

352. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1943/09/22	Le Desert, France	Activation (21.Welle) by HGr. D, formation with replacements of Wehrkreis VIII and XI and Div.Rahmen 321.ID (source: Records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/131 (T78, roll 412))	
1943/11/20	Balleroy, Carentan, Caumont, Torigny-sur-Vire, Canisy, Saint-Lo, Normandy	Formation with Kampfgruppe Normandie and Div.Stab 321.ID, training	Subordinate to: AK 84 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Dietrich Kraiss, 1943/11/20-1944/08/03 (killed in action)

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Although only one record item of this division was available in the National Archives, covering the period 1943/11/20-1943/12/09, the following sources give additional information pertaining to the 352.ID:

Miscellaneous German Records Collection, EAP 34-b/38 and EAP 34-b/45 (T84, roll 302, frame 191 and 754) "Ausbildungsanordnung fuer die 352.ID und AK 84," 1 Oct 1943-29 Apr 1944.

Order of Battle of the German Army (Washington, Mar 1945), situation maps of Lage West, and the general officer personnel files:

1944/02/01	Normandy	Operational readiness	
1944/04/14	Trevieres, Littry		
1944/07/00	Saint-Lo, Torigny-sur-Vire, Bayeux	Defense against Allied invasion, subsequently destroyed	
1944/08/06	South of Tinchebray	Identified as Kampfgruppe 352.ID (situation maps)	Gen.Maj. Eberhard von Schuckmann, 1944/08/15-1944/10/05
1944/08/28		Rehabilitation by AOK 7 with personnel of 182.ResD	
1944/09/14	Schleswig-Holstein	Re-formation with remnants as 352.Volksgrenadier-Division (32.Welle) (source: records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398, p. 136, 138, 142, 145))	

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND	159
1944/09/22		Redesignation as 352.Volksgrenadier-Division, (Auffrischung unter Verwendung von 581.VGren-Div) (source: records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/131 (T78, roll 412))		
			Gen.Maj. Erich Schmidt, mFb., 1944/10/05-1945/01/01	
1944/11/00	Eifel area	Defense of the western front		
1944/12/00	Bitburg, NW of Trier, Ardennes, north of Luxembourg city	Counteroffensive	Subordinate to: AK 85	
1945/01/00	Eifel area, Bitburg	Defensive operations		
1945/03/04	West of Wittlich	Defensive operations	AK 13	
1945/03/14	East of Neumagen	Defensive operations	AK 80	

Records of OKH/AHA/Abwicklungsstab, H 41/57 (T78, roll 142) "Meldungen ueber den Stand der Abwicklung vom 1.12.44 bis 15.2.45, HGr. D (AOK 19)."

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 352.ID as follows:

Invasion front in Normandy:

D-Day in Normandy: MS B-388 (Extract from the operations officer's telephone log of the 352.ID in the coastal defense sector Bayeux);

MS B-241 (Combat operations from 18 Jun to 22 Jun 1944);

MS B-432 (History of the 352d Inf Div and defensive preparations in Normandy, 5 Dec 1943-6 Jun 1944);

MSS B-433-B-436 (Battles on the coast, 7-10 Jun 1944),

MSS B-437-B-439 (Fighting north of Saint-Lo, 11 Jun-10 Jul 1944),

MS B-021 (Special questions, Normandy, 1944),

MS B-741 (Actions of the 352d Inf Div during the battle in northern France, 1 Aug-10 Sep 1944), and

MS B-636 (Information about the capture of the operations plan of the U.S. V Corps on 7 Jun 1944 in the sector of the 352.ID),

by Obstlt. Fritz Ziegelmann

Ardennes: MS A-932 (Evaluation and equipment of units attached to AOK 7 in the Ardennes offensive), by Gen.Maj. Rudolf von Gersdorff,

MS B-067 (Ardennes, 16 Dec 1944-25 Jan 1945), by Gen.Maj. Erich Schmidt

Eifel, east of the Rhine: MSS B-603, B-604 (Engagements of the 352d Volks Grenadier Division (VGrD) from 19 Feb to 8 May 1945,

by Gen.Maj. Erich Schmidt

CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
Ia, KTB, Anlagen, Karten. War journal concerning activation of the 352.ID on 20 Nov 1943, and formation with Kampfgruppe Normandie and Div.Stab 321.ID (not Div.Stab 223.ID as originally planned) by AK 84; operational readiness planned for 1 Feb 1944; assembly of staff and troops and training in the Balleroy, Carentan, Caumont, Torigny-sur-Vire, Canisy, and Saint-Lo areas of France; and the departure of Div.Stab 223.ID on 9 Dec 1943 to Niort. List of commanding officers of AK 84; reports on activation, billeting, and training; organization and order-of-battle charts of the 352.ID, 1 Dec 1943 and Kampfgruppe Normandie, 12 Oct 1943; billeting maps; instructions regarding discipline; and an extract of a report on chemical warfare preparations in foreign countries entitled "Sowjetische Ansichten ueber den Gaskrieg."	1943/11/20-1943/12/09	352.ID 40155	2148	1