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| 1939/03/00 | Stuttgart, Wehrkreis V, Sudetenland, Wehrkreis XIII | Activation (4.Welle), formation, training | |
| 1939/08/26 | Wehrkreis V and XIII | Operational readiness, formation | C.O.: Gen.Lt. Hans Schmidt, 1939/08/26-1941/12/31 |
| 1939/09/03 | Freiburg, Muellheim, Kandern, Badenweiler, Loerrach, Germany; Mulhouse, France | Transfer, quartering, border security, reconnaissance and assault operations | Subordinate to: AOK 7, 1940/01/01-1940/03/09 AK 33 Hoeh.Kdo., 1940/03/09-1940/04/19 AOK 7, 1940/04/19-1940/04/30 |
| 1940/04/29 | Tuttlingen, Reutlingen | Movement, training | |
| 1940/05/20 | Bitburg, Germany; Clervaux (Clerf), Luxembourg; Saint-Hubert, Belgium | Movement | |
| 1940/05/30 | Montherme, Signy-l'Abbaye, Meuse and Aisne Rivers, Rethel, Aube, Marne-Rhine Canal, Poissons, Andelot, Langres, Beaune, France | Advance river crossings, offensive operations | AK 13, 1940/05/30-1940/06/30 |
| 1940/06/23 | Chalon-sur-Saone, Chagny, Saint-Germain-du-Plain | Advance, occupation and securing the demarkation line | |
| 1940/07/01 | Belfort, Delle, Montbeliard, Lure, Le Creusot, Chagny, Bourbon-Lancy, Chalon-sur-Saone | Movement, border security, occupation duty, regrouping, training | AK 25, 1940/07/01-1940/07/28 AK 18, 1940/07/28-1940/09/12 AK 27, 1940/09/12-1940/09/14 and 1940/12/01-1941/04/01 |
| 1941/04/04 | Autun, Paray-le-Monial, Montceau-les-Mines | Movement, security and occupation duty, training | AK 45 Hoeh.Kdo., 1941/04/01-1941/06/27 |
| 1941/06/28 | Biala Podlaska, Poland; Brest, Ivatsevichi, Baranovichi, Parichi, Russia | Transfer, advance, defensive engagements | |
| 1941/09/03 | Gorval, Rechitsa, Gomel, Antonovka, Vibli, Yatsevo, Chernigov, Starodub, Kirov, Petrovskiy, Kremenki, Tarusa, Medyn, Yukhnov | Defensive engagements, offensive operations disengagement movements | AOK 2, 1941/09/03-1941/10/08 AOK 4, 1941/10/09-1941/11/05 AK 13, 1941/12/31-1942/04/30 |
| | | | C.O.: Gen.Lt. Walther Hahm, 1942/01/01-1944/02/22 Gen.Lt. Dietrich von Choltitz, mFb, 1942/08/27-1942/10/01 |
| 1942/05/01 | Ressa and Ugra River sector | Defensive and assault operations | Subordinate to: AK 12, 1942/05/01-1943/06/30 |

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| 1943/03/10 | Dubrovnya to Lazinki, Sluzna, Suglitsa | Withdrawal, defensive and assault operations, regrouping, training | |
| Records of the 260.ID are reproduced on rolls 1822-1826 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history. | | | |
| Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/06/30 were available in the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost, records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398) and OKH/AHA/Abwicklungsstab, H 41/57 (T78, roll 142), and the general officer personnel files show: | | | |
| 1943/07/01 | Lazinki, Sluzna, Suglitsa | Defensive engagements | |
| 1943/08/09 | Spas-Demensk, Lyubun, Kokhany, Saveyevo, Lobkovichi, Krichev | Disengagement movements | |
| 1943/10/03 | Dolgiy Mokh, Chausy, Volkovichi, Bykhov, Vyun, Chigrinka | Movement, defensive engagements | |
| 1944/04/01 | Chigrinka, Bykhov, Mogilev | Defensive engagements | C.O.: Gen.Maj. Robert Schlueter, 1944/02/22-1944/05/01 Gen.Maj. Guenther Klammt, 1944/05/01-1944/07/11 |
| 1944/06/01 | Lenino, Dobryn, Orsha | Defensive engagements | |
| 1944/06/25 | Kozlovichi, Kopys, Kopysitsa, Dnieper River, Shepelevichi | Disengagement movements | |
| 1944/06/27 | Konsenichi, Belynichi | Encirclement | |
| 1944/06/30 | Drut River, Glubokoye, Shepelevichi, Somry, Gibaylovichi, Mikheyevichi, Berezina River | Breakout, withdrawal, defensive engagements | |
| 1944/07/03 | Berezina River, east of Minsk | Captured or destroyed | |
| 1944/08/01 | Grodno, Dombrowa, Augustow | Withdrawal and assembly of remnants and incorporation into Korps-Abt. G | |
| 1944/09/08 | | Formal disbandment | |

