

LXVIII. Armeekorps (LXVIII Army Corps)

The LXVIII. Armeekorps was formed on May 28, 1941, in Wehrkreis III from Infanterie-Ersatzbataillon 67 as Sonderstab F under the command of Gen.d.Flieger Hellmuth Felmy. This unit was established as a special staff, known as Sonderstab F (the F probably standing for General Felmy), for the purpose of making preparations for a military expedition into the Middle East and establishment of a military mission in Iraq. Sonderstab F came directly under OKW/Führungsstab, Ausland/Abwehr (Armed Force High Command, Foreign and Counterintelligence Office) and operated from Athens, Greece, in close cooperation with the German Military Commander in Greece. In April 1942 the unit became Infanterie-Ersatzbataillon (mot) 50. It was redesignated Führungsstab Sonderstab F on July 29, 1942. Between August 24 and September 9, 1942, it was transferred via Nis, Sofia, Cernavoda, Lvov, Kiev,

and Dnepropetrovsk to Stalino, and on September 22, 1942, Sonderstab F was reorganized as Generalkommando z.b.V. for desert operations in the southern sector of the eastern front between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea and was subordinate to Heeresgruppe A in the Stalino area. It was engaged in the defense of the Stepnoye, Budennovsk, Rostov, Stalino, and Taganrog areas until March 1943, when it was transferred from Mariupol to Tripolis, Greece. On April 9, 1943, it was redesignated Generalkommando z.b.V. LXVIII, becoming the LXVIII. Armeekorps on September 30, 1943. From March 1943 until June 30, 1944, the Corps was continuously engaged in anti-partisan warfare against strong and well-organized Greek nationalist and Communist groups and participated in the disarming of Italian units along the Ionian Sea coast in September 1943. In late 1944 it withdrew through Yugoslavia into Hungary.

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1, Russland. War journal concerning the redesignation of Sonderstab F as Gen.Kdo. z.b.V. on Sep 22, 1942, in the Stalino area; operations, movements, assignments, and training activities during engagements in the Stepnoye, Budennovsk, Bezopasnoye, Rostov, and Stalino areas; and withdrawal to Taganrog in March 1943. The Corps was subordinate to the Wehrmachtführungsstab, H.Gr. A, Pz.AOK 1, XL. Pz.K., Pz.AOK 4, and Armee-Abt. Hollidt, successively, during this period under the command of Gen.d.Flieger Hellmuth Felmy.	Oct 1, 1942 - Mar 8, 1943	27245/1	1535	1
Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB 1. Reports, orders, directives, charts, and maps pertaining to defensive operations, order of battle, movements, march plans, destruction of bridges, tactical disposition, the subordination status, and personnel strength of units during withdrawal from the northern Caucasus to the Stepnoye, Blagodarnoye-Rostov, and Stalino areas. Also, directives and tables concerning the function, operations, and administration of staff sections and lists of subordinate units.	Sep 22 - Dec 31, 1942	27245/2	1535	158
Ia, Anlagenband 2 z. KTB 1. Reports, orders, messages, charts, and tables pertaining to defensive operations, the tactical situation, order of battle, casualties, and combat and ration strength of headquarters and subordinate units during withdrawal to Stalino and the defense of Taganrog. Also, a register of officers.	Jan 1 - Mar 8, 1943	27245/3	1535	650

