

416. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

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| 1941/12/23 | Hannover, Wehrkreis XI | Activation of Stab 416.ID | C.O.: Gen.Maj. Karl von Dewitz gen. von Krebs, mFb., 1941/12/23-1941/12/30 (Kdr. of Div.Nr. 191, the record- keeping unit of the 416.ID) Subordinate to: Wehrkreiskommando XI, 1941/12/23-1941/12/29 |
| 1941/12/24 | Braunschweig | Formation with Landesschuetzen-Einheiten and replacements of Wehrkreis II, IX, X, XI | Befehlshaber der deutschen Truppen in Daenemark, 1941/12/30-1943/11/22 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Hans Brabaender, 1941/12/30-1943/06/01 |
| 1942/01/03 | Silkeborg, Oksbol, Denmark | Transfer of Stab 416.ID, relief of the 218.ID | |
| 1942/01/08 | Jutland | Transfer of division units | |
| 1942/01/14 | Silkeborg, Kolding, Viborg, Varde, Esbjerg, Aalborg, Thisted, Hurup, Holstebro, Frederikshavn, Vem | Construction of coastal and land fortifications, coastal defense, regrouping, security, training | |
| 1943/01/01- 1943/12/31 | Silkeborg, Aalborg, Brovst, Thisted, Lemvig, Varde, Esbjerg, Fredericia, Viborg | Coastal defense, security, regrouping, training | Gen.Lt. Werner Huehner, 1943/06/01-1943/07/01 Gen.Lt. Kurt Pflieger, 1943/06/21 Subordinate to: Wehrmachtbefehlshaber Daenemark, 1943/11/26-1944/10/04 |
| Records of the 416.ID are reproduced on roll 2209 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, situation maps of Lage Norwegen und Daenemark and West show: | | | |
| 1944/01/01 | North Jutland | Coastal defense, security, training | |
| 1944/10/05 | Aalborg to the West | Transfer | Heeresgruppe D, 1944/10/05-1944/10/10 |
| 1944/10/10 | Meurich, Saarburg, Germany | Defensive operations | AOK 1 (HGr. G), 1944/10/10-1944/10/15 AK 82, 1944/10/15-1945/03/20 |
| 1945/01/02 | Schwarzwald | Rehabilitation | |

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| 1945/01/11 | South of Saarburg, northeast of Mettlach | Defensive operations | |
| 1945/02/24 | Losheim | Defensive operations | |
| 1945/03/14 | Northeast of Merzig | Defensive operations | |
| 1945/03/22 | Pirmasens, Kaiserslautern | Encirclement, attempt to break through to the east | AK 85, 1945/03/21-1945/03/30 |
| 1945/03/20 | Germersheim | Breakthrough to AK 82 (last trace on situation maps) | AK 82, 1945/03/30 |

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 416.ID as follows:

MS A-999 Lorraine, 20 Sep-3 Dec 1944 (Army Group G report) by Gen.Maj. Friedrich-Wilhelm von Mellenthin;

MS B-090 Rhineland Campaign, Oct 1944-Apr 1945, by Gen.Lt. Kurt Pflieger;

MS B-357 (Combat operations of the 416.ID on both banks of the Rhine, 16 Feb-6 May 1945), by Maj. i.G. Kurt Hold;

MS B-573 (Battles of the 416.ID between the Moselle and Saar Rivers, 5 Oct 1944-17 Feb 1945), by Obstlt. i.G. Karl Redmer.

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| <p>Ia, TB 1. Activity report, orders, and directives concerning the activation of Stab 416.ID by Wehrkreiskommando XI, Hannover, 23 Dec 1941 (Div.Nr. 191 was the recordkeeping unit (Kalenderfuehrend) for the 416.ID until completion of formation scheduled for 30 Dec); formation of the division with Landesschuetzen-Einheiten (local defense units) and replacements from Wehrkreis II, IX, X, and XI; transfer of the Stab 416.ID from Braunschweig to Silkeborg, Denmark, 3-6 Jan 1942, to relieve the 218.ID of its command of Jutland and division units to Truppenuebungsplatz Oksbol and from there to various parts of Jutland, 7-15 Jan (the 218.ID was transferred to Russia); construction of strong points along the coast, land fortifications, and railroad bridges; area security; and assignment of equipment, personnel, and motor fuel.</p> <p>Reorganization of new units; and inspections and training in the Silkeborg, Kolding, Viborg, Esbjerg, Varde, Aalborg, Thisted, Holstebro, Hurup, Frederikshavn, and Vem areas of Jutland. Manuals for the defense of Denmark; a list of officers duty assignments; order-of-battle charts, including locations; Stammtafel of the 416.ID; a table showing location, number of personnel and weapons, and division units in infantry positions along the west coast of Jutland; and maps showing the tactical disposition of units in Jutland.</p> | 1941/12/30-1942/04/30 | 416.ID 22967/1 | 2209 | 1 |
| <p>Ia, TB 2. Activity report and orders pertaining to Denmark becoming a military operational sector as of 1 May 1942; the strengthening of the defense of Jutland against enemy landings by air or sea; training of the 416.ID to emphasize the cooperation between the three branches of service; guard and security activity; inspection of and reinforcing coastal defenses and</p> | 1942/05/01-1942/06/30 | 416.ID 22967/2 | 2209 | 244 |

