

The 87. Infanterie-Division (5. Welle) was formed from reservists in the summer of 1939 in Wehrkreise IV and IX. It moved from Saxony and Thuringia to the Trier area in September 1939. In January 1940 the division was transferred to the Magdeburg and Brandenburg areas for training and in March to the area east of Cologne and north of Siegburg. The division took part in the western campaign in May 1940 advancing to (and occupying) Paris via Grandrieux, Corbier, Froissy, Le Hamel, St.Martin-aux-Bois, Fleurines, Verneuil, Senlis, and St.Denis. From June 1940 to March 1941 it was first in the Laon-St.Quentin area, then in the Le Mans area, and finally in the Blois-Orléans area. In March 1941 the division was transferred to the Lublewo area in Poland. On Jun 22, 1941, it participated on the eastern front, central sector, by breaking through the Russian border fortifications in the Bialystok area, by offensive engagements in the Grodno and Minsk areas, and by the encirclement and destruction of a Russian cavalry division southwest of Osipovich. In the latter part of August 1941 the division moved to the Smolensk area for defensive engagements east of Dorogobuzh along the Loynya River. In October 1941 it participated in attack and pursuit engagements to close

the Vyazma pocket and advanced to the Ruza area via Gzhatsk, where it took part in defensive actions. In November it advanced to the junction of the Moskva and Istra Rivers and in December withdrew to winter positions in the Gzhatsk area. In June 1942 the division participated in the encirclement southwest of Rzhev and continued defensive operations in this area until February 1943 when it withdrew to the Izdeshkovo-Demidov area, and, at the end of March, to the Liozno area for rehabilitation. From May 1942 through December 1943 it took part in defensive engagements, first in the Vitebsk area, then in the Velizh area, and finally in the area south of Nevel. Although no records of this division dated later than December 31, 1943, are available, situation maps of Heeresgruppen Mitte, Nord, and Kurland show that it participated in defensive engagements in the Polotsk area from January to June 1944 and in the Daugavpils area in July. The division was transferred to the northern sector in August 1944 and took part in defensive engagements west of Lake Peipus in August and September and in the Riga area in October. The division participated in position defense in the Libau (Liepaja) area from November 1944 to April 19, 1945, when it was probably captured.

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Ia, Meldungen und Einzelbefehle. Reports and orders concerning preparations for the western campaign, the securing of the German-Luxembourg border, and the transfer from the area north of Trier to Hanover via Cologne, Koblenz, Wuppertal, and Kassel.	Nov 6, 1939 - Jan 22, 1940	E 93/14	1139	1
Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB. Corps and division orders and directives concerning the formation of the division in Wehrkreise IV and IX, completed Aug 29, 1939, its transfer from Saxony and Thuringia to the Trier area for training, security of the German-Luxembourg border, and preparations for the planned invasion of France; including daily sick reports, Sep 11 - Nov 9, 1939. The division was subordinate to the VI. and V. A.K., under the command of Gen.Lt. Bogislav von Studnitz, Aug 25, 1939 - Nov 19, 1941, when he became ill; he again took over the command, Feb 22 - Aug 27, 1942.	Aug 28 - Nov 10, 1939	W 124a	1139	101

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Ia, Anlagenband 4 z. KTB. Division orders.	Oct 20 - Dec 23, 1939	W 124d*	1139	163
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1. Operations during the transfer from the area north of Trier to the Magdeburg and Brandenburg areas and, in March, to the area east of Cologne and north of Siegburg for training. A register of officers and combat and ration strength reports. The division was subordinate to the XL. A.K.	Jan 1 - May 8, 1940	W 389a	1139	291
Ia, Anlage I z. KTB 1. Division orders and training instructions.	Jan 1 - May 8, 1940	W 389b	1139	323
Ia, Ergänzender Bericht z. KTB 2, "Übergang aus dem Durchbruch zur Verfolgung", Kämpfe von der Weygandlinie bis zur Oise.	Jun 7 - 10, 1940	W 5779a*	1139	504
Ia, Anlagen zum ergänzenden Bericht z. KTB 2. Corps and division orders and situation maps.	Jun 6 - 10, 1940	W 5779b	1139	549
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2. Offensive operations during the invasion of France near Kall and the advance to (and occupation) of Paris via Grandrieux, Corbier, Froissy, Le Hamel, St.Martin-aux-Bois, Fleurines, Verneuil, Senlis, and St.Denis. A register of officers and combat and ration strength reports. The division was subordinate to the VIII., V., XIV., and XL. A.K., and AOK 18, successively.	May 9 - Jun 14, 1940	9274/1	1139	584
Ia, Anlage I z. KTB 2 "A-Fall". Division orders.	Mar 16 - May 10, 1940	9274/2*	1139	669
Ia, Anlage II z. KTB 2. Corps orders.	May 26 - Jun 14, 1940	9274/3*	1139	824
Ia, Anlage III z. KTB 2, Divisionsbefehle.	May 20 - Jun 14, 1940	9274/4*	1139	913
Ia, Anlage IVa z. KTB 2, Ein- u. Ausgänge Op. Operation orders and reports and combat instructions.	May 11 - Jun 4, 1940	9274/5*	1139	1073
Ia, Anlage IVb z. KTB 2, Ein- u. Ausgänge Op. Afteraction reports and radio messages.	Jun 5 - 14, 1940	9274/6*	1140	1

