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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/03/00	Delmenhorst, Wehrkreis X	Activation of 269.ID (4.Welle) by conversion of 269.LdwD, formation, training	
1939/08/25	Delmenhorst	Operational readiness	Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. X, 1939/08/25-1939/09/07 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Ernst-Eberhard Hell, 1939/09/01-1940/08/12
1939/09/08	Muenchen Gladbach, Eschweiler, Aachen, Herzogenrath, Stolberg	Transfer, border security, regrouping, training	Subordinate to: AK 30, 1939/09/08-1939/09/12 AK 27, 1939/09/13-1940/05/26
(Source: the above information was taken from the <u>Order of Battle of the German Army</u> (Washington, March 1945), the Potsdam catalog, and situation maps of Lage West)			
1940/05/10	Saint-Martin, Vise, Albert Canal, Villers-l'Eveque, Dyle River, Namur, Gembloux, Fleurus, Seneffe, Mons, Frenes, Peruwelz, Saint-Amand	Invasion of Belgium, offensive engagements, encirclement and capture, advance, offensive engagements	
1940/05/27	Tournai, Celles	Capture, defensive operations	AOK 6, 1940/05/26-1940/05/27 AK 11, 1940/05/28-1940/07/03
1940/06/03	Vireux-Molhain, Liart, Nizy-le-Comte, Blesme, Bar-sur-Aube, Bissey-la-Cote	Movement into France as a reserve unit	
1940/06/27	Les Laumes, Montbard, Semur-en-Auxios	Securing the demarkation line	
1940/07/24	Laon, Rheims, France, Muenchen Gladbach, Krefeld, Germany	Movement	AOK 12, 1940/07/04-1940/07/13 OKH, 1940/07/14-1940/08/01
1940/07/29	Copenhagen, Denmark	Transfer	
1940/08/06	Fyn Island, Nyborg, Svendborg, Odense	Coastal defense, occupation duty, security of rear areas, training (no records for 1940/08/06-1941/03/24, source: situation maps of Lage Norwegen und Daenemark and Skandinavien)	

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1941/03/25	Dirschau (Tczew), Praust (Pruszcz), Poland	Transfer	C.O.: Gen.d.Inf. Ernst von Leyser, 1941/03/15-1942/09/01 Subordinate to: AK 1, 1941/03/28-1941/04/13
1941/04/06	Marienburg, Starogard, Insterburg, Preussisch Eylau, Tilsit	Movement	AK 26, 1941/04/13-1941/06/03
1941/05/13	Memel sector	Border security	
1941/06/17	Neman	Assembly	AK 1, 1941/06/03-1941/06/19 AK 41 Pz, 1941/07/21-1941/08/15
1941/06/22	Taurage, Nemaksciai, Slapaberze, Lithuania, Livani, Latvia	Offensive engagements,	AK 56 Pz, 1941/07/21-1941/08/15
1941/07/06	Pytalovo, Lyutyeye Bolota, Porkhov, Novosel'ye, Zapol'ye, Strugi Krasnye, Serebryanka, Dubrovka, Smerdi, Korpovo, Luga	Invasion of Russia, offensive and defensive operations, mopping-up action attack, capture	
1941/08/29	Mshinskaya, Siverskaya, Nikolskoye, Bol'shoye Zamost'ye	Advance, offensive engagements	AK 50, 1941/08/15-1941/12/07
1941/09/08	Gatchina (Krasnogvardeisk)	Attack, capture, mopping-up action	
1941/09/12	Izhora River, Romanovka, Izhora line Kiskisary, Pavlovsk, Pushkin	Attack across, breakthrough, offensive engagements	
1941/11/01	Bol'shoye Vittolovo, Pulkovo, Volodarskiy	Defensive and assault operations	
1941/12/08	Gatchina, Tosno, Shapki, Pogost'ye, Vinyagolovo, Mga, Maluksa, Berezovka, Starostino, Smerdynya, Lipki	Assembly, offensive, defensive, and assault operations, regrouping	AK 28, 1941/12/08-1942/05/08
1942/04/01	Tigoda River, Shala, Konduya, Tur	Defensive operations	

Records of the 269.ID are reproduced on rolls 1857-1863 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

