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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/03/00	Duesseldorf, Wehrkreis VI	Activation of 253.ID (4.Welle) by conversion of 253.LdwD, formation, training	
1939/08/26	Duesseldorf	Operational readiness, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Fritz Kuehne, 1939/08/26-1941/03/14 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. VI, 1939/08/26-1939/09/01
1939/09/06	Erkelenz, Viersen, Duellen, Benrath, Hilden, Eschweiler, Stolberg, Aachen	Movement, border security, training	AK 5, 1939/09/02-1939/09/05 AK 27, 1939/09/05-1939/12/31 AK 26, 1940/01/01-1940/01/29 AK 16, 1940/01/29-1940/02/02
1940/05/10	Liege, Moresnet, Namur, Scheldt River, Tournai, Belgium	Advance, offensive engagements	AK 27, 1940/02/02-1940/05/25 AK 10, 1940/05/25-1940/05/26
1940/05/25	Lille, France	Attack, capture	AK 27, 1940/05/26-1940/06/02
1940/06/03	Charleroi, Belgium Rocroi, Noyon, France	Movement, security of rear area, advance	AK 11, 1940/06/02-1940/07/02
1940/06/12	Rethel, Chalons-sur-Marne, Avallon, Chatillon-sur-Seine	Withdrawal, advance, offensive engagements	
1940/07/01	Laon, Soissons, Vitry-le-Francois, Bar-sur-Aube, Mourmelon-le-Grand, Rethel, Suippes	Occupation duty, training	HGr. A, 1940/07/02-1940/07/15 AK 29, 1940/07/15-1941/03/07 AOK 9, 1941/03/07-1941/04/10 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Otto Schellert, 1941/03/15-1943/01/18
1941/04/14	Allenstein (Olsztyn), Poland	Transfer, training	Subordinate to: AK 10, 1941/04/10-1941/04/28 AK 28, 1941/04/28-1941/05/14
1941/06/20	Eydtkau (Chernysshevskoye)	Assembly	AK 10, 1941/05/14-1941/05/26 Unterabschnitt Ostpreussen I, 1941/05/26-1941/05/28
1941/06/22	Vistytis, Kaunas, Zamosh'ye Drissa, Polotsk, Idritsa, Russia	Invasion of Lithuania, advance, offensive operations	AK 23, 1941/05/28-1941/07/02 AOK 16, 1941/07/02-1941/07/04
1941/07/19	Ushcha River, Nevel, Novosokolniki, Velikiye Luki	Offensive operations, capture and securing	AK 50, 1941/07/04-1941/08/08
1941/08/28	Toropets, Lakes Otolovo and Luchanskoye, Selizharovo, Volga and Tikhvina Rivers	Advance, defensive operations	AK 23, 1941/08/08-1941/09/26 AK 2, 1941/09/26-1941/10/29 AK 23, 1941/10/29-1942/06/25
1941/12/16	Volga River, Molodoi Tud	Disengagement movements	AK 27, 1942/06/25-1942/07/15

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1942/01/24	Olenino, Mostovaya, Kholmets, Khmelevka	Defensive operations, position defense, security	AK 6, 1942/07/15-1942/07/31 AK 23, 1942/08/01-1943/03/12
1943/02/25	West of Olenino, Obscha and Belaya Rivers, Nikitinka	Bueffel Bewegung (disengagement movements)	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Carl Becker, 1943/01/18-1944/10/27 Obst. Joseph Rintelen, 1944/07/07-1944/07/31
1943/03/07	Vop River sector, Vopets and Tsarevich Rivers, Yartsevo	Movements, defensive operations	Subordinate to: AK 27, 1943/03/12-1943/03/16 AK 23, 1943/03/16-1943/03/21 AK 27, 1943/03/21-1943/04/10 AK 39 Pz, 1943/04/10-1943/06/30

Records of the 253.ID are reproduced on rolls 1754-1760 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, records of OKH/AHA, H37/85 (MR 1303), the general officer personnel files, and situation maps of Lage Ost show:

