

This unit was formed as Grenzschutzabschnittskommando 1 (Border Security Command 1) in August 1939. It participated in the campaign against Poland by occupying the Polish Corridor in September 1939 (as Korps Kaupisch from September 9). On October 29, 1939, it was renamed the Höheres Kommando z.b.V. XXXI. In April 1940 the Corps took part in the occupation of Denmark and on June 2, 1940, it left Denmark to participate in the French campaign against the Maginot Line in the Verdun area. In July 1940 it was transferred to the Biarritz, Royan, Dax, Cognac, and Libourne areas for occupation duty, coastal defense, and security of the demarcation line. The Corps was commanded by Gen.d.Fl. Leonhard Kaupisch, from August 25, 1939. According to the Potsdam Catalog the Corps was redesignated the LXXX. Armeekorps on May 28, 1942.

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| Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1, Korps Kaupisch (Grenzschutzabschnittskommando 1). War journal of Grenzschutzabschnittskommando 1 (Border Security Command 1), as of Sep 9, 1939, known as Korps Kaupisch, relating to mobilization of the unit in Belgard, the march into and occupation of the Polish Corridor and the battle for and surrender of the naval station on the Hel Peninsula. The Corps was subordinate to AOK 4, H. Gr. Nord, and Mil. Befhb. Danzig/Westpr., successively under the command of Gen.d.Fl. Leonhard Kaupisch. | Aug 25 - Oct 3, 1939 | P II/48b* | 891 | 1 |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Korps Kaupisch. Daily combat activity reports. | Aug 23 - Oct 4, 1939 | P II/48e* | 835 | 1 |
| Ic/AO, Anlagen z. KTB, Tätigkeitsberichte. Activity reports of the Security Officer and the Secret Police concerning their work with civilian authorities in Poland, enemy situation reports, and data on political measures taken in occupied areas. | Aug - Sep 1939 | P II/48f* | 835 | 72 |
| Ic/AO, Anlagen z. KTB, Nachrichten. Intelligence and enemy situation reports. | Aug 16 - Sep 12, 1939 | P II/48g* | 835 | 465 |
| Ic/AO, Anlagen z. KTB, Vernehmungen von Gefangenen und Zivilpersonen. Interrogation summaries of prisoners of war and civilians. | Aug 28 - Sep 21, 1939 | P II/48h* | 835 | 652 |
| Ic/AO, Anlagen z. KTB, Hela. Interrogation summaries of Polish civilians and prisoners of war about military installations in Poland. | Sep 16 - Oct 3, 1939 | P II/48i* | 835 | 768 |
| Ia, Sammelakte über die Besetzung Dänemarks. Material pertaining to the occupation of Denmark. | Apr 9 - 21, 1940 | E 290/1 | 835 | 871 |

* Items P II/48b,e-i were badly damaged by fire. Item No. P II/48b, frames 1-70, was filmed out of sequence.

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| Ia, Ic, Besetzung Dänemarks am 9. und 10. April 1940. Reports on the occupation of Denmark. | Apr 9 - 10, 1940 | E 290/2 | 836 | 1 |
| Ia, Kriegstagebuch mit Anlagen. War diary with enclosures containing daily entries and covering operations during the campaign against Poland. | Aug - Oct 1939 | E 293/1 | 836 | 49 |
| Ic, Taktische Befehle. Tactical orders concerning the occupation of Denmark. | Mar 12 - Apr 8, 1940 | W 1486/a | 836 | 271 |
| Ic, Feindlage-Allgemeines, Dänemark, I./2 geh. Kdos. General information pertaining to Denmark and its occupation. | Mar 1 - Apr 10, 1940 | W 1486/b | 1464* | 1 |
| Ic, Feindlage-Allgemeines, Dänemark, I./2 geh. Kdos. Reports on the situation in Denmark, with photographs. | Mar 14 - Apr 7, 1940 | W 1486/c | 1464 | 166 |
| Ic, Allgemeines, Vorbereitung für die Besetzung von Dänemark, I./geh. Kdos. Reports compiled by the Intelligence Branch in preparation for the occupation and administration of Denmark. | Mar 2 - Apr 9, 1940 | W 1486/d | 1464 | 283 |
| Ic, Feindlage - Feindbilder, Dänemark, I./3 geh. Kdos. Reports on the enemy situation in Denmark. | Mar 12 - Apr 7, 1940 | W 1486/e | 1464 | 380 |
| Ic, Grenzabspernung, Dänemark, I./4 geh. Kdos. Material pertaining to the closing of the German-Danish border. | Feb 5 - Apr 8, 1940 | W 1486/f | 1464 | 468 |
| Ic, Grenzabspernung Deutschland-Dänemark. Plan for isolating the German-Danish frontier. | Mar 19 - Apr 8, 1940 | W 1486/g | 836 | 403 |
| Ic, Propaganda-Staffel. Information on propaganda exercises before the occupation of Denmark. | Mar 16 - Apr 3, 1940 | W 1486/h | 836 | 462 |
| Ic, Flugblätter. Leaflets containing directives for the conduct of German military personnel toward the Danish civilian population. | Mar 16 - Apr 7, 1940 | W 1486/i | 836 | 484 |

* In order to maintain item number sequence, roll numbers appear out of sequence for items which were security classified or otherwise not available at the time the bulk of the records were filmed.