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Although no records of this division dated later than 1942/05/08 were available in the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost, West, Norwegen und Daenemark, and Skandinavien, and the general officer personnel files show:			
1942/05/09	Tur	Defensive operations	
1942/09/01	Kirishi	Defensive operations	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Curt Badinski, 1942/09/01-1943/12/10
1942/10/15	Bergen, Norway Hardanger Fjord, Kopervik, Haugesund	Transfer, coastal defense, occupation and security duty	Gen.Lt. Hans Wagner, 1943/11/25-1945
1944/10/11	Colmar, France Turckheim, Sultzeren, Krutn	Transfer, defensive operations	Subordinate to: AK 19
1944/12/22	Krenau (Chrzanow), Poland	Transfer	
1945/01/16	Cracow, Trzebinia, Breslau, Rossweiler	Defensive operations	
1945/02/18	Jauer (Jawor)	Defensive operations	
1945/03/17- 1945/04/25	Jordansmuenl, Gleinitz	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 269.ID as follows:

Pogost'ye, winter 1941-42: MS P-192 ("Die Winterkaempfe der 269.ID in Russland 1941-42") by Obst. Hans-Juergen Freiherr von Ledebur,
MS P-054a, p. 24 ("Principles; Russian and German night combat methods") by Gen.Maj. Alfred Toppe and others;
Vosges, Nov 1944: MS A-999 ("Chapter 1: Preparations for a Defensive Stand in Lorraine and the Vosges") by Gen.Maj. Friedrich-Wilhelm von Mellenthin.

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Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning border security and training in the Eschweiler, Aachen, Stolberg, Herzogenrath, Wuersele, and Walheim areas, 1 Jan-9 May; invasion of Belgium, advance and offensive engagements in the Saint-Martin and Vise areas, crossing the Albert Canal, pursuit attack in the Villers-l'Eveque area, attack across the Dyle River, and the encirclement and capture of Namur, 10-17 May; advance and offensive engagements in the Gembloux, Fleurus, Seneffe, Mons, Frenes, Peruwelz, and Saint-Amand areas, 18-26 May; capture of Tournai and defense of the Celles area, 27 May-2 Jun; and movement from Celles, Mons, and Yvoir, Belgium, to Vireux-Molhain, France, 3-11 Jun 1940. Movement as a reserve unit from Liart, Nizy-le-Comte, Blesme, Bar-sur-Aube, Bissey-la-Cote, Baigneux-les-Juifs, and Aignay-le-Duc to Les Laumes, Montbard, and Semur-en-Auxois to secure the demarkation line, 12 Jun-23 Jul, and to the Laon-Rheims area, 24-26 Jul; and transfer to Copenhagen, Denmark, 29 Jul-5 Aug 1940. (No KTB 1 available.)	1940/01/01-1940/08/05	269.ID W2486c	1857	1
Ia, Anlagenband C, Teil I zum KTB 2. Befehle gem. Aufmarsch-Anweisung Gelb. Orders relating to preparations for Aufmarsch-Anweisung Fall Gelb (invasion of the Low Countries), data concerning the enemy, and special directives on signal communications.	1940/02/18-1940/04/17	269.ID W2486f	1857	101
Ia, Anlagenband C, Teil II zum KTB 2. Daily messages and orders pertaining to the invasion of Belgium, advance and offensive engagements in the Saint-Martin and Vise areas, crossing the Albert Canal, pursuit attack in the Villers-l'Eveque area, attack across the Dyle River, and encirclement and capture of Namur, 10-17 May; advance and offensive engagements in the Gembloux, Fleurus, Seneffe, Mons, Frenes, Peruwelz, and	1940/05/10-1940/06/02	269.ID W2486g	1857	223

