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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1940/10/02	Wehrkreis II, Neustettin Gross Born	Activation, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Siegfried Macholz, 1940/10/02-1942/11/10 Subordinate to: Stellvertretendes Generalkommando II, 1940/10/02-1941/04/01
1941/03/25	East Prussia, Schlossberg (Dobrovolsk)	Transfer, assembly for the invasion of Russia	AK 10, 1941/04/01-1941/04/27; AK 28, 1941/04/28-1941/07/14
1941/06/22	Kaunas, Ukmerge, Lithuania, Daugavpils, Latvia	Invasion of the Baltic States, offensive operations	
1941/07/21	Western Dvina River, Idritsa, Novorzhev, Porkhov	Crossing into Russia, advance	AK 10, 1941/07/15-1941/07/19 AK 28, 1941/07/20-1941/07/26; PzGr 4, 1941/07/27-1941/07/28; AK 56 mot, 1941/07/28-1941/07/31;
1941/08/20	Torkovichi, Lyuban, Kolpino	Offensive operations	AK 28, 1941/07/31-1941/09/01; AK 39 Pz, 1941/09/02-1941/09/09; AK 28, 1941/09/09-1941/12/03; AK 50, 1941/12/03-1942/03/06
1941/10/01	Kolpino, Krasny Bor	Position defense, encirclement of Leningrad	
1942/03/07	Shimsk, Staraya Russa	Movement, offensive engagements	AK 10, 1942/03/07-1942/03/24 Stossgruppe Seydlitz, 1942/03/25-1942/05/02;
1942/05/01	Lovat River, Kobylkino, Redtsy	Defensive and offensive operations	AK 10, 1942/05/02-1942/07/08
1942/07/04	Omychkino, Byakovo	Crossing the Lovat River	Gruppe von Knobelsdorff (AK 2), 1942/07/09-1942/09/09
1942/08/01	Pola River sector	Defensive operations	
1942/09/01	Demyansk, Dedno, Lychkovo	Transfer, defensive operations	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Kurt Chill, 1942/10/14-1944/02/01 Subordinate to: AK 2, 1942/09/09-1943/02/22 Gruppe Hoehne (AK 10), 1943/02/22-1943/02/23; Gruppe von Erdmannsdorff (AK 10), 1943/02/23-1943/04/05
1943/02/00	Demyansk	Operation Ziethen (disengagement movements)	
1943/02/25	Staraya Russa	Defensive operations	
1943/04/03	Lake Ilmen, Shimsk	Transfer, rehabilitation, training	AK 10, 1943/04/05-1943/04/07 AOK 16, 1943/04/07-1943/05/03;

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1943/05/15	Staraya Russa	Movement, defensive operations	AK Hoehne, 1943/05/03-1943/08/04
1943/06/01	Gorushka, Karkachevo	Defensive and assault troop operations	
1943/07/31	Tuleblya, Volot	Movement, defensive operations, securing of railroad lines	AOK 16, 1943/08/04-1943/09/02; AK 10, 1943/09/02-1943/10/09

Records of the 122.ID are reproduced on rolls 1313-1320 of Microfilm Publication T315 as described immediately following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/09/01 were available at the National Archives, the general staff officers personnel files and situation maps of Heeresgruppen Mitte, Nord, and Kurland show:

1943/10/00	Nevel	Defensive operations	
1944/03/00	Narva sector	Defensive operations	
1944/10/05	Latvia	Retreat	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Friedrich Fangohr, 1944/08/23-1945/02/21
1945/04/00	Frauenburg (Saldus)	Defensive operations	

Manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series, prepared by former German officers for the Historical Division, Headquarters United States Army, Europe, between 1945 and 1959, contain references to the 122.ID as follows:

MS P-149/29 (Luga - Nordabschnitt, vom 10. bis 17.8.41) by Obst. Hans Joachim Schipp von Branitz

MS D-151 (Fighting on the Narva Front: The Evacuation of Estonia and the Withdrawal to the Dvina, 1944) by Gen. Anton Grasser.

