

18. Panzer-Division (18th Panzer Division)

The 18. Panzer-Division was formed on October 15, 1940, in Chemnitz, Wehrkreis IV. In June 1941 it participated in the invasion of Russia, fighting in the central sector of the eastern front and advancing to the Bryansk and Orel areas by

September 1943. The division suffered heavy losses west of Kiev and withdrew in the autumn of 1943 to the Orsha area, where it was inactivated on October 20, 1943, and its remnant units sent to Vilna, Lithuania.

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Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht 1. Activity report concerning activation of the division on Oct 15, 1940, and its training in the Dresden, Bad Schandau, Hirschberg, and Kassel areas. The division was subordinate to the IV. Pz.K., Dresden; H.Gr. C, Dresden; LXVI. Pz.K. (mot.), Hirschberg; the L. A.K., Bad Schandau; and the XLVII. A.K., Kassel, successively, under the command of Gen.Maj. Walter Nehring.	Oct 25, 1940 - May 27, 1941	10409/1	705*	1
Ia, Unterlagen z. TB 1.	Sep 26, 1940 - May 14, 1941	10409/2	705	30
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Activity and intelligence reports concerning troop training, indoctrination, entertainment, and counterintelligence activity.	Oct 26, 1940 - May 25, 1941	10409/3	705	474
Ia, "Eine Nacht auf dem Divisionsgefechtsstand einer Panzerdivision" als Beitrag z. KTB. A report concerning the combat engagements of the division during the first three days of the Russian campaign in the Bialystok, Brest, Volkyovsk, Slonim, Kobrin, and Pruzhany areas.	Jun 24 - 25, 1941	12241	706	1
Ia, "Als die Vernichtungsschlacht um Kiew geschlagen wurde" (Stimmungsbild), Beitrag z. KTB. A report concerning combat activities during the offensive battle around Kiev.	Sep 25, 1941	12951	706	9
Ia, Kriegstagebuch mit Gefechtskalender, Teil I, Russland. War journal concerning the invasion of Russia (Jun 22, 1941); the division's operations in the Brest-Litovsk and Bialystok areas; and its advance via Pruzhany, Slonim, Baranovichi, Nesvizh, Stolotsy, Minsk, Borisov, Krupki, Tolochin, Orsha, Smolensk, and Pochinok to Yelnya and Roslavl. The division was subordinate to the XLVII. Pz.K.	Jun 22 - Aug 20, 1941	13185/1	706	15
Ia, Kriegstagebuch mit Gefechtskalender, Teil II, Russland. War journal concerning combat engagements in the Roslavl, Zhukovka, Bezhitsa, Pochep, Mglin, Uritski, and Bryansk areas.	Aug 21 - Sep 29, 1941	13185/2	706	85

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch mit Gefechtskalender, Teil III, Russland. War journal concerning operations in the Bryansk, Belye Berega, and Karachev areas.	Sep 30 - Oct 19, 1941	13185/3	706	165
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Heimat und Russland. Corps and division orders, afteraction reports, and messages.	May 26 - Jul 20, 1941	13185/4	706	243
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Russland. Radio and teletype messages, reports, and corps and division orders.	Jul 21 - Aug 14, 1941	13185/5	706	704
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Russland. Radio and teletype messages, maps, reports, and corps and division orders. Also, special directives concerning supply and intelligence reports.	Aug 15 - Oct 28, 1941	13185/6-7	707	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB, Ausbildungs- und Marschbefehle, Verschiedenes, Marschgliederungen, Unterlagen, Gefechtstross.	Nov 30, 1939 - Jun 8, 1941	13185/8	708	1
Ia, Anlagen I u. II z. KTB vor dem Einsatz in Russland. Corps and division orders, radio and teletype messages, and maps.	Dec 1, 1940 - Jun 21, 1941	13185/9	708	421
Ia, Anlage z. KTB; Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen des V.P. (Vorauspersonal). Activity report of the advance echelon of the division, with orders, reports, order of battle charts, and maps pertaining to activities relating to preparations for Operation "Barbarossa" (the invasion of Russia).	May 28 - Jun 20, 1941	13185/10,12	708	848
Ia, Anlage z. KTB, Tagesmeldungen unterstellter Truppenteile, Russland.	Jun 21 - Oct 28, 1941	13185/14	709	1
Ia, Anlage z. KTB, Zustandsberichte der Division und unterstellter Einheiten, Russland.	Jun 22 - Oct 26, 1941	13185/15	709	555
Ia, Anlage z. KTB, Tages-, Zwischen- und Morgenmeldungen.	Jun 12 - Oct 20, 1941	13185/17	709	888
Ia, Anlage z. KTB, Divisionsbefehle.	Jun 15 - 16, 1941	13185/57	709	1063
Ia, Luftbilder (Bug). Aerial photographs of the Bug River.	No date	13185/58	710	1

