

20. Panzergrenadier-Division (20th Panzer Grenadier Division)

This division was formed as the 20. Infanterie-Division during the expansion of the Army after the introduction of universal military service in March 1935. In 1937-38 it became a motorized division and was subordinate to the XIV. Armeekorps. In September 1939 it participated in the campaign against Poland and in May 1940 in the western campaign. The division fought in the central sector of the eastern front, advancing to Smolensk in the summer of 1941; later in 1941 it was transferred to the northern sector, and in November 1942 returned to the central sector where

it was engaged at Velikiye Luki. On May 29, 1943, the division was converted to the 20. Panzergrenadier-Division. In the autumn of 1943 it was transferred to the southern sector, where it suffered heavy losses in the withdrawal from Kiev in November of that year. Although there are no records of the division available dated later than June 30, 1943, the situation maps of Lage Ost show that it participated in defensive operations as it withdrew from Izyaslav to the area east of Berlin via Vinnitsa, Stanislav, Podgaitzy, Krosno, Busko, Ostrowiec, Opoczno, Sorau, Forst, and Küstrin from January 1944 to April 1945.

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Ia, Operationsakten z. KTB 2. Corps and division orders and reports concerning the western campaign, the crossing of the Dutch border at Roemond, and the advance through Belgium and northern France to Epinal. Gen.Lt. Mauriz Wiktorin zu Hainburg was division commander.	May 10 - Jun 22, 1940	W 1604b*	725	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. Operations after the cessation of hostilities in France, in the areas between Vesoul and Besancon, transfer to the demarcation line west of Autun and then to Châtillon-en-Bazois, the subsequent movement to an area west of Paris for preparation of Operation "Seelöwe" (planned invasion of England), and training. A list of officers' duty assignments, and combat and ration strength reports. The division was subordinate successively to the XLI. A.K., AOK 2, and the XIV. and XV. A.K. for training, and to the XLV. A.K., and Pz.Gr. 3. Generalmajor Zorn assumed command on Nov 10, 1940.	Jun 24 - Nov 30, 1940	8590/1	726	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsberichte als Anlagen z. KTB 3. Events along the demarcation line in France and the enemy situation. Reports on troop strength of Great Britain, Switzerland, Sweden, and Turkey and on German-Russian relations.	Jun 25 - Nov 30, 1940	8590/2	726	23
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Corps and division orders, training directives, and afteraction reports on the western campaign.	Jun 23 - Nov 29, 1940	8590/3	726	39
Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht 1. Activity report concerning the movement from an area west of Paris to Magdeburg, Germany, for training and refitting, the transfer back to the Auxerre and Corbigny areas of France to participate in				

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Operation "Attila" (plan to occupy the unoccupied part of France), the planned march to Marseille, training in chemical warfare, entraining at Auxerre for movement to Vienna and to Gross Born, near Poznan, Poland, for training.	Dec 1, 1940 - May 25, 1941	10254/1	726	178
Ia, Anlage 1 z. TB 1. Division orders, training directives, and maps showing billeting areas.	Nov 27, 1940 - Mar 30, 1941	10254/2	726	194
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Activity report concerning preparations in Auxerre for Operation "Attila" and troop entertainment in Magdeburg and Gross Born; and an intelligence bulletin pertaining to the enemy situation.	Dec 1, 1940 - May 24, 1941	10254/3	726	400
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4, Teil I. War journal concerning training activities at Gross Born; movement to Sensburg, East Prussia, and transfer to the Russian border for the invasion of Russia; crossing the border at Olita (Alitus), Lithuania; advance toward Vilna; crossing the Dvina River at Vitebsk; and combat operations in the encirclement battle of Smolensk.	Jun 22 - Aug 18, 1941	16070/1	726	406
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4, Teil II. War journal concerning operations in the Smolensk area; the transfer via Vitebsk, Ostrov, and Pskov to the northern sector; and the encirclement of Leningrad.	Aug 19 - Sep 30, 1941	16070/2	726	634A*
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4, Teil IV. War journal concerning operations and activities in the Volkhov area south of Lake Ladoga. Also, a summarized report pertaining to operations, condition of personnel and equipment, awards and decorations issued, number of prisoners captured, equipment and materiel captured and destroyed, and casualties from Jun 22 to Dec 23, 1941.	Nov 21 - Dec 23, 1941	16070/4	726	635
Ia, Anlage A z. KTB 4, Akte I-III. Special traffic directives, intelligence bulletins, division orders relating to preparations for frontline duty, and corps and division orders and radio messages concerning operations in the central sector of the eastern front during the initial invasion.	Jun 3 - 30, 1941	16070/5- 16070/7	726- 727	721, 665
Ia, Anlage A z. KTB 4, Akte II-VI. Radio messages and reports pertaining to daily frontline activities. Also, intelligence bulletins concerning the enemy situation.	Jul 5 - 31, 1941	16070/9- 16070/13	728- 729	1, 497

