

The 61. Infanterie-Division was activated on August 16, 1939, from reservists in East Prussia. It participated in the campaign against Poland in September and October 1939, and during November 1939 was transferred to the Belgian-German border for training and preparation for the western campaign. On May 10, 1940, the division took part in the surprise attack on Fort Eben-Emael, advanced through Belgium and northern France, and participated in the battle of Dunkirk. After the cessation of hostilities it performed occupation duties on the coast of Brittany between Lorient and Quimper. During February 1941 the division was transferred to East Prussia for training and preparation for the campaign against Russia, in which it fought through the Baltic States and northern sector of the eastern

front to Narva, Mga, Kirishi, and Tikhvin on the Tikhvinka River. The division withdrew to the Volkhov River during December 1941 and January 1942, and was continuously engaged in position defense on the Leningrad-Volkhov front south of Lake Ladoga, from January 1942 until December 1943 with a few days of recuperation and changing of positions between battles. Although there are no records of the division available dated later than January 12, 1944, the situation maps of Heeresgruppen Nord and Weichsel show that the division withdrew in January 1944 from the Leningrad area to Narva and through the Baltic States to East Prussia where it opposed the Soviet winter offensive from January to March 1945 at which time it was encircled and captured.

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 1, Wichtige Befehle und Meldungen. Corps and division orders, reports, and messages concerning security duties on the border of East Prussia and Poland in the Osterode and Tannenberg areas; offensives in the Polish campaign at Soldau, Mlawa, and Pultusk, and in the siege of Warsaw. Also, intelligence bulletins, order of battle charts, and maps and overlays. The division was subordinate to the I. A.K. during this period under the command of Gen.Lt. Siegfried Haenicke.	Aug 23 - Sep 15, 1939	P 210b	1009	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 1, Befehle und Meldungen. Orders, reports, and messages from subordinate units.	Aug 31 - Sep 15, 1939	P 210e*	1009	188
Ia, Anlage I z. KTB 2, Kriegsgliederung der Division mit Zu- u. Abgänge. Division order of battle with replacements and transfers.	Jan 5 - Jul 21, 1940	W 2788b	1009	451
Ia, Anlagen II/1-4 z. KTB 2, Befehle und Meldungen. Division orders and messages, and reports and messages of subordinate units concerning activities in the Ostrow Mazowiecka area after the Polish campaign; army, corps, and division orders pertaining to training; reports on personnel and intelligence activities; march orders and orders for transfer of the division to Eschweiler in November 1939. The division was subordinate to the I. and XXVII. A.K. during this period.	Oct 9, 1939 - Apr 25, 1940	W 2788c-f	1009	456

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Ia, Ic, Ib, IIa, Anlagen II/6 z. KTB 2, Befehle und Meldungen, Offensive Westen. Corps and division orders, reports, and messages concerning offensives and march movements from Lillers, Arras, Amiens, crossing of the Seine River in the Rouen area, Agentan, and Domfort, to Mayenne where hostilities ended on Jun 26, 1940; occupation duties and training in the Mayenne area and transfer to the coast between Lorient and Quimper for training and coastal security. Also, a report dated Jun 27, 1940, on the German-French Armistice Agreement; afteraction reports, lists of casualties, supply orders, and maps. The division was subordinate to the I., XXVIII., X., and XI. A.K. during this period.	Jun 5 - Jul 20, 1940	W 2788h	1009	1044
Ia, Anlagen IV-VI z. KTB 2, Kriegsrang- u. Verlustlisten, Gefechts- und Verpflegungsstärken.	Oct 11, 1939 - Jul 21, 1940	W 2788L-n	1009	1279
Ia, Anlage VIIa z. KTB 2, Erstürmung der Werkgruppe Eben-Emael. Afteraction report of the reinforced Inf.Reg. 151 concerning the attack and battle of the fortified position of Eben-Emael, with a sketch.	May 10 - 11, 1940	W 2788o*	1010	1
Ia, Anlage VIIb z. KTB 2, "Kampf einer Division bei offener Flanke und bei schwach gedeckten Flanken". (Dargestellt am Durchbruch auf Ypern und am Angriff auf Dünkirchen). Afteraction reports on the breakthrough of Ypres and the attack on Dunkirk.	May 26 - Jun 4, 1940	W 2788p	1010	60
Ic, Kriegstagebuch 1 und Tätigkeitsbericht. Enemy information and activities along the German-Belgian-Dutch border before the invasion, attack on Fort Eben-Emael, advance through Belgium and northern France to Dunkirk and south to Mayenne, and occupation duties and coastal security between Lorient and Quimper.	Jan 1 - Jul 31, 1940	W 2788q	1010	187
Ic, Anlagenheft 1 z. KTB 1. Situation reports, maps, and overlays concerning enemy activities and positions.	Dec 29, 1939 - May 25, 1940	W 2788r*	1010	243
Ic, Anlagenheft 2 z. KTB 1. Situation reports and maps concerning enemy activities and positions, and interrogation summaries and translations.	May 21 - Jul 20, 1940	W 2788s*	1010	387

