

This division (2. Welle) was activated from reservists in Wehrkreis III in the summer of 1939 and participated in the Polish campaign as an army reserve unit until September 9, when it advanced across the Vistula River to the Krasnik area. After the Polish campaign, the division was transferred to the Przemysl and Jaroslaw area for border security and training. On June 22, 1941, it invaded Russia near Jaroslaw and advanced via Yavorov, Zolochov, Staro-Konstantinov, Boguslav, Zolotonosha, Krasnograd, and Merefa to Kharkov by October 1941. The division was then entrusted with the occupation and defense of this city and its perimeter until December 1941, when it was transferred to the Slavyansk-Kramatorsk area for defensive action there and in the Izyum area until July 1942. At this time the

division moved to the Voronezh area for defensive operations. In February 1943 the division participated in defensive action during withdrawal to Sumy via Stary Oskol, Tim, and Oboyan and defended the area southwest of Sumy. Although there are no records of the division available dated later than June 30, 1943, the situation maps of Heeresgruppen Süd and Südukraine show that it defended the Sumy and Romny areas until September 1943, the Kiev area along the Dnieper River in October and November 1943, then withdrew across the Ukraine and Poland via Zhitomir, Kamenets Podolski, Kolomyya, Lvov, Rzeszow, and Sosnowiec to Silesia from December 1943 to January 1945.

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Ia, Führung I, Befehle und Berichte. Corps and division orders and messages concerning the assembly of the division in the Oppeln-Neisse area in the latter part of August 1939, the invasion of Poland, when the division followed the 27. Inf.Div. as an army reserve unit, and participated in offensives from Miechow near Crakow via Jedrezor, across the Vistula River to the Mielec area. The division was subordinate to the VII. A.K., under the command of Obst. Georg Braun.	Aug 28 - Sep 15, 1939	P 59*	1038	1
Ia, Führung II, Befehle und Berichte. Corps and division orders and daily reports and messages concerning offensives in the Nisko and Krasnik areas, withdrawal behind the demarcation line in Poland and to the Opatow area for rehabilitation.	Sep 16 - 30, 1939	P 59/1	1038	122
Ia, Kriegstagebuch. Assembly of the division in the Oppeln area in preparation for the invasion of Poland and its advance to the Zawiercie area as an army reserve unit.	Aug 25 - Sep 3, 1939	P 1396	1038	342
Ia, Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Orders, reports, maps and overlays pertaining to the division's training, border security, traffic control, transfer of personnel and units, disciplinary action, control and use of the Zollgrenzschutz in the Przemysl and Jaroslaw area, and Operation "Berta" (planned				

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defensive action along the San River in case of a Russian attack). Activity reports of the Intelligence Branch concerning enemy military operations; counterintelligence, and troop entertainment, and registers of officers. The division was subordinate to Höh.Kdo. z.b.V. XXXIV and Festungsstab Tatra, under the command of Gen.Maj. Georg Braun.	Aug 11, 1940 - May 14, 1941	11986	1038	369
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. Preparations for Operations "Barbarossa" (invasion of Russia) and "Berta" (defense in case of a Russian attack); assembly in the Jaroslaw area; crossing of the San River on Jun 22, offensives via Yavorov, Zolochov, Staro-Konstantinov, Boguslav, Zolotonosha, and Poltava to Krasnograd; and operations in September in the Krasnograd area. The division was subordinate to the XLIX. Geb.K., Höh.Kdo. z.b.V. XXXIV, the IV. and XLIV. A.K., Gruppe von Schwedler, AOK 17, and the LII. A.K. at various times during this period, under the command of Gen.Maj. Georg Braun, who was killed in action on Nov 14, 1941.	May 20 - Oct 4, 1941	16009/1	1039	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4. Offensives in the Krasnograd-Merefa area, the capture of Kharkov in October, occupation and securing of Kharkov in November, and march to the assembly area in the Merefa-Lozovaya sector south of Kharkov from Dec 3 to 15, 1941. The division was subordinate to the LII., XI., and LV. A.K. and AOK 17, successively, under the command of Gen.Maj. Robert Meissner, Nov 16, 1940 - Jan 24, 1943.	Oct 5 - Dec 12, 1941	16009/2	1039	98
Ia, Anlagenband I z. KTB 3. Operations report on moving to the Merefa-Lozovaya assembly area with a map showing position; orders for advance, preparatory measures for attack, air cover for operations, the handling of prisoners of war, and increased reconnaissance activity; and afteraction reports.	May 22 - Jul 12, 1941	16009/3	1039	158
Ia, Anlagenband II z. KTB 3. Corps orders, operations and evaluation reports, directives, messages, a report on the withdrawal of the enemy, and maps.	Jul 13 - Aug 5, 1941	16009/4	1039	431
Ia, Anlagenband III z. KTB 3 u. 4. Report on the tactical situation and the advance into Russia, corps and division orders, teletype messages, daily reports, maps, and a report on the withdrawal of the enemy from Kharkov.	Sep 24 - Oct 28, 1941	16009/5	1039	601
Ia, Anlagenband IV z. KTB 4. Corps orders for mopping-up operations and the conduct of troops in the city of Kharkov; special regulations for the				

