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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1939/08/26	Stargard, Wehrkreis II	Activation of 207.ID	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Karl von Tiedemann, 1939/09/01-1942/12/31
1939/09/01	Leba River sector, Neustadt (Wejherowo), Poland	Training, security, occupation duty	Subordinate to: Stellv.Gen.Kdo. II, 1939/08/20-1939/08/31 Grenzschutzabschnittskommando 1, 1939/09/01-1939/09/30
1939/11/11	Haltern, Coesfeld, Dorsten, Borken, Westphalia	Transfer, training	AK 10, 1939/11/11-1940/05/21
1940/01/07	Rees, Emmerich, Bocholt	Training, preparation for the invasion of Holland	
1940/05/10	Arnhem, Utrecht, Rotterdam, The Hague, Leiden, Haarlem, Dordrecht, Alkmaar	Offensive engagements, coastal defense, occupation duty	OKH (Militaerbefehlshaber Niederlanden), 1940/05/22-1940/06/09
1940/05/31	Dreux, France	Transfer, occupation duty	AK 29, 1940/06/05-1940/06/24
1940/06/29	Saint-Quentin, Laon	Movement	Militaerbefehlshaber in Frankreich, 1940/06/24-1940/07/09
1940/07/07	Wehrkreis II, Stettin, Gross Born, Schneidemuehl, Kallies, Neustettin	Transfer, training	Stellv.Gen.Kdo. II, 1940/07/10-1941/04/21
1941/03/15		Redesignated 207.SichD	
1941/04/02	Koeslin, East Prussia	Transfer	
1941/04/23	East Prussia, Tilsit, Taurage, Kelme, Lithuania, Riga, Latvia,	Training, preparation for the invasion of Russia,	Heeresgruppe Nord (C), 1941/04/22-1941/06/21
1941/09/08	Dorpat (Tartu), Pskov, Lake Peipus	advance, security duty (source: situation maps Lage Ost, H 37/160 MR 1315)	
1942/01/01	Reval (Tallin), Dorpat, Estonia, Lake Peipus, Gdov, Pskov, Russia	Security duty, coastal defense, operations against partisans	Kommandierender General der Sicherungstruppen und Befehlshaber im Heeresgebiet Nord, 1942/01/01-1943/12/31 C.O.: Gen.Lt. Erich Hofmann, 1942/12/31-1944/04/20

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1943/07/01	Estonia, Gdov, Pskov	Security duty, training, regrouping	
1943/10/21	Nevel, Dorpat (Tartu), Ostrov	Formation of Gruppe von Below, movement, defensive and assault operations	
1943/11/09	Dorpat	Disbandment of Gruppe von Below, security duty, operations against partisans	

Records of the 207.SichD are reproduced on rolls 1601-1608 of Microfilm Publication T315 and are described following the unit history.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/12/31 were available at the National Archives, situation maps of Lage Poland and Ost, general officers personnel files, records of OKH/AHA, H 37/160 (MR 1315), and manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series, MS D-129 (Fighting During Retreat of XXVI Corps to Pskov, Feb 1944), by Gen. Anton Grasser, contain references to the 207.SichD as follows:

1944/02/01	Dorpat, Lake Peipus, Pskov, Porko Island	Operations against partisans, defensive operations, security duty, coastal defense	
1944/08/18	Dorpat	Reorganized Kampfgruppe 207.SichD	
1944/09/17	Dorpat, Lake Peipus, Riga	Retreat of remnants of Kampfgruppe 207.SichD	
1944/10/03		Destroyed (no trace on Lage Ost maps)	
1944/10/11	Windau (Ventspils), Latvia	Reconstitution of 207.SichD	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Martin Berg, 1944/10/20-1944/12/10
1944/10/22	Sassmacken (Valdemarpils)	Redesignation of 207.SichD (zbV), defensive engagements	
1945/01/18	Sassmacken	Disbanded	