The Potsdam catalog, situation maps of Lage West and Ost, and the manuscript in the Foreign Military Studies series, MS P-060h, part I, p. 10 ("Russian Divisional and Attached Artillery under unified command in the defense of Chernigov in August and September 1941"), by Obst. Hans-Georg Richert, were used for information for the periods for which no records were available.

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| Ia, Einsatz der Division im Westen. Activity report concerning movement to and crossing the Meuse River at Montherme, 30 May-2 Jun; advance as a reserve unit of AK 13 to Signy-l'Abbaye, crossing the Aisne River in the Rethel area, 3-11 Jun, and advance to Pauvres, Machault, and Auve; crossing the Marne-Rhine Canal in the Revigny-sur-Ornain area, 12-16 Jun, and advance to Poissons, Andelot, Langres, and Beaune, 17-22 Jun; and occupation of the demarkation line in the Chalon-sur-Saone area, 23-24 Jun 1940. Activity reports of subordinate units and a resume of the history of the 260.ID, Sep 1939-24 Jun 1940. | 1940/05/30-1940/06/24 | 260.ID E206/14 | 1822 | 1 |
| Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning assault, reconnaissance, and construction operations, and training in the Muellheim, Kandern, Loerrach, and Badenweiler areas of Germany and in the Mulhouse area, France, 1 Jan-18 Apr; relief by the 556.ID, 19-28 Apr; and movement to Tuttlingen and Reutlingen, 29-30 Apr 1940. Strength and casualty reports. | 1940/01/01-1940/04/30 | 260.ID W2362c | 1822 | 175 |
| Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 2. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to assault, reconnaissance, and construction operations, border security, an alert exercise, and training in the Badenweiler, Muellheim, Kandern, and Loerrach areas, Germany, and the Mulhouse area, France; relief by the 556.ID; and movement to Tuttlingen. Order-of-battle charts, combat directives, a billeting survey, notes on command conferences, and special directives concerning medical services. | 1940/01/01-1940/04/30 | 260.ID W2362d | 1822 | 239 |
| Ia, KTB 4. War journal concerning movement from Chalon-sur-Saone to Belfort, 1-5 Jul; quartering, securing the Swiss-French border, control of prisoners of war and refugees, administration of occupied territory, and training in the Belfort, Delle, and Montbeliard areas, 6-27 Jul; enlarging the division sector to include the Lure and L'Isle-sur-le-Doubs | 1940/07/01-1940/09/14 | 260.ID W6429/1 | 1822 | 426 |

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| areas, 28 Jul-12 Sep; and movement of the headquarters from Belfort to Le Creusot, 12-14 Sep 1940. | | | | |
| Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 4. Orders, directives, and maps pertaining to movement from Chalon-sur-Saone to Belfort, quartering, securing the Swiss-French border, occupation duty, and training in the Belfort and Montbeliard areas; and enlarging the division sector to include the Lure and L'Isle-sur-le-Doubs areas, regrouping, and movement to the Le Creusot, Chalon-sur-Saone, and Chagny areas to secure the demarkation line, 12-21 Sep 1940. Order-of-battle charts, billeting surveys, and special directives concerning signal communications. | 1940/07/01-1940/09/21 | 260.ID W6429/2 | 1822 | 450 |
| Ia, TB und Anlagen. Activity report, orders, and maps pertaining to securing the demarkation line, occupation duty, regrouping, and training in the Le Creusot, Chagny, Bourbon-Lancy, Buxy, and Chalon-sur-Saone areas, 1 Dec 1940-3 Apr 1941, and in the Le Creusot, Autun, Paray-le-Monial, and Montceau-les-Mines areas, 4 Apr-27 Jun; relief by the Verstaerkter Grenzaufsichtsdienst (VGAD) (border security police), 26 Feb-3 Apr; and planned transfer of the division from the Le Creusot area to the east on 27 Jun 1941. A register of officers, billeting surveys, strength and casualty reports, and activity report of the Catholic chaplain, 1-27 Jun 1941. | 1940/12/01-1941/06/27 | 260.ID 11838/1 | 1822 | 584 |
| Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 6, Taelgliche Meldungen. Daily reports concerning defensive operations in the Vibli, Yatsevo, Gorbovo, Kolychevka, and Ladinka areas south of Chernigov, 3-15 Sep; and advance and offensive engagements in the Sednev, Gorodnya, Starodub, Pyatnitskoye, Kirov, Petrovskiy, Petrishcheva, and Tarusa areas, 16 Sep-5 Nov 1941. | 1941/09/03-1941/11/05 | 260.ID 13607/18 | 1822 | 672 |
| Ia, KTB. War journal concerning disengagement movements and defensive operations in the Tarusa, | 1941/12/13-1942/12/31 | 260.ID 32548/1 | 1822 | 850 |