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Ia, KTB 2, (Kaempfe im Einschliessungsring um Leningrad vom 1.10.1941-5.3.1942). Position defense in the Kolpino area until March 1942 when the division moved southward along the Dno, Torkovichi, and Pushkin railroad line. Register of officers, combat and ration strength and casualty reports, and an inventory of weapons.	1941/10/01-1942/03/06	122.ID 22528/1	1313	1
Ia, Anlagen Nr. 1-199 zum KTB 2. Daily reports, orders, overlays, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault troop operations, artillery activity, reorganization, regrouping, employment of captured French guns, the tactical disposition in the Kolpino area, and the execution of Fall Neva (defense of the frozen Neva River). Order-of-battle charts and special directives concerning engineer units.	1941/10/01-1941/12/14	122.ID 22528/2	1313	361
Ia, Anlagen Nr. 200-386 zum KTB 2. Defensive operations, construction of defensive positions, training, tactical disposition in the Kolpino and Krasny Bor areas, and enemy offensive operations. Afteraction reports concerning assault troop operations, 5 Jan 1942, and activity of Kampfgruppe Hardt, 10-12 Feb 1942; critiques relating to the winter battle at Kolpino and defense against enemy assault troop operations, 18 Feb 1942; order-of-battle charts; an order regarding the transfer of the division to the Staraya Russa area and the taking over of its sector by Untergruppe Graffen, 3-4 Mar 1942.	1941/12/15-1942/03/04	122.ID 22528/3	1314	1
Ic, IIa, TB zum KTB 2. Activity report of the Intelligence Branch concerning enemy operations, losses, unit identification and strength, and tactical situation; activity report of the Personnel Branch, including a casualty report.	1941/10/01-1942/03/06	122.ID 22528/4	1314	269
Ia, KTB 1, (Vom Durchbruch durch die Grenzstellungen am 22.6. bis zur Einschliessung von Leningrad). The	1941/06/22-1941/09/30	122.ID 22540/1	1314	317

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division's operations during the invasion of Lithuania; crossing of the Baltic States via Kaunas, Ukmerge, and Daugavpils; and advance to the Kolpino area via Idritsa, Porkhov, the area west of Lake Ilmen, Torkovichi, and Lyuban. Combat and ration strength and casualty reports and a register of officers.				
Ia, TB mit Anlagen als Vorbemerkungen zum KTB 1. Activity report and orders, directives, reports, and maps pertaining to the activation of the 122.ID, also known by the cover name Division Greif, 2 Oct 1940; in Wehrkreis II at the Truppenuebungsplatz Gross Born, Lager Linde, with personnel of the 32.ID and 258.ID; formation and training in the Neustettin (Szczecinek) area until the end of March 1941; transfer to East Prussia in preparation for Operation Barbarossa (invasion of Russia); and assembly in the Schlossberg (Dobrovolsk) area. Order-of-battle charts.	1940/10/02-1941/06/21	122.ID 22540/2	1314	593
Ia, Anlagen 1-216 zum KTB 1. Orders, reports, maps, and overlays pertaining to offensive operations, movements, artillery activity, tactical situation, and road conditions from the German-Lithuanian border to Novorzhev; enemy operations, capabilities, unit identification, and field fortification along the Russian-Lithuanian border; and the military situation. Orders relating to traffic control during the crossing of the Western Dvina River and special directives concerning signal communications.	1941/06/22-1941/07/20	122.ID 22540/3	1314	717
Ia, Anlagen 217-375 zum KTB 1. Orders, reports, overlays, and maps pertaining to offensive operations, movements, artillery and counterintelligence activity, and the tactical situation between Novorzhev and Torkovichi and to enemy operations and unit identifications. Reconnaissance reports showing military geographic data and an order-of-battle chart.	1941/07/21-1941/08/19	122.ID 22540/4	1314	1022
Ia, Anlagen 376-593 zum KTB 1. Offensive operations,	1941/08/20-1941/09/30	122.ID 22540/5	1315	1

