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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/03/00	Chemnitz, Wehrkreis IV	Activation of 256.ID (4.Welle) by conversion of 256.LdwD, formation, training	
1939/08/21	Chemnitz, Weiden, Wehrkreis XIII	Operational readiness, training	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Josef Folttmann, 1939/08/26-1940/01/10 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. IV, 1939/08/21-1939/09/03
1939/09/04	Pardubice, Caslav, Havlickuv Brod, Kolin, Prelouc, Czechoslovakia	Transfer, security, training	Wehrm.Bev. in Boehmen u. Maehren, 1939/09/04-1939/11/03
1939/11/04	Soest, Bueren, Lippstadt, Geseke, Westphalia	Movement, training	Wehrkr.Kdo. VI Muenster zV OKH, 1939/11/04-1940/02/12
1940/02/14	Goch, Wesel	Preparations for the invasion of the Netherlands	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Gerhard Kauffmann, 1940/01/10-1942/01/03 Subordinate to: AK 26, 1940/02/13-1940/06/03
1940/05/10	Meuse River, Gennep, Veghel, Tilburg, Netherlands, Meerle, Antwerp, Merksem, Ghent, Belgium	Invasion, advance, attack	
1940/05/29	Bruges, Ostend, Dunkirk, France	Advance, occupation, attack by division elements	
1940/06/05	Menin, Tournai, Mons, Belgium, Valenciennes, Le Cateau, Saint-Quentin, Compiegne, Beauvais, Alencon, Mayenne, Rennes, France	Advance	AK 9, 1940/06/03-1940/06/07 AK 28, 1940/06/07-1940/06/23 AK 10, 1940/06/23-1940/07/02
1940/07/03	Saint-Malo, Avranches, Dinan, Vitre, Fougères, Combourg	Coastal defense, occupation duty, regrouping	AK 28, 1940/07/02-1940/07/22 AK 9, 1940/07/22-1940/09/05 AK 2, 1940/09/06-1941/03/01
1941/03/07	Deutsch Eylau (Ilawa), Poland, Przasnysz, Ortelsburg, Wielbark	Transfer, border security, training	AK 28, 1941/03/01-1941/03/11 AK 10, 1941/03/11-1941/04/01 AK 6, 1941/04/01-1941/04/20
1941/06/10	Biala Piska	Assembly	AK 5 and AK 20, 1941/04/20-1941/07/20 AOK 9, 1941/07/20-1941/08/09
1941/06/22	Grodno, Mosty, Polotsk, Vitebsk, Nevel, Velikiye Luki, Olenino, Staritsa, Rzhev, Zubtsov	Invasion of Russia, offensive engagements, operations against partisans	AK 40, 1941/08/09-1941/08/28 AK 62, 1941/08/29-1941/08/31 AK 40, 1941/09/01-1941/09/10 AK 23, 1941/09/11-1942/01/03

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1941/12/22	Burukovo, Zybino, Sychevka, Karmanovo	Disengagement, defensive and assault operations, counterattacks	
1942/04/01	Rzhev	Position defense, assault and reconnaissance operations	C.O.: Obst. Friedrich Weber, mFb, 1942/01/03-1942/02/14 Gen.Lt. Paul Danhauser, 1942/02/14-1943/11/24 Subordinate to: AK 6, 1942/01/04-1942/08/16 AK 27, 1942/08/17-1942/12/16
1943/01/01	Volga-Locha River sector, Rzhev, Vladimirskeye, Nikitinka	Defensive and assault operations	Gruppe Mueller-Gebhard, 1942/12/17-1942/12/23 AK 27, 1942/12/24-1943/01/25 AK 41 Pz, 1943/01/26-1943/03/21
1943/02/10	Yesennaya, Pochinok, Krivets, Dukhovshchina, Rudnya, Liozno, Babinovichi, Vysochany, Dobromysl, Lyubavichi, Vitebsk	Disengagement, construction and defense of positions, defensive and assault operations, operations against partisans	AK 6, 1943/03/22-1943/03/31 AK 27, 1943/04/01-1943/09/26 AK 6, 1943/09/27-1943/10/10 AK 53, 1943/10/11-1943/10/14 AK 6, 1943/11/15-1943/12/31 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Albrecht Wuestenhagen, 1943/11/25-1944/07 (missing in action)