* Item damaged by fire.

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4. Operations during preparations for attack in the Lublewo area in Poland, the breakthrough of the Russian border fortifications and the occupation of the Osowiec and Bialystok fortresses, offensive engagements in the Grodno and Minsk areas, and the encirclement and destruction of a Russian cavalry division southwest of Osipovichi. The division was subordinate to the XX. and XLII. A.K., AOK 9, and rückw. Heeresgebiet 2 (Mitte), successively.	May 25 - Aug 19, 1941	22729/1	1140	210
Ia, Anlage I z. KTB 4, Korpsbefehle.	May 3 - Jul 24, 1941	22729/2	1140	266
Ia, Anlage IIa-b z. KTB 4, Divisionsbefehle.	May 25 - Aug 16, 1941	22729/3-4	1140	411
Ia, Anlage III z. KTB 4, Meldungen.	May 29 - Jul 16, 1941	22729/5	1140	763
Ia, Anlage IV z. KTB 4, Gefechtsberichte und Verluste.	Jun 20 - Sep 19, 1941	22729/6	1140	780
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5. Operations during the transfer from the Minsk area to the Smolensk area and defensive engagements east of Dorogobuzh along the Loynya River. The division was subordinate to the rückw. Heeresgebiet Mitte, Heeresgruppe Mitte, AOK 9, and the VIII. A.K., successively.	Aug 20 - Oct 1, 1941	22729/9	1140	897
Ia, Anlage I z. KTB 5, Korpsbefehle.	Sep 16 - Oct 1, 1941	22729/10	1140	920
Ia, Anlage II z. KTB 5, Divisionsbefehle.	Aug 20 - Sep 30, 1941	22729/11	1140	1042
Ia, Anlage III z. KTB 5, Eingehende Meldungen.	Aug 27 - Sep 27, 1941	22729/12	1140	1258
Ia, Anlage IV z. KTB 5, Ausgehende Meldungen.	Aug 26 - Oct 1, 1941	22729/13	1141	1
Ia, Anlage V z. KTB 5, Gefechtsberichte und Verluste.	Sep 5 - 30, 1941	22729/14	1141	49
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6. Operations during attack and pursuit engagements to close the Vyazma pocket, the advance to the Ruza area via Gzhatsk, and defensive actions in the Ruza area. The division was subordinate to the VIII. and IX. A.K.	Oct 2 - Nov 17, 1941	22729/16	1141	147

