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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1940/10/05	Truppenuebungsplatz Doellersheim, Rosenburg, Wehrkreis XVII	Formation, training	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Bergmann, 1940/10/11-1941/12/21 Subordinate to: Stellvertretendes Generalkommando XVII, 1940/10/05-1940/10/31; AK 18, 1940/11/01-1940/12/01; AK 51, 1940/12/02-1941/05/25
1941/02/15	Ried im Innkreis, Austria	Movement, training	AK 13, 1941/05/26-1941/05/28
1941/03/24	Lodz, Poland	Movement	
1941/05/26	Sokolow	Assembly	
1941/06/22	Bug River, Siemiatycze, Minsk, Orsha, Smolensk, Yelnya	Invasion of Russia, advance, offensive engagements	AK 35, 1941/05/28-1941/06/02; AK 9, 1941/06/03-1941/07/24; AOK 9, 1941/07/25-1941/07/26; AK 47 Pz, 1941/07/26-1941/07/29; AK 9, 1941/07/29-1941/08/15; AK 46 Pz, 1941/08/16-1941/08/19; AK 9, 1941/08/19-1941/10/10; Korueck 559, 1941/10/10-1941/11/06; AK 13, 1941/11/06-1941/12/06; AK 12, 1941/12/06-1941/12/11; AK 13, 1941/12/11-1941/12/14
1941/09/06	Yelnya, Yukhnov, Kaluga, Borovsk, Serpukhov, Aleksin, Mosalsk	Defensive and offensive operations, withdrawal, defensive operations	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Hans Kamecke, 1942/01/07-1943/10/15 Subordinate to: AK 43, 1941/12/14-1942/02/03; AK 57 mot, 1942/02/03-1942/03/11; AK 43, 1942/03/11-1942/03/27; AK 13, 1942/03/27-1942/04/30; AK 43, 1942/05/01-1943/01/16; AK 12, 1943/01/16-1943/02/12; Armee-Res. (Verlegung), 1943/02/12-1943/02/16; AK 47 Pz, 1943/02/16-1943/03/31; AK 20, 1943/04/01-1943/09/21; AK 46 Pz, 1943/09/22-1943/12/27
1942/03/27	Spas-Demensk, Mosalsk	Position defense	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Egon von Neindorff, 1943/10/20-1943/12/23
1943/02/16	Dmitriev-Lgovski, Sevsk, Dmitrovsk-Orlovski, Starodub,	Movement, defensive engagements, offensive operations	
1943/09/29	Loev	Redesignated as Kampfgruppe 137	
1943/10/01	Dnieper River, Sozh River, Loev, Lyubech, Mozyr, Pripet Marshes	Defensive engagements, disengagement movements	

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1943/12/04	Pripet Marshes	Redesignation as Divisions Gruppe 137		
1943/12/09		Incorporated into Korps Abteilung E, Oberkommando des Heeres, and 271.ID		

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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 137.ID as follows:

MS D-153 (XX Corps in the Defense of the Area Southwest of Orel - Withdrawal across the Desna and Dnieper Rivers to the Border of the Pripet Marshes, Summer 1943) by Gen. Rudolf von Roman

MS D-297 (Fighting in the Marshy Area of the Pripet, Mar 1944) by Gen. Maximilian Felzmann.

