

Armee-Abteilung A

Armee-Abteilung A was activated on September 10, 1939 with headquarters at Cologne in the northern sector of AOK 5. Its mission (Operation "Belgien und Holland Feind") was to secure parts of the Belgian and Dutch borders and to improve fortifications in these areas. Armee-Abteilung A was tactically subordinate to Army Group C and logistically supported by AOK 5. It was disbanded on October 9, 1939 and absorbed by Armeekorpskommando 4.

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Ic/A.O., Allgemeines Nr. 2. Correspondence about English and Dutch military uniforms, postal regulations, confiscated radio sets, and an incident involving a Hitler Youth group in Düren, Rheinland, denouncing the Catholic Church. Orders for the Feldgendarmarie. An order about defense against air raids. Translation of two French orders about troop training. Sep 7 - Oct 10, 1939.	W2b	1611	1
Ic, Lagebericht (Ost). Heeresgruppe C's messages about the Polish Campaign and the surrender of Warsaw on Sep 28, including statistics on prisoners of war and captured vehicles and horses. Data on the withdrawal of German troops to the demarcation line agreed upon between Russia and Germany. Sep 10 - Oct 8, 1939.	W2c	1611	111
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Ia, Ic, Lageberichte (West). Situation reports of Fremde Heere West, OKH, and Heeresgruppe C regarding military activity on the Western front. Included are reports on enemy air activity, troop concentrations on the French-German border, changes in the deployment of Belgian units, and British mobilization of men within certain age brackets. Sep - Oct 1939.	W2e	1611	273
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Ia, Kriegstagebuch. Additionally, there are (a) a report of the Abteilung's combat and ration strength, and (b) an officers' assignment list which also covers medical and veterinary officers. Sep 11 - Oct 10, 1939.	W2h	1612	336
Ia, Koluft, Qu.1, IIa.Anl.z.KTB 1.H.Gr. C's order on the activation and mission of Armee-Abt. A; OB charts for units attached to Armee-Abt. A; evaluation by Gemmaj. Hilpert, Chief of Staff of Armee-Abt. A, of the strategic situation as of Sep 12, 1939; maps and overlays showing disposition of units of Armee-Abt. A; AOK 5's special order for coordination between Koluft of AOK 5 and Armee-Abt. A; special orders of Koluft of Armee-Abt.A on reconnaissance; Special Directives Nrs.1 and 18 of O.Qu. of Armee-Abt.A for rear services; Special Directives Nrs.1 and 4 of the Quartiermeister of Armee-Abt.A for rear services. Special Supply Directives Nrs.1 - 3, 5, 7, 9 of the Quartiermeister of Armee-Abt.A; Armeetagesbefehle Nrs. 1-3 of Abt. IIa of Armee-Abt.A; officers' register for Armee-Abt.A; charts illustrating the telephone network of Armee-Abt.A in the Cologne area; railroad transportation schedules prepared by the Transportkommandantur Köln for moving the 22nd Inf. Div.; order of Koluft to AOK 5 activating a Fliegerverbindungskommando for Armee-Abt.A; etc. Sep 6 - Oct 9, 1939.	W2i	1612	395
Ic, Frontmeldungen. Document consists principally of correspondence of the Verbindungsbeamten d. Sipo d. Chefs d. Zivilverwaltung transmitting reports from the Stapo-Stelle Aachen about activities of confidential agents, location of enemy units and fortifications in France, Belgium and Holland, etc. Also 2 newspaper clippings about the new French 70 ton tank and the flooding of Dutch territory for defense purposes. Sondermeldungen 1 u. 2 (with overlays) about the radio communication networks in the Brussels and Lüttich areas. Sep 8 - Oct 3, 1939.	75030/1	1612	667
Ic, Frontmeldungen. Radio messages about the enemy communications network in Belgium, Holland and France; anti-Nazi propaganda leaflets found in the Münstereifel and Köln areas; information gathered from Dutch and Belgian soldiers about fortifications, military units, bridges, highways, etc. in Belgium and Holland; report of Oblt. d. R. Grundmann on Dr. Pferdmeng's visit to Holland and his observations on the anti-German attitude and on political and military matters. Sep 10 - Oct 5, 1939.	75030/2	1612	754