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1940/11/16	Schleswig, Wehrkreis X, Husum, Heide, Bargaen	Activation (14.Welle), formation, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Friedrich-Wilhelm Neumann, 1940/11/15-1942/03/09 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. X, 1940/11/16-1941/05/08
1941/05/07	Roubaix, Lille, France	Transfer, occupation duty	AK 37 Hoeh.Kdo. zbV., 1941/05/09-1942/05/12
1941/06/05	Calais, Ardres, Boulogne	Coastal defense, training	
1942/05/12	Volkovysk, Russia	Transfer	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Otto Butze, 1942/03/09-1943/02/01 Subordinate to: HGr. Sued u. AOK 2, 1942/05/12-1942/07/06
1942/05/17	Baranovichi, Slutsk, Rogachev, Gomel, Dnieper River	Movement, operations against partisans, security	
1942/05/24	Nezhin, Chernigov, Baturin, Glukhov, Kursk	Movement, defensive operations	
1942/07/12	Golosnovka, Malaya Vereyka, Donskaya, northwest of Voronezh	Movement, position defense, defensive operations	AK 24 Pz, 1942/07/07-1942/07/09 AK 7, 1942/07/10-1942/08/23
1942/07/19	Malopokrovka, Oserki, Ivanovka, Nikandrovka, Lomovo, Spasskoye, Dolgoye, Kazinka, Semlyansk	Position warfare, defensive operations	AK 13, 1942/08/24-1944/08/05
1943/01/29	Orekhovo	Retreat, defensive operations (with 377.ID)	
1943/02/01	South of Kastornoye	Retreat, encirclement	C.O.: Obstlt. Dr. Hellmut Herbst, mFb, 1943/02/01-1943/02/23
1943/02/14	Area between Kursk and Rylsk	Breakthrough, retreat, defensive operations	
1943/02/21	Novoivanovka	Retreat, defensive operations, remnants of 377.ID combined with 340.ID	Obst. Josef Prinner, mFb, 1943/02/23-1943/05/14
1943/03/06	Rylsk, Amon', Krupets	Retreat, defensive operations, operations against partisans	
1943/09/06	Akimovka, Studenok, Konotop, Priluki, Rudovka	Withdrawal, operations against partisans	Obst. Gerhard Kegler, mFb, 1943/05/14-1943/05/29 Gen.Maj. Josef Prinner, 1943/05/29-1943/06/04 Obst. Gerhard Kegler, mFb, 1943/06/04-1943/06/29 Gen.Maj. Josef Prinner, 1943/06/29-1943/10/25
1943/09/29	Yasnogorodka, west of the Dnieper	Position defense	Gen.Maj. Werner Ehrig, 1943/10/25-1944/06/16

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1943/11/12	Zhitomir	Evacuation	
1943/11/21	Vysoko-Ukrainskoye, Mircha	Defensive operations	
Records of the 340.ID(VGr) are reproduced on rolls 2119-2122 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 and West, the general officer personnel files, records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398) (disbandment and re-formation as a Volksgrenadier-Division), and manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series, show:			
1944/01/02	Dryglov, southwest of Zhitomir, Berdichev, Uvarovka, Staraya Sinyava	Withdrawal, defensive operations, security, operations against partisans	
1944/02/29	Demidovka, south of Lutsk	Defensive operations	
1944/03/16	Baremel', Lobachevka, Druzhkopol'	Withdrawal, defensive operations	
1944/04/03	Stojanow, Poland	Defensive operations, position warfare	
1944/07/18 1944/07/20	Radziechow, NE of Lvov (Lemberg)	Withdrawal (surrounded by Soviet forces)	Gen.Maj. Otto Beutler, mstFb, 1944/05/24-1944/06/15, mFb, 1944/06/16-1944/07/21 (killed in action)
1944/08/13		Disbandment (source: Potsdam catalog)	Gen.Maj. Theodor Tolsdorff, 1944/09/01-1945/04/01
1944/09/14	Thorn (Torun), Wehrkreis XX	Re-formation as 340.Volksgrenadier-Div. (32.Welle) from personnel of the 572.ID, training	
1944/11/20	Juelich, Germany Erkelenz, Wuerm, Linnich	Movement, defensive operations	Subordinate to: AK 81
1945/01/01	Tavigny, Bastogne, Belgium	Offensive operations	AK 39 Pz
1945/01/23	Clerf, Luxembourg	Defensive operations	AK 58 Pz
1945/02/01	Arzfeld, Luetzkampen, Balesfeld, Spangdahlem, Germany	Defensive operations	AK 13