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Ia, Anlage A z. KTB 4, Akte I-II. Division orders, special supply directives, daily operation reports, and radio messages and reports about the shooting down of enemy aircraft.	Aug 1 - 31, 1941	16070/14-15	730	1
Ia, Anlage A z. KTB 4, Akte I-IV. Special supply directives, daily operation reports, radio messages, and a description of the city of Leningrad.	Sep 1 - 30, and Nov 1, 1941	16070/16- 16070/19	731- 732	1, 1
Ia, Anlage A z. KTB 4, Akte I-II. Division and corps orders, special supply directives, daily operation reports, radio messages, and overlays showing the division's location.	Oct 1 - 31, 1941	16070/20-21	732	450
Ia, Anlage A z. KTB 4, Akte I-II. Daily operation reports, radio messages, overlays showing the location of the division, corps and division orders, and special supply directives.	Nov 1 - 30, 1941	16070/22-23	733	1
Ia, Anlage A z. KTB 4, Akte I. Daily operation reports, radio messages, division casualty list, and corps and division orders concerning preparations for winter warfare.	Dec 1 - 23, 1941	16070/24	734	1
Ia, Anlage C z. KTB 4, Erfahrungsberichte.	Jun 22 - Dec 23, 1941	16070/28	734	562
Ia, Anlage D z. KTB 4, Gefechts- und Zustandsberichte.	Jun 22 - Dec 23, 1941	16070/29	734	712
Ia, Anlage E z. KTB 4, Kriegsrang- u. Verlustlisten, Gefechts- u. Verpflegungsstärken.	Jun 22 - Dec 23, 1941	16070/30	734	805
Ia, "Die 20. Division im polnischen Feldzug" (Vortrag von Oberstlt. Friebe). Text of a lecture by Oberstleutnant Friebe pertaining to the division's participation in the Polish campaign. Also, army, corps, and division orders concerning operations in the Polish campaign with overlays showing location and line of attack of units from the German-Polish border to Brest-Litovsk.	Oct 31, 1939	16424	734	822
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht 1. Activity report concerning enemy operations before and during the invasion of Russia and the enemy situation at Olita, Vilna, and Vitebsk. Also, intelligence bulletins, messages, sketches of gun emplacements, and prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries, including a copy of an interrogation report of the Commanding General of the Russian 6th Army.	Jun 22 - Oct 29, 1941	17364/2	734	887

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Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht 2. Activity report, including corps and division intelligence data, prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries, messages, overlays, propaganda leaflets, and intelligence bulletins concerning the enemy situation and activities in the Lake Ilmen and Lake Ladoga areas.	Aug 24 - Oct 19, 1941	17364/3	735	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht 3. Activity report, including corps and division intelligence data, overlays, and intelligence bulletins concerning enemy activities and situation in the Volkhov and Tikhvin areas south of Lake Ladoga. Also, a list of partisans of the Tikhvin area.	Oct 16 - Dec 19, 1941	17364/4	735	543
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4, Kriegsrang- und Verlustlisten.	Jun 22 - Dec 23, 1941	22808/1	735	851
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5. War journal concerning operations during the fall and winter months in the Petrokrepost and Tikhvin areas south of Lake Ladoga, the transfer to an area west of Lake Ilmen for rest and recuperation, return to the combat area where the division suffered heavy losses through cold weather and enemy attacks, and withdrawal to the Lake Ilmen area. Gen.Maj. Erich Jaschke replaced Generalleutnant Zorn on Jan 10, 1942.	Dec 22, 1941 - Apr 15, 1942	22808/2	735	874
Ia, Anlage A z. KTB 5. Corps and division orders and directives pertaining to antipartisan warfare.	Dec 24, 1941 - Apr 15, 1942	22808/3	735	1054
Ia, Tätigkeitsbericht des Eingreifregiment Barner als Anlage z. KTB 5. Activity report of the Eingreifregiment (Reserve Regiment) Barner concerning operations in the area north of Novgorod to stop the Russian advance along the Volkhov River. Also, regimental orders, messages, maps, and overlays.	Jan 17 - 28, 1942	22808/5	736	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht 4 mit Anlagen. Activity report, with radio messages, maps, and overlays, pertaining to combat duty in the northern sector of the eastern front. Also, interrogation summaries on Russian deserters and prisoners of war and organization charts of enemy units.	Dec 21, 1941 - Apr 16, 1942	22808/6	2328	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 6, Teil I-II. War journal concerning operations in the encirclement near Chudovo, west of the Volkhov River, prisoners taken, materiel captured, casualties, and the transfer from Chudovo to Soltsy on Lake Ilmen for rest and recuperation.	Apr 16 - Jul 15, 1942	22808/8-9	736	118

