

## 9. SS PANZER-DIVISION "HOHENSTAUFEN" - UNIT HISTORY

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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CHAIN OF COMMAND
1942/12/31	Berlin-Lichterfelde	Activation of 9. SS PzGrD "Hohenstaufen"	
1943/01/27	Brno (Bruenn), Moravia	Formation of activation staff	
1943/02/03	Chalons-sur-Marne, Mailly-le-Camp, France	Transfer, completion of formation, training	C.O.: SS Brigadefuehrer Wilhelm Bittrich Subordinate to: SS PzK 2
1943/03/01	Ypres, Hazebrouck, Ghent, Belgium; Tourcoing, France	Training, alert exercises, air raid protection	
1943/08/03	Forges-les-Eaux, Amiens	Occupation and security duty	SS PzK 1
1943/10/26	Amiens	Redesignated as 9. SS Panzer-Division "Hohenstaufen" (source: T175, roll 111, frame 2635531)	SS PzK 2
1944/06/26	Paris, Caen, Thury-Harcourt, Villers-Bocage, Grainville, Lassy, Evrecy, Normandy	Movement, regrouping, defensive operations	C.O.: Oberst Mueller (m.d.F.b.), 1944/06/29 Gen.Maj. Sylvester Stadler (m.d.F.b.), 1944/07/03 Oberst Friedrich Bock (m.d.F.b.), 1944/07/28 Oberst Walter Harzer (m.d.F. der Kampfgruppe 9. SS PzD beauftragt), 1944/08/29 Gen.Maj. Sylvester Stadler, 1944/10/10 (source: MS P-162)
1944/07/20	Fontenai-les-Louvets, Caligny	Counterattacks, reconnaissance and defensive operations	
1944/08/01	Avenay, Le Beny-Bocage, Sourdeval	Regrouping, disengagement movements	
1944/08/20	Namur, Belgium	Defensive engagements	
1944/09/28	Arnhem (Arnhem), Netherlands	Withdrawal, defensive operations	
1944/10/15	Siegen, Germany Ahlen, Muenster	Transfer, rehabilitation	
1944/12/17	Stadtkyll Bergisch Gladbach	Preparation for the Ardennes Offensive	
1944/12/21	Spangdahlem, west of Mosel River	Participation in the Ardennes Offensive	

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1945/01/23	Saint-Vith, Malmedy, Belgium	Withdrawal	
1945/02/00	Traben-Trarbach, Eifel, Germany		
1945/03/01	Budapest, Hungary	Defensive operations	
1945/03/12	Austria	Withdrawal	
1945/05/08	Steyr, Austria	Captured by U.S. Forces	

Records of the 9. SS Panzer-Division "Hohenstaufen" are reproduced on rolls 146-149 of NARS Microfilm Publication T354, listed in guide No. 27, p. 5-6, and described following the unit history. There were no operation records available for this division during Jan 1944, 1 Mar-25 Jun, 8 Oct-15 Dec 1944, and no records after 28 Feb 1945. Situation maps of Lage Ost and West were used to supplement 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 1949, contain references to the 9. SS Panzer-Division "Hohenstaufen" as follows:

MS B-470, Normandy (Combat report of the 9. SS Panzer-Division "Hohenstaufen," 3-24 Jul 1944), by SS Brigadefuehrer Sylvester Stadler

MS C-024, Normandy to the West Wall (I. SS Pz Corps in the West, Jun-Sept 1944), by Generalmajor Fritz Kraemer

MS C-048, West Wall (I. SS Pz Corps in the West in 1944, continuation of MS C-024), by Generalmajor Fritz Kraemer

MS P-162, France (Die 9. SS Panzer-Division "Hohenstaufen" im Westen, Juni bis November 1944), by Oberst Walter Harzer

MS T-9, Parts 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.

