

LXIX. Armeekorps z.b.V. (LXIX Army Corps)

The LXIX. Armeekorps z.b.V. (LXIX Army Corps for Special Employment) was formed in Vienna, Wehrkreis XVII, on July 13, 1943, as the LXIX. Reservekorps, and transferred to Zagreb, Croatia, on August 11, 1943. The Corps was responsible for maintenance and security of roads and railroad lines in Croatia and northern Serbia, training of Croatian troops, and antipartisan warfare. During September 1943, it participated in the disarming of Italian troops and in the occupation of the Adriatic coast. From October 1943 until August 1944, the Corps was engaged in Operations "Herbst II," "Ferkel," "Wildsau," "Cannae," "Ungewitter,"

"Schach," "Schlüsselblume," and "Rouen" (action against large units of partisans and Communists in Croatia), including various other antipartisan operations with the aid of Croatian units and the 1. Kosaken-Division. On January 9, 1944, the LXIX. Reservekorps was redesignated Generalkommando LXIX. Armeekorps z.b.V. During March 1944 the Corps also participated in Operation "Lechfeld" (the occupation of Budapest and nearby airfields and the disarming of Hungarian troops) and in Operation "Margarete" (the occupation of Hungary).

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| Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1. War journal concerning activation of the Corps in Vienna, transfer to Croatia, and antipartisan operations in the area north of the Sava River. Also, a register of officers. The Corps was subordinate to Pz.AOK 2 during this period under the command of Gen.d.Inf. Ernst Dehner from Jul 15, 1943 to Apr 1, 1944.   | Jul 13 - Dec 31, 1943 | 46521/1         | 1544        | 1                |
| Ia, Anlage 3 z. KTB 1, Befehlswürfe und Notizen. Reports, orders, and directives concerning activation and transfer to Croatia, maintenance and security of railroad lines between Belgrade and Zagreb, occupation of the Adriatic coast, and disarming of Italian troops in Sep 1943; reports on Operations "Herbst II," "Wildsau," and "Ferkel" (antipartisan actions during Oct and Nov 1943); and reports pertaining to 1. Kosaken-Division personnel involved in robberies, murder, and rape in Croatia. | Jul 13 - Dec 31, 1943 | 46521/4         | 1544        | 183              |
| Ia, Anlage 4 z. KTB 1. Ration and combat strength reports from subordinate units in Croatia.  | Aug 11 - Dec 23, 1943 | 46521/5         | 1545        | 1                |
| Ia, Anlage 5 z. KTB 1, Tagesmeldungen. Daily reports on operations against partisans in Croatia.  | Aug 16 - Dec 31, 1943 | 46521/6         | 1545        | 224              |
| Ia, Anlage 6 z. KTB 1, Morgenmeldungen. Daily reports to Pz.AOK 2 on partisan operations.   | Sep 14 - Dec 31, 1943 | 46521/7         | 1545        | 414              |

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| Ia, Anlage 8 z. KTB 1, Lagebeurteilungen. Reports concerning operations, mission, supply and transportation situation, and the health of troops. Also, appraisals of the enemy military and political situation.   | Sep 12 - Dec 12, 1943          | 46521/8         | 1545        | 524              |
| Na.Fü., Ia/Stogas., Ic, IIa/b, Tätigkeitsberichte als Anlage 9 z. KTB 1. Activity report of the Intelligence Officer for the period Jul 20 to Dec 31, 1943, with intelligence and interrogation reports, concerning activation of the intelligence staff in Vienna and its transfer to Croatia; counterintelligence activity, treatment of and propaganda directed at deserters, and antiguerrilla action; and enemy partisan activity, unit identification, and situation. Also, activity reports of the Signal Officer for the period Jul 17 to Dec 31, 1943, of the Chemical Warfare Officer for Nov 26 to Dec 14, 1943, and of the Personnel Officer for Jul 17, 1943 to Jan 15, 1944, and a register of officers. | Jul 20, 1943 -<br>Jan 21, 1944 | 46521/9         | 1545        | 539              |
| Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2. War journal concerning the redesignation of the LXIX. Res.K. as Gen.Kdo. LXIX. A.K. z.b.V. on Jan 9, 1944, and antipartisan operations in Croatia. The Corps was subordinate to Pz.AOK 2 under the command of Gen.Lt. Julius Ringel from Apr 1 to Jun 24, 1944, and Gen.d.Inf. Helge Auleb from Jun 24.  | Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1944           | 59922/1         | 1545        | 588              |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Order of battle charts of Gen.Kdo. LXIX. A.K. z.b.V. staff and subordinate units.  | Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1944           | 59922/2         | 1545        | 850              |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Akt: A. Reports and messages concerning Operations "Cannae" and "Fuchsjagd II" (antipartisan operations in Croatia during Jan and Feb 1944) with a map, training activities of subordinate units, and the redesignation of the 187. Reserve-Division as the 42. Jäger-Division on Jan 10, 1944. Also, a register of officers.  | Jan 1 - Feb 29, 1944           | 59922/4         | 1545        | 920              |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Akt: B. Reports and orders concerning antiguerrilla operations in Croatia. Also, charts, maps, and overlays showing the order of battle and the tactical disposition of the German 1. Gebirgs-Division in Hungary, of Hung. forces along the Drava River, and units of the Hungarian Home Army in the various military districts of Hungary.   | Mar 1 - Apr 30, 1944           | 59922/5         | 1546        | 1                |

