

The 15. Infanterie-Division (1. Welle) was formed in 1935-36 during expansion of the Army after the introduction of universal military service in March 1935. It was assigned to the French-German border in the Saar area from August 1939 until the campaign against France, May 10, 1940, after which it took part in occupation duties and training on the demarcation line in the Commarin area of France. In June 1941 the division was in the central sector of the eastern front, and in May 1942 it was again transferred to France. In March 1943 it returned to the eastern front, southern sector, where in the summer of the same year it suffered heavy losses in the Dnepropetrovsk area.

From January through March 1944 the division participated in the defense of the Krivoi Rog and Kirovograd areas. It then withdrew and took part in position defense in the Tiraspol-Bendery area until it was encircled at the end of August. The division was reformed in Hungary in October 1944 and participated in operations in the Nyiregyhaza and Miskolc areas until the end of December 1944. Although there are no records of the division available dated later than December 31, 1944, the situation maps of Lage Ost show that in January 1945 the division withdrew to Slovakia and took part in position defense in the Zvolen-Banska Bystrica area until April 1945.*

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>1st Frame</u>
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1, Bruchstück. Operations and activities in the Saar area.	Aug 25 - Oct 31, 1939	W 5169/1	660	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 1, Eingehende Meldungen.	Aug 26 - Oct 31, 1939	W 5169/5	660	32
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Orders, reports, and directives.	Nov 1, 1939 - May 9, 1940	W 5169/11	660	114
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4. Occupation and training activities on the demarcation line in the Commarin area of France. The division was subordinate to the IX. and XXVII. A.K. Generalleutnant von Chappius was division commander until Aug 24, 1940, when Generalleutnant Hell became division commander.	Jun 26 - Nov 30, 1940	11392/1	660	572
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4, Teil I, Ein- u. ausgehende Befehle und Meldungen.	Jun 26 - Nov 30, 1940	11392/2	660	627
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4, Teil II. Division orders and special directives on the loading plan of the division for Operation "Seelöwe" (planned invasion of England), and code names for division units.	Aug 27 - Oct 15, 1940	11392/3	660	820
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4, Teil III, Sonderlehrgänge.	Jun 26 - Oct 30, 1940	11392/4	660	940
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4, Teil IV, Ausbildung.	Jul 26 - Nov 25, 1940	11392/5	660	985

* The records of the 15. Infanterie-Division were damaged by fire in the Kriegswissenschaftliche Abteilung on Feb 27-28, 1942.

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Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Activity report, with annexes, concerning the British military situation and war economy and intelligence bulletins pertaining to counterintelligence and propaganda in occupied France.	Jun 26, 1940 - Mar 31, 1941	11392/6	661	1
Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht. Activity report concerning operations in the Smolensk area in the central sector of the eastern front and transfer to Libourne, France, for re-fitting, training, and maneuvers. The division was subordinate successively to HÖh.Kdo. XXXI, AOK 1, and the XXI. A.K. Oberst Pawel was temporary division commander until Gen.Maj. Erich Buschenhagen became commander on Jun 29, 1942.	May 1 - Oct 24, 1942	25176/1	661	118
Ia, Anlage z. TB. Orders, directives, surveys, and reports.	May 5 - Oct 20, 1942	25176/2	661	133
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Activity report concerning enemy air activities on the French coast, counterintelligence, morale and behavior of the French population in the occupied area of Poitiers, France.	May 1, 1942 - Feb 2, 1943	26189	661	532
Ia, Kriegstagebuch. War journal concerning operations and activities in the Smolensk, Gorki, and Mogilev areas, and preparations for the division's withdrawal to France. The division was subordinate successively to the XX., VII., and V. A.K.	Feb 1 - Apr 30, 1942	31168/1	661	570
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Orders, reports, messages, overlays, and directives.	Jan 31 - Apr 11, 1942	31168/2	661	657
Ia, Kriegstagebuch u. Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen (Stab). War journal concerning coastal defense operations between the Loire and Seudre Rivers. Also, staff activity reports concerning daily operations. The division was subordinate to the LXXX. A.K.	Oct 24, 1942 - Feb 26, 1943	31692/1	661	858
Ia, Anlagen z. TB (Stab). Orders, surveys, directives, plans, and maps.	Oct 9 - Dec 1, 1942	31692/2	661	899
Ia, Anlagen z. TB. Orders, directives, and maps.	Dec 1, 1942 - Jan 23, 1943	31692/3	661	1030
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1. War journal concerning movement of the division from Poitiers, France, through Germany and Poland to Dnepropetrovsk in the southern sector of the eastern front, and operations in the Pavlograd, Novomoskovsk, and Vesely areas. The division was subordinate to H.Gr. Süd, Pz.AOK 4, and the LVII. Pz.K. at various times during this period. Also, combat strength reports.	Feb 1 - May 15, 1943	32757/1	662	1

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 1. Orders, messages, reports, and directives.	Feb 1 - May 15, 1943	32757/2	662	209
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1. <u>[This document is a duplicate of item No. 32757/1.]</u>	Feb 1 - May 15, 1943	34900/1	662	597
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Activity report concerning enemy situation, prisoners of war, captured equipment, counterintelligence, and propaganda in the Dnepropetrovsk area.	Feb 20 - May 15, 1943	34900/2	662	738
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2. War journal concerning operations and activities in the Vesely and Volyvenkovo areas southeast of Rostov. The division was subordinate to the LVII. Pz.K.	May 16 - Aug 31, 1943	35998/1	662	751
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Reports, directives, messages, and maps.	May 16 - Aug 31, 1943	35998/2	662	842
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Corps directives, orders, and maps on training and spring maneuvers in the Saar area.	May 1938	77065/1	662	1142
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Directives, orders, maps, and overlays for coastal defense between the Lay and Seudre Rivers in France.	Dec 1942	77065/2	663	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Maps and overlays (1:2,500) showing minefields in the Pskov area.	Feb 1944	77065/3	663	106
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Fortification map (1:10,000) of the area north of Paklino.	Feb 1944	77065/4	663	168
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Corps and division orders, order of battle charts, strength reports, messages, directives, and situation maps of the area north of Cluj, Rumania. Also, afteraction reports of subordinate Kampfgruppe Winkler.	Sep 1 - Oct 25, 1944	77644	663	178
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB; Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Reports and corps orders with maps and overlays concerning operations in Hungary. An incomplete report, in the Italian language, pertaining to military operations in Albania and Greece. Also, an activity report relating to the enemy situation in Hungary for Dec 1944.	Aug 24 - Dec 31, 1944	77862	2326	1
Ia, Morgen- und Tagesmeldungen. Daily reports concerning combat duties in Hungary of subordinate units and Kampfgruppe Winkler.	Sep 5 - Dec 31, 1944	77863	2326	104