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artillery activity, and tactical disposition in the Torkovichi, Lyuban, and Kolpino areas and enemy operations and unit identification. Order-of-battle charts and special directives concerning engineer units.				
Ic, IIa, TB zum KTB 1. Activity report of the Intelligence Branch, 30 Nov 1940-30 Sep 1941, pertaining to troop entertainment and indoctrination and counterintelligence activity and, from 22 Jun 1941, to enemy operations, movements, losses, unit identification, strength, and tactical situation. Activity reports of the Personnel Branch, 21 Sep 1940-30 Sep 1941, concerning the activation, formation, and training of the division and general personnel matters.	1940/09/21-1941/09/30	122.ID 22540/6	1315	295
Ia, KTB 3. Transfer of the division to and defense of the area south of Staraya Russa.	1942/03/07-1942/07/03	122.ID 33447/1	1315	346
Ia, Anlagen 1-99 zum KTB 3. Movement of the division to the Shimsk area, 5-15 Mar 1942, offensive engagements south of Staraya Russa toward the Lovat River, winter mobility, regrouping, and tactical disposition. Order-of-battle charts and intelligence bulletins, tables, and maps concerning enemy operations, unit identification, and defensive position.	1942/03/07-1942/03/31	122.ID 33447/2	1315	672
Ia, Anlagen 100-219 zum KTB 3. Defensive operations and counterattacks in the area west of the Lovat River and south of Staraya Russa, artillery activity, and tactical disposition; enemy operations, unit identification, and tactical disposition. Order-of-battle charts and special directives concerning engineer units.	1942/04/01-1942/04/30	122.ID 33447/3	1315	821
Ib, Erfahrungsberichte, Russland. Experience reports and critiques relating to supply services, administration, and situation; organization of supply	1941/07/11-1942/11/23	122.ID 26729/18	1315	997

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troops; status of winter preparations; use of winter equipment; and veterinary services. (This record item, filmed originally without frame numbers on MR 1479, has been assigned a simulated initial frame number.)				
Ia, Anlagen 220-314 zum KTB 3. Orders, reports, maps and overlays pertaining to the offensive toward the Lovat River to gain a bridgehead across the Lovat River to free the encircled AK 2 in the Kobylkino and Redtsy areas and reorganization and rehabilitation, 10 May 1942. Intelligence bulletins, reports, and maps concerning enemy operations, losses, weapons, rations, unit identification and strength, replacements, and propaganda.	1942/05/01-1942/05/31	122.ID 33447/4	1316	1
Ia, Anlagen 315-454 zum KTB 3. Orders, directives, reports, charts, overlays, and maps pertaining to the attack in the Red'ya River area, 4 Jun 1942, defensive and assault troop operations in the Lovat River sector, crossing the Lovat River, 3 Jul, order of battle, combat strength, replacements, construction of defensive positions, and tactical disposition; and enemy operations and probable intentions.	1942/06/01-1942/07/04	122.ID 33447/5	1316	166
Ia, KTB 4. Operations in the Pola and Lovat River sector and transfer to the Demyansk area, 8 Sep 1942.	1942/07/04-1943/02/24	122.ID 33447/6	1316	411
Ia, Anlagen 1-133 zum KTB 4. Crossing of the Lovat River in the Omychkino and Byakovo areas, advance across the Pola River, defensive operations south of Pola, construction of roads and defensive positions, order of battle, and reports on combat strength, training, and tactical disposition. Special directives concerning cooperation with Luftwaffe units.	1942/07/04-1942/07/31	122.ID 33447/7	1316	906
Ia, Anlagen 134-253 zum KTB 4. Defensive operations in the Pola River sector, artillery activity, and construction of roads and defensive positions. Data on combat strength, weapons, training, and tactical disposition; afteraction critique relating to the	1942/08/01-1942/08/31	122.ID 33447/8	1317	1

