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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1940/11/15	Kempton, Wehrkreis VII, Fuessen, Oberstdorf, Weiler, Groenenbach, Tr.Ueb.Pl. Hohenfels	Activation (14.Welle), formation, training, regrouping	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Karl Spang, 1940/11/15-1941/05/02 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. VII, 1940/11/15-1941/04/30
1941/05/01	Dijon, France, Vesoul, Lure, Gray, Jussey, Tr.Ueb.Pl. Valdahon	Transfer, quartering, training	AK 27, 1941/05/01-1941/09/20
1941/06/26	Beaune, Langres, Dole, Chalon-sur-Saone	Securing the demarkation line, harvesting, training	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Kurt Pflieger, 1941/05/06-1942/03/15
1941/12/02	Nevers, Sancerre, Aubigny, Bourges, Moulins, Decize, Autun, Tr.Ueb.Pl. Mourmelon-le-Grand	Occupation duty, training, regrouping	Subordinate to: AK 45 Hoeh.Kdo., 1941/09/21-1942/07/28
1942/07/11	Saint-Malo, Dinard, Dinan, Caulnes	Movement, coastal defense, preparations for transfer to the east	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Erich Marcks, 1942/03/15-1942/09/28 Subordinate to: AK 25 (HGr. D), 1942/07/29-1942/10/19
1942/10/19	Smolensk, Russia	Transfer	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Otto Schuenemann, 1942/10/01-1944/06/29 (killed in action) Subordinate to: HGr. Mitte, 1942/10/20-1942/10/28 AK 39 Pz, 1942/10/29-1944/07/02
1942/11/01	Sychevka, Vyazma, Kasnja, Gzhat, and Vazuza Rivers sector	Movement, defensive and assault operations, construction of positions	
1943/03/05	Sosedovo, Novo-Dugino, Tarbeyevo, Izdeshkovo	Disengagement movements	
1943/03/13	Morozovo, north of Dorogobuzh, Dnieper River sector	Defense of the Bueffel position, assault operations, training, regrouping	
1943/08/01	Dorogobuzh	Defensive and assault operations	
1943/08/31	Usvyat'ye, Chelnovaya, Pnevo, Lyady, Pridneprovskaya, Dudino, Gusino	Disengagement movements	
1943/09/28	Lenino, Lipovka	Defense of the Panther position	

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1943/10/07	Bayevo, Lenino, Astashkovichi, Sysoyevo, Gorki, Tushkovo, Pronya River sector	Defensive and assault operations, regrouping, training	
According to an order of 17 Oct 1943 in the records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398, p. 191) the 337.ID was reformed to a full strength division by incorporation of Divisionsgruppe 113.ID.			
Records of the 337.ID are reproduced on rolls 2098-2110 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 Ost, the general officer personnel files, and records of OKH/AHA/Abw.Stab, H 41/12 (T78, roll 139) an afteraction report, Sep 1943-Sep 1944, and war journal No. 8, 21 Jun-7 Sep 1944, show:			
1944/01/01	Gorki, Klednevichi, Dribin, Pronya River sector	Defense of the Panther position	
1944/06/22	Gorki, Dribin	Attack and breakthrough by the enemy	
1944/06/26	Shklov, Dnieper River, Belynichi, Berezina River, Berezino, Cherven, Minsk, Volozhin, Traby, Grodno	Withdrawal, disengagement movements	AK 6, 1944/07/03-1944/07/09
1944/07/10	Kolno, Poland	Movement for rehabilitation	AOK 4 (Auffrischungsstab), 1944/07/10-1944/07/18
1944/07/17	Augustow	Formation of Korpsabt. H with remnants of the 57., 110., 260., 299., and 337.ID	AOK 4, 1944/07/19-1944/07/27 AK 6, 1944/07/28-1944/07/29
1944/07/30	Augustow	Redesignation of Korpsabt. H as Korpsabteilung G	Korpsabteilung G, 1944/07/30-1944/08/03 AOK 4, 1944/08/04-1944/08/17 AK 39 Pz, 1944/08/18-1944/08/20
1944/08/21	Muenchen, Wehrkreis VII	Return of the division staff and remnants of the 337.ID	HGr. Nord, 1944/08/21 AK 2, 1944/08/22-1944/08/23
1944/09/06 1944/09/07	Gross Born, Wehrkreis II	Movement to and formation of 570.VGrenD Redesignation of the 570.VGrenD as the 337.VGrenD	Armee-Abt. Narwa, 1944/08/24-1944/08/25 AK 2, 1944/08/26-1944/09/01
1944/09/30		Planned operational readiness (source: OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398, p. 34 and 136)	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Eberhard Kinzel, 1944/09/01-1945/03/25

