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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1940/10/22	Fulda, Wehrkreis IX	Formation	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Rittau, 1940/10/22-1942/08/22 Subordinate to: Stellvertretendes Generalkommando IX, 1940/10/22-1940/11/11
1941/02/00	Wildflecken	Training	AK 50, 1940/11/11-1941/03/08
1941/03/16	Kulm (Chelmo), Thorn (Torun)	Transfer	AK 55, 1941/03/08-1941/03/22; AK 20, 1941/03/22-1941/06/22;
1941/06/01	Lyck (Elk), Augustow, Poland	Movement, assembly	
1941/06/22	Ozovets, Neman River, Grodno Lepel, Vitebsk, Velizh, Demidov, Kardymovo	Operation Barbarossa (invasion of Russia), offensive operations	AK 42, 1941/06/22-1941/06/24; AK 20, 1941/06/24-1941/07/29
1941/07/29	Smolensk, Kardymovo, Bely	Battle for Smolensk, advance	AK 5, 1941/07/29-1941/10/02
1941/10/01	Vyazma, Gzhatsk, Dnieper River, Kalinin	Offensive operations	AK 56 mot, 1941/10/02-1941/10/14; AK 41, 1941/10/14-1941/11/15
1941/11/15	Kalinin, Volga River	Operation Wintersturm, position defense	AK 27, 1941/11/15-1942/03/10
1941/12/15	Kalinin, Staritsa, Zubtsov, Tvertsa Valley	Evacuation of Kalinin, disengagement movements	
1942. 01/25	Zubtsov, Rzhev, Pustoshka, Mozhayka, Bol'shaya Vyazovka	Defensive operations, movement	
1942/05/31	Olenino, Nelidovo	Assault operations	Gr Recke, 1942/03/10-1942/05/06; AK 23, 1942/05/06-1942/07/06; AK 27, 1942/07/06-1942/07/15;
1942, 10/01	Rzhev, Osuga River sector Luchesa Valley	Defensive operations	AK 23, 1942/07/15-1942/08/13; AK 27, 1942/07/14-1942/09/30 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Albert Eduard Praum, 1942/08/24-1943/10/01b Subordinate to: AK 20, 1942/10/01-1942/11/28; AK 39 Pz, 1942/11/28-1942/12/04; AK 23, 1942/12/04-1942/12/20; AK 20, 1942/12/20-1942/12/31;

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1943/03/01	Nikitinka, Vyazma, Yartsevo	Bueffel Bewegung (withdrawal)	AK 27, 1943/01/01-1943/03/15;	
1943/04/01	Yartsevo, Vop River	Position defense	AK 39 Pz, 1943/03/16-1943/08/24;	
1943/07/29	Karachev, Resseta, Bryansk, Zhukovka, Yelnya, Krasnopolye	Offensive and defensive operations, withdrawal	AK 46 Pz, 1943/08/24-1943/09/30 C.O.: Gen.Maj. Karl Fabiunke, 1943/09/25-1944/02/01	
1943/10/01	Slavgorod, Mogilev, Orsha, Dubrovno, Liozno, Chernovo Lake, Gorodok	Withdrawal, defensive operations, position defense	Subordinate to: AK 55, 1943/10/01-1943/10/05; AK 27, 1943/10/05-1943/10/06; AK 6, 1943/10/06-1943/10/07; LwFK 2, 1943/10/08-1943/10/12; AK 9, 1943/10/12-1943/12/20	
1943/11/01	Pulyshi, Zhukovo, Yezerishche Lake, Ordovo Lake, Lobok	Defensive operations, withdrawal construction of winter positions		
1943/12/01	Gorodok	Defensive operations	AK 53, 1943/12/20-1943/12/31	
Records of the 129.ID are reproduced on rolls 1373-1379 of Microfilm Publication T315 as described on the pages immediately following.				
Manuscript in the Foreign Military Studies series, MS P-060n (Skovoruchina, Fall 1942, and Resseta, 29 Jul-2 Aug 1943) by Obst. Wilhelm Willemer, contains references to the 129.ID.				
Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/12/31 were available at the National Archives, general staff officers personnel files and situation maps of Heeresgruppe Mitte and Nord show:				
1944/01/01	Vitebsk	Withdrawal		
1944/02/01	Bobruisk	Withdrawal, position defense	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Gotthard Fischer, 1944/03/01-1945/01/05	
1944/05/01	Glussk	Defensive operations		
1944/07/16	Bialystok	Withdrawal, dedefensive operations		
1944/08/16	Ostrov, Lomza, Ostroleka, Makow	Withdrawal, defensive operations		
1945/02/10	Makow, Ostroleka, Wielbark, Ortelsburg (Szczytno), Heilsberg		Gen.Maj. Kurt Haehling, 1945/01/05-	

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Ia, Ic, IIa/IIb, TB mit Anlagen. Activity report of the Operations Branch with orders, directives, reports, charts, and lists pertaining to the activation of the division in Fulda, Wehrkreis IX, on 22 Oct 1940, its formation, organizational breakdown, order of battle, duty assignments, mission, movement to Truppenuebungsplatz Wildflecken in Feb 1941 for training, and transfer to the Kulm (Chelmno) and Thorn (Torun) areas, 16-22 Mar 1941. Activity report of the Intelligence Branch, 24 Oct 1940-23 May 1941, concerning the formation of the division and troop entertainment; activity report of the Personnel Branch for the period 2 Dec 1940-12 Jun 1941.	1940/10/22-1941/05/25	129.ID 10969	1373	1
Ia, KTB, Teil 1 mit Anlagen. War journal with orders pertaining to the transfer to Lyck (Elk), 1-6 Jun; strategic concentration for Operation Barbarossa (invasion of Russia) in the Augustow area, 18-21 Jun; crossing the Russian border at Ozovets, 22 Jun, and the Neman River near Grodno, 29-30 Jun; and offensive engagements in the Lepel, Vitebsk, and Velizh-Demidov areas, 11-23 Jul, along the Dukhovshchina-Smolensk road, 24-28 Jul, and in the Kardymovo area, 30 July 1941. A map showing the location of division billeting areas near Chelmno and Torun, 1 Apr 1941; an order-of-battle chart; casualty reports; intelligence bulletins concerning enemy operations, movements, and unit identification.	1941/05/25-1941/07/31	129.ID 17750/1	1373	248
Ia, KTB, Teil 2 mit Anlagen. War journal with orders and reports pertaining to offensive engagements in the Smolensk and Kardymovo areas, 1-5 Aug 1941, and the advance to and defense of the area southwest of Bely, 6 Aug-30 Sep 1941. Afteraction reports regarding the final battle for Smolensk, 29-31 Jul 1941, combat engagements of the IR 430, 26 Jul-2 Aug, the Aufkl.Abt.	1941/08/01-1941/09/30	129.ID 17750/2	1373	696

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129, 23 Aug, and IR 427, 25 Aug-8 Sep 1941; special directives concerning supply, signal communications, traffic control, reconnaissance, rehabilitation, and relief of the division, order-of-battle chart, casualty reports.				
Ia, KTB, Teil 3 mit Anlagen. War journal with orders and reports pertaining to the advance to Kalinin via Vyazma and Gzhatsk, the breakthrough of the Dnieper River positions, the capture of Kalinin, the defense of the Kalinin area, and preparations for Operation Wintersturm (destruction of enemy forces between Kalinin and the Volga reservoir northwest of Klin). Afteraction report concerning offensive operations, 1-10 Oct 1941, order-of-battle chart, and casualty reports.	1941/10/01-1941/11/14	129.ID 17750/3	1374	1
Ia, KTB, Teil 4 mit Anlagen. War journal with orders, reports, and maps pertaining to execution of Operation Wintersturm, 15-17 Nov 1941, position defense in the Kalinin area, evacuation of Kalinin, 15-16 Dec 1941, construction of defensive positions, and disengagement movements to the Tvertsa Valley near Zubtsov via Staritsa, 18 Dec 1941-25 Jan 1942. Afteraction report regarding a counterattack in the Yagodino area, 10-11 Jan 1942, order-of-battle chart, combat and casualty reports, and intelligence bulletins and reports concerning enemy operations and organization and troop indoctrination.	1941/11/15-1942/01/25	129.ID 17750/4	1374	54 1
Ic, TB. Activity report concerning preparations for the invasion of Russia, troop morale during the advance from Augustow to Smolensk via Bialystok, 22 Jun-25 Jul, the battle for Smolensk, 27 Jul-5 Aug, position defense in the area southwest of Bely, 5 Aug-1 Oct 1941, and enemy operations.	1941/05/27-1941/10/01	129.ID 17750/5	1375	1
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operations, movements, probable mission, morale, fortifications, weapons, training, tactics, troop identification and organization, and propaganda; and alleged mutilation of wounded Germans by the Russians. Division combat orders.				
