

This division was activated as Divisionskommando z.b.V. Afrika (Division for Special Employment in Africa) on June 26, 1941, in Berlin-Tempelhof and was also known as the 90. le. Infanterie-Division. It was transferred in August and September 1941 via Bayreuth and Naples to Tripoli, Libya, and marched to Bardia on the Egyptian border to participate in offensive operations against Tobruk. In October 1941 it retreated to Bengasi and Agedabia, and on November 26, 1941, was reorganized and redesignated as the 90. le. Afrika Division. In the summer of 1942 it was engaged in offensive operations from Cirenaica into Egypt as far as El Alamein, and from September 1942 to April 1943 it retreated from Egypt, through Libya, to northern Tunisia where it was virtually destroyed

in May 1943. Although no records of this division for the period April 20 to August 19, 1943, are available, the Potsdam catalog shows that it was re-formed with miscellaneous units in Sardinia as Stammbrigade XI until May 11, 1943, then as Division Sardinien (Sardinia Division). On May 26, 1943, the division was redesignated as the 90. Panzergrenadier Division and functioned as Kommando Sardinien until September 15. In the autumn of 1943 it withdrew to Corsica and later to northern Italy where it participated in construction of defensive positions in the Vicenza area. The division defended the Lugo, Cesena, Imola, and Bologna areas from September 1944 to April 1945, transferring to Rosenheim, Germany, in April 1945.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>1st Frame</u>
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1, Textband. Activation of Divisionskommando z.b.V. Afrika on Jun 26, 1941, in Berlin-Tempelhof; transfer via Bayreuth and Naples to Tripoli, Libya, in August and September 1941; march from Tripoli to Bardia on the Egyptian border; offensive operations against Tobruk; retreat to Bengasi and Agedabia; reorganization and redesignation on Nov 26, 1941, as the 90. le. Afrika Division; and lists of officers' duty assignments. The division was subordinate to the Wehrersatzinspektion Berlin-Tempelhof, Wehrkreis XIII, Deutsches Afrikakorps (DAK), ital. XXI. A.K., Pz.Gr. Afrika, and Pz.AOK Afrika during this period, under the command of Gen.Maj. Max Sümmernann who was killed by a strafing British plane on Dec 10, 1941, Gen.Maj. (Luftwaffe) Theodor Osterkamp, and of Gen.Maj. Richard Veith from Dec 30, 1941, to Apr 10, 1942.	Jun 26, 1941 - Mar 31, 1942	18014/1	1155	1
Ia, Anlagenbände I-VI z. KTB 1, Morgen- und Abendmeldungen. DAK, Pz.Gr. Afrika, and division orders, daily reports and messages of subordinate units; order of battle charts; and overlays and sketches.	Jun 19, 1941 - Mar 31, 1942	18014/2- 18014/7	1155- 1156	306, 243
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 1, Nachrichten-Beitrag. Division reports and messages, and charts of telephone communication networks.	Sep 28, 1941 - Apr 10, 1942	18014/10	1156	571
Ic, Beitrag z. KTB 1. Reports concerning prisoner of war interrogations, notes on BBC broadcasts during the day of the British attack in the western desert, and other intelligence activities.	Oct 17, 1941 - Feb 26, 1942	18014/11	1156	674

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IIa, Tätigkeitsbericht als Beitrag z. KTB 1. Personnel assignments, transfers, casualties, replacements, decorations and awards, movement orders, officers' duty assignments, and reports on leave.	Jun 25, 1941 - Mar 31, 1942	18014/12	2375*	1
Ib, Kriegstagebuch 1, Textband.	Jun 26, 1941 - Mar 31, 1942	18014/13	2375*	2
Ia, Ib, Beitrag z. KTB 1. Special supply orders and directives, division orders, order of battle charts, and maps and overlays.	Sep 29, 1941 - Apr 2, 1942	18014/14	2375*	3
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2. Offensive operations from Cirenaica into Egypt as far as El Alamein. The division was subordinate to DAK., ital. XXI. A.K., and Pz. AOK Afrika during this period, under the command of Gen.Maj. Heinrich Kirchheim from Apr 10 to May 13, 1942, and Generalmajor Kleemann from May 15, 1942, to Sep 8, 1942, when he was wounded by a mine.	Apr 1 - Aug 20, 1942	23312/1	1156	695
Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB 2. Division orders, reports, directives, messages, estimates of the situation, order of battle charts, and maps and overlays.	Apr 1 - Sep 1, 1942	23312/2	1157	1
IIa, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen. Personnel assignments, promotions, transfers, officers' duty assignments, casualties, and strength reports.	Apr 1 - Aug 20, 1942	23312/3	2375*	4
Ib, Kriegstagebuch 2. Reorganization east of Derna, transfer to Bengasi, issuance of supplies and ammunition, and transfer of the sick and wounded.	Apr 1 - Aug 20, 1942	23312/4	2375*	5
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3, Textband. Defensive operations and retreat from El Alamein westward to Agedabia. The division was subordinate to Pz.AOK Afrika, DAK., and the deutsch-ital. Pz.Armeekorps during this period, under the command of Obst. Theodor Graf von Sponeck after Sep 12, 1942.	Sep 5 - Dec 31, 1942	28876/1	1157	404
Ia, Anlagen I-V z. KTB 3. Army, corps, and division orders, reports and messages of subordinate and Italian units, casualty lists, combat and ration strength reports, and maps and overlays.	Sep 1 - Dec 31, 1942	28876/2- 28876/6	1157- 1159	513, 1