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Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte, Russland. Activity report concerning enemy operations, movements, and the tactical situation. Also, an activity report of the Personnel Branch, Jun 21 - Sep 30, 1941, and lists of daily casualties.	Jun 12 - Oct 23, 1941	13185/59	710	16
Ia, Studie Milowitz. Combat instructions.	Mar 23 - Jun 10, 1941	13185/60	710	75
Ia, Ausbildung, Heimat. Instruction pamphlet relating to the use of mine-removing vehicles and data concerning river mines.	May 21 - Jun 14, 1941	13185/61	710	221
Ia, Operationsbefehle zum Angriff gegen Russland. Division orders relating to the impending attack on Russia and the transfer of the division from Saxony to Poland.	Apr 17 - Jun 21, 1941	13185/63-65	710	246
Ia, Erkundungsergebnisse, Einsatz Russland. Reconnaissance report on Russia prior to the invasion.	Apr 15 - Jun 19, 1941	13185/66	710	739
Ia, Schriftverkehr, Vorbereitungen, Einsatz Russland. Correspondence relating to preparations for the invasion of Russia.	Apr 1 - Jun 19, 1941	13185/67	710	832
Ia, Kriegstagebuch mit Gefechtskalender, Teil IV. War journal concerning combat engagements in the Karachev, Orel, Kromy, Fatezh, Mtsensk, Yefremov, and Tula areas. Also, casualty lists and combat and ration strength reports.	Oct 20 - Dec 13, 1941	18649/1	710	1014
Ia, Kriegstagebuch mit Gefechtskalender, Teil V. War journal concerning defensive battles in the area around Yefremov and northeast of Orel and withdrawal to Bolkhov and Bryansk. The division became subordinate to the XXIV. Pz.K. on Jan 8, 1942, and was under the command of Gen.Maj. Walter Nehring.	Dec 14, 1941 - Jan 9, 1942	18649/2	710	1252
Ia, Kriegstagebuch. War journal concerning operations in the Bryansk and Zhizdra areas.	Jan 10 - Mar 31, 1942	18649/3	711	1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Corps and division orders, radio and teletype messages, afteraction evaluations, and training programs.	Sep 1, 1941 - Mar 31, 1942	18649/4- 18649/8	711- 713	187, 1
Ia, Tagesmeldungen.	Nov 29, 1941 - Mar 31, 1942	18649/9	713	487

