

25. Panzergrenadier-Division (25th Panzer Grenadier Division)

Formed in 1934-35 as the 25. Infanterie-Division (1. Welle) by expansion of Infanterie-Regiment 13 of the old Reichswehr, this division participated in the campaign against Poland in September and October 1939, transferred to the German-Luxembourg border for the western campaign in May 1940, and in October 1940 from the demarcation line in France back to its home station in Ludwigsburg, Wehrkreis V. Reorganized as a motorized infantry division on November 1, 1940, in June 1941 it went to Poland for the attack on Russia, crossing the border in the central sector, advancing from Rovno southeast to Zaporozhe, then taking part in the encirclement of Kiev, the advance to Orel, and position defense on the Oka and Zusha Rivers, where it suffered heavy losses during the winter of 1942 and spring of 1943. The division was redesignated the 25. Panzergrenadier-Division on May 19, 1943, when a Führer directive

converted all motorized infantry divisions into panzer grenadier divisions. After heavy losses in the Kursk offensive in the summer of 1943, the division was engaged west of Smolensk. Although there are no records of the division available dated later than December 31, 1943, the situation maps of Lage Ost, West, and Frankreich show that from January to July 1944 the division participated in the defense of the Dubrovno area, returned to Germany in July 1944 for rehabilitation, and in the autumn was ordered to the western front. From November 1944 to January 1945 the division, augmented by the 107. Panzer-Brigade, defended the Saarlautern and Kaiserslautern areas. In February 1945 it returned to the eastern front, defended the Küstrin area from February to April 1945, and then withdrew to Oranienburg north of Berlin where it was destroyed in the closing days of the war.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>1st Frame</u>
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. Training and preparations for the western campaign, crossing the Luxembourg border, and the advance through southern Belgium into northern France to Amiens, then east toward Rheims. Lists of casualties and combat and ration strength reports. The division was subordinate to the XVIII. A.K. during this period under the command of Gen.Lt. Erich Clössner. <u>A copy of Kriegstagebuch 4 is also in this folder.</u>	May 9 - Jun 1, 1940	W 3185g	811	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4. Operations along the Aisne River north of Rheims to the Marne River near Courtemont, a list of officers' duty assignments and casualties, and a combat and ration strength report.	Jun 1 - 10, 1940	W 3185i	811	112
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5. Operations after the division crossed the Marne River to the Sens area and moved to Bourges on the demarcation line for occupation duty.	Jun 10 - 25, 1940	W 3185k	811	168
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Move from Rengsdorf, Germany, through Luxembourg, southern Belgium, and northern France from Amiens toward Rheims, south of Sens, and to Bourges on the demarcation line.	May 10 - Oct 25, 1940	W 3185p	811	217
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 7. Transfer of the division from France to Stuttgart, Wehrkreis V, reorganization and conversion to a motorized division, training activities, and a list of officers' duty assignments. The division was subordinate to the V. and XXIV. A.K. during this period.	Oct 5 - Nov 5, 1940	9664/1	811	246

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Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Sports, entertainment, and arts activities at Stuttgart.	Oct 1, 1940 - May 25, 1941	9664/7	811	266
Ib, Kriegstagebuch 1.	May 25 - Aug 17, 1941	18133/1	2369*	1
Ib, Anlagen z. KTB 1. Special supply orders, inventory of captured equipment, and afteraction reports pertaining to agriculture in occupied areas.	May 26 - Aug 17, 1941	18133/2	2369*	2
Ib, Kriegstagebuch 2.	Aug 18 - Oct 27, 1941	18133/3	2369*	3
Ib, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Special supply orders and routine supply reports.	Aug 18 - Oct 26, 1941	18133/4	2369*	4
Ib, Kriegstagebuch 3.	Oct 28, 1941 - Jan 18, 1942	18133/5	2369*	5
Ib, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Routine supply directives and supply situation reports.	Oct 29, 1941 - Jan 18, 1942	18133/6	2369*	6
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 8. Transfer from Stuttgart via Dresden and Cracow, to Radom, Poland, between Jun 8 and 11, 1941; the march to the Lublin area near the Bug River in preparation for the campaign against Russia; the crossing of the Bug River near Chelm; and combat operations as far as Rovno. Also, a list of officers' duty assignments and casualties. The division was subordinate to the XXIV., III., and XIV. A.K., and the III. Pz.K. during this period.	May 25 - Jun 30, 1941	18597/1	811	297
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 8. Corps and division orders, situation maps, and order of battle charts.	May 30 - Jul 1, 1941	18597/2	811	348
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 9. Combat operations from Rovno to the Zhitomir area. The division was subordinate to the III. Pz.K. during this period.	Jul 1 - 9, 1941	18597/3	811	498
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 9. Combat orders, reports of atrocities committed by the enemy on prisoners of war, and situation maps.	Jul 1 - 9, 1941	18597/4	811	541

\* The record items reproduced on this roll (filmed originally on MR 1476 without frame numbers) have been assigned consecutive simulated initial frame numbers and a new roll number in this microcopy.

