

16. Panzer-Division (16th Panzer Division)

The 16. Panzer-Division was formed on August 2, 1940, in Wehrkreis VI by conversion of the 16. Infanterie-Division into an armored division and moved to Kassel, Wehrkreis IX, on October 8, 1940, where it trained as a mobile unit. On Dec 6, 1940, the division was transferred to Rumania as a training unit for the Rumanian Army with the code name "Lehrstab R II" and was subordinate to the Deutsche Heeresmission in Rumänien, Bucharest. It returned to Germany in March 1941. According to situation maps of Heeresgruppen Süd and B, the 16. Panzer-Division was in the southern sector of the eastern front in June 1941 and advanced to the Stalingrad area via Lvov, Pervomaisk, Zaporozhe, Taganrog, Makeevka, and Artemovsk. It was encircled at Stalingrad and destroyed in January 1943. In

March 1943 the 16. Panzer-Division was reactivated in France and equipped and trained in the Vitre, Mayenne, and Laval areas until June 1943, when it was sent to the Turin area in Italy. The division was a reserve unit in the vicinity of Siena until September 1943. It was then transferred to the Salerno area for defense against the Allied invasion. On November 28, 1943, Kampfgruppe Berger took over its sector and the division was transferred to Russia. According to situation maps of Heeresgruppen Mitte and Süd, the division arrived at Bobruisk on December 13, 1943, and took part in defensive engagements in the Parichi area. On December 29, 1943, it was transferred to the southern sector for defensive operations and withdrew to Poland during the summer of 1944.

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Ia, Ic, IIa, Tätigkeitsberichte. Activity report of the Operations Branch, Oct 8 - Dec 13, 1940, concerning conversion of the division on Aug 2, 1940, to the 16. Panzer-Division, transfer to Kassel, Wehrkreis IX, on Oct 8, 1940, training as a mobile troop unit in Eisenach, Meiningen, Hersfeld, and Schwarzenborn, and transfer to Rumania via Vienna as a training cadre on Dec 6, 1940. Also, activity reports of the Intelligence Branch, Oct 8 - Dec 23, 1940, and the Personnel Branch, Oct 8 - Dec 12, 1940, with lists of officers' duty assignments. The division was subordinate to the XXII. A.K., Pz.Gr. 1, and the XLVII. A.K., successively, under the command of Gen.Lt. Hans Hube.	Oct 8 - Dec 23, 1940	7841/1	680	1
Ia, Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte mit Anlagen. Activity report and orders and reports concerning the transfer of the division to Rumania under the code name "Lehrstab R II" for training of Rumanian Army units and orders dated Mar 21, 1941, for the division's return to Germany. Also, an activity report of the Intelligence Branch, Dec 13, 1940 - Mar 23, 1941, with intelligence reports and newspaper clippings pertaining to the military, political, and economic situation; the attitude of the Rumanian civilian population and military personnel toward Nazism and toward German military personnel; the political outlook and activities of members of the Rumanian Legion (Antonescu Legionäre); Nazi indoctrination of the "Volksdeutschen" in Rumania; counterintelligence, and troop				

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entertainment. Also, maps showing the location of billeting sectors in the Sibiu, Turda, Brad, and Targu Mures areas. The 16. Panzer-Division (Lehrstab R II) was subordinate to the Deutsche Heeresmission in Rumänien, Bucharest.	Dec 9, 1940 - Mar 27, 1941	9017*	680	16
Ia, Kriegstagebuch. War journal concerning the reactivation, equipping, and training of the 16. Panzer-Division in the Vitre, Mayenne, and Laval areas and the transfer in Jun 1943 from France via Laval, Tours, Lyon, Riviera, and Mont Genis to the Turin area in Italy. The division was subordinate to AOK 7, under the command of Gen.Lt. Hans Hube and Gen.Maj. Rudolf Sieckenius from Jun 1, 1943.	Mar 25 - Jun 3, 1943	42243/1	680	199
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Regulations, reports, and charts concerning operations.	Mar 25 - Jun 3, 1943	42243/2	680	269
Ia, Kriegstagebuch u. Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. War journal concerning the transfer of the division from Laval, France, to the Siena area in Italy as a reserve force and its move to the Apulia area and to the Salerno area in Sep 1943 for defense against an Allied invasion. Also, an activity report of the Intelligence Branch, Aug 1 - 31, 1943, relating to acts of sabotage, counterintelligence, attitude of the civilian population, and troop entertainment. The division was subordinate to Comando Difesa Territoriale di Firenze and to the XIV. Pz.K.	Jun 4 - Sep 7, 1943	42243/3	680	561
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Orders, directives, plans for laying mines, and maps.	Jun 4 - Aug 6, 1943	42243/4- 42243/5	680- 681	680, 1
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB. Orders, reports, messages, and situation maps.	Aug 7 - Sep 7, 1943	42243/6	681	124
Ia, Kriegstagebuch. War journal concerning division defensive operations during the Allied invasion in the Salerno area, Sep 9, 1943, and in the sector north of Naples and the take over of the division sector by Kampfgruppe Berger on Nov 28, 1943, when the division was transferred to Russia. The division was subordinate to the XIV. and LXXVI. Pz.K. under the command of Gen.Maj. Hans Ulrich Back.	Sep 8 - Nov 28, 1943	42243/7	681	422
Ia, Anlage A z. KTB. Orders, reports, and messages. Also, special directives concerning supply and division personnel strength and status reports.	Sep 8 - Nov 28, 1943	42243/8-9	681	607

* Item damaged by fire.

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Ia, Anlage B z. KTB. Operation reports, messages, directives, orders, situation maps, and overlays.	Sep 8 - Nov 28, 1943	42243/10- 42243/13	681- 682	986, 475
Ia, Anlagen C, D u. E z. KTB. Operation reports, orders, and messages.	Sep 8 - Nov 24, 1943	42243/14- 42243/16	682- 683	641, 727
Ia, Anlage F z. KTB. Reports, orders, directives, and messages.	Sep 8 - Nov 17, 1943	42243/17	684	1
Ia, Anlage G z. KTB. Operation reports and messages concerning the activities of the 16. Panzerpionier-Bataillon from Fersano to Palombaro and its arrival in Bobruisk, Russia, on Dec 13, 1943.	Sep 7 - Dec 13, 1943	42243/18	684	880
Ia, Anlage H z. KTB. Operation reports and messages.	Sep 8 - Nov 6, 1943	42243/19	685	1
Ia, Anlage I z. KTB. Reports, directives, and messages.	Sep 8 - Nov 5, 1943	42243/20	685	221
Ia, Anlage K z. KTB. Reports, messages, and orders.	Sep 7 - Dec 8, 1943	42243/21	685	443
Ia, Anlage L z. KTB. Reports, orders, and messages.	Sep 8 - Nov 26, 1943	42243/22	685	831
IIa/b, Anlage M z. KTB. Orders and directives relating to personnel matters.	Mar 2 - Nov 28, 1943	42243/23	686	1
Ia, Anlage N z. KTB. Reports and maps concerning minefields.	Aug 2 - 26, 1943	42243/24	686	143