

17. Infanterie-Division (17th Infantry Division)*

The 17. Infanterie-Division was formed in 1934-35 in Nuremberg by expansion of Grenadier-Regiment 21 of the old Reichswehr. It fought in Poland in September 1939 and in the western campaign in May 1940. In June 1941 the division was transferred to the central sector of the eastern front, returning to France in the spring of 1942. In March 1943 it was again transferred to the eastern front, southern sector. Although there are no records of the division available dated later than March 31, 1943, the situation maps of Lage Ost show that the division

participated in position defense from April to September 1943 in the Taganrog area and from September through December in the area north of Melitopol. In January 1944 it began to withdraw to the area west of Nikopol where it was encircled in March 1944. The division was reformed in May 1944 and took part in operations from June through August in the Tiraspol, Jassy, and Lublin areas and in position defense from September 1944 through January 1945 in the Radom area. From February to April 1945 it participated in operations in the Breslau, Görlitz, and Zlotoryja (Goldberg) areas.

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch, Teil II, mit Anlagen. Activities after the Polish campaign and preparations for Operation "Gelb" (crossing the Luxembourg and Belgian border); division orders pertaining to billeting and training near the German-Luxembourg border. Gen.Maj. Herbert Loch was division commander.	Oct 11, 1939 - May 9, 1940	W 4144/1**	687	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Preparations for the campaign on the Luxembourg border.	Feb 21 - Jun 25, 1940	W 4144/6	687	260
Ic, Anlagen 1-22 z. TB. Maps and overlays showing enemy positions.	Feb 23 - Jun 6, 1940	W 4144/7	687	278
Ic, Anlage z. TB, Ergebnisse der Nahaufklärung des Lauschtrupps der Nachrichtenabteilung 17. Telephone conversations intercepted along the Luxembourg border.	Nov 28, 1939 - May 8, 1940	W 4144/8	687	316
Ia, Kriegstagebuch, Teil IV, mit Anlagen. Activities in the Dijon area in France; transfer first to Luxembourg, then to the coast of Belgium for preparations for Operation "Seelöwe" (planned invasion of England); orders; afteraction report on the western campaign; and maps. Training regulations and combat and ration strength reports.	Jul 1, 1940 - May 26, 1941	10976/1	687	375
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Enemy operations and sport activities of division personnel (with newspaper clippings), intelligence bulletins, order of battle charts, and reports on counterintelligence and the morale of the local population.	Jun 26, 1940 - May 28, 1941	10976/2	688	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch, I. Teil Russland. War journal concerning operations and activities after the transfer from Belgium to Sochaczew, Poland, the movement through				

* Additional records, mostly predating World War II, were filmed under T-79, Rolls 135, 139-154, 157, 164, 170-185, and are described in Guide No. 34, Records of German Army Areas, pages 120-143.

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Warsaw to Miedzna, the invasion of Russia across the Bug River in the central sector of the eastern front, and the advance to the Smolensk area. The division was subordinate to the IX. and XIII. A.K.	May 25 - Sep 30, 1941	27666/1	688	93
Ia, Kriegstagebuch, II. Teil Russland. War journal concerning operations and activities from the Desna River Bend, southeast of Smolensk, to Kirov, the battle of Kaluga, and the advance toward Tula. On Nov 4, 1941, Generalleutnant Guntzel became division commander.	Oct 1 - Dec 17, 1941	27666/2	683	303
Ia, Kriegstagebuch, III. Teil Russland. War journal concerning winter operations and activities in the Volzhsk and Karlovka areas, southeast of Kaluga. The division was subordinate to the XII., XIII., and XX. A.K. at various times during this period. On Dec 27, 1941, Oberst von Zangen became division commander.	Dec 15, 1941 - May 15, 1942	27666/3	688	466
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, I. Teil. Corps and division orders concerning movement and billeting from Sochaczew through Warsaw to Miedzna, preparations for the invasion of Russia, combat operations after the crossing of the Bug River in the central sector of the eastern front, the advance southeast of Smolensk toward the Desna River, city plans of Warsaw, maps, and order of battle charts. Also, AOK 2 reports concerning the battles at Rogachev, Gomel, and Kiev.	May 23 - Sep 30, 1941	27666/4	688	862
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, II. Teil. Corps and division orders, radio and teletype messages, and maps concerning operations from the Desna River to the Oka and Ugra Rivers near Kaluga. Also, order of battle chart, special orders from H.Gr. Mitte and from AOK 2 pertaining to the battles at Vyazma and Bryansk.	Sep 30 - Dec 17, 1941	27666/5	689	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, III. Teil. Division orders and afteraction reports, order of battle charts, and reports to adjoining divisions concerning operations in the area between Kaluga and Vyazma, with maps and overlays. Also, combat strength reports, and special awards for exceptional combat performances.	Dec 19, 1941 - May 12, 1942	27666/6	689	231
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, III. Teil, Korpsbefehle. Corps orders and reports concerning operations during the winter months when the division suffered heavy losses in the area between Kaluga and Vyazma, and orders to relieve the division for				