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Ia, IIa/b, III, IVa, Wochendienstplaene, Gefechtsausbildungsunterricht, Beurteilungen. Weekly duty rosters, combat training instructions, and reports and orders on personnel, disciplinary, and administrative matters.	1942/12/07-1943/08/25	9. SSPzD Hstf 78013/1	146	3786969
Ia, Ib, Ic, IIa/b, III, IVa, VI, Ausbildungsbemerkungen, Merkblaetter, Mitteilungen fuer die Truppe und Offiziere, Drucksachen, und Regimentsbefehle. Reports on administrative, personnel, and disciplinary matters; training directives; orders of the day; special supply directives; publications relating to troop indoctrination, entertainment, and counterintelligence activity; and German Armed Forces communiqes (OKW Nachrichten), 1943-44.	1942/08/01-1944/03/03	9. SSPzD Hstf 78013/2	146	3787104
Ia, TB des SS PzGr Egt. 2 der Panzer Grenadier-Division "Hohenstaufen." Activity report concerning the activation of the 9. SS PzGID "Hohenstaufen" in Berlin-Lichterfelde, 31 Dec 1942; activation of SS PzGr Rgt. 2 and formation of the activation staff (Aufstellungsstab) by the SS EzGr Ersatzbataillon "Totenkopf" III in Brnc (Bruenn), Moravia, 27 Jan 1943; movement to and formation of the division in Chalons-sur-Marne and Mailly-le-Camp areas, France, 3-28 Feb 1943; movement to and quartering, training, formation, alert exercises, air raid protection, security activity, and occupation duty in Ypres (Ypern), Hazebrouck, and Ghent areas, Belgium, and the Tourcoing area of France, 1 Mar-2 Aug, and movement to for air raid protection; training, alert exercises, security activity, and occupation duty in Amiens and Forges-les-Faux areas, France, 3 Aug-31 Dec 1943. (This document contains three carbon copies of the activity report.)	1942/12/31-1943/12/21	9. SSPzD Hstf 78013/3	146	3787633
Ia, VI, Ausbildungsrichtlinien, Anweisungen und Merkblaetter fuer die Truppen und Offiziere.	1943/03/17-1944/02/16	9. SSPzD Hstf 78013/4	147	3787917

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Directives, instructions, pamphlets, and publications pertaining to combat training, the handling of foreign weapons, training on the firing range, night fighting, tank warfare, guard duty, march control, leadership, battle conduct, and troop entertainment and indoctrination.				
IVa, Bekleidung und Ausruestung. Orders and reports regarding clothing, weapons, and other administrative matters.	1943/08/20-1943/11/18	9. SSPzD Hstf 78013/5	147	3783180
Ia, Ic, IIa/b, III, IVb, V, VI, Divisions Befehle, Mitteilungen fuer die Truppen, sonstige Befehle. Division orders relating to movement for defensive operations, regrouping, and withdrawal in the Caen, Thury-Harcourt, Villers-Bocage, Grainville, Lassy, Bonnemaizon, Vire, and Aunay-sous-Crecy areas, 26 Jun-19 Jul 1944; directives, orders, and reports pertaining to personnel, discipline, training, troop entertainment and indoctrination, motor transport, and counterintelligence activity.	1943/04/19-1945/01/21	9. SS PzD Hstf 78013/6	147	3788195
Ia, Dienstplaene. Daily and weekly duty rosters, firing orders, and the strength and organization of "Jagd Kommandos."	1943/02/24-1943/08/12	9. SS PzD Hstf 78013/7	147	3788295
Ia, Vernichtungsverhandlungen. Reports regarding the destruction of classified material.	1943/07/14-1943/08/21	9. SSPzD Hstf 78013/8	147	3783673
Na/Pue Leitungsskizzen. Sketches of signal communication networks in the Ypres (Ypern), Ghent, and Hazebrouck areas, Belgium, and the Tourcoing area of France.	1943/04/15-1943/04/15	9. SSPzD Hstf 78013/9	147	3783697
Ia, Ib, IIa/b, IVa, V, VI, Weisungen an die Truppe. Orders and directives regarding contents of training manuals and activity reports; the reorganization of division units; alerts, training, personnel, administrative, supply, and motor transport matters; and troop entertainment and indoctrination.	1943/03/01-1944/03/18	9. SSPzD Hstf 78013/10	147	3788703
Ia, TB. Activity report concerning quartering,	1942/12/31-1944/01/29	9. SSPzD Hstf 78013/11	147	3788942