1943/08/09	Bryansk	Withdrawal, defensive operations, redesignation as Kpf.Gr. 253	
1943/08/15	Bryansk	Reorganization as 253.ID	
1943/09/17	Gorodets, Pochep, Unecha, Klinty, Peretin, Vetka	Disengagement movements	
1943/10/04	Pykhan, Chechersk, Tursk, Zhlobin	Defensive operations	
1943/12/20	Shatilki, Parichi	Position defense	
1944/04/01	Kovel, Lyuboml, Olesk	Transfer, movement, position defense	
1944/07/19	Chelm, Krasnik, Poland	Withdrawal, redesignation as Kpf.Gr. 253	
1944/08/09	Solec, Ostrowiec	Defensive operations, reorganization as 253.ID	
1944/09/30	Kielce, Grybow, Dukla, Krepna	Defensive operations, position defense	
1944/10/18	Dukla	Redesignation as Kpf.Gr. 253	
1944/11/01	Dukla	Reorganization as 253.ID	
1944/12/20	Nizna Polianka, Janske Lazne, Czechoslovakia	Transfer, defensive operations	C.O.: Obst. Emanuel von Kiliani, mstFb, 1944/12/08-1944/12/31
1945/01/15	Bardejov, Spisska Stara Ves, Bialka, Polhora	Redesignation as Div.Gr. 253, disengagement movements	
1945/01/30	Polhora	Reorganization as 253.ID	
1945/02/11	Skotschau (Skoczow), Zywiec, Poland, Karvina, Darkov, Czechoslovakia	Movement, defensive operations	
1945/04/05	Mosty	Movement, 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 253.ID as follows:

Rzhev area, 1941-42: MS D-078 (Winter fighting of the 253d Infantry Division in the Rzhev area in 1941-42), by Gen.Lt. Otto Schellert
Moravsk-Ostrava area, Czechoslovakia, Feb 1945: MS P-149/48 (Nachtangriff mit einer geschwaechten, ungeuebten Truppe, Gren.Rgt. 453 am Knaierwald), by Obstlt. Wilhelm Viehmann.

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Ia, KTB, Teil 1 (Bruchstueck). War journal concerning movement to and quartering, border security, regrouping, and training in the Erkelenz, Geilenkirchen, Duellen, and Amern areas (damaged by fire).	1939/09/06-1939/10/29	253.ID W6854/1a	1754	1
Ia, KTB, Teil 2. War journal concerning movements from the Erkelenz area to the Benrath, Hilden, and Duesseldorf areas, 28-29 Dec 1939, and to the Aachen, Eschweiler, and Stolberg areas, 2-4 Feb 1940; advance into and offensive engagements in Belgium from Liege to Tournai, 10-24 May; attack and capture of Lille, France, 25-28 May; movement to the Charleroi area, Belgium, 3-8 Jun; advance to Noyon, France; withdrawal to Rethel, advance southward to the Avallon and Chatillon-sur-Seine areas via Chalons-sur-Marne and Troyes, 9-30 Jun, and movement to and occupation duty in Laon, Rheims, Rethel, Vitry-le-Francois, Bar-sur-Aube, and Mourmelon-le-Grand to relieve the 78.ID, 1-18 Jul; and administration and security of the Marne Department, 19 Jul-29 Sep 1940.	1939/11/09-1940/09/29	253.ID W6854/1b	1754	33
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 1. Orders, directives, and maps pertaining to movement from Duesseldorf to Erkelenz, Viersen, and Duellen, border security, battle conduct, construction of positions, regrouping, and training; an order-of-battle chart; notes on command conferences; special directives concerning air reconnaissance and signal communications; and an enemy leaflet regarding investments abroad made by Nazi leaders.	1939/08/29-1939/12/13	253.ID W6854/2	1754	132
Ia, Anlagenband I zum KTB 2. Orders, messages, and maps pertaining to movement from Duesseldorf to the Aachen, Stolberg, and Eschweiler areas, 2-4 Feb; training and alert exercises; assembly along and crossing the Belgian border near Moresnet, 7-10 May; advance to and capture of Liege, 11-14 May, Namur, 15-16 May, Tournai (by crossing the Scheldt River),	1940/01/01-1940/05/31	253.ID W6854/3	1754	459

