

34. Infanterie-Division (34th Infantry Division)

The 34. Infanterie-Division (1. Welle) was formed in 1935-36 during the expansion of the Army after the introduction of universal military service in March 1935. In May 1940 it took part in the western campaign. The division was transferred in June 1941 to the eastern front, central sector, and participated in battles from the Bug to the Dnieper, Desna, Ugra, and Nara Rivers, advancing to Tarutino southwest of Moscow. Moving to Mtsensk in January 1943, it took part in position defense in

the Orel area until June 1943. Although no records of this division dated later than June 30, 1943, are available, situation maps of Lage Ost and West show that it participated in defensive engagements in the Kursk, Kharkov, Lubny, Kiev, and Boguslav areas from July 1943 to March 1944. The division withdrew to Rumania until May, when it was transferred to western Italy. From July to September 19 the division defended the La Spezia and Cecina areas, moving in October 1944 to the Franco-Italian frontier, which it defended until early in 1945.

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1. Border activities in the Saar area at the beginning of World War II, and the transfer to Baumholder. The division was subordinate to the XXX. and XII. A.K. during this period, under the command of Gen.Maj. Hans Behlendorff.	Aug 25 - Dec 31, 1939	W 736a*	875	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 1. Corps and division orders and daily activity reports relating to training before World War II and to border activities after the beginning of hostilities along the German-French border in the Saar area.	Jul 28 - Dec 30, 1939	W 736b*	875	40
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht als Beilage z. KTB 2. Intelligence report concerning activities from the Aisne River near Variscourt north of Rheims to the demarcation line between the Loire and Allier Rivers near Avrilly.	Jun 9 - 26, 1940	W 1964e	875	738
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. Transfer of the division from Soissons to Hardelot in the Boulogne area for coastal defense and training in preparation for Operation "Seelöwe" (planned invasion of England), and a list of officers' duty assignments. The division was subordinate to AOK 2, and the XXIX. and XXXVIII. A.K. during this period under the command of Gen.Maj. Werner Sanne.	Jul 9 - Oct 31, 1940	8437/1	875	751
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Army, corps, and division orders, and training instructions.	Jun 29 - Oct 31, 1940	8437/2	875	763
Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht, Westen. Activity report concerning replacement and training of new recruits for coastal defense in the area between Boulogne and Abbeville, the return of Gen.Lt. Hans Behlendorff, who was wounded in Luxembourg on May 10, 1940, and the transfer of the division to Poland. The division was subordinate to the XXXVIII. A.K. during this period.	Nov 1, 1940 - May 24, 1941	11154/1	876	1

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Ia, Anlagen z. TB. Corps and division orders.	Nov 1, 1940 - May 19, 1941	11154/2	876	16
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4, Teil I; Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Transfer of the division from Boulogne, France, to the Biala Podlaska area in Poland in preparation for the campaign against Russia, crossing the Bug River near Michalkov in the Brest area, offensives northeast to the Dnieper River in the Mogilev area, east to Krichev, and as far as the Desna River toward Kirov. Also, activity reports of the Intelligence and Personnel Branches. The division was subordinate to the XII. and XIII. A.K., AOK 2, and the XLIII. and XII. A.K., successively during this period.	May 25 - Sep 30, 1941	22645/1	876	196
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4, Teil II; Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Offensives from the Desna River to Kirov, northeast to the Ugra River, and to Tarutino on the Nara River, where operations were stopped by strong Russian counterattacks and bad weather conditions. Also, activity reports of the Intelligence and Personnel Branches including casualty lists, and combat and ration strength reports. The division was subordinate to the XLIII. A.K. and LVII. Pz.K. during this period, under the command of Gen.Maj. Hans Behlendorff and Gen.Maj. Friedrich Fürst, who became division commander on Dec 5, 1941.	Oct 1, 1941 - Feb 28, 1942	22645/2	876	444
Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB 4. Corps and division orders, combat reports, and situation maps.	Apr 14 - Jul 31, 1941	22645/3	876	769
Ia, Anlagenband 2 z. KTB 4. Corps and division orders and situation maps.	Aug 1 - Oct 31, 1941	22645/4	877	1
Ia, Anlagenband 3 z. KTB 4. Corps and division orders, combat instructions, and situation maps.	Oct 31, 1941 - Feb 28, 1942	22645/5	877	426
Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB 5, Teil I. Corps and division orders, afteraction reports, training directives, and situation maps concerning offensive and defensive operations, construction of antitank defensive positions in the Yukhnov area on the Ugra River northwest of Kaluga. The division was subordinate to the XLIII. A.K. during this period.	Mar 1 - Jul 31, 1942	29182/2	877	956
Ia, Beilage z. Anlagenband z. KTB 5, Teil I, Auffrischung und Umbildung des Ostheeres im Frühjahr 1942. Corps and division orders concerning rehabilitation				

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and reorganization of the eastern army in the spring of 1942. Also, order of battle charts.	Feb 25 - Jun 27, 1942	29182/3	878	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6, Teil I mit Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Transfer of the division to the Zusha River front northwest of Mtsensk to replace the 4. Pz. Div., operations between Orel and Bolkhov, and situation maps. Part of the division was employed in antipartisan operations in the Roslavl area. Also, activity reports of the Intelligence and Personnel Branches pertaining to the enemy situation and casualties. The division was subordinate to Pz.AOK 2 and the XXXV. A.K. during this period under the command of Gen.Maj. Friedrich Hochbaum, who became division commander on Jan 1, 1943.	Jan 11 - Mar 31, 1943	29625/1	878	108
Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 6. Division orders, communication situation reports, and order of battle charts.	Jan 12 - Mar 31, 1943	29625/2	878	252
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5, Teil II mit Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Defense of the Mosalsk area and partisan warfare in the rear area. Also, activity reports of the Intelligence and Personnel Branches pertaining to enemy activities and division casualties, and lists of officers' duty assignments. The division was subordinate to the XLIII., XXVII., and XXXV. A.K. during this period under the command of Gen.Maj. Theodor Scherer, and the temporary command of Oberst Friedrich Hochbaum.	Aug 1, 1942 - Jan 29, 1943	30904/1	878	488
Ia, Anlagenband 2 z. KTB 5, Teil II. Corps and division orders, afteraction reports, and situation maps.	Aug 1, 1942 - Jan 29, 1943	30904/2	878	687
Ia, Beilage 2 z. Anlagenband z. KTB 5. Orders and instructions for Operation "Wirbelwind" (the straightening of the front line in the H.Gr. Mitte area).	Jul 28 - Aug 5, 1942	30904/3	878	1331
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6, Teil II mit Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Defense of the Mtsensk area along the Zusha and Oka Rivers. Also, activity reports of the Intelligence and Personnel Branches pertaining to enemy operations and situation, and replacement and casualties of division personnel.	Apr 1 - Jun 30, 1943	35709/1	879	1
Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 6, Teil II. Orders, afteraction reports, order of battle charts, and reports on the status of enemy attacks.	Apr 1 - Jun 30, 1943	35709/2	879	114