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Ia, Stellungsbau-Befehle, Brynij - Bobrowa. Orders, directives, and sketches pertaining to the construction of fortified positions and winter road service in the division's sector in Russia.	Dec 4, 1941 - Feb 15, 1942	18649/10	714	1
Ia, Tagesmeldungen des XXIV. Panzerkorps.	Jan 8 - Apr 1, 1942	18649/11	714	130
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte. Activity reports concerning enemy operations, movements, unit identification, losses of men and equipment, and the tactical situation facing the division sector.	Jun 22, 1941 - Apr 7, 1942	18649/51- 18649/51a	714	301
Ic, Anlagen z. TBe. Intelligence reports, interrogation summaries, and maps.	Jun 22, 1941 - Apr 7, 1942	18649/52,53, 18649/53a	714	422
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. War journal concerning operations in the Bryansk, Zhizdra, Chernyy Potok, and Oslinka areas. The division was subordinate to the XXIV. and XLVII. Pz.K. under the command of Gen.Lt. Karl Frhr. von Thüngen-Rossbach.	Apr 1 - Jul 14, 1942	26901/1	714	692
Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB 3, Operation, Einsatz.	Mar 16 - Jul 1, 1942	26901/2	714	929
Ia, Anlagenband 2 z. KTB 3, Aufstellung, Umgliederung, Ausbildung, Organisation.	Feb 20 - Jul 13, 1942	26901/3	715	1
Ia, Anlagenband 3 z. KTB 3, Gefechts- und Verpflegungsstärken, Zustandsbericht, Kriegsgliederung.	Apr 4 - Jun 25, 1942	26901/4	715	145
Ia, Anlagenband 4 z. KTB 3, Korpsbefehle.	Mar 1 - Jul 13, 1942	26901/5	715	214
Ia, Anlagenband 5 z. KTB 3, Gefechtsberichte.	Mar 30 - Jul 4, 1942	26901/6	715	263
Ia, Anlagenband 6 z. KTB 3, Funksprüche.	Apr 1 - Jul 14, 1942	26901/7	715	415
Ia, Anlagenband 7 z. KTB 3, Stellungsbau.	Apr 7 - Jul 1, 1942	26901/8	715	530
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4, Russland. War journal concerning operations in the Zhizdra, Bryansk, and Orel areas.	Jul 15, 1942 - Jan 31, 1943	27134/1	715	614

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Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB 4, Russland. Operation, Einsatz, Märsche, Verlegungen, Transporte, Ablösungen.	Jul 16, 1942 - Jan 29, 1943	27134/2	716	1
Ia, Anlagenband 2 z. KTB 4, Russland. Organisation, Aufstellung, Umgliederung, Ausbildung.	Jul 17, 1942 - Jan 14, 1943	27134/3	716	282
Ia, Anlagenband 3 z. KTB 4, Russland. Gefechts- und Verpflegungsstärken, Zustandsberichte, Kriegsgliederungen.	Jul 18, 1942 - Jan 29, 1943	27134/4	716	379
Ia, Anlagenband 4 z. KTB 4, Russland. Tages- und Zwischenmeldungen.	Jul 15 - Dec 21, 1942	27134/5	716	430
Ia, Anlagenband 6 z. KTB 4, Russland. Gefechtsberichte.	Jun 28, 1942 - Jan 10, 1943	27134/7	716	688
Ib, Kriegstagebuch, Russland; IVc, IVd (kath. u. ev.), III, Tätigkeitsberichte. War journal of the Supply Branch, Apr 1, 1942 - Jan 31, 1943, concerning the division's supply services, administration, and situation. Also, activity reports of the Veterinary Officer, Apr 1, 1942 - Jan 31, 1943, the Catholic Chaplain, Mar 15, 1942 - Jan 31, 1943, the Protestant Chaplain, Jun 1 - Dec 31, 1943, and the Judge Advocate. The division was subordinate to the XXIV. and XLVII. Pz.K., and the XXXV. A.K., successively.	Jan 1, 1942 - Jan 31, 1943	27134/8	716	930
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Activity report concerning enemy operations; losses of men and equipment; and the tactical situation. Also, reports on troop morale, indoctrination, and entertainment.	Apr 7, 1942 - Feb 3, 1943	27755/1	716	1041
Ic, Anlagen 124-270 z. TB. Interrogation summaries on prisoners and deserters.	Apr 23 - Sep 19, 1942	27755/2	717	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5, Russland. War journal concerning operations in the Orel, Bryansk, and Maloarkhangelsk areas and Operation "Zigeunerbaron" (defensives in the Orel-Bryansk area, May 16 - Jun 8, 1943). The division was subordinate to the XXXV. and LV. A.K., the XLI. Pz.K. and Auffrischungsstab 3/XLVII. Pz.K., successively, under the command of Gen.Lt. Karl Frhr. v. Thingen-Rossbach.	Feb 1 - Jun 27, 1943	32207/1	717	447
Ia, Anlagenband 1, Teil I u. II z. KTB 5, Russland. Operation, Einsatz, Märsche, Verlegungen, Transporte, Ablösungen.	Feb 1 - Jun 25, 1943	32207/2-4	717	822

