

57. Infanterie-Division (57th Infantry Division)

The 57. Infanterie-Division was formed in the summer of 1939 from reservists. It participated in the campaign against Poland in September 1939 and in the western campaign in May 1940. In June 1941 it was transferred to the southern sector of the eastern front, where it fought in offensive operations from Sokal, Brody, Cherkassy, Kremenchug, Poltava, Kharkov, and Oboyan to Voronezh. In the fall and winter of 1942-43 the division took part in defensive actions and withdrew to the Lebedin-Sumy area. It suffered heavy losses during the summer offensive in the Belgorod-Kharkov area. Although

no records of this division dated later than June 30, 1943, are available, situation maps of Lage Ost show that it defended the Sumy area in July and August 1943, the Lubny area in September, the Kanev area in October and November, and the area southwest of Cherkassy, where it was encircled in February 1944. The division was re-formed in late April 1944 and assigned to the central sector to defend the Gorki and Rogachev areas until it was again encircled in July 1944. According to the Potsdam catalog the division was disbanded as of August 13, 1944.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>1st Frame</u>
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Orders of the day relating to operations, supply, intelligence, personnel, administrative, medical, veterinary, religious, motor transportation, signal, postal, and ordnance matters; transfer from Poland to Germany; and construction of coastal defenses in France. The division was under the command of Gen.Lt. Oskar Blümm from Sep 1, 1939 to Jan 12, 1942, and from Apr 10 to Oct 10, 1942.	Sep 8, 1939 - Jun 29, 1940	W 942A*	978	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2. Division operations following the securing of the demarcation line in Poland, the transfer from the Rzeszow area to the Gelnhausen and Hanau areas, and training activities. The division was subordinate to OKH Reserve and Höh.Kdo. z.b.V. XXXVII.	Oct 30, 1939 - May 10, 1940	W 942/1	978	309
Ia, Anlagen 1-65 z. KTB 2. Division orders and training directives.	Oct 11, 1939 - Apr 30, 1940	W 942/3*	978	332
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Orders, radio messages, and correspondence pertaining to training, political indoctrination, and routine administrative matters.	Sep 17, 1939 - May 5, 1940	W 942/4-8, W 942/10*	978	521
Ia, Militärische Ausbildung der unterstellten Einheiten.	Oct 14, 1939 - Apr 22, 1940	W 942/9*	978	1101
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. Transfer to the Remagen area; the invasion of Belgium near Pasburg; and the advance to Rouen via Bastogne, St.Hubert, Montherme, St.Quentin, Peronne, Abbeville, Huppy, Dieppe, Fécamp, Harfleur, and Le Havre. The division was subordinate to the XVIII., XL., XXXVIII., and XV. A.K., Höh.Kdo. XXXII, and the X. A.K., successively.	May 11 - Jun 25, 1940	W 942/11*	978	1220

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Ia, Anlagen 1-70 z. KTB 3. Division orders and entraining tables.	Mar 18 - Jun 23, 1940	W 942/12	978	1258
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3, Befehle Höherer Kommandostellen.	Jun 12 - 29, 1940	W 942/13	979	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3, Meldungen unterstellter Einheiten.	May 14 - Jun 26, 1940	W 942/19*- W 942/23	979	61
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3, Befehle und Meldungen an Höhere Kommandobehörden.	May 19 - Jun 24, 1940	W 942/18,24	979	1243
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3, Zustandsberichte. Status reports, tables of cover names, and charts showing signal communication networks of division headquarters and subordinate units.	Nov 8, 1939 - Mar 26, 1940	W 942/27	980	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Division and enemy operations, enemy unit identification, counterintelligence, personnel losses, interrogation summaries, troop entertainment, and maps. Also, a German translation of a captured operation order of the British 51st Division.	Nov 1, 1939 - Jun 14, 1940	W 942/30	980	273
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4. Division operations during the guarding and securing of prisoner-of-war camps in Ecouche, Couterne, Laval, and Mayenne; the transfer to the Caen, Bayeux, St.Lô, and Falaise areas; and coastal defense and training activities in these areas. The division was subordinate to the X. and XLIII. A.K.	Jun 30, 1940 - Jan 31, 1941	W 7189/1	980	306
Ia, Anlagen 1-60 z. KTB 4. Operation orders and directives relating to improvement of maritime fortifications.	Jul 4, 1940 - Jan 13, 1941	W 7189/2	980	339
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4, Zustandsberichte.	Apr 24, 1940 - Jan 19, 1941	W 7189/4a- W 7189/4d	980	538
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte. Enemy air operations, propaganda, acts of sabotage and espionage, counterintelligence activity, and troop entertainment.	Jul 1, 1940 - Jan 31, 1941	W 7189/6	980	886