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Saint-Amand areas, 18-26 May; attack northward and capture of Tournai, and defensive operations in the Celles area northeast of Tournai, 27 May-2 Jun; and movement to Mons beginning on 3 Jun 1940.				
Ia, Anlagenband C, Teil III zum KTB 2. Orders and loading surveys pertaining to the movement as a reserve unit from Nizy-le-Comte, Suippes, Blesme, Bar-sur-Aube, Bissey-la-Cote, Baigneux-les-Juifs, and Aignay-le-Duc to the Les Laumes, Montbard, and Semur-en-Auxios areas to secure the demarkation line, occupation duty, and training, 16 Jun-23 Jul; movement to the Laon-Rheims area in preparation for transfer to Denmark, 24-26 Jul; and transfer to Copenhagen via Muenchen-Gladbach and Krefeld, Germany, 29 Jul-5 Aug 1940.	1940/06/15-1940/08/02	269.ID W2486h	1857	865
Ia, Anlagenband D zum KTB 2. Afteraction reports, data, photographs, and maps pertaining to the activities of the division.	1940/01/16-1940/07/08	269.ID W2486i	1857	964
Ia, Anlagenbaende G-K zum KTB 2. Casualty and strength reports, a proclamation for the French population, captured French orders with German translations, and articles by German war correspondents.	1940/01/01-1940/07/21	269.ID W2486m-p	1857	1088
Ic, IIa, TB. Activity report of the intelligence branch concerning enemy operations, losses, unit identification, fortifications, and roads and an activity report of the personnel branch.	1940/05/10-1940/07/31	269.ID W2486q	1858	1
Ia, KTB 4. War journal with orders and maps pertaining to relief by the 218.ID, 27-31 Mar; transfer from Denmark to Dirschau (Tczew) and Praust (Pruszcz), Poland, 27 Mar-5 Apr; movement to Tilsit (Sovetsk) via Marienburg (Malbrck), Starogard, Insterburg (Chernyakhovsk), Preussisch Eylau (Bagrationovsk), Neukirch (Timiryazovo), and Kreuzingen (Balshakovo), 6 Apr-12 May; securing the borders and the Memel sector, 13-16 May; and assembly in the Neman area, 17-21 Jun 1941.	1941/03/27-1941/06/21	269.ID 21867/1	1858	33

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Ia, KTB 5. War journal concerning advance and offensive engagements in the Taurage, Nemaksciai, and Slapaberze areas of Lithuania, the Livani area of Latvia, and the Pytalovo (Abrene), Lyutyye Bolota, Porkhov, Strugi Krasnye, and Bol'shiye L'zi areas of Russia, 22 Jun-29 Jul; attack on and capture of Luga, 30 Jul-23 Aug; advance and offensive engagements in the Tolmachevo, Mshinskaya, Siverskaya, Kartashevskaya, and Gatchina areas, 24 Aug-17 Sep; and movement to and defensive operations in the Volodarskiy area on the Leningrad front, 18 Sep-7 Dec 1941.	1941/06/22-1941/12/07	269.ID 21867/2	1858	186
Ia, Anlagenband C, Band 1, Vorbereitungen zum KTB 5. Orders relating to assembly for attack, border security, and Studie Barbarossa (preparations for the invasion of Russia); appraisal of enemy capabilities; combat and training directives; and special directives concerning reconnaissance and commitment of engineers.	1941/03/25-1941/06/20	269.ID 21867/4	1858	456
Ia, Anlagenband C, Band 2 zum KTB 5. Daily messages and orders pertaining to the invasion of Lithuania, advance and offensive engagements in the Taurage, Nemaksciai, Vidulki, Tadaiciai, Budraiciai, Slapaberze, Surviliskis, Panevezys, and Panemunis areas and crossing the Neman, Dubysa, Susve, Dotnuva, and Nemunelis Rivers, 22-28 Jun; and advance into Latvia to Livani and the Western Dvina River, 29-30 Jun 1941. Special directives concerning air reconnaissance and intelligence bulletins.	1941/06/22-1941/06/30	269.ID 21867/5	1858	582
Ia, Anlagenband C, Band 3 zum KTB 5. Daily messages and orders pertaining to the attack across the Western Dvina River in the Livani area and the Rezekne River in the Rezekne area; invasion of Russia near Pytalovo (Abrene); advance and offensive engagements in the Lyutyye Bolota and Porkhov areas, 1-13 Jul; and movement to Novosel'ye to relieve the 1.PzD in the Zapol'ye area, 14-15 Jul 1941. Data on Russian heavy	1941/07/01-1941/07/15	269.ID 21867/6	1858	871