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Ia, Ic, TB. Activity report of the Operations Branch pertaining to the activation of the division, 5 Oct 1940, (11. Welle) in Truppenuebungsplatz Doellersheim, Rosenberg, Wehrkreis XVII, from personnel of the 44. and 262.ID and the Ersatzheer; movement to Ried im Innkreis, Austria, 15 Feb 1941; transfer to Lodz, Poland, 24-29 Mar 1941; and movement to Sokolow, 25 May 1941. Activity report of the Intelligence Branch, 2 Oct 1940-7 May 1941, concerning troop entertainment and disciplinary matters.	1940/10/02-1941/05/25	137.ID 9271/1	1413	1
Ia, Anlage zum TB. Reports and orders concerning formation, training, and movements and order-of-battle charts.	1940/10/14-1941/05/25	137.ID 9271/2	1413	30
Ia, KTB. War journal concerning assembly in the Sokolow area; invasion of Russia, 22 Jun 1941; crossing the Bug River; advance to Yelnya via Siemiatycze, Minsk, Orsha, and Smolensk; and the defense of Yelnya.	1941/05/26-1941/09/05	137.ID 18507/1	1413	237
Ia, Anlage zum KTB. Gefechts- und Verpflegungsstaerken, vom 22.6.-21.12.41 und 1.1.42-21.3.42, Verlustliste vom 22.6.-31.12.41 und 1.1.42-31.3.42.	1941/06/22-1942/03/31	137.ID 18507/2	1413	388
Ia, Anlage zum KTB. Daily reports and messages regarding movement, assembly, offensive engagements, and advance from the Sokolow area to Minsk.	1941/05/02-1941/07/01	137.ID 18507/3	1413	403
Ia, Anlage zum KTB. Advance to and offensive engagements in the Orsha area.	1941/07/02-1941/07/19	137.ID 18507/4	1414	1
Ia, Anlage zum KTB. Advance to and offensive engagements in the Smolensk area.	1941/07/20-1941/08/03	137.ID 18507/5	1415	1
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB. Advance to and defensive engagements in the Yelnya area.	1941/08/04-1941/09/05	137.ID 18507/6	1415	643
Ia, KTB. War journal concerning the defense of the Yelnya area until October; offensive action in the Yukhnov, Kaluga, Borovsk, Serpukhov, and Aleksin areas; and withdrawal to and defense of the Mosalsk area at	1941/09/06-1942/03/27	137.ID 18507/7	1416	1

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Ia, Anlage zum KTB. Daily reports, messages, and reports regarding offensive action in the Kaluga and Yukhnov areas.	1941/10/13-1941/11/12	137.ID 18507/9	1416	753
Ia, Anlage zum KTB. Offensive engagements in the Borovsk, Serpukhov, and Aleksin areas.	1941/11/13-1941/12/15	137.ID 18507/10	1417	1
Ia, Anlage zum KTB. Defensive engagements during withdrawal to the Kaluga area.	1941/12/16-1942/01/08	137.ID 18507/11	1417	482
Ia, Anlage zum KTB. Disengagement movements from the Ugra River sector to the Mosalsk area. Casualty, status, and strength reports; circuit diagrams; tactical maps; order-of-battle charts; afteraction critique relating to antitank troops.	1942/01/09-1942/02/06	137.ID 18507/12	1418	1
Ia, Anlage zum KTB. Daily reports, messages, and orders pertaining to defense of the Mosalsk area and order-of-battle charts.	1942/02/07-1942/03/02	137.ID 18507/13	1418	547
Ia, Anlage zum KTB. Daily reports, messages, and orders concerning the defense of the Mosalsk area and the Ressa-Ugra positions.	1942/03/03-1942/03/27	137.ID 18507/14	1419	1
Ic, TB. Activity report pertaining to enemy tactical operations, losses, and unit identification, German and enemy propaganda, and troop entertainment. A periodic listing of locations of the division's headquarters.	1941/05/26-1942/03/27	137.ID 18507/20	1419	488
Ic, Anlagenband I zum TB. Tagesmeldungen.	1941/05/26-1942/03/27	137.ID 18507/21	1419	536
Ic, Anlagenband II zum TB. Reports, sketches, and maps concerning the enemy tactical situation, artillery strength, location and construction of artillery positions, and the Russian border fortification system.	1941/05/26-1942/03/27	137.ID 18507/22	1420	1
Ic, Anlagenbaende III-VI zum TB. Luftbilder Raum: Sapowo, Ramino und Truschkowo, vom 22.3.42. Air reconnaissance photographs of the Sapowo, Ramino, and	1941/05/26-1942/03/27	137.ID 18507/23	1420	367

