

The 30. Infanterie-Division (1. Welle) was formed in 1934-35 by expansion of Infanterie-Regiment 6 (Lübeck) of the old Reichswehr. It participated in the campaign against Poland in September 1939 and fought in Belgium and France as far as Etampes, south of Paris, in May and June 1940. In 1941 it was transferred to East Prussia. From June 1941 the division participated in the eastern campaign in the northern sector. It crossed Lithuania and Latvia and entered Russia near OPOCHKA, advancing to the Valdai Heights south-east of Demyansk. The division fought in defensive operations in the Polomet River area from November 15, 1941, to February 28,

1942, and in the Demyansk pocket from March 1942 to January 1943. Although no records of this division dated later than November 30, 1943, are available, situation maps of Lage Ost show that it took part in position defense in the Staraya Russa area until January 1944. It engaged in defensive operations in the area east of Lake Ilmen and in the Ostrov area in February and March and in position defense in the Pskov area from April to July. The division was in the Voru (Vyru), Valga, and Yelgava (Mitau) areas from August to October 1944 for defensive engagements and withdrew to the area southeast of Liepaja (Libau) where it capitulated at the end of the war.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>1st Frame</u>
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2. Transfer of the division from Poland to the Düren area and the securing of the German-Belgian border.	Sep 28 - Dec 31, 1939	W 7580*	852	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Westfeldzug. Corps and division orders concerning division operations during the advance into Belgium; the capture of Brussels; the crossing of the Lys and Yser Rivers; the advance into France via Bethune, Douai, Arras, Amiens, Compiègne, and to Etampes south of Paris; occupation of Paris; and movement to the Lisieux area, Aug 4, 1940.	May 11 - Jul 30, 1940	W 7580/A*	852	39
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Befehle an unterstellte Truppen.	May 12 - 29, 1940	W 7580/B*	852	282
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Corps orders relating to the assembly of troops, preparations for the attack across the Meuse River, replacements, and billeting. Also, special directives concerning supply, attack across the Meuse River, traffic control, reconnaissance, signal communication, march movements, reporting channels, and military security.	Dec 21, 1939 - Apr 26, 1940	W 7580/3*	852	548
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Corps and division orders relating to the transfer of the division to the West, march movements into billeting areas in the Rhineland, and preparations for the western campaign. Combat and special directives concerning supply and signal communication.	Aug 26, 1939 - May 5, 1940	W 7580/4*	852	753

* Item damaged by fire.

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3, Teil I u. II. Operations during the invasion of Belgium, the capture of Brussels, the crossing of the Lys and Yser Rivers, and the advance into France via Bethune, Douai, Arras, Amiens, Compiègne, and to Etampes south of Paris. The division was subordinate to the IX. A.K. under the command of Generalleutnant von Briesen.	May 10 - Jun 17, 1940	W 7580/8-9*	853	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Division orders, activity reports, and radio messages.	May 11 - 15, 1940	W 7580/14a*	853	192
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Radio messages concerning frontline activity.	May 15 - 20, 1940	W 7580/14b*	853	403
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Daily activity reports and radio messages.	May 20 - Jun 17, 1940	W 7580/14c*	853	724
Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB. Afteraction reports.	Oct 26, 1939 - Jun 20, 1940	W 7580/16	853	1288
IVb, Tätigkeits- und Erfahrungsberichte als Anlagenband VI z. KTB. Activity report dated Jun 17 - Jul 15, 1940, and an afteraction report for the period Jun 9 - Jul 9, 1940.	Jun 9 - Jul 15, 1940	W 7580/17	853	1305
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Zustandsberichte. Periodic status reports of the division relating to personnel shortages and casualties.	Sep 1, 1939 - Jul 3, 1940	W 7580/19	853	1356
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4, Teil I-III. Operations during preparations for the eastern campaign; the crossing of Lithuania and Latvia; the invasion of Russia via OPOCHKA, Novorzhev, Cholm, and Dno to Staraya Russa; offensives in the Lovat and Pola areas; penetration to the Valdai Heights; occupation of the Valdai-Novgorod railroad line; the defense of the Polomet River area; and offensives in the Luzhonka and Vershina areas. Also, an officers' duty assignment register and casualty reports. The division was subordinate to the X. A.K. under the command of Gen.Lt. Kurt von Tippelskirch. <u>[This is the original handwritten journal; see item 14683/15 for the final typed copy for the period May 9 - Dec 15, 1941.]</u>	May 9, 1941 - Jan 15, 1942	14683/1-3	854	1
Ia, Anlagenband I, Teil A-D z. KTB 4, Operationsbefehle.	Jun 15 - Dec 14, 1941	14683/4-7	854	987
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4, Tagesmeldungen.	Sep 1, 1940 - Jan 15, 1941	14683/9	855	1