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Ic, Anlagenheft 3 z. KTB 1, Feindmeldungen.	May 27 - Jul 20, 1940	W 2788t	1010	422
Ic, Anlagenheft 4 z. KTB 1, Erlebnisberichte. Afteraction reports of subordinate units during the western campaign.	May - Jun 1940	W 2788u	1010	436
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. Coastal security and training activities between Lorient and Quimper, refitting from a 2. Welle to an 1. Welle division, and the arrival of 4,054 new recruits for training. The division was subordinate to the XI. and XXV. A.K. during this period.	Jul 22, 1940 - Jan 31, 1941	W 7188/1	1010	547
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Division orders and reports.	Jul 27, 1940 - Jan 31, 1941	W 7188/2-3	1010	605
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3, Gefechts- und Verpflegungsstärken.	Aug 1, 1940 - Jan 21, 1941	W 7188/6	1010	879
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3, Kriegsranglisten.	Jul 22, 1940 - Jan 31, 1941	W 7188/7	1010	886
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht 2. Political and intelligence activities, sabotage, morale of troops in the occupied area of Brittany, and enemy air activities.	Aug 1, 1940 - Jan 31, 1941	W 7188/8	1010	892
Ic, Anlagenheft z. TB 2. Summaries of interrogations of French civilians relating to sabotage in occupied areas, and copies of censored letters.	Aug 1, 1940 - Jan 31, 1941	W 7188/9	1010	972
Ia, Der Handstreich auf die Werkgruppe Eben-Emael. A short report with photographs concerning the surprise attack on Fort Eben-Emael on May 10, 1940, written for a lecture given by Major Zierach at the Air War Academy in Berlin-Gatow on March 13, 1944.	May 10, 1940	8868	1010	1150
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4 (Tätigkeitsbericht). Activities in Brittany, entraining on Feb 2, 1941, for movement via Rennes, Le Mans, Paris, Aachen, Duisburg, Münster, Hamburg, Lübeck, and Stettin to Königsberg, East Prussia, for training and preparations for the invasion of Russia, and the transfer to Heydekrug on the Lithuanian border. The division was subordinate to the I. and XXVI. A.K. during this period.	Feb 1 - Jun 21, 1941	19985/1	1011	1