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Ia, Anlage I z. KTB 6, Korpsbefehle.	Oct 2 - Nov 13, 1941	22729/17	1141	199
Ia, Anlage II z. KTB 6, Divisionsbefehle.	Oct 2 - Nov 12, 1941	22729/18	1141	302
Ia, Anlage III z. KTB 6, Eingehende Meldungen.	Oct 2 - Nov 8, 1941	22729/19	1141	493
Ia, Anlage IV z. KTB 6, Ausgehende Meldungen.	Oct 4 - 26, 1941	22729/20	1141	846
Ia, Anlage V z. KTB 6, Verluste und Gefechtsberichte.	Sep 29 - Nov 14, 1941	22729/21	1141	884
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. Operations during the occupation of Paris, transfer to the Laon-St. Quentin area in June, to Le Mans in August, to the Blois-Orléans area in September for training, and to the Lublwo area, Poland, on Mar 30, 1941; and participation in "Achtung Bertha" (defensive preparations in case of a Russian attack). The division was subordinate to the Militärbefehlshaber von Paris, the X., IX., II., and XXXIX. A.K., Höh.Kdo. z.b.V. LIX, the XLV. A.K., and the XX. A.K., successively.	Jun 15, 1940 - Apr 30, 1941	24598/1	1141	974
Ia, Anlage I z. KTB 3, Korpsbefehle.	Jun 15 - Sep 24, 1940	24598/2	1141	1011
Ia, Anlage II z. KTB 3, Divisionsbefehle.	Jun 15 - Oct 20, 1940	24598/3	1141	1137
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 7. Operations during attacks across the Zvenigorod-Istra road to the junction of the Moskva and Istra Rivers, withdrawal and defensive engagements to the area west of Ruza, and finally the occupation of winter positions in the Gzhatsk area. A register of officers and combat and ration strength reports. The division was subordinate to the IX. A.K., under the command of Gen. Maj. Walther Lucht, Nov 20, 1941 - Feb 21, 1942.	Nov 18, 1941 - Jan 24, 1942	24598/5	1142	1
Ia, Anlage I z. KTB 7, Korpsbefehle.	Nov 21, 1941 - Jan 24, 1942	24598/6	1142	67
Ia, Anlage II z. KTB 7, Divisionsbefehle.	Nov 14, 1941 - Jan 24, 1942	24598/7	1142	218
Ia, Anlage III z. KTB 7, Meldungen.	Nov 7, 1941 - Jan 24, 1942	24598/8	1142	519

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Ia, Anlage IV z. KTB 7, Verluste und Gefechtsberichte.	Nov 16, 1941 - Jan 16, 1942	24598/9	1142	753
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 8. Defensive engagements in the Gzhatsk area and the clearing of enemy forces from their penetration at Vasil'ki. A register of officers and combat and ration strength reports. The division was subordinate to the IX. A.K.	Jan 25 - Jun 2, 1942	24598/11	1142	898
Ia, Anlage I z. KTB 8, Korpsbefehle.	Jan 27 - Jun 3, 1942	24598/12	1142	969
Ia, Anlage II z. KTB 8, Divisionsbefehle.	Jan 27 - May 31, 1942	24598/13	1142	1143
Ia, Anlage III z. KTB 8, Eingegangene Meldungen.	Feb 2 - May 10, 1942	24598/14	1143	1
Ia, Anlage IV z. KTB 8, Ausgegangene Meldungen.	Feb 23 - Jun 7, 1942	24598/15	1143	73
Ia, Anlage VII z. KTB 8, Tagesmeldungen.	Jan 26 - May 31, 1942	24598/17	1143	102
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 9. Operations during the encirclement battle in the area southwest of Rzhev. A register of officers and combat and ration strength reports. The division was subordinate to AOK 9, XLVI. Pz.K., and the VI. A.K., successively.	Jun 3 - Jul 20, 1942	24598/18	1143	370
Ia, Anlage I z. KTB 9, Korpsbefehle.	May 30 - Jul 17, 1942	24598/19	1143	401
Ia, Anlage II z. KTB 9, Divisionsbefehle.	Jun 2 - Jul 17, 1942	24598/20	1143	453
Ia, Anlage III z. KTB 9, Eingegangene Meldungen.	May 19 - Jul 13, 1942	24598/21	1143	602
Ia, Anlage IV z. KTB 9, Ausgegangene Meldungen.	Jun 14 - Aug 8, 1942	24598/22	1143	625
Ia, Anlage V z. KTB 9, Verluste und Gefechtsberichte.	Jun 1 - Jul 18, 1942	24598/23	1143	644
Ia, Anlage VII z. KTB 9, Tagesmeldungen.	Jun 3 - Jul 18, 1942	24598/25	1143	794
Ia, Anlage V z. KTB 8, Verluste und Gefechtsberichte.	Jan 25 - Jun 23, 1942	24598/26	1143	1028

