

The 45. Infanterie-Division was formed in 1938 after the annexation of Austria. In September 1939 it participated in the Polish campaign, and in May 1940 in the western campaign. The division returned to Poland in April 1941 in preparation for the campaign against Russia, and fought in the central sector of the eastern front advancing to the Orel area. It suffered heavy losses during the winters of 1941-42 and 1942-43 east of Orel and took part in the Kursk offensive in the summer of 1943. In the fall of the same year it was engaged in defensive battles along the Desna River, in the area west of Gomel, and between the Sozh and Dnieper Rivers.

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 Bobruisk area from January to the end of June 1944 and in the battle to break the Russian encirclement at Bobruisk from June 29 to July 1, 1944. In the summer of 1944 the division was reorganized as the 45. Grenadier-Division and returned to Poland. In October 1944 it was redesignated the 45. Volksgrenadier-Division and took part in position defense in the Radom area from October through December 1944. The division then withdrew to the Schweidnitz area via Lodz and defended this area until late in April 1945.

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Ic, Kriegstagebuch 3 mit Anlagen. Intelligence activities, reconnaissance, propaganda, troop activities, and training before the western campaign.	Feb 1 - May 10, 1940	W 380/e	914	1
Ia, Ic, Anlage A z. KTB 4. Orders and special directives concerning the transfer of the division from Kassel to Luxembourg at the beginning of the western campaign and offensive operations through Belgium to the Aisne River northwest of Rheims. Also, enemy situation reports with maps and overlays.	May 10 - 31, 1940	W 1440/L	914	96
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht, Anlage B z. KTB 4. Offensive operations between the Aisne and Marne Rivers northwest of Rheims, intelligence bulletins, division orders, afteraction evaluations, maps, and overlays.	Jun 1 - 15, 1940	W 1440/m	2340	1
Ia, Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen, Anlage C z. KTB 4. Offensive operations from the Aisne River to the Marne River and to Lormes when hostilities ended. Also, intelligence bulletins, OKW communiques, Führer letter of instruction, division orders and reports, maps, and overlays.	Jun 16 - 30, 1940	W 1440/n	914	274
Ia, Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen, Anlage D z. KTB 4. Transfer of the division from the Loire River to St. Quentin for occupation duties. Also, division orders and overlays concerning route of march, billeting, and administrative matters.	Jul 1 - 20, 1940	W 1440/o	914	413
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2. Offensive in the Jaroslaw area along the San River and transfer to Zamosc and Kielce for occupation duties and from Kielce to Kassel. Order of battle charts and a list of officers' duty assignments. The division was subordinate to the XVII. A.K. under the command of Gen.Lt. Friedrich Materna.	Sep 26 - Nov 10, 1939	P 1814/a	914	476

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Corps and division orders, reports, messages, maps, and overlays, and directives pertaining to refugees.	Sep 26 - Nov 10, 1939	P 1814/c	914	505
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3 der 45. Panzerjägerabteilung. Training activities in Treysa, Germany, after the Polish campaign. Also, a list of officers' duty assignments and combat and ration strength reports. The 45. Panzerjägerabteilung was subordinate to the 45. Inf.Div. under the command of Maj. Paul Zahn.	Nov 13, 1939 - May 12, 1940	W 3112	914	1059
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5. Training activities on ship loading and unloading on the English Channel in northern France and Belgium in preparation for Operation "Seelöwe" (planned invasion of England), enemy air activity over Calais and Boulogne, and marksmanship exercises. The division was subordinate to the XXIII., XLII., and VII. A.K. at various times during this period under the command of Generalmajor Körner.	Jul 27, 1940 - Apr 1, 1941	8693/1	914	1093
Ia, Anlagenbände 1-2 z. KTB 5. Division orders, instructions, maps, and overlays.	Jul 21 - Nov 11, 1940	8693/2-3	914	1144
Ia, Anlagenbände 3-4 z. KTB 5. Directives, orders, studies, order of battle charts, memoranda, maps, and overlays.	Nov 11, 1940 - Mar 26, 1941	8693/4-5	915	1
Ia, Anlagenband 5 z. KTB 5, Tagesmeldungen (Einsatz Küste). Daily reports of coastal reconnaissance units.	Nov 11, 1940 - Jan 30, 1941	8693/6	915	468
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Intelligence, counterintelligence, and troop activities, refugee problems, morale of the local population, and prisoners of war.	Jul 21, 1940 - Apr 1, 1941	8693/7	915	828
Ic, Anlagenbände 1-2 z. TB. Orders and reports concerning refugees and prisoners of war.	Jun 25 - Sep 9, 1940	8693/8-9	915	862
Ia, Kriegstagebuch. Training in the Calais area, entraining in St.Quentin for transfer to Warsaw, training in the Terespol and Biala Podlaska area in preparation for the campaign against Russia, and an order of battle chart. The division was subordinate to the XLII. A.K., Höh.Kdo.z.b.V. XXXV, and the XII. A.K. during this period under the command of Gen.Maj. Körner, who was killed in an auto accident on Apr 27, 1941, and of Gen.Maj. Fritz Schlieper from May 2, 1941.	Apr 1 - Jun 20, 1941	14875/1	916	1