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Ia, Anlagenband 3 z. KTB 1. Daily incoming messages concerning defensive operations, the tactical situation in the Rostov-Stalino area, and withdrawal to Taganrog.	Oct 1, 1942 - Mar 8, 1943	27245/4	1536	1
Ia, Anlagenband 4 z. KTB 1, Fernschreiben. Outgoing operations reports to Pz.AOK 1 and 4 and to various other headquarters concerning defensive operations and the tactical situation in the Rostov-Stalino area.	Oct 1, 1942 - Mar 8, 1943	27245/5	1536	782
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Daily activity reports pertaining to enemy land and air operations, unit identification, casualties, the tactical situation, and operations in the Stavropol-Rostov area; lists of intelligence personnel with changes; weekly reports concerning the activities of the Intelligence Branch Propaganda Section and security troops; and reports relating to propaganda and military care and welfare activity for the period Feb 19 to Mar 8, 1943.	Oct 15, 1942 - Mar 8, 1943	27245/6	1537	1
Ic, Anlagenband 1 z. TB. Daily intelligence and interrogation summaries and overlays pertaining to enemy operations, unit identification and strength, movements, enemy troop and civilian morale, propaganda, and the tactical and supply situation, organization and the type and number of weapons of various kinds of enemy divisions, location of enemy airfields, establishment of a security zone, the securing of the Astrakhan-Kizlyar railroad line, and antipartisan action in the Stavropol-Rostov area. Also, a report concerning the military situation in the Near East and a German translation of a Soviet instruction pamphlet relating to the organization and operation of enemy observation posts.	Oct 15, 1942 - Mar 3, 1943	27245/7	1537	196
Ic, Anlagenband 2 z. TB. Daily outgoing intelligence reports concerning enemy operations, unit identification, and the tactical situation during engagements in the Stavropol-Rostov area.	Oct 17, 1942 - Mar 7, 1943	27245/8	1537	320
Qu., Kriegstagebuch 1. War journal pertaining to supply operations, services, and situation during engagements in the Stalino-Rostov area. Also, information concerning the departure of Sonderstab F from Sunion and Lavrion in southern Greece via Nis, Sofia, Cernavoda, Lvov, Kiev, and Dnepropetrovsk to Stalino during the period from Aug 24 to Sep 9, 1942, redesignation of Sonderstab F as Generalkommando z.b.V. on Sep 22, 1942, and transfer to Taganrog on Feb 18, 1943.	Aug 21, 1942 - Mar 8, 1943	27245/10	1537	512

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Qu., Anlagenband 1 z. KTB 1; Qu., W.u.G., V, FPM, Tätigkeitsberichte. Special directives concerning supply; graphic reports relating to the transportation of supplies; a map showing the location of supply installations in the Stalino-Rostov area; overlays showing the layout of supply depots at Sunion and Lavrion; a town plan of Orlovka; and orders concerning the operations of Wüstensonderverband Felmy (Sonderverband 287) in the Armavir area. Activity reports of the Supply and Motor Transport Officers, the Ordnance Group, and the Postmaster.	Aug 21 - Dec 28, 1942	27245/11	1537	652
Qu., Anlagenband 2 z. KTB 1; Ia/Mess., W.u.G., IVa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Special supply directives, tables showing fuel allowances for subordinate units, and reports and overlays concerning transportation matters in the Mius Valley and in the Terek and Kuma area, the general and water supply situation, and the evacuation of cattle in the Corps sector. Also, activity reports of the Map and Survey Officer and of the Ordnance Group for the period Dec 1, 1942 to Feb 28, 1943, and of the Administrative Officer for Aug 3, 1942 to Feb 28, 1943.	Aug 3, 1942 - Mar 8, 1943	27245/12	1537	893
Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB. A study prepared by Sonderstab F concerning topographic, geological, ethnic, cultural, and political problems that would be encountered by an invading force in the Near East. Included are maps of Persia, Iraq, Syria, and Turkey, meteorological charts, data on roads and mountain passes, tables of equipment needed, and instructions in desert warfare.	Aug 22 - Sep 2, 1941	33202/1	1537	1060
Ia, Anlagenband 2 z. KTB. Reports, messages, and directives pertaining to the organization, personnel, equipment, movements, and operations of Sonderstab F and Heimatstab Ubersee (the latter was subordinate to OKW/WFSt/L) and their proposed mission in the Near East, North Africa, Greece, and Turkey; maps showing the location of French forces and points of economic significance in Syria; and a report from the German Armistice Commission in France concerning the reliability of French colonial troops and military preparedness in Syria and North Africa.	May 21 - Dec 16, 1941	33202/2	1538	1
Ia, Anlagenband 3 z. KTB. Reports, messages, directives, and maps pertaining to the operations, organization, jurisdiction, training, equipment, discipline, water supply service, and tactical grouping of Sonderstab F and its proposed mission in Greece, the Near East, and North Africa; directives and maps concerning chain of command and tactical grouping relating to Befehlshaber				