Records of the 256.ID are reproduced on rolls 1795-1801 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, records of OKH/AHA/Abwicklungsstab, H 41/9 (T78, roll 139) and OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398c pp. 34,138, and 169), and the general officer personnel files show:

1944/06/26	Smolyany, Tolochin	Assembly, encirclement of div. elements	
1944/07/09	Borisov, Molodechno, Vilna, Kaunas, Virbalis, Lithuania	Breakthrough, movement, assembly	
1944/07/21	Borisov	Incorporation of remnants into Korpsabt. H	
1944/09/01	Koenigsbrueck, Wehrkreis IV	Redesignation of 568.VGrD as 256.VGrD	Gen.Maj. Gerhard Franz, 1944/09/01-1945/04/08
1944/09/14	Kamenz, Wehrkreis IV	Transfer of remnants and incorporation into the 256.VGrD	
1944/09/28	Groningen, Netherlands	Transfer, formation, operational readiness	
1944/10/11	Tilburg, Meuse River	Offensive and defensive operations	

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1944/11/25	Haguenau, Mertzwiller, France	Movement, offensive and defensive operations	AK 89
1944/12/12	Woerth, Wissembourg, Kandel	Disengagement, withdrawal to defend the Westwall	
1944/12/28	Hinterweidenthal	Assembly	
1945/01/01	Dambach-la-Ville, Niederbronn-les-Bains, Baerenthal, Philippsburg, Lichtenberg	Unternehmen Nordwind (offensive operations in Alsace)	
1945/02/02	Pirmasens, Trier, Zerf, Baumholder, Kaiserslautern, Speyer, Germany	Withdrawal, defensive operations, counterattacks	
1945/03/20	Bruchsal	Assembly of div. remnants and incorporation into other divisions, Div.Stab re-formed as Stab Franz	
1945/03/23	Bruchsal	Disbandment	

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 256.ID as follows:

Franconia, 23 Mar-8 Apr 1945: MS B-625 ("Engagements fought by Gruppe Franz (formerly 256.VGrD) while retiring from the River Main to the Saale"), by Obstlt. Bernhard Koegel;

Holland, May 1940: MS P-149/75 ("Durchbruch des Inf.Rgt. 481 (256.ID) durch eine Bunkerlinie zum Maasuebergang"), by Gen.Lt. Friedrich Weber;

Lower Alsace: MS C-003 ("Defensive combat of the LXXXIX Inf Corps in Lower Alsace and in the Westwall from 6 to 31 Dec 1944"), by Obstlt. Kurt Reschke;

Operation Nordwind: MS B-537 ("Offensive operations of the 256th Volks Grenadier Division in northern Alsace during January 1945"), by Obstlt. Bernhard Koegel;

Rhineland, Nov 1944-8 Apr 1945: MS B-089 ("Combat on both banks of the Rhine"), by Gen.Maj. Gerhard Franz.