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1944/09/25	Piaseczno, Karczew, Poland	Arrival, defensive operations	
1945/01/15	Gabin (Gombin)	Movement	
1945/01/18	Chelmo, Linne, Rusinowo, Starogard, Skarszewy, Olsztynek	Disengagement movements	
1945/03/18	Kleszczewo	Incorporation of the 337.VolksGrenD into the 35.ID	

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 337.ID as follows:

- Dnieper River and Smolensk, Aug-Sep 1943: MS P-054a, p. 28 and 104 (Russian and German night combat methods and principles) by Gen.Maj. Alfred Toppe and others;
- Orsha area, winter 1943-44: MS T-10, p. 52, German: (Abwehrtaktik bei Durchbruechen - Osten), English: see DA Pamphlet No. 20.233 (German Defense Tactics Against Russian Breakthroughs) by Gen.Obst. Erhard Raus.

CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
Ia, Ib, Ic, III, TF 1. Activity report concerning the activation of the 337.ID in Kempten, Wehrkreis VII, 15 Nov 1940; formation, training, and regrouping in the Fuessen, Oberstdorf, Weiler, Lindenberg, Groenenbach, and Markt Oberdorf areas and at Truppenuebungsplatz Hohenfels, 16 Nov 1940-30 Apr 1941; transfer to Dijon, France, 1-6 May; training in the Vescul, Lure, Gray, and Jussey areas and at Tr.Ueb.Pl. Valdahon, 7 May-25 Jun; movement to Beaune, Langres, Dole, and Chalon-sur-Saone for securing the demarkation line, harvesting, and training, 26 Jun-1 Dec; and movement to the Nevers, Sancerre, Aubigny, and Fourges areas for training and occupation duty, 2-31 Dec 1941. Activity reports of the intelligence and supply branches, 1 Mar-31 Dec 1941, and of the judge advocate, 15 Nov 1940-31 Dec 1941; strength reports; and lists of officers duty assignments.	1940/11/15-1941/12/31	337.ID 18528	2098	1
Ia, TB. Activity report concerning quartering, training, and regrouping in the Dijon, Chalon-sur-Saone, Moulins, Decize, Nevers, and Autun areas and at Tr.Ueb.Pl. Mourmelon, 1 Jan-10 Jul 1942; movement in stages to Saint-Malo as an army group reserve, 11 Jul-12 Aug; coastal defense and training in the Saint-Malo, Dinard, Dinan, and Caulnes areas, 12 Aug-13 Oct; preparations for transfer to the eastern front, 14-18 Oct; and transfer from Dinan, France, to Smolensk, Russia, 19 Oct 1942. Reports and tables relating to the alert exercise "Fall Nord," 21 Aug 1942, and strength reports. (The first part of this activity report, 15 Nov 1940-31 Dec 1941, is a copy of the operations branch activity report in record item 18528.)	1940/11/15-1942/10/19	337.ID 24973/1	2098	87
Ic, TB. Activity report concerning activation of the 337.ID (14.Welle) in Kempten, Wehrkreis VII, 15 Nov 1940; formation with personnel and units of the 57. and	1940/11/15-1942/10/18	337.ID 24973/2	2098	142

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167.ID, 15 Nov-1 Dec 1940; enemy military situation on all fronts; counterintelligence; troop indoctrination and entertainment, 15 Nov 1940-18 Oct 1942; transfer to Vesoul, France, 1-6 May 1941; and movements to Beaune, 26 Jun 1941, Bourges, 1 Dec 1941, Moulins, 27 Feb 1942, Dijon, 22 May 1942, Nevers, 15 Jun 1942, and Dinan, 29 Jul 1942.				
Ia, KTB 1 mit Anlagen. War journal with daily reports and messages, orders, and maps pertaining to transfer from Dinan, France, to Smolensk, Russia, 19-31 Oct; movement to Sychevka and Vyazma, 1-3 Nov; relief of the 1.PzD and defense of the Kasnya River sector, 3-16 Nov; and movement to and defense of the Gzhat and Vazuza Rivers sector, 17 Nov-31 Dec 1942. Periodic reports of the judge advocate and Referat V, casualty reports, notes on command conferences, maps showing the tactical disposition of enemy forces, and data relating to enemy operations.	1942/10/16-1942/12/31	337.ID 26346/1	2098	262
Ic, IIa, III, TB. Activity reports of the intelligence branch, 19 Oct-31 Dec, the personnel branch, 16 Oct-31 Dec, and the judge advocate, 1 Jan-31 Dec 1942; strength and casualty reports; lists of officers duty assignments; daily intelligence reports and messages; translation of intercepted enemy radio messages; reports relating to counterintelligence and military intelligence; identification and order-of-battle charts of Russian Army units; interrogation summaries; an intelligence bulletin; and maps showing the tactical disposition of enemy forces.	1942/10/16-1942/12/31	337.ID 26346/2	2099	1
Ia, KTB 2 mit Anlagen. War journal with daily reports and messages, orders, and directives pertaining to defensive and assault operations, construction of positions, training, regrouping, and preparations for the Bueffel-Bewegung (disengagement movements) in the Gzhat and Vazuza Rivers sector northeast of Sychevka, 1	1943/01/01-1943/03/14	337.ID 31474/1	2100	1