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5. Division operations during the crossing of the Bug River near Sokal; the advance to Cherkassy via Brody, Ostropol, Machnovka, and Boguslav; movement to the rehabilitation area north of Aleksandriya via Smela and Kamenka; the crossing ten days later of the Dnieper River southeast of Kremenchug; and offensives toward Kharkov via Poltava. The division was subordinate to the XLVIII. and XLIV. A.K., Höh.Kdo. z.b.V. XXXIV, Gruppe von Schwedler, III. A.K., AOK 17, and the LV. and LII. A.K. at various times during this period.	Jun 22 - Oct 31, 1941	13509/1	980	901
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Operationsakten und Allgemeines. Division orders and reconnaissance and daily activity reports.	May 11 - Aug 16, 1941	13509/2	980	1036
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Operationsbefehle 3-98.	Jun 23 - Oct 29, 1941	13509/3	981	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Höhere Kommandobefehle. Corps orders and order of battle charts of AOK 6 and subordinate units.	Jun 22 - Oct 30, 1941	13509/4	981	225
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Geheime Kommandosache. Orders and directives pertaining to preparations for the invasion of Russia and to operations during the first four months of the eastern campaign.	Jun 11 - Oct 23, 1941	13509/3	981	660
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Zustandsberichte.	Jun 18 - Oct 31, 1941	13509/9-10	981	870
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Fern- und Funksprüche, Befehle und Meldungen.	Jun 22 - Sep 30, 1941	13509/11- 13509/14	981- 983	1202, 1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Fern- und Funksprüche, Befehle und Meldungen.	Oct 1 - 31, 1941	13509/16a	983	527
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte. Division and enemy operations, enemy personnel losses, acts of espionage, partisan activity, German propaganda, and troop entertainment.	Jun 22 - Oct 31, 1941	13509/16b	984	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6. Operations during the securing and occupation of the city of Kharkov, antipartisan action in the Kharkov area, and the securing of the Kharkov-Mayskiy-Bogodukhov-Akhtyrka railroad line. The division was subordinate to the LV. A.K. and AOK 6.	Nov 1 - Dec 31, 1941	16564/1	984	25