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 10, Abwehrkämpfe im Raum um Rzhev. Defensive engagements in the Rzhev area. A register of officers and combat and ration strength reports. The division was subordinate to the VI. A.K. under the command of Gen.Lt. Werner Richter, Aug 22, 1942 - Apr 1, 1943.	Jul 21 - Aug 27, 1942	26482/1	1143	1268
Ia, Anlage 1 u. 2 z. KTB 10, Korps- und Divisionsbefehle.	Jul 21 - Aug 27, 1942	26482/2	1144	1
Ia, Anlagen 3-5 z. KTB 10, Eingegangene und ausgegangene Meldungen, Verluste und Gefechtsberichte.	Jul 21 - Aug 27, 1942	26482/3	1144	198
Ia, Anlage 7 z. KTB 10, Tagesmeldungen.	Jul 23 - Aug 27, 1942	26482/5	1144	289
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 11, 28.8.-31.12.1942. Defensive operations along the Volga River in the Rzhev area. A register of officers and combat and ration strength reports. /See item No. 44212/7 for the first 38 pages of this war journal, covering the period Aug 28 - Sep 16, 1942./	Sep 17 - Dec 31, 1942	26482/6	1144	427
Ia, Anlage I z. KTB 11, Korpsbefehle.	Aug 28 - Dec 30, 1942	26482/7	1144	495
Ia, Anlage II z. KTB 11, Divisionsbefehle.	Aug 31 - Dec 4, 1942	26482/8	1144	712
Ia, Anlage III z. KTB 11, Eingegangene Meldungen.	Aug 6 - Oct 4, 1942	26482/9	1144	963
Ia, Anlage IV z. KTB 11, Ausgegane Meldungen.	Aug 29 - Dec 28, 1942	26482/10	1144	1067
Ia, Anlage V z. KTB 11, Verluste und Gefechtsberichte.	Jul 15 - Dec 31, 1942	26482/11	1145	1
Ia, Anlage VII z. KTB 11, Tagesmeldungen.	Aug 28 - Dec 31, 1942	26482/13	1145	306
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte, Bände 1-3, Abwehrkämpfe der Division. Activity reports, with intelligence reports and bulletins, interrogation summaries, and maps and overlays, pertaining to enemy operations, movements, unit identification, troop morale, and tactical situation, and appraisals of the enemy military situation.	Jul 29 - Dec 31, 1942	26482/14- 26482/16	1145- 1146	816, 1

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 12; IIa, Tätigkeitsbericht. Operations during position warfare in the Rzhev area, "Büffelbewegung" (withdrawal from this position), and transfer to the Liozno area for rehabilitation. Activity report of the Personnel Branch, Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1943, with a register of officers and combat and ration strength reports. The division was subordinate to the XXVII. A.K., Gruppe Burdach, XXXIX. Pz.K., AOK 9, and Pz.AOK 3, successively, under the command of Gen.Lt. Walter Hartmann, Apr 1 - Nov 20, 1943.	Jan 1 - Apr 4, 1943	30775/1	1146	334
Ia, Anlage 1 z. KTB 12, Korpsbefehle.	Sep 22, 1942 - Mar 20, 1943	30775/2	1146	396
Ia, Anlage 2 z. KTB 12, Divisionsbefehle.	Oct 4, 1942 - Mar 20, 1943	30775/3	1146	681
Ia, Anlagen 3 u. 4 z. KTB 12, Ein- und ausgehende Meldungen.	Oct 31, 1942 - Mar 27, 1943	30775/4	1146	908
Ia, Anlage 5 z. KTB 12, Verluste und Gefechtsberichte.	Jan 1 - Mar 29, 1943	30775/5	1146	1019
Ia, Anlage 7 z. KTB 12, Tagesmeldungen.	Jan 1 - Apr 4, 1943	30775/7	1146	1103
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte, Band 4, Abwehrkämpfe der Division. Activity report, with intelligence, reconnaissance, and interrogation reports and bulletins, and overlays and maps, pertaining to enemy operations, movements, unit identification, and tactical situation during their attacks on German positions in the Rzhev area.	Jan 1 - Feb 28, 1943	30775/8	1147	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht, Band 5, Absetzbewegung im Rahmen des Unternehmens "Büffel". Activity report, with reconnaissance and intelligence reports, interrogation summaries, and maps and overlays, pertaining to enemy operations, movements, unit identification and tactical situation relating to Operation "Büffel" (withdrawal movement from the Rzhev positions to the Izdeshkovo-Demidov area via Sychevka and Bely).	Mar 1 - 20, 1943	30775/9	1147	210
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 13; IIa, Tätigkeitsbericht. Operations during the training and rehabilitation period, Apr 4 - May 13, in the area southeast of Vitebsk;				