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Südgrichenland, the political situation and counterintelligence activities in Greece, naval operations in Greek waters, and instructions for Heimatstab Ubersee.	Nov 1 - Dec 23, 1941	33202/3	1538	440
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2. War journal concerning the proposed reorganization of Generalkommando z.b.V. into a normal Generalkommando (mot) on Mar 10, 1943, and operations, movements, and equipping of the Corps, coastal defense, and the tactical situation during the transfer from the Mariupol area to the Peloponnesus Peninsula and to the Athens area between Mar 13 and Apr 18, 1943. The Corps was subordinate to AOK 6, OB Süd, and OB Südost, successively, during this period.	Mar 10 - Jun 28, 1943	37616/1	1538	667
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Reports, messages, orders, directives, charts, and overlays pertaining to operations, order of battle, coastal defense, and the tactical situation on the Peloponnesus Peninsula and the activities of the 845. Deutsch-Arabisch Inf.Btl.	Feb 28 - Jul 1, 1943	37616/2	1538	677
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen. Activity report pertaining to the partisan situation on the Peloponnesus Peninsula. Also, orders and a list concerning the operations, administration, supplying, and personnel of the Arabian Intelligence Section of Gen.Kdo. z.b.V. LXVIII and directives concerning the relationship between Italian and German forces in the Corps' sector and the power of authority vested in the Corps.	Mar 10 - Jun 30, 1943	37616/3	1538	853
Qu., Kriegstagebuch 2. War journal concerning supply operations, services, and situation during the Corps' transfer from Taganrog, Russia, to Reggio di Calabria, Italy, and to the Peloponnesus Peninsula. Also, weather reports.	Mar 8 - Jul 24, 1943	37616/4	1538	871
Qu., Anlage 1 z. KTB 2; Ia/Stopi., Qu., W.u.G., IVa-b, Tätigkeitsberichte. Reports, orders, directives, charts, and overlays pertaining to operations during the transfer from Taganrog to the Peloponnesus Peninsula, the supply situation, water supply, stockpiling, and the location of supply installations in southern Greece. Also, activity reports of the Engineer Staff, Administrative, and Medical Officers for the period Sep 1942 to Jun 1943, of the Supply Officer for Aug 3, 1942 to May 1, 1943, and of the Ordnance Group for Sep 1942 to Mar 1943; and lists of supply officers' assignments and subordinate supply units.	Mar 8 - Jul 24, 1943	37616/5	1538	922

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Qu., Anlage 2 z. KTB 2, Wehrgeologenstelle 8. Reports, tables, and overlays concerning appraisals of the water supply situation by Wehrgeologenstelle 8, including geological data on Transcaucasia, the foreland of the northeast Caucasus, and on the Peloponnesus and Argolis Peninsulas, and the passability during the flood period of roads and bridges in the Terek-Kuma area and in the Mius Valley.	Jan 6 - Jul 22, 1943	37616/6	1539	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. War journal concerning antipartisan warfare and manning of coastal defenses in southern Greece, and joint operations with the Italian AOK 11. The Corps was subordinate to H.Gr. E, Italian AOK 11, A.Gr. Südgrichenland, and H.Gr. E., respectively, during this period.	Jul 1 - Dec 31, 1944	44058/1	1539	161
Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB 3. Reports, messages, and orders concerning coastal defense and partisan warfare in Greece, and directives relating to collaboration between Italian and German forces.	Jul 1 - Aug 10, 1943	44058/2	1539	233
Ia, Anlagenband 2 z. KTB 3. Reports concerning guerrilla warfare and security measures taken on the Peloponnesus Peninsula, with situation maps and overlays, order of battle charts of Italian units, and combat and ration strength reports.	Aug 11 - Sep 25, 1943	44058/3	1539	552
Ia, Anlagenband 3 z. KTB 3. Reports, orders, and messages concerning operations and partisan warfare on the Peloponnesus Peninsula, with an overlay, reorganization of German forces following the Italian capitulation, order of battle, and the disarming of Italian forces.	Sep 26 - Nov 20, 1943	44058/4	1539	803
Ia, Anlagenband 4 z. KTB 3. Reports, orders, directives, and maps pertaining to antiguerrilla operations and the replacement of personnel for combat units in Greece. A register of officers and officials, and a unit record list (Stammtafel).	Nov 21 - Dec 31, 1943	44058/5	1539	1076
Ia, Anlagenband 5 z. KTB 3. Daily outgoing reports to Oberbefehlshaber Südost and other higher headquarters concerning operations, antiguerrilla action, coastal defense, and the operations of Italian units on the Peloponnesus Peninsula.	Jul 1 - Dec 31, 1943	44058/6	1540	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht, Griechenland. Activity report, with overlays, pertaining to antiguerrilla action, the partisan situation, and counterintelligence				

