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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1941/03/15	Stettin, Germany Drammen, Oslo, Norway	Activated as Kampfgruppe "Nord" formation, training (source: T175, roll 109, frame 2632298)	C.O.: SS Brigf. Karl Herrmann, 1941/03/01-1941/06/10 Subordinate to: AOK Norwegen, Befehlsstelle Finnland, 1941/03/01-1941/06/10
1941/04/20	Narvik, Lofoten Islands	Coastal defense, road construction	
1941/06/12	Ranua, Finland	Assembly, redesignated	AK 36, 1941/06/10-1941/07/31
1941/06/17	Rovaniemi, Markajarvi	SS Division "Nord"	C.O.: SS Brigf. Karl Demmelhuber, 1941/06/15-1942/04/20 SS Oberf. Scheider (mfb), 1942/04/21-1942/06/14
1941/06/27	Kelloselka	Offensive operations	
1941/07/10	Kuolayarvi (Salla), Lampela	Offensive and defensive operations	
1941/07/30	Markajarvi, Kuusamo, Kairala, Kokkosalma	Assembly, defensive operations, counterattacks	Subordinate to: AK 3 (finnisch), 1941/07/31-1942/07/03
1941/09/04	Kestenga (Kiestinki), Lokhguba (Lokhilaksha), Yeletozero	Defensive operations, counterattacks, position defense	
1942/06/15	Kestenga, Oulu, Yeletozero	Redesignated SS GebD "Nord" position defense	AK 18 (Geb), 1942/07/04-1944/09/00 C.O.: SS Brigf. Matthias Kleinheisterkamp, 1942/04/21-1943/12/00
1943/11/00		Redesignated 6. SS GebD "Nord"	SS Gruppenfuehrer Lothar Debes, 1943/12/00
1944/09/06	Karelian sector	Position defense, preparation for withdrawal	SS Gruppenfuehrer Karl Brenner
1944/10/02	Timisjarvi, Ounasvaare, Ounasjoki River, Muonio Lyngen Fjord (Skibotn), Narvik, Oslo, Norway	Withdrawal movements	
1944/12/21	Jutland, Denmark Kolding	Withdrawal, reorganization	
1945/01/03	Pirmasens, Germany	Transfer	

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1945/01/23	Philippsbourg, France Reichshofen, Bitsch	Defensive operations	Subordinate to: AK 89
1945/03/01	Lower Vosges Mountains	Withdrawal	SS Korps 13 AK 82
1945/03/06 1945/03/18	Trier, Moselle River, Boppard, Rhine River	Withdrawal	AK 89

Records of the 6. SS Gebirgs-Division "Nord" are reproduced on rolls 137-145 of NARS Microfilm Publication T354, listed in Guide No. 27, p. 5, and are described following the unit history. Records of the Reich Leader of the SS and Chief of the German Police, EAP-161-b-12/298 and EAP-161-b-12/301 reproduced on roll 109 of T175 contain reference to the division. Situation maps of Lage Finnland, Norwegen, Daenemark, and West were also used for the unit history.

Manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series, prepared by former German officers for the Historical Division, Headquarters U.S. Army, Europe, between 1945 and 1959, contain references to the 6. SS GebD "Nord" as follows:

- MS B-476 (The 6. SS Gebirgs-Division "Nord" and its part in Operation "Nordwind" in Northern Alsace, 1-25 Jan 1945), by SS GrF. Karl Brenner
- MS B-586 (6. SS Gebirgs-Division "Nord" in Defense Engagements in North Alsace from 26 Jan to 1 Mar 1945), by SS GrF. Karl Brenner
- MS B-693 (6. SS Gebirgs-Division "Nord" in the Moselle, Trier, Rheinland, Koblenz areas, 1-19 Mar 1945), by SS GrF. Karl Brenner
- MS C-010, p. 30 (347. Infanterie-Division in the Saar, Lorraine, Palatinate areas, 15 Nov 1944-24 Mar 1945), by Gen.Lt. Wolf Trierenberg
- MS C-073 (The Last Finnish War, 1941-44), by Gen. Waldemar Erfurth
- MS D-182 (Kampf der 6. SS Gebirgs-Division "Nord" im Suedabschnitt der Lappland Front im Wald- und Seengebiet von Kiestinki, 1941-44), by GrF. Lothar Debes.

