

The Corps was formed during the summer of 1939 as Grenzschutzabschnittskommando 12 (Border Security Command 12). From September 6, 1939, it was known as Gruppe Metz. During the Polish campaign the Corps participated in antiguerrilla warfare in the Poznan (Posen) area. On October 14, 1939, it was converted to the Höheres Kommando z.b.V. XXXIV and was transferred to the Rzeszow-Jaroslaw area for border security and preparations for the eastern campaign. It took part in offensive engagements from the Kalinovka area to the Yelets area via Kanev on the Dnieper River, Romny, Rylsk, Fatezh, and Livny. The Corps was disbanded on December 24, 1941, and its units were transferred to the XXXV Corps Command. The Corps reappeared as Generalkommando F.W. Müller in September 1944, operating in Yugoslavia in the Cacak and Kraljevo areas from September 25 to December 31, 1944. Generalkommando F.W. Müller was redesignated Generalkommando XXXIV Armeekorps z.b.V. (XXXIV Army Corps for Special Employment) on November 14, 1944. The Corps was commanded by Gen.Lt. z.V. Metz from Aug 20, 1939, to Dec 24, 1941, and by Gen.d.Inf. Friedrich Wilhelm Müller in 1944.

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Ia, Ic/AO, Qu., Kriegstagebücher. War journal No. 2 of the Operations Branch pertaining to the transfer of the Corps from Frankfurt/Oder to the Rzeszow-Jaroslaw area via Breslau and Krakow to take over the XVIII.Armeekorps sector, the security of and construction of an obstacle zone along the demarcation line, the transfer of the civil administration to the Generalgouverneur, and antipartisan and training activities. Also, war journal No. 1 of the Intelligence Branch concerning Russian military activities, guard service, border control, attitude of the civilian population, and troop entertainment; war journal of the Supply Branch, Feb 1 - Apr 30, 1940; a report on an inspection trip by the commanding officer; and an order relating to the conversion of Grenzschutzabschnittskommando 12 (known as Gruppe Metz from Sep 6, 1939) to the Höheres Kommando z.b.V. XXXIV, Oct 14, 1939. It was subordinate to Grenzschutzabschnittskommando Süd under the command of Gen.Lt. z.V. Hermann Metz, Aug 20, 1939 - Dec 24, 1941.	Oct 14, 1939 - Apr 30, 1940	P 2547a	845	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Reports, situation reports, orders, and messages relating to border security and incidents along the German-Russian frontier in Poland, organizational matters, and Soviet activities.	Oct 14, 1939 - Apr 29, 1940	P 2547b	845	121
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. War journal relating to the transfer and quartering of units and personnel, civil affairs, inspection trips, and road maintenance in Poland. The Corps was subordinate to Grz.Abschn.Kdo. Süd, Obbfhb. Ost Spala, and AOK 18.	May 1 - Aug 31, 1940	P 2686a	845	679

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Orders, reports, and messages concerning organization and mission of Corps patrols, construction projects, training of antitank units, Polish minefields, and security forces.	May 14 - Jul 23, 1940	P 2686b	845	746
Ia, Umbenennung im Feldheer. Directives and orders from the Army High Command (OKH) concerning redesignation of army units and assignment to Military Area Commands (Wehrkreiskommandos) for replacement responsibility, with tables showing former and present designations.	Mar 28 - Jun 6, 1940	P 2705/3*	846	1
Ia, Feldrekruten, Kommandeur der Ersatztruppen 400 und Befehle über Neugliederung im Bereich des Höheren Kommando XXXIV. Orders pertaining to the transfer of army units, reorganization, and designation of boundary lines in Poland.	Oct 22, 1939 - Jul 2, 1940	P 2705/4- P 2705/5	846	72
Ia, Tätigkeitsberichte. Activity reports of subordinate units concerning organization and billeting, training, personnel and unit transfers, table of organization and equipment data, the medical and veterinary situation, economic matters, morale, and cooperation with civilian authorities. Included are several organizational charts.	May 30 - Jul 3, 1940	P 2705/6*	846	183
Ia, Verstärkung der Verbände. Directives and orders from higher echelons and the Corps, concerning the bringing up of units in Poland to table of organization and equipment strength, procurement and requisition of equipment and personnel to strengthen the units, and other matters.	Nov 11, 1939 - Apr 1, 1940	P 2705/7*	846	297
Ia, Grenzabschnittskommando- und Gruppe Metz Befehle. Orders and reports pertaining to the renaming of the Grenzschutzabschnittskommando 12 as Gruppe Metz, Sep 6, 1939; its organization and assembly for antiguerrilla warfare in the Poznan area; after the Polish campaign the Corps was assigned occupation duties and the security of railroad lines and industrial installations in the Militärbezirk Posen; enemy military situation; and counterintelligence activity. Also, special directives concerning administrative, medical, veterinary, supply, signal communication, motor transport, and postal services, and activities of the Militärbe- fehlshaber Posen.	Aug 27 - Oct 12, 1939	P 2705/8*	846	343