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 10. Offensive combat operations from the Zhitomir area to Radomyshl. The division was subordinate to the III. Pz.K., AOK 6, and the LI. A.K. during this period.	Jul 9 - 18, 1941	18597/5	811	583
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 10. Division and corps orders, enemy activity reports, and situation maps.	Jul 9 - 18, 1941	18597/6	811	630
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 11. Offensive combat operations between Radomyshl and Skvira. The division was subordinate to the LI. A.K., III. Pz.K., and Pz.Gr. 1 at various times during this period.	Jul 18 - 26, 1941	18597/7	811	706
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 11. Corps and division orders and situation maps.	Jul 18 - 26, 1941	18597/8	811	740
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 12. Combat operations in the area north of Novo-Ukrainka. The division was subordinate to the XIV. A.K. during this period.	Jul 26 - 31, 1941	18597/9	811	766
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 12. Corps and division orders and situation maps.	Jul 26 - 31, 1941	18597/10	811	792
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 13. Operations between Novo-Ukrainka and Krivoi Rog. The division was subordinate to the XIV. A.K. during this period. [This record item (filmed originally without frame numbers on MR 1475) has been assigned a simulated initial frame number.]	Aug 1 - 13, 1941	18597/11	811	1108
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 13. Corps and division orders and situation maps.	Aug 1 - 13, 1941	18597/12	811	809
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 14. Combat operations from Krivoi Rog to the Dnieper River and the crossing of the river north of Zaporozhe. The division was subordinate to the XIV. A.K. during this period.	Aug 14 - 28, 1941	19288/1	811	846
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 14. Corps and division orders, aerial photographs, and situation maps.	Aug 4 - 27, 1941	19288/2	811	887
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 15. Combat operations from Zaporozhe to the Kremenchug area and march orders for part of the division to return to the rear area for rest. The division was subordinate to the XIV. and XLVIII. A.K., successively.	Aug 29 - Sep 17, 1941	19288/3	811	927

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 15. Corps and division combat orders, traffic and march control instructions, enemy activity reports, and situation maps.	Aug 30 - Sep 19, 1941	19288/4	811	967
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 16. Combat operations from Kremenchug to Piryatin to participate in the encirclement of the area. The division was subordinate to the XLVIII. A.K. during this period.	Sep 17 - 24, 1941	19288/5	811	1036
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 16. Division report, inventory of captured equipment, roster of prisoners of war, and situation maps.	Sep 17 - 24, 1941	19288/6	811	1076
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 17. Termination of the encirclement east of Piryatin, number of captured enemy troops and amount of equipment, and orders for the division's movement to Vasilyevka east of Romny.	Sep 24 - 30, 1941	19288/7	812	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 17. Afteraction reports, inventory of captured enemy equipment, a prisoner-of-war roster, and situation maps.	Sep 23 - 29, 1941	19288/8	812	42
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 18. Combat operations southeast of Romny and east of the Sula River. The division was subordinate to the XLVIII. A.K., Höh.Kdo. XXXIV, and Pz.Gr. 2 during this period.	Sep 30 - Oct 9, 1941	19288/9	812	92
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 18. Corps and division orders, afteraction reports, overlays, and situation maps.	Oct 1 - 8, 1941	19288/10	812	131
Ia, Kriegstagebücher 19-27. Offensives from Sumy to Sevsk, the movement of the division to the area between Kromy and Orel, combat operations between the Oka and Zusha Rivers after the battle of Orel, advance toward Mtsensk, and fighting when the Russians counterattacked during the winter months. The division was subordinate to Pz.Gr. 2 and the XLVIII., XLVII., and LIII. A.K. at various times during this period. Generalleutnant Glössner assumed command of the LIII. A.K. and Oberst Anton Grasser became division commander on Jan 24, 1942.	Oct 9, 1941 - Feb 16, 1942	20789/1	812	186
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 28. The winter battles northeast of Orel between the Oka and Zusha River. The division was subordinate to the LIII. A.K. during this period.	Feb 17 - 26, 1942	20789/2	812	373

