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1939/10/12	Darmstadt, Wehrkreis XII	Activation of Div.Stab z.b.V. 444, formation	Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. XII, 1939/10/12-1939/11/02 C.O.: Gen.Maj. Alois Ritter von Molo, 1939/10/24-1941/03/31
1939/11/04	Alzey, Mannheim, Heidelberg, Ladenburg, Meisenheim, Worms, Ludwigshafen, Hirschhorn, Lorsch, Kaiserslautern, Rossbach	Movement, supervision and control of Ldsch.Btle. (local defense units), training, security	Subordinate to: AOK 1, 1939/11/03-1940/07/05
1940/02/20	Alzey	Redesignation as Div.Kdo. z.b.V. 444	Hoeh.Kdo. 45, 1940/07/06-1940/08/02
1940/05/10	Alzey, Mainz, Idar-Oberstein, Tholey, Waldmohr, Ottweiler, Eisenberg, Enkenbach	Regrouping, guarding ammunition depots and military installations	
1940/05/19	Kindsbach, Kaiserslautern	Formation of Festungs-Inf.Rgt. A, B, C, and D, training	
1940/06/15	Bibiche, Filstroff, Wissembourg, Maginot line, between Moselle and Nied Rivers, France	Movement, reconnoitering, attack, and sealing off the Maginot line	
1940/06/26	Sarrebourg, Maginot line	Occupation and security	
1940/07/25	Sarrebourg	Release of Festungs-Inf.Rgts.	
1940/08/02	Rouen, Creil, Amiens, Bulles, Rosieres, Bapaume, Clermont	Movement, supervision and control of Wach-Btle., security and occupation duty	AOK 9, 1940/08/03-1940/11/15
1940/09/01	Rouen	Preparations for Unternehmen Seeloewe (planned invasion of England)	
1941/03/15	Rouen	Redesignation as Kdo. 444.SichD	AK 8, 1940/11/16-1941/04/05
1941/04/04	Wiazow (Wansen), Poland	Transfer	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Wilhelm Russwurm, 1941/04/01-1942/03/04
Although no records of the 444.SichD were available in the National Archives for the period 9 Apr-31 Dec 1941, situation maps of Lage Ost show:			
1941/04/09	Wiazow, Olawa, Brieg	Formation, training	Subordinate to: Bfh.rueckw.HGeb. Sued, 1940/04/08-1942/05/15 Armeegruppe von Kleist, 1942/05/16-1942/05/24
1941/05/27	Przemysl, Jawornik Polski, Babice	Movement, formation, training	

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1941/06/29	Sambor to Drohobych, Soviet Union	Security, operations against partisans	AOK 17, 1942/06/26-1942/07/31
1941/08/04	Sambor to Rohatyn, Trembovla, Gorodok, Vinnitsa, Uman', Novo-Ukrainka, Kirovograd, Tatarka, Vasil'yeva, Dnepropetrovsk	Advance, security, operations against partisans	
1942/01/01	Dnepropetrovsk, Zaporozhe, Pavlograd, Vasil'kovka, Orekhov, Sinelnikovo, Melitopol	Supervision and control of Ldsch.Btle. and attached field units, security, operations against partisans, construction of strong points	
1942/04/01	Dnepropetrovsk, Pavlograd, Zaporozhe, Novo-Moskovsk, Sinelnikovo, Orekhov, Melitopol, Pologi, Gulyai-Pole, Bol'shoy Tokmak, Genicheski, Osipenko	Supervision and control of Feld-Kdtrn. and Orts-Kdtrn., security, operations against partisans, coastal defense, training, regrouping	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Adalbert Mikulicz, 1942/03/04-1943/10/14
1942/05/24	Dnepropetrovsk	Relief of area security	
1942/07/20	Dzerzhinsk, Gorlovka, Avdeyevka Pervaya, Makeevka, Voroshilovsk, Voroshilovgrad	Movement, security, operations against partisans	Subordinate to: Bfh.HGeb. A, 1942/07/31-1943/01/11
1942/08/05	Taganrog, Rostov, Bataisk, Yeisk, Novocherkassk, Salsk, Proletarskaya, Gigant, Krasnaya Polyana	Movement, security, regrouping, operations against partisans, coastal defense	
1942/10/01	Korpotkin, Izobilnoye, Stavropol, Kugulta, Petrovskoye, Ipatovo, Divnoye, Stepnoi	Movement, security, regrouping, operations against partisans, defensive operations	
1942/12/10	Manych River sector, Divnoye, Budennovsk, Priyutnoye	Defensive operations, construction of positions, operations against partisans	
1943/01/16	Petrovskoye, Blagodatnoye, Kugulta, Donskoye, Uspenskaya	Withdrawal movements	AK 40 Pz, 1943/01/12-1943/01/30
1943/01/26	Ternovskaya, Pavlovskaya, Sambek, Rostov, Bataisk, Azov, Kalinin	Assembly, movements, defense of bridgehead, counterattack	Gen.Kdo. z.b.V., (no number given), 1943/01/31-1943/03/08