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occupation of the city, directives on control of the civilian population, traffic regulations, a report on the health and general welfare of the division, a map showing location of billets, order of battle charts, daily orders, and messages.	Oct 29 - Dec 13, 1941	16009/6	1039	924
Ia, Kriegstagebücher 5 u. 6. March movements from Lozovaya to the Slavyansk-Kramatorsk area and operations in the Slavyansk, Kramatorsk, and Izyum areas. A roster of officers' duty assignments and strength and casualty reports. The division was subordinate to the LII. and XLIV. A.K.	Dec 13, 1941 - Apr 30, 1942	22613/1-2	1040	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Daily operations reports, orders, directives, orders of battle charts, messages, and maps and overlays.	Dec 13, 1941 - Jan 17, 1942	22613/3	1040	167
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Daily operations reports, orders, messages, and situation maps.	Jan 17 - Feb 28, 1942	22613/4	1040	389
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Orders, directives, messages, and overlays.	Jan 29 - Feb 7, 1942	22613/5	1040	561
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Operations reports, orders, messages, and order of battle charts.	Feb 8 - 28, 1942	22613/6	1040	858
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5. Operations reports, corps orders, afteraction reports, messages, and order of battle charts.	Mar 1 - 20, 1942	22613/7	1040	1169
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 6. Daily operations reports, reorganization orders, afteraction reports, messages, and order of battle charts.	Mar 21 - Apr 14, 1942	22613/8	1041	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 6. Daily operations reports, afteraction reports, messages, order of battle charts, and maps.	Apr 15 - May 10, 1942	22613/9	1041	277
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Stellung- und Minenpläne.	Feb - May 1942	22613/10	1041	441
Ia, Sonderanlage z. KTB 5. Activity reports of the III. Batl./Art.Reg. 168, Jan 1 - Mar 10, 1942, and Kampfgruppe Ewringmann, Jan 16 - Feb 3, 1942. Orders relating to division reorganization and rehabilitation; correspondence and orders of Gruppe West/68. Inf.Div.; status, afteraction, strength, and casualty				

