

This division was formed in 1938 as Grenzkommandantur Küstrin (Küstrin Frontier Command). It participated in the campaign against Poland in September 1939 and was reorganized as the 50. Infanterie-Division between October 25, 1939 and January 21, 1940. It took part in the western campaign in May and June 1940. In the summer of 1940 the division was transferred from France to the Hanover area, in the fall of the same year to Posen, and in December 1940 to Liegnitz, Silesia, for winter training. On January 26, 1941, it entrained for movement to Rumania, and from there marched to the Bulgarian-Greek border for the campaign against Greece on April 6, 1941. After the Balkan campaign it was transferred from Salonika, Greece, to the Rumanian-Russian border for preparation of the Russian campaign where it fought continuously in the southern sector,

the Crimean Peninsula, the battle of Sevastopol, and in the Caucasus area as far as the Terek River. In 1943 it withdrew along the Kuban River to the Taman Peninsula. In December 1943 part of the division was transferred to the Kakhovka area on the Dnieper River and part became "Gruppe Sixt" which was ordered to the northern Crimea and fought in the Armyansk area. Although no records of this division dated later than December 31, 1943, are available, situation maps of Lage Ost show that it withdrew to Constanta, Rumania, in April and May 1944 and returned to Germany for refitting. The division defended the Lida, Lomza, Augustow, Goldap, Eylau, Heiligenbeil, Frische Nehrung, and Pillau areas from July 1944 to the latter part of April 1945.

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Corps and division orders, special directives, overlays and sketches.	Jan 24 - Apr 30, 1940	W 3853c*	941	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3, Westen. Lists of officers' duty assignments and casualties.	May 1 - Jul 22, 1940	W 3853dl*	941	191
Ia, Operationsakten z. KTB 3, Ein- und ausgegangene Befehle.	May 1 - 27, 1940	W 3853f*	941	206
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte. Enemy activities and propaganda along the Rhine River between Offenburg and Kehl and offensives during the western campaign.	Jan 31 - Jul 15, 1940	W 3853k	941	337
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2. Transfer of the division from Küstrin to Oberkirch, Baden, for border security duties along the east bank of the Rhine River between Offenburg and Kehl; observation of enemy activities across the Rhine; and the march of the division to the Stuttgart area. Also, order of battle charts. The division was subordinate to the XXV. A.K. and AOK 7 during this period, under the command of Gen.Lt. Konrad Sorsche.	Jan 22 - Apr 30, 1940	W 5377/1	941	634
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Lists of officers' duty assignments and casualties and combat and ration strength reports.	Jan 24 - Apr 30, 1940	W 5377/2	941	690
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3, Stellungnahme des Divisions-Kommandeurs zu den Gefechts-tagen. Reports on combat operations in the Aisne and Marne River areas.	Jun 5 - 7, 1940	W 5377/4	941	711

* Item damaged by fire.

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Ia, Anlage z. KTB 3, Gefechtsberichte. Afteraction reports and lists of casualties.	Jun 10 - Aug 8, 1940	W 5377/8	941	731
Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Activity report of the Intelligence Branch from May 15 to Jul 15, 1940, concerning enemy activities, counterintelligence, and prisoners of war. Also, activity reports of the Personnel Branch from May 1 to Jul 22, 1940, pertaining to the march through Luxembourg, Belgium, and France; and lists of casualties and missing personnel during the western campaign.	May 1 - Jul 22, 1940	W 5377/9	941	810
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. The march to Stuttgart for training; entraining for movement to Luxembourg; the march through Belgium; and combat operations on the Chemin des Dames Ridge, Oisne-Aisne Canal, along the Marne River in the Epernay area, and as far as Cosne on the Loire River when hostilities ended. The division was subordinate to the V., XXXVIII., and XLII. A.K., and AOK 7, 16, 2, 9, 12, and 1 at various times during this period.	May 1 - Jul 22, 1940	W 5377/10	941	820
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3, Operationsakten. Corps and division orders and activity reports, and overlays.	May 1 - Jul 1, 1940	W 5377/12	941	934
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3, Gefechtsberichte. Afteraction reports of subordinate units and casualty lists.	Jun 10 - Aug 8, 1940	W 5377/13	942	1
Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. <u>This document is a duplicate of Item No. W 5377/9, Roll 941, frame 810.</u>	May 1 - Jul 22, 1940	W 5377/15	942	79
Ia, Gefechte der Division und Pionierbataillon 71 im Kampf im West. Afteraction reports and lists of casualties.	Jul 11 - Nov 7, 1940	W 5377/17	942	87
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4. Transfer of the division to Bucharest, Rumania, on Feb 6, 1941; march to Giurgiu and Ruse, Bulgaria, on Feb 17, 1941; crossing of the Bulgarian-Greek border on Apr 6, 1941; and offensives to Salonika. The division was subordinate to the XXX. A.K. during this period, under the command of Gen.Lt. Karl Hollidt, who became division commander on Oct 20, 1940.	Feb 6 - May 15, 1941	11841/1	942	322
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4; Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Order of battle charts, officers' duty assignment and casualty lists, combat and ration strength reports,				

