

This unit was organized on February 20, 1944, as LXXII. Armeekorps z.b.V. from the Stab Befehlshaber Westtaurien, in Nikolayev, in the southern sector of the eastern front. This Staff had been known as Stab Befehlshaber Krim, located at Simferopol, until October 13, 1943, at which time it was redesignated and transferred to Kherson before Russian forces sealed off the northern escape route from the Crimean Peninsula. From February to October 1944 the Corps was engaged in defensive operations, withdrawing from Kherson to Nikolayev and Odessa, across the Prut River

into Rumania, and through Rumania from Galati to Cluj on the Hungarian border. During October 1944, after various divisions and other units had been virtually destroyed, the Corps reorganized and regrouped in the "Margareten-Stellung" south of Budapest as Gruppe LXXII. Armeekorps and later became Generalkommando LXXII. Armeekorps. After reorganization in Cluj, it was forced to withdraw toward Budapest, along the Danube River, and in late December 1944 was located in Nitra, Slovakia.

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2. War journal concerning defensive operations in the Kherson area, east of the Dnieper River, reorganization of Stab Befehlshaber Westtaurien as Generalkommando LXXII. A.K. z.b.V. on Feb 20, 1944, and delaying actions and withdrawal between Feb and Jun 30, 1944, to Nikolayev on the Bug River, Odessa, to Cetatae Alba (Akkerman), Bairamcea, and Fecatei, Rumania. The Corps was subordinate to Rum. AOK 3, AOK 6, and H.Gr. Südukraine, respectively, during this period, under the command of Gen.d.Inf. Sigismund von Förster from Jul 22, 1943, to Sep 25, 1944. /For Item Nos. 41095/1-8, Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1 mit Anlagen, Befehlshaber Westtaurien, see Guide No. 38, pages 117-118 (T-501, Rolls 238 and 239)./	Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1944	54702/1	1562	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Orders and reports, with maps, concerning withdrawal at Kherson and the Bug River, the evacuation of Nikolayev, and the demolition of rail lines.	Jan 1 - Feb 29, 1944	54702/2	1562	287
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Reports concerning the operations of units of the Corps and Rumanian units in the vicinity of Odessa, and orders relating to the defense of Nikolayev.	Mar 1 - 31, 1944	54702/3	1562	692
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Reports and orders relating to operations along the Dniester River. Also, a final report on operations in the Odessa area.	Apr 1 - 30, 1944	54702/4	1562	1061
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Reports and messages concerning defensive operations and construction of antitank positions (Ferdinand-Stellung) north of Bolgrad in				

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Pessarabia and later the withdrawal into Rumania. The Corps was subordinate to H.Gr. Südukraine during this period.	May 1 - Jun 29, 1944	54702/5	1563	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Gefechtsberichte, Odessa. After-action reports in the German and Rumanian languages concerning the battle for Odessa.	Apr 11 - May 20, 1944	54702/6	1563	491
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Daily reports and messages concerning operations.	Mar 30 - Apr 26, 1944	54702/7	1563	588
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Reports, orders, messages, and maps pertaining to operations of the Rum. 21. Inf.Div. in the Odessa area.	Apr 1 - May 30, 1944	54702/8	1563	733
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Tagesmeldungen unterstellter Einheiten. Daily reports and directives of subordinate units concerning land and air operations, losses of men and materiel, artillery activities, and the tactical situation in the Nikolayev area. Also, a report on enemy strength.	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1944	54702/13	1564	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Tagesmeldungen unterstellter Einheiten. Daily reports of subordinate units concerning operations, losses of men and materiel, artillery activities, defense against air attacks, and the tactical situation in the Belgorod Dnestrovskiy, Nikolayevka, Novorassyskaya, and Odessa areas. Also, a report on enemy strength.	Apr 1 - May 28, 1944	54702/14	1564	399
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Tagesmeldungen an vorgesetzte Dienststellen. Daily reports to AOK 6 and the Rum. AOK 3 covering operations and activities.	Jan 1 - May 28, 1944	54702/15	1564	631
Ia, Ia/Mess., Ia/Stogas., Ic, IIa/b, Tätigkeitsberichte als Anlagen z. KTB 2. Activity reports of the Operations, Map and Survey, Chemical Warfare, Intelligence, and Personnel Officers during withdrawal in the Dnieper, Bug, and Dniester River areas.	Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1944	54703	1564	943
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. War journal concerning defensive operations and the withdrawal from Frecatei to Galati, Brasov, Cluj, reorganization in Cluj, regrouping in the "Margareten-Stellung" south of Budapest, and the retreat to Nitra, Slovakia. On Oct 6, 1944, the 15. and 76. Inf.Div. were activated from personnel of destroyed units, when various corps and divisions were virtually destroyed and inactivated in Hungary. The Corps was subordinate to H.Gr.				

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Südukraine, Rum. AOK 3, AOK 6, A.-Abt. Fretter-Fico, LVII. Pz.K., and A.Gr. Balck at various times during this period, under the command of Gen.Lt. August Schmidt from Sep 21, 1944, to Jan 22, 1945.	Jul 1 - Dec 31, 1944	65932/1	1565	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Orders and reports concerning operations during the withdrawal into Rumania and Hungary, and the reorganization of various corps and divisions after heavy losses of personnel and equipment during Oct 1944.	Jul 1 - Oct 6, 1944	65932/2-4	1565	308
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Messages and reports on withdrawal operations in western Rumania and Hungary.	Oct 7 - 15, 1944	65932/5	1566	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Reports and messages concerning defensive operations along the Tisza River near Szolnok, Hungary.	Oct 16 - 31, 1944	65932/6	1566	350
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Reports concerning withdrawal along the Danube River in Hungary.	Nov 1 - 30, 1944	65932/7	1566	766
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Reports and messages concerning operations in the vicinity of Budapest.	Dec 1 - 15, 1944	65932/8	1567	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Reports and messages concerning the last phase of the operations in Hungary and Slovakia.	Dec 15 - 31, 1944	65932/9	1567	402
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Daily reports from subordinate units and to higher echelons concerning withdrawal from Transylvania and Rumania through Hungary into Slovakia.	Sep 1 - Dec 30, 1944	65932/10	1567	878
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3; Ia/Mess., Ic, IIa/b, Tätigkeitsberichte. Reports, charts, and overlays concerning enemy operations, probable order of battle of Russian units, and tactical disposition during withdrawal from Rumania through Hungary into Slovakia. Activity reports of the Intelligence Branch for the period Sep 1 to Dec 31, 1944, for the Map and Survey Officer and the Personnel Branch for Aug 1 to Dec 31, 1944, with lists of officers' duty assignments.	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 1944	65933	1567	1321