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17-24 May, and Lille, France, 25-28 May; and the control of prisoners of war in the Lille area.				
Ia, Anlagenband II zum KTB 2. Orders and messages concerning movements and operations of the division and reports on the general military situation.	1940/06/15-1940/06/23	253.ID W6854/4	1755	1
Ia, Anlagenband III zum KTB 2. Orders relating to training, regrouping, and the release of recruits and maps showing the location of division quarters in the Chilons-sur-Marne, Vitry-le-Francois, and Mourmelon-le-Grand areas.	1940/09/16-1940/10/14	253.ID W6854/5	1755	100
Ia, Anlagenband IV zum KTB 2. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to movement from Lille, France, to Charleroi, Belgium, for security duty; advance to Noyon, France, via Rocroi; withdrawal to Rethel; movement southward and offensive engagements to the Avallon and Chatillon-sur-Seine areas via Chalons-sur-Marne, Troyes, and Vendeuvre-sur-Barse, to the Laon, Soissons, Chateau-Thierry, Rheims, Rethel, Vitry-le-Francois, Mussy-sur-Seine, Bar-sur-Aube, Soullaines-Dhuys, and Mourmelon-le-Grand areas; relief of the 78.ID, 7-18 Jul; administration and security of the Marne Department; air raid protection; and control and employment of refugees and prisoners of war. Order-of-battle charts and notes on command inspections.	1940/06/03-1940/08/22	253.ID W6854/6	1755	170
Ic, IB. Activity report concerning operational readiness of the division in Duesseldorf, 26 Aug 1939, movement to the Dutch border in September, reconnaissance results regarding border fortifications, movement to the Duesseldorf area for training, 28 Dec, and later to the Aachen area for border security, taking prisoners of war in Belgium in April, offensive engagements in the Liege, Namur, and Tournai areas of Belgium, and the attack on and capture of Lille, France.	1939/08/26-1940/05/31	253.ID W6854/7	1755	314

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Ia, KTB 2 mit Anlagen. War journal and orders concerning occupation duty, regrouping, and training in the Chalons-sur-Marne, Mourmelon-le-Grand, Mailly-le-Camp, Suippes, Vitry-le-Francois, Rethel, and Sainte-Menehould areas, 1 Nov 1940-9 Apr 1941, guarding the "Nordost Linie" by division elements to control the movement of refugees in the Sainte-Menehould and Evergnicourt areas, 11 Jan-15 Mar 1941, the planned movement of the division to the east, and the departure of the advance party from Chalons-sur-Marne, France, for Allenstein (Olsztyn), Poland, 10-12 Apr 1941.	1940/11/01-1941/04/13	253.ID 10673/1	1755	323
Ic, TB. Activity report concerning movement southward to Cote-d'Or completed by the time of the armistice and northward to the Marne Department to relieve the 78.ID, control of refugee movement through the "Nordost Linie," employment and control of prisoners of war, counterintelligence activity, and troop entertainment. A map showing the location of the "Nordost Linie."	1940/06/24-1941/04/12	253.ID 10673/2	1755	528
Ia, KTB 3. Transfer from France to Allenstein (Olsztyn), Poland, 14-23 Apr; quartering and training, 24 Apr-19 Jun; assembly in the Eydtkau (Chernyshevskoye) area, 20 Jun; invasion of Lithuania and advance to Drissa in Russia, 22 Jun-12 Jul; road and rail security in the Polotsk area, 13-18 Jul; advance to and capture of Novosokolniki, 19-25 Jul; attack, capture, and securing of Velikiye Luki, 26 Jul-27 Aug, and Toropets, 28 Aug-3 Sep; defense of the lake area north of the Andreapol, Peno, and Selizharovo line, 4 Sep-5 Nov; attack on and capture of Selizharovo, 6-8 Nov; and the defense of the Tikhvina, Selizharovka, and Volga Rivers sectors, 9 Nov-3 Dec 1941. A register of officers and a casualty report. An activity report of the personnel branch, 11 Apr-2 Dec 1941.	1941/04/14-1941/12/03	253.ID 22495/1	1755	540
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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 3. Orders, messages, and maps pertaining to the crossing of the Lithuanian border in the Vistytis and Kybartai areas and advance, mopping-up action, and offensive engagements in the Marijampole, Kaunas, Kaisiadorys, Paberze, Moletai, Koltyniany, and Zamosh'ye areas of Lithuania and in the Vidzy area of Russia. Reports on enemy operations and losses.	1941/06/22-1941/07/07	253.ID 22495/3	1755	1108
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 3. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to the advance from Perebrod'ye across the Dvina River to Drissa, 8-12 Jul, securing the road to Polotsk and the railroad line Polotsk-Idritsa, 13-18 Jul, battle across the Ushcha River in the Turki-Perevoz area, advance to Nevel, and attack and capture of Novosokolniki, 22-25 Jul, and Velikiye Luki, 26 Jul-2 Aug 1941. Afteraction reports concerning the battle in the Ushcha River sector, 21 Jul, and for Velikiye Luki, 27 Jul-2 Aug. Reports on enemy operations and losses.	1941/07/08-1941/08/02	253.ID 22495/4	1756	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 3. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to the attack on Velikiye Luki, crossing the Lovat River, 3-11 Aug, the containment and encirclement of enemy forces in Velikiye Luki, operations against partisans in the area between Novosokolniki and	1941/08/03-1941/09/03	253.ID 22495/5	1756	229