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Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 4, Gefechtsberichte.	Jul 22 - Nov 17, 1941	14683/10	855	173
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4. Final typed copy.	May 9 - Dec 15, 1941	14683/15	855	230
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Enemy operations and unit identification during the eastern campaign from the German-Lithuanian to the Russian-Latvian borders, Jun 22 - Jul 7, 1941; advance into Russia via OPOCHKA, Novorzhev, and Staraya Russa to Lovat, Jul 8 - Aug 25, 1941; offensives in the Lovat, Pola, and Polomet River areas, Aug 26 - Nov 15, 1941; and operations in the Polomet River, Belyy Bor, and Vysochek areas, Nov 16 - Dec 15, 1941. Also, intelligence detachment duty assignment roster, intelligence and interrogation reports, German translation of a diary of a Russian officer, Jun 26 - Aug 26, 1941, and maps showing the tactical disposition of enemy forces.	Jun 22 - Dec 15, 1941	17175/1	855	565
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5, Teil A-D. Defensive operations in the Polomet River area, in the Valdai Heights, along the Rob'ya River, and near Staraya Russa; offensive battles in the Belyy Bor, Ushaki, Demyansk, Ysochek, Pustynya, and Luzhno areas. The division was subordinate to the X. and II. A.K. and Korpsgruppe Höhne, successively, under the command of Gen.Maj. Emil von Wickede.	Jan 16, 1942 - Mar 8, 1943	34962/1- 34962/4	855- 856	846, 846
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5, Teil A-D. Final typed copy.	Jan 16, 1942 - Mar 8, 1943	34962/5- 34962/8	856- 857	1084, 189
Ia, Anlagenbände 1 u. 2 z. KTB 5, Korpsbefehle.	Dec 6, 1941 - Feb 26, 1943	34962/9- 34962/10	857	305
Ia, Anlagenbände 3-5 z. KTB 5, Divisionsbefehle.	Dec 27, 1941 - Mar 13, 1943	34962/11- 34962/13	857	798
Ia, Anlagenbände 6 u. 7 z. KTB 5, Tagesmeldungen.	Jan 15, 1942 - Mar 7, 1943	34962/14- 34962/15	858	1
Ia, Anlagenband 10 z. KTB 5, Gefechts- und Verpflegungsstärken.	Oct 22, 1942 - Feb 25, 1943	34962/18	858	305
Ia, Anlagenband 11 z. KTB 5, Zustandsberichte und Kriegsgliederungen.	Aug 5, 1940 - Mar 7, 1943	34962/19	858	416