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Ia, KTB 1 mit Anlagen. War journal including orders, directives, and reports pertaining to formation and operational readiness of the division in Chemnitz, Wehrkreis IV, and Weiden, Wehrkreis XIII, 21 Aug-3 Sep 1939; transfer to the Protectorate of Bohemia-Moravia for training and security activity in the Pardubice, Caslav, Havlickuv Brod, Kolin, and Prelouc areas, 4 Sep-3 Nov; and movement to and training in the Soest, Bueren, Lippstadt, and Geseke areas, Westphalia, 4 Nov-31 Dec 1939. Order-of-battle charts, entraining and detraining tables, and weekly intelligence reports.	1939/08/21-1939/12/31	256.ID W5643a	1795	1
Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning training in the Soest and Lippstadt areas, 5 Jan-13 Feb, movement to the Goch and Wesel areas, 14-23 Feb, in preparations for the invasion of the Netherlands, 24 Feb-7 May 1940.	1940/01/01-1940/05/09	256.ID W5643b	1795	211
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 2. Orders, directives, and reports pertaining to training; release of personnel to the replacement army; preparations for the western campaign in the Soest, Ruethen, and Lippstadt areas, 5 Jan-13 Feb, and in the Xanten, Weeze, Goch, and Wesel areas, 24 Feb-7 May; and the planned movement to the Dutch border. Order-of-battle charts.	1940/01/05-1940/05/07	256.ID W5643c	1795	258
Ia, KTB 3. Invasion of the Netherlands via the Meuse River; attack through the Peel line in the Gennep area; advance to Tilburg, 10-13 May; movement into Belgium near Meerle, attack on and capture of Antwerp, crossing the Scheldt River at Merksem, and advance to the Ghent area, 14-27 May; capitulation of the Belgian Armed Forces, 28 May; advance to and occupation of Ostend, 29 May-4 Jun; participation of division elements in the attack on Dunkirk, 3-4 Jun; advance to Mons, 5-8 Jun; movement into France at Valenciennes and advance to Rennes via Le Cateau, Saint-Quentin, Compiegne, Beauvais, Evreux, Dreux, Alencon, and Mayenne, 9 Jun-2 Jul; and movement to, coastal defense,	1940/05/09-1940/10/31	256.ID W5643d	1795	346

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occupation duty, training, and regrouping in the Saint-Malo, Avranches, Pontorson, Dinan, Vitre, Fougères, Combourg, and Rennes areas, 3 Jul-31 Oct 1940. Casualty reports.				
Ia, Anlagenband A1 zum KTB 3. Orders relating to preparations for the western campaign.	1940/03/01-1940/05/06	256.ID W5643e	1795	483
Ia, Anlagenband A2 zum KTB 3. Orders and messages pertaining to the invasion of the Netherlands in the Gennep area, advance to Tilburg via Veghel, movement into Belgium, attack on and capture of Antwerp, crossing the Scheldt River and the Ghent-Terneuzen, Lys, and Bruges-Ghent Canals, and advance to Ostend via Nieuport and Oudenburg. Order-of-battle charts. Damaged by fire.	1940/05/10-1940/05/31	256.ID W5643f	1795	604
Ia, Anlagenband A3 zum KTB 3. Orders and messages pertaining to the occupation of Ostend and advance to Mons via Menin and Tournai in Belgium; participation of division elements in the attack on Dunkirk; movement into France at Valenciennes; advance to and offensive engagements in Le Cateau, Saint-Quentin, Compiègne, Beauvais, Evreux, Dreux, Alençon, Mayenne, and Rennes; and quartering, coastal defense, security of rear areas, regrouping, and training in the Saint-Malo, Avranches, Dinan, Vitre, Fougères, Combourg, and Rennes areas. Order-of-battle charts, a casualty report, and special directives concerning training and employment of artillery and engineers.	1940/06/01-1940/09/30	256.ID W5643g	1795	852
Ia/Mess., Ic, IIa, TB als Anlagenband C zum KTB 3. Activity report of the intelligence branch, 1 May-11 Jun, concerning enemy operations and losses; activity report of the map and survey officer, 10 May-1 Aug; and a report pertaining to personnel matters. Damaged by fire.	1940/05/01-1940/08/12	256.ID W5643i	1795	1015
Ia, Anlagenband D zum KTB 3, Erfahrungsberichte. Afteraction reports and critiques relating to combat	1940/05/10-1940/09/07	256.ID W5643k	1795	1027

