b, III, TB. Activity report of the operations branch concerning redesignation of Division Nr. 189 as the 189.Reserve-Division in Friedberg, Hessen, Wehrkreis IX, 21 Sep 1942; transfer to Saint-Quentin, Laon, Chateau-Thierry, and Soissons, 1-8 Oct 1942; movement to Beaune, Mirecourt, Langres, Neufchateau, Autun, and Paray-le-Monial, 25 Oct-5 Nov 1942; designation of reinforced IR 15B as Kampfgruppe Meuther and transfer to the Armeegruppe Felber sector in formerly unoccupied France, 11 Nov 1942, and its redesignation as reinforced IR 15B, 23 Dec 1942; movement to Le Puy, Ales, Millau, Nimes, Rochemaure, Rodez, and Viviers, 7-11 Dec 1942; and occupation duty. Activity reports of the supply, intelligence, and personnel branches, the medical and administrative officers, and the judge advocate.	1942/09/21-1943/03/31	189.ResD 29840	1557	1