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Ia, Anlagen I-II z. KTB 4, Befehle und Meldungen. Division operation reports, orders, and overlays.	Jan 27 - Jun 21, 1941	19985/2-3	1011	55
Ia, Anlage IV z. KTB 4, Kriegsranklisten.	Feb 1 - Jun 21, 1941	19985/5	1011	360
Ia, Anlage V z. KTB 4, Gefechts- und Verpflegungsstärken.	Feb 1 - Jun 21, 1941	19985/6	1011	366
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6, Band I. Operations from Tikhvin to the Volkhov River between Gruzino and Chudovo. The division was subordinate to the XXXIX, and I. A.K. during this period.	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1942	22493/1	1011	371
Ia, Anlagenbände 1-8 z. KTB 6, Band I. Corps reports, division orders and reports, messages and reports from subordinate units, and maps and overlays showing division and enemy positions along the Volkhov River front.	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1942	22493/2- 22493/9	1011- 1012	528, 833
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5, Band I. Offensive operations in the campaign against Russia from Memel to Mitau (Yelgava), Riga, Tapa, Tallinn, Paldiski, Virtsu, and Kuivastu, and combat operations on the Baltic Islands off Estonia. Also, reports pertaining to Operation "Beowulf II" (combined Army, Navy, and Air Force operation for the occupation of the Baltic Islands off Estonia). The division was subordinate to the XXVI, and XLII, A.K. during this period.	Jun 22 - Sep 17, 1941	22525/1	1013	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5, Band II. Combat operations on the Baltic Islands off Estonia, and the subsequent transfer to the mainland, march to Narva, and offensives to Tosna, Volkhov, and Tikhvin. The division was subordinate to the XLII, A.K., AOK 18, and the XXXIX, Pz.K. during this period.	Sep 18 - Dec 31, 1941	22525/2	1013	329
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5 u. 6, Gefechts- und Verpflegungsstärken. Combat and ration strength reports, and lists of officers' duty assignments.	Jun 22, 1941 - Mar 31, 1942	22525/3	1013	484
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Bände 1-8. Orders concerning preparations for the invasion of Russia, daily activity reports, radio messages covering the invasion, and combat operations reports.	Jun 9 - Sep 18, 1941	22525/4- 22525/11	1013- 1015	495, 1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Band 10. Orders and reports relating to the successful cooperation of the Army, Air Force, and Navy in Operation "Beowulf II".	Aug 29 - Sep 24, 1941	22525/13	1015	208

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Band 11, Erfahrungsbericht Baltischer Inseln. Corps and division orders concerning Operation "Beowulf." Lists of casualties by rank and unit.	Sep 5 - 23, 1941	22525/14	1015	312
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Bände 12-17. Corps and division orders, reports and messages from subordinate units, and maps and overlays.	Sep 19 - Dec 31, 1941	22525/15- 22525/20	1015- 1016	442, 909
Ia, Erfahrungsbericht Unternehmen Dagö. Afteraction report concerning preparation for and the attacks on the Island of Hiiumaa off the coast of Estonia.	Oct 1941	22525/22	1016	1140
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6, Band II. Position defense along the Volkhov River between Gruzino and Chudovo, and Operation "Birkhahnbalz" (offensive along the Volkhov River during Oct 1942). The division was subordinate to the I. A.K. during this period under the command of Oberst Franz Scheidies from Apr 1 to 7, 1942, when he was killed, of Oberst Frankewitz from Apr 7 to 10, and of Gen.Maj. Werner Hühner, who became division commander on Apr 10, 1942.	Apr 1 - Oct 24, 1942	31643/1	1016	1224
Ia, Anlagenbände 9-20 z. KTB 6, Band II. Division orders, daily operation reports, radio messages, status and casualty reports, and situation maps and overlays.	Apr 1 - Oct 24, 1942	31643/2- 31643/13	1017- 1019	1, 925
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 6, Band II, Gefechts- u. Verpflegungsstärken u. Kriegsranglisten.	Apr 1 - Oct 24, 1942	31643/14	1019	1095
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Enemy activities along the Volkhov River between Gruzino and Chudovo.	Apr 1 - Oct 24, 1942	31643/15	1019	1106
Ic, Anlagen z. TB. Summaries of interrogations of prisoners of war and of the enemy situation, and maps and overlays showing locations of enemy units.	Apr 1 - Oct 24, 1942	31643/16	1019	1164
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6, Band III. Position defense along the Volkhov River between Gruzino and Chudovo.	Oct 24, 1942 - Feb 28, 1943	34109/1	1019	1196
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 6, Band III, Gefechts- und Verpflegungsstärken u. Kriegsranglisten.	Oct 24, 1942 - Feb 28, 1943	34109/2	1020	1
Ia, Anlagenbände 21-30 z. KTB 6, Band III. Division orders, daily operations reports, estimate of the enemy situation, and maps and overlays.	Oct 24, 1942 - Feb 28, 1943	34109/3- 34109/12	1020- 1021	16, 1129