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Ia, Anlagenband C, Band 4 zum KTB 5. Daily messages and orders pertaining to advance and offensive and defensive engagements in the Strugi Krasnye, Bol'shiye L'zi, and Serebryanka areas southwest of Luqa and intelligence bulletins.	1941/07/16-1941/07/27	269.ID 21867/7	1859	1
Ia, Anlagenband C, Band 5 zum KTB 5. Daily messages, orders, and overlays pertaining to defensive engagements and mopping-up action in the Serebryanka and Dubrovka areas, 28 Jul-2 Aug; attack toward Luqa, 3-12 Aug; and defensive engagements in the Smerdi area southwest of Luqa, 13-15 Aug 1941; and reports on enemy operations.	1941/07/28-1941/08/15	269.ID 21867/8	1859	319
Ia, Anlagenband C, Band 6 zum KTB 5. Daily messages and orders pertaining to defensive operations and mopping-up action in the Smerdi and Korpovo areas, 16-20 Aug; attack on and capture of Luqa, 21-24 Aug; and attack across the Luqa River and securing the Luqa River sector, 25-28 Aug 1941. Data on the Russian antipersonnel mine OSM-152 and reports on enemy operations.	1941/08/16-1941/08/28	269.ID 21867/9	1859	777
Ia, Anlagenband C, Band 7 zum KTB 5. Daily messages and orders pertaining to advance and offensive engagements in the Mshinskaya, Siverskaya, Kartashevskaya, and Nikolskoye areas, 29 Aug-6 Sep; in the Bol'shoye Zamost'ye and Gatchina areas, 6-10 Sep; penetration and mopping-up action in Gatchina, 11-12 Sep; attack across the Izhora River near Romanovka and break through the Izhora fortifications, 12-14 Sep; and attack toward Pushkin in the Kiskisary area, 14-15 Sep 1941. Data on Russian fortifications, an intelligence bulletin, and reports on enemy operations.	1941/08/29-1941/09/15	269.ID 21867/10	1860	1
Ia, Anlagenband C, Band 8 zum KTB 5. Daily reports and orders pertaining to offensive engagements and mopping-up action in the Kiskisary and Pavlovsk	1941/09/16-1941/10/31	269.ID 21867/11	1860	387

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(Slutsk) areas, 16-19 Sep; and relief of the 36.ID not south of Pushkin and offensive and assault operations along the Leningrad railroad line in the Pushkin, Pulkovo, and Bol'shoye Vittolovo areas, 19 Sep-31 Oct 1941. Afteraction critiques of AOK 18, translation of an order by the Soviet 55th Army, and reports on enemy operations and losses.				
Ia, Anlagenband C, Band 9 zum KTB 5. Daily reports and messages, tables, and orders pertaining to defensive and assault operations, training, and preparations for the winter in the Bol'shoye Vittolovo, Pulkovo, and Volodarskiy areas and planned relief by the SS Polizei-Division and the 58.ID, 7-10 Dec, and assembly in the area north of Gatchina, 10 Dec 1941. Notes on command conferences and reports on enemy operations.	1941/11/01-1941/12/07	269.ID 21867/12	1860	801
Ia, Anlagen D zum KTB 5, Gefechtsberichte. Afteraction reports concerning combat activity of the 269.ID.	1941/06/22-1941/12/07	269.ID 21867/13	1861	1
Ia, Anlagen H zu KTB 4, 5, und 6, Gefechts- und Verpflegungsstaerken. Combat and ration strength reports.	1941/03/27-1942/05/08	269.ID 21867/14	1861	131
Ia, KTB 6. War journal concerning relief by the SS Polizei-Division and the 58.ID in the Taytsy and Volodarskiy areas, 8-10 Dec; assembly in the Gatchina area, 11-12 Dec; movement to and defensive and assault operations in the Shapki and Pogost'ye areas, 13 Dec 1941-5 May 1942; and movement to the Volkhov River sector, 6-8 May 1942.	1941/12/08-1942/05/08	269.ID 21867/15	1861	143
Ia, Anlagen A zum KTB 6, Gliederung der Division. Order-of-battle charts and tables of organization.	1941/12/08-1942/05/08	269.ID 21867/16	1861	389
Ia, Anlagen C, Band 1 zum KTB 6. Daily reports, messages, and orders pertaining to relief by the SS Polizei-Division and the 58.ID, assembly in the Gatchina-Tosno area, and movement to and relief of the 223.ID in the Shapki area, 8-15 Dec; and offensive and defensive operations and counterattacks in the	1941/12/08-1941/12/31	269.ID 21867/19	1861	471