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activity on the Peloponnesus Peninsula. Also, appraisals of the Greek military and political situation and its effect on partisan resistance.	Jul 1 - Dec 31, 1943	44058/7	1540	230
Ic, Anlagenband z. TB. Daily intelligence reports concerning enemy and partisan operations along the southern coast of Greece, counterintelligence activity, and the morale of German troops.	Sep 16 - Dec 31, 1943	44058/8	1540	364
Qu., Kriegstagebuch 3. War journal relating to Supply Branch activities in support of H.Gr. E operations in Greece.	Jul 25 - Dec 31, 1943	44058/9	1540	479
Qu., Anlagenband 1 z. KTB 3. Reports and directives pertaining to supply services, administration, and situation, disposition of Italian equipment, and the transportation of Italians; activity reports of the Supply Officer; graphs showing tonnage of supplies handled at depots; and maps showing the location and condition of roads and location of supply installations in Greece. Also, an activity report for Dec 1943 of Feldgend.-Trupp b (mot) 468.	Jul 25 - Dec 31, 1943	44058/10	1540	566
Qu., Anlagenband 2 z. KTB 3; Wehrgeologenstelle 8, Tätigkeitsberichte. Reports, tables, and overlays pertaining to the water supply in various localities on the Peloponnesus Peninsula. Also, activity reports of Wehrgeologenstelle 8, with the LXVIII. A.K. for the period Jul 1 - Nov 30, 1943.	Jul 26 - Dec 31, 1943	44058/11	1540	920
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4. War journal concerning antiguerrilla action on the Peloponnesus Peninsula and in the Athens and Evvoia areas.	Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1944	54960/1	1541	1
Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB 4. Reports, orders, directives, charts, and maps pertaining to operations, orders of battle, mission, movements, antiguerrilla action, coastal and insular defense, security measures, and tactical disposition; the supply, health, and reserve situation; training of alert units; military police activities, and the enemy political and military situation on the Peloponnesus Peninsula and in the Athens and Evvoia areas.	Oct 24, 1943 - Feb 29, 1944	54960/2	1541	73
Ia, Anlagenband 2 z. KTB 4. Reports, orders, directives, charts, and maps pertaining to antipartisan operations, order of battle, and the tactical situation. Also, intelligence reports concerning enemy operations.	Mar 1 - Apr 15, 1944	54960/3	1541	393

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Ia, Anlagenband 3 z. KTB 4. Reports and orders pertaining to antiguerrilla warfare against organized Greek nationalist and Communist groups and defense against Allied air activity. Also, radio communication charts and maps showing the location of guerrilla units and various antipartisan operations in Greece.	Apr 16 - May 31, 1944	54960/4	1541	697
Ia, Anlagenband 4 z. KTB 4. Reports, orders, and overlays pertaining to partisan activities and the enemy political situation; German transportation, supply, reserve, and the tactical situation; and antiguerrilla action on the Peloponnesus Peninsula and in the area northwest of Athens. Also, order of battle charts of the Corps' headquarters and subordinate units.	Jun 1 - 30, 1944	54960/5	1542	1
Ia, Anlagenband 5 z. KTB 4. Daily reports concerning antipartisan operations on the Peloponnesus Peninsula and in the area northwest of Athens.	Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1944	54960/6	1542	244
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen. Activity and situation reports, with overlays and charts, concerning the military, economic, and political situation in Greece.	Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1944	54961/1	1542	568
Ic, Anlagenband z. TB. Daily intelligence reports concerning antipartisan operations on the Peloponnesus Peninsula and northwest of Athens.	Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1944	54961/2	1542	672
Qu., Kriegstagebuch 4, Band 1. War journal pertaining to supply administration and services.	Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1944	54962/1	1542	864
Qu., Anlagenband 2 z. KTB 4. Reports, orders, and directives pertaining to supply administration, services, organization, and situation in Greece. Also, activity reports and maps showing the location of supply installations on the Peloponnesus Peninsula and in the Athens area.	Jan 5 - Mar 26, 1944	54962/2	1542	966
Qu., Anlagenband 3 z. KTB 4. Reports, orders, directives, and maps pertaining to supply administration, services, and situation on the Peloponnesus Peninsula and in the Athens area. Also, activity reports of the Supply Officer and reports concerning the screening of Italian prisoners of war and the securing of supplies.	Mar 26 - Jul 1, 1944	54962/3	1543	1

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Qu., Anlagenband 4 z. KTB 4; Wehrgeologenstelle 8, Tätigkeitsberichte und Wehrgeologische Gutachten. Monthly activity reports for Dec 1943 through May 1944, of Wehrgeologenstelle 8, including other reports, tables, and overlays concerning the water supply in southern Greece and for units of the Corps, geological data relating to well construction, appraisal of wells in the Athens area, and the inspection of well water.	Jan 10 - Jun 30, 1944	54962/4	1543	237