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<p>battle for Svinoroy; activity report of the Schneeschuhbatterie/Art.-Rgt. 122.</p> <p>Ia, Anlagen 254-410 zum KTB 4. Defensive operations and tactical movements in the Pola and Robya River sectors and the Demyansk, Dedno, and Lychkovo areas; preparation for the winter; combat strength and weapons, order of battle, and organizational breakdown. Intelligence reports concerning enemy operations, morale, unit identification, strength, and tactical situation.</p>	1942/09/01-1942/09/30	122.ID 33447/9	1317	176
<p>Ia, Anlagen 411-496 zum KTB 4. Orders, reports, maps, and overlays pertaining to defensive and assault operations in the Dedno and Lychkovo areas, artillery activity, organizational breakdown, casualties, and tactical disposition and to enemy operations and artillery activity. Afteraction report concerning the battle to secure the Valdai-Staraya Russa railroad line and directives relating to the use of antiaircraft weapons in land warfare.</p>	1942/10/01-1942/10/15	122.ID 33447/10	1317	409
<p>Ia, Anlagen 497-576 zum KTB 4. Orders, reports, charts, overlays, and maps pertaining to defensive operations, artillery activity, order of battle, organizational breakdown, construction of defensive positions, and tactical disposition in the Lychkovo and Dedno areas. Reports on the supply situation and activities of the Leopold Brigade. Intelligence reports and bulletins, interrogation reports, and maps concerning enemy operations, artillery activity, organization, tactical disposition, unit identification, code names, and the Mischa automatic gun.</p>	1942/10/16-1942/10/31	122.ID 33447/11	1317	559
<p>Ia, Anlagen 577-670 zum KTB 4. Defensive operations, antitank defense, artillery activity, and tactical disposition in the Dedno and Lychkovo areas. Order-of-battle charts, organizational breakdown, and</p>	1942/11/01-1942/11/15	122.ID 33447/12	1317	709

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directives relating to supply services. Intelligence bulletins, interrogation reports, and maps concerning enemy operations, losses, artillery activity, and tactical dispositions.				
Ia, Anlagen 671-790 zum KTB 4. Defensive operations, tactical movements, battle conduct, reorganization, construction of defensive positions, security of rear areas, artillery activity, and tactical disposition in the Lychkovo and Dedno areas. Intelligence reports, bulletins, and maps concerning enemy operations, attack methods, tactical disposition, organization, unit identification, strength, and weapons. Counterintelligence activity.	1942/11/16-1942/11/30	122.ID 33447/13	1317	908
Ia, Anlagen 791-880 zum KTB 4. Defensive operations, security of rear areas, artillery activity, order-of-battle charts, organizational breakdown, combat strength, loss of equipment, casualties, and tactical disposition north of Dedno and reports on enemy operations. Afteraction reports and critiques concerning engagements to close the gap in the lines between Zaprudno and Dedno, 29 Oct-5 Nov 1942, battles west of Zaprudno and near Pustynya, 21-23 Nov 1942, and antitank combat.	1942/12/01-1942/12/15	122.ID 33447/14	1318	1
Ia, Anlagen 881-964 zum KTB 4. Orders, reports, overlays, and maps pertaining to defensive operations, training, and tactical disposition in the Dedno and Vyderka areas and to enemy operations and artillery activity. Directives regarding the formation, organization, and training of antitank and alert units.	1942/12/16-1942/12/31	122.ID 33447/15	1318	230
Ia, Anlagen 965-1124 zum KTB 4. Orders, reports, charts, overlays, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault troop operations; artillery activity and organizational breakdown; mobility; the transportation and supply situation in the Dedno and Vyderka areas; and enemy operations, losses, and tactical disposition.	1943/01/01-1943/01/31	122.ID 33447/16	1318	384