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Ia, Anlagen C, Band 2 zum KTB 6. Daily reports, messages, and orders pertaining to defensive operations and construction of positions in the Shapki, Vinyagolovo, Pogost'ye, and Mga areas; and reports on enemy operations.	1942/01/01-1942/01/18	269.ID 21867/20	1861	909
Ia, Anlagen C, Band 3 zum KTB 6. Daily reports, messages, and orders pertaining to defensive operations, mopping-up action after enemy penetration, securing the railroad line, and construction of positions in the Shapki, Pogost'ye, and Maluksa areas; and reports regarding the Soviet Army and enemy operations.	1942/01/19-1942/02/14	269.ID 21867/21	1862	1
Ia, Anlagen C, Band 4 zum KTB 6. Daily reports, messages, and orders pertaining to defensive and assault operations, construction of positions, preparations for the thaw period, and regrouping in the Pogost'ye, Vinyagolovo, Berezovka, Maluksa, and Starostino areas; an afteraction critique relating to combat action of the 269.ID, 18 Jan-18 Feb 1942; and reports on enemy operations.	1942/02/15-1942/03/14	269.ID 21867/22	1862	365
Ia, Anlagen C, Band 5 zum KTB 6. Daily reports, messages, and orders pertaining to defensive operations, closing the gap between the 11. and 269.ID, construction of positions, and regrouping in the Maluksa, Smerdynya, Lipki, Pogost'ye, and Shapki areas, 15-28 Mar; and withdrawal to and defense of the Tigoda River position, 28-31 Mar 1942. Reports on enemy operations.	1942/03/15-1942/03/31	269.ID 21867/23	1862	750
Ia, Anlagen C, Band 6 zum KTB 6. Daily reports, messages, orders, and overlays pertaining to the defense of the Tigoda River position in the Shala and Konduya areas, 1-30 Apr; relief by the 217.ID; and release from the Tigoda position and movement to the	1942/04/01-1942/05/08	269.ID 21867/24	1863	1

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Tur area, 1-8 May 1942. An order-of-battle chart; strength and casualty reports; special directives concerning preparations for the thaw period; afteraction critiques relating to the combat action of the 269.ID, 16 Mar-30 Apr 1942; and reports on enemy operations.				
Ia, Anlagen D zum KTB 6, Gefechtsberichte. Afteraction reports concerning combat operations of the 269.ID on the Leningrad perimeter.	1941/12/08-1942/05/08	269.ID 21867/25	1863	403
Ic, TB. Activity report concerning enemy operations, combat methods, capabilities, fortifications, weapons and equipment, unit identification, losses, partisan action, and propaganda during preparations for the attack on Russia and border security, 29 Mar-21 Jun; during the defense of border fortifications in the Raseiniai area, in the Dubysa and Western Dvina River sectors, along the Stalin line, and in the Pskov area, 22 Jun-12 Jul; on the defensive front between Lake Ilmen and Lake Peipus, 14 Jul-1 Sep; during the defense of fortifications around Leningrad, 2-19 Sep; on the Leningrad front, 20 Sep-10 Dec; and during the winter battles in the Poqost'ye and Konduya areas, 12 Dec 1941-8 May 1942; counterintelligence; German propaganda; and troop indoctrination and entertainment. Interrogation summaries.	1941/03/29-1942/05/09	269.ID 21867/26	1863	598
Ic, Anlagenband I zum TB. Evaluation reports of the enemy military situation, maps showing the tactical disposition of enemy forces, translations of captured documents and intercepted radio messages, and interrogation summaries.	1941/03/29-1942/05/09	269.ID 21867/27	1863	692
Ic, Anlagenband II zum TB. Intelligence bulletins and interrogation summaries.	1941/05/20-1942/04/27	269.ID 21867/28	1863	806
Ic, Anlagenband III zum TB, Erfolgshberichte. Report citing the division's itinerary during its advance to and subsequent attack on Leningrad and citations for	1941/08/01-1942/04/30	269.ID 21867/29	1863	981

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bravery performed by individual soldiers. Ic, Anlagenband IV zum TB. Orders relating to counterintelligence, operations against partisans, and control of the civilian population; orders in the Russian language with maps; reports on combat activities experienced by individual soldiers; and afteraction reports regarding combat action of the 269.ID.	1941/07/01-1942/02/12	269.ID 21867/30	1863	1028