

The formation of the 23. Panzer-Division began in the Paris area on September 21, 1941, and was completed on March 14, 1942, after which it was transferred to the eastern front. The division fought near Kharkov and subsequently in the Terek River area. In December 1942 it was transferred to the Stalingrad area. Escaping encirclement at Stalingrad in December 1943 the division withdrew to the Stalino area via Bolshaya Martynovka and Rostov and defended this area until the end of June 1943. From July to December 1943 it defended the Dmitriyevka and Makeyevka areas, then moved northward to defend Kharkov and westward to defend Krivoi Rog, and finally the division participated in operations in the Pyatikhatki, Aleksandriya, Kremenchug, and Kirovograd areas. Although there are no records of

the division available dated later than December 31, 1943, the situation maps of Lage Ost show that from January to March 1944 the division was again engaged in the defense of the Krivoi Rog area and then withdrew to the Jassy area via Pervomaisk, Proskurov, and Beltsy. From April to August it participated in position defense in the Jassy area. The division took part in operations in the Radomysl Wielki, Opatow, and Wierzbnik areas in Poland until October 1944, when it was transferred to the area east of Debrecen. From November 1944 to April 1945 the division participated in the defense of the Hatvan, Bakony Mountain, Szekesfehervar, and Köröshegy areas in Hungary, the Maribor area in Slovenia, and the Graz area in Austria.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>1st Frame</u>
Ia, Verschlussachen, Erfahrungs-, Zustands- und Gefechtsberichte.	May 12 - 29, 1942	22635	791	1
Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht. <u>Described with the records of the 23. Inf.Div.7</u>	Dec 1, 1942 - Jan 19, 1943	28165/1	791	57
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1. Formation of the division, Sep 21, 1941 to Mar 14, 1942, in the Paris area, transfer to Kharkov, and defensive operations in the Kharkov, Chuguev, and Volchansk areas. The division was subordinate to AOK 6, and the LI. and VIII. A.K., successively, under the command of Gen.Maj. Hans Freiherr von Boineburg-Lengsfeld.	Sep 21, 1941 - May 30, 1942	30488/1	791	72
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 1. Reports, orders of the division and from superior headquarters, and messages.	May 12 - Jun 20, 1942	30488/3	791	171
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2, Bände 1-3. Advance of the division to the Terek River via Kharkov, Volchansk, Volokonovka, Chetkovo, Millerovo, Voroshilovsk, Voroshilovgrad, the Kuban River, Baksan, Prokhladny, and Mozdok by the end of August; and the retreat in Oct and Nov to the Voroshilovsk area. The division was subordinate to the XL. Pz.K. from May 30 to Jul 4 and from Jul 7 to Aug 26, 1942, and to the XLVIII. and III. Pz.K., and Pz.AOK 1, successively, under the command of Gen.Maj. Hans Freiherr von Boineburg-Lengsfeld and Gen.Maj. Erwin Mack from Jul 20 to Aug 26, 1942.	May 30 - Nov 30, 1942	30488/5-7	791	398
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2, Gefechts- und Verpflegungsstärken.	Jun - Dec 1942	30488/8	791	1147
Ia, Anlagenband 1 z. KTB 2. Messages, orders, and afteraction reports.	May 30 - Jul 9, 1942	30488/9	791	1235

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Ia, Anlagenbände 2-6 z. KTB 2. Division and corps orders, radio messages, after-action reports, and charts.	Jul 9 - Nov 29, 1942	30488/10- 30488/14	792- 793	1, 458
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3, Bände 1-4. Transfer of the division to the Stalingrad area, combat engagements in this area, and retreat to the Mariupol (Zhdanov), Makeyevka, and Stalino areas. The division was subordinate to the LVII. Pz.K., Pz.AOK 4, XXIX. A.K., Gen.Kdo. z.b.V. Mieth, AOK 6, and the XXIV. Pz.K. at various times during this period under the command of Gen.Maj. Hans Freiherr von Boineburg-Lengsfeld.	Dec 1, 1942 - May 31, 1943	32813/1- 32813/4	793- 794	840, 206
Ia, Anlagenband A z. KTB 3. Orders relating to the division's operations and organization.	Dec 4, 1942 - May 29, 1943	32813/5	794	495
Ia, Anlagenband B z. KTB 3, Zustandsberichte.	Dec 12, 1942 - May 31, 1943	32813/6	794	867
Ia, Anlagenband C z. KTB 3, Morgen- und Tagesmeldungen.	Dec 6, 1942 - May 31, 1943	32813/7	794	1066
Ia, Anlagenband E z. KTB 3, Verlustliste.	Dec 1, 1942 - May 31, 1943	32813/9	795	1
Ia, Anlagenband F z. KTB 3, Gefechts- und Verpflegungsstärken.	Dec 1, 1942 - May 31, 1943	32813/10	795	6
Ia, Anlagenband G z. KTB 3. Orders from higher headquarters.	Dec 1, 1942 - May 12, 1943	32813/11	795	15
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht mit Anlagen. Enemy operations, movements, unit identification, losses of men and equipment, the tactical situation, and troop entertainment; and an activity report of Panzer-Dienststelle D, Oct 15, 1941 - Jan 31, 1942. Also, daily intelligence reports and prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries, maps showing the tactical disposition of enemy forces, and reports concerning the battle of Rostov, Feb 7 - 12, engagements along the Mius River, Feb 16, and the destruction of the Soviet IV. Garde mech. Corps, Feb 16 - 28, 1943.	Dec 1, 1942 - Jun 30, 1943	32813/13	795	58

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Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4. Operations in the Dmitriyevka and Makeyevka areas; movement northward via Slavyansk and Barvenkova to defend Kharkov; return to the Artemovsk area; withdrawal west to defend Krivoi Rog; combat engagements in the Pyatikhatki, Aleksandriya, and Kremenchug areas; and final operations in the Kirovograd area. The division was subordinate to AOK 6, Pz.AOK 1, LVII. Pz.K., XVII. A.K., XL. Pz.K., and the XXX. and LII. A.K. at various times during this period under the command of Gen.Maj. Nikolaus von Vormann. /The original copy of this war journal was destroyed during the withdrawal to Krivoi Rog and this copy was drawn up from after-action reports and existing notes./	Jul 1 - Dec 31, 1943	42210/1	795	217
Ia, Anlagenband A z. KTB 4. Organization and strength reports.	Nov 3 - Dec 18, 1943	42210/2	795	559
Ia, Anlagenband C z. KTB 4. Orders from higher headquarters and radio messages.	Oct 14 - Dec 31, 1943	42210/5	795	609
Ia, Anlagenband C 1 z. KTB 4. Daily combat reports.	Oct 16 - Dec 31, 1943	42210/6	795	839
Ia, Anlagenband D z. KTB 4. Afteraction and evaluation reports and situation maps.	Jul 27 - Nov 1, 1943	42210/7	795	1001