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Ic, Anlagenband VIII zum TB. Intelligence reports and bulletins and reports on partisan activities.	1941/05/26-1942/03/27	137.ID 18507/25	1420	676
Ic, Anlagenband IX zum TB. Incoming messages and reports concerning the tactical situation and air reconnaissance activity.	1941/05/26-1942/03/27	137.ID 18507/26	1421	1
Ic, Anlagenbaende X und XI zum TB. Intelligence reports and bulletins, interrogation summaries, and messages concerning enemy activities, German and enemy propaganda, and partisan and espionage activities.	1941/05/26-1942/03/27	137.ID 18507/27	1421	528
Ia, KTB. War journal concerning position defense in the Mosalsk and Spas-Demensk areas.	1942/03/27-1943/02/16	137.ID 30245/1	1421	792
Ia, Anlage 1 zum KTB. Daily reports, messages, orders, and maps pertaining to defensive operations, tactical situation, and the construction and location of defensive positions in the Mosalsk area; strength and status reports; special directives concerning signal communications; and an afteraction critique relating to winter warfare. Reports and charts regarding the rehabilitation and reorganization of the "Ostheer" and the 137.ID, 21 Feb 1942-8 Jul 1942.	1942/03/27-1942/04/30	137.ID 30245/2	1422	1
Ia, Anlage 2 zum KTB. Daily reports, messages, and orders pertaining to defensive action, assault troop operations, and the tactical situation in the Mosalsk area; status and strength reports; special directives concerning battle conduct; afteraction critique relating to antitank defense in the eastern campaign; and a list of the 137.ID battles, 22 Jun 1941-25 Dec 1941.	1942/05/01-1942/06/15	137.ID 30245/3	1422	742
Ia, Anlage 3 zum KTB. Daily reports, messages, orders, and maps pertaining to defensive and security action,	1942/06/16-1942/07/31	137.ID 30245/4	1423	1

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Ia, Anlage 4 zum KTB. Defensive and assault troop operations, security of rear areas, construction of defensive positions, preparations for winter warfare, and the tactical situation in the Mosalsk area. Status and strength reports; orders regarding the execution of Operation Wirbelwind; and special directives concerning battle conduct and road construction.	1942/08/01-1942/09/30	137.ID 30245/5	1424	1
Ia, Anlage 5 zum KTB. Daily reports, messages, orders, and maps pertaining to defensive engagements, assault troop operations, winter training, road maintenance, and the tactical situation in the Mosalsk area; status and strength reports; order-of-battle charts; a report on Russian assault operations, 24 Oct 1942; and an afteraction critique relating to the 137.ID standby reserves.	1942/10/01-1942/11/10	137.ID 30245/6	1424	815
Ia, Anlage 6 zum KTB. Defensive and assault troop operations, fire control, alert and map exercises, preparations (25-31 Dec 1942) for and planned execution (3-9 Jan 1943) of Taeschungsaktion Muenchhausen (feint toward Mosalsk). Strength reports; special directives concerning signal communications; afteraction critique relating to the Russian attack in the Chervlenovo area on 20 Nov 1942.	1942/11/11-1942/12/31	137.ID 30245/7	1425	1
Ia, Anlage 7 zum KTB. Daily reports, messages, orders, and maps pertaining to defensive and assault troop operations, regrouping, reorganization, security of rear areas against partisans, and the tactical situation in the Mosalsk and Spas-Demensk areas; orders concerning the relief of the 137.ID by the 183.ID and its transfer to the Dmitrovsk-Orlovski area via	1943/01/01-1943/02/16	137.ID 30245/8	1425	697

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Ia, Anlage 8 zum KTB. Orders, reports, and maps pertaining to the security of rear areas, railroads, and bridges; the construction of the Winkelried and Hubertus positions in the division sector; and preparations for winter warfare.	1942/05/10-1943/02/25	137.ID 30245/9	1426	1
Ic, TB. Activity report concerning enemy operations, losses, propaganda, and unit identification; German propaganda; and troop entertainment and indoctrination.	1942/03/28-1943/02/16	137.ID 30245/10	1426	486
Ic, Anlage 1 zum TB. Daily reports, directives, and maps pertaining to enemy operations; air, artillery, and reconnaissance activity; propaganda; and tactical situation in the Mosalsk area; evacuation of the civilian population from the combat zone; German propaganda; and troop welfare, entertainment, and indoctrination. Prisoner-of-war interrogation reports; a translation of an enemy report regarding the Russian liberation of Kaluga, 30 Dec 1941, the defeat of Guderian's 2. Panzerarmee, and the collapse of the German offensive to take Moscow.	1941/12/03-1942/05/31	137.ID 30245/11	1426	514
Ic, Anlage 2 zum TB. Daily intelligence reports and maps pertaining to enemy operations, artillery activity, and tactical situation in the Mosalsk area; periodic air reconnaissance and interrogation reports; directives concerning the maintenance of discipline in rear areas; propaganda articles by war correspondents; and reports on troop entertainment and indoctrination.	1942/05/31-1942/07/31	137.ID 30245/12	1427	1
Ic, Anlage 3 zum TB. Daily reports and maps pertaining to enemy operations, artillery activity, and tactical situation in the Mosalsk area; periodic air reconnaissance and interrogation reports; intelligence bulletins; propaganda articles written by war correspondents; reports on troop entertainment.	1942/07/31-1942/09/30	137.ID 30245/13	1427	644
Ic, Anlage 4 zum TB. Daily reports and maps pertaining	1942/10/01-1942/12/31	137.ID 30245/14	1428	1

