

The 12. Infanterie-Division (1. Welle) was formed in 1935-36 during the expansion of the Army after the introduction of universal military service. In September 1939 the division participated in the campaign in Poland. It was transferred to the Rhineland in October 1939 and took part in the campaign in Belgium and northern France in May and June 1940. The division was transferred to the Bay of Biscay area in June 1940, to the English Channel area in July 1940, to Belgium in February 1941, and to East Prussia in May 1941.

In June 1941 it was in the northern sector of the eastern front. In late February 1943 the division transferred to the central sector where it was destroyed in July 1944 in the Mogilev area. It was reformed in Wehrkreis XX, arrived in the Solingen area on September 15, and participated in position defense in the Düren and Eschweiler areas from September until mid-December 1944. On October 1, 1944, the division was redesignated the 12. Volksgrenadier-Division and fought in the Ardennes counteroffensive in December 1944, suffering heavy losses.\*

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1. War journal concerning activities of the division in the Rhineland. The division was subordinate to the II. A.K. <u>/Kriegstagebuch 1 for the period Dec 19, 1939 to May 9, 1940 was destroyed by fire./</u>	Oct 14 - Dec 18, 1939	W 5964	605	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2. War journal concerning the operations of the division as it crossed the Belgian border, May 11, 1940, advancing via La Roche, Rochefort, Trélon, and Cambrai to Neufchâtel, and transfer to the Loire River area at the end of the French campaign. The division commander was Gen.Maj. v. Seydlitz-Kurzbach.	May 9 - Jun 23, 1940	W 5964b	605	25
Ia, Operationsakte z. KTB 1, Band I-II. Orders, reports, and maps.	Nov 9, 1939 - May 10, 1940	W 5964e,h	605	77
Ia, Ic, Sonderanlage z. Operationsakte z. KTB 1, Band III. Operations and intelligence reports.	Mar 14 - May 9, 1940	W 5964i	605	923
Ia, Operationsakte z. KTB 2, Bände IVA-B, V 1-2, VI 1-2. Messages, orders, reports, and maps.	May 12 - Jun 20, 1940	W 5964k/1-2-605- m/1-2 607		1021, 1
Ia, Operationsakte z. KTB 3, Band VII. Messages, orders, and intelligence reports.	Jun 21 - Jul 22, 1940	W 5964n	607	391
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. War journal concerning the transfer of the division to the Bay of Biscay area in Jun 1940 and to the La Manche area in the latter part of Jul 1940 to participate in Operation "Seelöwe" (a planned invasion of Great				

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Britain). On Sep 4, 1940, the division became subordinate to the V. A.K., and was transferred to central Belgium in Feb 1941.	Jun 23, 1940 - Mar 31, 1941	8524/1	607	777
Ia, Anlagenheft z. KTB 3. Orders, maps, reports, and directives.	Jul 1 - Oct 3, 1940	8524/2	608	1
Ia, Anlagenheft z. KTB 3. Orders, reports, and maps.	Oct 12, 1940 - Mar 27, 1941	8524/3	608	313
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht.	Jun 23, 1940 - Mar 31, 1941	8524/4	608	503
Ia, Anlagenheft z. KTB 4. Reports, orders, and overlays concerning the division's training activities in Belgium, change of subordination to XXIII. A.K. in Apr 1941 and its transfer to East Prussia in May 1941.	Mar 14 - May 31, 1941	10590/2	608	515
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht.	Apr 1 - May 31, 1941	10590/3	608	652
Ia, Sonderanlagen z. KTB. Reports, directives, orders, memoranda, maps, and overlays.	May 8 - Jun 19, 1941	13714/22	608	661
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4. War journal concerning the activities of the division during the preparations for the invasion of Russia; the crossing of the border into Lithuania at Eydthuhnen; and its advance via Kaunas, Polotsk, Nevel, and Velikiye Luki to Demyansk. The division was subordinate to the II. A.K. under the command of Gen.Maj. v. Seydlitz-Kurzbach.	May 26 - Dec 15, 1941	13906/1	608	810
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht.	Jun 1 - Dec 15, 1941	13906/6	608	1063
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Band I, Ausgehende Meldungen.	Dec 15, 1941 - Dec 10, 1942	31727/1- 31727/8	608- 610	1125, 305
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Band I, Eingehende Meldungen.	Dec 15, 1941 - Dec 10, 1942	31727/9- 31727/18	610- 612	613, 1268
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5, Band I. War journal concerning the operations of the division in the Kornevo, Bely, Kulotino, Bor, Krutiki, Demyansk, Bereznik, Krivkina, and				