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action of the division's subordinate units during the western campaign.				
Ia, Anlagenband E zum KTB 3. Register of officers, casualty and strength reports, order-of-battle charts, and tables showing ammunition expended. Damaged by fire.	1940/05/09-1940/10/31	256.ID W5643L	1796	1
Ia, KTB 5. War journal concerning disengagement to, defensive and assault operations in, and counterattacks to seal off Russian penetration in the Rzhev, Burukovo, and Zybino areas, 22 Dec 1941-31 Jan 1942, the Sychevka and Karmanovo areas, 1 Feb-3 Mar, and the Rzhev area, 4-31 Mar 1942; and rehabilitation and reorganization of the division and the Ostheer, 12-24 Mar 1942. Order-of-battle charts and status reports. (See record item 22306/1 for KTB 4.)	1941/12/22-1942/03/31	256.ID 19982/1	1796	57
Ia, Anlagenband A I zum KTB 5. Orders, reports, and messages pertaining to defensive operations and counterattacks to seal off Russian penetration in the Rzhev, Burukovo, and Zybino areas and to enemy operations and unit identification and strength; a status report; afteraction reports of the division medical officer, 4 Jan-3 Feb 1942, and veterinary officer, 24 Dec 1941-15 Jan 1942; and an intelligence bulletin.	1942/01/02-1942/01/31	256.ID 19982/2	1796	262
Ia, Anlagenband A II zum KTB 5. Orders, reports, messages, and a map pertaining to defensive operations and counterattacks to seal off enemy penetration in the Sychevka and Karmanovo areas, movement to the Rzhev area and the exchange of division sectors with the 26.ID, 4-10 Mar, artillery activity, and enemy operations.	1942/02/01-1942/03/08	256.ID 19982/3	1796	509
Ia, Anlagenband A III zum KTB 5. Orders, reports, and messages pertaining to rehabilitation and reorganization of the division and the Ostheer, defensive and assault operations, construction of	1942/03/12-1942/03/31	256.ID 19982/4	1796	767

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positions, formation and organization of winter mobile units in the Rzhev area, and an attack to gain ground north of the Volga River, 26 Mar 1942; a status report; and order-of-battle charts.				
Ia, Anlagenband C zum KTB 5. Register of officers, order-of-battle charts, and casualty and strength reports.	1941/11/20-1942/03/28	256.ID 19982/6	1796	890
Ia, Erfahrungsberichte; Ic, TB als Anlagenband D zum KTB 5. Activity report concerning enemy operations, losses, unit identification, and propaganda, and control of the civilian population, counterintelligence, German propaganda, and troop entertainment; interrogation summaries; and afteraction reports and a critique relating to combat action of Inf.Rgt. 467 and Pz.Jaeger-Abt. 561 on the eastern front, and the effectiveness of weapons.	1941/12/22-1942/04/15	256.ID 19982/7	1796	946
Ia, KTB 4. Shiploading exercises, coastal defense, and occupation duty in the Saint-Malo, Rennes, and Combourg areas, 1 Nov 1940-6 Mar 1941; release of cadre personnel for the formation of the 336.ID; transfer of Inf.Rgt. 476 to Paris as a guard regiment; relief by the 212.ID; transfer of the division to Deutsch Eylau (Ilawa), Poland, 7-18 Mar; border security, defense of the Narew-Pisa line, and preparations for Achtung Berta (defense in case of a Russian attack) in the Przasnysz, Ortelsburg, and Wielbark areas; assembly in Biala Piska; and invasion, advance, operations against partisans, and defensive and offensive operations in the Grodno, Mosty, Lida, Polotsk, Vitebsk, Nevel, Velikiye Luki, Toropets, Zapadnaya Dvina, Nelidovo, Olenino, Staritsa, Rzhev, and Zubtsov areas. (KTB 4 and Anlagen were lost in combat at Rzhev and later reconstructed from various sources.)	1940/11/01-1941/12/21	256.ID 22306/1	1796	1045
Ia, Anlagenband A zum KTB 4. Orders and maps pertaining to assembly in the Biala Piska area in	1941/06/07-1941/12/21	256.ID 22306/2	1797	1