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Ia, KTB Nr. 1 der SS Division "Nord". War journal concerning arrival at Rovaniemi, Finland, 8-10 Jun; assembly in and securing of Ranua and Markajarvi, 10-26 Jun; movement to and combat operations in the Kelloselka area, 27 Jun-9 Jul, and the Kuolayarvi (Salla) area, 10-29 Jul; and assembly in the Markajarvi area, 30-31 Jul; movement to and defensive operations and counterattacks in the Kuusamo, Kairala, and Kokkosalma areas, 1 Aug-3 Sep, and in the Kestenga (Kiestinki), Lokhquba (Lokhilaksha), and Yeletozero areas, 4 Sep-31 Dec 1941.	1941/06/08-1941/12/31	6.SSGebD N 16043/1	137	3775820
Ia, Anlagenband Nr. 1 zum KTB 1. Daily orders, reports, and messages pertaining to assembly and security duty in the Markajarvi and Ranua area, 17-26 Jun; combat operations in the Kelloselka area, 27 Jun-9 Jul, and in the Lampela and Kuolayarvi (Salla) areas, 10-29 Jul; assembly in the Markajarvi area, 30-31 Jul; movement to and defensive operations and counterattacks in the Kuusamo, Kokkosalma, and Kairala areas, 1 Aug-3 Sep, and the Kestenga (Kiestinki) area, 4 Sep-31 Dec 1941; orders relating to quartering, troop discipline, supply service, security, reconnaissance, and air and artillery activities; data on enemy operations; and intelligence bulletins.	1941/06/07-1941/12/31	6.SSGebD N 16043/2	138	3776321
Ia, Anlagenband Nr. 2 zum KTB 1. Gefechts- und Erfahrungsberichte, Befehle, und Karten, Ic, IIa/b, TB mit Anlagen. Afteraction reports and critiques concerning combat operations on the Karelian front, 5 Jul-20 Dec 1941; operation orders of the division and the Finnish Division "J," 4 Sep-18 Dec; maps showing the tactical disposition of the SS Division "Nord" in Finland; activity reports of the intelligence branch, 18 Jun-26 Dec 1941 and appendices to the intelligence activity report for the period 9 Nov-26 Dec containing reports by the medical officer of the I./SS-Inf.-Rgt. 7	1941/06/11-1941/12/31	6.SSGebD N 16043/3	138	3777070

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(mot); Abt. IVb pertaining to enemy cannibalism of recovered SS men on the Kestenqa (Kiestinki) front; and activity reports of the personnel branch, 1 Jul-31 Dec 1941, strength, casualty, and status reports, a register of officers, and lists of decorations granted.				
Ib, KTB Nr. 1. War journal concerning the activation and formation of SS Kampfgruppe "Nord" from the 6. and 7. SS Standarten and the SS Nachrichtenabteilung Oslo, in Stettin, Drammen, and Oslo; preparation for transfer from Oslo to Narvik, 1-20 Apr, transport by boat and land march via Mosjoen, Indre Billefjord, Skoqanvaare, 21 Apr-3 May, construction of roads, 4-30 May, continuation of movements to Kirkenes, Skoqfoss, Nyrud (Eismeerstrasse), Ivalo, Vuotso, Sodanklya, Rovaniemi, and Panua, Finland, 1-9 Jun; redesignation of SS Kampfgruppe "Nord" as SS Division "Nord," 17 Jun 1941; and supply service operations in the Kelloselka, Markajarvi, Kuolayarvi (Salla), Kuusamo, and Kestenqa (Kiestinki) areas, 10 Jun-31 Dec 1941. Also casualty reports and tables showing expenditure of ammunition and losses of weapons and equipment.	1941/04/01-1941/12/31	6.SSGebD N 17804/1	139	3777732
Ib, Anlagen zum KTB Nr. 1. Daily orders, reports, and messages concerning supply branch operations, equipping, and "Fischzug" (code name for transfer to Narvik), 18 Mar-20 Sep; redesignation and reorganization of SS Kampfgruppe "Nord" as SS Division "Nord," 17 Jun 1941; and activity reports of the administrative, medical, and motor transport officers, 1 Apr-31 Aug, the supply branch and judge advocate, 1-31 Aug, and the Postmaster, 1-15 Apr and 16-31 Jul 1941. Also a translation of a Russian directive on combat methods for partisan groups, special directives concerning supply troops and service, casualty and strength reports, newspaper clippings from the	1941/03/18-1941/09/20	6.SSGebD N 17804/2	139	3777794