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Ia, Anlage 9, Kriegsakten, Tagesmeldungen, Korpsgliederung Grenzschutzabschnittskommando 12. Monthly reports and other reports concerning the overall military situation, border security, organizational matters, and German-Soviet relations in Poland.	Nov 18, 1939 - Jul 20, 1940	P 2705/9	846	599
Ia, Befehle über Divisionen 9. Welle. Orders, chiefly issued by the Operations Branch of Oberbefehlshaber Ost, concerning the formation, equipping, and training of the Divisionen 9. Welle for subsequent actions. Included are organizational charts. [This item was reconstructed from fire-damaged original documents.]	May 14 - Jun 18, 1940	P 2705/10	846	901
Ia, Einzelne Schriftstücke, Befehle über Wachen. Orders and directives relating to civil affairs in Poland, organizational data, railroad security, formation of roving patrols, and guarding of installations.	Nov 14, 1939 - Jul 23, 1940	P 2705/11	846	931
Ia, Sommermanöver, Verfügungen und Einsatzbefehle. Orders and maps pertaining to summer maneuvers, the construction of an obstacle zone and border security in Brandenburg Province, antiguerrilla warfare in Poznan Province and entraining schedules showing transfer of the Corps from the Stettin to the Landsberg area in western Poland, and directives relating to martial law. Also, special directives concerning administrative, medical, veterinary, motor transport, supply, and postal services and visual communication between army and air force units.	Jul 18 - Sep 28, 1939	P 2705/13	846	985
Ia, Stopi, Na.Fü., Gabo, Qu., WuG., IVa-c, V, III, Tätigkeitsberichte. Activity reports of the Operations and Supply Branches; the Engineer Staff, Signal Staff, Chemical Warfare, Administrative, Medical, Veterinary, and Motor Transport Officers; the Ordnance Group; and the Judge Advocate concerning operations in the Rzeszow-Jaroslau area. Also, status reports dated Nov 20, 1940, and a report on travel in Lithuania, Sep 21 - Nov 14, 1940, pertaining to Russian military forces in occupied Lithuania, the morale and attitude of the civilian population in Lithuania, and resettlement negotiations.	Nov 1 - 31, 1940	P 3091/3	846	1166
Ia, Stopi, Na.Fü., Gabo, Qu., WuG., IVa-c, V, III, Tätigkeitsberichte. Activity reports of the Operations and Supply Branches; the Engineer Staff, Signal Staff, Chemical Warfare, Intelligence, Administrative, Medical, Veterinary, and Motor				

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Transport Officers; the Ordnance Group; and the Judge Advocate, Mar 1 - 31, 1941. Also, orders and directives relating to billeting arrangements, training, maneuvers, and traffic control; status reports; Mar 15 - 20, 1941; reports on experience gained during winter operations; and a transcript of a lecture, Dec 13, 1940, concerning military and civil administration in the Generalgouvernement.	Mar 3 - Apr 15, 1941	9152	846	1245
Ia, Generalausbildung 1941, Bearbeitung der Studie des Chefs des Generalstabes der 17. Armee. Comments concerning a study made about the most feasible methods of crossing the German-Soviet demarcation line in Poland, the mission of the German Air Force, and ground and aerial reconnaissance.	Feb 3, 1941	11343/6	846	1362
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht, Generalgouvernement. Activity report of the Intelligence Branch concerning troop indoctrination, shortages of radios, availability of movies for units stationed in remote areas, intelligence data concerning Soviet activities, operation of recreation installations, upkeep of graves, and a fire in a Soviet ammunition dump north of Przemysl.	Aug 10 - 31, 1940	11707	846	1391
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4, Teil I. War journal concerning the Corps' organization and preparations for the eastern campaign in the Rzeszow-Jaroslaw area, its commitment as an Army High Command reserve unit until Jul 18, 1941, and its participation in offensive engagements from the Kalinovka area to Kanev on the Dnieper River. Also reports on the tactical situation and daily weather conditions.	Jun 8 - Sep 25, 1941	13183/1	847	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4, Teil I. Orders, reports, afteraction critique, messages, and correspondence regarding assignment of units, march regulations, attack across the San River, reconnaissance results, and order of battle information.	Jun 8 - Sep 15, 1941	13183/2- 13183/4	847	254
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4, Teil I. Reports on daily combat results, patrol and reconnaissance activities, information obtained from Soviet prisoners of war, casualties, aerial reconnaissance, and artillery operations.	Sep 16 - 25, 1941	13183/5	847	1258
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Activity reports and orders pertaining to estimates of the enemy situation, desertion, espionage, enemy forces and capabilities, and partisan activities.	Jun 16 - Sep 15, 1941	13183/8	848	1