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Jan-4 Mar, and disengagement movements in the Sosedovo, Kostyli, Novo-Dugino, Tarbeyevo, and Vyazma areas and to Zhukovo north of Izdeshkovo, 5-14 Mar 1943. Strength, casualty, and status reports; periodic reports of the administrative, medical, veterinary, and motor transport officers, the judge advocate, and Referat V; and data relating to enemy operations.				
Ia, Kartenbeilagen zum KTB 2. Situation maps.	1943/01/01-1943/03/03	337.ID 31474/2	2101	1
Ia, Anlage zum KTB 1 und 2, Fernsprechbuch Nr. 1. Log of summaries of telephone conversations of the 337.ID and its units.	1942/10/13-1943/02/18	337.ID 31474/3	2101	62
Ia, Anlage zum KTB 2, Fernsprechbuch Nr. 2. Log of summaries of telephone conversations of the 337.ID and its units.	1943/02/19-1943/03/03	337.ID 31474/4	2101	208
Ic, TB (sic). Daily intelligence reports and messages, translation of intercepted enemy radio messages, maps and overlays showing the tactical disposition of enemy forces and their movements, lists of enemy units identified, interrogation summaries, and intelligence bulletins.	1943/01/01-1943/03/12	337.ID 31474/5	2101	284
Ia, KTB 3 mit Anlagen. War journal with daily reports and messages, orders, and maps pertaining to movement from Zhukovo to Dorogobuzh and Murozovo in the Dnieper River sector, construction of the Bueffel position, training, and regrouping, 13 Mar-7 May 1943. An order-of-battle chart; strength, casualty, and status reports; lists of code names; special directives concerning supply, supply troops, and antitank defense; evaluation reports of the supply situation; afteraction critiques relating to the Bueffel-Bewegung; and maps showing the tactical disposition of enemy forces in the area northeast of Dorogobuzh.	1943/03/13-1943/05/07	337.ID 35804/1	2102	1
Ia, Kartenbeilagen zum KTB 3. Situation maps.	1943/03/12-1943/04/04	337.ID 35804/2	2102	859
Ic, TB (sic). Lists of daily reports and messages to the intelligence activity report.	1943/03/13-1943/05/07	337.ID 35938/1	2102	917

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Ic, Anlagenband 1 zum TB. Interrogation summaries, reports concerning treatment of landeseigene Sicherungsverbaende and the civilian population and formation of labcr squads, excerpts from the Russian Army newspaper "Rotarmistenwahrheit," directives relating to military security, and enemy propaganda leaflets.	1943/02/02-1943/03/31	337.ID 35938/2	2102	933
Ic, Anlagenband 2 zum TB. Interrogation summaries, daily intelligence reports and messages, translation of intercepted enemy radio messages, an order-of-battle chart of the Soviet 82d Security Division, a report regarding counterintelligence activity, maps showing the tactical disposition of enemy forces, enemy propaganda leaflets, and an intelligence bulletin.	1943/03/13-1943/03/31	337.ID 35938/3	2103	1
Ic, Anlagenband 3 zum TB. Reports regarding the celebration on 1 May and securing rear areas and directives relating to military security and German propaganda.	1943/04/01-1943/04/30	337.ID 35938/4	2103	475
Ic, Anlagenband 4 zum TB. Daily intelligence reports and messages, interrogation summaries, translation of intercepted enemy radio messages, Russian propaganda leaflets, maps showing the location of enemy movements and tactical disposition, and an intelligence bulletin.	1943/04/01-1943/04/30	337.ID 35938/5	2103	526
Ic, Anlagenband 5 zum TB. Reports regarding employment of Hilfswillige and operations against partisans, instruction pamphlets concerning treatment of the Russian civilian population and deserters, and an intelligence bulletin.	1943/05/01-1943/05/07	337.ID 35938/6	2103	984
Ic, Anlagenband 6 zum TB. Daily intelligence reports and messages and maps showing the tactical disposition of enemy forces.	1943/05/01-1943/05/07	337.ID 35938/7	2103	1007
Ia, KTB 4 mit Anlagen. War journal with daily reports pertaining to defensive and assault operations around Morozovo, 8 May-31 Jul, and at Dcroqobuzh, 1-30 Aug, and disengagement movements in the Usvyat'ye,	1943/05/08-1943/09/15	337.ID 38464/1	2104	1

