

62. Infanterie-Division (62d Infantry Division)

The 62. Infanterie-Division (2. Welle) was formed in the summer of 1939 from reservists in Wehrkreis VIII. After the Polish campaign in September 1939, the division was transferred to the Euskirchen-Düren area for participation in the western campaign, advancing from St.Vith, Belgium, to Orléans on the Loire River. In July 1940 it was transferred from the Troyes area to the Chelm area in Poland. On June 22, 1941, the division invaded Russia near Kovel and advanced to Belgorod via Sarny, Kerosten, Lubny, Mirgorod, Poltava, and Akhtyrka. During the winter and spring of 1942 it took part in operations south of Kharkov and from June to November 1942 in the defense of the Don River area around Boguchar. The division withdrew in January 1943 to defend the Donets River sector in the Voroshilovgrad area. Although there are no records of the division

available dated later than June 30, 1943, the situation maps of Heeresgruppe Süd show that the division participated in position defense in the Lisichansk area from January to September 1943, the Dnieper River sector near Verkhne-Dneprovsk in October and November 1943, the Krivoi Rog area from December 1943 to February 1944, and the Dniester River sector from March to June 1944 and in the withdrawal to the Kronstadt area via Komrat in July and August 1944. According to OCMH Study B-28 the division had been redesignated as a Volksgrenadier-Division and transferred to the Eifel area in November 1944 where it took part in the Ardennes counteroffensive in the St.Vith area in December 1944. The division withdrew to Germany and participated in the defense of the Eifel area in January 1945.

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2. Transfer of the division from Poland to the Rhineland, billeting and training in the Euskirchen-Düren area, the invasion of Belgium at St.Vith, through the Ardennes to St. Quentin, crossing of the Somme and Oise Rivers, advance east of Paris to Fontainebleau, and to the Loire River at Orléans. The division was subordinate to OKH, the VI., V., II., and the XV. A.K., Gruppe Kleist, and to AOK 6 and 18 at various times during this period, under the command of Gen. Maj. Walter Keiner.	Sep 19, 1939 - Jun 21, 1940	W 2613/a*	1025	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Orders, directives, and reports relating to training, billeting, transportation, and preparations for the western campaign. An afteraction evaluation of the Polish campaign.	Sep 23, 1939 - Apr 10, 1940	W 2613/c, d1-2,e	1025- 1026	341, 1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Orders, reports, messages, and notations relating to preparations for the western campaign.	May 10 - 14, 1940	W 2613/f*	1026	843
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Daily reports, orders, and operation and situation maps pertaining to division and enemy activities. Daily casualty lists.	May 31 - Jun 8, 1940	W 2613/h	1026	598
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Corps and division orders and reports, with maps, pertaining to operations during the advance from Fontainebleau to Orléans on the Loire				

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River, the movement to the Troyes area for training and security of rear areas, and, in July, the transfer to the Lublin-Chelm area for training and security of the German-Russian demarcation line. An afteraction report on the western campaign.	Jun 15 - Oct 17, 1940	W 2613/i	1026	965
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4. Transfer of the division from the Sens, Orivins, and Troyes areas in France to the Lublin-Chelm area in Poland for training and preparations for Operations "Barbarossa" (invasion of Russia) and "Berta" (defensive measures in case of a Russian attack) in the Hrubieszow, Chelm, and Wlodawa areas, and an order of battle chart. The division was subordinate to the III. and XVII. A.K.	Jul 27, 1940 - May 25, 1941	14899/1	1027	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4. Orders, instructions, regulations, messages, and maps.	Jul 26 - Sep 5, 1940	14899/2	1027	167
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4. Directives, orders, and instructions concerning training of troops; status and afteraction reports; and official correspondence.	Sep 3 - Nov 11, 1940	14899/3	1027	541
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4. Special orders and instructions concerning training, war games, supplies, and billeting.	Nov 12, 1940 - Apr 9, 1941	14899/4	1027	949
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5 mit Anlagen. Operations during the invasion of Russia across the Bug River near Chelm and the advance to Belgorod via Kovel, Sarny, Korosten, Borispol, Yagotin, Lubny, Mirgorod, Poltava, and Akhtyrka. A register of officers, strength and casualty reports, and order of battle charts. The division was subordinate to the XVII. A.K., ACK 6, LI. A.K., Befh. rückw. H.Geb. Süd, and H.Gr. Süd at various times during this period first under the command of Gen.Lt. Walter Keiner, and after Sep 17, 1941, of Gen.Maj. Rudolf Friedrich.	Jun 20 - Dec 31, 1941	14899/5	1028	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Tactical division orders and regulations concerning the control of the population, enemy information, situation maps and charts, afteraction reports, messages, and correspondence.	Jun 9 - Dec 30, 1941	14899/6	1028	167
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Reports, orders, and directives concerning the activities in the army rear area.	Jun 17 - Dec 31, 1941	14899/7	1028	742
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Tactical orders and plans concerning preparations for the invasion of Russia and transfer and reorganization of units, artillery charts, timetables, and maps.	Aug 9, 1940 - Jun 20, 1941	14899/9	1028	931

