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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1940/11/15	Wehrkreis VI Muenster, Rheine, Soest, Wesel	Activation (13. Welle), formation, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Hans von Sommerfeld, 1940/11/15-1942/11/01 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. VI, 1940/11/15-1941/04/07
1941/04/08	Ghent, Belgium Saint-Nicolas, Antwerp, Alost, Lokeren, Brussels	Transfer, occupation duty, training	AK 37 Hoeheres Kdo zbV, 1941/04/08-1942/05/26
1941/08/08	Bruges, Dixmude, Nieuport, Furnes, Ostend, Torhout, Courtrai	Movement, coastal defense, security duty, training	
1942/06/21	Gistel, Ichteghem	Training, security duty	AK 82, 1942/05/27-1942/11/13
1942/11/20	Ghent	Assembly for detraining	AK 89, 1942/11/14-1942/12/13
1942/11/27	Ghent, Belgium, Shakhty, Russia	Transfer	C.O.: Oberst Gerhard Matthiash, mFb., 1942/11/01-1943/01/26 Subordinate to: Heeresgruppe Don, 1942/12/14-1942/12/19
1942/12/14	Morozovsk	Movement, defensive engagements	Gruppe Hollidt (AK 17), 1942/12/20-1943/01/31
1943/01/13	Krylov, Ust-Bystryanskaya, Krasnodonetskaya, Donets River	Disengagement movements, defensive engagements	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Georg Pfeiffer, 1943/01/30-1943/02/27
1943/02/08	Belaya Kalitva, Trifonov, Nikolskoye, Rovenki, Antratsit	Withdrawal, defensive engagements	Subordinate to: AK 48 Pz, 1943/02/01-1943/02/02 AK 17, 1943/02/03-1943/02/09 AK 48 Pz, 1943/02/10-1943/02/19 AK 17, 1943/02/20-1943/09/28
1943/02/17	Krasny Luch, Novyy Donbass, Yesaulovka, Dmitriyevka, Novo-Pavlovka, Mius River	Position defense, regrouping	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Theobald Lieb, 1943/02/21-1943/03/30 Gen.Lt. Carl-Erik Koehler, 1943/03/30-1944/08/15
1943/07/17	Snezhnoye, Pervomaisk, Mius River sector	Defensive battle	
1943/08/31	Chistyakovo, Makeyevka, Stalino, Krasnogorovka, Marinka, Bol'shaya Novoselka	Disengagement movements	
1943/09/19	Zaporozhe, Dnieper River	Reorganization as Kampfgruppe 306, defensive operations	Subordinate to: AK 52, 1943/09/29-1943/11/05

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1943/10/01 1943/10/24	Akimovka, Preobrazhenka, Novo-Nikolayevka, Natalyevka	Withdrawal, defensive operations, reorganization as 306.ID	
1943/12/15	Iverskoye, Tomakovka, Sadovod	Withdrawal movements, defensive operations	AK 57 Pz, 1943/11/06-1943/11/30

Records of the 306.ID are reproduced on rolls 2027-2030 of Microfilm Publication T315 as described on the following pages.

Manuscript in the Foreign Military Studies series, MS C-078 (Defense and Counterattack on the Mius Front, July-August 1943), by Major Franck, contains reference to the 306.ID.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/12/15 were available at the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost, general staff officers personnel file, and records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398), and OKH/AHA/Abwicklungsstab, H 41/57 (T78, roll 142), show:

1944/02/10	Novo-Vorontsovka, Nikolayev, Bol'shaya Aleksandrovka, Konstantinovka, Ryasnopol'	Withdrawal movement	
1944/03/30	Ryasnopol', Odessa, Belgorod-Dnestrovski, Feshtelitsa	Disengagement movement, reorganization as Kampfgruppe 306	
1944/04/26	Kaushany (Causani)	Reorganization as 306.ID, position defense	
1944/08/23	Leovo, Russia	Withdrawal movement of remnants of 306.ID	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Gustav Hundt, 1944/08/15-1944/10/03
1944/08/29 1944/09/02	Buzau, Rumania	Withdrawal, encirclement	
1944/10/23	Germany	Official disbandment	

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Ia, Anlagenheft 1 zum KTB 1. Orders relating to the activation of the division in Muenster, 15 Nov 1940; formation of cadre units of the 306.ID, 15 Nov-15 Dec; and quartering, formation, and training in the Muenster, Rheine, Soest, Arnsberg, Hamm, Wesel, and Dorsten areas, 16 Nov 1940-17 Feb 1941. Order-of-battle charts and strength reports.	1940/11/15-1941/02/17	306.ID 9792/2	2027	26
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Ia, Anlagen 1-79 zum KTB 2. Orders, directives, reports, and maps pertaining to the transfer from Muenster, Germany, to Ghent, Belgium, 8-13 Apr; quartering, occupation duty, defense against air landings and air attacks, ship movement, training, and preparations for Unternehmen Seelowe in the Ghent, Alost, Hal, Saint-Nicolas, Antwerp, Lokeren, and Brussels areas, 14 Apr-7 Aug; movement to the Bruges and Dixmude areas, 8-15 Aug; and quartering, coastal defense, construction of coastal fortifications, regrouping, and training in the Bruges, Ostend, Nieuport, Dixmude, and Furnes areas, 16 Aug 1941-22 Jan 1942. Order-of-battle charts, billeting surveys, orders of the day by the personnel branch, and notes on command inspections.	1941/04/08-1942/01/22	306.ID 24170/3	2027	314
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Ic, TB als Anlage zum KTB 2 und 3. Activity reports concerning the monitoring of French and British transmissions, troop indoctrination and recreation, security of classified information, and training of intelligence officers.	1941/04/01-1942/11/15	306.ID 24170/6	2028	459
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