

36. Infanterie-Division (36th Infantry Division)

The 36. Infanterie-Division (1. Welle) was formed during the expansion of the Army after the introduction of universal military service in March 1935. In May 1940 it took part in the western campaign and was converted to the 36. Infanterie-Division (mot.) on November 1, 1940. In June 1941 it fought in the eastern campaign, northern sector, crossing the Baltic States and advancing northward via Pskov, Lyady, and Luga to Gatchina. The division was transferred to the Nevel-Velizh area in September for offensive operations at Rzhev, Kalinin, and Pushkino. In 1942 and to the spring of 1943 it defended the Dukhovshchina, Yartsevo, and Demidov areas. On March 21, 1943, the division was again reorganized as the 36. Infanterie-Division, moving to Orel in July 1943, where it fought in the Kursk offensive. The division withdrew to

the Vitebsk area in September 1943, later transferring to the Rechitsa-Rogachev area for offensive actions, and withdrew to the Berezina River in the latter part of 1943. Although no records of this division dated later than December 31, 1943, are available, situation maps of Lage Ost show that it participated in position defense in the area south of Bobruisk from January to June 1944, when it withdrew from the eastern front. In the summer of 1944 the division was reorganized as the 36. Grenadier-Division and moved to the Saarbrücken area in September and later to the Trier area. In October 1944 it was redesignated the 36. Volksgrenadier-Division and in December 1944 and January 1945 it fought in the Bitche area.

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Ic, Kriegstagebuch 1. Enemy operations and unit identification and troop entertainment.	Feb 11 - Apr 2, 1940	W 418a	898	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht und Ia, Tagesmeldungen LIII, A.K. Activity report, Apr 3 - Jun 24, 1940, concerning enemy operations during the assembly of division units in the Bitburg area, the invasion of Luxembourg and Belgium, the crossing of the Meuse River, and the capture of Verdun. Also, daily reports of the LIII. A.K. pertaining to division operations in the Sevs area in Russia. The division was under the command of Gen.Lt. Georg Lindemann.	Apr 3 - Jun 24, 1940 Mar 26 - 31, 1943	W 6471	898	20
Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht. Occupation duties at Neufchâteau in June, at Sens and Auxerre in July, and at Paris in August, at which time the division was transferred to Wiesbaden and was subordinate to the XII. A.K. Later it was moved to the training area at Baumholder and Bitche and was converted to a motorized division in July 1940. On Mar 1, 1941, Gen.Lt. Otto Ottenbacher took over the command of the division.	Jun 25, 1940 - May 18, 1941	22768/1	898	36
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1. Division operations during the transfer from Bitche to East Prussia in June 1941; the invasion of Lithuania near Taurage; the				

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crossing of Lithuania and Latvia via Sheduva, Madona, and Aleuksne; offensives northward via Pskov, Lyady, and Luga to the Gatchina, Krasnogvardeysk, and Pulkovo areas; the relief of the division from the area south of Leningrad; and assembly in the Luga area. The division was subordinate to the XLI. A.K.	May 25 - Sep 21, 1941	22768/3	898	54
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2. Division operations during the transfer from Luga to the Nevel-Velizh area; offensive engagements in the Gorodok, Staritsa, Rzhev, Zubtsov, Kalinin, and Pushkino areas; and fighting along the Moskva Canal near Dmitrov. The division was subordinate to the XLI. A.K., H.Gr. Nord, and the LVI. A.K., successively, under the command of Gen.Lt. Otto Ottenbacher until Oct 9, Oberst Casper until Oct 16, and Gen.Maj. Hans Gollnick thereafter.	Sep 22 - Dec 5, 1941	22768/4	898	346
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. Division defensive operations along the Volga River near Klin and its withdrawal in Jan 1942 to the Staritsa and Rzhev areas, where it participated in further defensives.	Dec 6, 1941 - May 31, 1942	22768/5	898	522
Ia, Anlagenbände 1-2 z. KTB 1. Orders, messages, directives, maps, and overlays.	May 19 - Aug 31, 1941	22768/6-7	898	1014
Ia, Anlagenband 3 z. KTB 1 u. 2. Orders, maps, messages, and directives.	Sep 1 - 30, 1941	22768/8	898	1445
Ia, Anlagenband 4 z. KTB 2. Reports, orders, directives, and messages.	Oct 1 - Nov 30, 1941	22768/9	899	1
Ia, Anlagenband 5 z. KTB 2 u. 3. Reports, directives, orders, charts, and overlays.	Dec 1 - 31, 1941	22768/10	899	275
Ia, Anlagenband 6 z. KTB 3. Orders, messages, reports, directives, and maps.	Jan 1 - May 28, 1942	22768/11	899	455
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 1. Messages, directives, reports, orders, announcements, and maps.	Jun 22 - Sep 21, 1941	22768/12-14	899	755
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Messages, directives, orders, and announcements.	Sep 22 - Dec 5, 1941	22768/15	900	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Reports, orders, messages, and announcements.	Dec 6, 1941 - May 31, 1942	22768/16-17	900	229

