

383. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1942/01/26	Pritzwalk, Wehrkreis I	Activation of the 383.ID (18.Welle), formation under code name "Rheingold" with personnel of Wehrkreis I, II, and III	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Johannes Haarde, 1942/01/26-1942/02/25
1942/02/03	Truppenuebungsplatz Stablack	Formation, training	Subordinate to: OKH (Reserve), 1942/02/02-1942/05/30 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Eberhard von Fabrice, 1942/02/20-1942/11/15
1942/04/01	Volkovysk, Soviet Union	Movement, training	
1942/04/15	Baranovichi, Slutsk, Bobruisk, Churovichi, Klimovichi, Roslavl, Bryansk, Orel, Gubkino	Advance, training, operations against partisans	
1942/06/14	Berezovka, Mokhovoye, Zibrovo, Krivtsova Plota, Muravskiy Shlyakh, Prudki, southwest of Livny, Kshen' River sector	Offensive engagements, defensive operations, position defense	Subordinate to: AOK 2, 1942/05/31-1942/06/28 AK 13, 1942/06/29-1942/07/01
1942/07/20			AK 55, 1942/07/02-1943/01/23 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Friedrich-Wilhelm John, mFb, 1942/09/27-1942/11/15, Kdr.: 1942/11/15-1943/07/01
1943/02/05	Akhtyrka, Yudinka, Nizhnaya Gnilusha, Novopolevo	Disengagement movements, defensive operations	Subordinate to: AK 41 Pz, 1943/01/24-1943/07/04
1943/06/01	Stepanovskiy, Zmiyevka, Posdeyevo	Defensive operations	
1943/07/03	Stepanovskiy, Panskaya	Unternehmen Zitadelle (offensive engagement)	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Edmund Hoffmeister, 1943/07/01-1944/12/23 Subordinate to: AK 23, 1943/07/05-1943/07/22
1943/07/08	Khlyupino, Stepnaya, Povalyayeva, Almazovo, Dubrovka, Pogreby, Purvinka, Gorodets, Titovka	Disengagement movements, defensive operations	AK 47 Pz, 1943/07/23-1943/08/10 AK 46 Pz, 1943/08/11-1943/08/16 AK 35, 1943/08/17-1943/08/18 AOK 9, 1943/08/19-1943/08/21
1943/07/24	Slobodka, Povalyayeva, Almazovo, Dubrovka, Katino	Unternehmen Herbstreise (disengagement movements)	Gruppe Bornemann, 1943/08/21-1943/08/30 AK 46 Pz, 1943/08/30-1943/09/12
1943/09/17	Titovka, Mglin	Defensive operations	Gruppe Becker, 1943/09/12-1943/09/15 AK 23, 1943/09/15-1943/12/03

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1943/09/24	Slizhi, Zhuravka, Vyazhnovka, Kolyudy, Chechersk	Disengagement movements	
1943/10/01	Staraya Yatskovshchina, Sozh River sector	Disengagement movements, position defense	
1943/11/22	Staro-Dovski	Formation of Kampfgruppe Hoffmeister	
1943/11/27	Merkulovichi, Kurgan'ye, Verkhnyaya Toshchitsa,	Withdrawal, defensive operations	
1943/12/20	Garmovichi	Withdrawal, defensive operations	AK 55, 1943/12/04-1943/12/18 AK 35, 1943/12/19-1943/12/31

Records of the 383.ID are reproduced on rolls 2176-2183 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/12/31 were available in the National Archives, additional pertinent records of OKH/AHA/Abwicklungsstab, H 41/10, 12, 24, and 25 (KTB of Gren.Rgt. 532, afteraction reports, order-of-battle chart, and reports concerning the breakthrough in Bobruisk) (T78, rolls 139 and 141) described in Guide 29, p. 39 and 40 show:

1944/01/01	Zhlobin, Nivy, Ola River Rogachev, Luki	Defensive operations	
1944/06/25	Berezina River, Vily, Bobruisk, Shatkovo, Malinovka,	Withdrawal, rear guard, defense, surrounded, breakthrough by remnants, virtually destroyed	
1944/07/03	Oktyabr', Ustizh		
1944/07/09	Marina Gorka, Minsk to Warsaw, Poland	Movement of remnants, transport to and assembly	
1944/08/13		Disbandment (source: Potsdam catalog)	
1944/08/29		Disbandment (source: records of OKH/AHA/Abwicklungsstab, H 41/57 (T78, roll 142))	

The following manuscript in the Foreign Military Studies series, prepared by former German officers for the Historical Division, Headquarters U.S. Army, Europe, between 1945 and 1959, contains reference to the 383.ID:

MS P-060d, Part IV, p. 1 (Crossing of the Kshen' River, south of Livny 21 July 1942), by Gen.Maj. Peter v.d. Groeben.

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