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"Unternehmen Planspiel, Maikäfer, Heissluft und Frühlingsregen" (antipartisan actions in the Vitebsk, Bogushevsk, Liozno, and Demidov areas), May 14 - Jun 6; and defensive engagements in the Velizh area, Jun 7 - 30. An activity report of the Personnel Branch. The division was subordinate to Pz.AOK 3 and the VI.A.K.	Apr 4 - Jun 30, 1943	38934/1	1147	360
Ia, Anlage 1 z. KTB 13, Korpsbefehle.	Jan 13 - Jun 26, 1943	38934/2	1147	398
Ia, Anlage 2 z. KTB 13, Divisionsbefehle.	Jan 20 - Jun 29, 1943	38934/3	1147	496
Ia, Anlage 3 z. KTB 13, Ein- und ausgehende Meldungen.	Jan 28, 1942 - Jun 29, 1943	38934/4	1147	684
Ia, Anlage 4 z. KTB 13, Verluste und Gefechtsberichte.	Apr 16 - Jun 30, 1943	38934/5	1147	882
Ia, Anlage 5 z. KTB 13, Tagesmeldungen.	Apr 5 - Jun 30, 1943	38934/6	1147	1003
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen, Bandenlage im Raum Liozno-Witebsk und Feindlage im Abschnitt Sakszony-Welish-Drozdy. The partisan situation in the Liozno and Vitebsk areas and the enemy tactical situation in the Sakszony, Velizh, and Drozdy areas.	Mar 27 - Jun 30, 1943	38934/8-9	1148	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 14; IIa, Tätigkeitsbericht. Defensive operations in the Velizh and Drina River areas. Activity report of the Personnel Branch with a register of officers and combat and ration strength reports. The division was subordinate to the VI. A.K.	Jul 1 - Oct 31, 1943	44015/1	1148	229
Ia, Anlage 1 z. KTB 14, Korpsbefehle.	Jul 4 - Oct 27, 1943	44015/2	1148	319
Ia, Anlage 2 z. KTB 14, Divisionsbefehle.	Jul 13 - Oct 29, 1943	44015/3	1148	596
Ia, Anlage 3 z. KTB 14, Ein- und ausgehende Meldungen.	Jul 2 - Sep 27, 1943	44015/4	1148	774
Ia, Anlage 4 z. KTB 14, Verluste.	Jul 10 - Nov 1, 1943	44015/5	1148	1058
Ia, Anlagen 5a-b z. KTB 14, Tagesmeldungen.	Jul 1 - Oct 31, 1943	44015/6- 44015/7	1148- 1149	1142, 1

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Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen 1-76 Feindlage vom 1.7.-19.9.1943 und mit Anlagen 77-197 Feindlage während der Absetzbewegung in die Pantherstellung vom 20.9.-31.10.1943. Activity reports concerning enemy tactical situation during their attacks in the Velizh area and the division's withdrawal to the Pantherstellung west of the Dvina River.	Jul 1 - Oct 31, 1943	44015/10-11	1149	312
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 15; IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Operations during defensive engagements in the area south of Nevel, antipartisan action in the area northwest of Beshenkovichi, and, at the end of December the transfer to the Polotsk area. Activity report of the Personnel Branch with a register of officers and combat and ration strength reports. The division was subordinate to the VI. A.K., Pz.AOK 3, IX. A.K., and Pz.AOK 3, successively, under the command of Gen. Maj. Mauritz Freiherr von Strachwitz.	Nov 1 - Dec 31, 1943	44212/1	1149	690
Ia, Anlagen 1-2 z. KTB 15, Korps- und Divisionsbefehle.	Oct 29 - Dec 30, 1943	44212/2	1149	726
Ia, Anlagen 3-5 z. KTB 15, Ein- und ausgehende Meldungen, Verluste und Gefechtsberichte.	Nov 5 - Dec 26, 1943	44212/3	1149	837
Ia, Anlagen 6-7 z. KTB 15, Tagesmeldungen, Karten u. Skizzen.	Nov 4 - Dec 31, 1943	44212/4	1149	911
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen, Feindlage südl. Nevel und Bandenlage nordwestl. Beschenkowitschi und Ia, Gefechtsberichte. Activity reports, with intelligence reports and maps, concerning the enemy tactical situation in the area south of Nevel and the partisan situation in the area northwest of Beshenkovichi. Also, afteraction reports.	Nov 4 - Dec 31, 1943	44212/5	1149	998
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 11, 28.8.-31.12.1942; IVa, Tätigkeitsbericht, 1.-31.12.1942. Defensive operations along the Volga River in the Rzhev area. Activity report of the Administrative Officer. The division was subordinate to the VI. and XXVII. A.K. [See item No. 26482/6 for the remainder of this war journal for the period Sep 17 - Dec 31, 1942.]	Aug 28 - Sep 16, 1942	44212/7	1149	1094