

PANZERGRENADIER-DIVISION FELDHERRNHALLE - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1943/02/17	Beziers, France	Reconstitution of the 60.ID mot after destruction of AOK 6 units in Stalingrad in Jan 1943	C.O.: Gen.Lt. Otto Kohlermann, 1943/02/17-1944/04/03
1943/02/21	Soviet Union to Beziers	Transfer of remnants of the 60.ID mot	Subordinate to: Armeegruppe Felber, 1943/03/01-1943/08/14
1943/03/12	Beziers	Formation of Aufstellungsstab and Kampfgruppe 60.ID mot	
1943/04/01	Nimes, Tarascon, Lunel, Saint-Hippolyte, Saint-Martin-de-Londres	Movement, formation, training, alert exercises	
1943/05/04	Nimes	Incorporation of SA Regiment Feldherrnhalle	
1943/05/25	Nimes	Reorganization as the 60.PzGrD	
1943/06/20	Nimes	Redesignation as PzGrD Feldherrnhalle	
1943/09/09	Cannes, Nice, Monte Carlo, Menton, Saint-Raphael, Gonfaron	Movement, closing of the Italian-French border, security, disarming of Italian Forces, coastal defense	Oko. von Sodenstern (AGr Felber), 1943/08/14-1943/08/24 AOK 19, 1943/08/24-1943/09/30
1943/10/30	Arras, Lens	Movement, training, defense against sabotage, air attacks, and air landings	Korpsgruppe Kniess, 1943/10/01-1943/10/31
1943/12/10	Arras	Beginning of entraining for movement to the eastern front	

Records of Panzergrenadier-Division Feldherrnhalle are reproduced on roll 2301 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and described following the unit history. Records of the 60.ID mot, the predecessor division, are reproduced on rolls 1004-1008 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and described in Guide No. 65, p. 7.

Although no records of this division dated later than 1943/12/11 were available in the National Archives, the following sources give additional pertinent information and show:

records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/132 (T78, roll 412);

records of OKH/AHA, H 37/168 Stammtafel (MR 1316);

records of OKH/AHA/Abwicklungsstab, H 41/12 (T78, roll 139, frame 6068965) afteraction reports concerning the battles in the Mogilev area of the Soviet Union, 24 Jun-7 Jul 1944, and a history of PzGrD Feldherrnhalle;

situation maps of Lage Ost, Sued, Suedwest, Suedost, Ungarn, HGr. Weichsel, and Reich; and manuscripts in the Foreign Military Studies series MS T-9.

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1943/12/12	Arras, France to Vitebsk, Soviet Union	Transfer	
1943/12/23	Vidreya, Liozno, Stantsiya Krinki, Bogushevskoye, Zamostoch'ye	Movement, defensive operations	
1944/01/20	Narva (northern sector)	Transfer	
1944/02/01	Krivaso, Vaivara, Auvere, Kannuka, Soldina	Movement, position defense, defensive operations	C.O.: Gen.Maj. Friedrich-Carl von Steinkeller, 1944/04/03-1944/07/08 (captured by the Russians)
1944/05/11	Mogilev via Johvi, Estonia	Transfer to the central sector, rehabilitation, position defense	
1944/06/24	Vasilevichi, east of Dnieper	Movement, defense	Subordinate to: AK 39 Pz AK 12 Pz
1944/06/26	Kamenka, Mogilev, Belynichi, Pogost, Berezino, Smilovichi	Withdrawal, defensive operations	
1944/07/04	Minsk, Samokhvalovichi	Attempt to liberate, encirclement, assault and defensive operations for breakthrough, which failed	
1944/07/07	West of Minsk	Counterattack, breakthrough by remnants	
1944/07/13	West of Minsk	Formation of Panzer-Brigade 106 Feldherrnhalle from div. remnants	C.O.: Obst. Franz Baeke
1944/07/20	Kaunas (Kauen), Vilkaviskis, Lithuania	Formation of Kampfgruppe Feldherrnhalle from remnants in the rear area, position defense	Hauptmann Roeschmann
1944/09/ca. 1944/10/02	France, Belfort	Transfer of Panzer-Brigade 106 FH movement, defense	
1944/08/20- 1944/10/01	Germany	Reconstitution of PzGrD Feldherrnhalle, formation, training	Gen.Maj. Guenther Pape, 1944/09/04-1944/12/01?
1944/09/22	Kosice (Kaschau), Czechoslovakia	Transfer of PzGrD Feldherrnhalle units and Kampfgruppe Feldherrnhalle	