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Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB. Instructions and afteraction reports concerning the training of troops.	Mar 21 - Jun 12, 1941	14875/2	916	42
Ia, Anlage 25 z. Anlagenband 1 z. KTB. Orders of AOK 4 concerning troop movements to the Russian border, and situation maps.	May 12 - 31, 1941	14875/3	916	156
Ia, Anlagenband 2 z. KTB. Tactical orders for Operation "Barbarossa."	Apr 23 - Jun 21, 1941	14875/4	916	239
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen. Intelligence bulletins, reports on the enemy situation, maps showing location of enemy units before the invasion, fortification plans along the border, and air reconnaissance photographs.	Apr 1 - Jun 21, 1941	14875/5	916	687
Ia, Kriegstagebuch, Russland. The attack on the Fortress "Zitadelle" in Brest-Litovsk, offensive operations toward Pinsk, Gomel, Rylsk, and Fatezh northwest of Kursk. Also, order of battle charts, lists of officers' duty assignments, and an ammunition report. The division was subordinate to the XII. and LIII. A.K., AOK 4, Höh.Kdo.z.b.V. XXXV, the XLIII. and LI. A.K., AOK 6, and the XXXIV. A.K. at various times during this period.	Jun 21 - Nov 17, 1941	14875/9	916	878
Ia, Anlagenband 1a z. KTB. Tactical orders of AOK 4 and corps orders.	Jun 22 - Sep 28, 1941	14875/11	917	1
Ia, Anlagenband 1b z. KTB. Tactical orders of the XXXIV. A.K.	Sep 28 - Nov 17, 1941	14875/12	917	320
Ia, Anlagenbände 2a-b z. KTB. Division orders and messages.	Jun 16 - Nov 17, 1941	14875/13-14	917	421
Ia, Anlagenband 3 z. KTB, Morgen-, Zwischen- u. Tagesmeldungen.	Jun 22 - Nov 17, 1941	14875/15	918	1
Ia, Anlagenband 4 z. KTB. Miscellaneous orders and messages issued by division headquarters.	Jun 21 - Nov 17, 1941	14875/16	918	330
Ia, Anlagenbände 5a-d z. KTB, Meldungen der Truppenteile.	Jun 20 - Nov 17, 1941	14875/17- 14875/20	918- 919	609, 419
Ia, Anlagenband 6a z. KTB, Mitgehörte- und Rundsprüche.	Jun 18 - Aug 5, 1941	14875/21	919	702
Ia, Anlagenband 6d z. KTB, Mitgehörte- und Rundsprüche.	Oct 27 - Nov 17, 1941	14875/24	920	1

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Ia, Anlagenbände 7a-b z. KTB, Sonstige Eingänge.	Jun 21 - Nov 17, 1941	14875/25-26	920	227
Ia, Kriegstagebuch mit eingearbeitetem Gefechtsbericht. Offensives east of Fatezh along the railroad line from Kursk to Orel and the battle for Yelets. Also, an order of battle chart, a list of officers' duty assignments, and maps. The division was subordinate to the XXXIV. A.K. during this period.	Nov 18 - Dec 17, 1941	20183/1	920	713
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Bände I-IV. Radio messages.	Nov 18 - Dec 17, 1941	20183/2- 20183/5	920- 921	915, 452
Ia, Anlagen z. Gefechtsbericht. Radio messages.	Dec 5 - 17, 1941	20183/6	921	763
Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte z. KTB. Combat operations in the Yelets and Ivanovka areas and transfer to the Smiyevka area for defensives. Also, lists of officers' duty assignments. The division was subordinate to the LV. A.K. during this period.	Jan 1 - 31, 1942	20337/2	921	981
Ia, Kriegstagebuch mit Anlagen; Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Defensive operations along the Trudy River southeast of Orel, a list of officers' duty assignments, and radio messages. Also, an activity report of the Intelligence Branch from Nov 13 to Dec 31, 1941. The division was subordinate to the XXXIV. A.K., Höh. Kdo.z.b.V. XXXV, Gruppe v. Oven (56. Inf.Div.), and the LV. A.K. during this period.	Dec 18 - 31, 1941	22686	921	1032
Ia, Kriegstagebuch mit Anlagen; Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Defensive operations along the Trudy River east of Maloarkhangelsk, division orders, and combat and ration strength reports. Also, activity reports of the Intelligence and Personnel Branches. The division was subordinate to the LV. A.K. during this period under the command of Gen.Maj. Friedrich Kuhlwein.	Apr 1 - Jun 3, 1942	23139/1	922	1
Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB. Orders, messages, and afteraction reports.	Apr 1 - Jun 3, 1942	23139/2	922	224
Ia, Kriegstagebuch, Russland (Entwurf). Defensive operations between Livny and Yelets southeast of Orel along the Sosna River and a map showing location of units. [The draft copy of the war journal was put together from memory by Operations Branch personnel after the battle, as the war journal was destroyed when the division was threatened by enemy encirclement.]	Dec 7 - 17, 1941	23651	922	406

