

The 44. Infanterie-Division was formed by expansion of the Viennese Infanterie-Regiment 4 after the annexation of Austria. It participated in the campaign against Poland in 1939 and in the invasion of France as far as the Tours area in May 1940. In the latter part of June 1940 the division moved to the La Rochelle area for training and coastal defense and was transferred in April 1941 to the Kielce area of Poland. The division took part in the invasion of Russia in the southern sector on June 22, 1941, advancing via Janow, Lvov, Dubno, Zhitomir, Korosten, Byshev, Poltava, and Akhtyrka to the area east of Kharkov. It was destroyed at Stalingrad in January 1943. In March 1943 the division was re-formed in Belgium, receiving the honorary title "Reichsgrenadierdivision Hoch- und Deutschmeister"

in May 1943. It was transferred to northeast Italy for antipartisan operations in September 1943 and on November 21, 1943, the division began combat operations in the Frosinone-Cassino area where it remained until the latter part of August 1944. Although no records of this division dated later than August 30, 1944, are available, situation maps of Lage Sidwest and Ost show that it withdrew from Italy in September 1944 and arrived in November at Pecs, Hungary, for refitting. It defended the Pecs and Barcs areas of Hungary and the Komarno and Nove Zamky areas of Slovakia until March 1945, when it moved to Austria and defended the area southeast of Graz until the end of the war.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>1st Frame</u>
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1, Teil I. Division operations during assembly in the Friedek area; invasion of Poland near Teschen (Cesky Tesin); and offensives as far as Lvov via Bielitz, Biala, Kety, Wadowice, Krakow, Tarnow, Rzeszow, Jaroslaw, and Przemysl. The division was subordinate to the XVII. A.K. under the command of Gen.Lt. Albrecht Schubert.	Aug 24 - Sep 28, 1939	P 204	910	1
Ic, Kriegstagebuch mit Anlagen und Ia Anlagen. Intelligence bulletins and reports concerning enemy operations, unit identification, and the tactical situation; and reports from agents of the counterintelligence office in Prague pertaining to military preparations in Poland and France. Also, orders relating to division operations in Poland.	Jul 21 - Sep 26, 1939	P 206*	910	67
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1, Teil II. Division operations during contact with Russian units along the San River in the Jaroslaw-Przemysl area, the transfer to the Lublin area, assembly at Radom, march movements to and entraining at Kamienna, and transfer to Holzminden near Kassel via Kielce, Katowice, Wegliniec, Elsterwerda, Dessau, Magdeburg, Salzgitter, and Kreiensen. The division was under the command of Gen.Lt. Albrecht Schubert until Nov 4, 1939, and of Gen.Maj. Friedrich Siebert thereafter.	Sep 29 - Nov 15, 1939	P 1276a	910	727
Ic, Kriegstagebuch 1, Teil II. Intelligence matters relating to the division's operations along the demarcation line between Germany and Russia, its assembly in the Radom area, and its transfer from Kamienna to the West.	Sep 28 - Nov 15, 1939	P 1276d	910	746

* Item damaged by fire.

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Ia, Ic, Anlagen I u. II z. KTB 1, Teil II. Corps and division orders, intelligence bulletins, interrogation summaries of Russian deserters, and correspondence relating to meetings of German and Russian officers concerning the establishment of the German-Russian demarcation line and border control in areas occupied by the Germans and Russians in Poland.	Aug 11 - Nov 23, 1939	P 1276e	910	775
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. The division's arrival and training activities in the Bad Pyrmont-Seesen area. The division was subordinate to the XI. A.K. for supplies and the XVII. A.K. for training.	Nov 17, 1939 - May 9, 1940	W 475a	910	419
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Division orders, training instructions, and afteraction evaluations.	Nov 8, 1939 - May 11, 1940	W 475b	910	448
Ic, Kriegstagebuch. Training in intelligence matters and troop indoctrination and entertainment.	Nov 16, 1939 - May 9, 1940	W 475d	910	701
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5. Coastal defense, security of the rear areas, and training activities in the La Rochelle-Rochefort area.	Jul 4, 1940 - Mar 27, 1941	9012/1	910	1111
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Orders, directives, and instructions concerning reorganization of units, routine occupation matters, and the combating of small enemy landing units in the coastal area.	Jul 4, 1940 - Mar 28, 1941	9012/2	910	1159
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4. Division operations during the transfer from the Hanover area to the Andernach, Mayen, and Adenau areas; the crossing of Luxembourg and Belgium via Bastogne and St. Hubert; offensive engagements to Châtellerault in France via St. Michel, Vervins, St. Quentin, Montdidier, Compiègne, Senlis, Vaires-sur-Marne, Corbeil, Etampes, Orléans, Beaugency, Blois, Tours, and La Roche-Posay; and the transfer to the La Rochelle-Rochefort area in the latter part of June. The division was subordinate to the XI., XL., XXXVIII., and XLII. A.K., and Höh.Kdo.z.b.V. XXXI at various times during this period.	May 10 - Jul 3, 1940	13343/1	911	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4, Band 1-2. Orders and instructions pertaining to combat efficiency and advance of units during offensive operations.	May 10 - Jul 3, 1940	13343/2-3	911	33