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| Ia, KTB. Handwritten copy of part of record item 32548/1. | 1941/12/21-1942/03/22 | 260.ID 32548/2 | 1823 | 1 |
| Ia, Anlagenband 2 zum KTB. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to defensive, assault, and construction operations, artillery activity, antitank defense, battle conduct, security of rear areas, regrouping, and training in the Ressa River sector, 1 May-21 Aug, and in the area north of the Ressa River and west of the Ugra River, 22 Aug-31 Oct. Order-of-battle charts; status, casualty, and strength reports; monthly reports regarding gas defense readiness; notes on command conferences; special directives concerning supply, reconnaissance operations, and traffic control; activity reports of the Protestant and Catholic chaplains, 1 Apr 1941-30 Sep 1942; intelligence bulletins; and reports on enemy military operations. | 1942/05/01-1942/10/31 | 260.ID 32548/4 | 1823 | 287 |
| Ia, Anlagenband 3 zum KTB. Orders, messages, and maps pertaining to defensive, assault, and construction operations, regrouping, and training in the area north of the Ressa River and west of the Ugra River; an order-of-battle chart; status reports; monthly reports regarding gas defense readiness; special supply directives; and afteraction reports pertaining to Russian assault operations, 30 Oct and 6, 13, 15, and 29 Nov 1942. | 1942/11/01-1943/01/04 | 260.ID 32548/5 | 1824 | 1 |
| Ia, Anlagenband 4 zum KTB, Tagesmeldungen. | 1942/03/23-1942/12/03 | 260.ID 32548/6 | 1824 | 238 |
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| Ic, Anlagen zum TB. Weekly reports concerning the enemy military situation, intelligence bulletins, maps showing the location of Russian units facing the division, and order-of-battle charts of Russian army units. | 1941/12/05-1942/12/31 | 260.ID 32548/9 | 1825 | 266 |
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| Ia, Anlagenband 1 zum KTB, Tagesmeldungen. | 1943/01/01-1943/06/30 | 260.ID 36313/2 | 1825 | 649 |
| Ia, Anlagenband 2 zum KTB. Defensive, assault, and construction operations, artillery activity, reorganization as a two-regiment division, regrouping, and training in the area north of the Ressa River and west of the Ugra River; withdrawal from Dubrovnya to Lazinki; defensive, assault, and construction operations in the Lazinki, Suglitsa, and Sluzna areas; and securing the Spas-Demensk and Yelnya railroad line. Order-of-battle charts; monthly reports on gas defense readiness; status reports; special directives concerning supply and artillery; afteraction reports and a critique relating to antitank defense and action of Art.Rgt. 260 in the Bueffelstellung, and enemy | 1943/01/01-1943/04/30 | 260.ID 36313/3 | 1826 | 1 |

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| Ia, Anlagenband 3 zum KTB. Orders, directives, messages, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault operations, antitank defense, reconnaissance for and construction of the Barbarossastellung, assignment of an Alarm-Btl., regrouping, and training in the Lazinki, Sluzna, and Suglitsa areas. Order-of-battle charts; a report on troop entertainment, Jan-Jun 1943; status reports; monthly reports concerning gas defense readiness; and afteraction reports regarding enemy assault operations, 23-24 May and 26-27 Jun 1943. | 1943/05/01-1943/06/30 | 260.ID 36313/4 | 1826 | 537 |
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