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1945/03/04	Muerlenbach	Defensive operations	AK 53
1945/03/14	Windhagen	Defensive operations (as Kampfgruppe 340)	
1945/03/24	Altenburg	Defensive operations	

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 340.ID(VGr) as follows:

Aachen, Juelich: MS A-988 (Order of battle of the LXXXI Corps from September 1944 to April 1945), and

MSS A-996, A-997, and A-998 (Combat operations of the LXXXI Corps in the Aachen sector, Sep-Dec 1944), by Gen.d.Inf. Friedrich Koechling

Juelich, Linnich: MS B-462 (The 340th Volksgrenadier-Division in combat in the Rhineland, 2 Sep-25 Dec 1944), and

Ardennes: MS B-678 (The 340th Volksgrenadier-Division at Bastogne, Clervaux, and the Westwall, 25 Dec 1944-30 Jan 1945), by Obstlt. Hans-Hubert Voigt.

Note: NSFO (Nationalsozialistischer Fuehrungsoffizier) material of the Nachrichten-Abteilung of the 340. Volksgrenadier-Division, 1944-45, record item EAP 1-r-01/18d was filmed on roll 160 of NARS Microfilm Publication T84, Guide No. 36, p. 8.

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Ia, TB. Activity report concerning activation of the 340.ID in Schleswig, Wehrkreis X, 16 Nov 1940, with personnel of the 68., 170., and 290.ID and from the Ersatzheer (replacement army) of Wehrkreiskommando I, and formation, training, and preparations for transfer to France.	1940/11/16-1941/05/07	340.ID 12053/1	2119	1
Ia, Anlagen zum TB; IIa, TB. Orders, reports, and correspondence relating to the activation, formation, equipping, and training of the division and operational readiness on 1 May 1941; a register of officers; reports on authorized and actual strength; and an entraining table of 3 May 1941, from the Transportkommandantur Hamburg for entraining of the division beginning 7 May at Itzehoe, Bredstedt, Rendsburg, Husum-Nord, Schleswig, Heide, and Flensburg for movement from Wehrkreis X to a new assignment. Activity report of the personnel branch, 16 Jan-7 May 1941.	1940/11/21-1941/05/07	340.ID 12053/2	2119	8
Ia, KTB. War journal concerning transfer of the division from Wehrkreis X on 7 May 1941; arrival in the Roubaix and Lille areas of France on 9 May 1941, training; and movement on 5 Jun to the Rinxent, Calais, Boulogne, Caffiers, Cape Gris-Nez, and Wimereux areas to take over Kuestenverteidigungsabschnitt Calais, to serve as a reserve division of AOK 16, to repulse enemy landing attempts, and to protect important installations from acts of sabotage or attack by airborne troops; and relief of coastal defense on 19 Apr 1942, to prepare for transfer to the eastern front.	1941/05/03-1942/05/10	340.ID 17844/1	2119	111
Ia, Anlagen zum KTP. Orders, reports, training plans, maps, strength reports, and organizational charts pertaining to activation of the 340.ID (14.Welle) in November 1940 in Schleswig-Holstein, Wehrkreis X, from personnel of the 68., 170., and 290.ID and from replacement units of Wehrkreiskommando I; transfer to	1940/11/16-1942/05/09	340.ID 17844/2	2119	195