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Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB 6, Höhere Kommando Befehle. Daily orders, information on Russian land mines, and directives relating to winter warfare.	Jun 27 - Dec 31, 1941	16564/2	984	43
Ia, Anlagenband 2 z. KTB 6, Operationsbefehle und Allgemeines. Daily orders, intelligence bulletins, and directives pertaining to preparations for various offensive operations and winter warfare.	Aug 17 - Dec 31, 1941	16564/3	984	263
Ia, Anlagenband 3 z. KTB 6, Divisionsbefehle und Operationsakten.	Nov 1 - Dec 31, 1941	16564/4	984	518
Ia, Anlagenband 4 z. KTB 6, Zustandsberichte.	Nov 15 - Dec 15, 1941	16564/5	984	713
Ia, Anlagenband 7 z. KTB 6. Orders, directives, and routine correspondence concerning the occupation of Kharkov.	Nov 3 - Dec 31, 1941	16564/8	984	822
Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte z. KTB 6. Control of the civilian population during the occupation of Kharkov, combating of sabotage, espionage, and partisan activity, and troop entertainment. Also, an activity report of the Personnel Branch including strength reports and a list of officers' duty assignments.	Nov 1 - Dec 31, 1941	16564/9	984	1083
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 7. Operations during the transfer of the division to Belgorod, offensive engagements in the Oboyan area to counteract enemy offensives in this area, and antipartisan warfare in the Belgorod-Oboyan area. The division was subordinate to the XXIX. A.K., Jan 1 - 27 and Mar 20 - Apr 15, and to AOK 6 under the command of Gen.Maj. Anton Dostler, Jan 12 - Apr 10, 1942.	Jan 1 - Apr 15, 1942	17684/1	985	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 7, Akte Nr. 1-3, Meldungen und Befehle.	Jan 1 - Apr 14, 1942	17684/2- 17684/4	985- 986	81, 1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 7, Höhere Kommando- und Divisionsbefehle.	Jan 1 - Apr 15, 1942	17684/6	986	304
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 8. Division operations during the defense of Oboyan until June, offensives to Voronezh via Sary Oskol, fighting along the Voronezh River in August, and the evacuation of Voronezh in September. The division was subordinate to the XXIX. and VII. A.K., AOK 2, and the VII. A.K.	Apr 16 - Sep 30, 1942	23999/1	986	585

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 8, Akte 1. Division orders, afteraction reports, and bulletins explaining the effectiveness of Russian armored units.	Mar 26 - Jul 1, 1942	23999/2	986	728
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 8, Akte 2. Division orders and radio messages concerning offensives in the Stary Oskol and Voronezh areas.	Jun 24 - Jul 25, 1942	23999/3	986	963
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 8, Akte 3. Afteraction reports and daily orders. Also, an order concerning the destruction of Voronezh by German forces.	Jul 24 - Sep 19, 1942	23999/4	987	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 8, Befehle und Meldehefte.	Jul 18 - Oct 1, 1942	23999/7-9	987	95
Ia, Kriegstagebuch; Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Defense of the bridgehead Voronezh; afteraction report concerning Operations "Winterhilfe" (holding engagements, where the Russian forces broke through Hungarian positions west of the Don River near Uryv), "Heinrich" (evacuation of the bridgehead at Voronezh), and "Elch" (withdrawal to the area west of Stary Oskol, Gorshechnoye, and Olym); and corps and division orders for withdrawal to the Lebedin area via Oboyan and Sumy. Activity report of the Intelligence Branch relating to division and enemy operations, enemy losses, acts of sabotage and espionage, and partisan activity; German propaganda; and troop entertainment. Also, an activity report of the Personnel Branch including officers' duty assignment lists, strength and casualty reports, and a register of officers. The division was subordinate to the XXIX. and VII. A.K. and AOK 2, under the command of Gen.Lt. Friedrich Siebert, Oct 10, 1942 - Feb 20, 1943, and Gen. Maj. Fretter-Pico thereafter.	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1943	32300/2	2372*	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Befehle und Meldehefte - Russland.	Feb 20 - Apr 1, 1943	32300/4-7	2372*	2-5
Ia, Kriegstagebuch. Defensive operations in the Lebedin-Sumy area, and, in the latter part of June, offensives in the Belgorod area. Also, information relating to Operation "Zitadelle" (the last German offensive in Russia along the Kharkov-Belgorod-Kursk line). The division was subordinate to the LII. A.K.	Apr 1 - Jun 30, 1943	44702/1	987	438

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Befehle und Meldeheft. (The record items reproduced on this roll (filmed originally on MR 1561 without frame numbers) have been assigned consecutive simulated initial frame numbers and a new roll number in this microcopy).	Apr 1 - 30, 1943	44702/2-3	2372	6, 7
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Divisionsbefehle und Meldeheft.	May 30 - Jun 7, 1943	44702/6	987	490
Ia, Operationsbefehle der Division.	May 10 - Jul 9, 1940	77123/3	987	545