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**999. Leichte Afrika Division** (also known as **999. Afrika Division**) was upgraded to a division from [999. Afrika-Brigade](#) in March 1943 and the first regiments arrived in Tunisia late Mar. Its regiments fought as separate units attached to various large units and it surrendered 13 Mar 1943.

### Commanders

Generalleutnant Kurt Thomas (2 Feb 1943 - 1 Apr 1943) (KIA) (1)

Generalmajor Ernst-Günther Baade (2 Apr 1943 - 13 May 1943)

### Area of operations

France (Feb 1943 - Apr 1943)

North Africa (Apr 1943 - May 1943)

### Holders of high awards

Holders of the German Cross in Gold (1)

Wolf, Gotthold, 12.05.1943, Oberstleutnant, Inf.Rgt. 961

### Order of battle

Stab

Divisions-Kartenstelle (mot) 999

Musikkorps

Afrika-Schützen-Regiment (mot) 961

Afrika-Schützen-Regiment (mot) 962

Afrika-Schützen-Regiment (mot) 963

Panzerjäger-Abteilung (mot) 999

Artillerie-Regiment (mot) 999

Pionier-Bataillon (mot) 999

Aufklärungs-Abteilung (mot) 999

Astronomischer Messtrupp (mot) 999

Werkstatt-Kompanie (mot) 999

Werkstatt-Kompanie (mot) 999

Entgiftungs-Batterie (mot) 999

Nachschubs-Bataillon (mot) 999

Schlächterei-Kompanie (mot) 999

Bäckerei-Kompanie (mot) 999

Divisions-Verpfelungsamt (mot) 999

Sanitäts-Kompanie (mot) 999

Krankenkraftwagen-Zug (mot) 999

Veterinär-Kompanie (mot) 999

Feldgendarmarie-Trupp (mot) 999

Feldpostamt (mot) 999

### Footnotes

1. Kurt Thomas was killed 1 April 1943 when his plane was shot down en route to Tunisia.

### Sources used

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### Reference material on this unit

- None known at this time -

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