

15. Panzer-Division (15th Panzer Division)

This division was formed in 1935-36 as the 33. Infanterie-Division during the expansion of the Army after the introduction of universal military service in March 1935 and included Infanterie-Regimente 104, 110, and 115. In May 1940 it participated in the western campaign. In the autumn of 1940 it was converted to the 15. Panzer-Division, transferring Infanterie-Regiment 110 to the 112. Infanterie-Division and adding Panzer-Regiment 8. The division was then

transferred to Libya in the spring of 1941, and Infanterie-Regiment 104 was assigned to the 21. Panzer-Division. It fought in various campaigns in Libya and Egypt, and in the spring of 1943 it entered Tunisia where it was virtually destroyed in May 1943.

According to situation maps Süd-West and the Order of Battle of the German Army the 15. Panzer-Division was reconstituted in July 1943 as Division "Sizilien" and was later redesignated the 15. Panzergrenadier-Division.

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Ia, Anlagen 1-42 z. TB, Band I. Division orders and training regulations. The division was subordinate for training to the XXIV. A.K., and for billeting and equipment to the XII. A.K. On Nov 11, 1940, it was converted to the 15. Pz.Div. under the command of Generalmajor Kühn.	Oct 1 - Dec 28, 1940	12326/2	664	1
Ia, Anlagen 43-84 z. TB, Band II. Radio and teletype messages concerning training activities in the troop training area of Baumholder.	Jan 3 - Feb 24, 1941	12326/3	664	207
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2, Afrika; IIa, Tätigkeitsbericht. War journal, including order of battle charts, plans for minefields, and afteraction reports concerning the winter battle in the Bardia area in Libya on the Egyptian border. The division was subordinate to the Deutsches Afrikakorps. Also, an activity report of the Personnel Branch for the period Jan 1 to Feb 15, 1942. On Dec 6, 1941, Generalmajor Neumann-Silkow was killed, and Oberst Menny became temporary division commander. On Dec 21, 1941, Gen. Gustav Vaerst became division commander.	Nov 19, 1941 - Feb 15, 1942	21991/1	664	384
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht, Afrika. Activity report concerning enemy operations, maps and overlays showing enemy positions south of Derna, and intelligence bulletins; and orders pertaining to the behavior of troops toward the local Arab population.	Apr 1941 - Apr 1942	21991/2	665	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1. War journal concerning operations and activities in the Tobruk area in Libya. Also, reports on Operation "Wendepunkt" (offensive against the British on the Egyptian border), Operation "Landau" (action on the Salum line), and Operation "Skorpion" (the battle of Halfaya Pass). Generalmajor Neumann-Silkow was division commander.	Apr 14 - Nov 18, 1941	22263	665	178

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Ia, Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen. Activity report, with maps and overlays, concerning enemy operations in the Tobruk area in Libya and the Salum area in Egypt.	May 1 - 25, 1942	24442/1	665	471
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Daily activity reports on division and enemy operations, air reconnaissance, and enemy air attacks in the El Alamein area in Egypt.	Jul 7 - Aug 16, 1942	24442/3	665	558
Ic, Anlagenband 1 z. TB, Anlagen 1-104, Feindunterlagen. Intelligence bulletins and maps.	Jul 7 - Aug 16, 1942	24442/4	665	582
Ic, Anlagenband 2 z. TB, Anlagen 105-107, Abwehr, Sabotage, Geheimhaltung, Anlagen 108-112, Geistige Betreuung, Anlagen 113-117 Dolmetscherwesen, Anlage 118 Sonstiges.	Jul 7 - Aug 13, 1942	24442/5	665	774
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht, Feindlage, Geistige Betreuung, Dolmetscherwesen, Divisionsgeschichte, Tagesübersicht.	Aug 17 - Sep 30, 1942	24442/6	665	797
Ic, Anlagenband 1 z. TB, Anlagen 1-123, Feindunterlagen. Prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries and intelligence bulletins. Also, overlays showing enemy positions.	Aug 17 - Sep 30, 1942	24442/7	665	822
Ic, Anlagenband 2 z. TB, Anlagen 1-2 Abwehr, Sabotage, Geheimhaltung, Anlagen 1-18 Geistige Betreuung, Anlagen 1-3 Dolmetscherwesen, Anlage 1 Sonstiges.	Aug 21 - Sep 30, 1942	24442/8	666	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5. War journal concerning operations and activities during retreat from El Alamein to Matruh, with maps and overlays showing route of retreat. Also, order of battle charts, casualty lists, and combat strength reports. On Nov 21, 1942, Oberst Borowietz became division commander.	Oct 23 - Nov 25, 1942	24902	666	48
Ia, Anlage z. KTB 2, Gefechtsberichte. Afteraction reports from subordinate units in the Bardia area in Libya and the Salum area in Egypt. Also, reports on the battle on "Totensomtag," Nov 23, 1941, in the Sidi Muftah area.	Nov 19, 1941 - Feb 15, 1942	25002	666	318
Ic, Anlagen. Intelligence bulletins, maps, and overlays.	Mar 27 - Sep 19, 1942	25231	666	635