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Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht 1. Enemy operations and unit identification as the division crossed Lithuania and Latvia and advanced northward via Pskov, Lyady, and Luga to Gatchina; transfer in Jan 1941 from Luga to the Nevel-Velizh area; offensive engagements in the Gorodok, Staritsa, Rzhev, Zubtsov, Kalinin, and Pushkino areas; and withdrawal in January to the Staritsa-Rzhev area, where it participated in defensive operations.	May 25, 1941 - May 31, 1942	22768/21	900	728
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4, Meldungen und Gespräche.	Jul 24 - Dec 31, 1942	26577/1-2	900	802
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4 mit Anlagen. Offensives in the Yaropolets, Zubtsov, Krasny, Kholm, and Bezhetsk areas; and, beginning in Oct 1942, defensive action in the Gzhatsk area. The division was subordinate to the XLI. A.K. and the XLVI.Pz.K.	Jun 1 - Dec 31, 1942	28375/1	900	1163
Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB 4, Gefechtsberichte. Afteraction report on the battle for Ryabinki, near the Volga River reservoir north of Klin.	Dec 5 - 9, 1941	28375/2	901	1
Ia, Anlagenbände 2-3 z. KTB 4. Directives, orders, reports, messages, and maps.	Jun 1 - Dec 31, 1942	28375/3-4	901	27
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht 2. Enemy operations and unit identification in the Kalinin and Gzhatsk areas.	Jun 1 - Dec 31, 1942	31273/1	901	662
Ic, Anlagen z. TB. Reports, intelligence bulletins, maps, and overlays pertaining to enemy operations, unit identification, tactical situation, and propaganda; antipartisan action, counterintelligence, and troop entertainment.	Jul 2 - Dec 30, 1942	31273/2	901	678
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5. Operations in the Gzhatsk area and the setting up of Gruppe Gollnick, Feb 17 - Mar 17, 1943, in order to execute Operation "Büffel" (withdrawal from the Gzhatsk area to the Vyazma and Ozhat River areas). Later the division withdrew to the Yartsevo, Bor, Dukhovshchina and Versha-Dnieper River areas, and to the Demidov area. The division was subordinate to the XLI. Pz.K., Gruppe Gollnick, the XXXIX. Pz.K., and AOK 4, successively, under the command of Gen.Lt. Hans Gollnick. On Mar 21, 1943, the division was reformed as the 36. Inf.Div.	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1943	31472/1	901	745
Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 5. Orders, directives, charts, and overlays.	Jan 1 - Mar 28, 1943	31472/2	901	1032

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Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen als Anlage z. KTB 5, Ia. Activity report, with orders, directives, reports, and maps pertaining to enemy operations and unit identification, the tactical situation, and training in intelligence methods and procedures.	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1943	31472/4	902	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6. Division reorganization, training, construction of fortified positions, and operations in the area north of Smolensk. The division was subordinate to AOK 4, XXXIX. Pz.K., and the XXVII. A.K., successively, under the command of Gen.Lt. Hans Gollnick until Jun 19, 1943, and of Oberst Blümke thereafter.	Apr 1 - Jun 30, 1943	36300/1	902	83
Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB 6. Orders, directives, and reports.	Apr 1 - Jun 25, 1943	36300/2	902	159
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen als Anlage z. KTB 6, Ia. Enemy propaganda, espionage, sabotage, and troop indoctrination.	Apr 1 - Jul 13, 1943	36300/4	902	256
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 7. Division operations during the transfer to the Orel area; engagements in the Orel, Mtsensk, Bolkhov, and Oka River areas; and withdrawal to and defense of the Smolensk, Orsha, Rudnya, and Vitebsk areas. The division was subordinate to Pz.AOK 2, the XXXV. and XII. A.K., the XLI. Pz.K., and Pz.AOK 3, successively, under the command of Oberst Blümke to Jul 4, Gen.Lt. Hans Gollnick to Sep 13, and Oberst Falley thereafter.	Jul 1 - Sep 30, 1943	41947/1	902	323
Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 7. Directives, orders, reports, messages, charts, and maps.	Jul 1 - Sep 30, 1943	41947/2	902	618
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 8. Operations in the Surazh, Liozno, Rudnya, and Vitebsk areas; transfer to the Rechitsa area west of Gomel; offensives in the Rechitsa-Rogachev area; and withdrawal to and fighting along the Berezina River. The division was subordinate to Pz.AOK 3 and AOK 9. Gen.Maj. Rudolf Stegmann was appointed commanding general on Aug 5, 1943, and took over command on Oct 1, 1943.	Oct 1 - Dec 31, 1943	42711/1	903	1
Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 8. Orders, directives, reports, and charts.	Oct 1 - Dec 31, 1943	42711/2	903	171