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preparation for the invasion of Russia, 10-20 Jun; advance, operations against partisans, securing rear areas, and offensive engagements in the Grodno, Mosty, and Lida areas, 22 Jun-18 Jul, in the Polotsk, Vitebsk, and Nevel areas, 19 Jul-2 Aug, along the Vitebsk-Nevel railroad line, 3-8 Aug, and in the areas between Nevel and Velikiye Luki, 9-23 Aug; and advance, offensive and defensive operations, and securing river crossings in the Velikiye Luki, Toropets, Zapadnaya Dvina, Nelidovo, Olenino, Staritsa, Rzhev, and Zubtsov areas, 24 Aug-21 Dec 1941. Special directives concerning signal communications and commitment of engineers. Reports dated 7 Apr-16 May 1942 regarding the investigation of the lost KTB 4 by the judge advocate.				
Ia, KTB 6. War journal concerning position defense, assault and reconnaissance operations, construction of positions and roads, regrouping, and training in the Rzhev area.	1942/04/01-1942/12/31	256.ID 28052/1	1797	249
Ia, Anlagenband A I zum KTB 6. Daily reports, orders, messages, and maps pertaining to construction of positions and their defense, formation of Feld-Ersatz-Rtl. 256, and regrouping in the Boynya River sector north of Rzhev; special supply directives; combat directives for the summer; reports on enemy operations; and intelligence bulletins.	1942/04/01-1942/05/31	256.ID 28052/2	1797	536
Ia, Anlagenband A II zum KTB 6. Daily reports, orders, messages, and maps pertaining to position defense, assault operations, supply economy, regrouping, and training in the Klipunovo and Panino areas north of Rzhev and rail security from Rzhev to Zubtsov and from Rzhev to Sychevka. Order-of-battle charts, a status report, and an intelligence bulletin.	1942/05/31-1942/07/04	256.ID 28052/3	1797	852
Ia, Anlagenband A III zum KTB 6. Daily reports, messages, orders, and maps pertaining to reorganization, rehabilitation, and defensive	1942/07/05-1942/08/16	256.ID 28052/4	1798	1



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operations in the Rzhev area, 5-24 Jul; and disengagement movement, defensive and assault operations, artillery activity, rail security, and regrouping along the Volga River south of Rzhev. Status reports, an order-of-battle chart, and reports on enemy operations.				
Ia, Anlagenband A IV zum KTB 6. Daily reports, messages, orders, and maps pertaining to defensive and reconnaissance operations, construction of winter positions, operations against partisans and airborne troops, road maintenance, preparations for winter and the thaw period, formation and training of alert units, winter mobility, regrouping, and training along the Volga and Locha Rivers in the Domashino area south of Rzhev. Order-of-battle charts, reports on enemy operations, and an intelligence bulletin.	1942/08/17-1942/10/29	256.ID 28052/5	1798	359
Ia, Anlagenband A V zum KTB 6. Daily reports, orders, and messages pertaining to position defense, road and bridge security, transportation of horses to rear areas, winter mobility, regrouping, and training in the Volga River, Domashino, and Pestovo areas south of Rzhev and operations against partisans in the Tatarinka and Chernyshi areas southwest of Rzhev; and reports on enemy operations.	1942/10/29-1942/12/31	256.ID 28052/6	1798	766
Ia, Anlagenband C zum KTB 6. Register of officers, casualty and ration strength reports, and order-of-battle charts.	1942/04/01-1942/12/31	256.ID 28052/8	1799	1
Ia, Erfahrungsberichte; Ic, IIa, TB als Anlagenband D zum KTB 6. Activity report of the intelligence branch, 15 Apr-31 Dec, concerning enemy operations, unit identification, and propaganda, and control of the civilian population, German propaganda, counterintelligence, and troop entertainment; interrogation summary; translation of an order dated 28 Jul 1942 by the People's Commissariat for the Defense	1942/04/01-1942/12/31	256.ID 28052/9	1799	132