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 29. The winter battles northeast of Orel, between the Oka and Zusha Rivers.	Feb 27 - Mar 13, 1942	20789/3	812	417
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 30. Defensive operations northeast of Orel.	Mar 13 - 22, 1942	20789/4	812	459
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 31. Offensive and defensive operations between the Oka and Zusha Rivers northeast of Orel.	Mar 22 - Apr 4, 1942	20789/5	812	501
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB's 19-29. Corps and division orders, afteraction reports, a list of casualties, reports and bulletins on enemy activities, instructions for defensive action, orders for activating ski troops, transfer orders, an inventory of captured equipment, and overlays and situation maps.	Oct 9, 1941 - Mar 11, 1942	20789/6-16	812	546
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 31. Corps and division combat orders, afteraction reports, and situation maps.	Mar 22 - Apr 4, 1942	20789/18	812	1020
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 32. Offensives between the Oka and Zusha Rivers northwest of Mtsensk.	Apr 4 - May 1, 1942	22373/1	812	1065
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 32. Corps and division reports, radio messages, and situation maps.	Apr 4 - May 1, 1942	22373/2	812	1095
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 33. The battles on the Oka and Zusha Rivers northwest of Mtsensk.	May 1 - 23, 1942	22373/3	812	1140
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 33. Order of battle charts, operations reports, and situation maps.	May 1 - 17, 1942	22373/4	812	1168
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 34. Combat operations on the Oka and Zusha Rivers, observations of enemy trench-digging activities, and enemy air activities.	May 23 - Jun 21, 1942	22373/5	813	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 34. Division orders, situation reports, order of battle charts, and maps.	May 19 - Jun 21, 1942	22373/6	813	28
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 35. Combat operations along the Oka and Zusha Rivers, observations of enemy fortification activities, and enemy air activities.	Jun 20 - 30, 1942	22373/7	813	79

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 35. Reports concerning enemy activities and situation maps.	Jun 21 - 30, 1942	22373/8	813	96
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Intelligence and counterintelligence activities when the division prepared for the campaign against Russia, the advance to Rovno and Zhitomir, the crossing of the Dnieper River at Zaporozhe, the encirclement east of Kiev near Piryatin, the advance northeast to Sevsk and north to Orel, and operations between Orel and Tula along the Oka and Zusha Rivers.	May 25 - Dec 22, 1941	23483/1	813	110
Ic, Anlagen z. TB. Intelligence bulletins, propaganda leaflets, and directives concerning the behavior of soldiers in occupied areas and espionage control, and situation maps.	Jun 12 - Dec 22, 1941	23483/2	813	130
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 36. Defensive operations along the Oka River from its junction with the Zusha River north to the Belev area, reorganization of units within the division after heavy losses, fortification work, and various smaller operations against the enemy.	Jul 1 - Dec 31, 1942	26876/1	813	304
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 36, I. - III. Teil. Division orders, combat reports and instructions, aerial photographs, order of battle charts, reorganization directives, minutes of meetings, antiaircraft directives, and situation maps.	Jul 1 - Dec 29, 1942	26876/2-4	813	635
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Activities northeast of Mtsensk along the Oka and Zusha Rivers, interrogation summaries, counterintelligence, enemy propaganda leaflets, and the development of the enemy situation.	Dec 23, 1941 - Mar 31, 1942	29703	813	1299
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 37. Operations along the Oka River east of Belkhov, observations of enemy mining and fortification activities, retreat toward Kireyevskaya as far as the Zhizdra River, and the Führer order redesignating all motorized infantry divisions as Panzer Grenadier Divisions, May 19, 1943.	Jan 1 - Jun 30, 1943	38033/1	814	1
Ia, Anlagenband I z. KTB 37. Division and corps orders, training instructions, enemy activity reports and other reports concerning the activity at the main line of resistance.	Jan 1 - Apr 1, 1943	38033/2	814	328
Ia, Anlagenband II z. KTB 37. Division orders, directives for improving frontline positions, afteraction evaluations and situation reports, and maps. Also, order of battle of the 25. Panzergrenadier-Division.	Apr 1 - Jun 30, 1943	38033/3	814	739

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Ib, Kriegstagebuch 11. Difficulties in transporting ammunition and petroleum products to units on the front line in the Bolkhov area; transfer of the division to Dukhovshchina, north of Smolensk; the enemy breakthrough near Yelnya; transfer to an area northwest of Orsha; and issuing of winter clothing and equipment; and combat and ration strength reports. The division was subordinate to the LIII. A.K., XLI. Pz.K., XXVII. A.K., XXXIX. Pz.K., and XXVII. A.K., successively. [This record item (filmed originally without frame numbers on MR 1477) has been assigned a simulated initial frame number.]	Jul 1 - Dec 31, 1943	45873/1	814	1113