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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1940/11/15	Wehrkreis XIII Nuernberg, Erlangen, Bamberg, Bayreuth, Wuerzburg	Activation (13. Welle), formation, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Max Muehlmann, 1940/11/15-1942/02/12 Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. XIII, 1940/11/15-1941/03/27
1941/03/27	Nuernberg, Bamberg	Assembly	AK 60 Hoeheres Kommando, 1941/03/28-1941/04/04
1941/04/04	Caen, Bayeux, Falaise, Grandcamp-les-Bains, France	Transfer coastal defense, training	AK 43, 1941/04/04-1942/03/13 C.O.: Gen.Maj. Hans Bergen, 1942/02/12-1942/11/05
1942/03/14	Valenciennes, Cambrai, France; Charleroi, Mons, Belgium	Occupation duty, training	Subordinate to: AK 37 Hoeheres Kommando, 1942/03/14-1942/05/01 AOK 15, 1942/05/01-1942/05/02 OKH, 1942/05/02-1942/07/01
1942/05/06	Rovno, Russia	Transfer	
1942/05/18	Rovno, Zhitomir, Kiev	Movements, security duty, training	
1942/06/09	Dnieper River, Nezhin, Glukhov, Lgov, Kursk, Shchigry, Tim, Kastornoye, Zemlyansk, Semiluki	Advance, antipartisan operations	
1942/07/15	Stadnitsa, Voronezh, Shilovo, Don River	Assembly, defensive and assault operations	Armeegruppe von Weichs, 1942/07/02-1942/07/16 AK 7, 1942/07/17-1942/07/18 57.ID, 1942/07/19-1942/08/23 AK 7, 1942/08/24-1942/09/30
1942/09/30	Voronezh bridgehead	Counterattacks, regrouping, defensive and assault operations	

Records of the 323.ID are reproduced on rolls 2038-2039 of Microfilm Publication T315 as described on the following pages.

Manuscript in the Foreign Military Studies series, MS D-235 (Voronezh Bridgehead, 1942), by Gen.Maj. Otto Amann, contains reference to the 323.ID.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1942/09/30 were available at the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Ost and records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398, p. 202), show:

1943/01/25	Voronezh bridgehead, Khokhol, Nizhnedevitsk, Gorshechnoye, Staroye Rogovoye	Disengagement movements (No trace on situation maps, 1943/02/02-1943/04/26)
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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1943/04/27	Sumy	Reorganization as Kampfgruppe 323	
1943/07/10	Stetskivka, Sumy	(No trace on situation maps, 1943/08/21-1943/10/08)	
1943/10/09	Kiev		
1943/11/05	Byshev, Stavishche, Radomyshl		
1943/12/14	Radomyshl	Incorporation of remnants of KGr 323 into 88.ID	

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Ia, KTB 1. War journal concerning operational readiness of the division, 1 Apr 1941; transfer from Bamberg, Germany, to Caen, France, to relieve the 57.ID, 4-9 Apr; quartering, coastal defense, air raid protection, and training in the Caen, Bayeux, and Falaise areas, 10 Apr 1941-13 Mar 1942; relief by the 716.ID and movement to Valenciennes, 14-26 Mar; quartering, occupation duty, and training in the Valenciennes and Cambrai areas of France and the Mons area of Belgium, 27 Mar-1 May 1942. A register of officers and combat and ration strength reports.	1941/04/01-1942/05/01	323.ID 17674/1	2038	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 1. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to assembly at Nuernberg and Bamberg, Germany, for transfer to Caen, France, 27 Mar-4 Apr; relief of the 57.ID, 5-8 Apr; and quartering, coastal defense, and training in the Caen, Bayeux, Falaise, and Grandcamp-les-Bains areas, 9 Apr-29 Jun 1941.	1941/03/27-1941/06/29	323.ID 17674/2	2038	114
Ic, TB. Activity reports, 1 Apr 1941-30 Apr 1942, concerning the activation of the 323.ID in Franken, Wehrkreis XIII, 15 Nov 1940; enemy air raids and landing attempts; counterintelligence activity; and troop entertainment and indoctrination.	1941/04/30-1942/05/03	323.ID 17674/3	2038	169
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 1. Tages- und Abendmeldungen.	1942/01/04-1942/05/04	323.ID 18307/1	2038	215
Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning training in the Charleroi area, Belgium, 1-5 May; transfer to Rovno, Russia, 6-18 May; march from Rovno to Voronezh (1,300 km), 18 May-18 Jul; march to Kiev via Zhitomir, 18-21 May; security duty and training in the Kiev area, 22 May-8 Jun; crossing the Dnieper River, 9 Jun; march to Voronezh via Nezhin, Glukhov, Lgov, Kursk, Shchigry, Tim, Cheremisino, Kastornoye, Zemlyansk, Devitsa, and Semiluki, 10 Jun-18 Jul; relief of the 57.ID, 18-20 Jul; and defensive and assault operations and counterattacks in the southern sector of the Voronezh bridgehead along the Voronezh River and the northern	1942/05/01-1942/09/30	323.ID 24037/1	2038	336