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of the USSR; activity report of the personnel branch, 1 Apr-31 Dec; and afteraction critiques relating to the commitment of the division and artillery activities during the summer battle around Rzhev.				
Ia, KTB 7. War journal concerning defensive and assault operations in the Volga and Locha Rivers sector south of Rzhev and relief by the 72.ID, 1-22 Jan; movement to and defensive and assault operations in the Vladimirskeye area northwest of Nikitinka, 23 Jan-9 Feb; execution of Unternehmen Bueffel (disengagement movement to Yesennaya, Pochinok, Krivets, and the area northeast of Prechistoye) and defense of those areas; construction of the Bueffelstellung, 10 Feb-10 Mar; disengagement to, defense of, and training in the Bueffelstellung north of Dukhovshchina, 11-22 Mar; and movement to and defensive, assault, and reconnaissance operations and training in the area northwest of Dukhovshchina, 23 Mar-31 Jul 1943.	1943/01/01-1943/07/31	256.ID 38433/1	1799	226
Ia, Anlagenband A I zum KTB 7. Daily reports, messages, and orders pertaining to defensive and assault operations, use of reserves, winter mobility, and relief by the 72.ID in the Volga and Locha Rivers sector south of Rzhev; movement to and defensive and assault operations in the Vladimirskeye area northwest of Nikitinka; participation in Unternehmen Bueffel (disengagement to Yesennaya, Pochinok, Krivets, and Prechistoye); operations against partisans in the Boldino, Kliny, and Svity areas; and preparations for disengagement to the Bueffellinie. Status and casualty reports; special directives concerning supply, traffic control, signal communications, artillery, antiaircraft operations, and commitment of engineers; and reports on enemy operations.	1943/01/01-1943/03/04	256.ID 38433/2	1799	393
Ia, Anlagenband A II zum KTB 7. Daily reports, messages, orders, and maps pertaining to defensive	1943/03/05-1943/04/09	256.ID 38433/3	1799	752

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operations in the area northeast of Prechistoye and construction of the Bueffelstellung to the west, 5-10 Mar; disengagement to, defense of, and training in the Bueffelstellung north of Dukhovshchina, 11-22 Mar; and movement to and defensive operations and training in the area northwest of Dukhovshchina, 23 Mar-9 Apr 1943; and status reports.				
Ia, Anlagenband A III zum KTB 7. Daily reports, messages, orders, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault operations, construction of positions, and training in the area northwest of Dukhovshchina; disbandment of Gren.Rgt. 476, 21 Apr; and reorganization of the 256.ID as a two-regiment division. Reports of Ia concerning disbandment of divisions and units, of Ib relating to the supply situation and of IIa on personnel matters; an order-of-battle chart; status reports; and an interrogation summary.	1943/04/09-1943/05/24	256.ID 38433/4	1800	1
Ia, Anlagenband A IV zum KTB 7. Daily reports, messages, orders, maps, and sketches pertaining to defensive and assault operations, construction of positions, artillery activity, reorganization, regrouping, use of civilians behind the front lines, and formation, organization, and assignment of alert units in the area northwest of Dukhovshchina. Status reports, order-of-battle charts, combat directives, notes on command inspections, an afteraction critique relating to the firing of antitank guns, and reports on enemy operations.	1943/05/24-1943/06/27	256.ID 38433/5	1800	335
Ia, Anlagenband A V zum KTB 7. Daily reports, messages, orders, and maps pertaining to defensive, assault, and reconnaissance operations, antitank defense, training, alerts, and the organization, assignment, and training of alert units, raiding detachments, penal platoons, civilian labor companies,	1943/06/27-1943/07/31	256.ID 38433/6	1800	648

