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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/03/00	Hanau, Wehrkreis IX	Activation of 251.ID (4.Welle) by conversion of 251.LdwD, formation, training	
1939/08/26	Hanau	Operational readiness	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Hans Kratzert, 1939/08/26-1941/08/06
1939/09/06	Monschau, Simmerath, Heimbach	Transfer, border security, training	
1940/05/10	Monschau, La Reid, Liege, Huy, Soree, Dinant	Invasion of Belgium, attack, advance	Subordinate to: AK 5, 1940/05/09-1940/05/22
1940/05/22	Givet, Fourmies, Marcoing, Arras, Lillers, Lille	Invasion of France, pursuit engagements	AK 1, 1940/05/23-1940/06/01
1940/06/02	Lens, Combles, Grandvilliers, Louviers, Gace, Argentan, Brest	Movement	AOK 18, 1940/06/02-1940/06/08 AK 10, 1940/06/08-1940/06/13 AK 28, 1940/06/13-1940/06/20
1940/07/05	Finistere Department (Landerneau, Quimper, Douarnenez, Morlaix, Le Faou)	Coastal defense, occupation and security duty, regrouping, training	AK 10, 1940/06/20-1940/06/30 AK 28, 1940/06/30-1941/04/08
1941/04/29	Graudenz (Grudziadz), Poland Allenstein (Olsztyn),	Transfer, movement, preparations for the invasion of Russia,	AK 25, 1941/04/09-1941/05/02 AK 28, 1941/05/03-1941/05/16 AK 23, 1941/05/16-1941/06/28
1941/06/04	Insterburg (Chernyakhovsk)	assembly	
1941/06/22	Neman River and Lithuania, Nevel, Novosokolniki,	Invasion of Russia, river crossing, battle, offensive engagements,	AK 50, 1941/06/28-1941/08/08
1941/08/22	Velikiye Luki, Toropets, Andreapol, Selizharovo, Volga	advance	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Karl Burdach, 1941/08/07-1943/03/09
1941/10/16	Volga River, Babino, Torzhok, Staritsa, Dmitriyeva, Salygino	Pursuit and defensive engagements, offensive engagements	Subordinate to: AK 23, 1941/08/08-1941/12/09
1941/12/14	Kalinin, Pushkino, Oshurkovo, Gorodishche, Zubtsov	Evacuation, disengagement movements	AK 27, 1941/12/10-1942/01/26 AK 6, 1942/01/27-1942/03/15 AK 46 Pz, 1942/03/15-1942/04/28
1942/01/27	Rzhev, Volga River sector, Bykovo, Bakhmutovo,	Battle, defensive operations, operations against partisans,	AK 27, 1942/04/28-1942/07/15 AK 6, 1942/07/15-1942/10/15
1942/07/01	Muzhishchevo	position defense	AK 27, 1942/10/15-1943/01/09

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1943/01/01	Trushkovo, Chertolino, Sychevka	Disengagement movements, defense	Gruppe Burdach, 1943/01/09-1943/01/19 AK 43, 1943/01/19-1943/01/23
1943/03/07	Smolensk, Pogar, Gremyach, Novgorod-Severski, Sevsk, Seredina-Buda, Kholmy	Movement, defensive and assault operations, disengagement movements	Gruppe Burdach, 1943/01/23-1943/02/06 AK 27, 1943/02/06-1943/03/06 HGr. Mitte, 1943/03/07-1943/03/10
1943/09/16	Kholmy, Lyubech	Reorganization as Kampfgruppe 251	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Maximilian Felzmann, 1943/03/10-1944/09/30
1943/10/21	Bragin	Withdrawal, defensive operations	Subordinate to: AK 20, 1943/03/11-1943/03/30
1943/11/03	Bragin	Disbandment of Kampfgruppe 251, reorganization as Div.Gr. 251	AK 47 Pz, 1943/03/30-1943/04/01 AK 20, 1943/04/01-1943/06/30
1943/11/04	Kotlovitsa, Beresnevka, Khoyniki, Yurevichi, Kalinovichi, Gorochichi, Bobrovichi, Lesets, Koreni	Movement, defensive operations, disengagement movements, defensive and offensive operations	Korps-Abt. E, 1943/11/04-1943/11/26 AK 56 Pz, 1943/11/27-1943/12/31
1943/12/31	Mozyr	Withdrawal, incorporation of Div.Gr. 251 into Korps-Abt. E	

Records of the 251.ID are reproduced on rolls 1727-1739 of 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 show:

1944/09/30	Warka, Poland	Redesignation as 251.ID, position defense	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Werner Heucke, 1944/10/01-1945/02/28
1945/01/15	Grojec, Sochaczew, Golub, Kulmsee (Chelmza), Kulm (Chelmno), Stargard, Karthaus (Kartuzy)	Disengagement movements	
1945/03/10	Schoeneck (Skarszewy)	Reorganization as Kampfgruppe 251	Obst. Ernst Mangold, mFb, 1945/02/28-1945/03/20
1945/03/11	Gotenhafen (Gdynia)	Withdrawal, defensive operations	
1945/03/21		Probably destroyed	

The Potsdam catalog, the general officer personnel files, records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H1/38 (T78, roll 398), and situation maps of Lage West were also used for the unit history.