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Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte, Teil 1-3 mit Anlagen. Enemy operations, unit identification, and losses of men and equipment during operations in the Polomet River area, Dec 11, 1941 - Apr 30 and Jul 1 - Aug 31, 1942, and in the Valdai Heights, Sep 1, 1942 - Feb 28, 1943; and offensives in the Belyy Bor, Ushaki, Demyansk, Pustynya, Ysochek, and Luzhno areas, May 1 - Jun 30, 1942. Also, appraisals of the enemy military situation; intelligence reports and bulletins; interrogation summaries; maps showing the tactical disposition of enemy forces; order of battle charts; monthly duty assignment rosters of the intelligence detachment; memorial booklet relating to the X. A.K. campaign in the northern sector; and German translations of a Stalin defense order, a diary of a deceased Soviet commissar, and a notebook of a "Politruk" of a reconnaissance platoon.	Dec 16, 1941 - Feb 28, 1943	34962/20- 34962/22	858	526
Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 5, Gefechtsberichte; IIa/b, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen.	Jul 8, 1941 - Mar 31, 1943	34962/23	858	998
Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 5, Tagesmeldungen.	Jul 1 - Dec 15, 1942	35682/1	858	1227
Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 5, Divisionsschwerpunkte.	Jan 20, 1943	35682/2	859	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6, Band 1 u. 2. Operations during defensive engagements along the Rob'ya River and near Staraya Russa, and the defense of Staraya Russa. The division was subordinate to Gruppe von Erdmannsdorff, Mar 8 - 18, 1943, and the X. A.K. under the command of Gen.Lt. Emil von Wickede.	Mar 8 - Nov 30, 1943	43311/1-2	859	32
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6, Bände 1-3. Final typed copy.	Mar 8 - Nov 30, 1943	43311/3-5	859	891
Ia, Anlagenbände z. KTB 6, Band 1 u. 2, Korpsbefehle.	Mar 8 - Nov 30, 1943	43311/6-7	860	1
Ia, Anlagenbände z. KTB 6, Bände 1-6, Divisionsbefehle.	Mar 9 - Nov 30, 1943	43311/8- 43311/13	860- 861	249, 1
Ia, Anlagenbände z. KTB 6, Bände 1-4, Tagesmeldungen.	Mar 10 - Nov 30, 1943	43311/14-17	861	183
Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 6, Gefechtsberichte; IIa/b, Tätigkeitsberichte.	Mar 10 - Nov 30, 1943	43311/18	861	1172
Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 6, Zustandsberichte.	Apr 8 - Nov 8, 1943	43311/19	861	1237

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Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 6, Ist- und Gefechtsstärken.	Mar 18 - Nov 30, 1943	43311/20	862	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte. Enemy operations during defensive engagements along the Rob'ya River and near Staraya Russa and the defense of Staraya Russa. Also, intelligence reports pertaining to the enemy military situation, counterintelligence activity, and troop entertainment; prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries; and maps and overlays showing the tactical disposition of enemy units.	Mar 1 - Jul 31, 1943	43311/23	862	189
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Enemy operations during the defense of Staraya Russa. Also, intelligence reports pertaining to enemy tactical situation and preparations for attack, prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries, and maps and overlays showing the tactical disposition of enemy units.	Aug 1 - Nov 30, 1943	43311/24	862	375
Ia, Gefechtsberichte. Afteraction reports, Jul 7, 1941 - Mar 31, 1942, concerning the division's operations during its advance into Russia via OPOCHKA, Novorzhev, Cholm, and Dno to the Staraya Russa area; offensives in the Lovat and Pola Rivers area; penetration to the Valdai Heights, and occupation of the Valdai-Novgorod railroad line; fighting in the Polomet River area; offensive engagements in the Luzhonka and Vershina areas, and defensives in the Vershina sector and around Demyansk. Also, orders relating to regrouping of 30. Inf.Div. supply units and securing of the rear areas, and a report pertaining to enemy agents in the division sector.	Jul 7, 1941 - Dec 1, 1942	77103/1	862	548
IIa, Dem Gauleiter Schleswig Holsteins Herrn Reichskommissar Lohse als Dank und Erinnerungsgabe der 30. Division zum 30. Januar 1943. Account of events eulogizing personnel of the division awarded the highest decorations.	Jan 30, 1943	77103/2	862	757