

The 69. Infanterie-Division (2. Welle) was formed from reservists in Münster, Wehrkreis VI, in the summer of 1939. In April 1940 it took part in the campaign in Norway and remained in Bergen for occupation duties and training until early November 1942, when it was transferred, via Oslo and Stettin to the Tosno and Chudovo areas on the Volkhov River front in Russia. The division was continuously engaged in position defense in the Mga area until October 1943, when it was transferred to the central sector of the

eastern front for operations in the vicinity of Nevel. Although there are no records of the division available dated later than December 31, 1943, the situation maps of Heeresgruppen Nord and Mitte show that the division was northwest of Nevel until the spring of 1944, withdrawing in the summer of 1944 to the Alderswalde area of East Prussia, where it remained until early January 1945. It was destroyed east of Königsberg in late January 1945.

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| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Meldungen an Gruppe XXI. Messages from Gruppe Bergen to Gruppe XXI concerning activities in Bergen and Oslo, Norway. | Apr 11 - Jun 13, 1940 | W 1461d/1 | 1045 | 1 |
| Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte. The invasion and occupation of areas near Bergen; copies of administrative correspondence between German military authorities and Norwegian civilian officials relating to improvement of occupation security and economic and political relations; information on British air raids, on Norwegian resistance, and on the arrest of Norwegians suspected of having committed sabotage. | Apr 9 - Jun 10, 1940 | W 1461e | 2347 | 1 |
| Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. Division activities in Norway, replacement of 1,500 new recruits for training, and British air activities and damage to ships in the harbor of Bergen and other damage. The division was subordinate to Gruppe XXI and Höh.Kdo. XXXVI during this period under the command of Gen.Maj. Hermann Tittel. | Jun 11, 1940 - May 7, 1941 | 10658/1 | 1045 | 176 |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Corps and division orders and reports, division afteraction reports, orders and reports concerning training, and an overlay. | Jun 11 - Oct 23, 1940 | 10658/2 | 1045 | 327 |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Division orders, directives, and reports concerning training and reorganization of the supply services. | Oct 12, 1940 - Apr 26, 1941 | 10658/3 | 1045 | 776 |
| Feldgend., Tätigkeitsbericht der Feldgendarmerietruppe 169 (mot.) in Bergen. | Dec 9 - 22, 1940 | 10658/4 | 1045 | 1179 |

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| Ic, Berichte über die innere Lage Norwegens. Intelligence reports concerning Norwegian propaganda, attitude of the local population toward the occupation forces, and news reports from London. | Nov 7, 1941 - Jun 22, 1942 | 21560 | 1045 | 1191 |
| Ic, Anlagen z. KTB, Entlassungen von Gefangenen und Internierten. Intelligence reports concerning release of prisoners of war and internees and signed statements upon their release. | Apr 11 - Jun 12, 1940 | 24111/1 | 1045 | 1251 |
| Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Routine occupation duty in Norway and improvement of economic and political relations between the German military and the Norwegian civilian authorities; information on British air raids, Norwegian resistance, and on the arrest of Norwegians suspected of having committed sabotage. | Jun 13 - Sep 27, 1940 | 24111/2 | 2347 | 134 |
| Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Search of Norwegian homes for sabotage equipment and the confiscation of radio equipment. | Oct 1 - 31, 1942 | 33084/1 | 2347 | 308 |
| Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1, Russland. Transfer of the division by train from Bergen to Oslo, loading on ships in Oslo between Nov 2 and 15, 1942, for shipment to Stettin, and rail movement to the Tosno and Chudovo areas on the Volkhov River front for combat operations. The division was subordinate to Höh.Kdo. LXX, and the XXVIII. and XXVI. A.K. during this period, under the command of Gen.Maj. Bruno Ortner, who assumed command on Sep 29, 1941. | Nov 1, 1942 - Apr 30, 1943 | 33509/1 | 1046 | 1 |
| Ia, Anlage 1 z. KTB 1; Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Corps orders concerning the replacement of the 121. Inf.Div. with the 69. Inf.Div., reports on the transfer of equipment, and division afteraction and situation reports. Activity reports of the Intelligence Branch for November and December 1942, with interrogation summaries, intelligence bulletins, and overlays; and activity reports of the Personnel Branch after arrival of the division on the Volkhov River front. | Oct 31, 1942 - Feb 5, 1943 | 33509/2 | 1046 | 115 |
| Ia, Anlage 2 z. KTB 1; Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Division orders, afteraction and situation reports, instructions for training for the thaw period and construction of fortifications, order of battle charts, overlays, and a report on preparations for an anticipated large-scale Russian offensive in April 1943. Activity reports of the Intelligence Branch from February to April 1943, with intelligence bulletins, and activity reports of the Personnel Branch while located between Chudovo and Tosno. | Feb 8 - Apr 28, 1943 | 33509/3 | 1046 | 298 |

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| Ia, Anlage 3 z. KTB 1. Daily activity reports from subordinate units. | Nov 28, 1942 - Apr 30, 1943 | 33509/4 | 1046 | 435 |
| Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2, Russland. Position defense and construction of fortified positions on the frontline between Leningrad and Chudovo in the Mga area, withdrawal to Lyuban, and transfer to Nevel for defensives in the Pustoshka area and the battle of Nevel. The division was subordinate to the XXVI. and I. A.K. during this period. | May 1 - Dec 31, 1943 | 45135/1 | 1046 | 855 |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Heft 1. Messages, announcements, orders, directives, reports, order of battle charts, and overlays. | May 5 - Aug 31, 1943 | 45135/2 | 1046 | 1006 |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Heft 2; IIa, Tätigkeitsbericht. Corps and division orders and reports; messages, reports, directives, and overlays from adjacent divisions and subordinate units concerning construction of roads and fortifications in the Mga area. An activity report of the Personnel Branch for September 1943, with lists of officers' duty assignments. | Sep 1 - Oct 31, 1943 | 45135/3 | 1047 | 1 |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Heft 3; Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Corps and division orders and reports; messages and reports from adjacent divisions and subordinate units concerning the retreat and combat operations in the Nevel area, order of battle charts, artillery fire plans, maps, and overlays. Activity reports of the Intelligence Branch from September to November 1943, with intelligence bulletins, and an activity report of the Personnel Branch for November 1943, with lists of officers' duty assignments. | Nov 1 - Dec 31, 1943 | 45135/4 | 1047 | 240 |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Heft 4. Daily reports and messages from subordinate units. | May 1 - Dec 31, 1943 | 45135/5 | 1047 | 448 |
| Ia, Norwegen-Tagebuch der 2. Komp./I.R. 236. Notes for the period Aug 27, 1939 - Jan 29, 1940, on training activities in preparation for duty in Norway and daily activities in the Norwegian campaign from Apr 9 to May 20, 1940. | Aug 27, 1939 - May 20, 1940 | 77132/4 | 1047 | 1041 |