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"Lappland Kurier" on the capture of Kuolayarvi (Salla), 10 Jul 1941, list of code names, data on enemy operations, and an intelligence bulletin.				
Ib, Anlagen zum KTB Nr. 1. Daily orders, reports, and messages pertaining to supply branch operations; activity reports of the administrative, medical, and motor transport officers, the judge advocate, and the postmaster, 1 Sep-31 Dec, and the supply branch, 1-31 Dec 1941; special directives concerning supply service and troops; casualty reports; periodic reports showing the amount of weapons, equipment, vehicles, and ammunition issued, expended, or lost, and on hand; instruction pamphlets regarding winter warfare in Finland; and data on enemy losses.	1941/09/01-1941/12/31	6.SSGebD N 17804/3	139	3778293
Ia, KTB Nr. 2. War journal concerning defensive, assault, and reconnaissance operations in the Lokhguba (Lokhilaksha), Yeletozero, and Kestenga (Kiestinki) areas, and the redesignation of the SS Division "Nord" as SS Gebirgs-Division "Nord," 15 Jun 1942.	1942/01/01-1942/06/15	6.SSGebD N 20854/1	139	3778711
Ia, Anlagenband 1 zum KTB Nr. 2. Daily orders and messages pertaining to defensive, assault, and reconnaissance operations; reorganization; regrouping; road maintenance; construction of positions; artillery activity; training and security duty in the Kestenga (Kiestinki) area; and redesignation of the SS Division "Nord" as the SS Gebirgs-Division "Nord," 15 Jun 1942. Also includes afteraction reports and critiques, order-of-battle charts, special directives on signal communication, maps and sketches showing the tactical disposition of SS Division "Nord," a register of officers, casualty and strength reports, and data relating to enemy operations and unit identification.	1942/01/01-1942/06/15	6.SSGebD N 20854/2	140	3779083
Ic, TB mit Anlagen. Activity report concerning enemy operations, unit identification, acts of espionage and sabotage, propaganda, and the military situation; a	1942/01/01-1942/06/15	6.SSGebD N 20854/3	140	3779468

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list of officers duty assignments; interrogation summaries; and intelligence bulletins.				
Ia, Anlagen zum KTB 2. Daily orders and messages pertaining to defensive and reconnaissance operations, laying of mines, training and artillery activities, and security duty in the Kestenga (Kiestinki), Lokhquba (Lokhilaksha), and Yeletozero areas, 1 Jan-15 Jun 1942; also redesignation of the division as SS GebD "Nord," 15 Jun 1942. Included are evaluation reports on the military and supply situation, afteraction reports and critiques, order-of-battle charts, a register of officers, casualty and strength reports, maps, and data on enemy operations.	1942/01/01-1942/06/15	6.SSGebD N 33884/1	140	3779544
Ia, KTB 3, Ic, IIA, TB mit Anlagen. War journal concerning defensive, offensive, and reconnaissance operations, supply service, and construction of positions in the Kestenga and Yeletozero areas; activity reports of the intelligence branch pertaining to enemy operations, unit identification, acts of sabotage, the military situation, and German, Finnish, and enemy propaganda, 16 Jun-31 Dec 1942; and activity reports of the personnel branch, 1 Jan-31 Dec 1942.	1942/06/16-1942/12/31	6.SSGebD N 33884/2	140	3779901
Ia, Anlagenband A zum KTB 3. Daily orders, messages, and sketches pertaining to position defense, regrouping, and training in the Kestenga, Oulu, and Yeletozero areas. Includes special directives on chemical warfare, afteraction reports and critiques, status reports, order-of-battle charts, intelligence bulletins, and data on enemy and partisan operations.	1942/06/15-1942/12/31	6.SSGebD N 33884/3	141	3780478
Ia, Anlagenband B zum KTB 3. Daily reports, maps, and sketches concerning the division operations in the Oulu, Kestenga, and Kuusamo areas; a register of officers; training directive with sketches for building an igloo as a shelter from the severe cold; and special orders and directives from the air force liaison staff	1942/06/15-1942/12/30	6.SSGebD N 33884/4	141	3781016