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Zabolotye areas when its commanders were successively Oberst Hernekamp (Jan - Mar 10, 1942); Generalmajor Freiherr v. Lützow (Mar 10 - Jul 15, and Sep 27 - Dec 31, 1942); Oberst Lorenz (Jul 15 - 21, 1942); and Generalmajor Röhricht (Jul 21 - Sep 27, 1942).	Dec 16, 1941 - Dec 31, 1942	32150/1	613	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5, Band II. War journal, Jan 1 - Feb 28, 1943, concerning the operations of the division in the Zabolotye, Bely, Kulotino, Pokrovka, Bereznik, Kornevo, Polya, Antanovo, Ustriki, and Retle areas and the division's take over of Gruppe Löwrick's sector in the Loknya and Osinovka areas in the latter part of Feb 1943. Also, casualty reports for the period Dec 16, 1941 to Apr 30, 1943, and a register of officers.	Dec 16, 1941 - Apr 30, 1943	32150/2	613	653
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Band II, Eingehende Meldungen.	Dec 11, 1942 - Feb 28, 1943	32150/3-4	613	774
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Band II, Ausgehende Meldungen.	Dec 11, 1942 - Feb 28, 1943	32150/5-6	614	1
Ia, Sonderanlage z. KTB 5, Band II, Unternehmen "Ziethen". Reports, orders, maps, and overlays pertaining to "Unternehmen Ziethen" (withdrawal of the II. A.K. and its elements from the Demyansk area).	Feb 4 - 21, 1943	32150/7	614	415
Ia, Sonderanlagen z. KTB 5, Band II, Entrümpelungsaktion. Reports and directives concerning the standardization of procedures, including the simplification of the administrative and supply apparatus.	Feb 2 - 14, 1943	32150/8	614	681
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht.	Dec 16, 1941 - Feb 28, 1943	32150/10	614	785
Ic, Anlage I z. TB, Gefangenenvernehmungen. Daily intelligence reports, interrogation summaries on Russian agents, deserters, and prisoners of war; and intercepted enemy radio messages.	Dec 16, 1941 - Mar 22, 1942	32150/11	2322	1
Ic, Anlage II z. TB, Gefangenenvernehmungen. Interrogation summaries on Russian agents, deserters, and prisoners of war; enemy casualty reports; intercepted radio messages; and information on Russian APO numbers.	Dec 31, 1941 - Feb 21, 1943	32150/12	2322	221

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6. War journal concerning operations in the Legot, Osipovo Selo, Klin, Gorki, Pogorelki, Borki, Sharki, Ignatovo, and Opoki areas.	Mar 1 - Jun 30, 1943	35220/1	614	794
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 6, Eingehende Meldungen.	Mar 1 - Jun 30, 1943	35220/2-3	614	960
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 6, Ausgehende Meldungen.	Mar 1 - Jun 30, 1943	35220/4	615	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht.	Mar 1 - Jun 30, 1943	35220/6	615	275
Ic, Anlage 1 z. TB, Feindlage. Interrogation summaries on Russian deserters and prisoners of war and reports on enemy units.	Mar 1 - Jun 29, 1943	35220/7	2322	662
Ic, Anlage 2 z. TB, Tagesmeldungen.	Mar 31 - Jun 30, 1943	35220/8	615	289
Ic, Anlage 3 z. TB, Propaganda und Truppenbetreuung.	May 1 - Jun 30, 1943	35220/9	615	363
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Orders, messages, and reports.	Jul 27 - Oct 3, 1939	77056/1	615	421
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Orders, directives, and reports.	Sep 26 - Dec 31, 1940	77056/2	615	571
Ia, Erfahrungen im Westen. Afteraction critique on the western campaign.	Nov 20, 1940 - May 21, 1941	77056/18	615	645
Ia, Erfahrungen Südost. Afteraction critiques on the Balkan campaign, Apr 4 - 18, 1941, and the Russian campaign, Jun 22 - Dec 15, 1941. Also, orders and directives relating to combat operations and tactics.	May 28, 1941 - Jul 31, 1943	77056/19	615	746
Ia, Anlage z. KTB. Reports, orders, and directives.	Jan 1 - 20, 1941	77056/20	615	1008
Ia, Anlage z. KTB. Orders, directives, and messages.	Jan 8 - Feb 13, 1941	77056/21	615	1250
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Messages, reports, orders, and directives.	Oct 7, 1940 - Mar 4, 1941	77056/22	616	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Orders, directives, messages, and reports.	Feb 26 - Apr 16, 1941	77056/23-24	616	291

