

SS FREIWILLIGEN-LEGION "NIEDERLANDE" - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1941/07/15	Cracow, Poland	Reorganization of Freiwilligen Standarte "Nordwest" into Freiwilligen-Verband "Niederlande" Freiwilligen-Verband "Flandern" (source: T175, roll 110, fr. 2634681)	Subordinate to: SS Fuehrungshauptamt (SS-FHA)
1941/08/01	Cracow	Activation, formation 1 Rgt. (besp.) Freiw.-Leg. "Niederlande" (source: T175, roll 110, fr. 2634651)	C.O.: SS Standartenfuehrer Reich
1941/09/14	Truppenuebungsplatz Arys, East Prussia	Training, formation	
1942/01/13	Soviet Union via Gdansk (Danzig), Liepaja (Libau), Latvia, Riga, Yelgava (Mitau), Pskov (Pleskau)	Transfer	Subordinate to: 20. Infanterie-Division (mot), 1942/01/13-1942/04/14
1942/02/03	Girovo, Novgorod, Lake Ilmen, Selo-Gora, Gorenka, Pyatilipy, Glukhaya Kerest', Guzi, Maloye Zamosh'ye, Kerest River sector, Volkhov Pocket (Wolchow-Kessel)	Detraining regrouping, security, reconnaissance, antipartisan, assault operations	126. Infanterie-Division, 1942/04/14-1942/04/22 2. SS Infanterie-Brigade (mot), 1942/04/22-1942/07/23
1942/07/21	Gorenka, Moyka	Formation, Kampfgruppe "Fitzthum" (SS Freiw.-Leg. "Niederlande" SS Freiw.-Leg. "Flandern")	C.O.: SS Obersturmbannfuehrer Theuermann SS Obersturmbannfuehrer Josef Fitzthum
1942/07/22 1942/08/08	Krasnogvardeisk, Taytsy (Taizy), Finskoye Koyrovo	Transfer, training, sharpshooting, reorganizing	
1942/08/28	Borisov		Subordinate to: 1. SS Infanterie-Brigade (mot), 1942/08/28

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1943/04/01	Truppenuebungsplatz Mlawa (Mielau), Poland	Reorganized, incorporated into 14.(germ.) SS PzGrenD "Nordland" (source: T175, roll 108, fr.2631184) (See: 11. SS FrwPzGrD "Nordland")	

Records of the SS Freiwilligen-Legion "Niederlande" are reproduced on NARS Microfilm Publication T354, roll 653, and described following the unit history. Records of the Reich Leader SS, T175, rolls 108 and 110 contain references to the SS Freiwilligen-Legion "Niederlande" and were used to supplement the unit history.

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Ia, KTB der Infanterie-Regiment (mot) Freiwilligen-Legion "Niederlande." War journal concerning movement from Cracow, Poland, for training at the Truppenuebungsplatz Arys, East Prussia, 14 Sep 1941; transfer to Selo-Gora, Pskov (Pleskau), Russia, via Liepaja (Libau) and Riga, Latvia, 13 Jan-2 Feb 1942; regrouping, security, assault, reconnaissance, antipartisan, and defensive operations in the Selo-Gora, Gorenka, Glukhaya Kerest', Pyatilipy, Radoni, Guzi, Ossiya, Chauni, and Maloye Zamosh'ye areas and the Kerest' River sector, 3 Feb-20 Jul; formation of "Verband Fitzthum" from Legion "Niederlande" and Legion "Flandern" in Gorenka, 21 Jul; and movement by rail transport from Gorenka and Moyka to the Krasnogvardeisk area, 22 Jul 1942. Also register of officers, casualty lists, and combat and ration strength report.	1942/01/13-1942/07/22	SS FrwLeg Niedlde 30182/1	653	360
Ia, TB der Freiwilligen-Legion "Niederlande." Activity report concerning troop indoctrination and entertainment; authorized, actual, and combat strength; inventory of motor vehicles, casualties, and disciplinary matters.	1942/01/02-1942/01/09	SS FrwLeg Niedlde 30182/2	653	515
Ia, KTB Nr. II und Marsch- und Regimentsbefehle der I/Freiwilligen-Legion "Niederlande." War journal concerning transfer of the I. Batl. across the Estonian-Russian border to Selo-Gora via Pskov, Tatinc, and Gorenka, 29 Jan-5 Feb 1942; security activity, regrouping, reconnaissance, assault, and defensive operations in the Selo-Gora, Gorenka, Guzi, Pyatilipy, Radoni, Lyaga, Ossiya, Kleptsy, Chauni, Glukhaya Kerest', and Maloye Zamosh'ye areas and the Kerest' River sector, 6 Feb-29 Jun; rehabilitation in Gorenka, 30 Jun-15 Jul; construction of the road Gorenka-Ossiya, 16-20 Jul; securing of Gorenka and Selo-Gora, 21-28 Jul; movement of the I. Batl. to Finskoye Koyrovo	1942/01/29-1942/08/08	SS FrwLeg Niedlde 30182/3	653	520

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(Leninjaki) area via Krasnoye Selo, 29 Jul-1 Aug; securing Finskoye Koyrovo area, 2-7 Aug; and the relief of the Freiwilligen-Legion "Flandern" in that area, 8 Aug.				
Also a regimental order regarding the formation of Kampfgruppe "Fitzthum" consisting of an Einsatzbataillon and other units of Freiwilligen-Legion "Niederlande" and Freiwilligen-Legion "Flandern," 22 Jul; and the movement of Kampfgruppe "Fitzthum" from Selo-Gora to Krasnogvardeisk, 22-23 Jul 1942; combat and ration strength reports, casualty lists, and a register of officers; data relating to enemy operations, losses, and propaganda, and German and enemy air and artillery activity.				
Ia, KTB Nr. 1 des III/Freiwilligen-Legion "Niederlande." War journal concerning defensive, reconnaissance, and assault operations, regrouping in the Guzi, Pyatilipy, Chauni, Selo-Gora, Kleptsy, Radoni, Krechno, Maloye Zamoshye, and Gorenka areas and the Kerest River sector, 14 Apr-15 Jul 1942; movement to and training at Saklinje, 16-22 Jul; formation of Einsatzkompanie and its attachment to Kampfgruppe "Fitzthum," 22-23 Jul; movement of Batl. to Selo-Gora, 23-24 Jul; entraining and movement to Krasnoye Selo, 28-29 Jul; quartering at Duderhof (Duderhof), 30-31 Jul; and movement to combat positions in the Finskoye Koyrovo area, 3-4 Aug. Also data relating to enemy operations, losses, and propaganda, German and enemy air and artillery activity, and German losses.	1942/04/14-1942/08/04	SS FrwLeg Niederlde 30182/4	653	663