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and activity reports of the Intelligence and Personnel Branches pertaining to operations in Greece.	Feb 6 - May 15, 1941	11841/2	942	376
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4. Afteraction and evaluation reports during the campaign in Greece.	Apr 7 - May 14, 1941	11841/3	942	407
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4. Division orders, reports, messages, and overlays.	Feb 6 - May 15, 1941	11841/4	942	470
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4. Division orders, reports, messages, and overlays.	Feb 6 - May 15, 1941	11841/5	942	972
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4. Corps orders, maps, and overlays.	Jan 12 - May 15, 1941	11841/6	943	1
Ia, Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsbericht 1. Transfer of the division from Fallingbostel (Hanover area) to Posen and to Liegnitz, Silesia; entraining for movement to Rumania; and arrival in Bucharest on Feb 6, 1941. The division was subordinate to the XII. and IX. A.K. during this period.	Nov 1, 1940 - Feb 5, 1941	11841/10	943	172
Ia, Anlagen z. TB 1. Training instructions, status reports, a list of officers' duty assignments, and overlays.	Nov 1, 1940 - Feb 5, 1941	11841/11	943	196
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Feldzug Russland, Anerkennende Befehle. Army, corps, and division orders.	Jun 26 - Dec 31, 1941	16089/2	943	361
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5. The march from Greece (after the Balkan campaign) to Bulgaria; entraining of part of the division for movement to the Rumanian-Russian border in the Focsani area; offensive operations from the Barlad area on the Prut River northeast toward Odessa, Ochakov, and Nikolaev; crossing of the Dnieper River at Knerson; and advance to Armyansk and into the Crimean Peninsula as far as Sevastopol. The division was subordinate to the LIV. A.K. and AOK 11 and 12 at various times during this period.	May 16 - Dec 31, 1941	16110/1	943	448
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Korpsbefehle Nr. 1.	May 21 - Aug 14, 1941	16110/4	943	597
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Korpsbefehle Nr. 2.	Aug 15 - Dec 31, 1941	16110/5	944	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Divisionsbefehle Nr. 1.	May 16 - Jul 24, 1941	16110/6	944	434