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movement to western Europe for recuperation. Also, a report from Pz.AOK 4 on the number of enemy casualties, prisoners of war, and amount of equipment destroyed and captured.	Dec 20, 1941 - Apr 29, 1942	27666/8	690	1
Ia, Sonderanlage z. KTB, III. Teil. Afteraction reports, with maps, concerning operations of subordinate units east of the Vorya River and east of Isakovo.	Feb 24 - 26, 1942	27666/9	690	250
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Meldungen an das Korps. Daily reports from subordinate units concerning combat activities, division and enemy situation, layouts of minefields, and messages on operations from the Bug River to the Kaluga area.	Jun 28, 1941 - May 10, 1942	27666/10	690	296
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen 1-16 u. Anlagenbände I-IV. Activity reports concerning preparations for the invasion of Russia, propaganda leaflets for Russian troops, reports on sport activities and terrain conditions during the thaw period, enemy situation maps of the Kaluga area, and a report on a lecture given at an intelligence course in Berlin, comparing intelligence activities in the U.S.S.R. to those in the West.	May 29, 1941 - May 23, 1942	27666/16	690	855
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen. Activity report concerning enemy air attacks on Lorient, France, and the morale of the local population, and instructions on counterintelligence activities. Also, reports on suicides and sabotage, and monthly evaluation reports.	May 24, 1942 - Mar 31, 1943	33206/1	690	908
Ic, Anlagenband 2 z. TB. Reports on security measures.	Jun 4, 1942 - Jan 29, 1943	33206/3	690	956
Ic, Anlagenband 3 z. TB. Reports on the attitude of the French population.	Jun 30, 1942 - Mar 31, 1943	33206/4	690	914
Ia, Kriegstagebuch, Teil VI, Einsatz West. War journal concerning the movement of the division from Smolensk via Allenstein, Berlin, Aachen, and Paris, to the Lorient area between May 15 and Jun 2, 1942, the transfer to Quimperle, and operations against the British in the Dieppe raid on Aug 19, 1942. The division became subordinate to the XXV. A.K. as a reserve division for refitting and training.	May 15, 1942 - Mar 31, 1943	34041/1	690	976

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Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB, Teil VI, Frankreich. Corps and division orders, radio and teletype messages, maps, and order of battle charts.	Mar 23 - Nov 27, 1942	34041/2	690	1051
Ia, Anlagenband 2 z. KTB, Teil VI, Frankreich. Reports concerning enemy air attacks on the Lorient area, and training activities. Division orders and departure time schedules on movement of the various division units on Mar 27, 1943, to transfer to H.Gr. Süd on the eastern front.	Dec 1, 1942 - Mar 29, 1943	34041/3	691	1
Ia, Anlagenband 3 z. KTB, Teil VI, Frankreich, Küstenverteidigungsplan des Küstenverteidigungsabschnittes "J".	May 15, 1942 - Mar 31, 1943	34041/4	691	302
Ia, Anlagenband 4 z. KTB, Teil VI, Frankreich, Stärkemeldungen der unterstellten Einheiten.	May 15, 1942 - Mar 31, 1943	34041/5	691	372
Ia, Divisionsbefehle, Einsatz Ost. Division orders concerning preparations for the invasion of Poland and operations from the Prosna River to east of Warsaw.	Aug 26 - Sep 28, 1939	77707	691	582
Ic, Anlagenband I z. KTB. Order of battle information obtained through prisoners of war in the central sector of the eastern front.	Jul 27, 1941 - May 3, 1942	77708	691	710
Ic, Anlagenband II z. KTB, Gefangenenvernehmungen. Vyazma area.	Jan 15 - May 7, 1942	77709	691	734
Ic, Anlagenband III z. KTB, Nachrichtenblätter. Intelligence bulletins concerning operations and activities from the Bug River to the Roslavl area.	Jun 11, 1941 - Mar 17, 1942	77710	691	828
Ic, Anlagenband IV z. KTB. Security measures against partisans and enemy propaganda.	Aug 5, 1941 - May 11, 1942	77711	691	896