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Ia, Anlagen zum KTB. Orders, messages, and maps pertaining to preparations for the attack on Holland in the Rees, Emmerich, and Bocholt areas, 11 Apr-9 May 1940; invasion of Holland on 10 May 1940; offensive engagements; occupation duty; and coastal defense in the Arnhem, The Hague, Haarlem, Rotterdam, Dordrecht, Bergen op Zoom, and Leiden areas. Billeting and march surveys, lists of code names for division units, and special directives concerning signal communications.	1940/04/11-1940/05/31	207.SichD #2596	1601	1
Ia, KTB 2. War journal concerning transfer from the Danzig area to Haltern and Coesfeld, Westphalia, and training and billeting in the Haltern, Coesfeld, Dorsten, and Borken areas, 11 Nov 1939-6 Jan 1940, and in the Rees, Emmerich, and Bocholt areas, 7 Jan-9 May 1940.	1939/11/11-1940/05/09	207.SichD #2596/a	1601	151
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 2. Daily and afteraction reports concerning the advancement from Emmerich, Westphalia, to Utrecht, Netherlands; daily reports of the personnel branch.	1939/11/12-1940/07/31	207.SichD #2596/b	1601	205
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 2. Orders, reports, and messages pertaining to the transfer from Sopot, Danzig, to Westphalia, 1-10 Nov 1939, training and billeting in the Borken, Coesfeld, Haltern, and Dorsten areas, 11 Nov 1939-6 Jan 1940, and movement to and training in the Rees, Emmerich, and Bocholt areas, 7 Jan-9 May 1940.	1939/11/11-1940/05/09	207.SichD #2596/c	1601	438
Ia, KTB 3. War journal concerning the invasion of Holland in the Arnhem area and offensive engagements, 10-15 May 1940; occupation, security, and coastal defense, 16-31 May 1940, in the Utrecht, Den Helder, Rotterdam, The Hague, Alkmaar, and Leiden areas; and preparations for moving southward to Namur, Belgium.	1940/05/09-1940/05/31	207.SichD #2596/d	1601	599
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB. Orders, messages, maps, and overlays pertaining to the invasion and occupation of Holland; order-of-battle charts; a casualty report;	1940/05/10-1940/05/23	207.SichD #2596/e	1601	652

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special supply directives; and afteraction reports relating to offensive engagements, 10-15 May 1940. (This item was damaged by fire.)				
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB. Reports and orders pertaining to occupation, billeting, security, coastal defense, and training and terms of surrender for the Netherlands Armed Forces; special directives concerning supply in Holland; and an order regarding the movement of the division to Breda.	1940/05/23-1940/05/31	207.SichD W2596/f	1602	1
Ia, KTB 4. War journal concerning movement from Holland to Dreux, France, via Breda, Holland, Turnhout, Titledont, Namur, and Charleroi, Belgium, Hirson, Montcornet, the Aisne River, Chalons-sur-Marne, Chateau-Thierry, Meaux, and Saint-Denis, 31 May-26 Jun 1940; control of prisoners of war and refugees; movement to the Saint-Quentin and Laon areas via Elbeuf and Montdidier, 29 Jun-7 Jul 1940; transfer to and billeting in the Stettin, Schneidemuehl, Neustettin, and Kallies areas, Wehrkreis II, 7-13 Jul 1940; and training.	1940/05/31-1940/07/31	207.SichD #2596/g	1602	81
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB. Orders and messages pertaining to the movements from Holland through Belgium to Dreux, west of Paris, to the Saint-Quentin and Laon areas, and by train to Germany. Billeting and detraining schedules.	1940/06/01-1940/07/17	207.SichD #2596/h	1602	106
IIa, TB. A register of officers, lists of officers duty assignments, ration strength reports, and a casualty report for the period 10-13 May 1940. (This partially burnt document was reconstituted and the activity report was omitted.)	1939/11/00-1940/07/00	207.SichD W2596/k	1602	365
Ib, KTB 1. War journal of the supply branch and combat and ration strength reports.	1940/01/09-1940/07/31	207.SichD W2597/a	1602	393
Ib, Anlagen zum KTB 1. Special directives concerning supply in Wehrkreis X, Holland, Belgium, France, and Gross Born, Wehrkreis II, and periodic fuel and ration	1940/01/03-1940/07/29	207.SichD W2597/b	1602	448

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Ib, Anlagen zum KTB 1. Special supply directives concerning rear area services and daily reports on supply matters. Operation orders pertaining to occupation and security duty in Holland, movement through Belgium to the area west of Paris, return march to the Saint-Quentin area for transfer by train to Gross Born, Wehrkreis II.	1940/04/12-1940/07/10	207.SichD #2597/c	1602	857
IVd, TB als Anlage zum KTB 1. Activity report of the medical officer with a casualty report and special directives and reports on medical services.	1940/05/09-1940/07/13	207.SichD #2597/d	1602	965
IVa, TB als Anlage zum KTB 1. Activity report of the administrative officer and a register of officers.	1939/09/20-1940/07/12	207.SichD #2599	1603	1
IVc, TB als Anlage zum KTB 1. Activity report of the veterinary officer.	1940/01/09-1940/07/13	207.SichD #2600	1603	117
IVc, Anlagen zum KTB 1, Tagesbefehle. Daily orders concerning veterinary services; lists of veterinary officers duty assignments; and afteraction critiques relating to veterinary services, dated 3 Mar 1940.	1940/01/06-1940/06/10	207.SichD #2601	1603	161
IVc, Anlagen zum KTB 1. Daily inventories of horses and strength reports of Veterinary Company 207.	1940/06/12-1940/07/28	207.SichD #2601/a	1603	342
IVd, TB. Activity report of the Protestant chaplain.	1939/11/10-1940/06/30	207.SichD #7231	1603	463
IVd, TB. Activity report of the Catholic chaplain.	1939/11/10-1940/06/24	207.SichD #7286	1603	471
Ib, TB. Activity report of the supply branch concerning supply services in the Neustettin area, Wehrkreis II.	1940/07/11-1941/03/14	207.SichD 7389	1603	475
IVd, Nachtrag zum TB. A supplement to the activity report of the Catholic chaplain.	1939/11/10-1940/06/24	207.SichD 7536	1603	481
IVb, TB. Activity report of the medical officer concerning medical services and training in the Bad Polzin and Stettin areas.	1940/08/01-1941/03/14	207.SichD 9109	1603	485
Ib, IVa-c, III, FPM, TB. Activity report of the supply branch concerning supply services, transfer of the division from France to Gross Born, Wehrkreis II, movements to Stettin and Neustettin areas,	1940/06/25-1941/04/22	207.SichD 14744	1603	493

