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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1944/01/01	Salies-de-Bearn, France Bayonne, Orthez, Bidache, Cambo-les-Bains, Biarritz	Activation as the 276.ID, formation, training, coastal defense, occupation duty	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Curt Badinski, 1943/12/10-1944/08/21
1944/06/16	Bayonne, Angers, Le Mans, Laval	Movement	
1944/06/23	Domfront, Flers, La Ferte-Mace to Tilly-sur-Seulles, Villers-Bocage, Banneville-sur-Ajon, Saint- Germain-d'Ectot, Aunay-sur-Odon, Noireau River at Berjou	Assembly, movement, relief of Panzer-Lehr-Div, disengagement battles, withdrawal across	Subordinate to: SSPzK 1
1944/08/06	Conde-sur-Noireau, Saint-Pierre-la- Vieille, Le Plessis-Grimoult	Reorganization as Kampfgruppe 276, defensive operations	
1944/08/16	Orne River at Menil-Hermei, Argentan	Withdrawal across, encirclement	
1944/08/21	Argentan, Vimoutiers, Seclin	Breakout by remnants, assembly, movement (source: OKH/AHA/Abw.Stab, H 41/61b (T78, roll 672) afteraction report, 1944/07/01-1944/08/31)	
1944/09/01	Danzig, Wehrkreis XX via Brussels, Belgium	Transfer	
1944/09/14	Danzig	Reorganization as the 276.VGrD, formation, training (source: OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt, H 1/38 (T78, roll 398, p. 34, 136, and 145))	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Kurt Moehring, 1944/09/25-1944/12/19 (killed in action)
1944/11/24	Germany	Beginn der Abwicklung (source: OKH/AHA/Abw.Stab, H 41/57 (T78, roll 142))	
1944/12/01	Trier, Bollendorf, Welschbillig, Wallendorf, Germany, Diekirch, Medernach, Luxembourg	Transfer, participation in the Ardennes offensive	Gen.Maj. Hugo Dempwolff, 1944/12/20-1945/03/20
1945/01/21	Drauffelt, Enscherange, Weidingen, Kautenbach, Pintsch, Lellingen, Clerf, Wiltz	Defensive engagements	Obst.i.G. Werner Wagner, mstFb, 1945/01/10-1945/02/22

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1945/01/26	Bockholz-les-Hosingen, Vianen, Roschneiderdick	Disengagement movements	
1945/01/31	Luetzkampen, Lichtenborn, Leidenborn, Germany	Withdrawal to defend the Westwall	
1945/02/05	Pronsfeld, Habscheid, Brandscheid, Pruem-Stellung	Movement, defensive operations	
1945/02/16	Sevenig, Dahlen, Roscheid, Daleiden, Binscheid	Movement, relief of the 340.ID, defensive operations	
1945/02/23	Waxweiler, Zell, Kyll	Incorporation of remnants of the 276.VGrD into KpfGr 988 attached to the 340.ID Stab	
1945/03/01	Merl, Kastellaun, Moselle River, Walhausen, Boppard, Lay, Waldesch, Pfaffenheck, Rhens, Brey, Rhine River	Assembly, reconstitution of the 276.VGrD, defensive operations, movement	

Only two record items of the 276.VGrD were available in the National Archives; they are reproduced on roll 1866 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history. Situation maps of Lage West and the general officer personnel files were also used for the unit history.

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 276.VGrD as follows:

Ardennes: MS A-932 ("Evaluation and Equipment of Units Attached to the Seventh Army in the Ardennes Offensive") by Gen.Maj. Rudolf Freiherr von Gersdorff and MS B-124 ("Commitment of the 276.VGrD, 17-27 Mar 1945") by Obst. Werner Wagner;
 Moselle and Rhine: MS B-444 ("276.VGrD, 21 Jan-16 Mar 1945") by Obst. Werner Wagner;
 Normandy, 20 Jun-20 Aug 1944: MS B-007 ("Report concerning the fighting engagements of the 276.ID in Normandy") and MS B-526 ("Report on the combat commitment of the 276.ID in Normandy") by Gen.Lt. Kurt Badinski; and MS C-048 ("I Panzer Corps in the West in 1944") by Gen.Maj. Fritz Kraemer.

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Ia, Ib, IIa, Verschiedene Befehle, Meldungen und Aufstellungen. Orders covering the period 31 Jan 1944-16 Feb 1945, pertaining to movement to the Lichtenborn, Leidenborn, and Luetzkampen areas, Germany, to defend Trier, 31 Jan-3 Feb (canceled 5 Feb); movement of the division to defend the Pronsfeld and Habscheid areas, 5-11 Feb, and the Pruem position, 12-14 Feb; and relief of the 340.ID in the Roscheid, Sevenig, and Dahlen areas, 15-16 Feb 1945. An order relating to the reorganization as the 276.Volksgrenadier-Division in Wehrkreis XX, 14 Sep 1944; a list of destroyed division records dated 5 Jan 1944-29 Jan 1945; special directives concerning supply and supply troops; reports regarding the delivery of ammunition, weapons, and equipment and personnel matters; training directives; status reports; and intelligence bulletins.	1944/05/01-1945/02/28	276.VGrD 77537	1866	1
Ia, Divisionsbefehle. Orders relating to disengagement movements in the Tilly-sur-Seulles, Villers-Bocage, Aunay-sur-Odon, and Conde-sur-Noireau areas of France.	1944/07/17-1944/08/08	276.VGrD 77628	1866	443