

LXXXVI. Armeekorps (LXXXVI Army Corps)

The Generalkommando LXXXVI. Armeekorps was activated on November 13, 1942, and stationed in southwest France in an area bounded on the west by the Bay of Biscay and on the south by the Pyrenees Mountains. It was transferred to the Normandy

front on June 15, 1944, and took part in the withdrawal from France. The Corps was in the northern sector of the western front in January 1945.

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1 mit Anlagen 1-18 u. Karten; Ia/Stopi., IIa/b, Tätigkeitsberichte. War journal concerning the activation of the Corps by AOK 1 and its command function and defense of the area along the Bay of Biscay, from Biarritz to Bordeaux, and north of the Spanish border; a table of organization of the Corps' units; orders concerning coastal and border defense and security and the activation of Corps headquarters; a list of documents retired to the Heeresarchiv Potsdam; and maps showing the tactical disposition of subordinate units. Also, activity reports of the Engineer Staff Officer for the period Dec 1 to 31, 1942, relating to the construction of the Atlantic Wall; and of the Personnel Branch for the period Nov 11, 1942 to Jan 15, 1943, with a register of officers. The Corps was commanded by Gen.d.Inf. Bruno Bieler, Nov 16, 1942 - Apr 1, 1943.	Nov 11, 1942 - Jan 15, 1943	28166/1	1606	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht 1 mit Anlagen. Activity report pertaining to the setting up of the Intelligence Branch, enemy air activity, landing attempts, and acts of sabotage and espionage, and surveillance of the Spanish border. Also, orders relating to security measures, and reports concerning the functional organization of an intelligence section.	Nov 28 - Dec 31, 1942	28166/2	1606	92
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2. War journal concerning operations, coastal and highway security, training, a map exercise (defense against a major enemy landing in the Bayonne and Arcachon areas), and a command post exercise relating to command functions.	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1943	32230/1	1606	127
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Karten. Orders outlining defense sectors, reports on patrol duty along the coastline of the Bay of Biscay, training in mountain warfare, and defense of the sector bordering on the Pyrenees Mountains. Also, maps showing the location of strongpoints and the tactical disposition of the Corps' units.	Jan 1 - Mar 25, 1943	32230/2	1606	164
Ia/D, Ia/Stopi., Stogas., Ic, IIa/b, Tätigkeitsberichte als Anlagen z. KTB 2. Activity report of the Operations Branch relating to the security of the				

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French-Spanish border; activity report of the Intelligence Branch for the period Jan 1 to Mar 31, 1943, concerning enemy air activity, acts of sabotage and espionage, and intelligence operations and training; reports and orders pertaining to counter-intelligence, evaluation of the Dieppe raid and the Pétain government, indoctrination material, intelligence reporting channels and operations, cooperation between Army and Air Force, morale and attitude of the civilian population, naval signal communication; enemy data pertaining to an AOK 1 map exercise on Feb 9, 1943, security of troops, Communist sedition in the Army, and punitive measures. Also, activity reports of the Engineer Staff and Chemical Warfare Officers for the period Jan 1 to Mar 31, 1943, and of the Personnel Branch for Jan 16 to May 31, 1943.	Jan 1 - May 31, 1943	32230/3	1606	247
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. War journal concerning operations, training, reorganization, coastal defense, security of rear areas, and enemy air activity. The Corps was commanded by Gen.d.Pi. Erwin Jaenecke, Apr 1 - Jun 3, 1943, Gen.Lt. Anton Freiherr von Mauchenheim gen. Bechtolsheim, Jun 3 - Jul 1, 1943, and Gen.d.Pz.Tr. Gustav Fehn, Jul 1 - Aug 20, 1943.	Apr 1 - Jul 31, 1943	34741/1	1606	392
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Reports, orders, maps, and overlays pertaining to training, construction of fortifications, employment of French civilians and prisoners as auxiliary workers, coastal defense, maneuvers on Jun 17 and 18, 1943, airborne landing exercise on Jul 7, 1943, activation of Kampfkommandanten and a mountain infantry company, including a table of organization and the tactical disposition of units in the Arcachon, Dax, Bayonne, Bordeaux, and Fau areas.	Apr 1 - Jul 31, 1943	34741/2	1606	455
Ia/D., Ia/Stopi., Stogas., Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte als Anlagen z. KTB 3. Activity report of the Operations Branch for the period Jun 1 to Jul 31, 1943, relating to the construction of fortified positions along the French-Spanish border, training, and the stockpiling of supplies; activity reports of the Intelligence Branch for the period Apr 1 to Jul 31, 1943, pertaining to enemy air activity, acts of sabotage and espionage, large forest fires, and counterintelligence; and reports and directives concerning the morale and attitude of the civilian population, the handling of security matters, intelligence reporting channels during a major enemy attack, enemy propaganda, and the activities of the French resistance movement and German counteraction. Also, activity reports of the Engineer Staff Officer for the period Apr 1 to Jun 30, 1943, the Chemical Warfare Officer for Apr 1 to Jul 31, 1943, and the Personnel Branch for Jan 16 to Jul 31, 1943.	Jan 16 - Jul 31, 1943	34741/3	1606	635