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Ic, Anlage 5 zum TB. Daily intelligence reports regarding enemy operations, partisan and artillery activities, and tactical situation in the Mosalsk and Spas-Demensk areas. German propaganda; intelligence bulletins; prisoner-of-war interrogation reports.	1943/01/06-1943/02/10	137.ID 30245/15	1428	515
Ic, Anlage 6 zum TB. Meldungen ueber Sicherung des rueckwaertigen Divisions-Gebietes.	1942/09/05-1943/01/21	137.ID 30245/16	1428	694
Ic, Anlage 7 zum TB. Propaganda reports, orders, and reports concerning ideological indoctrination and troop entertainment.	1940/11/00-1943/02/00	137.ID 30245/17	1428	820
Ic, Anlage 8 zum TB. Reports regarding the enemy tactical situation, 1 Mar 1942-30 Apr 1942, and 1 Sep 1942-31 Jan 1943, and artillery activity; and appraisal of the enemy communication situation, 15 Jun 1942-7 Dec 1942.	1942/03/28-1943/02/16	137.ID 30245/18	1429	1
Ia, KTB. War journal concerning the movement from Spas-Demensk to Dmitrovsk-Orlovski; defensive engagements in the Dmitrovsk-Orlovski, Dmitriev-Lgovski, Sevsk, Starodub, and Loev areas; and the execution of Operation Zitadelle (the last major German offensive in the Kharkov, Belgorod, and Orel areas). The division was redesignated Kampfgruppe 137 ID, 29 Sep 1943.	1943/02/16-1943/09/30	137.ID 37583/1	1429	153
Ia, Anlage zum KTB. Zitadelle I, Hagenstellung, Stellungsbau.	1942/10/13-1943/08/19	137.ID 37583/2	1429	251
Ia, Anlage 2 zum KTB. Daily reports, messages, and orders pertaining to the transfer from the Spas-Demensk area to the Dmitrovsk-Orlovski area, via Roslavl, Bryansk, and Lokot and defensive engagements and the	1943/02/16-1943/03/31	137.ID 37583/3	1429	431

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Ia, Anlage 3 zum KTB. Daily reports, messages, and orders pertaining to assault troop operations, training, combatting partisan units, and position defense in the Sevsk area; status and casualty reports; afteraction critiques relating to winter warfare and antitank defense.	1943/04/01-1943/05/31	137.ID 37583/4	1430	1
Ia, Anlage 4 zum KTB. Daily reports, messages, and orders pertaining to the security of the division's rear areas, reconnaissance for the Hagen positions, training, assault troop operations, 9-11 Jun 1943, and position defense in the Sevsk area; order-of-battle charts; status reports; afteraction report and critique relating to assault troop operations, 6 Jul 1943.	1943/06/01-1943/07/20	137.ID 37583/5	1430	679
Ia, Anlage 5 zum KTB. Daily reports, messages, and orders pertaining to position defense in the Sevsk area, training, and the formation of the Feldersatz Btl 137; an order-of-battle chart; status reports; and afteraction reports regarding the Russian attack south of Berezovets, 19 Jul, and the German counterattack, 20 Jul 1943.	1943/07/21-1943/08/31	137.ID 37583/6	1431	1
Ia, Anlage 6 zum KTB. Daily reports, messages, and orders pertaining to the defense of the Desna, Sozh, and Dnieper River sectors; security of rear areas; alert unit activities; and traffic control. Order-of-battle charts; status, strength, and casualty reports.	1943/09/01-1943/09/30	137.ID 37583/7	1431	379
Ic, TB der Kampfgruppe 137. ID. Activity report concerning enemy operations during the winter battles in the Dmitriev-Lgovski area, 15 Feb 1943-31 Mar 1943, position warfare in the Sevsk area, 1 Apr 1943-12 Aug	1943/02/16-1943/09/30	137.ID 37583/8	1431	925