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Orders, directives, messages, and reports.	Apr 7 - May 23, 1941	77056/25-26	616	932
Ia, Anlage z. KTB, Allgemeines.	Jan 3 - Dec 30, 1941	77056/27	617	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Reports, orders, directives, and messages.	Feb 7 - Apr 25, 1940	77056/28- 77056/33	617- 618	307, 273
Ia, Schriftwechsel (Barbarossa). Orders, reports, directives, and maps concerning preparations for Operation "Barbarossa" (Russian campaign).	May 20 - Jun 19, 1941	77056/34	618	761
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4; IIa, Tätigkeitsbericht. <u>The war journal is an identical copy of item 13906/1.</u> Also, an activity report of the Personnel Branch, (5 frames).	May 26 - Dec 15, 1941	77056/35	618	961
Ia, Studie "Barbarossa". Directives, orders, charts, and maps on preparations for Operation "Barbarossa."	May 29 - Jun 5, 1941	77056/36	618	1217
Ia, Anlage z. KTB. Orders, directives, messages, and charts.	Jun 6 - Nov 20, 1941	77056/37	618	1347
Ia, Anlage z. KTB, Akte Barbarossa. Orders, reports, lists of identification signs and symbols, and supply matters concerning preparations for Operation "Barbarossa."	Jun 10 - Jul 2, 1941	77056/38	619	1
Ia, Anlage z. KTB, Hinweise für Luftlandeeinsatz. Directives concerning airborne landing operations.	Jun 10, 1941	77056/39	619	97
Ia, Anlage z. KTB, Taktische Befehle, A, B, u. Nr. 1-47.	Jun 19 - Aug 7, 1941	77056/40	619	243
Ia, Anlage z. KTB, Taktische Befehle. <u>This document is an identical copy of item 77056/40.</u>	Jun 19 - Aug 7, 1941	77056/41	619	399
Ia, Anlage z. KTB, Taktische Befehle, Nr. 48-89.	Aug 13, 1941 - Dec 14, 1942	77056/42	619	555
Ia, Anlage z. KTB, Taktische Befehle. <u>This document is an identical copy of item 77056/42.</u>	Aug 13, 1941 - Dec 14, 1942	77056/43	619	711

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Ia, Anlage z. KTB, Taktische Befehle, Nr. 1-70. <u>[This document is a partial copy of items 77056/40 and 77056/42.]</u>	Jun 23 - Dec 16, 1941	77056/44	619	864
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Minen.	Aug 8 - Dec 30, 1941	77056/45	619	1068
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Winterkrieg. Reports, instructional pamphlets, directives, and charts concerning winter warfare.	Sep 29, 1941 - Apr 12, 1942	77056/46	619	1160
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Orders, directives, messages, and reports.	Jan 2 - Dec 30, 1942	77056/47-48	620	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Reports and instructions.	Mar 6 - Dec 21, 1942	77056/49	620	456
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Taktische Befehle.	Jan 8 - Oct 13, 1942	77056/50	620	654
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Auffrischung und Umgliederung. Orders, reports, charts, and messages concerning the reorganization and refitting of the division.	Mar 21 - Oct 31, 1942	77056/51	620	707
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Umgliederung.	Nov 1 - Dec 31, 1942	77056/52	620	986
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Angriffsunternehmen "Rwenizy". Orders, directives, maps, and overlays pertaining to Operation "Rwenizy" (offensive action to gain the high ground around Rvenitsy) and other assault troop operations in the Vragovo and Bely areas.	Jun 19 - Sep 12, 1942	77056/53	620	1136
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Transporte. Notification of arrival of troop transports.	Sep 14 - Dec 29, 1942	77056/54	620	1182
Ia/Stopi., Anlagen z. KTB, Pionierangelegenheiten.	Oct 17 - Dec 31, 1942	77056/55	620	1209
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Vorschriftenüberweisung. Orders, messages, reports, and directives.	Jul 30 - Dec 7, 1940	77056/69	621	1
Ia, Ic, Presse und Propaganda. Correspondence relating to propaganda, procuring of literature, and troop ideological indoctrination and entertainment.	Jan 12, 1939 - Feb 23, 1940	77056/85	2322	855
Ic, Anlagen z. TB. Pamphlets, orders, directives, and propaganda material.	Mar 4 - Jul 22, 1940	77056/86	621	234

