

Höheres Kommando XLV was formed in March 1940, taking over the XXXI. AK sector and serving as an occupation force in the Plonsk, Sierpc, Ostroleka, and Ciechanow areas in Poland. In the middle of May 1940 the Corps was transferred to the Saar and took part in offensive engagements in the Moselle River sector and in the breakthrough of the Maginot Line. In July it was transferred from the Bar-le-Duc, Commercy, and Toul areas to the Nancy, Bitche, Metz, St. Die, and Strasbourg areas for occupation duty and training. From September 1940

to May 1942 the Corps participated in occupation duty and the security of the demarcation line in the Nevers, Moulins, Bourges, Vierzon, Dijon, Besancon, Chalon-sur-Saone, Sens, and Clamecy areas. On May 27, 1942, Höheres Kommando XLV was redesignated the LXXXIII. Armeekorps. The Corps, however was known as Armeegruppe Felber from May 28, 1942. [See Guide No. 48 for other records of Armeegruppe Felber, which are listed under AOK 19.]

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch I. Teil "Osten" mit Anlagen. War journal concerning the activation of Höh. Kdo. XLV, its taking over the XXXI. AK sector in southeast Prussia, occupation duty in Poland, the improvement of fortified border positions along the German-Russian demarcation line in the Plonsk, Sierpc, Ciechanow, and Ostroleka areas in Poland, and the transfer to the Saar front in the Trier area. Also, organizational charts, an officers' register, a list of staff assignments, a ration strength report, and maps showing the location of subordinate units. The Corps was subordinate to Ob.Kom. Grenzabschnitt Nord in Königsberg and OKH under the command of Gen.d.Inf. Kurt von Greiff.	Mar 8 - May 14, 1940	P 2401/a	1061	516
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB I. Teil "Osten". Daily reports, orders, messages, and maps pertaining to occupation and security duty along the demarcation line of German and Russian occupied areas in Poland. Also, reports on road conditions, troop movement, training, morale, and health.	Jan 1 - May 14, 1940	P 2401/b	1061	629
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB I. Teil "Osten". Orders, directives, and organization charts relating to replacement of personnel, reorganization, and assignment of various subordinate units in northern Poland.	Jan 1 - May 10, 1940	P 2401/c	1062	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch II. Teil "Westen" Abschnitt A mit Anlagen. War journal with orders and map overlays (1:300,000) relating to the transfer from Poland to Wadern in the Saar Province, offensive engagements in the Moselle River sector, the breakthrough of the Maginot Line in the Metz area, and the occupation of the Bar-le-Duc, Pont-a-Mousson, Commercy, and Toul areas. Also, information pertaining to the surrender of France, reports concerning experience gained				

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during the French campaign, an officers' register, a list of staff assignments, casualty reports, and organizational charts.	May 13 - Jul 8, 1940	W 1303/a	1061	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB II. Teil "Westen", Tagesmeldungen. Orders and daily reports with maps pertaining to combat operations in the Moselle River area and the breakthrough of the Maginot Line.	May 17 - Jul 8, 1940	W 1303/a1	1061	175
Ia, Kriegstagebuch II. Teil "Westen" Abschnitt B mit Anlagen. War journal with orders, daily reports, maps, and map overlays pertaining to the occupation of the Maginot Line; occupation duty and training activities in the Nancy, Bitche, Metz, Sarrebourg, St. Die, Hagenau, and Strasbourg areas; the transfer in September to the Nevers and Moulins areas for securing the demarcation line; and preparations in December for Operation "Attila" (occupation of unoccupied France). Also, order of battle charts. The Corps was subordinate to AOK 1 and AOK 2.	Jul 8 - Dec 31, 1940	W 6165/1	1062	677
Ia, Planspiel III, Mappe Ia und Übernahme der Festung. Orders, reports, and instructions of various echelons relating to preparations for the anticipated breakthrough of the Maginot Line in the Moselle River area.	May 18 - Jun 15, 1940	10291/1- 10291/2	1063	1
Ia, Gefechts- und Erfahrungsberichte, Westfeldzug 1940. Orders and reports pertaining to offensive combat operations in France after the breakthrough of the Maginot Line. Also, a short narrative account relating to the western campaign and the occupation of various fortified positions in France.	May 18 - Nov 20, 1940	10291/3	1063	307
Ia, Erfahrungsbericht über die Unternehmungen im Bereich des AOK 1 in der Zeit vom 12. bis 14. Mai 1940. Reports with maps, charts, and pictures relating to combat experience during the French campaign. Also, information on French fortified positions and methods of warfare.	May 17 - 26, 1940	10291/4	1063	598
Ia, Kriegstagebuch II. Teil "Westen" Abschnitt C mit Anlagen, Besatzung. War journal, with annexes, pertaining to occupation and security duty along the demarcation line between the occupied and free areas of France and to aid French agriculture.	Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1941	12925/1	1063	652
Qu., Übernahme Festungsabschnitt Oberbaustab 15. Orders and instructions concerning the taking over of Festungsabschnitt Oberbaustab 15 by the Corps for reconstruction of fortified positions.	Jun 12 - 21, 1940	22557/1	1064	1