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1943, and the battle for Sevsk, 13 Aug 1943-7 Sep 1943; enemy propaganda, unit identification, losses, and partisan activities; German propaganda; and troop entertainment and indoctrination.				
Ic, Anlage 1 zum TB. Daily reports, overlays, and maps pertaining to enemy operations, assault troop, reconnaissance, and artillery activities; unit identification; and tactical situation; and to German propaganda; troop entertainment and indoctrination; and an afteraction critique relating to the defensive battle at Orel in July.	1943/02/16-1943/09/30	137.ID 37583/9	1432	1
Ic, Anlage 2 zum TB. Reports and overlays pertaining to enemy operations, partisan warfare, unit identification, and tactical situation in the Sevsk area; German propaganda; afteraction reports and critiques relating to Kosakenverband 137 participating in combatting partisan units; interrogation reports.	1943/02/16-1943/09/30	137.ID 37583/10	1432	966
Ia, KTB der Kampfgruppe 137 ID. War journal concerning defensive engagements in the Dnieper and Sozh River sector near Loev, Lyubech, and Mozyr and disengagement movements to the Pripet Marshes. Kampfgruppe 137 ID was redesignated Divisions Gruppe 137, 4 Dec 1943, and incorporated into Korps Abteilung E, 9 Dec 1943. Other units of the Kampfgruppe were assigned to Oberkommando des Heeres and transferred from the Mozyr area by 27 Dec 1943.	1943/10/01-1943/12/27	137.ID 40539/1	1432	1049
Ia, Anlage zum KTB. Daily reports, messages, orders, and overlays pertaining to the defense of the Sozh-Dnieper River sector, construction of defensive positions, and the death of the division commander, Gen.Lt. Hans Kamecke, 16 Oct 1943. A status report; an order-of-battle chart; afteraction critiques relating to disengagement battles.	1943/10/01-1943/10/31	137.ID 40539/2	1433	1
Ia, Anlage zum KTB. Daily reports, messages, and orders concerning the defense of the Sozh-Dnieper River	1943/11/01-1943/11/30	137.ID 40539/3	1433	519

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Ia, Anlage zum KTB. Daily reports, messages, and orders concerning the defense of the Pripet Marshes, redesignation of Kampfgruppe 137 as Divisions Gruppe 137, 4 Dec 1943, its incorporation into Korps Abteilung E, 9 Dec 1943, the assignment of the rest of the division units to OKH, and their transfer to Bobry and Bulavki by 27 Dec 1943.	1943/12/01-1943/12/27	137.ID 40539/4	1433	981
Ic, TB der Kampfgruppe 137 ID. Activity report with maps pertaining to enemy offensive engagements in the Dnieper and Sozh River sector, 28 Sep 1943-22 Nov 1943, and during German disengagement movements to the Pripet Marshes, 22-30 Nov; enemy unit identification, losses, partisan activity, and civilian morale; German propaganda; and troop entertainment.	1943/09/28-1943/12/09	137.ID 40539/5	1433	1097
Ic, Anlage zum TB. Intelligence and interrogation reports, intelligence bulletins, and maps pertaining to enemy operations, unit identification, losses, artillery activity, and tactical situation. German and Soviet propaganda, including a printed and a facsimile copy of a handwritten letter signed by General der Artillerie von Seydlitz, Praesident des Bundes Deutscher Offiziere (an organization of German prisoners of war in Russia), and addressed to Generaloberst Model, Commanding General of AOK 9, in which von Seydlitz points out contradictions in Model's order of 16 Sep 1943, explaining the German retreat in Russia.	1943/10/04-1943/11/29	137.ID 40539/6	1433	1120