Ic, TB mit Anlagen. Activity report with intelligence and interrogation reports and intelligence bulletins pertaining to enemy operations and unit identification during the division's breakthrough of the enemy's Dnieper positions and the encirclement at Vyazma, 2-10 Oct 1941, and position defense at Kalinin, 22 Oct-17 Nov 1941.	1941/10/02-1941/11/17	129.ID 17750/7	1375	74
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Ia, KTB 5 mit Anlagen bis 6.6.42. War journal with reports and orders pertaining to defensive operations in the Tvertsa River and Rzhev-Zubtsov areas, 23 Jan-12 May 1942; and movement to and defense of the Pustoshka, Mozhayka, and Bol'shaya Vyazovka areas southwest and west of Olenino. Afteraction reports regarding Unternehmen Maiblume (major assault action north of the Olenino-Nelidovo railroad line, 31 May-1 Jun 1942), Angriffsunternehmen Fruhlingserwachen (counterattack by Kampfgruppe Boehlke and IR 430, 30 Apr-4 May 1942), and enemy assault operations, 18 Feb; afteraction critiques relating to infantry and antitank warfare during the Russian winter; special supply directives, and status, combat, and casualty reports.	1942/01/25-1942/05/31	129.ID 25032/1	1375	126
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Ia, KTB 1 der Kampfgruppe Wuestenhagen mit Anlagen. Formation of Kampfgruppe Wuestenhagen under the command of Oberst Albert Wuestenhagen from components of the 129.ID and 161.ID to strengthen the defenses south of the Volga River near Zubtsov. Lists of officers duty assignments; register of officers; combat and casualty reports; activity report of the Intelligence Branch with interrogation reports concerning enemy operations, losses, partisan warfare, propaganda, and unit identification.	1942/05/08-1942/06/04	129.ID 25032/3	1376	594
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Ia, KTB 7 mit Anlagen. War journal with reports and orders pertaining to the defense of the bridgehead at Rzhev, 15 Oct-28 Nov 1942, the Osuga River sector, 29 Nov-3 Dec 1942, and the Luchesa Valley, 4-31 Dec 1942; and the formation of Kampfgruppe Praun on 30 Nov 1942, to command all AK 23 troops south of the Luchesa River from 5 to 20 Dec, when the 12.PzD took over this area. Ration, combat strength, status, and casualty reports; appraisals of the military situation; special directives concerning supply, construction of defensive	1942/10/01-1942/12/31	129.ID 28374/1	1377	1

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Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Withdrawal to the area south of Nevel and the sealing off of the enemy penetration in the Yezerishche Lake area. Orders and reports pertaining to withdrawal from Slavgorod to the Gorodok area via the Mogilev, Orsha, Dubrovno, and Liozno areas; the retaking of the Pantherstellungen; Operation Wendepunkt (defensive engagements in the Chernovo Lake area); position defense north of Gorodok; and the construction of winter positions. An order-of-battle chart and combat strength and status reports.	1943/10/01-1943/10/31	129.ID 45773/1	1379	1
Ia, KTB mit Anlagen. Defensive operations between Pulyshi and Zhukovo, south of Nevel, 1-22 Nov, and in the Yezerishche and Ordovo Lakes and Lobok areas, 23-30 Nov 1943; withdrawal to and defense of the "Aachen," "I," and "Berlin" lines north of Gorodok in the Borok, Lobok, and Lake Losvida areas; construction of winter positions; reorganization; regrouping; relief; training; battle conduct. Order-of-battle chart and a status report.	1943/11/01-1943/11/30	129.ID 45773/2	1379	260
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