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1943/02/15	Ambramovka east of Sambek	Withdrawal to and defense of the Maulwurfstellung		
1943/03/23	Mius River estuary to Budenmovka	Release of units, command of coastal defense and security by Stab/444.SichD	AK 24 Pz, 1943/03/09-1943/04/27	
1943/04/25	Mariupol, Volodarskoye, Kuibyshevo, Belotserkovka, Pologi	Movement, defensive operations	Bfh.HGeb. Sued (AOK 6), 1943/04/28-1943/05/07	
1943/05/17	Zaporozhe	Movement, assignment as Ausbauleitung Wotan	Okdo. HGr. Sued, 1943/05/08-1943/06/30	
1943/06/01-1943/08/15	Zaporozhe, Dnepropetrovsk, Poltava, Vorskla and Psel Rivers	Construction of the Wotanstellung (fortifications)		
1943/06/22	Orel to Samara River	Construction of the Orel-Ssamarastellung (fortifications)		
1943/06/28	Zaporozhe to Poltava	Movement of Stab/444.SichD		
1943/08/16	Cherkassy	Movement		
1943/08/24	Sabelniki, Cherkassy, Kanev, Grigorovka, Bezradichi, along the Dnieper River	Reconnoitering for and construction of the Adlerstellung under the command of Stab Hoeh.Pi.Fuehrer, Oberst Schroeder		
1944/05/11		Official disbandment (Source: records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/131 (T78, roll 412))		

Records of the 444.SichD are reproduced on rolls 2213-2214 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

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<p>Ia, Anlagenband 1 zum KTB 1. Activation of Div.Stab z.b.V. 444 and 445 in Wehrkreis XII, 12 Oct 1939; formation of Div.Stab z.b.V. 444 by Kdr.Inf.Ers.Rgt. 33 in Darmstadt and 445 by Kdr.Inf.Ers.Rgt. 34 in Koblenz to be completed by 25 Oct; and planned subordination of Landesschuetzen-Verbaende in the sector of AOK 1 to Div.Stab z.b.V. 444 in Alzey. Orders and reports pertaining to formation and movement of the Div.Stab from Darmstadt to Alzey, 4 Nov, for the supervision, control, and training of Ldsch.Btle. (local defense battalions) and area security, air raid protection, and personnel, supply, disciplinary, administrative, veterinary, and transport matters and medical service in the Mannheim, Heidelberg, Kaiserslautern, Ladenburg, Meisenheim, and Worms areas of Wehrkreis XII, 5 Nov 1939-9 May 1940.</p> <p>Redesignation of Div.Stab z.b.V. 444 as Div.Kdo. z.b.V. 444, 20 Feb; and regrouping, guarding ammunition depots and military installations, and release of Ldsch.Btle. in the Mainz, Idar-Oberstein, Tholey, Alzey, Waldmohr, and Enkenbach areas, 10-17 May. Special directives concerning supply and supply troops and strength and casualty reports. (Damaged by fire.)</p>	1939/10/06-1940/05/17	444.SichD W3115b	2213	1
<p>Ia, Anlagenband 2 zum KTB 2. (Filmed out of sequence.) Orders and reports concerning the formation of twelve Fest.Pz.Abw.Komp., fourteen Fest.Inf.Btl., and four Fest.Nachr.Komp. in the Saarbruecken area under the command of Div.Kdo. z.b.V. 444 and formation of Fest.Inf.Rgt. A, B, C, and D for the mission to attack and seal off of the Maginot line in the Bibiche, Filstroff, and Wissembourq areas of France, 15-24 Jun 1940. Afteraction reports of Fest.Inf.Rgt. A, B, C, and D, 16-24 Jun; activity reports of Fest.Stamm-Btl. 23 and 33, 29 May-23 Jun, Kompanie Kreymer</p>	1940/05/18-1940/06/25	444.SichD W3115d	2213	157