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3, Teil I. War journal concerning operations and activities between Derna and Tobruk.	Feb 16 - May 25, 1942	25886/1	666	677
Ia, Anlagenband C z. KTB 3, Teil I, Operationsakten. Operation reports, division orders, and order of battle charts concerning activities and reorganization of the division, and corps orders for the defense of the Cirenaica area.	Feb 16 - May 25, 1942	25886/2	666	983
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht, Afrika. Summarized activity report concerning enemy strength and situation, and daily reports on enemy air activity and other operations on the Libyan-Egyptian border.	Oct 1 - Nov 30, 1942	26421/1	667	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht, Afrika. Summarized activity report concerning enemy situation and evaluation of the battles around Agedabia. Also, prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries, maps, overlays, and air reconnaissance overlays.	Dec 1 - 31, 1942	26421/2	667	50
Ic, Anlagenband z. TB, Feindunterlagen.	Oct 1 - Nov 30, 1942	26421/3	667	179
Ic, Anlagenband z. TB, Geistige Betreuung, Abwehr, Geheimhaltung, Dolmetscherwesen, Sonstiges, Afrika.	Oct 1 - Nov 30, 1942	26421/4	667	403
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 7. War journal concerning operations and activities during the retreat from Egypt into Libya. The division was subordinate to Gen.Kdo. Deutsches Afrikakorps from Dec 26, 1942, to Feb 20, 1943, and to Deutschen Chef des Generalstabes with the Italian 1st Army from Feb 21 to Mar 11, 1943.	Dec 26, 1942 - Mar 11, 1943	30270/1	667	496
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Activity report concerning enemy operations and situation; intelligence bulletins, maps, overlays, and air reconnaissance overlays of the Buerat area in Libya during the retreat toward Tripoli.	Jan 1 - 31, 1943	30270/2	668	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Activity report concerning enemy operations and activities between Tripoli and the Tunisian border. Also, a report on American, British, and French units, intelligence bulletins, and prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries. Also, maps and overlays of western Libya and Tunisia.	Feb 1 - 28, 1943	30270/3	668	116
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Activity report concerning enemy operations and activities in Tunisia.	Mar 1 - Apr 20, 1943	30270/4	668	285

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Ic, Anlage 1 z. TB, Anlagen 1-51 Feindunterlagen. Prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries, maps and overlays, translations of captured documents, and intelligence bulletins.	Mar 1 - Apr 20, 1943	30270/5	668	322
Ic, Anlage 2 z. TB, Anlagen 52-60 Abwehr von Spionage, Sabotage, Anlagen 61-73 Truppenbetreuung.	Mar 1 - Apr 20, 1943	30270/6	668	509
Ic, Anlage 3 z. TB, Auszugsweise Übersetzungen von Feindnachrichtenblättern des italienischen AOK 1.	Mar 1 - Apr 19, 1943	30270/7	668	557
Ic, Anlage 4 z. TB, V.N. Meldungen. Intercepted radio messages.	Mar 1 - Apr 20, 1943	30270/8	668	641
Ic, Anlage 5 z. TB, Luftaufklärungen.	Mar 1 - Apr 18, 1943	30270/9	669	1
Ia, [Tages- u. Ereignisberichte, KTB.] Daily reports on the activities and situation of the division and correspondence pertaining to ration and supply matters during the retreat from Benghazi to Buerat, Libya.	Aug 17 - Dec 21, 1942	77559	669	54
Ia, Kfz.- Sonderbefehle. Special orders concerning motor vehicles and replacement parts.	Nov 1940 - Jul 1941	77734	669	1010