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Ia, Anlagen 1199-1271 zum KTB 4. Reports, orders, and maps pertaining to withdrawal movements from the Vyderka area to south of Dedno and the tactical disposition. Special supply directives.	1943/02/16-1943/02/24	122. ID 33447/18	1318	810
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 4. Orders, reports, charts, overlays, and maps pertaining to operations; readiness for attack; order of battle; tactical disposition; and preparation for and execution of Operation Schlingpflanze (counteroffensive from Sorokino to the Gorby and Ol'khovets areas, Aug 1942), Operation Pusta (counteroffensive in the Pustynya area, Oct 1942), and Operation Ziethen (disengagement movements in the Demyansk area, Feb 1943). Special directives concerning traffic control, road maintenance, signal communications, and supply; intelligence bulletins and maps regarding enemy operations, unit identification, strength, organization, and tactical disposition.	1942/07/07-1943/02/22	122. ID 33447/19	1318	924
Ic, TB (vom 7.3.-28.3.42 wurde kein TB geschrieben, da sich die Division auf dem Marsch befand). Enemy operations, losses, unit identification, strength, and tactical situation in the Lovat, Polist' and Red'ya River sectors.	1942/03/07-1942/07/03	122. ID 33447/20	1319	i
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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to preparation and execution of Unternehmen Hindenburg (recapture of the Pennastellung south of Staraya Russa), regrouping of corps units, and reorganization of the division with order-of-battle	1943/03/22-1943/08/28	122. ID 38302	1319	121

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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Defensive operations, artillery activity, battle conduct, tactical movements, order of battle, organizational breakdown, construction of defensive positions, and preparations for the thaw period in the Staraya Russa and Parfino areas; afteraction report of Kampfgruppe Leimrock, 15-26 Feb 1943; intelligence bulletins and maps regarding enemy operations, artillery activity, unit identification, strength, losses, replacements, and tactical disposition.	1943/02/25-1943/03/15	122.ID 39693/2	1319	592
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Defensive operations in the Staraya Russa area, transfer to the Shimsk area for rehabilitation and training, 3 Apr 1943, planned transfer to the area south of Staraya Russa, and execution of Unternehmen Hindenburg. Order-of-battle charts, data on organizational breakdown, reorganization, battle conduct, and tactical disposition; afteraction reports concerning engagements south of Sychevo, 28 Feb-2 Mar 1943; and intelligence bulletins and maps regarding enemy operations.	1943/03/16-1943/04/30	122.ID 39693/3	1319	897
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders, directives, reports, charts, overlays, and maps pertaining to the division's transfer to and defensive operations in the area south of Staraya Russa, artillery activity, order of battle, organizational breakdown, security of rear areas and installations, tactical disposition, and Operation	1943/05/03-1943/05/31	122.ID 39693/4	1320	1

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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders, reports, charts, overlays, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault troop operations, artillery activity, order of battle, combat strength, organizational breakdown, road maintenance, traffic control, construction of defensive positions, and tactical disposition. Afteraction report on Operation Feuerkopf and critiques relating to battles in the Gorushka area, 6-7 Jun 1943, and at Karkachevo, 28 Jun; intelligence bulletins, interrogation reports, and maps concerning enemy operations, losses, unit identification and strength, and partisan and artillery activity.	1943/06/01-1943/06/30	122.ID 39693/5	1320	220
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Orders, reports, charts, overlays, and maps pertaining to defensive operations south of Staraya Russa, tactical movements to Tuleblya, 31 Jul 1943, artillery activity, order of battle, combat strength, organizational breakdown, construction of defensive positions, formation of replacement training battalions, and tactical disposition. Intelligence and interrogation reports, intelligence bulletins, and maps concerning enemy operations, artillery activity, losses, unit identification, and tactical disposition; an appraisal of the enemy military situation.	1943/07/01-1943/07/31	122.ID 39693/6	1320	560
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 5. Defensive operations, artillery activity, training, reorganization, security of the Volot-Tuleblya railroad line, and tactical disposition southwest of Staraya Russa. Intelligence reports, bulletins, and maps concerning enemy operations, artillery activity, unit identification, and tactical disposition.	1943/08/01-1943/09/01	122.ID 39693/7	1320	866

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