

This division was formed in the years 1935-36 as the 27. Infanterie-Division during the expansion of the Army after the introduction of universal military service in March 1935. It first saw action in Poland on the outbreak of World War II in September 1939 and in May 1940 participated in the western campaign. On November 1, 1940, the division was reformed as the 17. Panzer-Division. In June 1941 it was transferred to the central sector of the eastern front, where it was continuously engaged, and moved to the southern sector in November 1942. During the summer

and autumn of 1943 the division was heavily engaged in fighting in the Donets River and Dnieper River Bend areas and from March through August 1944 it withdrew to Chelm, Poland, via Proskurov, Chortkov, and Stanislaw. From September through December 1944 the division took part in operations in the Opatow, Chmielnik, and Kielce areas. Although there are no records of the division available dated later than December 31, 1944, the situation maps of Lage Ost show that from January to March 1945 the division withdrew to the area west of Görlitz via Konskie, Sorau, and Luban.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>1st Frame</u>
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 9. War journal concerning the withdrawal between the Don and Volga Rivers and in the Makeyovka, Krasnyy, and Liman areas northwest of Rostov. Gen. Fridolin von Senger u. Etterlin was division commander.	Feb 4 - May 15, 1943	35105/1	692	1
Ia, Anlagenband I z. KTB 9, Operationsakten. Corps and division orders, radio and teletype messages, reports, maps, and overlays concerning the withdrawal northwest of Rostov in the Bolshokrepinskaya, Nikolayevka, and Stalino areas.	Feb 2 - Mar 7, 1943	35105/2	692	155
Ia, Anlagenband II z. KTB 9, Operationsakten. A division report on combat operations after the crossing of the Don River; Führer, army, corps, and division orders concerning operations between the Don and Donets Rivers and construction of defense lines with the help of Russian civilians, including women. Also, maps, overlays, and order of battle charts.	Mar 6 - May 15, 1943	35105/3	692	366
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 10. War journal concerning operations in the Druzhkovka area and Operation "Zitadelle" (preparations for the defense of the Kharkov area). The division was subordinate to the LVII. Pz.K. and Pz.AOK 1, successively.	May 16 - Jun 30, 1943	41823/1	692	648
Ia, Anlagenband I z. KTB 10. Corps and division orders and reports concerning training and maneuver exercises in the area between Stalino and Kharkov. Also, maps and order of battle charts.	May 9 - Jun 13, 1943	41823/2	692	681
Ia, Anlagenband II z. KTB 10. Afteraction reports and reports on training and maneuver exercises in the Konstantinovka and Kramatorsk areas, with maps giving location of units. Gen. Fridolin von Senger u. Etterlin departed for another assignment and General Schilling assumed command of the division.	Jun 13 - 30, 1943	41823/3	692	838

## 17. Panzer-Division

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>1st Frame</u>
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Activity report concerning enemy operations in the division sector, reports from adjoining units on enemy operations, and interrogation evaluations.	May 20 - Sep 17, 1943	41823/4	692	999
Ic, Anlagenband I z. TB. Afteraction and evaluation reports and interrogation summaries on prisoners of war and deserters.	Jun 18 - Aug 31, 1943	41823/5	692	1062
Ic, Anlagenband II z. TB. Daily intelligence reports, prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries, German translations of enemy documents captured near Kremenchug, and overlays showing location of enemy units.	Sep 1 - 20, 1943	41823/6	693	1
Ia, <u>Kriegstagebuch mit Anlagen.</u> War journal, with annexes, concerning the withdrawal to southern Poland west of the Vistula River via Proskurov, Yaltushkov, Stanislav, Chelm, and Ostrovets. Also, a copy of an ultimatum of Marshal Zhukov, officers' bulletins, German army newspapers, maps, weekly training plans, and an afteraction report for Mar and Apr 1944 in the Proskurov and Yaltushkov areas.	Feb 1 - Dec 31, 1944	77072/1	693	81