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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 3. Orders, messages, and maps pertaining to defensive operations and the advance from Toropets to the Lakes Otolovo and Luchanskoye areas via Lakes Lobno and Boyno, Dubno, Dudino, Lakes Okhvat and Zabolot'ye, and Novaya Perevoloka; orders regarding increase of infantry mobility and the combat strength of companies; and reports on enemy operations and losses.	1941/09/03-1941/10/11	253.ID 22495/6	1756	440
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 3. Orders, messages, and maps pertaining to movement to and defensive engagements in the Lakes Vselug and Glubokoye areas, 12-17 Oct, crossing of the Volga River near Selizharovo, 18-24 Oct, defensive operations in the Lake Volgo area, 25 Oct-5 Nov, and the attack on Selizharovo, 6-8 Nov 1941. Reports on enemy operations and losses.	1941/10/12-1941/11/08	253.ID 22495/7	1756	639
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 3. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to the defense of the southern shore of Lake Volgo and the Tikhvina, Selizharovka, and Volga Rivers sectors in the Selizharovo area; a report on the division's accomplishments, 22 Jun-25 Nov 1941; an afteraction report concerning the attack on Selizharovo, 6-8 Nov 1941; and reports on enemy operations and losses.	1941/11/02-1941/12/02	253.ID 22495/8	1756	795
Ia, KTB 4. War journal concerning defensive operations in the area southeast of Lake Volgo and east of the Volga River and Selizharovo, 3-15 Dec; disengagement to and defense of the area south of Lake Volgo, Selizharovo, and beyond the Volga River, 16 Dec 1941-12 Jan 1942, and to the Molodoi Tud position, 13-23 Jan; and movement to and defensive operations north and south of the Olenino-Mostovaya railroad line, 24 Jan-13 Apr 1942.	1941/12/04-1942/04/13	253.ID 27625/1	1756	912

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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 4. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to preparations for and disengagement movement to the Molodoi Tud position, 13-23 Jan, and defense of the Mostovaya area north of the Olenino-Nelidovo railroad line, 24-31 Jan; reports regarding enemy operations, losses, and unit identification; and strength reports.	1942/01/13-1942/01/30	253.ID 27625/3	1757	236
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 4. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to movement to, defensive engagements, and operations against partisans in the Spas Bereza and Glukhovo areas southwest of Olenino, 1-21 Feb, and movement to and defensive operations in the Mostovaya area northwest of Olenino, 22 Feb-3 Mar 1942; strength reports; afteraction reports on the battles around Karpovo, 16-24 Feb, and defense against Russian tank attacks on Karpovo, 3 Mar 1942; and reports on enemy operations, losses, and unit identification.	1942/02/01-1942/03/03	253.ID 27625/4	1757	523
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 4. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to defensive operations in the area north and south of the Mostovaya-Olenino railroad line and artillery activity; order-of-battle charts; and strength and status reports.	1942/03/04-1942/04/13	253.ID 27625/5	1757	652
Ic, IB mit Anlagen. Activity report concerning enemy operations and unit identification, control of the civilian population, counterintelligence, and troop	1941/12/03-1942/04/13	253.ID 27625/6	1757	837