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Ia, Anlage A z. KTB 6, Teil I-II. Corps orders, daily operation reports, radio messages, and reports on enemy activities.	Apr 16 - Jul 15, 1942	22808/10-11	736	343
Ia, Anlage C z. KTB 6, Teil II. Afteraction and situation reports and reports on enemy operations. Also, maps of the Pskov and Ostrov areas.	May 19 - Jul 30, 1942	22808/13	737	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht 5. Activity report, with intelligence bulletins, interrogation summaries, and maps and overlays, concerning enemy operations and the tactical situation.	Apr 17 - Jul 6, 1942	22808/14	2328	566
Ic, Anlagen z. TB 5. Intelligence reports, radio messages, and interrogation summaries.	Apr 17 - Jul 6, 1942	22808/15	2329	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 7. War journal concerning security operations in the Lake Ilmen area between Shimsk and Staraya Russa, antipartisan action along supply routes, replacement of the 250th Spanish Division on the Volkhov River front in the Novgorod area, and troop movement to the Novosokolniki and Vitebsk area in the central sector.	Jul 16 - Nov 21, 1942	25605/1	737	86
Ia, Anlage A z. KTB 7. Daily operation reports and actual strength reports.	Jul 16 - Nov 19, 1942	25605/2	737	265
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht 6, Teil I. Activity report, including prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries, order of battle charts, messages, intelligence bulletins, and maps concerning enemy activities in the Novgorod area and the tactical situation.	Jul 7 - Nov 19, 1942	25605/5	737	294
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 8. War journal concerning operations and activities in Vitebsk and Nevel and preparations for the battle around Velikiye Luki. Also, order of battle charts.	Nov 18 - Dec 31, 1942	33079/1	737	530
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 8. War journal concerning operations in the Velikiye Luki area. Generalleutnant Jaschke took over command of Gefechtsstab Wöhler, and Oberst Georg Jauer assumed command of the division on Jan 17, 1943.	Jan 1 - Mar 31, 1943	33079/2	737	670
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 8. War journal concerning the condition of the division after the battle at Velikiye Luki, where it suffered heavy losses. On May 29, 1943, the division was designated the 20. Panzergrenadier-Division.	Apr 1 - Jun 30, 1943	33079/3	737	863

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Ia, Anlagen A, Teil I-II z. KTB 8. Corps and division orders, daily activity reports, radio messages, situation reports, and directives concerning improvement of front-line positions.	Nov 20, 1942 - Feb 28, 1943	33079/4-5	738	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht 7 mit Anlagen. Activity report, with annexes, maps, and overlays, pertaining to enemy operations in the central sector of the eastern front. Also, interrogation summaries and intelligence bulletins.	Nov 20, 1942 - Jan 28, 1943	33079/8	2329	894
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht 8. Activity report concerning enemy operations and activities in the Velikiye Luki area, interrogation summaries, intelligence bulletins, overlays showing the location of enemy units, maps, and messages and reports on enemy activities.	Jan 29 - May 21, 1943	33079/9	738	950
Ic, Anlagenband z. TB 8. Interrogation summaries, roster of enemy commanding officers, intelligence bulletins, and translations of enemy propaganda leaflets.	Feb 1 - May 21, 1943	33079/10	739	1
Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht 9. Activity report, including interrogation summaries, messages, overlays, and maps pertaining to enemy operations and situation west of Velikiye Luki. Also, enemy order of battle charts and intelligence bulletins.	May 22 - Jun 30, 1943	33079/11	739	325
Ic, Meldungen. Daily activity reports and radio messages, interrogation summaries, and correspondence and reports concerning enemy activities and equipment. Also, directives on antipartisan warfare.	Aug 22, 1942 - Feb 7, 1943	33250/4	740	1
Ic, <u>[Gefangenenvernehmungen.]</u> Prisoner-of-war interrogation summaries.	Sep 24, 1942	33250/5	740	550
Ia, Meldungen. Reports concerning operations on the Volkhov River front, north of Novgorod, combat and ration strength reports, and weekly activity reports.	Oct 1 - Nov 19, 1942	33250/7	740	559
Ia, Divisionsbefehle. Division Order No. 29 of the 20. Panzer-Division concerning relief by the 106. Inf.Div., and Orders No. 1-27 of the 106. Inf.Div. pertaining to combat operations in the central sector of the eastern front from Suwalki to Vitebsk and to Demidov, northwest of Smolensk. Also, order of battle charts.	Jun 22 - Jul 31, 1941	33250/9	740	622