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Ia, Anlagenband 2 z. KTB 5, Russland. Organisation, Aufstellung, Umgliederung, Ausbildung.	Mar 2 - Jun 26, 1943	32207/5	718	1
Ia, Anlagenband 3 z. KTB 5, Russland. Gefechts- und Verpflegungsstärken, Zustandsberichte mit Kriegsgliederungen, Führermeldungen.	Feb 1 - Jun 21, 1943	32207/6	718	197
Ia, Anlagenband 4 z. KTB 5, Russland. Tages- und Zwischenmeldungen.	Feb 4 - Jun 5, 1943	32207/7	718	310
Ia, Anlagenband 6 z. KTB 5, Russland, Gefechtsberichte.	Feb 4 - Jun 10, 1943	32207/9	718	609
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Activity report concerning enemy operations, movements, unit identification, losses of men and equipment, and the tactical situation.	Feb 4 - Jun 2, 1943	32207/10	718	664
Ic, Anlagen z. TB, Russland. Summaries of interrogations of prisoners of war and deserters, and maps.	Mar 19 - May 31, 1943	32207/12	718	731
Ia, Kriegstagebuch "Zitadelle". War journal concerning offensives in the Ponyri area. The division was subordinate to the XLI. Pz.K.	Jun 28 - Jul 12, 1943	34292/1	718	894
Ia, Anlagenband z. KTB "Zitadelle". Reports on Operation "Zitadelle."	Jul 5 - 12, 1943	34292/2	718	935
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6. War journal concerning the division's combat engagements in the Bolkhov area and its withdrawal from Bolkhov via Spas, Yelnya, and Smolensk to the Orsha area and the inactivation of the division on Oct 20, 1943, in Orsha, and the transfer of its units to Vilna, Lithuania, on Oct 21, 1943. The division was subordinate to Gruppe von Esebeck, Jul 18 - 24, Gruppe Harpe, Jul 28 - Aug 15, 1943, and to the XXIII. A.K., H.Gr. Mitte, the XXVII. A.K., and AOK 4, successively, under the command of Gen.Maj. Dietrich v. Schlieben.	Jul 13 - Oct 18, 1943	38213/1	718	1077
Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB 6. Operation, Einsatz, Märsche, Verlegungen, Transporte, Ablösungen.	Jul 12 - Oct 18, 1943	38213/2	719	1
Ia, Anlagenband 2 z. KTB. Organisation, Aufstellung, Umgliederung, Ausbildung.	Jun 28 - Oct 10, 1943	38213/3	719	278

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Ia, Anlagenband 3 z. KTB 6. Gefechts- und Verpflegungsstärken, Führermeldungen, Zustandsberichte und Kriegsgliederungen.	Jul 1 - Oct 8, 1943	38213/4	719	312
Ia, Anlagenband 4 z. KTB 6, Morgen- Zwischen- und Tagesmeldungen.	Jul 13 - Oct 19, 1943	38213/5	719	413
Ia, Anlagenband 5 z. KTB 6, Allgemeines.	Jul 5 - Sep 11, 1943	38213/6	719	563
Ia, Anlagenband 6 z. KTB 6, Gefechtsberichte.	Jul 12 - Oct 9, 1943	38213/7	719	626
Ia, Anlagenband 8 z. KTB 6, Notizen. Notes of the Operations Staff Officer relating to war journal 6.	Jul 13 - Sep 8, 1943	38213/9	719	673
Ia, Anlagenband 9 z. KTB 6, Umbildung. Orders and reports concerning the in-activation of the 18. Panzer-Division and the activation of the 18. Artillerie-Division in Vilna, Lithuania.	May 27 - Nov 14, 1943	38213/10	719	747
Ia, Nachgereichte Anlagen z. KTB 5, Kampfstaffel der 318. I.D. - Ausbildung.	Sep 24, 1942 - Jun 30, 1943	38213/11	719	842
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Activity report concerning enemy operations in the Orel, Kursk, and Bolkhov areas and the inactivation of the division in the Orsha area.	Jun 3 - Oct 18, 1943	38213/12	719	891