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redesignation of 207.ID as 207.SichD, 15 Mar 1941, and transfer to East Prussia via Koeslin, 2-22 Apr 1941; and inventories of weapons and munitions. Activity report of the judge advocate regarding disciplinary matters, movements from Holland through Belgium to the Paris area, transfer from France to Gross Born, 6-10 Jul 1940, movements to the Stargard area, 20 Sep 1940, and to East Prussia; and activity reports of the administrative and veterinary officers, the Protestant and Catholic chaplains, and the postmaster.				
Ib, KTB. War journal concerning supply services and occupation of the Reval, Dorpat, and Tyuri areas in Estonia, the Gdov area east of Lake Peipus, and the Pskov area. (Items 22394/6-9, KTB mit Anlagen for the period 22 Apr-31 Dec 1941, as listed in the Potsdam catalog were not available at the National Archives. According to the situation maps of Lage Ost and records of OKH/AHA (H 37/160), MR 1315, the division assembled in the Tilsit area, 11-21 Jun 1941, and moved to Pskov via Taurage, Kelme, Siauliai, and Lake Peipus.)	1942/01/01-1942/12/31	207.SichD 32540/1	1603	590
Ib, Anlagenband 1 zum KTB. Orders concerning supply services during the thaw period, reorganization of supply units, preparations for the winter, antiaircraft protection for industrial, supply, and railroad installations; an order-of-battle chart; and two maps showing the tactical dispositions of the division in Estonia and the Gdov and Pskov areas, dated 1 Jan 1942, and 31 Dec 1942.	1942/01/01-1942/12/31	207.SichD 32540/2	1603	630
Ib, Anlagenband 2 zum KTB. Special supply directives.	1941/12/29-1942/04/29	207.SichD 32540/3	1603	637
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IVd, TB. Activity report of the Catholic chaplain.	1942/01/01-1942/12/31	207.SichD 32540/10	1604	551
FPM, TB. Activity report of the postmaster.	1942/01/01-1942/12/31	207.SichD 32540/11	1604	560
Ia, KTB 6. War journal concerning coastal defense of Estonia, security against airborne troops, and operations against partisans in Estonia and the Gdov and Pskov areas; and a register of officers.	1942/01/01-1942/12/31	207.SichD 33300/1	1604	566
Ia, Anlagenband 1 zum KTB 6. Orders and maps pertaining to security of rear areas, coastal defense, operations against partisans, disposition of the division, training, organization, assignment, and subordination of Landesschuetzenbataillone and Estonian auxiliary police; and order-of-battle charts.	1942/01/01-1942/03/31	207.SichD 33300/2	1604	726
Ia, Anlagenband 2 zum KTB 6. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to coastal defense of Estonia, security of rear areas, fortifying of Reval, reconnaissance activity, alerts, and regrouping; and an afteraction critique relating to operations against partisans, 3-4 Jun 1942.	1942/04/01-1942/06/30	207.SichD 33300/3	1604	880
Ia, Anlagenband 3 zum KTB 6. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to coastal defense of Estonia, security of rear areas, regrouping, operations against partisans, construction of bases, preparations for the winter, and Estonian internal protection; and order-of-battle charts.	1942/07/01-1942/09/15	207.SichD 33300/4	1605	1
Ia, Anlagenband 4 zum KTB 6. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to security of rear areas, activities of partisans, formation and assignment of alert units, and training; and order-of-battle charts.	1942/09/14-1942/11/01	207.SichD 33300/5	1605	383
Ia, Anlagenband 5 zum KTB 6. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to security of rear areas, operations against partisans, formation, organization, and assignment of alert units, rail security, German and enemy tactical disposition; order-of-battle charts; and an afteraction critique relating to the defense of the	1942/11/02-1942/12/31	207.SichD 33300/6	1606	1

