

555. INFANTERIE-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1940/01/29	Berlin	Activation of Stellungen-Divisionen by OKH/Chef HRuest. u. BdE/AHA	
1940/02/05	Hannover, Wehrkreis XI	Assignment of Div.Kdo. z.b.V. 443 and one battalion of the 216.ID for the formation of the 555.Stellungen-Division	
1940/02/19	Hannover	Formation of the 555.ID	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Waldemar Henrici, 1940/02/19-1940/08/16
1940/03/20 ca.	Karlsruhe, Wehrkreis V	Movement	
1940/04/06 ca.	Ettlingen, Rastatt, Kuppenheim	Formation, training, border security, air raid protection	
1940/06/13	Strasbourg, Selestat, Colmar, Erstein, France	Movement, administration and control of prisoners of war and captured booty	Subordinate to: AK 45
1940/07/28	Selestat, Erstein	Relief by the 215.ID	
1940/07/29	Hohenstein, Wehrkreis I	Transfer	
1940/08/09 ca.	Hohenstein	Demobilization	
1940/10/01	Wehrkreis I	Disbandment	

Only two record items of this division were available in the National Archives and are reproduced on roll 2227 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and described following the unit history. Situation maps of Lage West, record item W2017/8 of the 556.ID (T315, roll 2228, 1st frame 179), and the Potsdam catalog were also used as sources for the unit history.

CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
Ia/Gef., TB, Kriegsgefangenen-Angelegenheiten. Activity report concerning formation, guarding, administration, and supplying of prisoner-of-war collecting points and camps in the Ebersheim area, Wehrkreis V, and in the Strasbourg, Selestat, and Colmar areas of France; treatment and handling of prisoners of war; formation of special prisoner-of-war units to aid the French local economy; transfer of prisoners of war to Ludwigsburg, Villingen, Kehl, Nuernberg, and Hohenstein in East Prussia, for work in the German armament and agricultural economy; relief by the 215.ID, 28-29 Jul 1940; and transfer of the division to Hohenstein, Wehrkreis I, 29-30 Jul.	1940/06/24-1940/07/31	555.ID W1500/12	2227	1
Ia/Gef., Allgemeiner Schriftwechsel, Befehle and Anordnungen, Gefangenen-Lager Strassburg und Kolmar. Orders, directives, and correspondence pertaining to formation, guarding, administration, and supplying of prisoner-of-war camps in the Strasbourg and Colmar areas of France; control and handling of prisoners of war; special treatment for Alsatian and Lotharingian prisoners of war of German descent; formation of work units of French prisoners of war to aid the French local economy; control of the refugee movement in France; movement of prisoners of war to Ludwigsburg, Villingen, Nuernberg, and Hohenstein to work in the German armament and agricultural economy; relief by the 215.ID, 28-29 Jul 1940; and transfer of the division from Erstein, France to Hohenstein, Wehrkreis I in East Prussia, 29-30 Jul.	1940/06/24-1940/07/29	555.ID W1500/13	2227	44