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with AOK 20 (Geb), SS-FHA, and Gen.Kdo. 18 (Geb.) on the use of the "Fieseler Storch" (type of airplane). Ib, KTB Nr. 1. War journal concerning supply branch operations in Norway and Finland, casualty and strength reports, and tables showing the loss of weapons and equipment. (This item appears to be a carbon copy of item No. 17804/1.)	1941/04/01-1941/12/31	6.SSGebD N 33884/5	141	3781129
Ia, Ib, III, IVa, V, FPM, Anlagen zum KTB Nr. 1. Daily orders and messages pertaining to supply branch operations of SS Kampfgruppe "Nord," 18 Mar-16 Jun, and SS Division "Nord," 17 Jun-20 Sep, in Norway and Finland, movements from Drammen - Trondheim to the Narvik and Lofoten Islands areas, Norway, 5-11 Apr, to Ranua, Finland, 4-11 Jun, to the assembly area west of Kuolayarvi (Salla), 17-21 Jun, and to the Lampela, Kuusamo, and Markajarvi areas, Jul-Sep 1941. Activity reports of the supply branch, 11 Apr-15 Aug, the administrative, medical, and motor transport officers, the judge advocate, and the postmaster, 1 Jul-31 Aug 1941; special directives concerning supply and supply troops; maps showing the location of supply routes and installations; tables showing losses of weapons, ammunition, equipment, and vehicles; casualty and strength reports; translation of partisan combat directives; and newspaper clippings of the "Lapland-Kurier."	1941/03/18-1941/09/20	6.SSGebD N 33884/6	141	3781196
Ib, KTB Nr. 2. War journal concerning supply branch operations in the Kuolayarvi (Salla), Kestenga (Kiestinki), Kokkosalma, Oulu, and Korpijarvi areas.	1942/01/01-1942/06/15	6.SSGebD N 33884/7	142	3781699
Ib, KTB Nr. 3, III, IVa-c, V, FPM, TB. War journal concerning redesignation of SS Division "Nord" as SS Gebirgs-Division "Nord," 16 Jun 1942, and supply services in the Kuusamo, Oulu, Korpijarvi, and Kestenga (Kiestinki) areas; activity reports of the	1942/06/16-1942/12/31	6.SSGebD N 33884/8	142	3781730

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administrative, medical, and motor transport officers, the judge advocate, the postmaster, 1 Jun-30 Nov 1942, and the veterinary officer, 1-30 Jun; orders, reports, and messages pertaining to supply, administrative, and personnel matters; monthly inventories of weapons, equipment, vehicles, and ammunition; special directives on supply and supply troops; and maps showing the location of supply routes and installations.				
Ia, KTB, VI, TB. War journal concerning position defense, release, and regrouping of units in the Yeletozero, Oulu, and Kestenga areas; activity report of the Nazi guidance officer; special orders relating to troop entertainment and indoctrination; and data on enemy operations.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	6.SSGebD N 38675/1	142	3782440
Ia, Anlagenband A zum KTB. Daily orders, directives, reports, and messages pertaining to position defense, training, construction of Gudrun Stellungen, securing of rear areas, winter mobility, supplying of strong points, reorganization of the supply service, data on enemy operations and probable intentions, order-of-battle charts, and afteraction reports and critiques, 15 Dec 1942-29 Jun 1943.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	6.SSGebD N 38675/2	143	3782841
Ia, Anlagenband B zum KTB. Report by the division commander concerning operations of the division since its assignment in June 1941, maps and sketches showing the tactical disposition of the division in Finland, order-of-battle charts, a register of officers, and a casualty report.	1943/01/14-1943/06/15	6.SSGebD N 38675/3	143	3783241
Ic, TB. Activity report concerning enemy operations, losses, unit identification, German and enemy propaganda, counterintelligence activity, a list of officer duty assignments, and interrogation summaries.	1942/01/01-1942/06/15	6.SSGebD N 38675/4	143	3783295
Ic, TB. Activity report concerning enemy operations, losses, unit identification, propaganda, and the military situation; counterintelligence activity;	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	6.SSGebD N 38675/5	143	3783371