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Ic, TB. Activity report concerning interrogation of captured enemy agents, investigations of acts of sabotage, actions against partisans, and measures taken to suppress anti-German propaganda and maintain the security of rear areas.	1942/01/01-1942/12/31	207.SichD 33300/8	1606	494
Ic, Anlagen zum TB, Lagekarten. Maps showing the location of partisan units east of Lake Peipus.	1942/01/01-1942/12/31	207.SichD 33300/9	1606	727
Ia, KTB 7. War journal concerning operations against partisans, coastal defense, employment of native and alert units, rail security, regrouping, and training in Estonia and the Gdov and Pskov areas.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	207.SichD 39100/1	1606	753
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB. Orders, directives, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to operations against partisans, coastal defense, employment of native units, formation and assignment of alert units to larger cities, rail security, employment policy for native laborers, regrouping, training, German and enemy tactical disposition, and enemy operations and military situation. Also, billeting and defense surveys, order-of-battle charts, strength and status reports, and afteraction critiques relating to the use of native units against Russia and a map exercise in Dorpat regarding coastal defense, 3 Mar 1943.	1943/01/01-1943/04/15	207.SichD 39100/2	1606	823
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to operations against partisans; coastal defense; the formation, training, and assignment of alert units; and native security units and work detachments; security of roads, railroads, and industrial installations; "Gruene Legion" (an organization of Estonian nonbelligerent resisters); and enemy tactical situation and probable intentions. Also, order-of-battle charts, status reports, and a	1943/04/16-1943/06/30	207.SichD 39100/3	1607	1

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Ic, TB mit Anlagen. Activity report with intelligence reports concerning partisan and sabotage activities, attitude of the civilian population, counterintelligence activity, military and rail security, German propaganda efforts, troop entertainment and indoctrination, and the visit of General Vlasov in Pskov on 29 Apr 1943.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	207.SichD 39100/4	1607	431
Ic, Anlagen zum TB, Karten. Maps showing the location of German propaganda leaflets dropping zones and the tactical disposition of partisan units east of Lake Peipus.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	207.SichD 39100/5	1607	666
Ia, KTB 7. War journal concerning operations against partisans; coastal defense; road and rail security; formation, organization, training and assignment of alert and Estonian self-protection units (estnische Selbstschutzeinheiten); police raids; evacuation of civilian population from the combat zone; construction of Pantherstellungen; regrouping and training in Estonia and the Gdov and Pskov areas; movement of the staff of Eingreif-Division (also known as Gruppe von Below) from Dorpat to Nevel via Ostrov, 21 Oct 1943, and its movement back to Dorpat 9 Nov 1943; and preparations for and execution of Unternehmen Karl May (search action in the area between Rakvere and Narva and north of Lake Peipus during the period 4-24 Dec 1943, to seize escaped prisoners of war, parachutists, agents, and Estonians who avoided military or labor draft).	1943/07/01-1943/12/31	207.SichD 44225/1	1607	683
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 7. Operations against partisans; coastal defense; police raids; organization, training, and assignment of alert and Estonian self-protection units; evacuation of the civilian population from the combat zone; training and preparation for Unternehmen Karl May in Estonia and the Gdov and Pskov areas.	1943/07/01-1943/09/14	207.SichD 44225/2	1608	1

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Order-of-battle charts, status and strength reports, monthly surveys of operational areas of subordinate units, and afteraction report concerning Unternehmen Waldweben (search action on Vormsi Island to seize deserters, 4-9 Jul 1943).				
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 7 und KTB Gruppe von Below, 21 Oct-2 Nov 1943. Orders, reports, messages, and maps pertaining to operations in Estonia and the Gdov and Pskov areas; notes on command conferences; order-of-battle charts; monthly surveys of operational areas of subordinate units; and an order relating to the execution of Unternehmen Karl May. War journal of Gruppe von Below concerning its formation on 21 Oct 1943, subordinate to AK 1 and consisting of Stab Hofmann, GrRgt 374, and artillery units of 207.SichD, movement to the area west of Nevel via Ostrov to close the gap between AK 1 and 9, and defense and assault operations in this area. Gen.Lt. Kurt Chill of the 122.ID took over the command of Gruppe von Below, and Oberst von Below again became commander of GrRgt 374 on 2 Nov 1943; and Stab Hofmann and GrRgt 374 moved to Dorpat on 9 Nov 1943.	1943/09/30-1943/12/26	207.SichD 44225/3	1608	517
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB Gruppe von Below. Orders, reports, maps, and order-of-battle charts pertaining to assault and defensive operations in the area west of Nevel.	1943/10/20-1943/11/01	207.SichD 44225/4	1608	994
IVa, TB. Activity report of the administrative officer with a war journal of the judge advocate for the period 16 Feb-31 Jul 1940, and a critique concerning the use of ration cards.	1943/07/01-1943/12/31	207.SichD 44616	1608	1111