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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1940/12/15	Jena, Wehrkreis IX, Kassel, Muehlhausen, Weimar, Gotha, Meiningen	Activation (14.Welle), formation, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Georg Hewelcke, 1940/12/15-1942/01/18 (deceased) Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. IX, 1940/12/15-1941/05/06
1941/02/15	Allstedt, Querfurt, Sangerhausen	Movement, training	
1941/05/03	Montargis, France, Orleans, Chatillon-Coligny, Loire River sector	Transfer, occupation duty, training	AK 45 Hoeh.Kdo., 1941/05/07-1941/08/22
1941/06/23	Quantilly, Bourges, Montrichard	Occupation duty, training	
1941/08/18	Kaunas, Lithuania	Transfer	
1941/08/28	Borisov, Russia	Movement	Bfh rueckw HGeb Mitte, 1941/08/23-1942/01/13
1941/09/05	Borisov, Bobruisk, Mozyr, Polotsk, Tolochin, Pochep, Kletnya, Novgorod-Severski, Klintsy, Zhlobin, Gomel	Security duty, operations against partisans, regrouping	
1942/01/06	Bryansk, Bezhitsa	Movement, security duty, operations against partisans	AK 24 Pz, 1942/01/14-1942/04/19 C.O.: Gen.Maj. Hans-Georg von Zanthier, mFb, 1942/01/20-1942/04/22
1942/02/15	Lyudinovo, Pogost, Manino, Kirov, Shchigry, Bukan, Bytosh', Berezovka, Pokrov	Movement, defensive operations, counterattacks, security, operations against partisans	Subordinate to: AK 47 Pz, 1942/04/20-1942/12/31 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Kurt Pflugradt, 1942/04/22-1942/12/07
1942/06/05	Lyudinovo, Pogost, Manino, Dyat'kovo, Ivot, Star', Vereshchevka, Kuyava, between Bolva and Vet'ma Rivers	Attachment of division units to the 17.PzD for major operations against partisans	
1942/06/21	Bytosh', Zhukovka, Sel'tso, Glukhovka, between Vet'ma and Desna Rivers	Major operations against partisans	

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1942/07/05	Lyudinovo, Pogost, Manino, Pokrov, Kuyava, Bytosh', Bolva River sector	Withdrawal, security, operations against partisans	
1942/10/01-1942/12/31	Pogost, Manino, Lyudinovo, Krutaya, Bolva River sector	Defensive and assault operations, security, operations against partisans, regrouping	Gen.Maj. Martin Ronicke, 1942/12/08-1943/10/01

Records of the 339.ID are reproduced on rolls 2116-2118 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1942/12/31 were available in the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost, the general officer personnel files, the Potsdam catalog, Order of Battle of the German Army (Washington, March 1945), and an order of 11 Oct 1943, in the records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398, p. 202), concerning formation of Korpsabteilung C from Kampfgruppen 339, 217, and 183.ID, show:

1943/01/01	Star', Kotovichi, Shiplovka, Pogost, Bol'shiye Zheltoukhi, north of Lyudinovo and south of Kirov	Defensive and assault operations, security, operations against partisans	
1943/09/08	Vet'ma River sector, southwest of Bytosh'	Withdrawal to and defense	
1943/09/17	Roslavl, Gornostaypol'	Movement, defensive operations	
			Gen.Maj. Wolfgang Lange, 1943/10/01-1944/08/12
1943/10/26-1943/11/04	Gornostaypol'	Reorganization as Kampfgruppe 339, defensive operations	
1943/11/05	Gornostaypol'	(Korpsabteilung C appears on situation maps Lage Ost for the first time)	
1943/11/05ca.	Wehrkreis IX	Movement of remnants of the 339.ID	
1943/12/15-1943/12/28	Poland	Formation of the 363.ID from remnants of the 339.ID	