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training, air raid protection, and occupation duty in the Amiens and Forges-les-Eaux areas, France, 1-21 Feb; and movement to, quartering, training, and occupation duty in the Nimes and Arles areas, southern France, 22-29 Feb 1944. (The activity report of the SS PzGr Rgt. 2/SS PzGrD "Hohenstaufen" and SS PzGr Rgt. 20/SS PzGrD "Hohenstaufen," 31 Dec 1942-31 Dec 1943, was erroneously filmed on rcll 147, record item 78013/11, and the activity report for Jan 1944 was omitted.)				
Ia, Lagebericht und Tagesmeldungen. Daily reports concerning defensive and reconnaissance operations, counterattacks, regrouping, and disengagement movements in the Thury-Harcourt, Grainville, Lassy, and Evrecy areas, Normandy, 1-19 Jul; Fontenai-les-Louvets and Caligny areas, Normandy, 20-31 Jul; and the Sourdeval, Avenay, Estry, and Le Beny-Bccage areas, Normandy, 1-9 Aug 1944. Also a status report of the division, 29 Apr-6 Aug 1944.	1944/04/29-1944/08/09	9. SSPzD Hstf 78013/12	147	3789035
Ia, Ausbildungsplaene, Richtlinien, Merkblaetter und Dienstplaene. Training schedules, directives, and instructional pamphlets and duty rosters. Also reports and order-of-battle chart of U.S. "Luftinfanterie" and the U.S. airborne units (Luftlandetruppen, Fallschirmjaeger) stationed in England concerning their capability and equipment, 18 Aug 1943.	1943/08/14-1944/11/03	9. SSPzD Hstf 78013/13	148	3789165
Ia, Ib, IIa/b, III, IVa, VI, Ausbildungsplaene, Richtlinien und Merkblaetter. Training schedules, directives, and instructional pamphlets pertaining to combat fighting with all types of weapons; night combat training, control and treatment of prisoners of war, handling and care of weapons and equipment, British and U.S. combat tactics; administrative, personnel, disciplinary, and supply matters; and troop entertainment and indoctrination.	1943/02/17-1944/07/21	9. SSPzD Hstf 78013/14	148	3789363
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Ia, Eingehende Fern- und Funksprueche. Daily radio and teletype messages concerning requests for air support, defensive and offensive operations, counterattacks, and enemy air raids in the Caen, Haut-Mainil (Haut-Maisnil), Villers-Bccage, Grainville, Tilly-sur-Seulles, Fougy, Eterville, Rocquancourt, Lassy, Vassy, Thury-Harccurt, and La Ferriere areas.	1944/06/25-1944/08/20	9. SSPzD Hstf 78013/18	148	3790082
Ia, Befehle, Meldungen und Funksprueche. Orders, reports, and radio messages pertaining to defense against British air landings; the formation, organization, and training of alert units and combat groups; alert exercises; reprisals against the civilian population in the Arnhem area, Netherlands; the movement of part of the division to Zutphen for rehabilitation; status reports; and afteraction critiques relating to defense against British air landings and the attack on and destruction of the 1st English Airborne Division (1. Englische Luftlande Div.) in the area west of Arnhem.	1944/09/27-1944/10/07	9. SSPzD Hstf 78013/19	149	3790454
Ia, Ib, IIa/b, V, Befehle und Meldungen. Orders and reports pertaining to motor transport, personnel matters, and training; also special supply directives.	1944/08/13-1944/12/23	9. SSPzD Hstf 78013/20	149	3790558
IIa/b, SS Stammkarten und Personalakten. SS personnel record cards, lists of SS personnel to be promoted and granted awards, and other personal data.	1943/02/11-1944/04/20	9. SSPzD Hstf 78013/21-23	149	3790575
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Ia, Merkblaetter und Richtlinien fuer taktische Planspiele und Uebungen. Instructional pamphlets and directives pertaining to combat tactics, organization, tank and antitank warfare, map exercises, maneuvers, British and American combat tactics, and afteraction critique concerning combat defense. (Filmed out of sequence.)	1943/04/08-1943/12/10	9. SS PzD Hstf 780 13/26	149	3791454
Ia, Ic, Anweisungen und Meldungen. Directives and reports concerning intelligence service and information regarding enemy (British and American) combat tactics, weapons, uniforms, and organization; counterintelligence activity; control of the civilian population; and rules governing the behavior of German soldiers as prisoners of war. Also order-of-battle charts of enemy units. (Filmed out of sequence.)	1942/11/03-1945/02/28	9. SS PzD Hstf 780 13/25	149	3791547
Ic, Richtlinien, Merkblaetter. Directives and memorandums relating to intelligence service and activities; a report for the month of June regarding British air activity and German countermeasures in the Hazebrouck area, Belgium; enemy acts of sabotage and espionage; German counterintelligence activity; morale and control of the civilian population; and cooperation with the civilian administration.	1943/06/01-1943/07/14	9. SSPzD Hstf 780 13/27	149	3791763
Ia, Befehle ueber Uebungen und Planspiele. Orders relating to maneuvers and map exercises.	1943/02/25-1943/06/11	9. SS PzD Hstf 780 13/28	149	3791799