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Ic, Anlagen z. TB. Reports, pamphlets, propaganda material, orders, and directives.	Jul 14 - Aug 30, 1940	77056/87	621	742
Ic, Anlagen z. TB. Orders, directives, pamphlets, and reports.	Sep 6 - Oct 11, 1940	77056/88	621	983
Ic, Anlagen z. TB. Propaganda material, pamphlets, reports, and orders.	Oct 19 - Nov 30, 1940	77056/89	621- 622	1289, 1
Ia, Gefechtsberichte Kriegsschauplatz Osten. Reports pertaining to the Polish campaign, Sep 1 - 29, 1939.	Oct 28 - Nov 8, 1939	77056/90	622	231
Ic, Presseberichte über Feldzug in Polen u. Westfeldzug. Reports released to the press.	Sep 1, 1939 - Jun 18, 1940	77056/91	622	325
Ia, Ic, IIa, Befehle im Westen. Orders relating to operational, personnel, and intelligence matters.	Oct 16, 1939 - Oct 7, 1940	77056/92- 77056/96	622- 623	491, 633
Ia, Ic/A.O., Sammelakte I u. II, Abwehr. Miscellaneous reports and instructions relating to counterintelligence and military security within the German Armed Forces and the occupied areas, defense against enemy propaganda, administrative procedures in occupied areas, treatment of foreign nationals, and other routine security measures during time of war; and a copy of the armistice agreement between Germany and France.	Aug 31, 1939 - Aug 30, 1940	77056/97	2323	1
Ia, Ic, Sammelakte III. Orders, reports, directives, messages.	Sep 5, 1940 - Jan 9, 1941	77056/98	623	943
Ic, Presse und Propaganda im Westen.	Oct 25, 1939 - Jan 11, 1940	77056/99	624	1
Ic, Feindlageberichte. Mimeographed reports relating to the military potential of Allied and various other European countries. Also, reports on Allied air raids over Germany and German-occupied areas.	Sep 16, 1940 - Apr 22, 1941	77056/100	2323	609
Ia, Ic, Ib, Operationsakte IX u. X. Orders, directives, messages, and reports.	Nov 15, 1940 - Jun 18, 1941	77056/101- 77056/102	624	210
Ia, Ic, IIa/b, Operationsakte XII. Reports, orders, directives, and messages.	Aug 5 - 25, 1941	77056/103	624	1009

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Ia, Ic, Operationsakte XIII. Reports, orders, and overlays.	Sep 1 - Oct 5, 1941	77056/104	624	1052
Ia, Ic, IIa/b, Operationsakte XIV. Orders, directives, reports, messages, and maps.	Sep 10 - Nov 18, 1941	77056/105	624	1251
Ia, Ic, Operationsakte XV. Orders and instructions relating to antipartisan warfare and security measures in occupied areas of Russia. Also, afteraction critiques and interrogation summaries on Russian agents and prisoners of war.	Nov 17 - Dec 15, 1941	77056/106	2323	848
Ic, Operationsakte XVI. Interrogation summaries on Russian agents, deserters, and prisoners of war; translated captured documents, instructions for control of the civilian population, and information on the effect of German air raids over Russian territory. Also, reports with maps relating to antipartisan warfare and information on enemy units.	Dec 11, 1941 - Feb 17, 1942	77056/107	2323	1099
Ic, Lageberichte, Vertrauliche Informationen. Reports concerning the military and political situation on all fronts.	Feb 24 - May 19, 1941	77056/108	625	1
Ic, Feindnachrichten.	Mar 11 - Sep 7, 1941	77056/109	625	177
Ic, Meldungen I u. II.	Jun 24 - Dec 15, 1941	77056/110- 77056/111	625	190
Ic, Ib, Besondere Anordnungen für die Versorgung und für die rückwärtigen Dienste u. Ic Sicherung der Truppen gegen Partisanen und Sabotage. Special directives concerning supply and rear services and orders relating to the securing of troops against sabotage and partisan activity.	Nov 14, 1940 - Dec 9, 1941	77758	626	1