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Orders and directives concerning preparations for the invasion of Russia.	Mar 4 - Jun 21, 1941	14899/10	1029	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Divisionsbefehle.	Jun 22 - Dec 30, 1941	14899/12	1029	276
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Incoming messages and reports.	Jun 21 - Aug 24, 1941	14899/13- 14899/16	1029- 1030	443, 1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Incoming messages, orders, and daily reports.	Aug 12 - 24, 1941	14899/17	1030	449
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Incoming messages and reports.	Aug 25 - Oct 31, 1941	14899/18- 14899/20	1030- 1031	897, 428
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Incoming messages, reports, and orders pertaining to anti-partisan measures, exploitation of the Russian economy, transportation, and billeting.	Nov 1 - Dec 31, 1941	14899/21	1031	793
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Outgoing orders, messages, and daily reports.	Jun 21 - Aug 20, 1941	14899/22	1031	1028
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Outgoing messages.	Aug 21 - Sep 18, 1941	14899/23	1032	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Outgoing orders, messages, reports, daily casualty lists, and reports on prisoners and booty taken.	Sep 19 - Oct 31, 1941	14899/24	1032	384
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Outgoing reports, orders, and messages concerning anti-partisan warfare and the training of ski brigades; service regulations; afteraction reports on activities in the Dnieper River area; and daily reports.	Nov 1 - Dec 31, 1941	14899/25	1032	789
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Armeec- u. Korpsbefehle.	Jun 24 - Dec 23, 1941	14899/26	1032	996
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Division and enemy operations, enemy unit identification, and losses of men and equipment.	Jun 22 - Dec 31, 1941	17428	1032	1317
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6 mit Anlagen. Operations in the Bereka-Taranovka area south of Kharkov; a register of officers, and strength and casualty reports. The division was subordinate to AOK 6, the XXIX. and LI. A.K., Korpsgruppe Dostler, Korpsgruppe Süd, and the VIII. A.K., successively.	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1942	19196/1	1033	1

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 6. Division orders and reports and situation and operation maps.	Jan 4 - Mar 25, 1942	19196/2	1033	153
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 6. Daily activity reports, directives on the reorganization of the division, order of battle information, and situation maps.	Mar 25 - 31, 1942	19196/3	1033	374
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Enemy operations, unit identification, partisan activity, tactical situation, and the conduct of the civilian population, including daily intelligence reports, interrogation summaries, and maps.	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1942	19196/4	1033	437
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4. Orders, regulations, and directives concerning border security, antiaircraft defense, river crossings, and training; special supply regulations; and maps.	Apr 12 - Jun 9, 1941	19196/12	1033	664
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 7, Band 1. Defensive and offensive engagements in the Meref, Chuguyev, Kupyansk, and Rossosh areas and in the sector of the Tikhaya and Don Rivers. The division was subordinate to the VIII., LI., XVII., and XXIX. A.K., the XLVIII. Pz.K., Pz.AOK 1, and the III. Pz.K. at various times during the period from Apr 1, 1942 to Feb 28, 1943; under the command of Gen.Maj. Rudolf Friedrich until Oct 30, 1942; and under Gen.Maj. Helmuth Huffmann from Jan 31, 1943.	Apr 1 - Jul 31, 1942	30153/1	1033	892
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 7, Band 2. Defensive engagements along the Don River and in the Boguchar-Veshenskaya area, the division's relief by Italian units, Nov 20-23, the advance to the Chir River sector, operations in the Morozovsk-Borisov area, the withdrawal to and defense of the Donets River sector in January, and the withdrawal to Krasny Luch, southwest of Voroshilovgrad, in February.	Aug 1, 1942 - Feb 28, 1943	30153/2	1034	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 7, Band 2. Division orders and situation maps.	Dec 13, 1942 - Jan 15, 1943	30153/3	1034	441
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 7, Band 2. Division orders, status and daily reports, special regulations concerning supplies and communications, and situation maps.	Jan 16 - Feb 9, 1943	30153/4	1034	477
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 7, Band 2. Division orders and messages.	Feb 10 - 17, 1943	30153/5	1034	706
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 7, Band 2. Orders, messages, daily reports, order of battle and communication network charts, and situation maps.	Feb 18 - 28, 1943	30153/6	1034	975

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Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen.* Division and enemy operations, enemy unit identification, propaganda, partisan activity, the tactical situation, evaluation of the civilian population, counterintelligence activity, German propaganda, and troop entertainment. Daily intelligence reports, interrogation summaries, order of battle charts, and maps.	Jul 1, 1942 - Feb 28, 1943	30153/7	2346	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 7, Band 1, Gefechtsbericht über die Kämpfe südlich Charkow mit Kartenanlagen.	May 12 - 25, 1942	31733	1034	1225
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 8. Operations along the Donets River in the Voroshilovgrad, Rubezhnoe, Protetarsk, and Nikolayevka areas. The division was subordinate to the 19. Pz.Div., III. Pz.K., and the XXX. A.K.	Mar 1 - Jun 30, 1943	35739/1	1035	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 8. Division orders relating to the evacuation of villages, reorganization of units, training courses for officers, construction of fortifications, terrain studies, and discipline, and situation maps.	Feb 28 - Mar 31, 1943	35739/2	1035	319
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 8. Division orders relating to training, division reorganization, and the formation of alert units; order of battle charts; daily reports; and situation maps.	Apr 1 - May 10, 1943	35739/3	1035	593
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 8. Tactical orders and daily reports pertaining to construction of fortifications, training, reorganization of units, and establishment of main points of resistance; organization charts; and situation maps.	May 11 - Jun 12, 1943	35739/4	1035	958
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte, Bände 1-3 mit Anlagen. Enemy operations, unit identification, partisan activity, propaganda, artillery and tactical situation, counterintelligence, German propaganda, and troop entertainment. Daily intelligence reports and bulletins concerning enemy military situation in the Donets River sector, OKH communications, translations of Russian Army orders, and maps and overlays.	Mar 1 - May 31, 1943	35739/6- 35739/8	1036 2346	1, 133

* Ic Tätigkeitsbericht, Apr 1 - Jun 30, 1942, was lost through enemy action.