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| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Akt: C. Reports concerning antiguerrilla operations of the Corps and Croatian army units and maintenance of railroad and highway security in the Sava River area; reports and orders pertaining to Operations "Reinhard," "Kastanie," "Schach," "Arras," "Ungewitter," "Waldkampf," and "Eienenhaus" (the destruction of guerrilla units in the Suho Polje, Vocin, Slavonska Pozega, Navice, and Podravska Slatina areas); and maps and overlays showing the tactical disposition and movement of German troops and military police units, Croatian army units, and enemy units during these operations. | May 1 - Jun 30, 1944  | 59922/6               | 1546          | 253              |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Preparatory orders concerning Operation "Lechfeld" (occupation of Budapest due to political developments and the disarming of Hungarian troops) and reports and orders pertaining to Operation "Cannae" (clearing of the area between the Sava and Drava Rivers of guerrilla units).   | Mar 5 - 23, 1944      | 59922/7               | 1546          | 565              |
| Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 2, "Cannae", Einmarsch in Ungarn. Reports, messages, orders, a map and overlay pertaining to Operation "Cannae," entry into Hungary to secure forces friendly to Germany, antiguerrilla operations of the Corps and Croatian units, road conditions, and the securing of railroads and highways in Croatia and the area northwest of Belgrade.  | Mar 6 - 18, 1944      | 59922/8               | 1546          | 587              |
| Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 2, "Schlüsselblume" geplantes Unternehmen in Westslawonien im März 1944. Reports, messages, and orders concerning the planned Operation "Schlüsselblume" (the clearing of West Slovenia of partisan units) with tables showing the location of partisan units in West Slovenia.   | Feb 28 - Mar 6, 1944  | 59922/9               | 1546          | 698              |
| Ia, Anlagenbände z. KTB 2, Unternehmen "Schach". Reports, messages, orders, maps, and overlays pertaining to Operation "Schach" (destruction of partisan units in the Karlovac area). Also, a report concerning losses of the Corps and of the enemy in men and materiel during this operation.  | May 18 - Jun 12, 1944 | 59922/10-<br>59922/11 | 1546-<br>1547 | 737,<br>1        |
| Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 2, "Dünkirchen" Unternehmen im Raum Karlovac Juni-Juli 1944. Reports, messages, orders, order of battle charts, and maps pertaining to Operation "Dünkirchen" (the destruction of insurgent Croatian units in the Karlovac area).   | May 24 - Jul 23, 1944 | 59922/12              | 1547          | 204              |

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| Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 2, Gefechts- u. Verpflegungsstärken. Daily tables showing the combat and ration strength and arms of the Corps' units.  | Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1944          | 59922/13        | 1547        | 592              |
| Ia, Anlagenbände z. KTB 2, Tagesmeldungen. Daily outgoing reports to Pz.AOK 2 concerning antipartisan operations.  | Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1944          | 59922/14-15     | 1547        | 839              |
| Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 2, Lagebeurteilungen. Monthly reports concerning enemy losses, Communist activity, the political and partisan situation; Allied air activity; German tactical, transportation, supply, military-economic, and health situation; and German counterintelligence and propaganda activity and tactical intentions in Yugoslavia.   | Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1944          | 59922/16        | 1547        | 1272             |
| Na.Fü., Ia/Stopi., Ia/Stogas., Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte. Activity report of the Intelligence Branch pertaining to administration and operations in the Zagreb area; activity reports of the Signal Staff, Engineer Staff, and Chemical Warfare Officers; reports concerning enemy chemical warfare preparations, gas defense readiness of the Corps, loss of gas defense equipment, and status of gas defense training; and registers of staff officers. | Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1944          | 59923           | 1548        | 1                |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, "Casanova". Reports, messages, and orders concerning Operation "Casanova" (to prevent enemy airdrops of supplies to partisan bands). Also, charts depicting partisans' flash and flare signals and an overlay showing the location of partisan airfields and dropping ranges in Croatia.   | Jun 25 - Oct 31, 1944         | 62129/1         | 1548        | 44               |
| Ia, Lagebeurteilungen unterstellter Einheiten an Gen.Kdo. LXIX. A.K. z.b.V. Reports from Führungsstab für Bandenbekämpfung with a survey on the partisan situation in Croatia. Also, reports and overlays concerning operations of the Corps and of partisans, supply and transportation situation, propaganda, and Allied air activity.   | Dec 1, 1943 -<br>Jun 10, 1944 | 62129/2         | 1548        | 159              |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Unternehmen "Margarete". Reports and orders concerning plans for Operation "Margarete" (the military occupation of Hungary and possible disarming of Hungarian troops) to prevent the probable overthrow of the Hungarian Government by anti-German elements.  | Mar 13 - 19, 1944             | 62147/1         | 1548        | 441              |

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| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Unternehmen "Lechfeld". Messages and orders pertaining to the military occupation of Hungary and the planned Operation "Lechfeld" (disarming of the Hungarian troops). Also, a survey of Hungarian Air Force installations.  | Mar 23 - 27, 1944   | 62147/2         | 1548        | 639              |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Unternehmen "Rouen". Reports, orders, messages, and maps concerning Operation "Rouen" (action against large units of partisans and Communists in Croatia) by subordinate units of the Corps, including police battalions, the Croatian "Leibgarde" Division, and regiments of the 1. Kosaken-Division. | Jul 2 - Aug 1, 1944 | 62147/3         | 1548        | 690              |