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| 1940/11/18 | Wehrkreis X Hamburg, Luebeck, Wandsbeck, Malente, Ratzeburg, Itzehoe, Krempe, Moelln, Flensburg | Activation (13. Welle), formation, training, regrouping | C.O.: Gen.Lt. Karl Maderholz, 1940/12/15-1942/11/16 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. X, 1940/11/18-1941/04/04 |
| 1941/04/05 | Dunkirk, France | (No records available for the period 1941/04/05-1941/12/31. Source: situation maps of Lage West) | |
| 1941/12/01 | Tielt, Ghent, Alost, Brussels, Belgium | | |
| 1942/01/01 | Normandy, Periers, Cherbourg, Montebourg, Avranches, Coutances, Granville, Valognes, Carentan, France | Coastal defense, training | AK 84, 1942/01/01-1942/12/31 |
| 1942/12/26 | Kharkov, Starobelsk, Belokurakino, Russia | Transfer, assembly, defensive operations | C.O.: Gen.Lt. Georg-Wilhelm Postel, 1942/11/26-1944/07/10 |
| 1943/01/23 | Nizhnyaya Duvanka, Tarasovka, Svatovo, Kislovka, Mostki | Withdrawal, defensive operations | Subordinate to: DGen.b.Ital. AOK 8, 1942/12/23-1943/01/31 |
| 1943/02/01 | Oskol River, Izyum, Sen'kovo | Defensive operations | Armee-Abteilung Lanz, 1943/02/01-1943/02/14 |
| 1943/02/14 | Balakleya, Andreyevka, Zmiyev, Sokolovo, Merefafa, Valki, Rakitnoye, Chutovo | Breakthrough battle, withdrawal | SS PzK Hausser (SS 2.Pz Korps), 1943/02/15-1943/02/17 AK Raus zbV, 1943/02/18-1943/02/24 SS PzK Hausser (SS 2.Pz Korps), 1943/02/25-1943/02/26 AK Raus zbV, 1943/02/27-1943/07/22 |
| 1943/03/06 | Lyubotin, Bogodukhov, Zolochov, Toplinka, Dolbino | Offensive and defensive operations | |
| 1943/03/27 | Botkino, Maslova Pristan' Donets River sector | Position defense | |
| 1943/07/01 | Donets River sector, Murom, Russkiye Tishki, Tsirkuny, Kharkov, Merefafa | (No records available for the period 1943/07/01-1943/09/10. Source: situation maps of Lage Ost and MS T-10) | |

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| 1943/09/11 | Rakitnoye, Novaya Vodolaga, Karlovka, Pavlovka, Kobelyaki, Potoki, Kremenchug, Novo-Georgiyevsk | Disengagement movement | AK 11, 1943/09/11-1943/09/30 |
| 1943/10/04 | Dnieper River sector, Andrusovka, Stetsovka, Podorozhnoye | Defensive operations | AK 47 Pz, 1943/09/30-1943/11/30 |
| 1943/10/21 | Voronovka, Adamovka, Tarasovka, Borovitsa, Chigrin, Tyasmin River | Defensive operations, regrouping | |
| 1943/12/01 | Dnieper River sector, Krasnosel'ye, Martynosh, Novomirgorod | (No records available for the period 1943/12/01-1944/02/29. Source: situation maps of Lage Ost) | |
| 1944/03/01 | Novomirgorod, Malaya Viska, Novo-Ukrainka, Lysaya Gora, Pervomaisk | Disengagement movements | AK 40 Pz, 1944/03/01-1944/03/21 |
| 1944/03/21 | Bug River, Ivanovka, Kumary, Kokhanovka, Dolinskoye | Withdrawal, defensive operations | AK 52, 1944/03/22-1944/03/31 |

Records of the 320.ID are reproduced on rolls 2032-2035 of Microfilm Publication T315 as described on the following pages.

No records of the 320.ID were available for the period 1 Apr-13 Sep 1944. Situation maps of Lage Ost, records of OKH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398, p. 132, 8 Oct 1944); OKH/AHA/Abwicklungsstab, H 41/3 (T78, roll 139); afteraction report for the period 11 Apr-5 Oct 1944; H 41/57 (T78, roll 142); and the general staff officers personnel files show:

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| 1944/04/11 | Dubossary, Grigoriopol, Kishinev, Lower Dniester River | Position defense | |
| 1944/08/20 | Cainari, Carbuna, Gura-Galbena, Sarata-Galbena | Withdrawal | C.O.: Oberst Otto Schell, mFb, 1944/07/10-1944/09/04 |
| 1944/08/26 1944/10/05 | Husi, Barlad, Buzau, Targu-Mures, Rumania, Brieg, Lower Silesia | Encirclement, breakthrough of remnants, retreat | |
| 1944/10/08 | Berlin, Germany | Disbandment | |

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| 1944/10/21 | Wehrkreis II, Gross Born | Reconstitution of 320.ID as 320.VGrD (32. Welle) | |
| 1944/11/02 1944/12/19 | Myslenice, Wadowice, Makow, Cracow, Zakopane, Poland | Formation, training, completion of formation | Gen.Maj. Ludwig Kirschner, 1944/11/01-1945/02/19 |
| No records of the 320.VGrD were available after 19 Dec 1944. Situation maps of Lage Ost show: | | | |
| 1944/12/21 | Zmigrod, Lower Silesia | Movement | |
| 1945/01/15 | Nowy Sacz (Neu Sandec), Jordanow, Zywiec (Saybusch), Poland | | |
| 1945/02/02 | Zywiec | Reorganization as KGr 320.VGrD | Oberst Rolf Scherenberg, 1945/02/14-1945/03/02 Oberst Emanuel von Kiliani, mFb, 1945/02/28 |
| 1945/03/01 1945/03/06 | Dolny Kubin, Ruzomberok, Slovakia | Reorganization as full strength 320.VGrD | |
| 1945/03/30 | Liptovsky, Mikulas | | |
| 1945/04/06 | Rajec | | |
| 1945/04/25 | Zilina, Slovakia | Last trace on situation maps | |

Manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series contain references to the 320.ID as follows:
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| Ia, KTB 2 mit Anlagen und Ic, TB. Movement from Brussels, Belgium, to Normandy, France, for coastal defense, training, regrouping, and reorganization in the Cherbourg, Montebourg, Avranches, Coutances, Granville, Valognes, Bricquebec, Carentan, La Haye-du-Puits, and Periers areas, 26 Jan-5 Dec, and transfer to the eastern front, 27 Dec 1942-4 Jan 1943. Order-of-battle charts, strength reports, billeting surveys, register of officers, and afteraction reports and critiques relating to enemy operations at Cape Antifer, 28 Feb, and Point de Barfleur, 14-15 Aug 1942; and orders and reports pertaining to construction of coastal defense installations, security against enemy airborne troops, chain of command for "Organisation Todt," and release of Alderney Island to the 319.ID, 28 Jan 1942. Activity report of the intelligence branch regarding enemy sea and landing operations, counterintelligence activity, and troop entertainment and indoctrination. | 1942/01/01-1942/12/31 | 320.ID 27749 | 2032 | 144 |

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