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(schw.Komp.), 17-23 Jun, and I. & II./Fest.Inf.Rgt. C, 15-24 Jun; a list of officers duty assignments; combat and ration strength reports; and casualty lists. (Damaged by fire.)				
Ia, KTB 2. War journal, including a survey of the activities of Div.Kdo. z.b.V. 444, 18 May-5 Jul 1940, pertaining to release of Ldsch.Btle., movement from Alzey to Kindsbach by Kaiserslautern, formation and training of Festungs-Infanterie- Rgt. A, B, C, and D with their mission reconnoitering in, attack on, and sealing off the Maginot line in the area between the Moselle and Nied Rivers, 18 May-24 Jun; the French armistice on 25 Jun; and occupation and securing the Maginot line and training of attached units, 26 Jun-24 Jul; and an organizational breakdown and location of Div.Kdo. z.b.V. 444 in Sarrebourg and its subordinate units in the Thionville, Baccarat, Dieuze, Sarreguemines, Bitche, Moussey, and Pechelbronn areas of France and in the Saarbruecken and Kaiserlautern areas of Germany. Assignment for security of the Maginot line of Fest.Inf.Rgt. C, 25 Jul, and release and movement of Fest.Inf.Rgt. A, B, and D and attached field units to Wehrkreis XII, 26-31 Jul; and movement of the Div.Kdo. to Rouen and its subordination to AOK 9, 2 Aug. A register of officers, a casualty list, and a combat and ration strength report. (Damaged by fire.)	1940/05/18-1940/08/02	444.SichD W3115c	2213	338
Ia, KTB 3. War journal concerning regrouping and release and movement of Fest.Inf.Rgt. A, B, and D to Wehrkreis XII, retaining Fest.Inf.Rgt. C and Bau-Btle. for the security of the Maginot line; movement of Div.Kdo. z.b.V. 444 from Sarrebourg to Rouen, 2-4 Aug 1940; supervision and control of Wach-Btle. (guard battalions) and preparations for Unternehmen Seelowe	1940/06/26-1941/04/08	444.SichD 8973/1	2213	395

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A list of officers duty assignments; a strength report; and Stammtafel regarding activation, formation, subordination, and redesignation of Div.Stab z.b.V. 444, 12 Oct 1939-20 Feb 1940, Div.Kdo, z.b.V. 444, 20 Feb 1940-15 Mar 1941, and 444.Sich.Div., 15 Mar.

Ia, Anlagenband 3 zum KTB 3. Orders and reports pertaining to the takeover and security by Div.Kdo. z.b.V. 444 of the Maginot line, 26 Jun-27 Jul 1940; release of Fest.Inf.Rgt. A, B, and D, 25 Jul, and their transfer to Wehrkreis XII, 26-31 Jul, with Fest.Inf.Rgt. C remaining for the security of the Maginot line; regrouping, reorganization, and movement of Div.Kdo. z.b.V. 444 from Sarrebourg to Rouen, 2-4 Aug; supervising and control of Wach-Btle. and occupation, security, and guard duty, training, and regrouping in the Rouen, Creil, Beauvais, Amiens, Bulles, Mouceaux, Rosieres, Bapaume, and Clermont areas, 5 Aug 1940-9 Mar 1941; release of attached Wach-Btle., 9 Mar; redesignation of Div.Kdo. z.b.V. 444 as the 444.Sich.Div., 15 Mar; and transfer from Clermont, France, to Wiazow (Wansen), Wehrkreis VIII in Poland, 4 Apr.

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Ic, KTB mit Anlagen. War journal with intelligence bulletins, orders, and reports concerning partisan and enemy parachutists activity, air and sea attacks, losses, morale, and propaganda in the Novo-Moskovsk, Pavlograd, Dnepropetrovsk, and Zaporozhe areas and along the railroad line Kamenskoye-Krivoi Rog, and division operations against partisans, counterintelligence, losses, and propaganda.	1942/01/01-1942/03/31	444.SichD 19403/2	2213	712
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Ib, KTB, II. Teil; III, IVa-IVd, FPA 360 and 715, TB. War journal concerning supply, ordnance, and motor transport matters and an overlay showing the location of supply installations in Dnepropetrovsk and Zaporozhe Oblast. Activity reports of the administrative, medical, and veterinary officers and the judge advocate, 1 Jan-31 Mar 1942; the Catholic chaplain, 22 Dec 1941-6 Apr 1942; and the postmaster 715, 21 Dec 1941-28 Feb 1942, and 360, 1-31 Mar 1942.	1942/01/01-1942/03/31	444.SichD 19403/5	2213	844
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Ic, KTB mit Anlagen. War journal and appendixes concerning partisan and enemy parachutists activity, air and sea attacks, losses, and propaganda; military security, counterintelligence, securing bridges, roads, and railroad lines; reconnaissance operations; and troop entertainment and indoctrination. Directives pertaining to training of auxiliary guard and police units, instruction pamphlets regarding treatment of prisoners of war; an interrogation summary; and intelligence bulletins.	1942/03/25-1942/12/31	444.SichD 30260/2	2213	1125
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Ic, TB mit Anlagen. Activity report and appendixes concerning enemy operations, movements, unit identification, and control of the civilian population and troop indoctrination and entertainment.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	444.SichD 35770/3	2214	444
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