

Armee-Abteilung Fretter-Pico

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Armee-Abteilung Fretter-Pico (Armee-Abt. F.P.), named after its Commander, General der Artillerie Maximilian Fretter-Pico, was activated in December 1942. It was subordinate to Heeresgruppe B from December 1942 to January 15, 1943 and to Heeresgruppe Don\* during the period January 16 - February 2, 1943. Subordinate units at that time were the 298th and 304th Divisions, a portion of the XXIX Corps, Gruppe Kreysing and some Italian troops. Upon its establishment, Armee-Abteilung Fretter-Pico was ordered (a) to support Gruppe Kreysing, still fighting at Millerowo, (b) to build up reserves at the Don and (c) to assemble its two divisions at the Kamensk bridgehead near Voroshilovgrad and with the assistance of Gruppe Kreysing to attack the rear flank of the Russian forces which had broken through the Rumanian and Italian lines. In January, however, orders were received to retreat to a new defense line, Donez-Derkuhl. On February 2, 1943, the 304th Division and Gruppe Kreysing were transferred to Armee-Abteilung Hollidt. The remnant of Armee-Abteilung Fretter-Pico may have been shifted to the XXX Corps.

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\*For descriptions of the records of Heeresgruppe B, see Guide Nr. 40 in the series, Guides to German Records Microfilmed at Alexandria, Va. Descriptions of records of Heeresgruppe Don will be published in a forthcoming Guide.

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Ia, Anlagenband 2 z. KTB. Daily reports from Arme-Abt. F.P. to Heeresgruppen B and Don; maps showing disposition of units; messages from and orders to subordinate units of Arme-Abt. F.P.; OB charts; and data on 7th and 9th Panzer Divisions joining Arme-Abt. F.P. Jan 11 - Feb 2, 1943.	31783/3	1613	502
IIa, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen. TB of IIa Abt., Dec 24, 1942 - Feb 2, 1943, including some data about the transfer of Arme-Abt. F.P. from one command to another. Anlagen include a register of officers assigned to Arme-Abt. F.P., and two casualty reports, each for the period Dec 24, 1942 to Feb 3, 1943 (one showing total numbers of dead, wounded, missing and sick, and the other listing the names of unit commanders of Gruppen and divisions of Arme-Abt. F.P.).	31783/4	1613	766
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O.Qu., O.Qu./Ib, Qu./K, Qu./IV, BvTO, WuG, IVa, IVb, IVc. Anlagen z. KTB. Daily reports about (a) existing and expended supplies of ammunition, fuel, rations, fodder, etc., and (b) prisoners and booty captured. Occasionally, these reports provide a brief general statement about the supply situation. This document also includes orders for the evacuation of supply depots to new locations in connection with the new defense line Donez-Derkuhl; maps showing the locations of supply troops; messages from and orders to subordinate units of Arme-Abt. F.P.; OB charts covering Arme-Abt. F.P.; reports of Qu. of Arme-Abt. F.P. about the supply situation; and supply reports of Jan 31, 1943 of Abt. IVa, IVb, IVc. Additionally, there are (a) a report of the inspection of "Falke IV" strongpoint where supplies were collected for air transport and air drop to beleaguered Stalingrad (Roll 1613, Frame 1107); (b) a report of Jan 12, 1943 of Qu. of Arme-Abt. F.P. about the supply situation of the Italian "Ravenna" Division; and			

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(c) an order of Armee-Abt. F.P. about the handling of prisoners of war. Dec 28, 1942 - Feb 3, 1943.	31783/6	1613	977
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