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362. INFANTERIE-DIVISION (SCHUETZEN) - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1943/10/09	Cascine Vecchie, Italy	Activation by order of the 90.PzGrD to set up a new regiment for the formation of the 362.Schuetzen-Division	C.O.: Oberst Witte (Fuehrungsstab) Subordinate to: AK 51 Geb, 1943/10/09-1943/11/17
1943/10/12	Ancona, Rimini	Formation as a regiment, arrival of staff	
1943/10/14		Re-formation as the 362.Schuetzen-Div, training	
1943/11/14	Bellaria, Rimini	Arrival of Div.Rahmen 268.ID from the east	
1943/11/18	Ancona, Rimini, Riccione, Tagliamento River	Reorganization as the 362.ID (21.Welle), coastal defense, security, training	Gen.Kdo. Witthoeft (later renamed Bfh. in der Operationszone Alpenvorland), 1943/11/15-1944/01/25
1943/11/26	Ravenna, Venice, Po River Delta	Movement to the 90.Pz.Gr.Div. sector, coastal defense, security, mopping-up actions	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Heinrich Greiner, 1943/11/20-1945/01/01
1943/12/18	Ravenna, Riccione, Rimini, Cecina, Adria	Coastal defense, security, training	
1943/12/31	Riccione, Ravenna, Bellaria, Pesaro, Cattolica, Viserba, Rimini, Fano, Senigallia	Coastal defense, security, training	

Records of the 362.ID are reproduced on roll 2153 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history. The following sources give additional information pertaining to the 362.ID:

Situation maps of Lage Suedwest and Lage Italien:

1944/01/04	Lugo, Adria, Loreo, Cavarzere	Elements of the division
1944/01/27	Viterbo, Monte Romano, Bracciano, Oriolo, Civitavecchia	Movement of the bulk of the division to the Anzio-Nettuno enemy landing area

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1944/03/01- 1944/06/06	Latina, Velletri, Marino, Segni Anzio-Nettuno	Defensive operations (enemy landing area)	
1944/06/18	South of Florence	Together with the 92.ID	
1944/08/01	Northeast of Pistoia		
1944/09/15	San Marcello, Firenzuola		
1944/10/01	Loiano, south of Bologna		
1944/12/25	Southeast of Bologna		Gen.Maj. Friedrich von Schellwitz, mstFb, 1944/11/16-1944/12/29
1945/01/08	South of Argenta		Gen.Maj. Max Reinwald, mFb, 1945/01/01-1945/03/31 (source: the general officer personnel files)
1945/01/15	Fusignano, north of Lugo		
1945/03/30	Fusignano, Alfonsine		
1945/04/19	Molinella, south of Ferrara		

Records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398, p. 171) and H 1/131 (T78, roll 412) "Zusammenlegung der 362. und 92.ID am 27.6.44."

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 362.ID (Schuetzen) as follows:

- Rimini, Sep 1943-Jan 1944: MS D-014 (Aufstellung der 362.ID (21.Welle) in Oberitalien, Raum Rimini-Ravenna-Imola, Kuestenschutz an der Adriatischen Kueste), by Obstlt. Erich Duensing (Ia officer)
- MS D-108 (Verlegung der 362.ID an das Ligurische Meer und Uebernahme des Kuestenschutzes noerdlich der Tiber bis Fluss Cecina, Einsatz erster Teile bei Anzio-Nettuno, Jan-Feb 1944), by Obstlt. Erich Duensing
- MS D-198 (Einsatz an der Nettuno-Front, Angriff der 362.ID gegen Anzio-Nettuno vom 29. Februar bis 2. Maerz 1944), by Obstlt. Erich Duensing
- MS D-357 (Einsatz der 362.ID in den Kaempfen um den Apennin 1944), by Gen.Lt. Heinrich Greiner
- MS D-169 (Battle for Rome and retreat northward, 23 May-10 Jun 1944), by Gen.Lt. Heinrich Greiner.