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Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen 1-22. Enemy situation and activities along the Leningrad-Volkhov front, summaries of interrogations of prisoners of war, and maps and overlays.	Oct 25, 1942 - Feb 28, 1943	34109/13	1021	1229
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 7. Operations on the Leningrad-Volkhov front in the Kirishi area. The division was subordinate to the XXVIII. A.K. during this period under the command of Gen.Lt. Werner Hühner who departed on Mar 20, 1943, and of Gen.Maj. Günther Krappe from Mar 20, 1943, to December 11, 1944.	Mar 1 - Aug 20, 1943	35172/1	1022	1
Ia, Anlagenbände 1-7 z. KTB 7. Division orders, operations and afteraction reports on defensive actions, reports concerning Russian tactical offensives, order of battle charts, and situation maps and overlays.	Mar 1 - Aug 20, 1943	35172/2- 35172/8	1022- 1023	109, 177
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Enemy activities on the Leningrad-Volkhov front.	Mar 1 - Aug 22, 1943	35172/9	1023	437
Ic, Anlagen z. TB. Summaries of interrogations of prisoners of war, daily activity reports, situation maps and overlays showing enemy positions, and intelligence bulletins.	Mar 2 - Aug 15, 1943	35172/10	1023	448
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Enemy situation and activities on the Leningrad-Volkhov front, enemy and German propaganda, counterintelligence, and interrogation summaries. The division was subordinate to the XXVI. A.K. during this period.	Aug 23, 1943 - Jan 12, 1944	41958/1	1023	691
Ic, Anlagenheft z. TB. Summaries of interrogations of prisoners of war, intelligence reports based on the monitoring of enemy radio messages, daily reports, intelligence bulletins, and overlays.	Aug 23, 1943 - Jan 12, 1944	41958/2	1023	725
Ic, Anlagenheft z. TB. Summaries of interrogations of prisoners of war, intelligence reports based on the monitoring of enemy radio messages, daily reports, translation of a diary of a Russian soldier, and situation maps.	Aug 23, 1943 - Jan 12, 1944	41958/3	1023	993
Ic, Anlagenheft z. TB. Enemy activities, reports by war correspondents on heroic action by division personnel in various battles, intercepted enemy radio messages, and enemy propaganda leaflets and translations thereof.	Aug 23 - Nov 20, 1943	41958/4	1024	1

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Ic, Anlagenheft z. TB. Russian and German propaganda leaflets, correspondence on German and enemy radio propaganda, treatment and morale of prisoners of war who volunteered for non-combat service in the German Army, monitoring of enemy radio messages, daily activity reports from subordinate units, and situation maps.	Aug 23, 1943 - Jan 12, 1944	41958/5	1024	231
Ic, Anlagenheft z. TB. Letters from escaped German prisoners relating to treatment and shooting of prisoners by the Russians, correspondence on employing Russian volunteers for monitoring enemy radio messages, and defensive security measures; summaries of interrogations of Russian agents, and reports concerning deserting Russian volunteers who had worked for the Germans.	Aug 23, 1943 - Jan 12, 1944	41958/6	1024	790
Ic, Anlagenheft z. TB. Enemy situation and activities along the Leningrad-Volkhov front, intercepted enemy radio messages, summaries of interrogations of prisoners of war regarding Russian divisions on the frontline, and reports from adjacent divisions.	Jul 29 - Aug 22, 1943	41958/10	1024	954