

## PANZER-LEHR-DIVISION - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1943/12/30	Potsdam-Krampnitz, Wehrkreis III	Activation	
1944/01/05	Nancy, Verdun, Luneville, Toul, France	Transfer of Kdo.Stab of Pz.Truppen-Schule II and PzGren-Lehr-Regimente of Pz.Truppen-Schule I (Bergen) and II (Krampnitz)	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Fritz Bayerlein, 1944/01/10-1945/01/20
1944/01/17	Nancy, Verdun, Luneville, Toul	Formation, training, alert exercises, counterintelligence, military security	
1944/03/08	Budapest, Hungary via Vienna and Nickelsdorf, Austria	Transfer, occupation	
1944/05/01	Meaux, France, Chartres, Le Mans, Orleans, Nogent-le-Rotrou, Tr.Ueb.P1. Camp de Avours	Transfer, training, defense against air attacks, counterintelligence, alert exercises	
1944/06/06	Nogent-le-Rotrou, Le Mans, Caen, Alencon, Thury-Harcourt	Assembly, movement	
1944/06/08	Brouay, Bretville, Lingevres, Ellon, Tilly-sur-Seulles, Fontenay-le-Pesnel	Assault and defensive operations	
1944/06/20	Hottot-les-Bagues, Monts-en-Bessin, Movement, Saint-Vaast-sur-Seulles, Noyers-Bocage, Tourney-sur-Odon	Movement, defensive operations	
1944/07/08	Le Mesnil-Amey, Marigny, Amigny, La Chapelle-en-Juger, Pont-Hebert, Movement, Le Mesnil-Eury, Hebecrevon, Saint-Gilles, Canisy, Saint-Lo	defensive operations	
1944/07/26	Soulles, Percy, Tinchebray, Flers, Domfront, Villaines-la-Juhel, Courcize, Sillé-le-Guillaume	Withdrawal (American breakthrough), defensive operations	
1944/08/10	Alencon, Argentan	Defensive operations	

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1944/08/14	Nonant-le-Pin, Gace, L'Aigle	Disengagement movements, defense	
1944/08/17	Soissons, France to Mettet, Belgium, Senlis to Mouzon, France	Withdrawal of part of Pz-Lehr-Div.,  withdrawal of mass of Pz-Lehr-Div., defensive operations	
1944/09/06	Betrix, Belgium, Neufchateau	Reorganization as a Kampfgruppe, defensive operations	
1944/09/25	Welschbillig, Germany	Withdrawal and defense by remnants, attached to Kampfgruppe Hauser	
1944/10/02	Osnabrueck, Bielefeld, Paderborn, Detmold	Movement, rehabilitation	
1944/11/22	Diepholz  Durstel, Rimsdorf, Sarre-Union	Alert readiness  (advance of American Forces to the Saverne Heights), movement	
1944/11/24	Sarre-Union, Wolfskirchen, Baerendorf, Rauwiller, France Rimsdorf, Eywiller, Schalbach, Durstel	Advance, offensive engagements by PzGren-Rgt. 902 and by PzGren-Rgt. 901	
1944/11/28	Sarre-Union, Rimsdorf, Durstel	Withdrawal	
1944/11/30	Oermingen, Voellerdingen, Domfessel, Lorentzen, Diemerlingen, Herbitzheim, Saarlautern	Defensive operations	
1944/12/06	Waldfischbach, Kaiserslautern, Oberlinxweiler, Kochem, Alf, Koblenz, Germany	Movements, defensive operations, preparations for the Ardennes offensive	
1944/12/17	Wahlhausen, Hosingen, Orauffelt, Hoscheid, Wiltz, Luxembourg	Advance, beginning of the Ardennes offensive	
1944/12/19	Bastogne, Saint-Hubert, Rochefort, Belgium	Offensive engagements	

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1944/12/26	Rochefort, Saint-Hubert, Moircy, Amberloup	Movement, defensive operations	
1945/01/01	Champlon, Cens, Houffalize, Buret	Disengagement movements	
1945/01/21	Consthum, Hosingen, Wahlhausen, Hoscheid, Vianden, Luxembourg	Disengagement movements	Gen.Maj. Horst Niemack, mFb, 1945/01/20-1945/04/07
1945/01/30	Bitburg, Koblenz, Germany	Withdrawal	
1945/02/12	Moedrath, Euskirchen, Uedem, Xanten Forest, Rheindalen, Muenchen-Gladbach, Krefeld, Wesel	Assault and defensive operations	
1945/03/08	Remagen, Honnef	Defense against American breakthrough	
1945/03/11	Ober Erl, Rederscheid, Rhine River	Defensive operations	
1945/03/14	Waldbreitbach, Doettesfeld	Reorganization as a Kampfgruppe	
1945/03/22	Merten, Overath, Eitorf, Winterberg, Schmallenberg	Defensive operations	
1945/04/04	Werdohl, Altena, Ruhrkessel	Offensive engagements	Obst. Paul Hauser, mFb, 1945/04/10 ca.
1945/04/15	Altena	Capture of division remnants	

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Although only two record items of this division were available in the National Archives, records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398, p. 154) "Auffrischung Panzer-Lehr-Division, 20. Aug 1944 durch HGr. D," situation maps of Lage West and Frankreich, and manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series were used for the unit history.

Manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series, prepared by former German officers for the Historical Division, Headquarters U.S. Army, Europe, between 1945 and 1959, contain references to the Panzer-Lehr-Div. as follows:

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MS A-942 (Panzer Lehr Div., 15-22 Dec 1944);

MS A-943 (Comments on British and American countermeasures, 22 Dec 1944-10 Jan 1945); and

MS A-944 (Panzer Lehr Div.--situation maps and accompanying notes, 23 Dec 1944-11 Jan 1945), by Gen.Lt. Fritz Bayerlein

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MS A-945 (Additional questions Ardennes offensive, description of operations in the Houffalize area, 11-20 Jan 1945);

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MS A-902 (Panzer Lehr Div., 24-25 Jul 1944); and

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MS C-048 (The I SS Panzer Corps in the West in 1944), by Gen.Maj. d. Waffen-SS Fritz Kraemer

MS P-130, p. 162 (Camouflage on the Normandy invasion front, Operations of the Panzer Lehr Div., Jun-Jul 1944), by Gen.Lt. Fritz Bayerlein

MS ETHINT-66 (Mission, Jan-28 Jul 1944);

MS ETHINT-67 (Normandy critique of the breakthrough from Saint-Lo to the Ruhr, Jul 1944-Apr 1945); and

MS ETHINT-69 (Panzer Lehr Div. at the start of Operation Cobra, 24-25 Jul 1944), by Gen.Lt. Fritz Bayerlein

## Rhineland:

MS A-970 (Combat operations of the LIII Corps at the Remagen bridgehead, 10-22 Mar 1945), by Gen.Lt. Fritz Bayerlein

MSS B-768 & B-830 (On the left bank of the Rhine, 15-25 Feb and 25 Feb-7 Mar 1945), by Maj. Helmut Hudel

MS B-850 (East of the Lower Rhine, fighting on the Sieg River and in the Ruhr pocket, 23 Mar-15 Apr 1945), by Maj. Helmut Hudel

## Saar:

MS D-322 (Employment of the Panzer Lehr Div. in the Saar sector in Nov 1944), by Gen.Lt. Fritz Bayerlein.

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