

The 96. Infanterie-Division (5. Welle) was formed on September 21, 1939, in Wehrkreis XI, and received its training in the Truppenübungsplatz Bergen. On November 4, 1939, it was transferred to Maulbronn, near Pforzheim, for further training. Between May 15 and June 25, 1940, the division marched through Bad Dürkheim, Kaiserslautern, Birkenfeld, Echternach in Luxembourg, through Belgium, to Laon, Villiers-sur-Marne, and Bourges on the Cher River in France when hostilities ceased. During the period July 1 - 25, 1940, it marched via Nancy to St. Wendel for entraining and movement to Bergen, its home station, where personnel were given leave to work in the national economy. Personnel were recalled between February 1 and 6, 1941, entrained in Einbeck, and moved to Charleville, France, for occupation duty and training. In June 1941 the division was transferred from France to Suwalki, Poland, to participate in the Russian campaign in the northern sector. After arrival and detraining in Suwalki, July 3-5, the division marched through Vilna, Disna, Gorodok, and Soltsy, and fought in offensive operations from Shimsk north to Petrokrepost where it was continuously engaged

in position defense from September 1941 to December 1942. It suffered heavy losses during this period and was subsequently relieved of frontline duties and reorganized. The division was engaged in Operation "Flaschenhals" (German attempt to counter the Russian winter offensive, January 12, 1943, against the corridor south of Lake Ladoga between Petrokrepost and Mga). Later it was transferred to the Tigoda and Volkhov Rivers, east of Tigoda, for defensive operations, where it again suffered heavy losses, but remained in this area until September 1943. Although no records of this division dated later than September 30, 1943, are available, situation maps of Heeresgruppen Nord and Süd show it participated in position defense in the area east of Chudovo from October to December 1943. The division was transferred to the southern sector in January 1944, taking part in defensive engagements as it withdrew from Polonnoye to Nove Zamky via Kamenets Podolski, Chortkov, Ternopol, Lvov, and Krosno from January to December 1944, and from southern Slovakia to Hollabrunn in Lower Austria from January to April 28, 1945.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>1st Frame</u>
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1 mit Anlagen. Activation of the division on Sep 21, 1939, in Wehrkreis XI; training at Bergen; and transfer to Maulbronn on Nov 4, 1939. The division was subordinate to the XI. and XXV. A.K. during this period, under the command of Gen.Maj. Erwin Vierow, Sep 25, 1939 - Aug 5, 1940.	Sep 21 - Dec 31, 1939	W 1810/a*	1181	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3 mit Anlagen.** The march, May 15 - Jun 25, 1940, to Bad Dürkheim, Kaiserslautern, Birkenfeld, Echternach in Luxembourg, through Belgium, and to Laon, Villiers-sur-Marne, and Bourges on the Cher River in France when hostilities ceased; the return march, Jul 1-25, via Nancy and St. Wendel for entraining and movement to Bergen; and arrival at Bergen on Jul 30. The division was subordinate to OKH, AOK 16, the XL., XVII., XIII., and XLIII. A.K., successively during this period.	May 10 - Jul 30, 1940	W 1810/c*	1181	14

* Item damaged by fire.