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France on 7 May 1941; training and coastal defense in the Calais area; relief by the 106.ID on 19 Apr 1942; and preparations for transfer to the eastern front beginning on 12 May 1942.				
IIa, TB, Anlage 2 zum KTB der Abt. Ia. Activity reports of the personnel branch, tables of authorized and actual strength, and lists of officers duty assignments.	1940/11/16-1942/04/30	340.ID 17844/3	2119	759
Ic, TB, Anlage 3 zum KTB der Abt. Ia. Activity report of the intelligence branch covering the period from the transfer of the division staff from Croix to Ardres on 10 Jun 1941 until the end of April 1942.	1941/06/10-1942/04/30	340.ID 17844/4	2119	856
Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning transfer of the division staff from Ardres to Lillers on 10 May; entraining of the division on 12 May for movement to Volkovysk, Russia, via Luebeck, Hamburg, Neustrelitz, and Lyck; movement to Baranovichi, Slutsk, Rogachev, and Gomel on the Dnieper River; antipartisan operations and security duty in the Gomel area; and land march to Kursk via Nezhin, Baturin, and Glukhov, with the last of the division arriving in Kursk by 4 Jul 1942; and position warfare and defensive operations in the Malopokrovka, Oserki, Ivanovka, Icmovo, Spasskoye, and Dolgoye areas.	1942/05/10-1942/09/30	340.ID 23821/1	2119	884
Ia, Anlagenband 1 zum KTB 2. Army, corps, and division orders, reports, radio messages, maps, and sketches pertaining to transfer of the division from France to Russia; a loading invoice from Lille, 13 May; an order for unloading at Volkovysk, Russia, 17 May; maps of the Chernigov and Godel areas; and roadway sketches of the Volkovysk and Gomel areas.	1942/05/13-1942/07/17	340.ID 23821/2	2120	1
Ia, Anlagenband 2 zum KTB 2. Daily reports of subordinate units and from the division to AK 7, division orders, and radio messages concerning position warfare in the Gclosnovka, Malaya Vereyka, and Donskaya	1942/07/17-1942/08/05	340.ID 23821/3	2120	401

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areas northwest of Voronezh. An intelligence report for June 1942, including historical sketches of Nezhin and Glukhov; a report on a conversation with the Ukrainian rector of Glukhov on 19 Jun; and translations of Soviet propaganda leaflets.				
Ia, Anlagenband 3 zum KTB 2. Division orders, daily reports, and radio messages pertaining to combat activity in the Gomel and Rechitsa areas; strength and casualty reports; notes on and protocol of a commanders conference on 6 Aug 1942; OKW communiques; and an activity report of the intelligence branch, 1-31 Jul 1942, with interrogation summaries, reports by German war correspondents, and translations of Soviet military press releases.	1942/08/04-1942/08/24	340.ID 23821/4	2120	877
Ia, Ic, Anlagenband 4 zum KTB 2. Daily reports, orders, radio messages, maps, and charts pertaining to defensive operations and position defense in the Spasskoye area; strength and casualty reports; citations for bravery; reports on weapons strength; and infantry training course material for noncommissioned officers. An activity report of the intelligence branch for Aug 1942, with intelligence bulletins, interrogation summaries, copies of captured Russian sketches and maps of the sector, and a report on the hanging of two Russian civilians--a mother and son--in Bykova on 20 Aug, for thievery and damage to property in the village.	1942/08/24-1942/09/07	340.ID 23821/5	2121	1
Ia, Ic, Anlagenband 5 zum KTB 2. Daily reports, orders, radio messages, and charts pertaining to position warfare, defensive operations, training, and preparations for winter warfare in the Krasnaya Polyana, Novopavlovka, Ivanovka, and Spasskoye areas; strength and casualty reports; a register of officers; an activity report of the intelligence branch, 1-30 Sep 1942, with intelligence bulletins and interrogation summaries.	1942/09/01-1942/09/30	340.ID 23821/6	2121	378