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch; Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Position defense along the Sosna River between Korotysh and Stalino, division reports, list of officers' duty assignments, and combat and ration strength reports. Also, activity reports of the Intelligence and Personnel Branches.	Apr 4 - Sep 30, 1942	23925/1	922	480
Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB. Orders, messages, battle plans, maps, and charts.	Jun 4 - 22, 1942	23925/2	922	920
Ia, Anlagenbände 2-4 z. KTB. Morning and daily afteraction reports, tactical orders, situation maps, charts, strength reports, and messages.	Jun 23 - Sep 30, 1942	23925/3-5	923	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch mit Anlagenbände 1 u. 2; Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Position defense along the Sosna River southwest of Livny, list of officers' duty assignments, and combat and ration strength reports. Also, activity reports of the Intelligence and Personnel Branches, and division orders pertaining to personnel.	Oct 1 - Dec 31, 1942	31560/1	923	719
Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB. Morning, intermittent, and evening reports.	Oct 1 - Nov 23, 1942	31560/2	923	1101
Ia, Anlagenband 2 z. KTB. Orders, charts, overlays, and morning, intermittent, and evening reports.	Nov 23 - Dec 31, 1942	31560/3	924	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch. Withdrawal from the Sosna River to Maloarkhangel'sk, counter-attacks, and the retreat to Sevsk. Also, data on Operation "Zitadelle" (offensive at Kharkov), combat and ration strength reports, and reports on available weapons. The division was subordinate to the LV. A.K., Pz.AOK 2, XLVII. Pz.K., and the XX. A.K. during this period under the command of Gen.Maj. Fritz Schlieper, and of Oberst Hans Freiherr von Falkenstein from Apr 25, 1943.	Jan 1 - Jul 15, 1943	34191/1	924	260
Ia, Anlagenbände 1-7 z. KTB. Morning, intermittent, and evening reports, orders, messages, and charts.	Jan 1 - Jul 15, 1943	34191/3- 34191/9	925- 926	1, 431
Ia, Kriegstagebuch; Ic, IIa, St.Qu., Tätigkeitsberichte. Defensive operations from the Sevsk and Dmitrovsk areas to the Desna River in the Vasilyevka area, and the retreat to the Gomel area. Also, activity reports of the Intelligence and Personnel Branches with division orders pertaining to personnel; lists of				

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officers' duty assignments and casualties, combat and ration strength reports, maps, and overlays. The division was subordinate to the XX. and XXXV. A.K. during this period.	Jul 16 - Sep 30, 1943	37564/1	926	695
Ia, Anlagenbände 1-3 z. KTB. Morning, intermittent, and evening reports; messages; orders; afteraction reports; situation maps, and overlays.	Jul 16 - Sep 30, 1943	37564/2-4	927	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch; Ic, IIa, St.Qu., Tätigkeitsberichte. Defensive operations between the Sozh and Dnieper Rivers west of Gomel; order of battle charts, combat and ration strength reports, and lists of officers' duty assignments and casualties. Also, activity reports of the Intelligence and Personnel Branches. The division was subordinate to the XXXV. A.K. (AOK 2), and AOK 9 during this period under the command of Gen.Maj. Hans Freiherr von Falkenstein, and Oberst Joachim Engel from Dec 25, 1943.	Oct 1 - Dec 31, 1943	45157/1	927	858
Ia, Anlagenbände 1-4 z. KTB. Corps and division orders, reports, messages, order of battle charts, maps, and overlays.	Oct 1 - Dec 31, 1943	45157/2-5	928	1