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sector of Voronezh, 21 Jul-30 Sep 1942. Data regarding enemy operations and movements, a register of officers, and strength and casualty reports.				
Ia, Anlagen Nr. 1-57 zum KTB 2. Orders, reports, maps, and messages pertaining to the transfer of the advance party and its activity report, 28 Apr-9 May; formation of the Nachkommando, 30 Apr, and its activity report, 5-12 May; entraining at Charleroi and Mons, Belgium, 2-12 May; detraining at Rovno, Russia, 6-17 May; march from Rovno to Kiev via Ostrog, Novograd-Volynski, and Zhitomir, 18-21 May; quartering in Kiev, 22-23 May; and training, securing of Dnieper River bridges, and reorganization of the 323.ID into three reinforced regiments, 24 May-10 Jun 1942. Order-of-battle charts, march and training directives, notes on command conferences, status reports, and special supply directives.	1942/04/06-1942/05/31	323.ID 24037/2	2038	596
Ia, Anlagen Nr. 61-193 zum KTB 2. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to training and securing of Dnieper River bridges, 1-8 Jun; crossing of the Dnieper River, 9 Jun; march to Nezhin via Brovary, Semipolki, Kozelets, and Nosovka, 10-16 Jun, to Glukhov via Yevlashovka, Borzna, Shapovalovka, Baturin, Altynovka, Krolevets, and Tuligolovo, 17-24 Jun, and to Lgov via Krupets, Rylsk, and Ivanovskoye, 25-30 Jun; and planned march to Kursk. Status reports, notes on command conferences, and data concerning antipartisan operations, air raid protection, and reconnaissance of march routes.	1942/06/01-1942/06/30	323.ID 24037/3	2038	779
Ia, Anlagen Nr. 194-280 zum KTB 2. March to Kursk via Sukhodolovka and Dukhovets, 1-5 Jul, to Kastornoye via Shchigry, Cheremisino, Tim, Sovetski (Lipovchik), Olym, and Yegorevka, 6-12 Jul, and to Zemlyansk via Novosil'skoye and Ust'ye, 13-15 Jul; assembly in the Stadnitsa area south of Zemlyansk, 15-17 Jul; relief	1942/07/01-1942/07/29	323.ID 24037/4	2039	1

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Ia, Anlagen Nr. 282-382 zum KTB 2. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault operations and counterattacks after enemy penetration in the southern sector of the Voronezh bridgehead. Afteraction reports concerning the assignments of Panzerjaegerabteilung 323, 12-22 Aug, Radfahr-Schwadron 323, 16-17 Aug, IR 591, 16-20 and 24 Aug, and assault guns, 20 Aug; afteraction critiques relating to supply, use of heavy antitank guns, antitank defense, German and enemy combat methods, and the commitment of the 323.ID in the Voronezh bridgehead, 21-30 Jun, and the Nachrichtenabteilung 323, 18-20 Aug; status, strength, and casualty reports; and data concerning enemy operations.	1942/08/01-1942/08/31	323.ID 24037/5	2039	193
Ia, Anlagen Nr. 384-464 zum KTB 2. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault operations, counterattacks, and training in the southern sector of the Voronezh bridgehead. Afteraction reports concerning counterattack by IR 593 after enemy penetration, 2-3 Sep, and IR 594, 16-18 Sep, and the defense of the northern sector of Voronezh by III/IR 594; afteraction critique relating to the commitment of IR 594 on the northern front of Voronezh, 15 Sep; strength and casualty reports; notes on command conferences; and data regarding enemy operations.	1942/09/01-1942/09/19	323.ID 24037/6	2039	499
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Ia, Anlage zum KTB 2, Unternehmen "Heinrich". Orders, overlays, and maps concerning Unternehmen Heinrich (evacuation of the Voronezh bridgehead) which was canceled due to Hitler's order to hold the Voronezh bridgehead during the winter, dated 30 Sep 1942.	1942/08/25-1942/09/14	323.ID 24037/8	2039	892
Ic, Anlage zum KTB 2, TB mit Anlagen. Monthly activity reports concerning enemy operations, losses, unit identification, propaganda, and partisan activity; German propaganda; counterintelligence activity; and troop entertainment and indoctrination. (Notations in the Potsdam catalog show the records for the period 1 Oct-31 Dec 1942 were destroyed.)	1942/05/01-1942/09/30	323.ID 24037/9	2039	1041