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1944/09/30	Miskolc, Hungary	Formation of Panzer-Brigade 110 FH, arrival of Kampfgruppe FH	
1944/10/03- 1944/10/29	Mezokovesd	Assembly of division units, formation, training	
1944/10/17	Hajhuszoboszlo, Kaba	Movement, assault and defensive operations by part of the division, encirclement, breakthrough, movement, defensive operations	
1944/10/18	Balmazujvaros		
1944/10/19	Hajduboszormeny		
1944/10/30	Mezokovesd	Assembly of division units	
1944/11/01	Monor via Nagykata, Gvomro, Ullo, Rakoskeresztur, south and north of Budapest	Movement, defensive operations	
1944/12/17	Budapest	Defense	
1945/01/09	Budapest	Encirclement by Russian Forces, breakthrough by remnants	
1945/01/13- 1945/02/02	Komarno, Esztergom (Gran)	Movement and defense by 1. Btl. FH (no trace on situation maps of Lage Ost after 1945/02/02)	
1945/01/25- 1945/03/24	Bratislava (Pressburg), Nove Zamky, Czechoslovakia	Formation and commitment of Panzerkorps Feldherrnhalle with units of the 13.PzD and div. units (source: records of OKH/GenStdH/Org.Abt., H 1/38 (T78, roll 398, p. 6))	
1945/02/21	Batorkesz, Parkany, Nove Zamky	Movement, defensive operations by Schw.Pz-Abt. FH (corps reserve) and 1. Btl. FH	
1945/03/02	Nitra, Palarikovo	Movement, refitting	
1945/03/15	Nitra, Palarikovo	Reorganization as Panzer-Division Feldherrnhalle 1 and 2	

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1945/03/25	Sered area, Holic, Nadas, Brezovo, Gbely, Drnholec (Duernholz), Mutenice, Valtice, Breclav (Lundenburg)	Withdrawal, defensive operations by Pz-Korps and Pz-Div. Feldherrnhalle 1 and 2	
1945/04/11- 1945/04/30	Poysdorf, Austria; Hrusovay (Grusbach), Znojmo (Znaim), Czechoslovakia	Movement, defensive operations by Pz-Korps Feldherrnhalle	
1945/04/11- 1945/04/30	Dobermannsdorf, Austria; Zidlochovice (Seelowitz), Brno (Bruenn), Ivanovice (Elwanowitz), Czechoslovakia	Movement, defensive operations by Pz-Div. Feldherrnhalle 1	
1945/04/11- 1945/04/30	Hustopece (Auspitz), Mikulov (Nikolsburg), Drnholec, Miroslav (Misslitz), Czechoslovakia; Grossharras, Austria	Movement, defensive operations by Pz-Div. Feldherrnhalle 2 and 1 Rgt. of the 8.Jaeger-Div.	

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 Panzergrenadier-Division Feldherrnhalle as follows:

MS T-9, Part I and II (Die Operationen der Heeresgruppe Suedukraine (Sued) in Rumaenien, Ungarn und Oesterreich (Mai 1944 bis Kriegsende) der Heeresgruppe Nordukraine (A) in Galizien und Ostpolen (Mai bis Ende August 1944) und der Armeegruppe Heinrici (1. Panzer-Armee) in den Beskiden, (September 1944 bis Ende Januar 1945)), by Gen.Lt. Otto Heidkaemper

Appendix 1 to MS T-9 (Die Operationen der Heeresgruppe Suedukraine (Sued), der Heeresgruppe Nordukraine (A) und der Armeegruppe Heinrici (1. Panzer-Armee), Mai 1944-Mai 1945), by General der Panzertruppen Walter Wenck, Gen.Obst. Erhard Raus, Obst. Hermann Teske, Gen. Jon Gheorghe (Rumanian), and Gen.Obst. Gotthard Heinrici

Appendix 2 to MS T-9 (Verzeichnis der Skizzen und unterschiedliche Bezeichnungen und Schreibweisen der auf ihnen genannten Staedte, Fluesse und Gebirge zu Operationen der HGr. Suedukraine (Sued), der HGr. Nordukraine (A) und der AGr. Heinrici, Mai 1944 bis Mai 1945)

Band 1, Addition to MS T-9 (Materialsammlung fuer die Darstellung der russischen Offensiven gegen die deutschen Heeresgruppen A (später Suedukraine) und Sued (später Nordukraine) vom 24.12.1943 bis 15.5.1944), by Obst.Lt. Hellmuth von Wienskowski.