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Ia, Anlage zum KTB 1. Maps showing the location of units of the 339.ID in Wehrkreis IX, the Loire River sector, and the Fourges area of France.	1940/12/15-1941/08/18	339.ID 13914/2	2116	34
Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning transfer to Kaunas (Kovno), Lithuania, 23-29 Aug; movement into Russia, 28 Aug-5 Sep, securing the Borisov and Ncvc-Borisov areas, 5-8 Sep, the Bobruisk and Mozyr areas, 9 Sep-19 Oct, and security and operations against partisans in the extended sector, including Bobruisk, Borisov, and Polotsk, 20 Aug-5 Nov 1941. A register of officers.	1941/08/23-1941/11/05	339.ID 13914/3	2116	41
Ia, Anlage zum KTB 2. Orders and maps pertaining to movement from Kaunas, Lithuania, to Borisov, Russia, via Ukmerge and Vilna, Lithuania, and Oshmyany and Radoshkovichi, Russia, 28 Aug-5 Sep; and movement to and securing the Borisov and Novo-Borisov areas, 5-8 Sep, the Bobruisk and Mozyr areas, 8 Sep-19 Oct, and security and operations against partisans in the extended sector which included Bobruisk, Borisov, and Polotsk, 20 Oct-6 Nov 1941. An instruction pamphlet concerning competence, subordination, and mission of intelligence units and a report by the division	1941/08/28-1941/11/06	339.ID 13914/4	2116	122

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Ia, KTB 3. War journal concerning security and operations against partisans in the Bobruisk, Borisov, Tolochin, and Polotsk areas and securing the railroad line Minsk-Orsha.	1941/11/06-1941/12/16	339.ID 13914/5	2116	170
Ia, Anlage zum KTB 3. Orders, reports, and directives pertaining to organization, commitment, and training of Reiterhundertschaft 339 and Ukrainians and prisoners of war as auxiliary guard troops; an activity report regarding operations against partisans, acts of sabotage, German propaganda, morale of the civilian population, and troop entertainment; and maps showing the location of division units in the Bcbruisk, Borisov, Tolochin, and Polotsk areas.	1941/11/08-1941/12/18	339.ID 13914/6	2116	232
Ia, KTB 4. War journal concerning security activity and operations against partisans in the Bobruisk, Kletnya, Pochep, Novgorod-Severski, Klinty, Zhlobin, and Gomel areas and relief by Sich. Brigade 203, 5 Jan 1942. A register of officers.	1941/12/17-1942/01/05	339.ID 13914/7	2116	317
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 4. Orders and maps pertaining to security activity and operations against partisans in the Bobruisk, Kletnya, Pochep, Ncvgorod-Severski, Klinty, Novozybkov, Zhlobin, and Gomel areas, 18 Dec 1941-4 Jan 1942, and relief of the division for a new assignment by Sich. Brigade 203, 5 Jan 1942; daily reports concerning partisan activity, 1-31 Dec 1941, and operations against partisans by Gren.Regts. 691, 692, and 693 of the 339.ID, 1-20 Dec 1941; an activity report of the operations and intelligence branches regarding release and attachment of units, acts of sabotage, military security, operations against partisans, morale of the civilian population, and German propaganda; and data on enemy operations.	1941/12/18-1942/01/05	339.ID 13914/8	2116	349
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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders, reports, and messages pertaining to the release of Inf.Rgt. 693 to AOK 9 in Polotsk, 31 Dec 1941, and later to Rzhev; preparations for and movement from Zhlobin and Bobruisk to Bryansk, 1-20 Jan; relief of the 4.PzD, security activity, and operations against partisans in the Bryansk and Bezhitsa areas, and assignment of the commanding officer of the 339.ID as Kommandant Bryansk, 21 Jan-14 Feb; release of the Kommandantur to Gen.Lt. Brandt, 14 Feb; movement to Lyudinovo, 15-16 Feb; movement to and attack toward Kirov from the Pogost and Manino areas, 16-18 Feb; and defensive and reconnaissance operations, security activity, operations against partisans, construction of strong points, exploitation of the local economy, regrouping, reorganization, and rehabilitation in the Lyudinovo, Pogost, Manino, Shchigry, and Bukan areas, 19 Feb-31 Mar 1942. Special directives concerning supply and supply troops, casualty and strength reports, and data relating to enemy operations.	1941/12/31-1942/03/31	339.ID 22441/2	2116	555
Ia, Anlage zum KTB 5, Ueberholte Kriegsqliederungen u. Lagekarten. Maps showing the location of division units periodically from 10 Jan to 11 Mar 1942; an order-of-battle chart, 1 Jan 1942; and a table of weapons inventory.	1942/01/01-1942/03/11	339.ID 22441/3	2116	915
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Ia, Anlage D zum KTB 8. Afteraction reports and critiques concerning operations against partisans and provost service by Sich.Abt. 339, 1 Aug-15 Oct 1942, and an assault operation by II./Inf.Rgt. 693, 25 Aug 1942. An activity report of the 2./Pi.Btl. 339, 16 May-15 Aug 1942.	1942/05/16-1942/10/15	339.ID 29087/15	2118	1
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