* The record items reproduced on this roll, filmed originally on MR 2024 (items 18014/12-14) and MR 1782 (items 23312/3-4) without frame numbers, have been assigned consecutive simulated initial frame numbers and a new roll number in this microfilm publication.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>1st Frame</u>
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen. The enemy situation in the El Alamein area, counterintelligence, troop indoctrination, intelligence bulletins, and overlays.	Aug 21 - Dec 31, 1942	28876/8	1159	486
Ib, Kriegstagebuch 3. The evacuation of Tobruk, fuel and supply situation in Misurata, and transfer to Derna, Bengasi, and Sirte. (The record items reproduced on this roll, filmed originally on MR 1783 without frame numbers, have been assigned consecutive simulated initial frame numbers and a new roll number in this microfilm publication.)	Aug 21 - Dec 31, 1942	28876/10	2375	6
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4, Textband. Defensive operations in the vicinity of Tripoli, retreat to Tunisia, and "Unternehmen Capri" (destruction of enemy forces in the Medenine area, Tunisia, and the breakthrough to the Mediterranean Sea) carried out by Gruppe Adler, which consisted of the 10., 15., and 21. Pz.Div. and part of the 164. Art.Div. and Gruppe Bari, which consisted of three regiments, reinforced with artillery units of the La Spezia and Trieste Italian divisions and the 90. le. Afrika Div., Mar 5 - 7, 1943. The Germans attributed the failure of this operation to a security breach and the strength of the enemy forces. The division was subordinate to the deutsch-ital. Pz.Arme, and the ital. XXI. and XX. A.K., at various times during this period.	Jan 1 - Apr 20, 1943	30264/1	1159	511
Ia, Anlagenbände I-III z. KTB 4. Army reports, division orders and reports, and reports and messages of subordinate and Italian units, order of battle charts, and overlays.	Jan 1 - Apr 20, 1943	30264/2- 30264/4	1159- 1160	732, 637
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. The retreat from Buerat to Mareth, Tunisia; counterintelligence, troop indoctrination, intelligence bulletins, intercepted enemy radio messages, interrogation summaries, and translations of captured British messages, a newspaper article, and a proclamation by General Montgomery.	Jan 1 - Apr 20, 1943	30264/7	1160	1333
IIa/IIb, Tätigkeitsbericht. Activity report concerning assignments, casualties, and strength.	Jan 1 - Apr 12, 1943	30264/8	1160	1400
Ib, Kriegstagebuch 4. Vehicles, supplies, weapons, and ammunition; also, fuel consumption and replacement, and the transfer from Sfax to Sousse.	Jan 1 - Apr 20, 1943	30264/9	1160	1421

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Ia, IIa/IIb, Anlagen z. KTB. Corps directives and orders, and division reports concerning reorganization and construction of defensive positions in the Vicenza area in northern Italy; OKI reports on corruption, behavior, and responsibilities of German officers in occupied countries; reports of the Personnel Branch pertaining to transfer of personnel and actual strength by subordinate units; table of organization and allowances and reports on the transfer to Rosenheim in April 1945. The division was subordinate to the LI. Geb.K., LXXVI. Pz.K., I. Fallschirmkorps, and the XIV. Pz.K., successively, under the command of Gen.Lt. Carl Hans Lungerhausen from May 25 to Dec 20, 1943, and Gen.Lt. Gerhard Graf von Schwerin, from Dec 10 to 27, 1944.	Aug 20, 1943 - Apr 10, 1945	77152/2	1161	1
Ia, Ic, Kampfführung. A report concerning defense of positions on the Adriatic coast in the vicinity of Venice in case of an Allied landing, and a report pertaining to escaped prisoners of war.	Nov 5 - 15, 1943	77814	1161	336