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Ia, Umgruppierung. Orders and reports relating to preparations for reorganization of various subordinate units after the conclusion of the western campaign.	Jun 29 - Jul 11, 1940	22557/3	1064	50
Qu., IIa, Übernahme des Festungsabschnitts. Orders and instructions relating to operations of quartermaster and personnel sections of subordinate units which were to assume occupation duties at fortified positions in France.	May 31 - Jun 12, 1940	22557/4	1064	84
Ia, Kriegstagebuch I. Teil "Osten", II. Teil "Westen" mit Anlagen. War journal, part I, with annexes, relating to activation of the Corps in southeast Prussia, training and occupation duties in Poland, and construction of fortified positions at the demarcation line between the Russian and German occupied areas of Poland; and part II, with annexes, relating to the preparation for the anticipated invasion of France, the breakthrough of the Maginot Line, and offensive combat in France. Also, orders and reports pertaining to occupation and security duty along the demarcation line of unoccupied France, arrest of personnel suspected of sabotage and unauthorized crossing of the demarcation line, an officers' register, and a casualty report.	Mar 8 - Dec 31, 1940	25348/1	1064	137
Ia, Kriegstagebuch II. Teil "Westen" Abschnitt C-D, Ia, Ic, Id, IIb, Qu., Anlagen. War journal with daily reports, orders, charts, and maps (1:500,000) pertaining to Corps occupation and security duties at the demarcation line and rear areas; training activities; march exercises; reassignment of occupation areas; transfer, regrouping, and billeting of units; personnel changes; subordination relationship; duties of troops and military government; attitude and behaviour of the French population; counterintelligence and supply activity; German propaganda; troop indoctrination; and order of battle, while the Corps occupied the Becancon, Nevers, Dijon, Moulins, Vierzon, Bourges, Sens, and Clamecy areas.	Jan 1 - Dec 31, 1941	25348/2	1064	720
Ia, Korpsbefehle, Westen, ab 27.5.1942 LXXXIII.A.K. (Armeegruppe Felber). Orders relating to occupation duty in Poland; the transfer to the Saar; preparations for the invasion of France; offensive engagements in the Moselle River sector; the breakthrough of the Maginot Line, the occupation of the Bar-le-Duc, Commercy, and Toul areas; the transfer to Nancy, Metz, Sarrebourg, and Strasbourg areas for training and occupation duty, in September 1940 the transfer to the Nevers and Moulins areas for securing the demarcation line; during February 1941 the transfer to the Dijon, Besancon, and Vierzon areas; the redesignation of Höh.Kdo. XLV				

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as LXXXIII. Armeekorps on May 27, 1942; and the operations of Armeegruppe Felber by which name the Corps was also known, in the Fontainebleau, Melun, Sens, Nevers, and Gien areas. Gen.d.Inf. Hans Gustav Felber was the commanding general of Höh. Kdo. XLV, Apr 1 - May 26, 1942, and LXXXIII. AK (Armeegruppe Felber), May 27, 1942 - Aug 1, 1943.	Mar 22, 1940 - Sep 29, 1942	25348/6	1065	1
Ia, Übergabe XIV. A.K. an XLV. A.K. Orders relating to the taking over of the XIV. Armeekorps sector by the XLV. Armeekorps along the demarcation line in the Nevers area, the security of the demarcation line, and Operation "Seelöwe" (planned invasion of England). Also, a directive pertaining to the conduct and performance of occupation and security duties by the German Army in France, and tables and charts showing the organization, functional breakdown, and order of battle of AOK 2 and its subordinate units.	Apr 20 - Sep 18, 1940	25348/8	1065	412
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Küstenschutz. Orders and instructions relating to coastal security duty in France.	Dec 15 - 24, 1940	25348/9	1065	481
Ia, Verschiedene Unterlagen AOK 1 und AOK 2. Orders and reports concerning the anticipated reorganization of various army units subordinate to AOK 1 and 2. Also, short narrative accounts pertaining to the methods of warfare of the French Army.	May 23 - Oct 19, 1940	25348/10	1065	517