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 251.ID as follows:

Russia, 1941: MS T-008, Part II, vol. 10 (Problems of supply in far-reaching operations, supply of the 251st Inf Div) by Gen.Maj. Alfred Toppe and others;

MS D-153, summer 1943 (The XX Corps in the defense of the area southwest of Orel) by Gen. Rudolf von Roman.

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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB. Orders and reports pertaining to preparations for the invasion of the Low Countries; offensive engagements during the western campaign; invasion of Belgium at Monschau; advance to La Reid, 10-14 May; attack on Liege, 15-17 May; advance through Belgium via Huy, Soree, and Dinant, 18-21 May, and into France near Givet and to Lille via Fourmies, Marcoing, Apras, Lillers, and Estree-Blanche, 22 May-1 Jun; and movement to Lens, Combles, Grandvilliers, Louviers, Gace, Argentan, and Domfront and to Brest, 30 Jun 1940 (damaged by fire).	1940/04/04-1940/06/30	251.ID 7315/2	1727	1
Ia, KTB. War journal concerning operations during the western campaign, including casualty reports (damaged by fire).	1940/05/15-1940/06/30	251.ID 7315/1	1727	134
Ia, KTB. War journal concerning movement from Argentan to Brest, 1-4 Jul 1940, coastal defense, security of rear areas, occupation duty, air raid protection, regrouping, and training in the Brest, Landerneau, Quimper, Douarnenez, and Morlaix areas. Register of officers.	1940/07/01-1940/12/31	251.ID 12436/1	1727	273
Ia, Anlage A zum KTB. Orders, directives, and maps pertaining to preparations for and movement from Argentan to Brest, coastal and rear area security, occupation duty, training, and release of units to form 11. Welle divisions. Order-of-battle charts.	1940/06/29-1940/11/03	251.ID 12436/2	1727	416
Ia, Anlage B zum KTB. Orders relating to movement from Argentan to Brest, securing and administration of the Finistere Department, regrouping, and training. Special supply directives.	1940/07/01-1940/12/17	251.ID 12436/3	1727	645
Ic, IB. Activity report concerning control of the French civilian population and troop indoctrination and entertainment. Notes on conferences between German Military Government and French civilian authorities regarding the administration of the Finistere Department.	1940/06/26-1940/12/31	251.ID 12436/5	1727	352

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Ia, KTB. War journal concerning coastal defense, air raid protection, regrouping, and training in the Brest, Le Faou, Douarnenez, Quimper, and Morlaix areas, relief by the 211.ID, and planned movement to Poland by 2 May 1941.	1941/01/01-1941/04/27	251.ID 12530/1	1728	1
Ia, Anlage A zum KTB. Orders relating to securing and administration of the entire Finistere Department by the division, defense against enemy landings, coastal defense, training, and the transfer of the division to Poland, beginning 2 May 1941. Maps showing the location of 251.ID units.	1941/01/01-1941/04/27	251.ID 12530/2	1728	31
Ia, Anlage B zum KTB. Orders and messages pertaining to securing the entire Finistere Department, defense against enemy landings, coastal defense, regrouping, and training. Maps showing the location of division units; and special directives concerning signal communications.	1941/01/01-1941/04/27	251.ID 12530/3	1728	122
Ic, TB. Activity report concerning the relief of the 5.PzD, 26 Jun 1940, and the 61.ID, 3 Feb 1941, and the subsequent securing of the entire Finistere Department by the division, enemy air operations, sabotage activity by the de Gaulle movement, control and morale of the civilian population, counterintelligence activity, and troop entertainment and indoctrination.	1941/01/01-1941/04/27	251.ID 12530/4	1728	258
Ia, KTB. Relief by the 211.ID and transfer from Brest, France, to Graudenz (Grudziadz), Poland, 29 Apr-14 May 1941, preparations for Operation Barbarossa (invasion of Russia) in the Graudenz and Allenstein (Olsztyn) areas, 15 May-3 Jun, assembly in the Insterburg (Chernyakhovsk) area, 4-21 Jun, crossing the Neman River and Lithuania via Vilkiya, Kedainiai, and Panevezys, advance to and battle for Nevel, 20-24 Jul, offensive engagements in the Novosokolniki area, 25 Jul-21 Aug, the battle for Velikiye Luki, 22-24 Aug, advance to the Volga River via Toropets, Andreapol, and	1941/04/28-1941/10/31	251.ID 14609/1	1728	276

