

7. Panzer-Division (7th Panzer Division)\*

This division was formed in 1938 at Gera as the 2. Jäger Division. It fought in the campaign in Poland in September 1939. In the winter of 1939-40 it was converted to the 7. Panzer-Division and fought in the western campaign from May 1940 under Rommel's command. It was transferred to the central sector of the eastern front in June 1941, where it was continuously and heavily engaged. The division was returned to France in May 1942 for rest and refitting and in November 1942 it took part in the occupation of southern France. In February 1943 it was

transferred to the southern sector of the eastern front, participating in the Belgorod offensive in the summer of 1943, especially in the battles in the Kiev and Zhitomir areas. Suffering heavy losses in withdrawal actions west of Kiev in November 1943, the division retreated in March 1944 across the northern Ukraine. In July 1944 it was engaged in the central sector during the Soviet summer offensive. The division fought in August 1944 at Raseiniai, Lithuania, and in January 1945, during the Soviet winter offensive, west of the Vistula River.

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Ia, Ic, Anlagen z. TB, 5. Abschnitt. Daily reports of the Operations Branch, 7. Pz.Div., for the period Feb 23 to Mar 4, 1942, and Gruppe Freiherr von Funck for Mar 5 to 18, 1942, concerning operations in the Gzhatsk, Bykovo, and Nikolskoye areas and the incorporation of units of the 14. Pz.Div. and 342. Inf.Div. into the 7. Pz.Div. on Mar 4, 1942. The division was under the command of Gen.Lt. Hans Freiherr von Funck, Feb 14, 1941 - Aug 20, 1943. Also, daily intelligence and interrogation reports, intelligence summaries, and maps pertaining to enemy operations, losses, acts of espionage, propaganda, tactical situation; control of the civilian population; counterintelligence; and troop entertainment; copies of Hitler's speeches on Jan 30 and Mar 15, 1942, and of German propaganda leaflets; translation of an order of the People's Commissariat for Defense, Jan 24, 1942; lists and data regarding enemy units facing the AOK 3 and 9 sectors; interrogation summaries on the treatment of German prisoners of war; a report and a map on the military situation in the Far East; and an activity report of the Feldpostprüfstelle/AOK 9 dealing with censorship of German mail.	Jan 25 - Mar 19, 1942	42888/17	2315	1
Ic, Anlagen z. TB, 6. Abschnitt. Daily intelligence reports and bulletins, interrogation summaries, correspondence, directives, and maps pertaining to enemy operations, movements, losses, replacements, order of battle, unit strength, equipment, economy, partisan activity, and tactical situation in the Olenino and Bely areas; treatment of Russian prisoners of war; evacuation of the civilian population; and the loss of classified material. Also, surveys of enemy losses, translations of Russian combat orders, and copies of German propaganda leaflets.	Mar 20 - May 9, 1942	42888/18	2315	415

\* Most of the records of the 7. Panzer-Division are described in Guide No. 45, p. 36 ff.

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Ic, Anlagen z. TB, 1. Abschnitt (Raum um Niort). Routine intelligence reports covering transfer to France, reorganization, and occupation duty in the Niort and Angers areas in France. Also, information on the attitude of the French population, summaries of interrogations of captured French saboteurs and on investigations relating to the loss of classified correspondence and other infractions by troops, and intelligence bulletin No. 1, West.	May 1 - Aug 9, 1942	42888/20	2315	793