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<p>Ia, KTB 1. War journal concerning summcning Oberst Witte on 9 Oct 1943 by Gen.Lt. Karl Hans Lungerhausen, CO of the 90.Pz.Gren.Div. in Cascine Vecchie (6 km west of Pisa) ordering him to set up a new regiment on 12 Oct in the Ancona-Rimini area on the east coast of Italy; receipt by Oberst Witte on 14 Oct of an order to establish the 362. Schuetzen-Division (also identified as 362.ID) for the defense of the Adriatic coast; formation, training, equipment, supply, reorganization, and construction of defensive positions; and air raids on Ancona and other Italian cities.</p> <p>Transfer on 4-12 Nov of remnants of the 268.ID from the eastern front to Bellaria, Rimini, and Sant'Arcangelo di Romagna for assignment to Fuehrungsstab Oberst Witte (362.Schuetzen-Division); the expansion of the division's area to the 90.Pz.Gren.Div. sector in the Po River Delta and in Ravenna and Venice areas, 26 Nov; and mopping-up actions and reconnaissance missions.</p>	1943/10/09-1943/12/31	362.ID 44847/1	2153	1
<p>Ia, Anlagenband 1 zum KTB 1, Herausloesung Div. Rahmen 268 und Verlegung nach Italien zur Neuaufstellung der 362.ID. Orders, directives, announcements, regulations, reports, and sketches concerning activation and formation of the division; transfer of Div. Rahmen 268 (remnants of 268.ID) to the area southwest of Rogachev for movement to Italy for formation of the 362.ID; coastal defense in the Adige River, Brenta River, Chioggia, Rimini, Cattolica, and Venice areas; defense of Ancona, Pesaro, and Senigallia; coastal and road security; demolition plans for the harbor of Venice, 5 Nov, and plans to inundate land through demclition of locks in the canals of the Tagliamento River; training; perscnnel utilization; organization; and supply.</p>	1943/10/28-1943/11/21	362.ID 44847/2	2153	64

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Ia, Anlagenband II zum KTB 1, Uebernahme des Kuestensicherungsabschnittes Riccione-Tagliamento Muendung. Orders, directives, and reports pertaining to strength, organization, tactical deployment, supply, coastal security, and defense in the Riccione and Bellaria areas and at the Tagliamento River mouth; directives for mopping-up actions by Kampfgruppe Witte in the Po River Delta and east of Padua to clear the area of partisans, enemy agents, and escaped POWs; order for exchange of sectors with the 90.Pz.Gren.Div. and its movement south and the 362.ID to the Ravenna and Venice areas beginning 26 Nov; and overlays of the Ravenna, Padua, Venice, Ferrara, and Fovigo areas.	1943/11/22-1943/11/30	362.ID 44847/3	2153	319
Ia, Anlagenband III zum KTB 1, Kuestensicherung im Abschnitt Riccione- Tagliamento Muendung. Orders, reports, instructions, plans, sketches, maps, and overlays relating to supply, maneuvers, training, equipment, construction of defensive positions, reconnaissance, morale and behavior of troops, and relations with Italians in the Riccione, Rimini, Cecina, Ravenna, and Adria areas, including a report on the mopping-up operations in the Po River Delta by Kampfgruppe Witte until 3 Dec, and a report of the judge advocate on courts-martial cases.	1943/12/01-1943/12/18	362.ID 44847/4	2153	429
Ia, Anlagenband IV zum KTB 1, Kuestensicherung im Abschnitt Riccione- Tagliamento Muendung. Reports, orders, directives, instructions, and overlays concerning training, formation, coastal defense, and daily operations in the Riccione and Ravenna areas; a report to Gen.Kdo. Witthoeft on the status of organization of the division; an intelligence branch report and instructions, with an evaluation of British guidelines to POWs for escape; and translations of Communist propaganda.	1943/12/16-1943/12/31	362.ID 44847/5	2153	723
Ia, Anlagenband V zum KTB 1, Lagenkarten. Situation	1943/10/28-1943/12/31	362.ID 44847/6	2153	877

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maps of the Ancona, Ravenna, Senigallia, Fano, Pesaro, Cattolica, Riccione, Rimini, Viserba, and Bellaria areas on the Adriatic Coast of Italy and one map entitled "Rahmen 268.ID im Raum Rcgatschew" of Russia.