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4. War journal concerning activities of the Corps, coastal defense, security of harbors, defense against airborne landings, construction program, and training in the Bordeaux, Arcachon, Bayonne, and Biarritz areas, and Operation "Nürnberg" (security of the Pyrenees front). The Corps was commanded by Gen.d.Inf. Hans von Obstfelder, Aug 20, 1943 - Dec 1, 1944.	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 1943	42538/1	1607	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4, Planspiel, Lage Blau am 4.4.1944. Study prepared on the assumption of a major Anglo-American invasion on the Channel coast in April 1944, simultaneous advance of enemy forces from the Mediterranean coast and through Spain and countermeasures taken. Reports, orders, and maps concerning training, transfer, assignment, and tactical disposition of the Corps' units in the Arcachon, Bayonne, Angoulême, Bordeaux, Dax, and Libourne areas.	Aug 2 - Dec 31, 1943	42538/2	1607	94
Ia, Ia/Stopi., Stopak., Stogas, Ic, IIa/b, Tätigkeitsberichte als Anlagen z. KTB 4. Activity report of the Operations Branch for the period Aug 1 to Dec 31, 1943, concerning border security and control. Activity reports of the Engineer Staff Officer for the period Jul 1 - Dec 31, 1943; the Antitank Staff Officer for the period Oct 18 - Dec 31, 1943; the Chemical Warfare Officer, the Intelligence Branch, and the Personnel Branch for the period Aug 1 - Dec 31, 1943. Also, monthly intelligence reports for the period Jul 1 to Oct 31, 1943, pertaining to enemy air activity, acts of sabotage, rumors, and propaganda; morale and attitude of the civilian population; food situation; cooperation with French administrative offices; and the number of monthly court-martial convictions.	Jul 1 - Dec 31, 1943	42538/3	1607	336
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5. War journal concerning operations, coastal defense, construction of fortifications, and the transfer of the Corps to the Normandy front on Jun 15, 1944. The Corps was commanded by Gen.d.Inf. Erich Straube from Dec 16, 1944.	Jan 1 - Jun 15, 1944	53269/1	1607	408
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Reports, orders, directives, sketches, order of battle charts, and maps pertaining to training, coastal and air defense, railroad security, construction of fortifications, relief, replacement, and tactical disposition of the Corps' units in the Bayonne, Biarritz, Mont-de-Marsan, and Bordeaux areas. Also, reports and orders concerning defense plans and tactics in case of an invasion, inspection of fortifications, command and signal communication exercises, and Hitler's proclamation to the military at the start of the Normandy invasion.	Jan 1 - Jun 15, 1944	53269/2	1607	497

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Ia/D., Ia/Stopi., Stopak., Stogas., Ic, IIa/b, Tätigkeitsberichte als Anlagen z. KTB 5. Activity reports of the Operations Branch concerning the construction of fortifications in and the defense of the Pyrenees Mountains sector, training, and stockpiling of supplies, weapons, and ammunition; and reports on border security and command inspection trips; activity report of the Intelligence Branch pertaining to enemy air activity and acts of sabotage; counterintelligence, action against terrorists, transfer of the Corps' intelligence staff on Jan 15, 1944, to Le Mans and Bernay, and enemy operations and patrol activity for the period Jun 18 to 30, 1944, evaluation of the enemy military situation on Jun 27, 1944, directives relating to the interrogation and treatment of prisoners of war, and an overlay showing the tactical disposition of enemy forces in the Benouville and Escoville areas on Jun 27 and 28, 1944. Also, activity reports of the Engineer and Anti-tank Staff Officers for the period Jan 1 to Jun 15, 1944, and of the Chemical Warfare Officer and the Personnel Branch.	Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1944	53269/3	1607	769