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Meldungen Nr. 1.	May 16 - Aug 13, 1941	16110/8	944	884
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Meldungen Nr. 2.	Aug 15 - Dec 31, 1941	16110/9	945	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Gefechts- und Erfahrungsberichte.	May 16 - Dec 31, 1941	16110/10	945	370
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen z. KTB 5, Ia. Interrogation summaries on Russian deserters and prisoners of war, and intelligence bulletins with maps and overlays concerning enemy operations, unit identification, and the tactical situation.	May 16 - Dec 31, 1941	16110/11	2342	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6. The battle of Sevastopol from Jan 1 to Jul 1, 1942, when Russian forces defending the city capitulated. The division was subordinate to the LIV., XXX., and XLII. A.K. and AOK 11 at various times during this period under the temporary command of Oberst Schmidt.	Jan 1 - Jul 10, 1942	22166/1	945	610
Ia, Anlage z. KTB 6, Korpsbefehle.	Jan 1 - Jul 10, 1942	22166/3- 22166/4	945- 946	691, 1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 6, Divisionsbefehle.	Jan 1 - Jul 10, 1942	22166/5-6	946	247
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 6, Meldungen Nr. 1.	Jan 1 - Apr 21, 1942	22166/7	946	853
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 6, Meldungen Nr. 2.	May 27 - Jul 8, 1942	22166/8	947	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 6, Anerkennende Befehle.	Jan 18 - Jul 9, 1942	22166/9	947	382
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 6, Erfahrungs-, Gefechts- und Erlebnisberichte.	Jan 1 - Jul 10, 1942	22166/10	947	436
Ia, Anlagen zu den Erfahrungs-, Gefechts- und Erlebnisberichten. "Kampf um die Festung Sewastopol".	Jan 1 - Jul 10, 1942	22166/11	947	743
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte z. KTB 6, Ia. The battle of Sevastopol, the enemy situation, and partisan activities.	Jan 1 - Jul 10, 1942	22166/13	947	797

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Ic, Anlagen z. TB. Reports relating to counterintelligence activities and interrogation summaries on Russian deserters and prisoners of war.	Jan 1 - Jul 10, 1942	22166/14	2342	217
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 7. Antipartisan warfare after the battle of Sevastopol, transfer to the Simferopol and Yalta areas for occupation duties and training, transfer to Kerch and later to Krasnodar for combat operations, and offensives to the Terek River area. The division was subordinate to the LIV. A.K., AOK 11, and the XLII. and LII. A.K. during this period.	Jul 11 - Dec 31, 1942	29015/1	947	835
Ia, Anlage 1 u. 2 z. KTB 7, Divisionsbefehle Nr. 1 u. 2.	Jul 11 - Dec 31, 1942	29015/2- 29015/3	947- 948	872, 1
Ia, Anlage 3 z. KTB 7, Anerkennende Befehle.	Jul 28 - Dec 22, 1942	29015/4	948	165
Ia, Anlage 4 z. KTB 7, Erfahrungs-, Gefechts- und Erlebnisberichte.	Jul 11 - Dec 31, 1942	29015/5	948	182
Ia, Anlage 5 z. KTB 7, Meldungen.	Jul 11 - Dec 31, 1942	29015/6	948	233
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte z. KTB 7, Ia. The enemy situation, counterintelligence, propaganda, partisan warfare, and troop entertainment.	Jul 11 - Dec 31, 1942	29015/10	948	639
Ic, Anlagen z. TB z. KTB 7, Ia. Daily reports covering enemy activities in the Crimea; interrogation summaries on Russian agents, deserters, and prisoners of war; reports on antipartisan warfare; and troop indoctrination and entertainment.	Jul 11 - Dec 31, 1942	29015/11	2342	676
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte z. KTB 8, Ia. The enemy situation, counterintelligence, propaganda, and troops reported absent without leave in the Terek and Kuban bridgehead areas.	Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1943	33502/1	948	668
Ic, Anlage 1 z. TB z. KTB 8. Daily reports covering defensive operations in the southern sector of the eastern front. Also, interrogation summaries, intelligence bulletins, and propaganda material.	Jan 1 - Apr 30, 1943	33502/2	2342	972
Ic, Anlage 2 z. TB z. KTB 8. Interrogation summaries, intelligence bulletins, troop guidance, and routine counterintelligence instructions.	May 3 - Jun 30, 1943	33502/3	2342	1292