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reports and maps showing the tactical disposition of the division in the area south of Kharkov, Jan 12, 1942, and enemy forces in the Lozovaya area, Mar 2, 1942.	Jan 1 - Mar 15, 1942	22613/11	1041	475
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Activity and daily intelligence reports, order of battle charts, and maps pertaining to enemy operations, unit identification, and periodic tactical disposition in the Izyum, Slavyansk, and Kramatorsk areas; counterintelligence activity, and troop entertainment.	Dec 13, 1941 - Apr 30, 1942	22613/12- 22613/13	1041	608
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 7. Operations in the Kramatorsk, Slavyansk, and Izyum areas, and the division's transfer in July to the Voronezh area for defensive engagements until the latter part of September. The division was subordinate to the XLIV. and XI. A.K., Pz.AOK 1, H.Gr. A, and the XIII. A.K., successively.	May 1 - Sep 30, 1942	23789/1	1041	961
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 7. Daily reports, orders, directives, order of battle charts, table of organization, afteraction reports, messages, and maps.	May 1 - 25, 1942	23789/2	1042	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 7. Daily reports, orders, directives, messages, afteraction reports, and situation maps.	May 25 - Jun 22, 1942	23789/3	1042	351
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 7. Directives, corps orders, daily reports, messages, and situation maps; reports on the transfer of the division to a new position, and construction of fortifications.	Jun 22 - Jul 31, 1942	23789/4	1042	693
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 7. Reports, messages, order of battle charts, and situation maps.	Aug 1 - 17, 1942	23789/5	1042	1008
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Enemy operations, unit identification, losses of men, partisan warfare, and tactical disposition; counterintelligence, troop entertainment, and a report concerning the relief of the division by the 4th Rumanian Division in the Semenovka sector along the Donets River in May. Interrogation summaries, intelligence bulletins, and overlays.	May 1 - Sep 30, 1942	23789/7	1042	1221
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 7, Berichte über Versorgungsstützpunkt Charkow, 1. Dez. 41 - 1. Mai 42, den Einsatz der Restteile der 68. Inf.Div. zur Verteidigung von Charkow, 1. Jan - 30. März 42 und Einheit Broll zur Randverteidigung von Charkow, 3. März - 9. Mai 42.	Dec 1, 1941 - May 9, 1942	23789/8	1043	1

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Reports, orders, directives, and messages concerning reorganization of units, withdrawal from positions, antipartisan warfare in rear areas, and danger from partisans, including order of battle charts, table of organization, and maps.	Feb 19 - Mar 31, 1943	32041/1	1043	39
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Enemy operations, unit identification, and partisan warfare; counterintelligence, troop entertainment, and German propaganda for the civilian population.	Mar 1 - 31, 1943	32041/2	1043	991
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 8 vom 19.2. bis 31.3.43 und Überblick über die Zeit vom 1.10. bis 31.12.42. Operations in the area northwest of Voronezh; withdrawal from Oboyan to the Sumy area, Feb 19 - 25, and defensive engagements in the Konotop, Belopole, Sudzha, Mogritsa, and Sumy areas in March. Strength and casualty reports and a register of officers. The division was subordinate to the VIII. A.K., Feb 19 - Mar 31, 1943; and under the command of Gen.Lt. Hans Schmidt, Jan 24 - Nov 25, 1943. [See item No. 33749/7 for summary of events for the period Jan 5 - Feb 18, 1943.]	Oct 1, 1942 - Mar 31, 1943	33749/1	1043	998
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 8. Daily reports, orders, messages, casualty lists, afteraction reports, maps, and overlays.	Mar 1 - 31, 1943	33749/2	1043	1053
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 9. Operations in the area southwest of Sumy; strength and casualty reports, and a register of officers. The division was subordinate to the VII. A.K.	Apr 1 - Jun 30, 1943	33749/3	1043	1147
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 9. Daily reports, messages, order of battle charts, and maps.	Apr 1 - 30, 1943	33749/4	1044	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 9. Daily reports, messages, strength and status reports, order of battle charts, and maps.	May 1 - 31, 1943	33749/5	1044	330
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 9; IIa, Tätigkeitsbericht. Daily operations and strength reports, order of battle charts, and maps. Activity reports of the Personnel Branch, Apr 1 - Jun 30, 1943.	Jun 1 - 30, 1943	33749/6	1044	566
Ia, Gefechtsbericht der 68. Inf.Div. für die Zeit vom 25.1. bis 18.2.43 und Überblick über die Zeit vom 5.1. bis 24.1.43. Report on preparations and				

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execution of Operation "Morgenröte" (withdrawal from the area northwest of Voronezh to the Sary Oskol area, Jan 5 - 24, 1943); an afteraction report, with maps and order of battle charts, pertaining to the division's engagements in the area north of Sary Oskol, its withdrawal to and defense of the area east of Tim, Feb 8 - 12, and withdrawal to and defense of the area north-east of Oboyan; and casualty lists.	Jan 5 - Feb 18, 1943	33749/7	1044	833
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 9. A duplicate of item No. 33749/3.	Apr 1 - Jun 30, 1943	33749/9	1044	890