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and Feldersatz-Btl. 256 in the area northwest of Dukhovshchina. Status reports, notes on command conferences, combat directives, afteraction reports concerning defense against enemy attacks on 6 and 21 Jul, and reports on enemy operations.				
Ia, Anlagenband C zum KTB 7. Register of officers, casualty and ration strength reports, and order-of-battle charts.	1943/01/01-1943/07/31	256.ID 38433/8	1800	963
Ic, IIa, TB als Anlagenband D zum KTB 7. Activity report of the intelligence branch, 1 Jan-20 Mar 1943, concerning enemy operations, unit identification and strength, and propaganda; partisan activity; control of the civilian population; counterintelligence; German propaganda; and troop entertainment. Activity report of the personnel branch; and a translation of daily entries in the diary by Ivan Iliodorovich, a Russian journalist, regarding partisan activity for the period 16 Jul-12 Nov 1942.	1943/01/01-1943/07/31	256.ID 38433/9	1800	1045
Ia, KTB 8. War journal concerning defensive and assault operations in the area northwest of Dukhovshchina, 1 Aug-12 Sep; disengagement to the area west of Dukhovshchina, 13-17 Sep; counterattack to seal off a Russian penetration in the Yeliseyevichi area, 17-18 Sep; disengagement to, construction of, defense of the Pantherstellung in the Rudnya, Liozno, Babinovichi, Vysochany, and Lake Devinskoye areas, 19-29 Sep; and defensive and assault operations, counterattacks to seal off Russian penetration, operations against partisans, regrouping, and training in the Babinovichi, Dobromysl, Podvoritsa, Lyubavichi, and Lake Zelenskoye areas southeast of Vitebsk and northwest of Rudnya, 30 Sep-31 Dec 1943.	1943/08/01-1943/12/31	256.ID 44014/1	1801	1
Ia, Anlagenband A I zum KTB 8. Daily reports, messages, orders, overlays, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault operations, construction of	1943/08/01-1943/09/17	256.ID 44014/2	1801	237

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positions, reorganization, and formation of alert units in the area northwest of Dukhovshchina, 1 Aug-12 Sep, and disengagement to the area west of Dukhovshchina, 13-17 Sep; status and strength reports; afteraction reports regarding a Russian assault operation in the Vasilevka area, 31 Jul-1 Aug; and reports on enemy operations.				
Ia, Anlagenband A II zum KTB 8. Daily reports, orders, messages, and maps pertaining to counterattacks to seal off a Russian penetration in the Yeliseyevichi area northwest of Dukhovshchina; disengagement to, construction of, and defense of the Pantherstellung in the Rudnya, Liozno, Babinovichi, Vysochany, and Lake Devinskoye areas; and operations against partisans and assault and defensive operations in the Babinovichi, Malaya Perezina, and Lake Zelenskoye areas, 30 Sep-4 Oct 1943. Status and casualty reports and information concerning enemy operations, losses, and unit identification.	1943/09/17-1943/11/04	256.ID 44014/3	1801	579
Ia, Anlagenband A III zum KTB 8. Daily reports, messages, orders, and overlays pertaining to defensive and assault operations, counterattacks to seal off Russian penetration, operations against partisans, regrouping, training, and fortifying localities for overall defense in the Babinovichi, Dobromysl, Podvoritsa, Lyubavichi, and Lake Zelenskoye areas, southeast of Vitebsk, and northwest of Rudnya; status reports and information concerning enemy operations, losses, and unit identification and strength.	1943/11/05-1943/12/31	256.ID 44014/4	1801	886
Ia, Anlagenband C zum KTB 8. A register of officers, casualty and strength reports, and order-of-battle charts.	1943/09/01-1943/12/31	256.ID 44014/6	1801	1255