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## 5. SS PANZER-DIVISION "WIKING" - UNIT HISTORY

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1940/12/01	Muenchen, Wehrkreis VII  Wien, Klagenfurt, Brno (Bruenn)	Activated as SS Division (mot) "Germania" formation with Standarten "Germania," "Westland," "Nordland"	C.O.: SS Obergruppenfuehrer Felix Steiner, 1940/01/12-1943/05/00 Subordinate to: SS-Fuehrungshauptamt, Kommandoamt der Waffen-SS, 1940/12/01-1941/04/01
1941/01/01		Redesignated SS Division "Wiking" (mot.)	
1941/04/01	Tr.Ueb.Pl. Heuberg, WK V	Training	Heeresgruppe-C, 1941/04/01
1941/06/29	Ternopol, Proskurov, Staro-Konstantinov	Advance, offensive operations	
1941/07/14	Zhitomir, Belaya Tserkov, Tarashcha, Boguslav	Pursuit	
1941/07/28	Dnepropetrovsk	Offensive and defensive operations	
1941/10/12	Rostov, Donets Basin	Offensive operations	
1941/11/22	Mius River sector	Position defense	
1942/07/17	Fedorovka, Don River, Rostov, Bataisk	Assembly, advance, offensive operations	
1942/08/01	Belaya Glina, Novostepnoye, Dmitriyevskaya, Novomikhaylovskoye, Kuban River, Grigoripolisskiy	Offensive operations "Gefechtsgruppe Gille"	
1942/09/15	Caucasus, Terek	Offensive and defensive operations	
1943/01/15	Manych, Proletarskaya		
1943/2/03	Novo-Bataisk, Krasnoarmeiskoye, Novo-Troitzkoye		
1943/03/29	Izyum	Redesignated SS PzGrenD "Wiking"	C.O.: SS Standf. Herbert O. Gille

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1943/05/08	Lozovaya	Rehabilitation, refitting (in Auffrischung)	
1943/07/01	Barvenkovo, Cherkasskaya, Slavyansk, Donets River		
1943/08/18	Maksimovka, Kharkov		
1943/09/23 1943/10/22	Vasyutinitsy, Dnieper River	Redesignated SS PzD "Wiking"	
1943/12/12 1944/01/28 1944/02/17	Cherkassy, Moshny, Ros River, Gorodishche, Korsun, Chilki, Shanderovka, Komarovka	Encircled breakout	Subordinate to: AK 3 Pz AK 42 Pz
1944/03/17 1944/04/20	Chelm, Lyuboml, Kovel	Kampfgruppe "W" penetrating and breaking encirclement ring, Kampfgruppe "Gille"	PzAOK 4 AK 56 Pz (AOK 2)
1944/07/24	Milejczyce, Warsaw, Poland		
1944/09/23	Modlin, Wieliszew, Zegrze		C.O.: SS Standf. Rudolf Muehlenkamp SS Standf. Karl Ullrich
1945/01/01	Komarom, Tata, Hungary		
1945/01/18	Lake Balaton (Plattensee)		
1945/01/30	Szekesfehervar (Stuhlweissenburg) Pusztaszabolcs		
1945/03/26	Somogy (Suemeg)		Subordinate to: SS PzK 4
1945/04/02	Raab River, Fuerstenfeld, Austria		
1945/05/06	Feldbach, Raab River, east of Graz	Last trace on situation map	

Records of the 5. SS PzD "Wiking" are reproduced on rolls 161 (frames 3806677-3806723) and 639 of NARS Microfilm Publication T354 and are described following the unit history.

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Although only three record items of this division were available at the National Archives, records of the Reich Leader of the SS and Chief of the German Police, rolls 56, 74, 103-111, of NARS Microfilm Publication T175 listed in Guide No. 32 and situation maps of Lage Ost and Reich were also used for the unit history.