** The National Archives did not receive Kriegstagebuch 2 mit Anlagen for the period January 1 - May 2, 1940.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>1st Frame</u>
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Army and corps orders, division reports and messages, and overlays.	May 14 - Jun 30, 1940	W 1810/c2*	1181	67
Ia, Ib, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Division orders and reports and special supply directives.	May 14 - Jul 24, 1940	W 1810/c3*	1181	289
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Report on regulations governing march movements, instructions concerning the observance of international law during the occupation of Luxembourg, and activity reports of the division.	Jun 3 - 23, 1940	W 1810/c4*	1181	502
Feldgend., Tätigkeitsbericht. Assignment of Feldgendarmerietrupp 196 as a special traffic unit to the 96. Infanterie-Division.	May 15 - Jun 30, 1940	W 1810/m	1181	531
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3; Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Recall of division personnel in Einbeck, Feb 1 - 6, 1941, transfer to Charleville, France, in February for occupation duty and training, transfer to Suwalki, Poland in Jun 1941; lists of officers' duty assignments; combat and ration strength reports; an order of battle chart; a report pertaining to training, and maps and overlays. Activity reports of the Intelligence and Personnel Branches. The division was subordinate to the XI. and XLII. A.K., and AOK 16 during this period, under the command of Gen.Lt. Wolfgang Schede, Aug 5, 1940 - May 15, 1942.	Feb 1 - Jul 2, 1941	11817/1	1181	538
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4 mit Anlagen; Ia/Mess., Stomü., Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. War journal, with corps and division orders, reports, and messages, concerning the arrival of the division in Suwalki, Poland, Jul 3 - 5, 1941; march to Vilna, Disna, Gorodok, and Soltsy; partisan activities in the vicinity of Soltsy; and offensive operations from Shimsk to Pushkin; order of battle charts; aerial photographs; lists of officers' duty assignments and casualties; and combat and ration strength reports. Activity reports of the Map and Survey and March Control Officers, the Intelligence Branch, Aug 12 - Sep 20, 1941, and the Personnel Branch, Jul 1 - Sep 20, 1941. The division was subordinate to the XLII. A.K., AOK 16, I. A.K., AOK 16, and the XXVIII. A.K., successively during this period.	Jul 1 - Sep 21, 1941	14409	1181	615

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5. Offensive operations from Pushkin to Petrokrepost on Lake Ladoga, and to Mga, and position defense along the Neva and Tosna Rivers. The division was subordinate to the XXXIX., I., and XXVIII. A.K., successively.	Sep 22, 1941 - Feb 24, 1942	17133/1	1181	990
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5; Ia/Mess., Ia/Stomü., Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Corps and division orders and reports, order of battle charts, lists of officers' duty assignments and casualties, combat and ration strength reports, and maps and overlays. Activity reports of the Map and Survey and March Control Officers, the Intelligence Branch, Sep 25, 1941 - Feb 24, 1942, with intelligence bulletins and enemy order of battle charts, and of the Personnel Branch.	Sep 22, 1941 - Feb 24, 1942	17133/2	1182	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6 mit Anlagen; Ia/Stomü., Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte. Position defense southeast of Petrokrepost, corps and division orders and reports, lists of officers' duty assignments and casualties, combat and ration strength reports, and overlays. Activity reports of the March Control Officer and of the Intelligence Branch, with intelligence bulletins and intercepted enemy radio messages.	Feb 25 - Mar 17, 1942	18384	1182	244
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 7 mit Anlagen; Ia/Mess., Ia/Stomü., Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. War journal, with corps and division orders and reports and messages, concerning position defense and construction of fortifications along the railroad line between Petrokrepost and Mga; order of battle charts, lists of officers' duty assignments and casualties, combat and ration strength reports, and maps. Activity reports of the Map and Survey and March Control Officers, the Intelligence Branch, with intelligence bulletins, and of the Personnel Branch from Feb 25 to May 6, 1942. The division was subordinate to the XXVIII. A.K. during this period, under the command of Gen.Lt. Wolfgang Schede who became ill on Apr 10, 1942, and of Gen.Maj. Joachim Freiherr von Schleinitz from Apr 11, 1942.	Mar 18 - May 6, 1942	19362	1182	423
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 8 mit Anlagen; Ia/Mess., Ia/Stomü., Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. War journal, with corps and division orders and reports and messages, concerning position defense, mine laying operations, and construction of fortifications southeast of Petrokrepost, order of battle charts, lists of officers' duty assignments and casualties, combat and ration strength reports, and maps				