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Ia, KTB 1 mit Gefechtsberichte. War journal of the 340. and 377.ID for the period 18 Feb-31 Mar 1943, and afteraction reports of the 340.ID, 1 Oct-31 Dec 1942, covering combat operations in the Ol'khevatka, Terbuny, Kastornoye, Yelets, Lyubimovka, Pogrebki, and Rylsk areas; notes on a commanders conference in Novoivanovka on 21 Feb 1943; issuance of guidelines for consolidation of the 340. and 377.ID; and map sketches showing the division sector.	1942/10/01-1943/03/31	340.ID 31979/1	2121	632
Ia, Anlagen zum KTF 1; Ic, IIa, TB. Orders, reports, messages, charts, and maps pertaining to breakthrough, withdrawal, and defensive operations in the area between Kursk and Rylsk suffering heavy losses, retreat to Novoivanovka and consolidation with the 377.ID, and operations against partisans and defensive operations in the Amon' and Krupets areas northwest of Rylsk, 18 Feb-28 Mar 1943; billeting surveys; strength and casualty reports; lists of officers duty assignments; and training directives. Activity reports of the intelligence branch, 1-31 Mar 1943, and the personnel branch, 1 Oct-31 Dec 1942, and 1-31 Mar 1943.	1942/10/01-1943/03/31	340.ID 31979/2	2121	658
Ia, Gefechtsberichte ueber die Rueckzugsschlacht von Kursk. Afteraction report of the 340.ID (written from memory), 29 Jan-23 Feb 1943, and cf Gren.Rgt. 695, 26 Jan-5 Mar 1943, a diary of Regiment Pagels (Gren.Rgt. 694 and 696) and a war journal of Art.Rgt. 340, 25 Jan-5 Mar 1943, covering defensive and withdrawal operations in the Orekhovo, Gerosimovo, Kus'kino, Soldatskoye, and Pavlovka areas, and including lists of casualties.	1943/01/25-1943/03/05	340.ID 33720/1	2121	775
Ia, KTB 2 der 340. und 377.ID. War journal concerning defensive operations in the Klenaya, Amcn', and Chubarovka areas and evacuation of the civilian population behind the main line of resistance.	1943/04/01-1943/06/30	340.ID 33720/2	2122	1

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Ia, KTB 3. War journal concerning defensive operations in the Krupets area, withdrawal across the Seym River near Putivl' on 2 Sep, and defensive and withdrawal operations in the Aleksandrovka, Konotop, Dymmer, and Rovy areas, with the division suffering very heavy losses (about 180 men per day).	1943/07/01-1943/10/31	340.ID 41087/1	2122	206
Ia, Anlagen zum KTF 3. Corps and division orders, reports of subordinate units and of the division to AK 13, situation maps, and messages pertaining to defensive and withdrawal operations in the Krupets and Makeyevka areas in July, the Akimovka and Studenok areas in August, the Seym River, Dymmer, and Konotop areas in September, and the Golinka, Priluki, Rudovka, and Rovy areas in October, with enemy breakthrough in the Yasnogorodka area on 2 Oct 1943. Included are training directives, order of battle of the supply troops of the 340.ID with subordinate elements of the 377. and 327.ID, 28 Sep, and a corps order to hold the line till the last man and the last cartridge, 29 Sep 1943.	1943/06/30-1943/10/31	340.ID 41087/2	2122	403
Ia, KTB 4. War journal concerning a major Russian offensive in the division sector beginning 3 Nov, and the division's retreat and defensive operations in the Dymmer, Krugi, and Yasnogorodka areas; evacuation of	1943/11/01-1943/12/31	340.ID 42414/1	2122	1345

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Zhitomir on 12 Nov; attempted counterattack on 25-26 Nov, with heavy losses; and defensive operations in the Troyanov, Veresy, and Men'kovka areas.				
Ia, Anlagen zum KTF 4. Corps and division orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to the division's retreat from the Yasnogorodka and Dymer areas west of the Dnieper River, the evacuation of Zhitomir, defensive operations in the Gorodishche, Baryshivka, Goroshino, Yanovka, and Gorbulev areas, and reorganization of the division in December 1943; reconnaissance reports; order-of-battle charts; strength reports; and reports on personnel matters. Activity report of the intelligence branch for Nov-Dec 1943, with a letter of transmittal dated 14 Jan 1944 and information that on 6 Jan 1944, the division staff was withdrawn and the fighting elements of the division assigned to the 2. SS Panzer-Division "Das Reich."	1943/11/01-1943/12/31	340.ID 42414/2	2122	1420