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Chelnovaya, and Fnevo areas of the Dnieper River sector, 31 Aug-15 Sep 1943. Casualty reports and data relating to enemy operations and losses.				
Ia, Anlagenband I zum KTB 4. Orders, directives, messages, maps, and overlays pertaining to defensive, reconnaissance, and assault operations, construction of positions, operations against partisans, exploitation of the Russian economy, security activity, training, and regrouping in the Dorogobuzh area, 8 May-30 Aug, and disengagement movements in the Usvyat'ye, Chelnovaya, and Fnevo areas, 31 Aug-15 Sep 1943. Order-of-battle charts; strength, casualty, and status reports; lists of code names; special directives concerning signal communications; notes on command inspections; afteraction reports regarding defense against enemy attacks, various assault operations by units of the division, and the defense of the Uza position, 1 Sep 1943; and data relating to enemy operations.	1943/05/08-1943/09/15	337.ID 38464/2	2104	591
Ia, Anlagenband II zum KTB 4, Kartenbeilagen. Situation maps.	1943/05/06-1943/08/26	337.ID 38464/3	2105	1
Ic, TB mit Anlagen. Interrogation summaries, daily intelligence reports and messages, translation of intercepted enemy radio messages, directives pertaining to treatment of the Russian civilian population, reports on employment of Hilfswillige, weather reports, enemy propaganda leaflets, maps showing the tactical disposition of enemy forces, and intelligence bulletins.	1943/05/08-1943/07/31	337.ID 38464/4	2105	96
Ic, TB mit Anlagen. Interrogation summaries, daily intelligence reports and messages, translations of intercepted enemy radio messages, weather reports, enemy propaganda leaflets, lists of unit identification and strength, maps showing the tactical disposition of enemy forces, and intelligence bulletins.	1943/08/01-1943/09/27	337.ID 38464/5	2106	1



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Ia, Anlagenband I zum KTB 4, Bewegung "Wisent." Orders and reports concerning the destruction of railroad and industrial installations and preparations for and execution of Bewegung Wisent (disengagement to the Barbarossastellung in the Usvyat'ye and Chelnovaya areas of the Dnieper River sector).	1943/08/12-1943/09/13	337.ID 41911/2	2107	1
Ia, Anlagenband II zum KTB 4, Hubertus I Stellung. Orders and reports covering preparations for withdrawal to the Hubertus I position in the Pnevo area.	1943/09/13-1943/09/18	337.ID 41911/3	2107	163
Ia, Anlagenband III zum KTB 4, Hubertus II Stellung. Orders and reports covering preparations for withdrawal to the Hubertus II position in the Pridneprovskaya area.	1943/09/05-1943/09/22	337.ID 41911/4	2107	239
Ia, Anlagenband IV zum KTB 4, Hubertus III und IV Stellungen. Orders and reports with maps and overlays covering withdrawal to the Hubertus III and IV positions in the Pridneprovskaya, Dudinc, Gusino, and Lyady areas.	1943/09/20-1943/09/28	337.ID 41911/5	2107	281
Ia, Anlagenband V zum KTB 4, Eingehende Funksprueche.	1943/08/30-1943/09/28	337.ID 41911/6	2107	377
Ia, Anlagenband VI zum KTB 4, Ausgehende Funksprueche.	1943/08/08-1943/09/28	337.ID 41911/7	2107	815
Ia, Anlagenband zum KTB 4. Daily reports and maps relating to disengagement movements in the Pnevo, Pridneprovskaya, Dudino, Gusino, and Lyady areas.	1943/09/15-1943/09/28	337.ID 41911/8	2108	1
Ia, KTB 5 mit Kartenbeilagen. War journal with daily reports and maps pertaining to movement from Lyady to the Lenino and Lipovka (Sukino) areas to defend the Panther position and to relief the 113.ID, 28-30 Sep, and defensive operations, 1-6 Oct; and defensive and assault operations, training, and regrouping in the Bayevo, Lenino, Astashkovichi, Sysoyevo, Gorki, and Tushkovo areas of the Pronya River sector, 7 Oct-31 Dec 1943.	1943/09/28-1943/12/31	337.ID 42477/1	2108	65
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Daily reports and messages, orders, and overlays pertaining to movement to and defensive and assault operations, construction of	1943/09/25-1943/12/31	337.ID 42477/2	2109	1

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<p>positions, administration and security of the rear area, preparations for winter, training, and regrouping in the Pronya River sector. Afteraction critiques concerning combat operations of the 337.ID, 12-22 Oct, and disengagement movements; translations of Russian directives regarding artillery attacks; notes on command inspections; status, strength, and casualty reports; and data relating to enemy combat operations, movements, unit identification, and artillery activity. Ic, TB mit Anlagen. Daily intelligence reports and messages, translation of intercepted enemy radio messages, German propaganda leaflets, arrest orders, and maps showing the location of enemy units, movements, and partisan activity.</p>	1943/11/01-1943/12/31	337.ID 42477/3-4	2110	1