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4, Teil II. War journal pertaining to daily combat activities, communications logbook, weather conditions, supply situation, capture of Soviet prisoners of war and booty, patrol and reconnaissance activities, artillery action, maintenance of roads and bridges, and contemplated operations in the general area of Romny, Rylsk, and Fatezh.	Sep 26 - Oct 31, 1941	13282/1	848	24
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4, Teil II. Reports, orders, instructions, and correspondence pertaining to assignment and location of units, organizational matters, enemy situation, daily combat reports, order of battle information, and security.	Sep 26 - Oct 18, 1941	13282/2	848	117
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4, Teil II. Reports, orders, directives, and messages concerning unit assignments, combat activities, casualties, and interrogation summary of prisoners of war.	Oct 19 - 31, 1941	13282/3	848	508
Ia, Kriegstagebuch, Russland. War journal containing orders and messages concerning unit movements, road conditions, daily events, reconnaissance activities, situation evaluation, organizational matters, combat results, supply matters, and Corps experience in the general area of Livny, Yelets, and Dmitriyev. The XXXIV. Armeekorps z.b.V. was disbanded on Dec 24, 1941, and its units were transferred to Höheres Kommando XXXV. A.K.	Nov 1 - Dec 24, 1941	13614/1	848	718
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Berichte des Befehlshabers des AOK 2, 1.1. - 15.12.1941; Ic/AO, Erfahrungsberichte, Grenzschutzabschnittskommando 12 (Gruppe Metz), 25.8.-13.10. 1939; IIa/IIb, Tätigkeitsberichte vom Nov. 1939 bis Apr. 1941. Afteraction reports concerning Corps preparations for and operations from the Jaroslaw area to the Yelets area, Jan 1 - Dec 15, 1941; a critique which attempted to fix responsibility for various alleged shortcomings of subordinate commanders; a report on the suicide of Gen.Lt. von Cochenhausen on Dec 13, 1941; and a report on an investigation by AOK 2, Generaloberst Frh. von Weichs to Gen.d.Inf. Metz, concerning the fact that elements of the Corps did not carry out an army order to which the commander of Höheres Kommando XXXIV did not agree, resulting in a breakthrough by Russian armored units in the Verkhovye-Shatilovo area, and a comment by Obst.Lt. Gerken, Qu., on this matter. Also, an afteraction critique by the Intelligence Officer covering the period Aug 25 - Oct 13, 1939; activity reports of the Personnel Branch; a register of officers; and information pertaining to the renaming of Grenzschutzabschnittskommando 12 as Gruppe Metz on				

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Sep 6, 1939, the turning over of the duties of the Intelligence Branch to the Kommandanten des rückwärtigen Armeegebietes 582 on Oct 14, 1939, and the departure of Gen.d.Inf. z. V. Hermann Metz as the Commanding General of the XXXIV. Armeekorps z.b.V. on Dec 24, 1941.	Aug 25, 1939 - Aug 26, 1942	14256	848	863
Ia, Unterlagen z. KTB. Reports and orders, prepared by the Operations Branch of the XXXIV. Armeekorps (also designated Gen.Kdo. F.W. Müller) and subordinate units, containing data pertaining to organizational matters, location of units in the areas of Cacak and Kraljevo in Yugoslavia, combat results, air force activities, reconnaissance and combat patrol observations, casualties, and war booty taken in Yugoslavia.	Oct 3 - Nov 27, 1944	61670	848	941
Ia, Kriegstagebuch. War journal containing data relating to daily combat activities in the Cacak and Kraljevo areas, weather conditions, communication matters, unit assignments, propaganda activities, combat patrol and reconnaissance observations, air force and artillery actions, partisan warfare operations, withdrawal movements, Russian and Bulgarian unit activities, and SS antipartisan operations. The Corps was commanded by Gen.d.Inf. Friedrich Wilhelm Müller.	Nov 1 - Dec 31, 1944	65608/1	849	1
Ia, Anlage 2, Unterlagen z. KTB, Teil I. Reports, orders, messages, and maps concerning combat activities, casualties, partisan warfare, interrogation summaries of prisoners of war, and organizational data relating to Gen.Kdo. F.W. Müller.	Sep 25 - Oct 31, 1944	65608/2	849	48
Ia, Anlagen 3-4, Unterlagen z. KTB, Teil II-III. Reports, orders, and messages relating to operations in Yugoslavia, Chetnik movements, activities of Soviet and Tito's forces, U.S. air attack on German positions, and daily combat results. Also, maps showing the tactical dispositions of German and enemy forces in the Cacak and Kraljevo areas, order of battle charts, appraisals of the enemy military situation, and an order concerning the redesignation of Gen.Kdo, F.W. Müller as Gen.Kdo. XXXIV z.b.V. on Nov 14, 1944.	Oct 30 - Dec 31, 1944	65608/3- 65608/4	850- 851	1, 1