

Heeresgruppe Weichsel (Army Group Vistula)

Army Group Vistula was activated on January 24, 1945 with headquarters in Schneidemuehl, under the command of Reichsführer-SS Heinrich Himmler. Its mission was to close the gap between Army Groups Mitte (Center) and A, to prevent a Russian breakthrough in the direction of Danzig and Posen and the encirclement of East Prussia, and to organize the defensive forces on German soil behind the entire Eastern Front. Himmler was replaced by General Gotthard Heinrici on March 21, 1945. Subsequent commanding generals were Lieutenant General Kurt von Tippelskirch and General Kurt Student. The Army Group was disbanded on May 8, 1945.

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1944 - 1945 (?)  
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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Interesting communiques from the first week of Heeresgruppe Weichsel's existence. Telegrams from other army and SS commanders to the new OB, Himmler, on the military situation. Early orders issued by Himmler and communications back to Hitler. Included in the front of the folder is a copy of Hitler's order setting up the Heeresgruppe and charging Himmler with its command. Important materials on the conduct of operations in a most critical phase of the war. Jan. 21 - 31, 1945.	75122/1	167	7218514
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Important operational orders and reports on the desperate fighting in East Germany. Internal problems of the Germans - approaching signs of dissolution. Efforts to supply and relieve cut-off units. Chefsachen. Feb. 1 - 14, 1945.	75122/2	167	7218805
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Data relative to daily activities of the German Army engaged in the campaign in Poland and Prussia; estimates of the situation regarding Soviet artillery units; behavior of Red Army soldiers in captured German territory; and casualty reports. Orders from Himmler from the Feld-Kommandostelle. Translations of Russian orders upon entering German territory. Feb. 15 - 28, 1945.	75122/3	168	7219570
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Data relative to daily activities of the German Army engaged in the campaign in Poland and Prussia; situation reports; arming of the Volkssturm; sketch (1:300,000, for period 21 - 28 Feb 1945) giving an estimate of Soviet artillery forces and two maps showing the disposition of German troops in the vicinity of Stettin. Correspondence of Himmler with Fegelein. March 1 - 14, 1945.	75122/4	169	7220309
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Daily activity reports on the German campaign in Poland, Prussia and Germany; and data anent strength reports, combat reports, Soviet Army methods of establishing a river crossing, utilization of captured Soviet Army equipment, assignment of German units, methods of operation to be utilized against Soviet forces, and experience gained from Soviet fighting tactics. Orders and evaluations from Himmler. March 15 - 31, 1945.	75122/5	169	7220879
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Reports and messages, sent and received, regarding operations on the Eastern front, and particularly in Pomerania and Brandenburg. Includes notes, transcripts of telecons, and other papers containing pertinent info re Ninth Army, Third Pz. Army, and Commandant Swinemünde area. April 1 - 19, 1945.	75122/6	169	7221389
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Reports and messages, sent and received, re operations on the eastern front, mainly in the Berlin area. Includes notes, transcripts of telecons, and other papers containing pertinent information; orders from Heinrich and OB Besprechungen re evacuation of civilians. April 20 - 29, 1945.	75122/7	170	7222005

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Ia, Unterlagen für Kriegsgliederungen. Organizational break-down of various combat formations of the German Army. Jan. 24 - Feb. 22, 1945.	75122/8	170	7222519	
Ia, Festung Posen. Seven maps (six maps 1:100,000 and one 1:25,000) and one overlay indicating the disposition of troops and other allied matters pertaining to the defense of Posen. Dec. 25, 1944 - Jan. 1945.	75122/9	170	7222602	
Ia, Folder contains 33 maps, charts and sketches relative to the OB of German units, location of Soviet installations, situation maps, weekly graphic reports, graph indicating casualty status and replacement gains. These pertain to engagements on the eastern front; i.e., in the area just northeast of Berlin. Table of contents mentions the following cities: Dessau - Roesslerau, Graudenz, and Stettin. Feb. 15 - March 9, 1945.	75122/10	170	7222632	
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Data relative to war materiel requirements, situation reports, concern over shortage of aircraft fuel; and two situation maps indicating the disposition of friendly and enemy troops in the vicinity of Stettin. Chefsachen. March 13 - 15, 1945.	75122/11	170	7222686	
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. 21 maps and charts including 5 situation maps (1:300,000) of area northeast of Berlin, maps indicating the disposition of Volkssturm units in Pommerania, defense of Posen and Schneidermuehl, and situation map of Bad Freienwalde. Nov. 28, 1944 - Jan. 31, 1945.	75122/12	170	7222735	
Ia, Lagekarten der Heeresgruppe Weichsel. 9 situation maps (1:300,000) indicating disposition of troops in general area northeast of Berlin and extending into Poland. Chefsachen. Jan. 24 - 31, 1945.	75122/13	171	7222782	
Ia, Lagekarten der Heeresgruppe Weichsel. 36 situation maps (mostly 1:300,000) of the area of eastern and northeastern Germany, and several sketches of tank defenses in these areas. Chefsachen. Feb. 1 - 23, 1945.	75122/14	171	7222831	
Ia, Lagekarten. Maps showing Volkssturm Einsatz in Pommern; Posen "C" Stellung; Lageplan "Bad Freienwald"; Stellung Schneidemuehl, Lagekarten H.Gr. Weichsel. Nov. 28, 1944 - Jan. 31, 1945.	75122/15	171	7222991	
Misc., Folder not H.Gr. Weichsel provenance. Contains photostats of a Mobliste for the German Army from Heeresgruppen down to divisions. Also photostatic copy of an "Übersicht der Heeres-, Armee- und Korps-Panzertruppen issued by the Generalinspekteur der Panzertruppen, Nov. 1944. 1944 - 1945.	75122/16	171	7223057	
Misc., Oberkommando des Heeres, Op. Abt. Folder not Heeresgruppe Weichsel contains small photocopies of operational orders issued by the OKH/Generalstab des Heeres, Operationsabteilung. The orders were sent to the army commands fighting in the East in an attempt to improve the desperate situation on the collapsing eastern front. Jan. 31 - Feb. 7, 1945.	75122/17	171	7223202	
O.Qu., O.Qu/V (Pz.), "Zusammenstellung über den Bestand an Pz.- Kpffw. sowie den Einsatz der Pz.- Inst.- und Bergdienste im Monat Februar 1945." Photoprint. March 9, 1945.	75122/18	171	7223286	
Ia, "Wichtigste Feindfeststellungen vor Heeresgruppe Weichsel." Photocopies of maps. Area east of Stettin and Frankfurt/Oder. Indicates units and artillery installations. Jan. 25 - April 25, 1945.	75122/19	171	7223308	

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Ia, Diensterteilung. OB and troop dispositions of Heeresgruppe Weichsel i.e. names of commanding officers, units, and duty assignments. March 1 - April 30, 1945.	75122/22	171	7223331
Ia, Feindbeurteilung. Data on estimated strength and probable points of attack by Soviet Army forces. General area in Berlin and vicinity. Also a one page report disclosing the number of enemy tanks destroyed by various German Army groups. April 19 - May 7, 1945.	75122/24	171	7223378
O.Qu., Weekly OB and fire-power reports of 2nd Army; OB charts of 2nd, 9th and 11th Army artillery; intelligence map sketches (1:300,000) on Red artillery; intelligence map overlay (1:300,000) of Frankfurt-Schneidemuehle region; operations map (1:100,000) of XL Pz. Corps; map (1:300,000) of Nibelungen positions on the Oder; 11th Army operations map (1:50,000) of Falkenburg area, east of the Oder. Feb. 3 - 9, 1945.	75122/25	171	7223390