

German High Command Documents – FHQ / OKW / OKH 1944–45

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Date Range: January 1944 – May 1945

Extent and Medium: 1 microfilm roll (approx. 1,170 frames; digitised PDF, 450+ MB)

Scope and Content

This file contains **operational directives, situation reports, and internal communications** issued between the **Führerhauptquartier (FHQ)**, the **Oberkommando der Wehrmacht (OKW)**, and the **Oberkommando des Heeres (OKH)** during the final phase of the Second World War.

Documents include:

- **Daily and special situation reports (Tagesmeldungen)** from the Eastern Front and the Western Front,
- **Telegrams, radio messages, and typed orders** from Adolf Hitler, General Heinz Guderian, and senior General Staff officers,
- **Operational and strategic correspondence** from OKH/GenStdH/Op.Abt. (Operations Section),
- **Maps and overlays** of Army Group Centre, Vistula, and Courland operations,
- **Orders of battle and troop movements**, especially concerning the Eastern Front (Vistula–Oder, East Prussia, Pomerania, and Berlin sectors),
- **Final war situation communiqués** from March–April 1945 issued from the Führerhauptquartier.

Languages: Primarily **German**, with some English cover summaries.

Condition: Microfilmed typescripts and carbons, some poor legibility in original photostats.

Administrative / Archival History

The records originate from the **Operations Branch of the Army General Staff (Generalstab des Heeres, Op.Abt. Ia)** and related OKW offices. They were captured by Allied forces in 1945, microfilmed by the U.S. Army Historical Division, and subsequently incorporated into the *National Archives Microcopy Series T-78* (Records of the German Army High Command). This digital file represents **Roll 339** of that series.

Arrangement

The roll comprises multiple folders (Heft / Band) under the German archival system, including:

- H 22/390a–b: Operational communications between OKH, FHQ, and Army Groups (Jan–Apr 1945)
 - H 22/392a–b: Telegrams and situation summaries from the Eastern Front
 - H 22/412a–b: Western Front maps and reports (July 1941; retrospective material)
 - H 22/271–273: Drafts for the *Kriegstagebuch des OKH* (War Diary of the Army General Staff), January 1945
 - H 22/392j: *Tagesmeldungen* and situation reports, April 1945
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Custodial History

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Creator(s)

- *Oberkommando des Heeres (OKH)* – General Staff / Operations Branch
 - *Oberkommando der Wehrmacht (OKW)* – Führungsstab and Wehrmachtführungsstab
 - *Führerhauptquartier (FHQ)* – Adolf Hitler's command staff
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Subjects

- Eastern Front operations, 1944–1945
 - Final German military communications, collapse of the Reich
 - Führer Headquarters orders and situation reports
 - Courland, Vistula–Oder, and Berlin operations
 - Wehrmacht command structure and decision-making
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