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Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Division and enemy operations during the French campaign and occupation activities in the La Rochelle-Rochefort area.	May 10 - Jul 3, 1940	13343/5	911	267
Ia, Anlage z. KTB 5, Stärkemeldungen.	Aug 21 - 27, 1940	13343/7	911	312
Ia, Anlage z. KTB 5, Verladestärken.	Aug 27 - Sep 2, 1940	13343/8	911	412
Ia, Unternehmen "Grün", Grundlegende Verfügungen. Orders, directives, and correspondence pertaining to preparations for "Unternehmen Grün" (planned landing in Ireland).	Aug 8 - Oct 22, 1940	13343/9	911	585
Ia, Schriftverkehr "Grün". Correspondence pertaining to preparations for an anticipated amphibious operation against Ireland.	Aug 15 - Sep 14, 1940	13343/10b-d	911	873
Ia, Schriftverkehr "Grün".	Aug 15 - Sep 11, 1940	13343/10g	911	946
Ia, Schriftverkehr "Grün".	Jul 31 - Sep 16, 1940	13343/11	911	986
Ia, Denkschrift für die Durchführung des Küstenschutzes der Insel d'Oleron. Report pertaining to the occupation and defense of the Ile d'Oléron and an appraisal of its military usefulness. Also, maps of the island showing the location of troop billets, security sectors, guard posts, areas patrolled, and signal communication installations.	Feb 15, 1941	13343/13	911	1028
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6. Division operations during the transfer from France to the Kielce area and preparations for Operation "Barbarossa" (invasion of Russia) in the Kielce, Skarzysko-Kamienna, Lublin, Hrubieszow, and Rasom areas in Poland. The division was subordinate to the XVII. and III. A.K.	Apr 1 - Jun 21, 1941	16044/1	911	1071
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 7. Offensive engagements in the Grodek, Janow, Lvov, Dubno, Rovno, Zhitomir, Korosten, Byshev, Lubny, Poltava, Akhtyrka, Kharkov, Bogodukhov, and Chuguev areas in the southern sector of the eastern front. The division was subordinate to the III. and XXIX. A.K., AOK 6, LV. A.K., Höh.Kdo.z.b.V. XXXIV, and the XVII., LI., and XI. A.K. at various times during this period.	Jun 22 - Dec 31, 1941	16044/2	911	1109

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 6. Division orders and combat instructions.	Apr 1 - Jun 21, 1941	16044/3	912	1
Ia, Anlagenbände 1-2 z. KTB 7. Corps orders, radio messages, afteraction reports, and situation maps. [Item No. 16044/5 was also filmed with records of the 50. Inf.Div. on Roll 949, frames 900-1507.]	Jun 22 - Dec 31, 1941	16044/4-5	912	310
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Troop indoctrination and entertainment and counterintelligence activities in the Tschenstochau, Wlostow, Lublin, and Hrubieszow areas in Poland.	Apr 1 - Jun 20, 1941	16044/8	912	1455
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Division and enemy operations, partisan warfare, and counterintelligence activities during offensives in the Ukraine.	Jun 21 - Dec 31, 1941	16044/9	913	1
Ia, Gefechtsbericht über die Kämpfe ostwärts Kiew.	Sep 20 - 29, 1941	77518	913	603
IIb, Ist-, Gefechts- u. Verpflegungsstärken und Verluste des Grenadier-Regiments 132, Reichsgrenadierdivision Hoch- und Deutschmeister.	Sep 12, 1943 - May 20, 1944	77522	2371*	1
Ia, Ic, Ib, IVa-c, FPM, IIb, Befehle, Weisungen und Berichte des Artillerie-Regiments 96/Reichsgrenadierdivision Hoch- und Deutschmeister. Orders, directives, and reports pertaining to operations, supply, intelligence, personnel, administrative, medical, veterinary, and postal matters. From Mar 1 to Jul 29, 1943, the regiment was reformed and trained in Belgium along the English Channel and then transferred to northern Italy for occupation duty. From Sep 19 to Nov 11, 1943, the division was engaged in anti-partisan action in northeast Italy, and on Nov 21, 1943, began combat operations on the southern front in Italy. The division was under the command of Gen.Lt. Dr. Franz Beyer until Jan 1, 1944, and of Gen.Lt. Dr. Friedrich Franek thereafter.	Mar 1, 1943 - Apr 29, 1944	77525	2371*	2
Ia, Ia/Stopi., Ic, Ib, W.u.lG., IVb, IVc, IIa/b, III, Befehle, Weisungen und Berichte des Artillerie-Regiments 96. Orders, directives, and reports pertaining to operations, intelligence, supply, personnel, judge advocate, medical, veterinary, engineering, and ordnance matters. Also, reports on combat in the Frosinone and Cassino areas until the spring of 1944.	Apr 30, 1943 - Aug 30, 1944	77526	2371*	3

* The record items reproduced on this roll (filmed originally on MR 898 without frame numbers) have been assigned consecutive simulated initial frame numbers and a new roll number in this microcopy.