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| Ic, Heft Kopenhagen, I./9 geh.Kdos. Reports, photographs, maps, sketches, and city plans of Copenhagen giving detailed information on the area of Copenhagen. | Mar 21 - Apr 5, 1940 | W 1486/k | 1464 | 550 |
| Ic, Heft Aalborg, Dänemark, I./10 geh. Kdos. Reports, photographs, sketches, and maps giving detailed information on the Danish port of Aalborg (Lim Fjord). | Mar 18 - Apr 2, 1940 | W 1486L | 1464 | 644 |
| Ic, Heft Esbjerg. Detailed information on the port of Esbjerg, located on the western coast of Jutland. | Apr 2 - 5, 1940 | W 1486/m | 836 | 515 |
| Ic, Taktische Befehle. Tactical orders pertaining to operations in Denmark. | Apr 8 - May 21, 1940 | W 1486/n | 836 | 534 |
| Ic, Besondere Anordnungen, Dänemark, II./2 geh. Kdos. Reports concerning the recruiting of Danes in North Schleswig for the SS and a Führer directive forbidding such action. | Apr 26 - 30, 1940 | W 1486/o | 1464 | 666 |
| Ic, Geheime Feldpolizei. Reports and orders concerning the assignment of secret field police units before the occupation of Denmark. | Apr 2 - 3, 1940 | W 1486/p | 836 | 596 |
| Ia, Akten. Daily reports concerning operations, condition of troops, inspection of units after the seizure of Poland and while performing border security duties in the Ortelsburg area, East Prussia. Also, basic regulations and order of battle charts. On Oct 29, 1939, the Corps was renamed Höheres Kommando z.b.V. XXXI. | Oct 29, 1939 - Mar 8, 1940 | P 2402 | 836 | 604 |
| Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. War journal covering operations and activities along the Meuse River in the Verdun area and the transfer to Bordeaux for coastal defense on Jun 29, 1940. | Jun 3 - Jul 3, 1940 | W 5606/a | 836 | 1297 |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Orders and daily reports covering operations in France. | Jun 3 - Jul 3, 1940 | W 5606/b | 836 | 1343 |
| Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4 [sic], Ia, Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Activity reports of the Operation Branch for the period Jul 7, 1940, to Apr 1, 1941, and daily reports pertaining to coastal defense, security of the demarcation line and rear areas in the Cognac and Biarritz areas, the training of troops, and Operations "Grün" (special training along the coast) and "Attila" (occupation of unoccupied France); order of battle charts; register of officers; a combat ration strength report; and orders, directives, and afteraction critiques | | | | |

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| concerning coastal defense. Also, activity reports of the Intelligence Branch for the period Jul 8, 1940, to Mar 31, 1941, pertaining to the security of the Corps during the transfer from Copenhagen, June 2, 1940, for assignment in the west and the transfer to the Bordeaux, La Rochelle, and Angouleme areas, Jul 1, 1940, control of the demarcation line, counterintelligence activity, morale and attitude of the civilian population, and troop entertainment. The Corps was subordinate to AOK 7. | Jul 4, 1940 - Apr 1, 1941 | 13152/1 | 837 | 1 |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4. Enclosures to war journal containing orders and situation maps. | Jul 4 - Aug 20, 1940 | 13152/2 | 837 | 336 |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4. Security directives, orders, and situation maps relating to the occupation of France. | Aug 31, 1940 - Mar 21, 1941 | 13152/3 | 837 | 426 |
| Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5 [sic], Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte und Ia, Anlagen. Activity reports of the Intelligence Branch concerning counterintelligence, cooperation with the French authorities and the military government, morale and attitude and the supply situation of the civilian population, and troop entertainment. Also, daily reports pertaining to coastal defense, the security of the demarcation line and rear areas, and training in the Biarritz, Royan, Dax, Libourne, Labouheyre areas; register of officers; and a combat and ration strength report. | Apr 1 - Sep 30, 1941 | 13152/8 | 837 | 559 |
| Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Reorganization orders, training instructions, and order of battle. | Apr 23 - Sep 29, 1941 | 13152/9 | 837 | 640 |

[For records of the Höheres Kommando z.b.V. XXXI activities until it was converted to Generalkommando LXXX on May 27, 1942, see Guide No. 62, KTB 6, Item No. 24498/1, Roll No. 1576, Frame 1, Oct 1, 1941 - Sep 30, 1942.]