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Ia, Anlage zum KTB, Studie "Barbarossa". Study, orders, and directives relating to preparations for Operation Barbarossa (invasion of Russia).	1941/05/24-1941/05/24	251.ID 14609/3	1729	1
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Ic, FB. Activity report concerning the transfer from Brittany to East Prussia, movement to and assembly in the Insterburg area, movement through Lithuania, advance into Russia via Nevel, Velikiye Luki, Toropets, Andreapol, and Selizharovo to east of the Volga River; enemy operations, losses, unit identification, and partisan activity; morale of the Lithuanian civilian population; interrogation summaries; and maps showing the location of enemy forces facing the division.	1941/05/01-1941/10/31	251.ID 14609/15	1730	426
Ia, KTB. War journal concerning defensive operations in the Babino and Torzhok areas east of the Volga River, 1 Nov-4 Dec 1941, movement to Dmitriyeva via Staritsa and offensive engagements in the Salyqino area, 5-10 Dec, evacuation of Kalinin and disengagement movements to and defense of the Coburg and Dresden lines in the Pushkino area, 14-22 Dec, the Giessen line in the Oshurkovo and Gorodishche areas, 23 Dec 1941-13 Jan 1942, the Hanau position in the Shakhovskaya area, 14-16 Jan, the Ilmen line in the Pogoreloye Gorodishche area, 17-22 Jan, and the Koenigsberg or "K" position in	1941/11/01-1942/01/26	251.ID 16282/1	1730	491

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Ia, Anlage B1 zum KTB. Orders and messages pertaining to defensive and offensive operations, road security and maintenance, antiaircraft and artillery activity, preparations for the thaw period, and training.	1942/01/27-1942/03/14	251.ID 22020/5	1733	1
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Ia, Anlage C2 zum KTB. Eingehende Meldungen, Befehle und Berichte der unterstellten Truppen.	1942/04/20-1942/06/30	251.ID 22020/9	1733	930
Ia, Anlage D zum KTB. Orders and messages pertaining to training and courses of instruction.	1942/03/07-1942/06/28	251.ID 22020/10	1734	1
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Ia, KTB. War journal concerning assault operations, position defense, operations against partisans, rail security, and training in the Volga River sector and in the Bakhmutovo, Muzhishchevo, and Trushkovo areas east of Olenino, preparations for and execution of Unternehmen Nordpol (feint attack in the Sychevka, Rzhev, and Olenino areas, 15-20 Nov 1942), formation of Gruppe Burdach, 9 Dec, consisting of the 14.ID (mot) and the 251.ID, to seal off Soviet penetration in the Rzhev area and to strengthen the defensive front. The 14.ID (mot) was released 26 Dec 1942.	1942/07/01-1942/12/31	251.ID 26778/1	1734	930
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Ia, Anlage A zum KTB. Corps orders and messages pertaining to defensive operations, antitank defense, operations against partisans, rail security, artillery activity, commitment of alert units, regrouping, training, and preparations for and execution of Unternehmen Nordpol.	1942/10/25-1942/11/29	251. ID 26778/4	1735	532
Ia, Anlage A zum KTB. Corps orders and messages pertaining to defensive operations, rail maintenance and security during winter, new combat method of Soviet tank units, assignment and supply of alert units, and training; and formation of Gruppe Burdach, 9 Dec, to seal off Soviet penetration in the Pzhev area and to strengthen the defensive front.	1942/11/29-1942/12/31	251. ID 26778/5	1735	754
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Ic, Anlage zum TB. Intelligence reports relating to German and enemy artillery activity, enemy air activity, and the formation of a German spy ring; interrogation summaries; special directives concerning the intelligence service; intelligence bulletins; overlays showing the location of enemy forces facing the division; a translation of a Stalin order, dated 10 Oct 1942, on a change in "Das System der Kriegskommissare."	1942/10/03-1942/12/29	251.ID 26778/17	1737	450
Ia, KTB. Defensive and assault operations; preparations for and execution of the Bueffelbewegung (disengagement movement in the Trushkovo and Chertolino areas east of Olenino and withdrawal to and defense of the area southwest of Sychevka, 1 Jan-6 Mar); re-formation of Gruppe Burdach, 9 Jan, consisting of the 87., 206., and 251.ID and the 9.PzD, and its disbandment on 6 Feb; movement to Seredina-Buda via major German offensive in the Kursk area in July 1943). A register of officers.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	251.ID 33449/1	1737	654
Ia, Anlage A1 zum KTB. Reports concerning operations against partisans, construction of winter positions, and artillery activity; training directives; maps showing the location of positions in the Pzhev and Olenino areas; and an afteraction critique, dated 15 Sep 1942, relating to the latest offensive engagements.	1942/09/15-1942/11/12	251.ID 33449/2	1737	824
Ia, Anlage A2 zum KTB. Reports, directives, and messages concerning preparations for, 1 Jan-24 Feb 1943, and execution of, 25 Feb-6 Mar, of the Bueffelbewegung (disengagement to and defense of the area southwest of Sychevka).	1943/01/01-1943/02/28	251.ID 33449/3	1737	890
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