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 8. Defense of the Mozdok area east of Mount Elbrus on the Terek River and withdrawal north to the Kuban River in the Taman area on the Taman Peninsula. The division was subordinate to the LII. A.K., III. Pz.K., LII. A.K., and the XLIX. Geb.K., successively during this period, under the command of Gen.Lt. Schmidt who was killed on Jun 26, 1943, and under temporary command of Oberst Böhme from Jun 26. Gen.Lt. Friedrich Sixt became division commander on Jun 29, 1943.	Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1943	35528/1a	948	696
Ia, Divisionsbefehle Nr. 1 u. 2 z. KTB 8.	Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1943	35528/4- 35528/5	948- 949	785, 1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 8, Abgehende Funksprüche.	Jan 1 - Feb 26, 1943	35528/6	949	294
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 8, Eingehende Funksprüche.	Jan 1 - Feb 26, 1943	35528/7	949	470
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 8, Meldungen Nr. 1. <u>Item No. 16044/5 of the 44. Inf.Div.</u> was also filmed with this item from frame number 900 to 1507.	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1943	35528/8	949	657
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 8, Meldungen Nr. 2 u. 3.	Apr 1 - May 15, 1943	35528/9	950	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 8, Anerkennende Befehle.	Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1943	35528/11	950	744
Ia, Erfahrungs- und Gefechtsberichte z. KTB 8.	Feb 3 - Jul 4, 1943	35528/12	950	806
Ia, Anlage z. KTB 8, Der Weg der 50. Infanterie-Division 1937 bis 1.6.1943. History of the division.	1937 - Jun 1, 1943	35528/13	950	980
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 8; Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Afteraction reports, order of battle charts, and lists of personnel strength and casualties. Also, activity reports of the Intelligence and Personnel Branches.	Jan 22 - Jul 1, 1943	35528/15	950	1019
Ic, Meldungen z. TB als Anlagen z. KTB 8.	Mar 1 - Jun 30, 1943	35528/16	950	1114
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 9, Divisionsbefehle Nr. 1-4.	Jul 1 - Nov 29, 1943	43238/1-4	951	1

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 9, Meldungen Nr. 1-5.	Jul 1 - Dec 31, 1943	43238/5- 43238/9	951- 952	895, 739
Ia, Gefechts- und Erfahrungsberichte z. KTB 9.	Jun 23 - Dec 18, 1943	43238/10	952	962
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 9, Funksprüche.	Nov 1 - 3, 1943	43238/11	952	1114
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 9, Anerkennende Befehle.	Jul 6 - Dec 29, 1943	43238/12	952	1158
Ia, Beitrag z. KTB 9, Befehle des V.P. (Vorausbefördeten Personals) 50. I.D. und Kampfgruppe Biermann. Combat operations along the Dnieper River in the Kakhovka area northwest of Kherson. These units were subordinate to AOK 6, XLIV. A.K., 101. Jäger-Div., and AOK 17 during this period under the command of Oberst Biermann.	Oct 27 - Nov 14, 1943	43238/13	952	1208
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte. Intelligence and counterintelligence activities, enemy situation, propaganda, number of prisoners of war captured, and inventories of captured enemy equipment at the Kuban River bridgehead and in the Crimea.	Jul 1 - Dec 31, 1943	43238/14	952	1275
Ic, Anlagen z. TB, Befehle. Enemy casualty reports, propaganda material, interrogation summaries on prisoners of war and captured Russian agents, and routine intelligence bulletins.	Jul 2 - Sep 14, 1943	43238/15	952	1342
Ic, Anlagen z. TB, Befehle. Division orders and reports, instructions for combating enemy espionage and partisan activities, and intelligence bulletins.	Sep 7 - Dec 31, 1943	43238/16	953	1
Ic, Anlagen z. TB, Meldungen.	Jul 1 - Dec 31, 1943	43238/17	953	290
Ic, Anlagen z. TB, Gefangenenvernehmungen.	Jul 1 - Dec 31, 1943	43238/18	953	881
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 9. Defensive operations in Temryuk on the Kuban River and on the Taman Peninsula, transfer of elements of the division to the Kakhovka area on the Dnieper River north of Kherson, and the formation of Gruppe Sixt which was transferred to Perekop in the northern Crimea for defensives in the Armyansk area. The division was subordinate to the XLIX.Ceb.K. and the V.A.K.	Jul 1 - Dec 31, 1943	43809/1	954	1

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Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB 9, Beiträge und persönliche Notizen des Divisionskommandeurs.	Jul 8 - Dec 10, 1943	43809/2	954	114
Ia, Anlagenband 2 z. KTB 9, Divisionsbefehle.	Dec 1 - 31, 1943	43809/3	954	239