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and overlays. Activity reports of the Map and Survey and March Control Officers, the Intelligence Branch, with intelligence bulletins, and of the Personnel Branch.	May 7 - Jun 7, 1942	23136	1182	696
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 9. Position warfare southeast of Mga.	Jun 8 - Sep 30, 1942	24778/1	1182	820
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 9; Ia/Mess., Ia/Stomü., Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Corps and division orders and reports concerning reorganization; order of battle charts, lists of officers' duty assignments and casualties, and combat and ration strength reports. Activity reports of the Map and Survey and March Control Officers, the Intelligence Branch, with intelligence bulletins and interrogation summaries of prisoners of war and deserters, and of the Personnel Branch from Jun 8 to Oct 1, 1942.	Jun 8 - Sep 30, 1942	24778/2	1182	877
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 10 mit Anlagen; Ia/Mess., Ia/Stomü., Ia/Gabo., Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. War journal, with corps and division orders and reports, concerning position defense southeast of Mga and relief by the 121. Inf.Div. on the frontline, special training for winter warfare; order of battle charts, lists of officers' duty assignments and casualties, and combat and ration strength reports. Activity reports of the Map and Survey, March Control, and Chemical Warfare Officers, and the Intelligence and Personnel Branches. The division was subordinate to the XXVIII. and XXVI. A.K., under the command of Gen.Maj. Joachim Freiherr von Schleinitz who died on Oct 6, 1942, and Gen.Maj. Ferdinand Noeldechen from Oct 10, 1942, to Jul 27, 1943.	Oct 1 - 31, 1942	27629	1183	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 11, Mappe 1 mit Kriegsgliederungen. Defensive operations and Operation "Flaschenhals" (German attempt to counter the Russian winter offensive which began Jan 12, 1943, against the corridor south of Lake Ladoga in the vicinity of Petrokrepost), and transfer south to the Tigoda and Volkhov Rivers in the Dedelevo area for defensive actions; and order of battle charts.	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1943	31107/1	1183	204
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 11, Mappe 2; Ia/Mess., Ia/Stomü., Ia/Gabo., Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Corps orders, division reports and orders, and situation				

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maps. Activity reports of the Map and Survey, March Control, and Chemical Warfare Officers; the Intelligence Branch, with interrogation reports of prisoners of war, translations of captured enemy documents, intelligence bulletins, and enemy situation maps; and of the Personnel Branch, with lists of officers' duty assignments and casualties and combat and ration strength reports.	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1943	31107/2	1183	366
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 12 mit Anlagen; Ia/Mess., Ia/Stomü., Ia/Gabo., Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. War journal, with corps and division orders and reports concerning defensive operations along the Volkhov River northeast of Babino; order of battle charts, and situation maps. Activity reports of the Map and Survey, March Control, and Chemical Warfare Officers; the Intelligence Branch, with interrogation summaries, intelligence bulletins, translations of propaganda material, and enemy situation maps and overlays; and of the Personnel Branch, with lists of officers' assignments and casualties, and combat and ration strength reports.	Apr 1 - Jun 30, 1943	35475	1183	752
Ia, Denkschrift der 96. Inf.Div. über die Schlammperiode und Hochwasserzeit am Wolchow. Reports, charts, maps, and overlays concerning inundation of fortified positions during the spring thawing period along the Volkhov River.	Mar 1 - Jun 30, 1943	41084	1183	975
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 13. Defensive operations along the Volkhov River east of Tigoda. The division was subordinate to the XXVIII. A.K. during this period under the command of Gen.Lt. Ferdinand Noeldechen and Gen.Maj. Richard Jacob Wirtz from Jul 28, 1943, to Dec 1, 1944.	Jul 1 - Sep 30, 1943	42523/1	1183	1049
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 13; Ia/Mess., Ia/Stomü., Ia/Gabo., Ic, IVb, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Division orders and reports, and reports of subordinate units, order of battle charts, and sketches of defense positions. Activity reports of the Map and Survey, March Control, Chemical Warfare, and Medical Officers; the Intelligence Branch, with interrogation summaries of prisoners of war and deserters and intelligence bulletins; and of the Personnel Branch, with lists of officers' duty assignments and casualties and combat and ration strength reports.	Jul 1 - Sep 30, 1943	77817	1184	1