

I. Armeekorps (I Army Corps)

The I. Armeekorps was formed in 1934 as a Corps and Corps-area headquarters by expansion of the 1. Infanterie-Division of the old Reichswehr in Elbing, Wehrkreis I. During August 1939 the Corps was active in training and preparations for the campaign against Poland in Allenstein and Insterburg, East Prussia. On September 1, 1939, it took part in the invasion of Poland, advanced to Warsaw from the north, and participated in the capture of Warsaw. After the Polish campaign, between October 13 and 29, 1939, it transferred to the Ruhr area (Solingen and Düsseldorf) for maneuvers and preparations for the western campaign. On May 11, 1940, the Corps crossed the border west of Heinsberg into Holland, southwest to Linsmeau, advancing through Ligny, Château-le-Cauroy, Châtres, Dreux, and Chau-Ternay, reaching La Rochelle when hostilities ceased on June 25, 1940. On July 2, 1940, it was transferred to Biarritz for occupation and coastal security duties along the Bay of Biscay and border security on the French-Spanish border. The Corps entrained for Elbing, East Prussia, on September 8, 1940, for reorganization, training, and preparation for the campaign against Russia. On June 22, 1941, the Corps participated in the invasion of Russia from the Tilsit area on the northern front. It advanced through Lithuania and Latvia, captured the city of Riga, advanced east through Latvia to Pskov, to Shimsk on Lake Ilmen, north to Novgorod, to Chudovo on the Volkhov River, and to Lyuban. On October 29, 1941, the I. Armeekorps headquarters remained at Lyuban while operational elements advanced northeast toward Lake Ladoga under "Gruppe

Wolchow," which was part of the I. Armeekorps during this operation. Between October 1941 and September 1943, the Corps was continuously engaged in position defense along the Volkhov and Tigoda Rivers northeast and southeast of Chudovo. During July 1943 it took part in Operation "Fackel" (counterattacks and flanking movements to prevent a Russian breakthrough on the Volkhov River between Chudovo and Novgorod). During early October 1943 the Corps transferred to Pechory near Pskov for reorganization and rehabilitation, later moving to the Nevel area to stop a Russian breakthrough between Nevel and Gorodok, where it was engaged in defensive operations during the fall and winter months of 1943-44. During May 1944, when the Russians broke through German defenses between Gorodok and Vitebsk, the Corps retreated southwest to the Polotsk area and engaged in construction of fortifications and defensive operations until July 1944, at which time it withdrew northwest to Daugavpils (Dünaburg) and Jelgava (Mitau). From August 1 to mid-September 1944, the Corps took part in Operation "Ludendorff" (AOK 16 operation to stop the Russian breakthrough between Jelgava and Riga). During October it withdrew toward the Baltic Sea coast to the Saldus (Frauenburg) area. The Russians broke through to the Baltic Sea in the Palanga area on October 10, 1944, and cut off the escape route of AOK 16 and 18 in Latvia. From October 1944 until the latter part of January 1945, the Corps was engaged in partisan warfare and in the "Kurland" battles between Saldus and Lepaya (Libau).\*

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>1st Frame</u>
Ic, Anlage 2 z. TB, Befehle und Berichte. Reports and orders pertaining to the activities of the Intelligence Branch, including a report on the interrogation of the Commander and Deputy Commander of the Soviet 2d Army, Generals Andrei Vlassov and Peter Feodorovich Alferyev.	Apr 12 - Sep 5, 1942	25128/36	1446	1

\* Most of the records of the I. Armeekorps are described in Guide No. 46.

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Ic, Anlage 5 z. TB, Abwehr, Banden- und Agentenbekämpfung. Reports concerning military security and defense against partisans and enemy agents.	May 17 - Sep 30, 1942	25128/39	1446	64
Ic, Anlage 4 z. TB, Russland, Abwehr - Meldungen über Bandenlage, Banden- und Agentenbekämpfung und Überwachung der Zivilbevölkerung. Reports relating to the partisan situation, combating of partisans and agents, and surveillance of the civilian population.	Oct 1 - Dec 14, 1942	29711/22	1446	147
Ic, Anlage 4b z. KTB, l.l. - 31.12.43. Banden und Agenten, Besondere Vorkommnisse - Funkspiele und Überwachung der Zivilbevölkerung. Reports pertaining to the control of partisans and agents, radio exercises, and surveillance of the civilian population.	Jan 8 - Dec 27, 1943	46472/35	1446	271
Ic, Anlage 1a z. KTB, l.l. - 15.7.44. Feindnachrichtenblätter und Feindlage mit Karten. Intelligence bulletins and reports on the enemy situation, with maps and overlays, and reports on the founding and first meeting of the National Socialist Labor Party of Russia in Drissa.	Jan 10 - Jul 6, 1944	53143/38	1446	733