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German propaganda and intelligence service; lists of officer duty assignments; interrogation summaries; and translations of personal letters and diaries from Russian military personnel and an enemy combat order.				
Ib, KTB mit TB und Anlagen. War journal with reports, orders, and messages concerning supply services in the Kestenga (Kiestinki), Kuusamo, Oulu, and Korpijarvi areas. Activity reports of the administrative, medical, veterinary, and motor transport officers, the ordnance group, judge advocate, postmaster, and military police; inventories of vehicles, ammunition, and equipment; and casualty and strength reports.	1943/01/01-1943/06/30	6.SSGebD N 38675/6	143	3783542
Ib, Anlagen zum KTB. Orders, directives, reports, and messages pertaining to supply branch services in northern Norway, preparation for transport from Markajarvi to Kestenga (Kiestinki), 21 Oct, and Oulu, Korpijarvi, and Kuusamo areas. Also, activity reports of the administrative, medical, and motor transport officers, the judge advocate, and the postmaster, 1 Sep-31 Dec 1941; special supply directives; inventories of weapons, equipment, vehicles, ammunition, and motor fuel issued and on hand; casualty and strength reports; and an instruction pamphlet on handling of weapons and ammunition during the winter in Finland.	1941/09/01-1941/12/31	6.SSGebD N 38675/7	144	3784213
IIa/b, Personalangelegenheiten der SS-Geb.-Nachr.Abt. "Nord". Lists of Waffen-SS personnel granted decorations or promotions, including company rosters.	1942/03/14-1944/12/30	6.SSGebD N 78011/1	144	3784630
Ib, Besondere Anordnungen fuer die Versorgung. Special supply directives and correspondence pertaining to supply branch operations in the Oulu, Kuusamo, and Korpijarvi areas. Correspondence identification show a redesignation change between 8 and 13 Nov 1943 from SS Gebirgs-Division "Nord" to the 6. SS Gebirgs-Division "Nord," exact date of redesignation could not be determined.	1942/01/07-1944/08/28	6.SSGebD N 78011/2	144	3784756

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Ia, Allgemein. Orders relating to increasing the effectiveness of reconnaissance troops, 11 Mar 1945; reconnaissance activity in the Ounasjoki River sector, 17 Oct 1944; and the control of the civilian population in Finland, 11 Mar 1945.	1944/10/17-1945/03/11	6.SSGebD N 78011/3	144	3785072
Ib, Ic, IIa/b, III, Allgemein. Reports on the status of weapons, equipment, and ammunition which led to disciplinary action; lists of technical personnel and awards granted; and interrogation summaries.	1944/01/16-1945/03/03	6.SSGebD N 78011/4	144	3785078
Ia, III, Befehle und Meldungen. Orders relating to defensive operations in the Karelian sector, 7-14 Mar 1944, and offensive engagements of Sperrgruppe Nord in the Mosel River sector, 5 Mar 1945; reports concerning disciplinary matters and troop indoctrination; and inventories of ammunition.	1944/02/20-1945/03/05	6.SSGebD N 78011/5	144	3785161
IVa, Uebergabeverhandlung der SS Geb.-Art.-Rgt. 6. Reports concerning the payment of transferred Waffen-SS personnel.	1945/01/16-1945/02/27	6.SSGebD N 78011/6	144	3785220
IIa/b, Verlustmeldungen und Grablisten der 6. SS Gebirgs-Division "Nord". Casualty reports with name and location of burial. (Con. on roll 145, frame 3785550.)	1943/03/17-1944/06/01	6.SSGebD N 78011/7	144	3785235
Ia, Woechentliche Berichte zum KTB der Stabskomp./SS-Jaeg.Schi-Btl. "Norqe". Weekly reports concerning operations in the Kuusamo, Rovaniemi, and Mosjoen areas and training schedules. (Weekly reports are not inclusive.)	1944/09/10-1945/01/05	6.SSGebD N 78011/8	145	3785975