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| artillery; formation of new units; reorganization of Landesschuetzen-Regimente into infantry regiments; and regrouping of division units with tables showing their movements. Lists of replacement units, plans for alert exercises, schedules stating type of training courses at Truppenuebungsplatz Oksbol, order-of-battle charts, combat directives, maps showing the tactical disposition of division units in Jutland, and an afteraction critique relating to the alert exercise of 22-24 Jun 1942. | | | | |
| Ic, TB 1. Activity report and appendixes pertaining to formation of the Stab 416.ID in Braunschweig, 27 Dec 1941-3 Jan 1942; transfer to Silkeborg, Denmark, to relieve the 218.ID of its command of Jutland, 3-6 Jan; the division's composition of Inf.Rgt. 441 and 443, Art.Rgt. 416, Nachr.Komp. 416, Pion.Komp. 416, Kraftw.Kol. 416, and Ldsch.Komp. 809; subordination of the counterintelligence office in Aarhus, Standortkommandantur Viborg and Kolding, and military police troops to the division; counterintelligence; military police patrol and security; morale and conduct of the Danish population; troop education, entertainment, and indoctrination; and settlement of military dependents in the occupied territory. Training schedules, a report regarding the alert exercise on 23-24 Jun, and a map showing the location of division units in Jutland, 20 Jun. | 1941/12/27-1942/06/30 | 416.ID 22967/3 | 2209 | 350 |
| Ia, TB 3; Ia/Mess, Ia/Pi., Ia/Na.Fue., IB. Activity report and appendixes pertaining to defense against enemy landings by air or sea, agents, and acts of sabotage; increasing the fighting power and coastal defense strength by transfer of part of Div.Nr. 160 and Inf.Rgt. 68 of the 23.ID. to Jutland; securing roads, railroads, and bridges; release of Inf.Rgt. 930 and 931, piecemeal, for transfer to the eastern front and | 1942/07/01-1942/12/31 | 416.ID 32206/1 | 2209 | 447 |

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| <p>replacement with two Sich.Rgte. and two Ausb.Btle. and their arrival by December 1942; training, maneuvers, alert exercises, command inspections, construction of coastal fortifications and obstacle lines in depth, and signal communications with enforcement of military security.</p> <p>A map showing the tactical disposition of the 416.ID in the Silkeborg, Aalborg, Brovst, Thisted, Lemvig, Varde, Esbjerg, Fredericia, and Viborg areas of Jutland, 18 Sep 1942; a status report of Sich.Btl. 244, 8 Dec; activity reports of the map and survey officer, 1 Aug-4 Dec 1942, the engineer staff officer, 27 Nov-31 Dec, and the signal staff officer, 1 Jul-28 Dec; and an order-of-battle chart of the 416.ID and attacked units, 18 Sep.</p> | 1942/07/01-1942/12/31 | 416.ID 32206/2 | 2209 | 602 |
| <p>Ic, TB; Kriegsgraeberoffizier, TB. Activity report and appendixes concerning military security and defense against acts of sabotage; troop education, entertainment, indoctrination, and welfare; and the role of the German Armed Forces in Denmark. An afteraction critique relating to the execution of training courses for vocational development and an activity report of the grave registration officers, who were the Protestant and Catholic chaplains.</p> | 1943/01/01-1943/12/31 | 416.ID 43774/1 | 2209 | 684 |
| <p>Ia, TB 4. Activity report concerning the tactical situation in North Jutland; organization changes; battle conduct and methods; construction of permanent field fortifications; signal communications; redesignation, new formation, and regrouping of division units and setting up defense sectors in Jutland; training, maneuvers, and alert exercises; and defense against enemy parachutists, acts of sabotage, strikes, and subversive gangs. Activity reports of the engineer and signal staff officers; maps showing the tactical disposition of division units; and daily</p> | | | | |

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| reports regarding operations, counterintelligence, security, and disciplinary matters. | | | | |
| Ic, TB. Activity report and appendixes concerning defense against enemy propaganda and acts of sabotage; counterintelligence, security, and military police activity; troop entertainment, education, and indoctrination; training courses for vocational development; and strength, weapons, and duties of Danish police and civil air defense units. A report regarding the possibility of a second front and an invasion of Denmark. | 1943/01/01-1943/06/30 | 416.ID 43774/2 | 2209 | 1404 |
| Ic, TB. Activity report concerning military security, defense against parachutists, agents, and hostile Danish individuals; military police and security matters; and army training courses for vocational development. Activity reports of the staff officer for national socialist indoctrination (NSFO), English and Danish interpreters, and the grave registration officer. | 1943/07/01-1943/12/31 | 416.ID 43774/3 | 2209 | 1500 |