

The Ninth Army was formed on May 14, 1940, when part of Theater Command East (Oberbefehlshaber Ost) was given this designation. It was transferred to the western front, first as a reserve unit and later as an active unit, where it remained until the end of March 1941. The army served on the central sector of the eastern front from June 1941 until the end of the war. It withdrew from the Upper Dnieper area in July 1944 to the region west of Brest-Litovsk, then moved to the Warsaw area. The 9th Army was responsible for the defense of Warsaw during the autumn of 1944 and was heavily engaged during the Soviet offensive in this area. It withdrew from the Warsaw sector and across central Poland in January 1945, during the Soviet winter offensive, and disbanded on May 8, 1945. Commanders of the Ninth Army between 1940 and 1945 were Generals Johannes Blaskowitz, Adolf Strauss, Walter Model, Heinrich von Vietinghoff, Josef Harpe, Hans Jordan, Nikolaus von Vormann, Smilo von Lüttwitz, and Theodor Busse.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>1st Frame</u>
Ic/AO, Anlagen 6-23 z. TB, Verschiedenes, Feldgend., Tätigkeitsbericht der Geheimen Feldpolizei, Gruppe 580. Monthly reports of Secret Military Police Unit 580 pertaining to security and intelligence activities, partisan resistance, and the morale of the civilian population in occupied Russia; instructions for counterintelligence operations; and a list of suspected enemy agents.	Apr 1 - Jun 30, 1942	26837/16	1689	1
Ic/AO, Anlagen 6-33 z. TB, Verschiedenes, Feldgend., Tätigkeitsbericht der Geheimen Feldpolizei, Gruppe 580. Monthly activity reports of Secret Military Police Unit 580 relating to security areas of Russia, partisan activities and morale of the Russian population; listing of suspected Russian agents; and instructions for counterintelligence operations.	Jul 1 - Dec 31, 1942	27970/7	1689	82
Ic/AO, Übersicht zum Lagebericht Cyrenaika, Karten. Maps (1:2,000,000) showing tactical disposition of British units in Cyrenaica.	Nov 1 - Dec 1, 1941	85610	1689	203

* The greater part of the records of the 9th Army are described in Guide No. 43, Armies (Part III).