

Formed in Eberswalde on February 27, 1942, the 25. Panzerdivisionsstab embarked from Hamburg on March 5 for Oslo, where it was brought to full division strength with 4,000 new recruits. The division was involved in training and occupation duties, but also took part in the operation against Norwegian partisans who attacked the heavy water plant at Rjukan on February 28, 1943. In late August 1943, the division sailed from Oslo to Copenhagen, where it participated in the operation to disarm the Danish Army on August 28, 1943. Moved to France in September 1943, in October it was reassigned to defensive positions on the eastern front, southwest of Kiev.

Although there are no records of the division available dated later than November 10, 1943, the situation maps of Lage Ost show that this division participated in operations in the Fastov, Berdichev, Vinnitsa, Proskurov, Chortkov, and Stanislav areas from December 1943 to April 1944, suffering such heavy losses during its withdrawal across the northern Ukraine in March 1944, that it was moved to Denmark in May for rehabilitation. Returned to the Pultusk area, Poland, in September 1944, the 25. Panzer-Division defended the Pultusk, Warka, Radom, Mogielnica, Forst, Guben, Pasewalk, and Mincheberg areas from October 1944 to April 1945.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>1st Frame</u>
Ia, Tätigkeitsberichte. Activation of the division staff in Eberswalde on Feb 27, 1942; transfer to Hamburg for movement by sea to Oslo on Mar 5; training exercises after the arrival of 4,000 new recruits to expand to full division strength; operations at Rjukan, Norway (when Norwegian partisans attacked the heavy water plant with explosives causing considerable damage on Feb 28, 1943); division training orders; Operation "Tivoliausflug" (transfer from Oslo to Copenhagen to disarm the Danish Army on Aug 28, 1943); and movement of the division to France in the Arras, Cambrai, and Amiens areas. Also, lists of officers' duty assignments. The division was commanded by Gen.Lt. Hans Haarde from Feb 27 to Dec 31, 1942, and Gen.Lt. Adolf von Schell from Jan 1, 1943.	Feb 27, 1942 - Oct 24, 1943	44770	815	1
Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht. Transfer of over 600 vehicles to augment the 14. Panzer-Division, which was scheduled to move to the eastern front in the beginning of Oct 1943; and the movement of the division on Oct 29, 1943, to the southern sector of the eastern front in the Berdichev, Kazatin, Fastov, and Belaya Tserkov areas to take part in the operations southwest of Kiev. The division was subordinate to the XLVII. Pz.K.	Nov 6 - 10, 1943	44771	815	186