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 the 5. SS PzD "Wiking" as follows:

MS D-248 (Tactics of Mobile Units. Operations of the 5. SS Panzergrenadier-Division "Wiking" at Rostov and the Maikop Oilfields, Summer 1942), by General der Waffen-SS Felix Steiner

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 No. 1 to MS T-9 (Die Operationen der Heeresgruppe Suedukraine (Sued), der Heeresgruppe Nordukraine (A) und der Armeegruppe Heinrici (1. Pz. Armee), Mai 1944 bis 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 No. 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 Offensive gegen die deutschen Heeresgruppen A (spaeater Suedukraine) und Sued (spaeater Nordukraine) vom 24. Dez 1943 bis 15. Mai 1944) by Obst.Lt. Hellmuth von Wienskowski

Band 2, Addition to MS T-9 (Materialsammlung fuer die Darstellung des deutschen Angriffs auf Kursk (Operation Zitadelle) im Juli 1943), and

Band 3, Addition to MS T-9 (Materialsammlung fuer die Darstellung der russischen Offensive gegen die deutschen Heeresgruppen A, Sued und Mitte, vom Juli bis September 1943), by Obst.Lt. Hellmuth von Wienskowski

MS T-12, Ch. 4 and 5 (Die Kesselschlacht von Tscherkassy - Das Zurueckkaempfen eingekesselter Verbaende zur eigenen Front, Dezember 1943-Januar 1944), by Gen.Lt. Theodor Helmut Lieb.

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CONTENTS	DATES	ITEM NO.	ROLL	1ST FRAME
Ia, IIa/b, W.u.G., Divisionsbefehle, Meldungen, Weisungen und Merkblatt. Orders, instructions, and reports pertaining to the organization of the SS Division "Germania"; personnel matters; family support; unit vehicle identity marks; instruction pamphlet on the handling of ammunition; redesignation of the SS Division "Germania" as SS Division "Wiking" by order of the Fuehrer (Hitler), 1 Jan 1941; and a time table of a command conference in Lauenburg, Germany, 15-16 Apr 1942.	1940/12/05-1941/01/01	5.SSPzD W 78046/1	161	3806677-3806723
Ia, Tagesberichte der Kampfgruppe Gille. Daily reports concerning defensive operations in the Cherkassy and Kovel areas, 17 Mar-20 Apr 1944; newspaper clippings citing the heroic battles of Kampfgruppe Gille in penetrating and breaking the encirclement ring around Kovel, 17 Mar-5 Apr 1944; reinforcement of the division with new personnel from the air force, 16 Sep 1944; a weekly strength report, 3 Mar 1945; and a tabular list showing the unit's (probably of Rgt. "Germania" V-D) operations in the crossing of the Marne River and advance to the Seine, 12-14 Jun 1940, crossing the Seine River and pursuit to Dijon, 16-17 Jun, battles of the Plateau of Langres, 18-19 Jun, reorganization and pursuit from the Loire River to the Charente River, 20-25 Jun, occupation duty of southwestern France to the Spanish border, 26 Jun-2 Jul, security duty in The Netherlands, 12 Jul-27 Dec 1940, transfer to and training in Germany, 1 Dec 1940-21 Jun 1941, preparation for the eastern campaign, 22-28 Jun, advance towards Ternopol, 29 Jun-1 Jul, combat operations for Ternopol and advance to Proskurov and Staro-Konstantinow, 2-10 Jul, pursuit to Zhitomir and Belaya Tserkov, 14-16 Jul, combat operations in the Tarashcha and Boquslav areas, 17-28 Jul, offensive operations	1940/12/01-1945/03/03	5.SSPzD W 78041/1a	639	1

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28 Jul-25 Aug and defensive operations 26 Aug-28 Sep in the bridgehead of Dnepropetrovsk, offensive operations towards Rostov, 12-20 Oct, combat operations in the Donets Basin, 21 Oct-21 Nov, defensive operations in the Mius River area, 22 Nov-1 Dec, position defense in the Mius River sector, 1 Dec 1941-21 Jul 1942, battle for Rostov and Rataisk, 21-25 Jul, advance across the Kuban River to the Maikop area, 26 Jul-18 Aug, combat operations in the Caucasus, 19 Aug-14 Sep, and the Terek area, 15 Sep-18 Nov 1942, and continued operations on the eastern front, 23 Mar 1943.				
Ia, Ic, IIa/b, Befehle und Berichte. Orders, reports, and lists pertaining to swearing in of new SS personnel, training, administrative, personnel, and disciplinary matters; military security; an order on the transfer of units to Truppenuebungsplatz Heuberg, 7 Apr 1941; and regulations on the utilization of antitank weapons, the consumption of drinking water in the eastern countries, and duties of the war correspondents, 12-23 June 1941.	1940/12/31-1941/06/23	5.SSPzD W 78041/26	639	33