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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault operations in the Lipovka, Kholmets, Khmelevka, Trebeski, and Tudovka River areas north and northwest of Olenino and reorganization of the 253.ID, 24-31 May; order-of-battle charts; strength and status reports; maps showing the tactical disposition of enemy forces facing the division; and an intelligence bulletin.	1942/04/13-1942/06/30	253.ID 30512/2	1758	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault operations in the area north and northwest of Olenino and the administration and control of the division's rear area north of the Obsha River; strength and status reports; training directives; and reports on enemy operations.	1942/07/01-1942/07/31	253.ID 30512/3	1758	193
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault operations, battle conduct, the formation of reconnaissance units, and the decision to employ strong points instead of defensive positions in the area north and northwest of Olenino and security of the divisions rear area north of the Obsha River. Strength and status reports, an intelligence bulletin, and reports regarding enemy operations and unit identification and strength.	1942/08/01-1942/08/31	253.ID 30512/4	1758	374
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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault operations in the area north and northwest of Olenino and preparations for Unternehmen Nordpol. Order-of-battle charts, strength and status reports, afteraction report and critique with maps concerning the assignment of IR 473 to the area north of Rzhev, 12 Sep-23 Oct 1942, and reports on enemy operations.	1942/10/01-1942/10/31	253.ID 30512/6	1758	754
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault operations, artillery activity, road maintenance, and execution of Unternehmen Nordpol in the area north and northwest of Olenino. Order-of-battle charts; status, strength, and casualty reports; afteraction reports concerning enemy penetration and the division's sealing-off action in the Paniklya River sector, 25-27 Nov; and reports on enemy operations and unit identification.	1942/11/01-1942/11/30	253.ID 30512/7	1759	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault operations, construction of winter positions, and regrouping in the area north and northwest of Olenino. Order-of-battle chart, strength and status reports, an afteraction critique relating to the defensive battle, 25 Nov-9 Dec 1942, and reports regarding enemy operations and unit identification.	1942/12/01-1942/12/31	253.ID 30512/8	1759	253
Ia, KTB der beweglichen Gruppe Schmidt. War journal concerning formation of Bewegliche Gruppe Schmidt, consisting of bicycle companies, 16 May-17 Jun 1941, assembly in the Goldap area, 18-20 Jun, invasion of Lithuania near Virbalis, offensive engagements in	1941/05/16-1941/07/02	253.ID 36940	1759	438

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Ia, KTB 6. War journal concerning defensive and assault operations in the area north and northwest of Olenino, 1 Jan-24 Feb, the Bueffelbewegung (disengagement movements to the Belaya River sector north of Nikitinka, 25 Feb-6 Mar), construction of Bueffelstellungen, disengagement to northeast of Yartsevo in the Vop River sector, 7-31 Mar, construction and defense of Barbarossastellungen, defensive operations in the Vop River sector (west of the Vopets River and east of the Tsarevich River), rehabilitation, and planned withdrawal to west of the Vop River, 9 Jul. An activity report of the personnel branch, 1 Jan-30 Jun 1943, and a register of officers.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	253.ID 38874/1	1759	511
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 6. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault operations, road maintenance, construction of rear positions, operations against partisans, formation of alert units, and training in the area north and northwest of Olenino. Strength and status reports, combat directives, a map showing the location of enemy units facing the 253.ID, 6 Jan 1943, intelligence bulletins, and reports on enemy operations.	1943/01/01-1943/01/31	253.ID 38874/2	1759	738
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 6. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to defensive operations and regrouping in the area north and northwest of Olenino, preparations and a map exercise for the Bueffelbewegung (disengagement movement to the Obscha River sector, 14-20 Feb); special directives concerning signal communications, road construction, traffic control, and the assignment of engineers; and reports on enemy operations.	1943/02/01-1943/02/20	253.ID 38874/3	1759	916

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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 6. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to assembly in the Kholm area and disengagement movement to Panfilovo via Igoryevskaya, Noviki, Dronovka, and Timoshino and at the same time assembly in the Markino area and disengagement movement to Ozerishche via Krutitsy, Kurbatovo, Yerski, and Shamova, 8-17 Mar, and construction and defense of the Bueffelstellung in the area north of Yartsevo, 18-23 Mar; and status reports.	1943/03/07-1943/03/23	253.ID 38874/5	1760	130
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 6. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to the construction and defense of the Bueffelstellung in the Vop River sector northeast of Yartsevo, 24-31 Mar, and the Barbarossastellung east of the Vop River in the Machul'niki and Vyshegor areas, 2-22 Apr, and training, regrouping, and reorganization of the division. Order-of-battle charts, strength and status reports, an afteraction report concerning assault operations of Gren.Rgt. 473 in the Kovshiki area, 4 Apr, a map showing the location of enemy units facing the 253.ID, an intelligence bulletin, and reports on enemy operations and unit identification.	1943/03/24-1943/04/22	253.ID 38874/6	1760	372
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 6. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to defensive operations and training in the Vop River sector northeast of Yartsevo, relief of the 129.ID (which increased the division sector to include the area to Lukshina west of the Vopets River), defense of the enlarged area, 25 Apr-31 May, and the relief of the division by the 36.ID for rehabilitation	1943/04/23-1943/06/03	253.ID 38874/7	1760	579

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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 6. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to defensive operations, offensive engagements, regrouping, and training east of the Tsarevich River and along the Vop River in the Prisel'ye, Novosel'ye, and Ozerishche areas and planned withdrawal from the front to west of the Vop River, 9 Jul; and reports concerning enemy assault operations.	1943/06/04-1943/06/30	253.ID 38874/8	1750	832