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Ia, KTB 1. War journal concerning breakthrough of the lines of the 60.ID mot by Russian Forces and its capture in the Stalingrad area, 22-23 Jan 1943; reconstitution of the 60.ID mot in the Beziers area of France by order of OKH/Chef Heeresruestung u. Bfh. d. Ersatzheeres/AHA, 17 Feb; transfer of remnants of the 60.ID mot from Russia to Beziers, France, 21 Feb; formation of the Aufstellungsstab and Kampfgruppe 60.ID mot at Beziers, 12-31 Mar; movement to, formation, alert exercises, and training in the Nimes, Tarascon, Lunel, Saint-Hipnolyte, and Saint-Martin-de-Londres areas of southern France, 1 Apr-31 Jul; and reorganization as the 60.PzGrD, 25 May, and redesignation as PzGrD Feldherrnhalle, 20 Jun. March exercises from Nimes to Aix-en-Provence via Arles; assembly and coastal defense exercises in the Lunel, Vauvert, and Saint-Laurent areas and in the Brignoles and Barjols area as a Heeresgruppen reserve, 1-24 Aug; and return to the Nimes area for training, 25 Aug-7 Sep. Surrender of the Italian Government to General Eisenhower, 8 Sep; movement to, closing of the Italian-French border, and disarming Italian Forces by the division; and securing roads and coastal defense from the Cannes to the Menton area, 8-30 Sep. (Records of the 60.ID mot are reproduced on rolls 1004-1008 of NARS Microfilm Publication T315 and described in Guide No. 65, p. 7.)	1943/03/01- 1943/09/30	PzGrD Feliherrnh 35174/1	2301	1
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<p>Ia, Anlagenband 3 zum KTB 1. Reports, radio messages, orders, directives, and maps pertaining to quartering; the formation of new units; training; securing roads, railroads, and bridges; and march, coastal defense, alert, and defense against enemy landings exercises by PzGrD Feldherrnhalle in the Nimes, Lunel, Vauvert, Saint-Hippolyte, and Saint-Laurent areas of southern France, 21 Jun-7 Sep 1943; surrender of the Italian Government by Marshal Badoglio to General Eisenhower, 8 Sep; movement for coastal defense to Cannes; formation of assault reserves; disarming of Italian Forces; and securing roads, railroads, and the coast in the Cannes, Nice, Menton, and Beaulieu-sur-Mer areas of France and the San Remo area of Italy, 8-30 Sep. Monthly status reports; billeting surveys; notes on command conferences; special directives concerning air raid protection; lists of duty assignments for the division staff and units; and instruction pamphlets regarding the employment, safety, and camouflage of mines and minefields and American and British airborne infantry and parachute units, with order-of-battle charts.</p>	1943/06/21- 1943/09/30	PzGrD Feliherrnh 35174/4	2301	467
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agents, and propaganda; morale, attitude, and behavior of the French population; counterintelligence; military and postal security; defense against enemy air landings and attacks; disarming and control of Italian Forces after 8 Sep 1943; and troop indoctrination, entertainment, and education in intelligence matters in the Nimes and Lunel area, 1 Apr-8 Sep, the Nice, Monte Carlo, Menton, Saint-Raphael, and Gonfaron areas, 9 Sep-29 Oct, and in the Arras and Lens area, 2 Nov-11 Dec.

Newspaper clippings, photographs, speeches, and ceremonial festivities relating to the redesignation of the 60.PzGrD as PzGrD Feldherrnhalle; intelligence bulletins; training directives, pamphlets, afteraction reports, and order-of-battle charts of the U.S. 3d Infantry Div. regarding the landing at Licata, Sicily, 9 Jul, and smoke screen methods used by the Russians; afteraction reports on the battles of Stalingrad; and a brief history of the 60.ID mot.